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Greetings St. Louis Scottish Rite Brethren!

I'm proud to write this column on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Scottish Rite Cathedral Preservation Association. I'm excited to have the opportunity to briefly describe what we've accomplished lately.

At our Annual Meeting in April, Harvey Soule, 32°, KCCH, was appointed President of the Board and Dennis Fetter, 32°, KCCH, was appointed Vice President. The Board also formed a committee to assess and to prioritize projects that will improve our Cathedral. We've been working very hard to make improvements to our Cathedral. In fact, if you haven't visited lately, you'll be pleased to see the recently renovated dining room restrooms, which should enable the Valley to appeal to discerning clients looking to rent the dining room facility for weddings or corporate affairs, thus increasing revenue for the Valley. You'll also be pleased to see that we have installed windows in our skywalk between our parking garage and Cathedral, thereby averting safety issues and keeping the wind and weather off of our brethren and visitors. We have continued to install new heating throughout the Cathedral as we follow a multi-phase plan to replace the almost 85-year-old steam lines.

Work has continued on our third floor Lodge Room/DeMolay Chapel. Platforms have been built for the East, West, and South, and the room has been carpeted and furnished. Jay Traxel, 32°, KCCH, is to be commended for his devotion to the Rite for volunteering countless hours masking and painting this space. He is also responsible for painting our East Gallery which includes a beautiful faux stone finish. Also, Eugene Burnett, 32°, KCCH, is to be commended for spending many hours donating his time and materials while installing wiring for various electrical needs throughout the Cathedral. Illustrious Dave Swinney, 33°, has been irreplaceable while volunteering his accounting skills; thereby saving fiscal management expenses and getting us ready for our 2007 IRS Form 990 return.

Our list of proposed projects is very long; however, we have limited financial resources. Please accept our thanks to those brethren who have previously donated to the Scottish Rite Cathedral Preservation Association. Your continued donations help to fund our efforts in returning the Cathedral to its former splendor. Additionally, please consider the Scottish Rite Cathedral Preservation Association in your estate planning so that future generations of Scottish Rite Masons will benefit from our legacy.

Feel free to contact me at 314-533-7410 should you have any questions or concerns regarding our magnificent Cathedral. May God bless all of you.

Fraternally yours,

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