



THE WICHITA SCOTTISH RITE DOUBLE EAGLE

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It is a New Year; a New Beginning...

Schedule of Events

Be sure to mark your calendar

JANUARY

Jan. 1	OFFICE CLOSED	
Jan. 2	Lodge 99	6:30pm
Jan. 3	Coffee and Donuts	8:00am - 9:30am
Jan. 3	Elmo Lodge of Perfection • Men ONLY	
	• Trustees	5:30pm
	• Meeting	7:00pm
Jan. 4	DeMolay	7:00pm
Jan. 5	Bester G. Brown Lodge	7:00pm
Jan. 5	Bag Pipers (classroom)	4:30pm
Jan. 7	Rainbow Girls	10:00am
Jan. 9	Lodge 99	6:30pm
Jan. 10	Coffee and Donuts	8:00am - 9:30am
Jan. 12	Bester G. Brown Lodge	7:00pm
Jan. 12	Bag Pipers (classroom)	4:30pm
Jan. 14	Rainbow Girls	10:00am
Jan. 14-15	"Bridal Fair"	Century II
Jan. 16	Lodge 99	6:30pm
Jan. 18	Community Daylight Lodge	10:00am
Jan. 19	Bag Pipers (classroom)	4:40 - 8:00pm
Jan. 19	Bester G. Brown Lodge	7:00pm
Jan. 19	Knights of St. Andrew	7:00pm
Jan. 23	Lodge 99	6:30pm
Jan. 24	Coffee and Donuts	8:00am - 9:30am
Jan. 26	Free Lunch	11:30am - 1:00pm
Jan. 26	Bag Pipers (classroom)	4:30 - 8:00pm
Jan. 26	Potentate Practice	6:30pm
Jan. 26	Bester G. Brown Lodge	7:00pm
Jan. 27	Potentate Installation	6:30pm
Jan. 28	Rainbow Girls	10:00am
Jan. 30	Unity Council	7:00pm

FEBRUARY

Feb. 1	Community Daylight Lodge	10:00am
Feb. 1	DeMolay	7:00pm
Feb. 2	Bag Pipers (classroom)	4:30 - 8:00pm
Feb. 2	Bester G. Brown Lodge	7:00pm
Feb. 6	Lodge 99	7:00pm

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COMMUNITY DAYLIGHT LODGE

meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays
at the Scottish Rite Center at 10:00am
and would like for any and all men
who work 2nd shift
or
don't like to drive at night
to join them.



We are proud to announce that Champagne & Chocolate

raised
\$21,000

to donate to the
Speech, Language, Hearing Clinic at Wichita State University

Thanks to the efforts of all who participated
that lead to a most successful event.

There are children right here in the Wichita area
whose lives will be improved as a result!

THANK YOU
to the Champagne & Chocolate committee
and to all who attended the event!

We are making a difference!

Mark Your Calendars!!!
SAVE THE DATE
Tuesday, April 3, 2012
All You Can Eat
Pancake Feed
Tickets: \$5
11:30am - 1:30pm
5:00pm - 7:00pm





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ALLEGIANCE
The bodies of the
Ancient and Accepted
Scottish Rite of Freemasonry,
sitting in the Orient of Kansas,
acknowledge and yield to the
Supreme Council
of the Thirty-Third Degree
for the Southern Jurisdiction of the
United States of America
(Mother Supreme Council
of the World)
whose See is at Charleston in the
State of South Carolina,
and House of the Temple,
Washington, D.C.
of which
Ill. Ronald A. Seal, 33°
Sovereign Grand Commander
and
Ill. Hugh W. Gill, 33°
Sovereign Grand Inspector General
in Kansas
and
Ill. R. Scott Kailer, 33°
Personal Representative in the
Valley of Wichita of the Sovereign
Grand Inspector General in Kansas
and
Assistant Personal Representative
and
Executive Secretary
Ill. Jim Davenport, 33°

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Fraternally
Scott Kailer, 33°
Personal Representative
Wichita Scottish Rite

I hope everyone had a great Christmas and New Years! It was certainly a busy time at the Kailer household; it seems like there was always something to do (that probably should have been done a long time ago) or some activity (usually involving food!) that we needed to attend. This is my wife's favorite time of year, so it is not permissible to leave any activity or tradition un-done, so I am particularly happy to see the New Year arrive!

Thank you for your support and help during the past year, it has meant a lot to the staff at the Center to know that the membership feels they are doing a good job. Everyone at the Wichita Scottish Rite Center works hard to ensure that whatever needs to be done gets done and gets done well. I think you can be very proud of the people you have representing you here at the Center, I know I am!

We are into a new year already, and it seems like the last one just got started; it was an interesting year to say the least. We made great progress in the renovation of the Center; we put a Strategic Plan in place to help guide us through the next five years. We had a very successful Honors conferral for the Orient and our rental program has really taken off. We also had the disappointing experience of vandalism to the building and we had to cancel a reunion due to lack of candidates. So, I guess you could say we had our ups and downs!

This is a new year with new opportunities and we need to focus on those, you only look back to see where you've been and to make sure you do not repeat mistakes of the past. We at the Wichita Scottish Rite Center are looking forward to the coming year with the firm conviction that it will be a great year for the Scottish Rite. We are anticipating improved membership numbers with larger class sizes and more men wanting to return to the Scottish Rite, we have seen that trend beginning and we plan on making sure that we take full advantage of it! We have developed strategies as a part of our Strategic Plan to reach out to more men who are not currently Scottish Rite Masons and to encourage them to join. We will also be working with the Shrine to bring in new members to the blue lodges and to encourage them to join us when they feel they are ready.

We will also be doing some things to provide a more positive experience to our existing members through improved communications and Masonic education opportunities. We also plan to take a look at our activities and see what we can do to improve or replace so that we can provide a balanced group of activities for the members and their families.

I think it will be a very positive year for the Wichita Scottish Rite and I look forward to sharing the experience with you. Please remember that all of the plans in the world will not accomplish a thing without the support and participation of the membership! You are the driving force behind what happens or does not happen at the Scottish Rite, the efforts that the leadership make to improve the membership experience are for you. We need your input, participation, support and feedback in order to make our plans be successful. Let us hear from you, join in and let's have a great time in 2012!

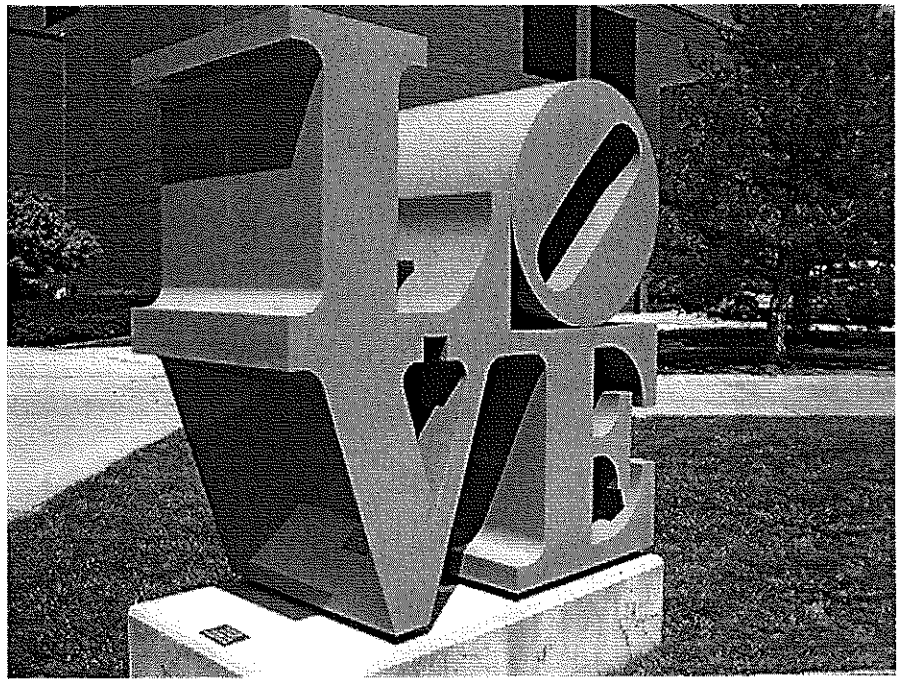
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Feb. 7	Coffee and Donuts	8:00am - 9:30am
Feb. 7	Trustees	5:30pm
Feb. 7	Elmo Lodge • Men ONLY	7:00pm
Feb. 9	Bag Pipers	4:30pm - 8:00pm
Feb. 9	Bester G. Brown Lodge	7:00pm
Feb. 11	Rainbow Girls	10:00am
Feb. 11	Shrine Valentine Party	
Feb. 13	Lodge 99	6:30pm
Feb. 14	Coffee and Donuts	8:00am - 9:30am
Feb. 15	Community Daylight Lodge	10:00am
Feb. 15	DeMolay	7:00pm
Feb. 16	Bag Pipers	4:30pm - 8:00pm
Feb. 16	Bester G. Brown Lodge	7:00pm
Feb. 16	Knights of St. Andrew	7:00pm
Feb. 20	Lodge 99	6:30pm
Feb. 21	Coffee and Donuts	8:00am - 9:30am
Feb. 22	Sons of American Revolution	6:30pm
Feb. 23	Free Lunch	11:30am - 1:00pm
Feb. 23	Bag Pipers	4:30pm - 8:00pm
Feb. 23	Bester G. Brown Lodge	7:00pm
Feb. 25	Rainbow Girls	10:00am
Feb. 27	Lodge 99	6:30pm
Feb. 28	Coffee and Donuts	8:00am - 9:30am



Taken on the Wichita State University campus to help celebrate the Valentine's Day Holiday. WSU has the second largest outdoor sculpture collection in all of North America (second only to Stanford University in California).

The Wichita Scottish Rite Signature Theatre

will be performing

"The Aristocats"

on March 4th & 5th

at 7pm

Save The Date

THANK YOU TO THE TILER CAPTAINS

Larry Stafford, Tony Nelzen, and Guy Wright
for their great job in getting Tilers
and helping me take care of a full rental schedule.
Our rental schedule has been very busy and you all make
The Scottish Rite (and me) look
very good.

If you would like to become a Tiler and be an integral part of
keeping the Wichita Scottish Rite going strong,
please contact me at (316) 263-4218.

Being a Tiler is a lot of fun, you get to be here during
the most exciting events, and just a few hours of your time during the
month and make a huge difference to us!

Dorothy Harmon

Donors for November and December, 2011

To the Wichita Scottish Rite Trust,
Kansas Scottish Rite Foundation, Almoners, Rite Care Clinic of Wichita State University,
and to the Legacy III Funds

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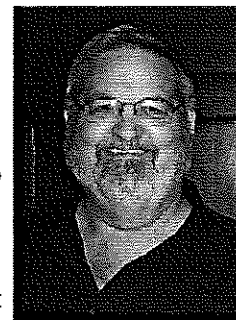


The drama that began in August with 100-year-old stained glass windows being broken out, coupled with an arson attempt, is now over.

The windows have been restored and are better than new. Bearden's Stained Glass worked hard to restore the windows with historical accuracy.

Tony Nelzen, with the help of father & son team Don & Steve Grabendike, have reinstalled the windows with a cover of bullet proof plexiglass. The effect is sparkling!

A new video surveillance system has been put in place and actually helped us catch the perpetrator in the act, who is now behind bars awaiting trial!



Dear Scottish Rite Brothers:

As 2011, is now behind us, I hope that everyone had a Very Merry Christmas and is looking forward to a Happy and Prosperous 2012.

I want to again thank everyone that participated in the Spring Reunion and the Honors Conferrals last year, and even though we had to cancel our Fall Reunion there was still a lot of effort given in preparing for the class. A good job was done by all and I really appreciate everyone's efforts in making these functions a success.

Our Spring Reunion will be here before we know it, so I will soon be scheduling rehearsals for the new 32nd degree, and others as well. The dates for the Spring Reunion will be April 20th and 21st 2012.

Based on some of the things that happened last year it proves to me even more that we need more and more people to learn parts and to help with various aspects of putting on a reunion. If learning parts and degree work is not your "thing", we have plenty of other jobs that can be done. The Stage Crew can always use more help. There are positions available in Wardrobe, Class Directors, and I need an Assistant Director to help check people in on reunion day. So, if you are interested please contact me, or any of the staff in the office.

Fraternally
Ron Van Etten, 33rd
Director of Work

I look forward to working with everyone this year, and hope to see you soon.





Brother Scottish Rite Masons:

I hope you have all had a Merry Christmas and this greets you with a Happy New Year! We have started sending out information on upcoming events via eMail. Send me your eMail address so you can get the reminders. eMail ~ eMail send it to me NOW!

jim@wichitascottishrite.org

We have installed a monitor in the North Hallway which will show a calendar of upcoming dates and activities happening at the Scottish Rite Center. We will show and talk about Masonry, Scottish Rite, and Rite Care (Speech, Language, & Hearing). We have a lot of people in for weddings, receptions, and seminars who know nothing about Masonry. This will give us an opportunity to tell them about Masonry and who we are and our philanthropies.



Hosting the Honors Thirty-Third Degree Coronation and the KCCH Investiture is a real privilege for the Wichita Scottish Rite. We had many compliments on the Degree work and improvements we have made over the last two years. Those attending are impressed that it is all done without notes and scripts in hand. Thanks to Ron VanEtten and the entire Cast and crew.

Our rentals are going very well and there only one or two Saturdays vacant before the 1st of July. Some weeks we have Friday and Saturday events scheduled.

I would like to invite any and all of you to come by and look at the center and have coffee and donuts with us on Tuesday mornings (please refer to the calendars on pages one and three of this newsletter).

*Fraternally submitted with Brotherly Love,
Jim Davenport, 33°
Executive Secretary*



The Christmas decorations at your Wichita Scottish Rite were more beautiful than ever this year!
We would like to extend a special thanks for all of the efforts of
Pam Byerley & Betty Perry,
Jim Davenport,
John & Bert Heckman,
Beckie Herrman,
Don & Louise Kabler,
Tony Nelzen,
LeRoy Roseberry,
Jim & Cheryl Ross.

THANK YOU ALL

"They Remain In Our Hearts"

Departed Brethren

October 10, 2011 through December 9, 2011

Clark, Herbert L. ~~~~~32°	Gilmore, Donald D. ~~~~~32°	Rethorst, Jr., George A. ~~~~~32°
Eckert, Leon ~~~~~32°	Hoover, John S. ~~~~~32°	Smith, Joseph R. ~~~~~32°
Fall, W. Kress ~~~~~32°	Nice, Jack D. ~~~~~32°	Smart, Billy V. ~~~~~32°
Freerksen, Roy E. ~~~~~32°	Powell, J. Rockey ~~~~~32°	Vaughn, Roy L. ~~~~~32°



Orient of Kansas

Valley of Wichita

ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE OF FREEMASONRY

Life Membership

A member in good standing with Elmo Lodge of Perfection whose dues are paid to date may purchase a LIFE MEMBERSHIP and thereby be relieved from further payment of dues, subject to the provisions set forth.

Fees for and LIFE MEMBERSHIP shall be:

18 but less than 50 years old -----	\$2,000
50 but less than 60 years old -----	\$1,500
60 but less than 70 years old -----	\$1,000
70 years old and above -----	\$500

Date _____

Name _____
(please print name as it is to be shown on certificate)

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Member ID Number _____

Name of Purchaser and relationship (if different than above):

(Please Print)

“What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us;
what we have done for others and the world remains and is immortal.” ~Albert Pike

Oh, Supreme Architect of the Universe,
What is a Blessing?

"May the LORD bless you and protect you. May the LORD smile on you and be gracious to you. may the LORD show you his favor and give you his peace." (Numbers 6:24-26)

A blessing is a hopeful prayer. A blessing was one way of asking for God's divine favor to rest upon others. The ancient blessing of these verses helps us understand what a blessing was supposed to do. Its five parts conveyed hope that God would (1) bless and keep them (bless and protect); (2) make his face shine upon them (smile); (3) be gracious; (4) turn his face toward them (show his favor); (5) give peace. When you ask God to bless others or yourself, you are asking him to do these five things. The blessing you offer will not only help the one receiving it, it will also demonstrate love, encourage others, and provide a model of caring to others.

Yours in the Faith,

PAX

(Latin for Peace)

ALAN A. AAGAARD, 33°
ASSOCIATE CHAPLAIN