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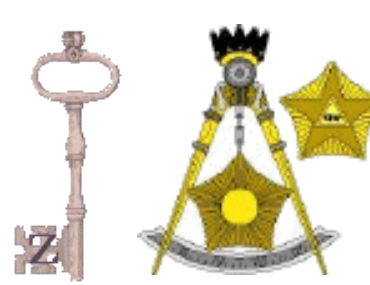
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“Well Done, Good and Faithful Brother”

Bro. Will T. Cooper 03-Aug-17

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A VERY SPECIAL DATE

Ill. Kurt P. Larson, General Secretary

A century ago, January 1919, a single phone call launched a movement. At that time, right after “the war to end all wars” a young mason who was working for the Valley of Kansas City, Missouri received a call from the Senior Warden of Ivanhoe Lodge. One of their members – Elmer Lower, a Fellow Craft had died a year earlier leaving the family in desperate times. Sam Freet asked if Frank Land could give a job to the son of Mr. Lower at the Scottish Rite. You see, Frank Land was the Social Services Director for the Scottish Rite Bodies of Kansas City. For those of you who remember those times before Welfare, Social Security, and Medicare – the Masons took care of those members in need of assistance. That was what the Social Services Director did.

He was tasked with finding a part-time job around the Valley for the Louis Lower. Upon meeting Louis, Frank Land was impressed with his honesty, character and natural aptitude for leadership. Frank has been quoted as saying, "If I had a son, I would want him to be just like this lad."

Louis told Frank about his aspirations which included a place on the track team, as a pitcher on a baseball team, and in response to a question said, "I am a fairly good student. Even with the hard time we are having, I want to finish high school and then help with the education of the others."

Frank knew his father through casual meetings but wanted to know what Louis thought of this father. While the past was painful to Louis and didn't want to talk about it said, "My father was the finest father a boy ever had." That evening, as Nell Land cleared the dinner dishes she said, "Frankie, something happened today. You look like you have found a long lost friend."

"Not a lost friend, but a new young friend. This boy I talked to today is tremendous. One of the finest young men I have ever met. He is going to work with me in the office and I know I shall enjoy having him around. Perhaps we could take him to church with us Wednesday evening. The teachings would be good for him and you could meet Louis Lower."

"Yes, we should do just that," she said. "I suggest that you have him bring a few friends over to the apartment some evening. I would like to meet him."

It was the middle of February for the opportunity for a meeting to take place. Frank was formulating an idea which would become much more than he had even imagined it could be. The idea – a club for boys at the Scottish Rite Temple in Kansas City. Louis liked the idea so much

and felt there were so many possibilities, he brought eight other boys with him. That date: February 19, 1919.

With these nine boys, Frank Land and his “boys” formed the nucleus of a group destined to form a great youth organization and each was to advance through his efforts and determination to prominence in his chosen field of work. The only question was a name. One suggestion was to use Greek letters as the college fraternities did. This was instantly voted down. All insisted the name must be distinctive and carry meaning.

They turned to Land for suggestions. He pointed to a recent series of prints on the wall that showed the adventures of the Knights of the Round Table. This too was dropped. The end of WWI happened only a few months before and adventures of the knights seemed far away. Then names were mentioned from Bible as well as famous names in history. Stories such as David, Samson and even Nathan Hale. Nothing seemed to click until one of the boys, Clyde Stream, said "Dad Land, tell us something connected with Masonry. They must have great names and we are meeting here in one of their buildings."

Frank smiled, "This year I am serving as the head of one of the Scottish Rite Bodies. I am the Commander for the DeMolai Council of Kadosh. There are many names and stories directly connected with Masonry, but I think I should tell you about the last leader of the Knights Templar. His name was Jacques DeMolay."

The story and the name caught the imagination of the boys. Here was heroism. Here was a great example of loyalty, of courage. Here was a theme from knighthood and chivalry, at its best, and the name of a martyr to fidelity and toleration. The boys were ready without further consideration to accept this name as the name of the group. But Land insisted they sleep on it.

The boys, Ralph Sewell, Elmer Dorsey, Edmund Marshall, Jerome Jacobson, William Steinhilber, Ivan Bentley, Gorman McBride, and Clyde Stream talked with each other at school and as they walked home from school. This heightened their interest and gave momentum to their organization. One afternoon after a chemistry class, Elmer Dorsey caught up with Louis Lower to ask, "Louis, I think this club idea is terrific. But what is it all about? What does Dad Land get out of it? Do they want us to become junior Masons?"

Louis didn't have all the answers. But Dad Land told Louis they are not to be a junior Masonic group. He told him these men are concerned about only one thing, that the boys should grow into decent men who will be respected in the community.



HOW DO WE STAND?

Congratulations to the five Master Masons who over the week-ends of the 6th and 20th of October completed their attendance at our fall reunion and were schooled in the degrees of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite that were conferred or communicated to them. They left that last day, late Saturday afternoon as Masters of The Royal Secret. Welcome to you all and I hope that you will heed the words that were shared with you that Freemasonry, and particularly, the Scottish Rite, requires your participation to obtain and benefit from the additional light you were seeking.

Membership is the backbone of any organization and ours is no different. If we realize membership loss of existing members to death, a natural part of the life cycle; or allow them to slip away because we are not fulfilling their expectations, we will continue to see a decline in membership, which is not the direction we are looking to travel. Below are some data points of where we are as a Valley currently (12/1/2018). Please see we are not alone.

	Count	% of Total
Active Members with Dues Paid in Full:	211	28.4%
Active Members with Current Dues Balance:	149	20.1%
Active Members with Arrears Dues Balance:	102	13.7%
Active Members that are Dues Exempt (A, L, R):	77	10.4%
Active Paid Life Members (E):	203	27.4%
Total	742	100%

Compared to some Valleys this is a good report.

In addition to the above data points below are some membership adjustments that have already taken place this year. In summary, we have seen an increase of 12 members and a loss of 41, with the deaths being 87.8% of the decreases.

Initiations:	8
Affiliations:	0
Reinstatements:	4
Deaths:	36
De-missions:	3
Suspensions (Non-payment):	1
Suspensions (Other reasons):	1
Expulsions:	0
Current Consistory Membership	742

We need to continue throughout the year introduce the Scottish Rite to brother Master Masons who have not yet made the advance into the Rite and started realizing the rights, light, and benefits that can be found within. I have three requests for you:

If you have not signed and submitted the petition of a Master Mason who you know is looking for more like and would enjoy the Scottish Rite, please make that your mission in 2019.

If you haven't paid your dues (past or present) please do so.

But my most important request is – **PARTICIPATE!** Your participation at reunions, in degrees, at meetings, serving as an officer in one of the four bodies, and intellectually as a student, studying the lessons and philosophies of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite is requested.

Until next time, remember the many things for which you are thankful! Be safe in your travels; “whisper wise counsel in the ear of an erring brother;” and respect the dignity of all, as it makes you and our fraternity stronger one action at a time. Thanks for your continued support and participation; and may the “Spirit of Fraternity” reign supreme within our Valley! ✖

WHAT CAN WE DO TO BUILD EXCITEMENT?

I'm sitting here trying to figure out how to build excitement. While writing the article on the Centennial of the Order of DeMolay, I started thinking about one of the most famous DeMolay's ever. You've all heard of famous DeMolays and Masons. Their list is infinite. Names like:

Neil Armstrong - Astronaut, First Man to Walk on the Moon
 Fran Tarkenton - Football Player, Football Hall of Famer
 Dan Rather - Television Newscaster
 John Wayne - Actor
 Paul Harvey - Radio Personality
 Burl Ives - Singer/Songwriter
 Buddy Ebsen - Actor
 Walter Cronkite - Television News Anchor
 Fred MacMurray - Actor
 Alice Cooper - Musician
 Roy Clark - Singer/Songwriter
 Dick and Tom Smothers - Entertainers
 John Steinbeck - Author
 WWE's The Undertaker - Professional Wrestler
 Gary Collins - Actor/Talk Show Host
 Mel Blanc - Man of a Thousand Voices (Voice of Bugs Bunny)
 Ernest Borgnine - Actor/Academy Award Winner
 Colonel Frank Borman - Astronaut
 Bill Bradley - NBA Player, US Senator, Presidential Candidate
 Willard Scott - Weatherman
 Walt Disney - Creator of Mickey Mouse

This list is not exhaustive. But it gives you a good reference point. They have all made a positive mark on this nation, world and simply put—our lives. But, what makes them so special—it's living the values that have been inculcated to us by the various influencers in our lives. The common influencers are mother, father, mentor, etc. But, in this case it was that they all belonged to the Order of DeMolay. Could they have belonged to any other organization and become famous? You bet. But they didn't. Is there anything else that could have had an influence on their ability to rise above and get noticed? Yes, there was. But, time after time they have said...”Its precepts have been invaluable in making decisions, facing dilemmas and crises. DeMolay stands for all that is good for the family and for our country. I feel privileged to have enjoyed membership in DeMolay.” - Walter Elias Disney.

Walt Disney took the words, actions and precepts to heart and created an entire business empire based upon getting people excited. At first it was the excitement of animation. Then the integration of sound and motion pictures (remember his was the first sound cartoon). Then the addition of color long before the major studios took the risk. Do you know about the invention of the Disney Studios in the multiplane camera to add realism? Or the integration of live action and animation? This was for his “Alice” comedies long before *Mary Poppins*.

How about Disneyland, etc? Did that happen with lack of enthusiasm? No. But the question should be why not? And my short answer is that enthusiasm carries you through the tough times, the times you fall short, the times you wish you could be something else. Disney made it look effortless. AND my friends, we can do that too. I am not saying let's drink the Kool-Aid. I'm saying with a little less “whoa is me” and a little bit more “I am a Scottish Rite Mason” perhaps others will understand the lessons of the degrees.

We may not be perfect—but I'll bet there is a little kid inside each of you who wishes he could be a part of a great thing. We already are—its just a matter of showing our enthusiasm and letting that light shine. ✖

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS FOR 2018

On Thursday night, December 7, 2017, the Valley of Pensacola installed the officers for the 2018 term. Taking the reins are:

- **Pensacola Consistory**
Kenneth K. Eichorn, 32°, KCCH, Master of Kadosh
- **Council of Kadosh**
William E. Waters, 32°, Commander
- **Chapter of Rose Croix**
Kevin D. Riley, 32°, KSA, Wise Master
- **Lodge of Perfection**
Oscar G. Laurene, 32°, KSA, Venerable Master
- **Knights Commander of the Court of Honour**
James A. Salisbury, Jr., 32°, KCCH, Commander
- **Knights of Saint Andrew**
Alan C. Cox, 32°, KSA, Master and Commander
- **Scottish Rite Women's Association**
Karen Mick

We look forward to a successful year knowing that each of these individuals is working for the best of the Scottish Rite and the communities we serve. While these are simply the heads of each of these groups, we know that they are supported by a great line of officers willing to help Pensacola's premier Fraternal organization grow. To grow, not only in members, but in our relations with other Masonic groups and our community. Congratulations to each of you. Best wishes and fair winds. ✖

MASTER OF KADOSH AWARDS SCOTTISH RITE MASON OF THE YEAR

One of the perks of office for the Master of Kadosh is rewarding an individual who has contributed to the success of the Valley of Pensacola. For his selection he measured engagement, attendance, assistance in completing projects within the Valley, the impact he has made on membership and finally his willingness to help wherever he was needed. Hon. Cris Villanueva presented Bro. Alex Carambas the Scottish Rite Mason of the Year award with the assistance of the Personal Representative of Sovereign Grand Inspector General. Bro. Carambas has helped in many projects around the Valley, yet most only know of his work in the Kitchen and KSA. His ability to interact with Brethren have helped the Valley not only fight off starvation by working to fill the void of food services but to make KSA a stronger member driven organization.. You may have missed his smile and warm handshake the last several months. He has been fighting illness and is looking forward to helping out wherever he can. There is more to him than what has been written here. If you'd like to know more about Bro. Carambas's activities within the Valley—go ask him. But be prepared...he might ask you to help out. ✖

SALVATION ARMY KETTLE PROJECT

Bro. Ed Scheye

On Saturday, November 3, we rang the bell for the Salvation Army's annual Kettle Campaign. “For to whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required.” (Luke 12:38) The great architect has certainly blessed us with abundance. The team from our Valley volunteered to ring the bell at Cordova Mall.

Forming two-person teams we had an enjoyable day greeting folks from all over, including Masonic brothers from other states. The following Brothers unselfishly gave of the time and talents: Bruce Fortner, Larry Hair, John Mick, James Salisbury, Jerry Struble, Ben Quinto, and Roger White. We even had a member of the Valley of New Port News, VA helping—Hon. Daniel Savage. Well done, good and faithful Brothers.. ✖

2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jan 2	Education & Sandwich Supper	5:30 PM
Jan 3	Executive Committee—Conference Room	4:30 PM
	KCCH Meeting – Conference Room	5:30 PM
	KSA Meeting – Library	5:45 PM
	Presentation of Colors/Invocation followed by Dinner	6:15 PM
	Program – Feast of Kadosh, KSA Knighting Ceremony	
	KSA Honor Guard	
	Host - Master of Kadosh, Consistory	
Jan 15	Fellowship Luncheon	12:00 PM
Jan 21	Office Closed	
Feb 6	Education & Sandwich Supper	5:30 PM
Feb 7	Executive Committee—Conference Room	4:30 PM
	KCCH Meeting – Conference Room	5:30 PM
	KSA Meeting – Library	5:45 PM
	Presentation of Colors/Invocation followed by Dinner	6:15 PM
	Program – Double Eagle Awards, Ring and Patent	
	KCCH Honor Guard	
	Host – Venerable Master, Lodge of Perfection	
	Newsletter Articles Due	
Feb 18	Office Closed	
Feb 19	Newsletter Production	9:00 AM
Feb 19	Fellowship Luncheon	12:00 PM

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