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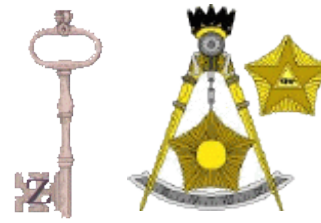
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A YEAR OF GRATITUDE
Kurt P. Larson, Personal Representative

When I started this year, I expected that at the end I would be expressing to each of you a ton of gratitude. Instead, what little I have shown you, you have returned to me a thousand fold. Too many people to thank personally. We have survived the pandemic of this generation albeit with some great losses. We have survived the longest war in our memories and an economic downturn that has changed the fortunes of those who wished to retire and those who are retired.

Yet, after all that, I am grateful to be among the best and the brightest. The men and women I have the honor to represent, are the greatest of mankind. When we faced uncertain finances, we came through and took care of those who were destitute. When we faced political infighting and uncertainty about whether or not we could meet in person, we took it in stride and made the best of the worst possible situations. We have survived.

As I write this, we prepare for the anniversary of September 11, 2001. The events of that day have impacted our society beyond geopolitics into society and culture in general. I remember standing at the window of room 9605 in Tower 2 of the World Trade Center on September 11, 2000 marveling at the sunrise and the activity below me. I was there to receive training as a newly minted Financial Advisor for Morgan Stanley. Who would have guessed 365 days later, the men and women I met would no longer be present, much less the entire building? While the immediate responses to 9/11 gave us a greater focus on home life and time spent with family, higher church attendance, and increased expressions of patriotism such as the flying of flags, the Masonic fraternity did so much more.

This was a time when we realized that we as American's had so much more, and that the rest of the World wanted it. It was a time of upheaval and uncertainty. Wonder and hope. And yet, that is what you gave to all of us. HOPE. Hope for a better tomorrow, Hope for improving health, Hope for a more stable economy, Hope that this political crevasse will end in a country that can unite for a common mission.

When 9/11 happened, conspiracy theories became a social phenomena, despite lack of support from expert scientists, engineers, and historians. Sounds like 2020 Covid-19. Yet, 9/11 served to strengthen people's religious faith to find consolation to cope with the loss of loved ones and overcome their grief. Again, just like 2020 and Covid. The culture of America changed. Heightened security, paranoia and anxiety regarding future terrorist attacks, hate crimes not just against one religion or another but against people of color, lifestyle and political leanings.

As a result of the attacks, and all the things that have transpired over the last 20 years, I am prouder today of the efforts of our entire Valley. Yes, there have been times when my conscience has been tested. Even as a Mason, when I hear how some people are treated in Lodge, or not treated, what someone says or does, and how certain people get certain things while others do not... but that is another story.

Simply put, this Valley has shined a bright light on Freemasonry. You have contributed to Brothers and Sisters from other Valleys over and over again when they needed our help. We have mourned the losses of a dear friend and brother more than once. Yet you come back each time. I'll quote one of our Brothers – Charles Murphy “I've missed being with you, I've missed being with my Brothers and their families. Let's not let this keep us apart.” And so I end with; let's not let the dealings of mankind, both terrible and honorable, keep us apart. Let's not let politics nor religion do that either. Let's work to make this

the Valley everyone wants to be a part of. I am proud of you and can't say enough about the good you do for our community, our Country and our fraternity. ✘

NOTES FROM THE GENERAL SECRETARY
Hon. James A. Salisbury, Jr.

September is here and another *Outlook* is in the works. Since we last did this, Supreme Council announced Honours. Congratulate brothers Donald H. Rife, David A. York and Timothy Kennedy. They will be invested Knights Commander Court of Honour (KCCH) on November 13, 2021 in Tampa. Well deserved my Brothers!

Those of you who are second in the Lines, you must be looking ahead to the coming year. We are looking for a lot of good things to happen in the Valley and you are the ones who will be at the helm of the Valley. We expect each line to have a fundraiser next year, so start planning.

This is the time of year when we elect and appoint the Officers who will govern our Lodges and Valleys for next year. In some ways it is like Christmas, with Masons wondering who will be the next Worshipful Master or the next Master of Kadosh. Always a hint of excitement in the air this time of year. There is a phrase that is part of the Installation of Officers, that I want you to remember, “You agree to avoid private piques and quarrels...” Keep that in mind. All organizations have cliques, they have been there forever it seems, sometimes made up of Past Masters who make the decisions as to who will govern in our area and Lodges who came to us from other parts of the country and world. They attend our Lodges because they wish to contribute, some just want to give cash, some want to run the chairs, and others just enjoy the sidelines. We need to include them, don't exclude them. Something to ponder.

Only a couple of more months of 2021, looking forward to 2022! ✘

III. James A. Gazaway
Master of Kadosh

This is the final section of a three-part article on the future of Masonry. The first two parts supported the need for any organization or business to have a current vision or purpose that is valid for its time and culture. The last major revision of Scottish Rite Masonry was conducted by Albert Pike nearly 150 years ago. Unfortunately, our times, our culture, and our society have changed. Pike's methods and efforts are no longer “cutting edge” for today's new generations to accept and embrace. I believe that this is one of the reasons for our declining membership and the declining membership of many other older organizations in our nation today. This last installment of this article is dedicated to offering at least one possible answer how Scottish Rite and Masonry can change the way they do things, without changing their original goals or purpose, to make their message and purpose relevant to young men in their 20s and 30s in today's society.

Part III “Where there is no vision the people perish.”
-- Proverbs 28:19

What needs of the common man is Masonry caring for today? Better yet, what are the needs of the common man today, and what are we doing to address them in our lodges and valleys?

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2021 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Oct 6	Education & Sandwich Supper	5:30 PM
Oct 7	Executive Meeting	4:30 PM
	KCCH Meeting – Conference Room	5:30 PM
	KSA Meeting – Library	5:45 PM
	Invocation followed by Dinner	6:00 PM
	Program – Feast of Tishri	
	KCCH Honor Guard	
	Host – Venerable Master, Lodge of Perfection	
Oct 2 & 16	227th Reunion – Fall	
Oct 11	Office Closed	
Oct 28	Knights of Saint Andrew	6:00 PM
Nov 3	Education & Sandwich Supper	5:30 PM
Nov 4	Executive Meeting	4:30 PM
	KCCH Meeting – Conference Room	5:30 PM
	KSA Meting – Library	5:45 PM
	Invocation followed by Dinner	6:15 PM
	Program – Veterans Day Program	
	KSA Honor Guard	
	Host – Wise Master, Chapter of Rose Croix	
	Election of Officers	
Nov 12-13	Honors Weekend	
Nov 16	Thanksgiving Luncheon	12:00 PM
Nov 25	Office Closed	
Dec 1	Education & Sandwich Supper	5:30 PM
Dec 2	Executive Meeting	4:30 PM
	KCCH Meeting – Conference Room	5:30 PM
	KSA Meeting – Library	5:45 PM
	Invocation followed by Dinner	6:00 PM
	Pearl Harbor Observance	
	Mason of the Year Presentation, Installation of Officers	
	Combined Honor Guard	
	Host – Master of Kadosh, Consistory	
	Newsletter Articles Due	
Dec 14	Newsletter Production	9:00 AM
Dec 14	Fellowship Luncheon	12:00 PM

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reunion and to be available to the Valley’s General Secretary for any assigned duties.

There are two levels of membership, *Squire* and *Knight*. **The *Squire Level*** consists of members who have pledged to perform services for the Scottish Rite. In other words, filled out the form and asked to join because they would like to be of service to our Valley.

The *Knight Level* is for those members who have been selected for this honor based on their demonstrated service to the Scottish Rite. In other words, attended enough meetings or participated in service work events at our Valley to reach the required point level.

Now to the main reason for this article. The by-laws state that the Knights of St. Andrew are a “Black Hat” group. A member who receives the honor of KCCH – Knights Commander of the Court of Honour (Red Hat) cannot hold an office or vote but they can continue to work and assist.

Every other year we have a member or two chosen to receive the honor to become a KCCH member, which means our membership drops a little that year. I see black hat members all around at every meeting but only a few are KSA members. I know the KSA is an expensive group to join. Just joking, the only cost is time. It takes time to fill out a form and time to help out where and when you can. Most of you already do this by folding newsletters, working in the kitchen, setting up the dining hall for meetings, etc. The only thing you would do different as a KSA member is attend a 15-minute meeting before our regular Scottish Rite stated meeting on the first Thursday of each month. If you’re interested in joining, ask anyone wearing a Glengarry cap at our next meeting or contact the Scottish Rite office. So, please join the KSA. We would love to have you. ✘

were affected by Hurricane Ida. I spent 18 years working out of Louisiana in the offshore oil production field, and I have many friends and Masonic brothers that have had their lives turned upside down due to this storm. There is nothing harder on an offshore worker than having a storm make landfall near your home. Between making sure your family is in a safe place and trying to get yourself home to watch over them is maddening. Then there is the aftermath when it’s over, with making sure your family has a safe place to stay while repairs and clean-up starts getting underway. But the worst is what I call “*the drive away*.” As an offshore worker, as soon as the storm passes you have to head back offshore and that leaves the wife to deal with the storm aftermath. The *drive away* is the last sight of seeing your wife in the rearview mirror as you drive away to head back offshore and seeing the worry in her eyes. Not because she has to deal with the insurance companies or seeing to the kids, but because she knows her husband is headed back offshore not knowing what unsafe issues he will be put into when he steps foot back onto an oil platform that has been beat to death by a hurricane.



I’d like to welcome the following brothers into the Gold Bar Club. Thank you for your donation and support:

- Edward King, Robert Matteson, David York, Fred Guarino,
- Robert Hual, Jesse Bush Jr., Roger White

I know we just started this program and as always you get a little nervous when starting something new. You start to second guess yourself. Did I design it well enough? Did I explained how it will work to where everyone will understand? Did I get the info out to everyone? Does everyone understand the incentives of the program? And most of all, will it gain interest and be supported?

I am pleased to say I’m happy with the start of this new program. I’ve had many brothers coming up to me at meetings and calling me to ask questions about the program. I have had a lot of brothers come to me and say they like the program because it was designed so all the money stays in our Valley to make our Valley better. But most of all, I have brothers coming to me to give their ideas and thoughts on how to make the program better. This shows me that the program will work because others are interested in improving it. So, please send in your donations and become a Gold Bar Club Member!!!! ✘

We have our first 1000 Gold Bar Club member:
Thank you Bro. Edward King!!

**Shawn D. Johnson
Knights of St. Andrew**

What are the Knights of St. Andrew or what we refer to as the KSA? To answer that, I must first tell you who were the Knights of St. Andrew.

The origins of the Order date back to the period of 1220-1232 A.D., when a Confraternity was established in the City of Acre, of the then Crusader Latin Kingdom of Jerusalem (occupying the same territory as the modern state of Israel) to protect pilgrims and merchants.

This Confraternity, consisting of burgesses and knights of largely French heritage, met in the City’s castle and chose the Holy Apostle, St. Andrew, as their Patron. They constituted themselves as a Crusading Order of Knights with the object of resisting tyranny and protecting public safety.

During the turmoil of the Sixth Crusade, these worthies of the Order defended the poor, the sick and the weak from adversaries. In the best tradition of the Military and Religious Orders of the time, they founded their lives on prayer, charity, service and protection.

Now back to what is the KSA within our Valley? Our KSA members can be mostly recognized by the Glengarry caps they wear. But they are 32° Scottish Rite Masons (black hats) in good standing. The Knights of St. Andrew main duty is to assist as need during a

offer something new or missing from their normal activities? In looking for an answer, ask yourself, what is it about Masonry that appeals to you and makes you active? How can we do that better and reach out to more men? What new programs and events do we need to be offering for the next generations that will meet their needs and have value for them? One goal we still have that is prevalent is to take good men and make them better. How are we doing that right now? How can we do it better and more effectively?

This brings us to the last point of this article -- *Distinction*. What makes our product unique, or why should our target audience want it over another? What is it that makes us different from the American Legion, the Elks, the Eagles, or the Moose? Literally, hundreds of these organizations existed eighty years ago, but only a handful remain with us. Why did they die out? They died out because they lost their uniqueness. They lost their value to their members. They lost their purpose in society. As a result, they lost their membership, their desirability, and their identity. That could happen to us and to some degree it has as we see fewer and fewer new members coming through the doors of our lodges and few active members at many of our stated meetings.

The truth is there is still a need for morality societies and charitable works in today’s world. The problem is in the way we present our programs and our activities. What can we do to be unique, attractive, and desirable in today’s society? What can we do to publicize and reach out to those who would benefit from our programs? How do we make Masonry popular and worth the time and effort needed to join? What can we do to be accessible to young men and older men at the same time? This is probably the hardest set of questions to answer of the three areas, but it is one of the most important because it is at the very heart of our existence. In today’s society where issues of ethnicity, social standing, economic resources, level of education, and a half-dozen other discriminators form roadblocks and obstacles in life, we must be open to all men and offer them something of value and importance that they cannot find elsewhere. This is not something new. We are supposed to be doing this already. We are supposed to be based upon the concepts of fraternity, equality, justice, and brotherhood. This is exactly what is needed in our society right now. How do we let the men in our local communities and neighborhoods see and know this? How do we make what we have available to them? One way, we do it by our actions in public and by our efforts to offer what we have to those around us who could benefit from being a part of it. Being a Mason should bring with it a certain level of distinction, and it does. Providing it is a real and genuine commitment to the core concepts of our organization and a part of that commitment is also shown in our desire to share it with others.

In short, we do not need to change the goals or the purpose of Masonry. What we need to change is how we present it and how we share it with a community and a nation that needs what we offer to teach, share, and live. This is where we need new ways to publicize and share the work of our fraternity. It may mean we advertise our work and purpose publicly, change dress codes, rework nineteenth-century language and rituals to teach our core values in twenty-first-century society, or even restructure our meetings to make them more “user friendly.” These are not new concepts or ideas. We have done them already in the past when *Morals and Dogma* was written and then put into practice. That is why we are still here today. Maybe it is time we did it all again to see to it we survive for another hundred and fifty years. The real question is not when do we start but how do we start that process? That is the real challenge for Masonry today. How do we show others that what we have is what they want and need? Likewise, how do we offer it in a way that is appealing to supportive of them? Your thoughts and comments are welcomed, for this is a tasking we are all a part of right now. Are you up for the challenge? Our future depends on it and on you. ✘

**Shawn D. Johnson
Wise Master, Rose Croix**

I like to start by saying let’s keep those in our prays that

The final installment of this missive will take a brief moment to examine the main issues these questions raise. In the last article, you were asked to think about and discuss with others the possible answers to these questions in today’s society and for our fraternity. Again, any insight you have to offer or that your discussions have provoked will be gladly accepted and considered. So, if you have not been talking about these issues, take the time to do so and share your ideas and discoveries with us.

Three key points must be addressed when an organization is looking at establishing a mission statement or purpose. They are:

- **Establish your Key Market** – **Who is your target audience?**
- **Contribution** – What is the product or service you are providing? Just as important, is it something that is needed by your audience?
- **Distinction** – What makes the product unique, or why should the target audience want it over another?

Who is your target audience?

We know that for our organization to continue, we must reach out to the young men in their late teens to late 30s. It is only by receiving younger, active members that we can expect to survive another 50 or 60 years. Let’s face it, our current older population is not expanding. That resource pool is declining due to the effects of age and mortality. At the same time though, we also need to hold onto these older members and remain sensitive to their needs. We have to be relevant for them also. In the past, society evolved at a much slower rate as it and culture made fewer changes over longer periods of time. Cultural change today is more rapid, and members of the older culture are living longer. This helps to create a paradox where we need to change to attract the younger men in society, but the majority of our older members want to keep from making changes to their ways of doing things. This means that we cannot stay with the old Western paradigm of Aristotelian thought that says we must choose “either/or” in seeking our future. We cannot keep the old way of just having a one size fits all system. Instead, we must switch to a Byzantine system of “both/and” in order to keep our older members active while attracting the younger men of a different culture. We need to be able to offer multiple programs that teach and support the same basic tenants that unify all masons that can reach out to multiple age groups. To do this, there must be programs and activities to attract the younger men while also providing programs for the more traditional activities to keep the older men satisfied with the fraternity. The good news is that the current Scottish Rite programs are already set up to do just that. We have six good groups already formed within our valleys. All we have to do is orient them to serve the different needs of the various generations.

What is the product or service you are providing? Just as important, is it something that is needed by your audience?

In the past, we (like many of the other fraternal organizations of the late nineteenth/early twentieth century) provided a social safety net for the care of widows and orphans of our members. We also provided other charitable activities as well that met real needs in our communities for those with no other resources for assistance. With today’s government and private insurance programs, as well as public and corporate grants, the need is not as critical as it was in the 1800s and early 1900s. We used to provide a social network and fellowship for men who had few other choices. I can remember being in a lodge in Indiana and after every meeting, we would gather in the basement for coffee, dessert, and euchre. It was the after the meeting that actually brought people to the meeting and into the lodge, not so much the organization itself.

Today though, there are many different forms of entertainment and social gatherings that can meet these needs for men. There are far more of them now than there were in the 1950s and 1960s and we are in competition with them for men’s time and attention. What can we offer today to help support families, provide for social networking, and still be true to our duties as Masons? This is not a one-time or one type of program problem that requires a solution, but a constant, multi-event effort on our part to reach out to many small groups of men. While pool tables and card games worked in the 1920s and 30s; eating out as a group was an excellent way of reaching families in the 1960s, 70s, and 80s. Today, however, younger families have video games and the internet for entertainment, plus they already eat out on average four to five times a week. As a result, we offer nothing new or of special interest to attract or keep younger men. What is it that we can do that would appeal to them and