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**VALLEY OF SALINA
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Message from the Personal Representative

Greetings Brothers!


We are all happy to have all survived the Holiday Season. In January, we experienced a wildly successful Feast of Kadosh. I cannot begin to express my gratitude and admiration for the job done by Master of Kadosh, Rob McClarty, 32°, for that evening. He created a program where none existed.

We have conducted two meet and greets with potential candidates for membership. My thanks to the brothers at Russell for a very nice evening. The crew in Manhattan is always busy promoting the Scottish Rite.

We are initiating a new program known as the Knight of the Double Eagle. There is more about that in this newsletter.

Please plan to attend the Walk/Run at Ft. Hays State University. This is the major fundraiser for our RiteCare clinic. The more Scottish Rite members participating the better. Be sure to bring wives, children and grandchildren.

You should also make plans to attend the Feast of the Consistory in Manhattan. There is more information on that in this newsletter.

 John A. Reynolds
Personal Representative
Valley of Salina

Message from the Secretary

What is the mission of the Scottish Rite?

To attract, retain and develop Freemasons through proactive leadership, citizenship, and benevolent programs which ensure that brotherhood is the peculiar characteristic of Freemasonry; that its principal tenets are brotherly love, relief and truth, that we are one sacred bank or society of friends and brothers who have but one aim and that is to promote peace and harmony among ourselves and neighbors.

Our order is more than a fraternity of good fellows, engaged in the benevolent practices of friendship and relief. It is aggressively active and militant order, a knighthood, devoted to the cause of Liberty, Equality and Fraternity.

To establish righteousness and ordain mercy, to protect the weak and combat all dogmas or doctrines that would imprison the human spirit: this is the mission of Scottish Rite Masonry. Cont. on next page.

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The Scottish Rite seeks to cultivate personal morality and the sentiment of tolerance and fraternity in the hearts of men. What has been said and done by the historic emancipators for the liberation of the human mind is vividly portrayed in its Degrees, and the Scottish Rite Mason is dedicated to the effort to make the spirit of Masonry prevalent in society.

Albert Pike, a famous Masonic scholar, said in 1858: "This is the Masonic creed: Believe in God's infinite benevolence, wisdom and justice; hope for the final triumph of good over evil, and for perfect harmony as the final result of all the concords and discords of the Universe; and be charitable, as God is, toward the unfaith, the errors, the follies and the faults of men; for all are one Brotherhood."

Valley of Salina has promoted Scottish Rite by supporting its Blue Lodges. We must support our Lodges and show interest in the candidates to make sure they are raised to a Master Mason in a timely manner. The answer Brothers is for each one of us to reach out to the candidates who want further light in Masonry and encourage them to join Scottish Rite.

James R. Winn, KCCH

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Executive Secretary Valley of Salina

POTENTIAL and NEW MEMBERS

On Tuesday, February 7, 2017, John Reynolds, Jim Winn, Art Adams and Don Moser visited Russell Lodge. The Brothers greeted us warmly and plied us with food and drink. In return, Jim and I gave a short program about Scottish Rite. The next hour was discussing and answering questions from the Brothers. We look forward to our next trip to Russell to see our Brothers again.

On Saturday, February 18, 2017, John and Jim trekked to Lafayette Lodge in Manhattan to meet with current Scottish Rite Masons and potential Scottish Rite Masons. Once again, we enjoyed a fine breakfast prepared by Marvin Rodriguez, KCCH. Again, Jim & I spoke about Scottish Rite and answered questions by all.

Due to the interest in Scottish Rite and the hard work of our current members, we expect a larger class of candidates at the Spring Reunion in Manhattan on April 8, 2017. Please come and meet our new Brothers and enjoy Masonic intercourse with our current Brothers.

RITECARE

It is that time of year again. April 29, 2017 the Herndon Clinic at Ft. Hays State University is hosting the annual Run/Walk to benefit the clinic. This is our major philanthropic partner. We would ask for your attendance to show the support of the Valley of Salina. There will be more than one vehicle going to Hays, so let us know if you need a ride.

HONORS WEEKEND

Scottish Rite honors will be extended on November 18, 2017 at the Wichita Scottish Rite Building. This is the time the fraternity honors hard working, energetic and faithful members for their efforts to support the fraternity. There will be a reception on Friday evening.

We do not know who will be honored at this time, so please reserve the weekend now.
KNIGHT OF THE DOUBLE EAGLE

Brothers! We have a well-established Honors program with the cap system administered nationally. However, John A. Reynolds, 33°, Personal Representative has proposed to the Executive Counsel of the Orient of Kansas a program to recognize the accomplishments of our Brothers locally.

While the program is currently being discussed Orient-wide, the Valley of Salina is committed to the program. As we finish preparations, we will be publishing the rules, so to speak. We will have handouts. We will post on Facebook and on our website.

Keep your eyes open. You will have opportunity for recognition.

Reunion experience

Written by Tom Krauss, 32°

In response to your request, here are a few of my thoughts and impressions about the initiation back in November. First, Scottish Rite and its degree philosophies/lessons answered many questions I had about certain parts of freemasonry that thru the regular degree work in Blue Lodge I had yet to uncover, but more importantly has lead me to desire an even deeper understanding of Masonry in a quest for “more light”. To that end, I found the class format which we attended on the individual degrees given by John Woodward to be very well done. Given the immense amount to information and background in each degree, I very much appreciated that he conducted them in simple format of what the meaning of each degree was about and the thought process that goes along with that degree. Speaking for myself, this gave me the message of each degree, but didn’t overwhelm me to the point everything became muddled together, making it substantially easier to go about increasing my knowledge of the individual degrees thru personal study since the reunion. This combined with Brent Morris’ history lesson of the origins of Blue Lodge, Scottish Rite and York Rite made for a wonderful base to work off of for individual study once home.

In regards to the setting used for the initiation process, the Scottish Rite temple in Wichita, anyone who is serious about Freemasonry and its associated bodies could not be in anything other than total awe of this setting for such an endeavor. Finally, and this is just a personal observation, most individuals at the reunion/candidate initiation were wearing name badges or plates. I found this to be of great benefit as while I readily remember faces, I often have difficulty remembering names after first introductions. This combined with Jim Winn introducing me to several black caps immediately upon entering the Temple, who took me “under their wings” so to speak throughout the initiation process made a person such as myself, one who entered the Temple that Saturday morning not knowing a single individual there, instantaneously feel welcome and more at ease.

Remembrance & Renewal to Honor the Knights of Rose Croix who have fallen over the past year.

The Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal is a public observance designed as a two-part celebration that has been preserved as a solemn service—a ceremony to honor the Knights of Rose Croix who have fallen over the past year. The first part of this commemoration is a gathering to remember our friends, honoring those that have passed by the extinguishing of the lights. This section is symbolic of the crucifixion, reminding us of our mortality. It is recognition of our Brothers who passed over the last year and their lives and earthly labors. The second section is the relighting of the lights, recognition of the resurrection of Christ and signifies our acceptance of life hereafter; it is a celebration of what is yet to come. This custom is a time-honored tradition dating back to 1856. A ritual observed annually by Scottish Rite Masons around the world occurring on or near the vernal equinox. This year’s Scottish Rite Ceremony is on Tuesday, March 21, 2017, at the Trinity United Methodist Church (901 E. Neal) in Salina, Kansas.

In Memorandum

“As one by one, the autumn leaves fade in the forest deep,
So one by one, in each of you must come the touch of sleep;
As one by one, the rose burst into the morning light,
So one by one, your soul shall wake again beyond the night

Kenneth E. Anderson	12/13/2016
George D. Bishop	12/22/2016
James D. Braden	12/17/2016
John C. Brown	12/23/2016
James R. Carpenter	01/28/2017
James L. Fox	01/06/2017
Barry R. Gibson	02/12/2017
Harry Huber	01/13/2017
Clarence R. Johnson	01/13/2017
Charles T. Lovelace	01/31/2017
Dennis D. McKale	12/12/2016
Arthur T. Nelson	01/24/2017
Harris E. Ramsour	12/13/2016
Sethman Jack E.	01/01/2017



Saturday
April 29th, 2017

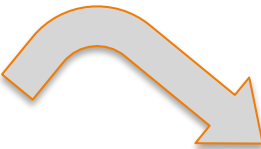
FHSU Campus
North Quad Area
Near Rarick Hall

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The Herndon Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic
AND
The National Student Speech-Language-Hearing Association

Early Registration by 4/18

\$15.00 FHSU Student	10:30 ~ Registration
\$20.00 Adult	11:00 ~ Race
\$10.00 Child	11:30 ~ Lunch & games
Late Registration: +\$5.00	12:00 ~ Raffle Winners Race Winners

SPONSOR TODAY!



	Bronze \$50-100	Silver \$100-200	Gold \$200+
Free entry	X		
Two free entries		X	X
Recognition on social media	X	X	X
Recognition at event		X	X
Name on t-shirt			X

YOUR SUPPORT

Provides scholarships to children in need of speech and language services and provides needed materials to the Herndon Clinic.

For more information on sponsorship, contact Breanna at 785-628-5260 or brtaylor2@fhsu.edu

Tax deductible forms are available at www.fhsu.edu/csd--News/Events. Return completed forms to Herndon Clinic | AH 131 | 600 Park Street | Hays, KS 67601



All proceeds will fund client scholarships for speech-language-hearing services and materials needed to provide services at the Herndon Clinic.



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April 29th, 2017

Location: FHSU Quad (between Rarick and Martin Allen Hall)

10:30 | Registration

11:00 | Race

11:30 | Lunch & games

12:00 | Raffle & Race Winners

***Early Registration Cost By April 18th**

\$15.00 | FHSU Student

\$20.00 | Adult

\$10.00 | **Child 3+

Cost after April 18th: Add \$5.00

**Those who register for any event before April 14th will be guaranteed a t-shirt and lunch. Shirts and lunch are subject to availability for registration after 4-14-16.*

***Children 3 and under are free unless a t-shirt will be ordered (\$10.00). Complete a form for children under 3, including the release on the back.*

Please complete and return to:

Herndon Clinic | Albertson Hall 131 | FHSU
600 Park Street
Hays, KS 67601-5366

Complete one form per person; you may make one payment for multiple participants.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Complete the form below (do not cut and remove)
2. Complete the waiver on the back of the form. Return to the address listed above.
3. Please include your e-mail. We will e-mail confirmation, parking map, and updates ONLY.
4. Go to www.facebook.com/FHSUCommDisorders/ and click on "Events" to find the Run/Walk To Help Children Talk for more detailed information about the event.

Name: _____ Age: _____ Phone: _____

Referred by: _____ E-mail: _____

In which event will you be participating? *

5K 1 Mile Walk Post Race Celebration **only**

T-shirt size (circle one): Adult XXL Adult XL Adult L
Adult M Adult S Child S Child M Child L

If you are a sponsor, please circle the level of sponsorship: Gold Silver Bronze

**Fort Hays State University
Waiver, Release and Indemnification for Participation**

In consideration of being allowed to participate in the Run/Walk To Help Children Talk and other related activities on the 29th day of April, 2017, I hereby release Fort Hays State University (FHSU), The State of Kansas, FHSU's Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders and the Herndon Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic (collectively referred to as released parties) their agents, officers, employees, heirs and assigns from any and all claims, demands, and causes of action of any kind and however presented, including but not limited to claims of negligence, which may arise from any and all property damage or personal injury I may suffer as a result of my participation in the aforementioned event.

I understand that I am advised to purchase medical insurance to cover any medical expenses I may incur arising out of my participation in the aforementioned event. I also understand that in no event will the above-mentioned persons and/or entities be responsible for any such medical expenses.

I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless the above-mentioned persons and/or entities from any and all claims, demands, and causes of action of any kind and however presented, including but not limited to claims of negligence, arising out of any property damage or personal injury to the third persons caused or created by my participation in the aforementioned event.

I fully realize the risks associated with aforementioned event, and I knowingly and voluntarily assume those risks, including, but not limited to the risk of serious bodily injury or death.

I have reviewed and understand this release and fully understand and assume the risks associated with the participation in the event. I intend this release and indemnification to apply to my heirs, assigns, devisees, and legatees, if any.

Signature of Participant: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name of Participant: _____ Age*: _____

Address: _____

***If participant is under 18 years of age, a parent or legal guardian's signature is required.**

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

Address: _____

Valley of Salina Celebrating the Craft

Cook Out

May 20th, 2017 5:00 PM

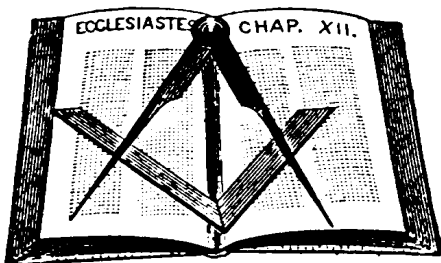
Celebrating the Craft 2017 will be May 20, 2017 5:00 to 11:00 PM. The CTC is the Supreme Council annual webcast supporting RiteCare Childhood language programs nationwide.

Valley of Salina will host a BBQ at 1214 S. Santa Fe, on May 20, 2017, from 5:00 to 11:00 PM. Each Member is encouraged to bring a side dish, and a lawn chair. (These will be more comfortable than the chairs we have.) Hamburgers, buns and drinks will be furnished by Valley of Salina. Come and have a fun evening and Know you are helping a child.

3rd Degree –Master Mason Degree— Ecclesiastes 12:1-7

“The whole is a reminder to start early to remember the Creator (worship God), as you can’t catch up in later life, for while the dust returns to earth, the spirit must return to God for his judgement at the end of our lives. The proper living of our lives and worship of our God must last our lifetime, in order to obtain eternal life with our God when this life is over.

Whatever stage of our life, it is imperative that we as men and Masons: “REMEMBER NOW THY CREATOR! Short Talk Bulletin, Vol 85 November 2007 No. 11.



Brethren and Knights,

The coming Spring of 2017 brings not only the warming of the weather (of course 70 temperatures in February isn't exactly cold) but also one of the most important dates of being a Scottish Rite Mason....The Spring Reunion on Saturday April 8th at the Lafayette Lodge #16, 322-A Houston St., Manhattan, KS.

Our casts for the various degrees is almost completed and those who have participated in the past or indicated their interest in wanting to assume a degree role will be receiving an email detailing their assignments. PLEASE RESERVE THE DATE OF OUR SPRING REUNION ON YOUR CALENDAR.

Do not hesitate to approach me if I have overlooked you for a degree that you would like to be included in this is an event for everyone to improve their ritualistic knowledge through active participation. Many a time there will be occasions during the Reunion for alternates to step up and fill in certain parts left vacated due to illnesses or other reasons.

Please support the Valley of Salina by attending and participating in the sharing of our rituals to those

Master Masons continuing to seek further light by being a part of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry.

"To the Craft my brethren ! "

Rod Kalivoda, KCCH, Director of the Work

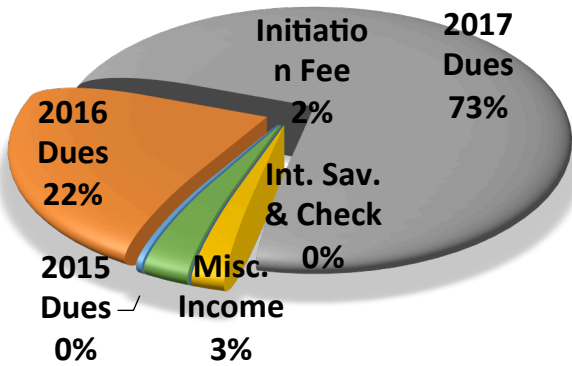


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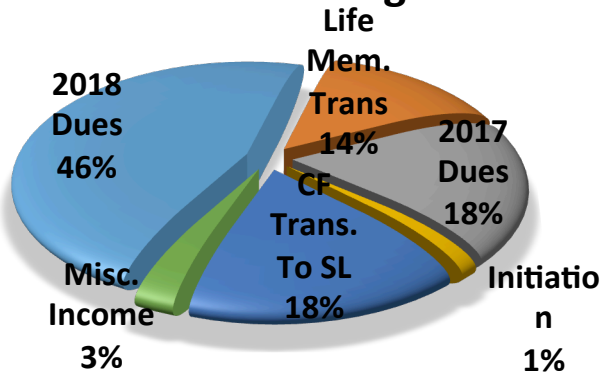
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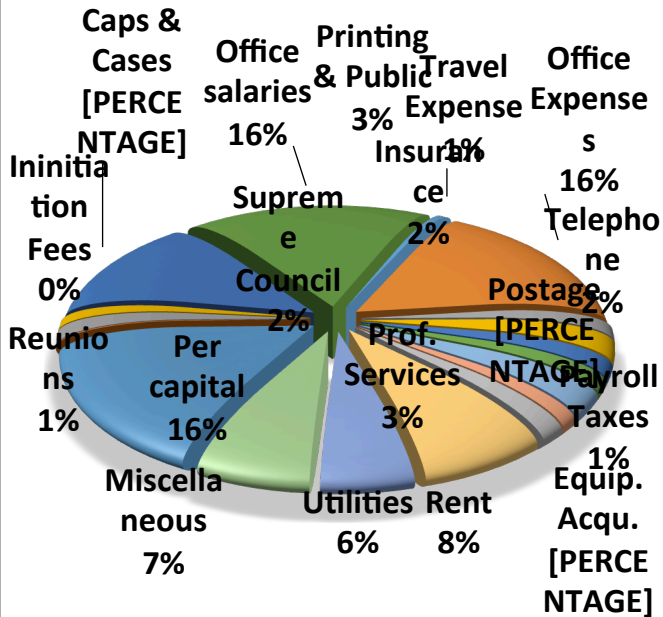
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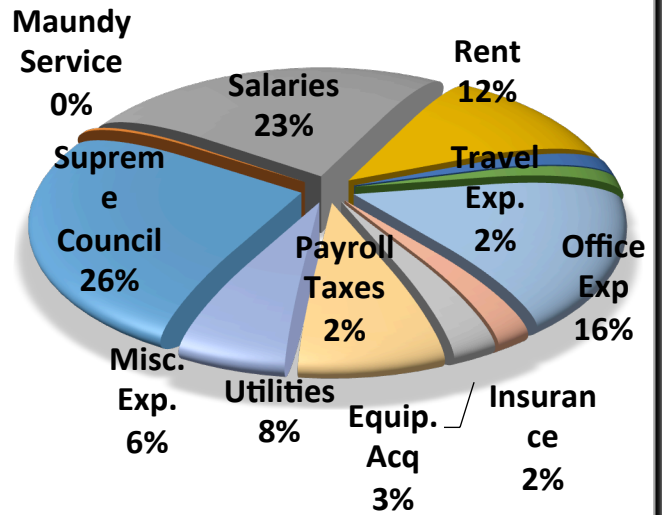
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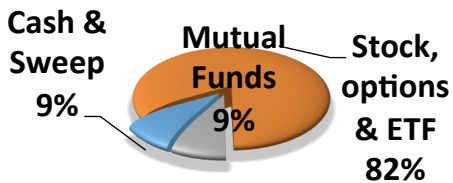
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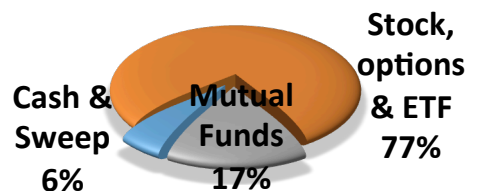
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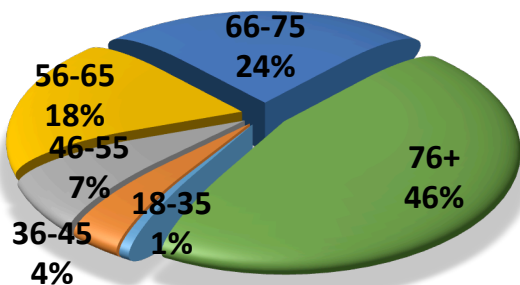
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Life Membership Fund as of Dec. 2016



Membership by Age



Where are we going to be in 10 to 15 years from now?

46% of our Members are 76 years or older, 24% are 66 to 75 years old, 18% are 56 to 65 years old, 7% are 46 to 55 years old, 4% are 36 to 45 years old, and 1% are 18 to 35 years old.

Do you see the problem?

Reunion will be April 8, 2017.

Do you know someone that would make a good Scottish Rite Member? Talk to them today about joining.