

# THE SCOTTISH WRITE

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## RiteCare

### HEAR YE...HEAR YE...HEAR YE

Brothers of the Orient, Master Masons all. Ye are summoned to the 4th annual RiteCare of Minneapolis-St. Paul Gala. Which is to be held on the seventh day of October at the Noble Valley of the Minneapolis Rite, 2017 Dupont Ave So.

You will once again be entertained at a Casino, whereat you will dine on outstanding heavy hors d'oeuvres throughout the evening while sipping fine

spirits at the cash bar provided by the Lowery while you test your skill at the various games of chance.

There will be great bargains to be had at both silent and active auction. Early scoop is the SGIG will be the auctioneer so count your fingers and toes before bidding.

The hours will be 5:30 to 9:30. The cost for the event will be \$75.00 with all profits going to fund kids to whom we provide service. Due to space restrictions, we are

limiting the tickets to 150. They can be acquired online at: <http://ritecaremsp.org/>

It might be noted that the crowd at last years event only had one complaint, they didn't want the gambling to end, so come early on and roll dem dice. And remember, besides the fun.

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- 18th Degree
- Past Wise Master
- 2017 Scotties

# SOLVING THE KENSINGTON RUNE STONE MYSTERY, PART I

## THE RITUAL CODE

In this series, we'll reveal recent discoveries related to the Kensington Rune Stone, a medieval artifact unearthed in 1898 in northwestern Minnesota, and how they could re-shape what we know about North American history. To give you some background: I began researching the Kensington Rune Stone when it was brought into our laboratory more than 16 years ago. Through a detailed forensic analysis of the stone and weathering characteristics of similar carved runes, we were able to state the age of the inscription dated back to at least 200 years from the date it was unearthed and likely represented a 14th century land claim, debunking widely held beliefs that it was a hoax. In 2007, we received a Grand Award for Engineering Excellence from the American history.

The translation of the Kensington Rune Stone inscription: Face side -- "8 Götalanders and 22 Northmen on (this) acquisition journey/taking up land from Vinland far to the west. We had a camp by 2 shelters one day's journey north from this stone. We were fishing one day. After we came home we found 10 men red from blood and death. AVM Save from evil." Split side --



"There are 10 men by the inland sea to look after we came home we found 10 men red from blood and death. AVM Save from evil." Split side -- "There are 10 men by the inland sea to look after our ships 14 days journey from this hill. Year 1362"

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The strange symbols and con-

fusing aspects of the Kensington Rune Stone's inscription, however, have continued to confound scholars...until this year. You see, I was "raised" (initiated) as a Master Mason and then initiated into the Scottish Rite and the York Rite (the Scottish Rite is made up of 32 degrees plus an honorary 33rd degree; the York Rite is made up of 13 degrees) branches of Freemasonry earlier this year. As part of my initiation into the ninth (Select Master) degree, I attended a lecture that included an account of events shortly before the First Jewish Temple in Jerusalem was completed, around 850 B.C. Keep in mind it is not clear whether this story in this degree is historically accurate, simply allegorical, or if it contains elements of both; this debate has raged within Masonic academic circles for centuries.

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# SOLVING THE KENSINGTON RUNE STONE MYSTERY, PART I—Continued

## THE RITUAL CODE—Cont.

The story's main characters are the "Supreme Council of Grand Masters" comprised of King Solomon, HiramKing of Tyre, and Hiram Abiff. Entrusted to protect the writings of Moses, holy vessels, and sacred treasures that included the Ark of Covenant, the three Grand Masters ordered the construction of a Secret Vault below the Temple in Jerusalem that was divided into nine arches, or apartments. The three Grand Masters constructed the Ninth Arch as a place for sacred objects to be hidden and for secret rituals to take place.

As the story goes, the character of Hiram Abiff said, "There were employed on the other eight arches, twenty-two men from Gebal, a city of Phoenicia..." At this, my ears instantly perked. The first two numbers in the inscription of the Kensington Rune Stone are 8 and 22. What came next numbers occurring randomly are astronomical, and, to make things even more amazing, there are certain elements within the inscription that undeniably allude to Hebrew Mysticism, such as the Tree of Life in the Kabbalah, as well as the Egyptian mysteries of Isis and Osiris.

1. The York Rite ritual book describes when the secret work was

performed on the eight arches and the secret vault: "Their hours of labor were from nine at night until twelve, the time when all prying eyes are closed in sleep." Curiously, there are nine lines of text on the face side of the Kensington Rune Stone and three on the split side for a total of 12.

2. In the Hebrew Bible called the Torah, the Kabbalists refer to 32 paths that are alluded to by the 32 times that God's name, "Elohim," appears. In this account, the expression "God said" appears 10 times. The other 22 times that God's name appears parallels the 22 letters in the (Hebrew) alphabet, and there are seven repetitions of "God saw." The Kensington Rune Stone has characters with similar confirmation codes that include the strange "g" rune, occurring seven times within the inscription; the never before seen "W" rune that occurs 10 times; 14 individual numbers ("... 14 days journey from this island."); and 22 hooked X's.

3. When the first four numbers in the Kensington Rune Stone inscription are added together ( $8 + 22 + 2 = 32 + 1 = 33$ ), they correspond exactly to the number of degrees in the Scottish Rite branch of Freemasonry.

Needless to say, it's highly unlikely these correlations can be chalked up to coincidence. In fact, I believe it's quite obvious the in-

scription on the Kensington Rune Stone is part of an ancient "Ritual Code." In the next series, I'll share another revelation that supports this case, as well as the importance of the number eight and why these recent discoveries beg the question: Who really "discovered" North America? Stay tuned...

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## WRITINGS & HUMOR

### THE YEAR 1909.....

This will boggle your mind, I know it did mine!

The year is 1909.

One hundred years ago.

What a difference a century makes!

Here are some statistics for the Year 1909

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The average life expectancy was 47 years.

Only 14 percent of the homes had a bathtub.

Only 8 percent of the homes had a telephone.

There were only 8,000 cars and only 144 miles of paved roads.

The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10 mph.

The tallest structure in the world was the Eiffel Tower.

The average wage in 1909 was 22 cents per hour.

The average worker made between \$200 and \$400 per year.

A competent accountant could expect to earn \$2000 per year, dentist \$2500 per year, a veterinarian between \$1,500 and \$4,000 per year, and a mechanical engineer about \$5,000 per year.

More than 95 percent of all births took place at HOME.

Ninety percent of all doctors had NO COLLEGE EDUCATION! Instead, they attended so-called medical schools, many of which were condemned in the press and the government as "substandard".

Sugar cost four cents a pound.

Eggs were fourteen cents a dozen.

Coffee was fifteen cents a pound.

Most women only washed their hair, once a month, and use Borax or egg yolks for shampoo.

Canada passed a law that prohibited poor people from entering into their country for any reason.

The American flag had 45 Stars.

The population of Las Vegas, Nevada was only 30!

Crossword puzzles, canned beer, and Ice Tea hadn't been invented yet.

There was no Mother's or Father's Day.

Two out of every 10 adults could not read or write.

Marijuana, heroin, and morphine were all available over the counter at the local corner drugstores. Back then pharmacists said, "Heroin clears the complexion, gives buoyancy to the mind, regulates the stomach and bowels, and is, in fact, a person guardian of health" (Shocking? DUH!).

Eighteen percent of households had at least one full-time servant or domestic help.

Try to think what it was like back then to 100 years later—It staggers the mind!

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### Women Who Read.....

One morning the husband returns after several hours of fishing and decides to nap.

Although not familiar with the lake, the wife decides to take the boat out. She motors out a short distance, anchors, and begins to read her book. Along comes a game warden in his boat. He pulls alongside the woman and says "Good morning Ma'am, what are you doing?" "reading a book," she replies. (Thinking isn't that obvious) "You're in a restricted NO fishing area", he informs her. I'm sorry officer, but I'm not fishing, I'm reading." "Yes, but you have all the equipment. For all I know you could start at any moment. I'll have to take you in and write you up." If you do that, I'll have to charge you with sexual assault," says the woman. "But I have not even touched you," says the game warden. "That's true, but you have all the equipment. For all I know you could start at any moment." Have a nice day ma'am," came the reply as he left.

**MORAL**—Never argue with a woman who reads. It is likely she can also think..

*Editor—Brother Alvin Kauffman*



## 2017-18 "GRAND LODGE OFFICERS"



**Pictured are Officers {elected and appointed} that are also members of the Minneapolis Scottish Rite Valley**

*Front Row (left to right)*

**RWB ILLUSTRIOUS DOUG CAMPBELL; RWB KCCH ED HALPAUS;  
MWB ILLUSTRIOUS JOHN STUDELL.**

*Middle Row (left to right)*

**WB ILLUSTRIOUS TONY KRALL; BROTHER RALPH MAGNUSSON; WB RYAN REGNIER;  
WB TBC ILLUSTRIOUS ED PERLMAN**

*Back Row (left to right)*

**WB KCCH FOSTER SOLEM; WB KCCH TIM BOCHE; WB KCCH DOUG BEACH**



# BRING A BROTHER Pictures



Pictures taken during the Bring a Brother to Rite Night Event

## 2017 SPRING REUNION CLASS—18<sup>th</sup> DEGREE



Looking forward to those Candidates becoming Masters of the Royal Secret on Saturday! May 11th, 2017 at the Minneapolis Scottish Rite Temple.

**1<sup>st</sup> row** – Aaron Brendel, Keith Anderson, Kyle Anderson, Tuchi Yang, Candidate Andrew Sannes, Marcellinus Doe, Clifton R. Bailey, Ryan Prybilla

**2<sup>nd</sup> row** – Gene Michtchenko, William McMillan, Lucky Perryman, Ron Zappetillo

### Cast Members:

**1<sup>st</sup> row** –Randy Hamborg

**2<sup>nd</sup> row** – James Wallen, Greg Lane, Crig Kamman

**3<sup>rd</sup> row** – Nick Settich, Curt Quast, Terrance Schaffer

**Pictures taken during the Spring Reunion Event**

## 2017 SPRING REUNION CLASS



### Master's of the Royal Secret May 11th, 2017

**1st Row (L-R)**—Robert E. Blaisdell; William C. Sandoval; Ronald H. Stewart;  
Marcellinus Doe; Kyle Anderson; Aaron Brendel; Tubtshwm (Tuchi) W. Yang

**2nd Row (L-R)**—Ronald R. Zappetillo; Gary A. Farnsworth; Paul L. Ericson;  
Gene Michtchenko; Andrew H. Sannes; Mike Sparrow; Keith Anderson

**3rd Row (L-R)**—Luke J. Ellingson; Clifton R. Bailey; Timothy P. Gaynor;  
Benjamin T. Dickhausen; Lucky M. Perryman; Ryan M. Prybilla; William F. McMillan. II

**Pictures taken during the Spring Reunion Event**



# Minneapolis valley Pictures



**Pictures taken during the Spring Reunion Event 18th Degree WB Randy Hamborg receiving the Past Wise Masters Medal**



# 2017 SCOTTIE aWARDS



{Best Actor in a Role}  
Steven Scheffert, 32



{Rite Stuff Award}  
Nick Setlich, 32



{Lodge of the Year}  
(accepting for the Master)  
Darren Swenson, 32



{Best Director}  
Doug Beach, 32



{Best Actor in a  
Leading Role}  
Dan Akins, 32



{KSA Award}  
Brad Pohlman, 32



{Best Supporting Actor in a  
Leading Role}  
Paul Hodnefield, 32



{Degree of the Year}  
Stephen Bernu, 32  
Larry Jensen, 32

Pictures taken during the 2017 Scotties Award Event



# 2017 SCOTTIE aWARDS



Scottie Awards Dinner



Sovereign Grand Inspector General III. Jerry B. Oliver



{Lodge of the Year}  
(Representing Anoka Lodge)

John Antl, 32°, Guillermo Fresno, 32°, Jacob Geer, 33°, Mike Miller, 32°, Larry Jensen, 32°, Lee Kielblock, 32°, Stephen Kesler, 32°, Don Nolley, 33°, Myron Shelton, 32°, Darren Swenson, 32°, Chop Thomas, 32°



{Lifetime Achievement Award}

Jim Kirihara, 32° KCCH

Presented by

Sovereign Grand Inspector General III. Jerry B. Oliver



## Dear BLACK CROW

### Dear Black Crow,

Dear Black Crow,

I am studying for my first part in Scottish Rite. Do you have any advice that will help me pick up the Ritual. I am exciting about participating in the Degrees, but am not good at memorization.

Dear Slow but Steady,

Everybody has a bit of a struggle with learning through memorization except those gifted with photographic memories.

The important thing is to learn ritual the same way you eat an apple, one bite at a time.

Some of the Brothers find it helpful to tape the work and listen to it while driving or at home. Others chose to work directly from the script. Others work with someone coaching them.

The Crow, during his ritual days used the Dale Carnegie method. It's not an easy one, but worked well for me. This method re-

quires you sit at your computer and write everything down 17, yes 17 times. The first five will probably require you type directly from the script, then keep writing and checking your copy until you are comfortable with the results. Take a small section everyday.

You will be successful when the sentences stop being just words and begin to have meaning. Once you understand the meaning, everything starts to flow and you will be on your way to your first Scottie Award.

Dear Black Crow,

I am new to the Craft. Last week I was out with some old high school buddies and we got pretty hammered. Some jerk from another group started pushing one of my guys around and a donnybrook ensued which got us all slapped with Drunk and Disorderly charges. The charges were dropped but I sure don't want to put myself into the same situation and I sure don't want to embarrass the craft. What do you suggest.

Dear Drunk and Stupid,

It is obvious you were not out with your Masonic Brothers there to whisper good counsel in your ear. Although you were justified in protecting your friend, you should not have put yourself in that position. If you remember in your first degree, there was a little something about controlling your passions. Maybe you should talk to these buddies of yours about cleaning up their act and petitioning the Craft.

The Black Crow's advise.

*DON'T get drunk, and DON'T get disorderly.*

All requests for advise should be send to [DaBlakCrow@aol.com](mailto:DaBlakCrow@aol.com)

## Minneapolis Valley Clubs

### Minneapolis Valley Amateur Radio Club

(editor—Russel)

The "**Soaring Eagles**" meet the second Thursday of the month at 5:30—6:00 pm. All are welcome, whether you are licensed or just curious to see what all the fun is about so please join us.

Brother Russel—WOLMS 73—  
questions—contact Russell at [barraadventures@yahoo.com](mailto:barraadventures@yahoo.com) or 612-  
578-4809

### Soaring Eagles Mission:

To bring together current Brothers and attract future Scottish Rite Brothers who are amateur radio operators to be engaged in fellowship through a common interest (i.e. contesting, radio building, emergency communications, volunteering for marathon communications, John Bear Grease dogsled race, Morse code operating, field day activations etc.





# MINNEAPOLIS SCOTTISH RITE

## June 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	<b>2</b>	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
15	26	27	28	29	30	31

## July 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	<b>6</b>	7	8
9	10	11	12	<b>13</b>	14	15
16	17	18	19	<b>20</b>	21	22
23	24	25	26	<b>27</b>	28	29
30	31					

## August 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	5
6	7	8	9	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	12
13	14	15	16	17	<b>18</b>	19
20	21	22	23	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	26
27	28	29	30	31		

## Schedule of Events

### DEGREES:

*MPLS VALLEY IS DARK  
JUNE & JULY*



8/10/17—Welcome to Rite Night

8/24/17—4th, 5th, and 6th Degree  
Conferrals

- 7/4/11—Fourth of July

### RED ROOM

*MPLS VALLEY IS DARK  
JUNE, JULY & Part of August*



<http://scottish-rite-mn.org/minneapolis-valley/event-calendar>

**MINNEAPOLIS VALLEY EVENTS**

(click on to review)

MINNEAPOLIS, MN

Event's Being Held at:

Minneapolis Valley Scottish Rite

5:00 pm Dinner

5:45 pm Red Room

6:30 pm Degree(s)



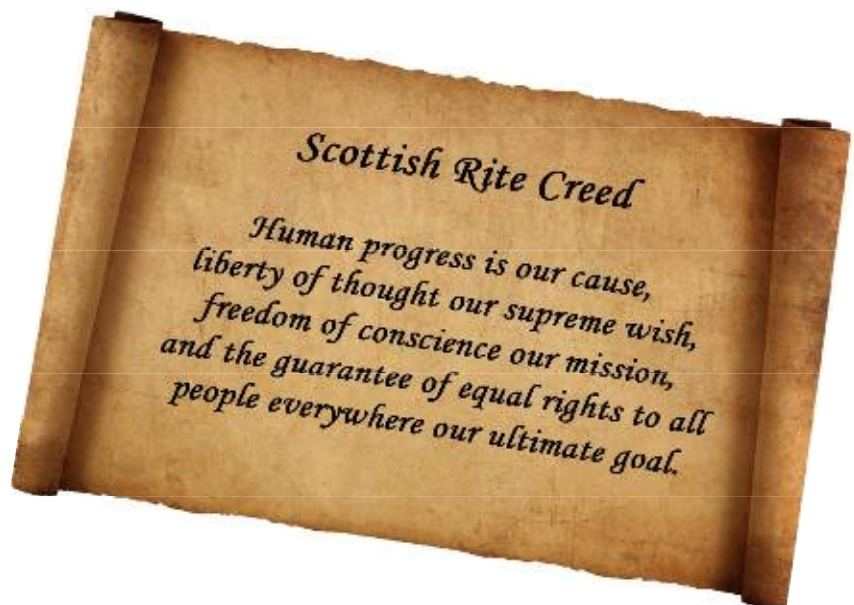
# MINNEAPOLIS SCOTTISH RITE

## ***THE FRATERNITY OF GOODFELLOWSHIP***

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## **SUNSHINE REPORT**

*If you know of any Scottish Rite member or Brother that is under the weather, please contact WB—Stephen F. Kesler.*

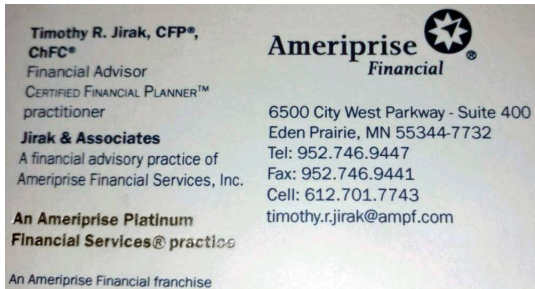




# "SCOTTISH RITE BROTHER'S"

## Buisness Card's

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If you would like to put something in any of these areas, please send a email de-  
scription of the item (picture is great) and who to get in touch with to discuss.

Send your info to Stephen Kesler at [sfk133@comcast.net](mailto:sfk133@comcast.net)

**"Business Cards will be displayed for 90 Days and then removed"**

# "SELL" — "TRADE" — "BARTER"

## **SELL**

*What you would like to get rid of!*

- ⇒
- ⇒
- ⇒

## **TRADE**

*Do you have something you would like to trade for something else!*

- ⇒
- ⇒

## **WANTED**

*I am looking FOR!*

- ⇒ Looking for a 25hp long shaft boat motor, preferably with low hours. Contact Ed Perlman at 612-845-0899 or email to: pman40ed@aol.com
- ⇒ Looking for a 4-stroke Honda or Yamaha boat motor with low hours. Contact Stephen Kesler at 612-790-0365 or email to: sfk133@comcast.net

## **BARTER**

*I can do this for you to get that!*

- ⇒ *Be the first!*

## **FREE!!**

*You Can Have This Treasure!*

- ⇒
- ⇒

If you would like to put something in any of these areas, please send a email description of the item (picture is great) and who to get in touch with to discuss.

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