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33° INSTALLATION Des Moines, Iowa September 23, 2023



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July 8, 2023

Phil and Larry:

I would like to congratulate each of you on your election to receive the 33rd Degree Inspector General Honorary by the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America. As you are aware, this is the last and highest degree of Scottish Rite Masonry. Your service to the Scottish Rite and all of Masonry has been noted, and you are deserving of this recognition.

Each will receive the official announcement of the Coronation Ceremony to be held on Saturday, September 23, 2023, at the Des Moines Scottish Rite Building. The invitation will include the schedule of activities for the day.

Again, I would like to express my personal congratulations as well as those of the members of the Davenport Valley.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Rick Koerner
Secretary / Registrar
32 Degree KCCH
CC: Gary Sissel, SGIG



**2023
50 Year Members**

The 50 year members:

James Kluxdal
Allen Kluever
Bruce Filbrandt
James Ray
Ronald Mills
Carl Storm
Donald Fryer



Here is a picture of Allen Kluever receiving his certificate from the Master of Kadosh, Phil Corwin, 33°.

MURDER MYSTERY DINNER FOR OUR RITE CARE CLINIC

On Saturday, 26 August 2023 we (**The Valley of Davenport**) sponsored this charity event in support of the Saint Ambrose University Rite Care Clinic. The clinic was begun in 2009 as provided by our very own Davenport Valley. It is our foremost charity receiving several thousands of dollars a year as provided through the Orient of Iowa, the Scottish Rite Foundation, the Davenport Valley (through our pie auction) and events such as this one. The It's a Mystery troupe, led by Scott Naumann, provided the entertainment called "Five Card Murder" concerning the murder of a gambler. The dinner was either Prime Rib, Chicken Cordon Bleu, or a vegetarian plate. There were bottles of champagne at each table as well as chocolate covered strawberries. The dinner venue was The Fountains Senior Living Clubhouse. The Fountains provided the meal and the beverages. They did a magnificent job as did our Five Card Murder performers.

Tickets for this event were \$60/person. The event netted \$6155, which included \$635 from the silent auction and donations. Silent Auction baskets were all donated. All the money went to the Rite Care Clinic. Ninety-Eight people attended the event. Attendees were an incredibly diverse group.

During intermission we had the presentation of a check to the Rite Care Clinic by Treasurer Larry Johnsen to Professor Elisa Huff. (It was symbolic at \$5,000 because when it was created, we didn't know exactly how much we'd make).

Professor Huff also gave a short presentation concerning speech pathology, that included a client and their very moving story concerning the care provided by the clinic.

Our Master of Kadosh, Phil Corwin introduced himself and welcomed all our wonderful guests.

The administrative duties were all done by SAU Speech Pathology students who did a great job for us.

Oh, was the mystery solved? Indeed it was. If you had attended you'd know "The Rest of the Story."



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 Davenport Valley of the
 Scottish Rite, Davenport, IA
 & St. Ambrose University
 Rite Care Clinic

5 CARD MURDER

DINNER AND MURDER MYSTERY COMEDY SHOW

A ONE NIGHT ONLY CHARITY EVENT TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE BENEFIT OF
 ADULTS & CHILDREN WITH COMMUNICATION DISORDERS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, 2023

THE FOUNTAINS IN BETTENDORF

Cost: \$60 per person
 Cash Bar 5:00 - 8:00 / Dinner 6:00
 (Prime Rib/Chicken Cordon Bleu/Vegan Option)
 Bid on silent auction gift baskets!



Make your reservation/meal selection online
 at tinyurl.com/ritecare
 or call (563) 505-9874 to pay by check



Fantastic Show, Superb Dinner , Great Night Out !! The event was Excellent!

Words From the Master of Kadosh Brethren of the Valley of Davenport –

This year is moving forward very rapidly as we do have our Fall Reunion coming up on November 4th. I want to take this time to encourage each and every Brother to attend and take part in the activities during the day. This a one-day Reunion and I am sure it will be rewarding to see the degrees and your fellow Scottish Rite Brothers. It seems like it has been a very long time since we were together again. With that said, I want to encourage you to be looking to bring a candidate to the degrees. Our Blue Lodge Brothers, in my opinion, would benefit from the Scottish Rite Degrees. There is a saying that Amazon uses on it's trucks. There is a whole lot more to Amazon, a truck full. There is a whole lot more to Masonry than Blue Lodge, it is Scottish Rite. I know I didn't get that completely right, but I hope you understand what I mean. The Scottish Rite degrees teach a series of moral lessons culminating in the 32degree, Master of the Royal Secret.

The Valley has been busy with the Awards/Grants dinner and the speakers that have presented programs at the March, June, and September stated meeting has been very well received. We will have another speaker at our December stated meeting. Be on the lookout for that information and plan to attend. That will also be the election and installation of the 2024 officers for the Valley.

I want to take this time to congratulate Brother Larry Johnsen on his selection and Coronation as our newest 33rd Inspector General Honorary and Brother Monte Harris as our newest Knight Commander Court of Honor recipient. Both of these Brothers are to be congratulated on these great honors. They are well deserving.

On a final note, I again Thank you for the Honor of serving you as your Master of Kadosh. This has been a very exciting year for me and I hope we have been able to bring you some value and fun. You are the best and I encourage you to do all you can to further our Valley and Masonry as a whole. We can make a difference for the good.

Fraternally,
Phil Corwin Master of Kadosh

September 25, 2023 Consistory Meeting

September 25 meeting, we had an Great Speaker from Niabi Zoo. His name is **Joel Vanderbush** and he is the **Curator of Conservation & Education**.



October Birthdays

Richard D. Collier, 32°
Phillip W. Haan, 32°
Loren E. Rich, 32°
Myron A. McCreedy, 32°
David J. Nolte, 32°
John G. Monson, 32°
Charles F. Roach, 32°
Roger A. Murray, 32°
Jeffrey L. Murphy, 32°
Darryl f. Howe, 32°
Robert Kessel, 32°
Sherman B. Rudnick, 32°
Clyde J. Boykins, 32°
Aaron E. Sharp, 32°
James A. Goetsch, 33°
James F. Hahn, 32°
Gary M. Sumpter, 32°
Scott Conklin, 32°
John B. Kincart, 32°
Ronald G. Ornduff, 32°
James E. Wasson, 32°
Robert D. Francois, 32°KCCH
Douglas F. Boyler, 32°
Briam J. Huff, 32°
Donald D. Schantz, 32°
Charles R. Baird, 32°

November Birthdays

Roland L. McCreery, 32°
Robert W. Setterberg, 32°
Harold W. Black, 32°
Raymond A. Aynes, 32°
Gerald N. Dykes, 32°
Robert L. Logel, 32°
Raymond P. Slack, 32°
Dana C. Shewry, 32°

James R. Kennedy, 32°
Daniel F. Behrens, 32°
Glen Johnson, 32°
Harry R. Schafnit, 32°
Ronald C. Cornwell, 2°
Albert W. Hancock, 32°
Ted C. Wiley, 32°KCCH.
Kenneth I. McClymonds, 32°KCCH

James L. Kluxdal, 32°
James W. Fox, 32°
Milo D. Smith, 32°
James G. Bosten, 32°
Jeffrey S. Stark, 32°
John B. Haywood, 32°

December Birthdays

Michael R. Prior, 32°
Christopher P. Soebbing, 32°
Richard W. Dean, 32°
James M. Dixon, 32°
Gary C. Edmonson, 32°
Erick W. Weiss, 32°
George W. Moeller, 32°
William M. Jones, 32°
Ty P. Jones, 32°
Todd P. Gullickson, 32°

Harold W. Ogilvie, 32°
Charles R. Osing, 33°
Marvin K. Glasgow, 32°
Earl J. Ratliff, 32°
Troy L. Pugh, 32°
Monte J. King, 32°
Dennis R. Soebbing, 33°
Dennis C. Brown, 32°
Richard J. Bloomer, 32°
Aaron E. Coe, 32°

Phil Corwin, 33°
Wayne L. Herington, 32°
William H. Rader, 32°KCCH
David H. Starkweaather, 32°
Thomas P. Francis, 32°
David D. Kauffman, 32°
Robert T. Byczek, 32°
Arthur L. Graham, 32°
Philip A. Countryman, 32°
Jason W. Delzell, 32°

Gary Sissel, 33°

**Sovereign Grand Inspector General, Orient of Iowa
Supreme Council Secretary General**

Advisory Conference/Executive Committee

Phillip H. Corwin, 33° - Master of Kadosh
Pier Trevisan, 32° - Commander of Kadosh
Brian Huff, 32° - Wise Master
Aaron Sharp, 32° - Venerable Master
Chris Soebbing, 32° - Prior
Richard W. Koerner, 32°KCCH - Secretary/Registrar
Larry Johnsen, 33° - Treasurer
Dennis Soebbing, 33° - Director of the Work
Russ Risley, 33° - Almoner
Robert Francois, 32°KCCH - Asst Almoner
Bruce Thoene, 32°KCCH - Trustee
Paul Jones, 32° - Trustee
Larry Johnsen, 33° - Trustee
James A. Goetsch, 33° - Trustee
Lynn Broughton, 33° - Advisory Conference

BIRTHDAYS

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REGULAR OFFICE HOURS

9:00AM UNTIL 3:00PM
MONDAY THRU THURSDAY
CLOSED FRIDAY THRU SUNDAY
AND ALL HOLIDAYS.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2023

Monday, September 25, 2023 5:30pm
Stated Meeting

Sunday, October 1, 2023 1:00pm
Degree Practice

Sunday, October 8, 2023. 1:00pm
Degree Practice

Sunday, October 22, 2023 1:00pm
Dress Rehearsal Degree Practice

Monday, October 23, 2023. 6:00pm
Executive Board Meeting

Sunday, October 29, 2023. 1:00pm
Cedar Rapids Valley & Davenport Valley
joint KCCH Installation

Friday, November 3, 2023. 4:00pm
Set up for Reunion

Saturday, November 4, 2023 7:30am
Fall Reunion

Friday, November 10, 2023. 5:30pm
Salute to Veterans

Monday, November 27, 2023. 6:00pm
Executive Board Meeting

Tuesday, December 19, 2023. 5:30pm
Annual Meeting / Elections

Wednesday, December 27, 2023. 6:00pm
Feast of the Holy Saints John

REMEMBER

It's the duty of the Scottish Rite Bodies to grow the membership strong! Please invite your Master Mason neighbors, friends, relatives, anyone you think that would make a good member to join and help grow our valley.

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REMINDER

Reunion - November 4, is the next reunion. Bring your Candidates and remember to say yes when asked to participate in the reunion.