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LEADERSHIP

ALLEGIANCE

*The bodies of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, sitting in the Valley of Denver, Orient of Colorado, acknowledge and Yield allegiance to the **Supreme Council** (Mother Council of the World) of the Inspector General, Knights Commander of the House of the Temple of Solomon of the Thirty-third degree of the Ancient Scottish Rite of Freemasonry For the Southern Jurisdiction of The United States of America.*



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CALENDAR

2008 Denver Consistory Schedule

May

Fri – Sat, Leadership Conference – Seattle
May 2 & 3

Thurs –Fri – Sat Spring Reunion – 32nd consecutive
May 8 – 10

PARKING GARAGE AVAILABLE

Sat – May 17 Ladies & Widows Lunch 11:30 – 1:00PM

PARKING GARAGE AVAILABLE

Mon – May 19 **Stated Meeting**

5:30 PM – Red Room Business Meeting

6:00 PM – Dinner

- Grilled chicken breast w/sundried tomato sauce

- Penne Pasta

- Grilled fresh vegetables

- Mixed greens w/tomato

- Cucumbers & artichoke hearts

- Balsamic and Ranch dressings

- Rolls & butter

- Fresh strawberry shortcake

RESERVATIONS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY

at 303-861-4261 before 12:00 p.m. ,

Friday, May 16, 2008

7:00 PM – Entertainment:

5 minute oration by Rocky Mountain

Chapter of Rose Croix Orator

PARKING GARAGE AVAILABLE

Mon – May 26 Consistory closed for Memorial Day

June

Sat – June 7 Shrimp Boil

6:00 PM

PARKING GARAGE AVAILABLE

Mon – June 16

Stated Meeting

5:30 PM – Red Room Business Meeting

6:00 PM – Dinner

- Secret Island Spice Rubbed Pork Roast

- New potatoes

- Chef's choice vegetables

- Spinach salad w/orange segments and candied pecans Citrus dressing

- Rolls & butter

- Lemon Meringue Pie

7:00 PM – Entertainment: Hawaiian Shirt Night

5 minute oration by Colorado Council of

Kadosh Orator

PARKING GARAGE AVAILABLE

July

Fri – July 4 Consistory closed for observance of Independence Day

Sat – July 12 Committee Chairmen, Officers and Wives Picnic

August

Wed – Aug 20

Officers Meeting

6:00 PM

September

Mon – Sept 1 Consistory closed for Labor Day

Mon – Sept 15

Stated Meeting

5:30 PM – Red Room Business Meeting

6:00 PM – Dinner

7:00 PM – Entertainment: Sports Team Shirt Night

Scottish Rite Foundation Program and

5 minute oration by Denver Consistory

Minister of State

PARKING GARAGE AVAILABLE

October

Sat – Oct 18 Oktoberfest at El Jebel Shrine Center 5:00 PM

Mon – Oct 20 **Stated Meeting** 5:30 PM – Red Room Business Meeting
6:00 PM – Dinner
7:00 PM – Entertainment: Feast of Tishri Observance
PARKING GARAGE AVAILABLE

November

Fri- Sat Fall Reunion - 33rd consecutive
Nov 14 – 15

PARKING GARAGE AVAILABLE

Mon – Nov 17 **Stated Meeting** 5:30 PM – Red Room Business Meeting
6:00 PM – Dinner
7:00 PM – Entertainment: Veterans Recognition Program
PARKING GARAGE AVAILABLE

Sat – Nov 22 Consistory Decorating Party 9:00 AM – ?
All members, officers and wives are invited

Thurs – Fri Consistory closed for Thanksgiving Day
Nov 27 & 28

December

Sat – Dec 6 Scottish Rite Foundation 10:00 AM – ?
& Consistory Children's Christmas Party
PARKING GARAGE AVAILABLE

Mon – Dec 15 **Stated Meeting** 5:30 PM – Red Room Business Meeting
6:00 PM – Dinner
7:00 PM – Entertainment
Annual Election of Officers
PARKING GARAGE AVAILABLE

Thurs – Fri Consistory closed for Christmas observance
Dec 25 & 26

Spring Reunion

32nd Consecutive

Invitation

*To all Brethren of the Ancient and Accepted
Scottish Rite of Freemasonry*

SPRING REUNION

Of the

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THURSDAY – FRIDAY – SATURDAY

May 8th, 9th, & 10th, 2008

*We present our Fraternal Greetings, and trust it may
Be our pleasure to welcome you to this occasion.*

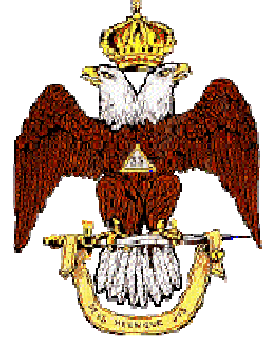
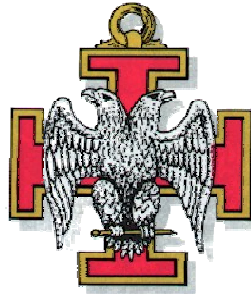
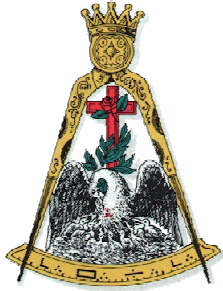
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Scottish Rite

“The purpose of the Scottish Rite, simply stated, is to seek that which is the most worth in the world; to exalt the dignity of every person, the human side of our daily activities, and the maximum service to humanity; to aid mankind’s search in God’s universe for identity, for development and for destiny, and thereby achieve better men in a better world, happier men in a happier world and wiser men in a wiser world.”



The Scottish Rite Creed

The cause of human progress is our cause, the enfranchisement of human thought our supreme wish, the freedom of human conscience our mission, and the guarantee of equal rights to all peoples everywhere, the end of our contention.



The two "Rites" of Freemasonry are generally recognized; the "York Rite", which many think should more properly be called the American Rite (Royal Arch Chapters, Councils of Royal and Select Masters, Commanderies) and the "Scottish Rite" of thirty three degrees. Both Rites have their roots in symbolic Masonry, and no man in the United States, Canada, England, Ireland or Scotland may be initiated into either York or Scottish Rite who is not already a member of a Blue Lodge.

While the Scottish Rite has thirty-three degrees, numbered from 1 to 33, the Supreme Councils of the English speaking countries do not assume any authority over the first three degrees where there exists a Grand Lodge which adheres to the Landmarks of freemasonry and continues regular, legitimate and duly constituted and which refrains from interfering with the administration of the Fourth to Thirty-third Degrees inclusive by the Supreme Council. The Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite goes so deeply into the past for much of its symbolism and philosophy that its origins are lost in the mists of antiquity from which emerges history.

There are four coordinate divisions in the Scottish Rite Southern Jurisdiction

- 1. Lodge of Perfection, 4th degree to 14th degree**
- 2. Chapter of Rose Croix, 15th degree to 18th**
- 3. Council of Kadosh, 19th degree to 30th degree**
- 4. Consistory 31st to 32nd and the 33rd degree**



Patents are presented to members of the Fall 2007 Reunion Class.

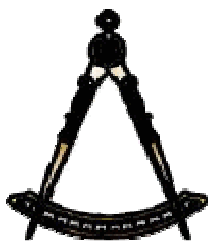
Lessons of the Scottish Degrees:

Lodge of Perfection



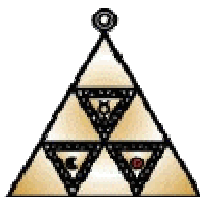
- 4th degree **Secret Master**.

The Fourth Degree emphasizes duty, fidelity, integrity, and the necessity for secrecy in all confidential relationships.



- 5th degree **Perfect Master**.

This degree teaches that trustworthiness is more precious than life and is the foundation of Masonic honor. In addition, we must pay due respect to the memory of a deceased worthy Brother.



- 6th degree **Intimate Secretary**.

This degree teaches that devotion to ones friends and zealousness in performing ones duties are rewarding virtues.



- 7th degree **Provost and Judge**.

This degree teaches us to judge righteously, without respect to person, and that one law and one custom shall apply to all. Let justice be impartial, tempered with deserved mercy.



- 8th degree **Intendant of the Building**.

This degree teaches that each new honor is meant to be a step toward perfection in the moral code.



- 9th degree **Master Elect of Nine**.

The lessons taught in this degree are that we should be careful not to be too zealous in executing justice, even in a good cause, and that we should avoid injuring or harming any person by hasty or irresponsible action.



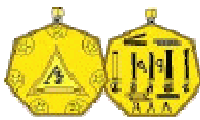
- 10th degree **Master Elect of Fifteen.**

The teachings of this degree are that ambition and jealousy can tempt men to evil deeds, that righteousness will eventually triumph over evil, and that evil doers will be punished



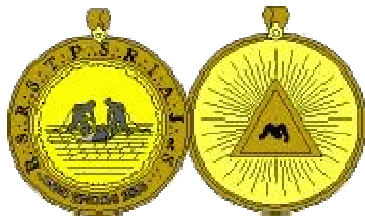
- 11th degree **Sublime Master Elected.**

This degree dwells on good citizenship. Evil doings should be punished. Honesty and respect for others should be rewarded. Be earnest, honest and sincere.



- 12th degree **Grand Master Architect.**

This degree teaches that the Mason, as he learns to use the tools and instruments of his trade and skill, also learns to contemplate the many aspects of life and deal with them as a child of God, steadily advancing to those heights of experience which we call perfection.



- 13th degree **Master of the Ninth Arch.**

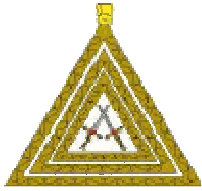
This degree teaches that difficulties and dangers, however great, should not deter the true and faithful brother from progressing onward to perfection. It teaches the great truth that the finest things in life come only as the result of constant and often painful effort



- 14th degree **Grand Elect Mason.**

In the Scottish Rite, this degree is the summit of Ancient Craft Masonry. As the crowning degree of the Lodge of Perfection, its essence is the holiness of God and reverence for His Holy Name. God will not hold him guiltless that taketh His Name in vain. Council of Princes of Jerusalem

Chapter of Rose Croix



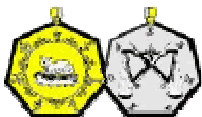
- 15th degree **Knight of the East or Sword.**

This degree teaches the important lessons of loyalty to conviction and devotion to right.



- 16th degree **Prince of Jerusalem.**

This degree teaches loyalty to truth and fidelity to duty.



- 17th degree **Knight of the East and West.**

The lessons of this degree are that loyalty to God is mans primary allegiance, and the temporal governments not founded upon God and His righteousness will inevitably fall.



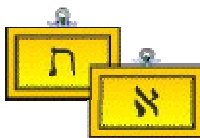
- 18th degree **Knight of the Rose Croix.**

The lessons taught in this degree are that man must have a new Temple in his heart where God is worshipped in spirit and in truth and that he must have a new law of love which all men everywhere may understand and practice. This degree affirms the broad principles of universality and tolerance.



Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal presented by the officers of the Rocky Mountain Chapter of Rose Croix.

Council of Kadosh



- 19th degree **Grand Pontiff**.

This degree proclaims the spiritual unity of all who believe in God and cherish the hope of immortality, no matter what religious leader they follow or what creed they profess. It is concerned primarily with the perennial conflict between light and darkness, good and evil, God and Satan.



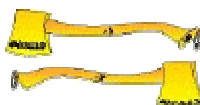
- 20th degree **Master ad Vitam**.

This degree is a drama of the American spirit confronting the challenge of disloyalty and treason. Masonic principles and leadership are subjected to a crucial test. The degree demonstrates the Masonic condemnation of all that conspire against the security of the nation and the happiness of our people.



- 21st degree **Patriarch Noachite**.

This degree teaches that Freemasonry is not a shield for evil doing and that justice is one of the chief supports of our fraternity.



- 22nd degree **Prince of Libanus**.

In this degree, the dignity of labor is demonstrated. It is no curse, but a privilege, for man to be allowed to earn his sustenance by work. Idleness, not labor, is disgraceful.



- 23rd degree **Chief of the Tabernacle**.

This degree teaches that impure thought and selfish, unworthy ambitions are corrupting and destructive, and that a man who forgets his duty to family, country, and God will be morally and spiritually destroyed



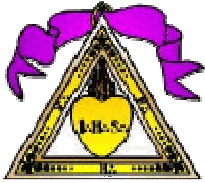
- 24th degree **Prince of the Tabernacle**.

This degree teaches that a mutual belief in one true, living God should bind men together in the service of humanity and in a worldwide brotherhood



- 25th degree **Knight of the Brazen Serpent**.

This degree teaches that there are desert stretches in every individual life in the history of every nation, with a resultant breakdown of discipline and loss of faith. This degree is a clarion call to faith-in ourselves, in each other, and in God.



- 26th degree **Prince of Mercy**.

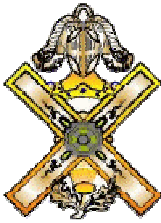
This degree teaches the quality of mercy; that it is a spirit of compassion and a tenderness of heart which dispose us to overlook injuries and to treat an offender better than he deserves.

- 27th degree **Knight of the Sun**.

This degree using the symbolism of the tools and implements of architecture teaches that by building high moral character among its adherents, Freemasonry may advance mans determined quest for the achievement of unity and good will throughout the world.

- 28th degree **Commander of the Temple**.

This degree teaches that Scottish Rite Freemasonry believes in the concept of a free church in a free state, each supreme in its own sphere, neither seeking to dominate the other, but cooperating for the common good.



- 29th degree **Knight of St Andrew**.

This degree emphasizes the Masonic teachings of equality and toleration We are reminded that no one man, no one Church, no one religion, has a monopoly of truth; that while we must be true and faithful to our own convictions, we must respect the opinions of others.



- 30th degree **Grand Elect Knight Kadosh**

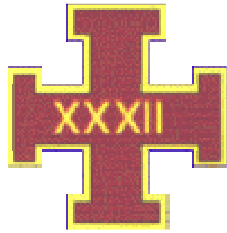
This degree sets forth the tests and ceremonies that symbolize the experiences we must undergo in the building of excellence in character.

Consistory



- 31st degree **Grand Inspector Inquisitor Commander.**

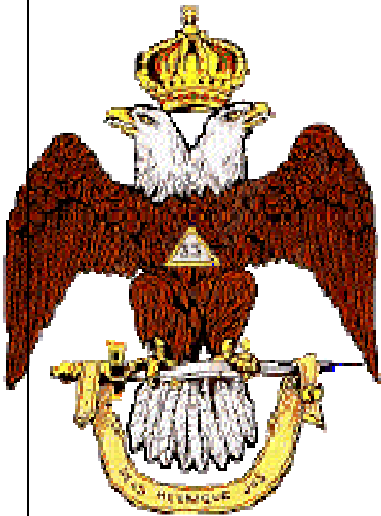
This degree teaches that we should give every man the benefit of innocence and purity of intentions. He who would judge others must first judge himself.



- 32nd degree **Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret.**

This degree describes the victory of the spiritual over the human in man and the conquest of appetites and passions by moral sense and reason. The exemplar represents every Freemason eager to serve humanity but caught between self-interest and the call of duty. Duty often requires sacrifice, sometimes the supreme sacrifice.

This is also the symbol of the 32nd degree Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret and probably the best known. The double-headed eagle was probably first accepted by Masonry, as a symbol, in the year 1758. In that year the body calling itself the Council of Emperors of the East and West was established in Paris. The double-headed eagle was in all probability adopted by this Council, which claimed a double jurisdiction; one head inclined to the East to guard any and all who might approach from that direction, the other head guarding the West for a like purpose. The Council adopted a ritual of twenty-five degrees, all of which are now contained in the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, to which eight more were added so as to make thirty-three Degrees of which our Rite is now composed.



The Eagle, as a symbol, is rooted in antiquity. According to *Albert G. Mackey* the great Masonic encyclopedist, the bird was sacred to the sun in Egypt, Greece, and Persia. To the pagans it was an emblem of Jupiter, that is, the Greek Zeus, god of moral law and order, protector of suppliants and punisher of guilt. Among the Druids, a religious order of the ancient Celts, it was a symbol of their Supreme Being. Reference is frequently made to the eagle in the Scriptures.

Among the pagans, the eagle symbolized great strength and endurance as evidenced by its keen sight, aerial prowess and resourcefulness in outwitting its prey, never wanting for its daily necessities.

Cicero, Roman Orator, Statesman and man of letters, in speaking of the myth of Ganymede -- The beautiful shepherd boy who was carried to

Olympus by Zeus in the form of an eagle to be the cupbearer of the mythical gods --states that ‘it teaches us that the truly wise, irradiated by the shining light of virtue, become more and more like God, until by wisdom they are borne aloft and soar to Him.’”

And so goes the story of the Double Headed Eagle. May its shining light of virtue guide and guard our pathway of life.



Thirty -Third Degree



The 33rd degree is conferred upon those members of the 32 degree who have been outstanding in their contributions to Freemasonry who have shown in their communities the leadership which marks them as men who exemplify in their daily lives the true meaning of the Brotherhood of man under the Fatherhood of God. It cannot be sought by application, but must be such a man as described above. He must be not less than 33 years of age, and may be elected at an Annual Meeting of the Supreme Council a Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the Thirty third and Last Degree. Such election shall be by unanimous vote of the Active Members present taken by secret ballot The degree is conferred at the Annual Meeting of the Supreme Council succeeding the election of a candidate.



Caps and their Significance

As the White Lambskin is the Badge of a Mason, so is the regulation cap the badge of a Scottish Rite Mason.



A purple cap indicates that the wearer is a 33° Sovereign Grand Inspector General and Active Member of the Supreme Council.



A white cap indicates a 33° Inspector General Honorary.



A red cap means 32° Knight Commander of the Court of Honour (KCCH).



A light blue cap means that the wearer has been a Scottish Rite Mason for fifty years or more.

A black cap indicates that the wearer has attained the 32°.

The Supreme Council has set forth a rule for the correct wearing of the cap. When wearing a cap it shall be considered to be a part of the apparel of the wearer and shall not be removed. At the presentation of the flag, the cap shall remain in place, and the members shall stand at attention with the right hand over the heart. During prayer, the cap shall remain in place and the hands and arms shall be crossed as in the 18°. The wearing of caps is considered proper at Reunions, Scottish Rite meetings, Maundy Thursday services, etc. It is improper for the cap to be worn in cafes, bus stations, on the street, or in any other public place.



Mottos of the Craft

Ordo ab Chao

Order Out of Chaos

Spes Mea in Deo Est

My Faith is in God

In Deo Fiducia Nostra

Our Trust is in God



Some Reasons why Master Masons join the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry

- To every Master Mason who is desirous of more light and a better understanding of Freemasonry, the Scottish Rite appeals, Because:
- IT offers an unsurpassed field for the study of Masonry.
- IT enlarges upon and explains and applies the symbols of Masonry.
- IT exemplifies and makes clear the truths and allegory of the Blue Lodge.
- IT presents an unequalled opportunity for the practical demonstration of the teachings of Freemasonry.
- IT gives you a fellowship in its literature, with the deepest minds and purest character of Freemasonry.
- IT allows you to participate in the glorious work of spreading the propaganda of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man.
- IT gives you a greater incentive to higher thoughts and nobler deeds, because of a greater knowledge of your responsibilities and the history of the institutions of the Scottish Rite.
- IT creates within you a greater love for chivalry; a greater respect for philosophy, and a never-ending love for your mother Lodge.
- IT enjoins on every Brother the support of the American Public School, non-partisan, non-sectarian, efficient, democratic; for all the children of the people; equal educational opportunities for all.
- IT inculcates patriotism, love of the flag, respect for law and order and undying loyalty to constitutional government.
- IT carries out the sublime principles of Masonry by cooperating in every way with the Blue Lodge, by maintaining an ever-increasing interest in Masonry.

- IT brings the Brethren from various Lodges together at frequent intervals whereby the spirit of Brotherhood and Fraternity is reflected in everyday living.
- To those who are interested in securing a broader understanding of Freemasonry and desirous of enlisting in a campaign as a militant champion of the American Public School and upholding and fostering of the American Way of Life, the Scottish Rite is an effective instrument for the promotion and maintenance of these objectives.

Colorado's Scottish Rite bodies belong to the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America. Thirty-five states and the District of Columbia belong to the Southern Jurisdiction, whose Supreme Council - our national governing body, is headquartered in Washington, D.C.

The Scottish Rite of Freemasonry was organized in the United States in 1801 and traces its lineage to Masons in 18th century France as well as to Frederick the Great of Prussia. Scottish Rite bodies are located on every continent and share the common values and goals of helping men become better individuals, husbands, fathers, and citizens of their respective countries. We do this through ritualistic instruction and the application of this instruction through various Masonic, community, and charitable activities.

As indicated by our name, the Scottish Rite is a part of the Masonic Fraternity, advancing the principles of Freemasonry through the ritualistic teachings of the 4th thru the 32nd degrees. As Freemasons and as Scottish Rite Masons, we hold the philosophical and practiced principles of brotherhood, equality, religious toleration, political freedom, and charity as important guiding principles in our lives and conduct.

The Colorado Scottish Rite bodies share a common purpose and history dating back to 1877 when the first Scottish Rite organization in the state was created in Denver. The three Colorado Consistories serve more than 5,000 Scottish Rite Masons by administering the degrees and programs of the Rite.

The Scottish Rite is based upon Blue Lodge Masonry and in this country it does not confer the first three degrees. This is recognized as the unquestioned prerogative of the Grand Lodge. The Scottish Rite confers the degrees from the fourth to the thirty-third inclusive.

Many questions raised by the Blue Lodge Masons, but left unanswered, are answered in the Scottish Rite. Largely, it bears the same relation to Craft Masonry that the University does to earlier grades in education.

At all times it recognizes the supreme authority in Masonry of the Grand Lodge and the Grand Master. It teaches that there is no rank higher than that of Master Mason, and no Masonic symbol more significant than the Master's Apron, but it elaborates and emphasizes the great principles enshrined in Craft Masonry.

When a Master Mason advances to the higher degrees of the Rite, it does not detract but adds to his interest in everything for which the Blue Lodge stands. It deepens his appreciation of it, and motivates him to more active participation in its affairs. He cannot fail to see the intimate relation between the two, and far from losing interest or diminishing his appreciation, he actually gains in both, or should. The Scottish Rite aids, supplements and reinforces the Blue Lodge in every way. As organizations these bodies are mutually dependent and strengthen each other with reciprocity.

The Scottish Rite is a rite of enlightenment. Its purpose is to spread the light of Masonic truth by revealing and explaining matters concealed or only hinted at in Craft Masonry. Knowledge is power and the Scottish Rite seeks to arm its votaries with moral and spiritual understanding.



REMEMBRANCE

~In Memoriam~

Thomas Clifford Brown, 32°	4/12/2008
Owen Franklin Childs, 32°	2/24/2008
Wex Bryson Christensen, 32° KCCH	4/14/2008
Richard Eugene Dalton, 32°	3/10/2008
Manley Irwin Gray, 32°	3/31/2008
Ralph Eugene Krause, 32°	2/14/2008
Charles Arthur Mendenhall, 32°	2/16/2008
Donlyn E. Oelschlager, 32°	2/21/2008
Donald Elwood Peterson, 32°	2/12/2008
Glen Eugene Preston, 32°	3/20/2008
Delbert Ira Reddington, 32°	2/23/2008
Jesse Carl Robinson, 32°	2/13/2008
Lawrence Ivan Schoonover, 32°	2/18/2008
Milton Edward Senti, 32°	4/09/2008
Alan Taylor Sprigg, 32°	3/29/2008
Gerald Charles Stanley, 32°	2/20/2008
Earl Seamon Stoner, 32°	3/05/2008
Stewart Glenn Swanson, 32°	3/15/2008
John Eli Thomas, 32°	3/10/2008
Owen Richard Wagner, 32°	3/20/2008
Hugh Chain Warren, 32°	3/06/2008
Leonard Weiner, 32°	4/05/2008

SCOTTISH RITE ACTIVITY



From the Secretary's Desk

by Darrell L. Tygart Sr. 33°

I have recently been put in a position to seriously consider life and all that it is about: to reflect on what it means to me personally and to all those around me; both friend and professional. What I have learned has been profound and I want to share it with you.

As I prepared to enter the New Year 2008, I had already decided that I needed to pay more attention to my health. I was facing 60 years old on my next birthday, was overweight with high blood pressure, and suffering diabetes. I have a wonderful, loving wife, terrific children and a whole parcel of grandchildren. It was time to get serious and improve my health. I signed up for a personal trainer at a new gym; saw my dietician for a good diet plan; and made the obligatory appointment with my primary care physician to put it all in place. All of them found me to be determined, driven and motivated to get back into shape. I went to work with a fierce determination.

All was proceeding well as we worked through the month of January and I was feeling stronger as well as losing a little weight each step of the way. Then I began to notice a pain in my back. It wasn't severe at first but continued to grow in both intensity and strength. I contacted my trainer and we both figured I needed to improve the "stretching" portion of my workout regimen. Still no relief so we changed the back exercises to those a little more friendly to this area of the body. Finally, the pain got bad enough that I could no longer sleep on my back in a bed and I was relegated to sleeping nights in a recliner chair; ultimately it ended up a recliner chair with copious amounts of Motrin IB and a heating pad. Still no relief.....time for the DOCTOR!

The first three weeks of February were spent with the primary care physician who initially diagnosed muscle spasms; then an emergency room doctor who diagnosed muscle spasms *again*; and finally back to the primary care physician with my admonition to him that he better not tell me I was having back spasms.

This was February 22, 2008 and I will forever remember the date for two reasons. While Angel was with our daughter at Lutheran Hospital helping to deliver our 11th grandchild, I was at the Hidden Lake Kaiser facility where my primary care physician was telling me that I had lung cancer in both lungs! My entire world, and everything that I thought about it, would never look the same to me again. I will never forget how hard the news took my wife and kids. Their world would never look the same to them again.

I will briefly describe the next few weeks as being overrun with CT Scans, MRI's, biopsies, blood test after blood test and finally to my treatment plan today. It was ultimately determined that I did not have lung cancer but rather a large cell lymphoma that was aggressive, spreading quickly, but nonetheless treatable with chemo therapy. I have been diagnosed with additional problems of low blood counts which have required blood transfusions and every new medicine brings a new set of side effects. But I am encouraged on a number of levels and that is the message I would like to share with you.

To begin with, I know this will come as no surprise to any of you but we are part of the most compassionate, charitable and loving fraternity known to this world. I have had friends and brothers who have taken the news every bit as hard as my family. I was not necessarily surprised but I was overwhelmed by the level of genuine loving support provided to me by my friends and brothers. I always knew they cared; I did not know they cared like this! My office staff has absolutely stepped up beyond any rational explanation and carried the office like nothing has interrupted any part of their

life! They have stuck up for me, protected me and “covered my 6” beyond any description I could offer to you. The Committees and Degree Council have continued to work and plan and have stepped up with all of the rest of the membership to ensure we have successful and meaningful Spring Reunion.

I am “blown away” as I sit back and watch the capacity for these people to care and function with the demonstrated level of love as they do! And then I remember some of my very own words spoken at a different time in my life. We do belong to the most beautiful fraternity in the world....but we did not join for the great philanthropies or causes professed in their obligations. ***We joined because of what we mean to each other.*** I have learned many lessons these past few weeks but none any more significant than that. ***We joined because of what we mean to each other!*** This lesson I will never forget and I love each of you for who you are and for what you represent. I love you for what you have taught me!

Activities Room Update

We have made tremendous changes in the appearance of the Activities Room / Class Room / Community Room / Music Room. The Consistory had an opportunity to acquire the collection of framed artwork depicting the apron and jewel for all of the degrees plus the same for the Knight Commander of the Court of Honour, the Thirty-



third degree, and the Grand Cross. These were advertised from the Tulsa Scottish Rite Bodies who were in the process of moving from a large building into a smaller one where they didn't have room to display them. They weren't interested in breaking

up the collection but wanted it to stay intact for the beauty and educational value. We spoke for them first so they were ours. We just had to pay for the packing and shipping of them to us. What a surprise when they arrived and were more spectacular than expected. We hope you will enjoy their beauty also.

New tables and chairs were purchased for the room through the generosity of the King Wheeler Fund. These 15 tables are narrow so more could be accommodated in the room when it is used as the



Class Room for the reunions along with 60 chairs.

You will also notice the new Scottish Rite Foundation wall of pictures. The large RiteCare logo picture, after new framing was added, formerly hung in the Audiology and Speech Pathology Department at the old Children's Hospital. New pictures were also taken of some of the kids receiving treatment.

Please stop by to admire all of these changes. We're sure you will appreciate the hard work that went into making this room a place to have your meetings and practices more enjoyable.



New life members receiving certificates.



A Secret of Masonry REVEALED!

Do you know about the versatility of our “King Wheeler Fund?” Like the Shrine Hospitals, it seems to be one of Masonry’s “best kept secrets!”

Our late Brother, King Wheeler, established the King Wheeler Fund with a sizable donation in 1990. Brother Wheeler’s charitable intentions combined with the skillful and thoughtful writing of the fund document itself make this an attractive fund to other donors. As such it has grown over the years.

The versatile King Wheeler Fund has been used for the purchase of critical devices such as hearing aids, glasses, and insulin pumps. It helps support vital community events like the 9 Health Fair. The Fund has also provided scholarships for worthy students. The King Wheeler Fund was even flexible enough to provide needed improvements to our beloved Scottish Rite Masonic Center. Best of all, the King Wheeler Fund is a 501(c)(3), charitable organization. This means all contributions are tax deductible!

If you know of a situation where the King Wheeler Fund might be of assistance, please do not hesitate to make application to us. Also, you may want to think of this fund if you are considering where to make a tax-deductible donation or if you are revising your will. To inquire about the many ways your family might benefit by donating to this fund, or to submit an application for assistance, please contact John Russell, Manager at 303-696-8885.



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*Be kinder than ever, for everyone you meet is fighting some kind of a battle....***Greg LaFavor, 33°**, and Kitty returned home from a 2 week trip thru the Panama Canal. The report is that it is very hot and humid....*the first horse-drawn street car passed down the streets of New York, in 1832....***John Sells, 32°**, KCCH is writing a book. More details to come later....**Earl Anderson, 32°** (a 50 year member) reports that his oldest son has been seriously ill, but seems to be on the road to recovery....*in 1910, the Cushman Gas engine was produced to help with chores around the house....***Darrell Tygart, 33°**, our Secretary, has been feeling well enough to attend other Masonic functions....the first Colorado Volunteer Civil War style Band, composed of some members of the Consistory, **Marvin Feldman, 33°**, **Steve Munsinger, 33°**, **Rick Frolick, 32°**, KCCH, **Kent Brandebury, 32°**, **Harry Lindstrom, 33°**, **Jack Wyatt, 32°**, **Ken Pearce, 32°**, **Mike Zeff**, **Larry Rudnicky** and vocalists, **Jim Brigman, 32°** KCCH, and **Robin Knox, 32°** KCCH will be performing at the 150th anniversary of Fort Garland, Colorado, on June 21st....**Rick Frolick, 32°** KCCH, and Linda, spent the middle of April at the reunion of his SeaBee (Construction Battalion) Company at Branson, Missouri...**Roberta**, wife of **Tony Flasco, 33°**, has been ill, at this writing is in the hospital....**Samuel Colt**, a circus performer, patented the first ratchet action locking firearm in 1835, when he was twenty years old...*you can keep track of our Secretary’s health, by going to www.caringbridge.org/visit/darrelltygart....***Matt Raia, 33°** is 3rd Vice-President of the national crime fighters organization. Consisting of local law enforcement and the FBI...The El Jebel Shrine Band played on all 3 days of the Shrine Circus in April...**Eleanor**, wife of **Harry Lindstrom, 33°**, traveled to Maryland in April, to attend their O.E.S. Grand Session, as Grand Representative from Colorado.

we need your "happenings" for this column. Your Brethren are interested. Send to the addresses listed at the start of this column.



KNIGHTS Of ST. ANDREW

by Bill Hickey, 32°

At our recent March annual meeting, the members present voted the following brothers into office for the 2008/2009 active year:

Venerable Master: Bryant Harris
Senior Warden: Greg Dominguez
Junior Warden: Mark Ralston
Secretary: Bill Hickey

As usual, many of the Knights of St. Andrew will be participating in the upcoming reunion on various committees and in many of the degrees. If you're interested in joining our group, just ask any of the brothers wearing the tartan sash (or even the tartan swatch on their nametags (emeritus members)...they'll get you in touch with the right people.

The Knights of St. Andrew are setting up a training session with the Arvada Fire Department to get people certified in CPR and AED use. Right now, we are simply asking for a level of interest. Our intent is to look at the timeframe from the middle of June to the middle of July, trying to match the availability of instructors with the number of students. Persons interested in the certification may email Bill Hickey at wahickey@earthlink.net and simply indicate their level of interest. As more details become available, Bill will provide that information via email to all concerned before a final headcount is made.

Further, we understand that KSA emeritus member and Consistory Sponsor, Burney Brandel, 32/KCCH, is planning to hold a similar session for the AEDs in the consistory at some time in the future as well.



Scottish Rite Research Society meeting

May 30th, 7:00 P.M. in the Activities Room at the Consistory. The topic will be Egyptology, specifically Zep Tepi or "The First Time". The presentation will be by Brother Russ Smith who has recently returned from Egypt. All members of the Scottish Rite are invited; you do not have to be a member of the Research Society. If you have any questions please call Brian House at 303-425-6385.

What's WRONG With MASONRY?

Nothing's wrong with Masonry. It's what's wrong with Masons.

There are many things that are part of the decline in attendance and enthusiasm of Masons for their tenets and the building of better men and making better men out of good men. They have lost sight of their goals that were theirs when they first became Master Masons.

They have accepted the negative philosophy that the end of Masonry, as we know it, is inevitable. It is very easy to do this. It is the path of least resistance. Stay home and watch television. You think that your presence is of no value in the lodge room. You won't be missed.

Brother, how wrong can you be? Did you not enjoy the fellowship that the lodge and members offer? Have you forgotten how nice it was to have a friend on the sidelines when you were raised? Did you not have goals of becoming a better man through the teachings of Masonry and making a better world for our sons and daughters?

Have you forgotten your oaths and obligations to yourselves and your Brother Masons?

Our ancient Brethren used their craft to build, not to let things deteriorate. Use our craft to build your own character, as a man of distinction, integrity and as a man who serves his fellow man.

How do we do this? First, we change our attitude. It won't be easy, but we can if we try. Second, we can set realistic goals. Third, we must proselytize Masonry to our friends and acquaintances to let them know that we are here and proud to be Masons, that our craft is respected and recognized throughout the world.

It is not only our goal, but it is our duty to serve not only our fellow man, but also to serve our Great Creator. What better way can we do this than by attending lodge meetings to share our tenets of Brotherly love, friendship and charity.

- Warren F. Lee, *The New Hampshire Freemason, Fall/Winter 1998-*



2008 Shrimp Boil

Denver Consistory

Cordially invites you, your family and guests to our annual Shrimp Boil.

Masonic Center, 1370 Grant Street, Denver, Colorado. 80203

June 7, 2008

6:00 p.m. for all you can eat, family style shrimp dinner

Kids under 12 free! Kids over 12 only \$25.00 per head

Reservations a must by June 5, 2008 to the Consistory office (303) 861-4261



FEATURE ARTICLE(S)

The Opportunity for Masons to Change the World

by Brian Pinkowski 32°

Contrary to popular media presentations, people around the world respect Americans. They think we know the right way to do just about everything. Iraqis are no different. Some may think that our government is an occupier or perhaps they don't like our government, but in the end, they think we know what we are doing.

Just this morning an Iraqi friend told me "we think this is the last chance for the government of Iraq to end the militias. If they succeed, Iraq will move to new stage or give the authority to the Americans because they know how to behave and solve everything."

The viewpoint of this 27-year-old Iraqi has been repeated to me often and suggests much that Americans should be proud of.

I worked in Iraq as a democracy and governance advisor in Anbar Province for 15 months from March 2006 to June 2007. When I started there was only me and a handful of Marines as the Anbar Provincial Reconstruction Team. My task was to act as an advisor to the Anbar Provincial Council. The Provincial Council is analogous to a state government in the U.S.

The officials on the Council were each well respected and successful leaders in their

community. However, like most elected officials, they did not fully understand the intricacies of government administration. Unlike U.S. officials, the Iraqis had no existing body of professional civil servants to implement government administration and, more importantly, no foundation in how to link government administration with the principles of a decentralized democracy.

What I discovered while working in Iraq was that neither did many of our own executive branch professionals.

I left many a council meeting in Iraq listening to U.S. Soldiers and State Department officials say such things as "All they did was argue," and "They got nothing done."

Unlike U.S. officials, the Iraqis had no existing body of professional civil servants to implement government administration and, more importantly, no foundation in how to link government administration with the principles of a decentralized democracy.

Whereas I left the same meetings thinking that things had progressed nicely. I

will not list here the number of comments, misunderstandings, and missteps I saw in Iraq that left me wondering. Suffice it to say that there were many.

Without question, these individuals were extremely well educated and very bright. Eventually it dawned on me that these U.S. officials had little experience with the practice of democracy. They graduated from U.S. schools with the standard mental image of a three legged stool to represent democracy and the general concept of voting, but without the experience of the courage and conflict that comes with the practice of a system that encourages the

competition of ideas in furtherance of the public good.

Let's face it, the Executive Branch is not a democratic institution. Moreover, growing up in the U.S. doesn't make an expert on democracy any more than breathing your entire life makes a pulmonologist.

However, I also worked with a large handful of Masons while in Iraq. In contrast, they did understand the fundamental issues involved in implementing and developing a government administration that is linked to the concepts of a decentralized democracy.

Alas, there were too few Masons involved in the democracy building efforts in Iraq – and probably elsewhere.

Masons are a self-selected group. Although we profess to make good men better, our group resonates primarily with those who have similar worldviews. It gives those of us that believe in democracy and the value of faith and brotherhood a place to be among like-minded people.

It is true that Masons are involved in many philanthropic and beneficent activities. But it is not enough.

The world is a dangerous place, full of people in need of the insights that bring Masons together. Basic concepts of brotherhood, peaceful change of power, and community survival are part and parcel of the values that bring Masons into one community. The world needs those concepts desparately.

The questions I bring to my Brothers are these:

Are we huddling together in the safety of our common interests? Or are we attempting to change the world in positive and meaningful ways?

Are we focused solely on preserving the rituals of the past, like librarians in the rare books section, or are we attempting to expand the lessons from those rituals into the future for the betterment of all society?

I am not suggesting that the world needs more Masons. I am suggesting that those things that Masons hold sacred are valued by all mankind - when given the opportunity to learn them. As seen in Iraq and elsewhere, the gap between the lifeless lessons of high school civics class and the engagement of citizens in a democratic society is large and provides many opportunities for a group that wants to help and strengthen society.

There is much to do across the world for Masons that can work away from home. It is generally agreed that there will be more “Iraq style” conflicts in the next 20 years, regardless of which political party is in office.

Crucial efforts to halt the downward spiral of civilization are also available at home by strengthening the understanding and practice of democratic principles among our own citizens. Some of those citizens will end up working around the world and will need those democratic foundations in their education.

It is up to each Mason, and each lodge to have the right answer when asked “did you do something to make the world a better place?”



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Flag Saluting

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Senator Jim Inhofe (R-OK) today praised the passage by unanimous consent of his bill (S.1877) clarifying U.S. law to allow veterans and servicemen not in uniform to salute the flag. Current law (US Code Title 4, Chapter 1) states that veterans and servicemen not in uniform should place their hand over their heart without clarifying whether they can or should salute the flag. ***“The salute is a form of honor and respect, representing pride in one’s military service”*** Senator Inhofe said.

“Veterans and service members continue representing the military service even when not in uniform. Unfortunately, current U.S. law leaves confusion as to whether veterans and service members out of uniform can or should salute the flag. My legislation will clarify this regulation, allowing veterans and servicemen alike to salute the flag, whether they are in uniform or not. I look forward to seeing those who have served saluting proudly at baseball games, parades, and formal events. I believe this is an appropriate way to honor and recognize the 25 million veterans in the United States who have served in the military and remain as role models to others citizens.”

Those who are currently serving or have served in the military have earned this right, and their recognition will be an inspiration to others.

This Bill was passed July 25, 2007



What is a Veteran?

A "Veteran" -- whether active duty, discharged, retired, or reserve -- is someone who, at one point in his life, wrote a blank check made payable to "The United States of America," for an amount of "up to, and including his life."

That is honor!

KILROY.....

This solves the mystery ~ Who the heck was KILROY??



KILROY WAS HERE! In 1946 the American Transit Association, through its radio program, "Speak to America," sponsored a nationwide contest to find the REAL Kilroy, offering a prize of a real trolley car to the person who could prove himself to be the genuine article. Almost 40 men stepped forward to make that claim, but only James Kilroy from Halifax, Massachusetts had evidence of his identity.

Kilroy was a 46-year old shipyard worker during the war. He worked as a checker at the Fore River Shipyard in Quincy. His job was to go around and check on the number of rivets completed. Riveters were on piecework and got paid by the rivet.

Kilroy would count a block of rivets and put a check mark in semi-waxed lumber chalk, so the rivets wouldn't be counted twice. When Kilroy went off duty, the riveters would erase the mark.

Later on, an off-shift inspector would come through and count the rivets a second time, resulting in double pay for the riveters.

One day Kilroy's boss called him into his office. The foreman was upset about all the wages being paid to riveters, and asked him to investigate. It was then that he realized what had been going on.

The tight spaces he had to crawl in to check the rivets didn't lend themselves to lugging around a paint can and brush, so Kilroy decided to stick with the waxy chalk. He continued to put his checkmark on each job he inspected, but added **KILROY WAS HERE** in king-

sized letters next to the check, and eventually added the sketch of the chap with the long nose peering over the fence and that became part of the Kilroy message. Once he did that, the riveters stopped trying to wipe away his marks.

Ordinarily the rivets and chalk marks would have been covered up with paint. With war on, however, ships were leaving the Quincy Yard so fast that there wasn't time to paint them.

As a result, Kilroy's inspection "trademark" was seen by thousands of servicemen who boarded the troopships the yard produced. His message apparently rang a bell with the servicemen, because they picked it up and spread it all over Europe and the South Pacific. Before the war's end, "Kilroy" had been here, there, and everywhere on the long haul to Berlin and Tokyo.

To the unfortunate troops outbound in those ships, however, he was a complete mystery; all they knew for sure was that some jerk named Kilroy had "been there first." As a joke, U.S. servicemen began placing the graffiti wherever they landed, claiming it was already there when they arrived.

Kilroy became the U.S. super-GI who had always "already been" wherever GIs went. It became a challenge to place the logo in the most unlikely places imaginable (it is said to be atop Mt. Everest, the Statue of Liberty, the underside of the Arch De Triumphe, and even scrawled in the dust on the moon.)

And as the war went on, the legend grew. Underwater demolition teams routinely sneaked ashore on Japanese-held islands in the Pacific to map the terrain for the coming invasions by U.S. troops (and thus, presumably, were the first GI's there). On one occasion, however, they reported seeing enemy troops painting over the Kilroy logo! In 1945, an outhouse was built for the exclusive use of Roosevelt! , Stalin, and Churchill at the Potsdam conference.

The first person inside was Stalin, who emerged and asked his aide (in Russian), "Who is Kilroy?" ...

To help prove his authenticity in 1946, James Kilroy brought along officials from the shipyard and some of the riveters. He won the trolley car, which he gave it to his nine children as a Christmas gift and set it up as a playhouse in the Kilroy front yard in Halifax, Massachusetts.

So now You Know!

Were You Born Before 1945?

If you were born before 1945, you are a survivor. Think about it. Just look at all the changes.

You were born before TV, penicillin, polio shots, frozen foods, Xerox machines, the "pill", radar, credit cards, laser beams, ballpoint pens, pantyhose, clothes dryers, dishwashers, electric



blankets, air conditioners, jet airliners, and before man walked on the moon.

You got married first and lived together afterward. Closets were for clothes, not for “coming out of”. “Bunnies” were rabbits, and rabbits weren’t Volkswagens.

“Fast food” was what you ate during Lent, and “outer space” was the back of a movie theater. “Made in Japan” meant junk, and the term “making out” referred to how you did on an exam. “Making love” meant kissing and necking. Pizza, McDonald’s, and instant coffee didn’t exist.

You were before house husbands, gay rights, computer dating, group therapy, and nursing homes. Before 1945, you never heard of FM radio, tape decks, electric typewriters, artificial hearts, Teflon, word processors, yogurt, and ... guys wearing earrings.

Although you were not born before the differences between the sexes were discovered, you were born before the sex ‘change’.

You made due with what you had, and you were the last generation to think that you had to be married to have a baby.

“Time sharing” meant togetherness, not sharing a computer or a condo. A “chip” meant a piece of wood. “Hardware” meant something that you got from a hardware store, and “software” was ... well, not even a word yet.

You can remember when “Five and Dime” stores actually sold things for 5¢ and 10¢. For a nickel, you could buy an ice cream cone. A bottled coke, ride a bus, make a phone call, and buy enough stamps to mail one letter and two post cards. You could buy an inexpensive but brand new car for \$600.00, but who could afford even that?

A pity, too, because gas was 11¢ a gallon.

Back then, cigarette smoking was fashionable. Grass was something you mowed, coke was a soft drink, pot was something you cooked in, rock music was a grandmother’s lullaby, and Aids were helpers in the principal’s office or local hospital.

No wonder why there’s so much confusion and such a generation gap today! Nevertheless, you have survived. You have dealt with enormous changes, and adapted to the strange surroundings of today.

C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S ! You are not necessarily old, but you are wise and strong. May the coming years be fruitful for you.

Author Unknown

Are You a Brother, Or an Acquaintance?

Do your lodge Brothers know who you are? Do they know how you’re doing, whether you’ve been sick, busy, or on vacation? Do they know what business you’re in, what you do for fun on weekends, how your family is? When you haven’t seen someone for a while, do you call or visit? If so, you are a Brother, and you have Brethren. Now find an acquaintance in your lodge and help him be a Brother too.

Or, do you need to remind people of your name or ask theirs? Are you asked what lodge you belong to? Have you forgotten a sign or password? If so, you might be seen as an acquaintance. Get out, attend meetings when you can, get involved, and be a Brother to your Brethren.

March, 2008 message of Kevin Schwebel, 32° KCCH, Personal Representative, Valley of Las Cruces, New Mexico

