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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.



Ronald A. Seale, 33° Sovereign Grand Commander Supreme Council, 33°, Washington, D.C.



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Scottish Rite Creed

"Human progress is our cause, liberty of thought our supreme wish, freedom of conscience our mission, and the guarantee of equal rights to all people everywhere our ultimate goal."



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		ENDAR onsistory Schedule		
February				
Mon - Feb 16	Stated Meet	ing 5:30 PM – Red Room Business Meeting 6:00 PM – Dinner Sirloin Beef Tips and Noodles Peas with Pearl Onions Fresh Green Salad Rolls & Butter Cherry Pie 7:00 PM – Entertainment GGARAGE AVAILABLE		
Mon - March 16	<u> </u> Stated Meetins	March 5:30 PM – Red Room Business Meeting 6:00 PM – Dinner 7:00 PM – Past Presiding Officers recognition and 5 minute oration by Centennial Lodge of Perfection Orator		
	Parking ga	RAGE AVAILABLE		
		April		
Sat – April 18	Ladies Lunch Parking ga	11:30 RAGE AVAILABLE		
Mon – April 20	Stated Meetins Parking ga	g 5:30 PM – Red Room Business Meeting 6:00 PM – Dinner 7:00 PM – Entertainment Celebration of Remembrance and Renewal RAGE AVAILABLE		
Sat - April 25	9 Health Fair	7 AM – Noon		

May			
Wed –Fri – Sat May 13 - 16	Spring Reunion – 34 th consecutive Parking Garage Available		
Mon – May 18	Stated Meeting 5:30 PM – Red Room Business Meeting 6:00 PM – Dinner 7:00 PM – Entertainment 5 minute oration by Rocky Mountain Chapter of Rose Croix Orator		
Mon May 25	Parking garage available		
Mon – May 25	Consistory closed for Memorial Day		
	June		
Thurs – Sun June 11 – 14	Scottish Rite Regional Reunion IV Long Beach, California		
Mon – June 15	Stated Meeting 5:30 PM – Red Room Business Meeting 6:00 PM – Dinner 7:00 PM – Entertainment – <u>Hawaiian Shirt Night</u> 5 minute oration by Colorado Council of Kadosh Orator		
	Parking garage available July		
Fri – July 3 Sat – July 11	Consistory closed for observance of Independence Day Committee Chairmen, Officers and Wives Picnic		
	August		
Wed – Aug 19 Fri – Aug 21	Officers Meeting 6:00 PM Shrimp Boil 6:00 PM - PARKING GARAGE AVAILABLE		
September			
Mon – Sept 7	Consistory closed for Labor Day		
Mon – Sept 21	Stated Meeting 5:30 PM – Red Room Business Meeting 6:00 PM – Dinner 7:00 PM – Entertainment – \ Scottish Rite Foundation Program 5 minute oration by Denver Consistory Minister of State Sports Team Shirt Night		
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<u>October</u>

Sun – Tues Oct 3 – 6	Supreme Council Washington DC
Sat – Oct 17	Oktoberfest at El Jebel Shrine Center 5:00 PM
Mon – Oct 19	Stated Meeting 5:30 PM – Red Room Business Meeting 6:00 PM – Dinner 7:00 PM – Entertainment – Feast of Tishri Observance PARKING GARAGE AVAILABLE
Sat – Oct 24	Honors Conferral
	November
Thurs - Fri- Sat Nov 12 - 14	Fall Reunion - 35 th consecutive Parking garage available
Mon – Nov 16	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 21	Consistory Decorating Party 9:00 AM All members, officers and wives are invited
Thurs – Fri Nov 26 & 27	Consistory closed for Thanksgiving Day
	December
Sat – Dec 5	Scottish Rite Foundation & Consistory Children's Christmas Party 10:00 AM PARKING GARAGE AVAILABLE 10:00 AM
Mon – Dec 21	Stated Meeting 5:30 PM – Red Room Business Meeting 6:00 PM – Dinner 7:00 PM – Entertainment Annual Election of Officers PARKING GARAGE AVAILABLE
Fri - Dec 25 Fri - Jan 1	Consistory closed for Christmas observance Consistory closed for New Year's observance

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REMEMBRANCE



Life is Short

They say it takes a minute to find a special person, an hour to appreciate them. a day to love them, but then an entire life to forget them.

~ In Memoriam~

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FEATURE ARTICLE



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CHANGE – A "FOUR LETTER" WORD

by Dr. Bing Johnson. 32° KCCH Adapted for the Grand Junction Scottish Rite Bodies from: Davis, R.G., *THE Philathes*, V.XLVIII, No. 2. P31, 1995

The 1995 *Philalethes* lecture by Robert G. Davis 33°, is uniquely interesting

and informative and deserves to be revisited. In a fascinating manner Bro. Davis recounts the changes in Masonic and societal history and how these changes occurred in synchrony until the 1960's. He then advances his idea as to how and why these changes diverged and how they might be brought back into alignment. Bro. Davis is also the secretary of the Guthrie, OK Scottish Rite bodies.

"Tellson's was an old fashioned place, even in 1780. It was very dark, ugly and incommodious. It was an old fashioned place, and the partners in the House were proud of its smallness, darkness and ugliness. They were even boastful of its eminence in those particulars, and were fired by an express conviction that, if it were less objectionable it would be less respectable. Tellson's wanted no light or embellishment."

"Thus it had come to pass, that Tellson's was the triumphant perfection of inconvenience. The oldest men gravely carried on the business. When they took a young man into Tellson's, they hid him somewhere till he was old. They kept him in a dark place., like cheese, until he had the full Tellson's flavor and blue mold upon him."

You may have wondered if this quotation from Charles Dickens' "*Tale of Two Cities*" was talking about a bank (which it was) or a Masonic Lodge!

Because, in many ways, it tells us about the perceptions and values of the men who ran the bank. They did not care about the needs of the general society, or the needs and convenience of their clients, or even the people who were their employees. Their only concern was to keep things from changing.

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It seems the directors at Tellson's were very much like the power structure in many Masonic Lodges today --- out of touch with their world.

The central question that I want to raise and discuss is this: What is Freemasonry in the context of how Masons and Society perceive it, and has this perception changed over time?

It is an important question because, if the fraternity's perception of itself and the public's perception of it indeed changes over time, then perhaps one of the keys to Freemasonry's survival is that it can only thrive when it moves on a path which is compatible with the perceptions and expectations of the general public. And, could it be that Freemasonry thrives when it is in a state of change.

Let's look at a bit of history in relation to this idea. If you were to ask an 19th century Mason who Masons were, he would tell you they were a great philosophic order which took simple lessons in morals and ethics as guides for personal and spiritual growth,

And if you were to ask the Man on the street who Masons were, he would say "oh they are a great secret society, perhaps the father of all such societies."

We has a match. At the turn of the century it was popular to belong to secret societies. And the great 19th century deist religious movement, along with the philosophic debates which centered around morals and ethics were the themes that excited the Victorian mind.

But, Freemasonry was around before it was popular to be a secret society. If you were to ask the 18th century Mason who Masons were he would say they were a group of men whose intellectual and creative abilities molded the basic tenets of the craft into a greater and richer source of wisdom and understanding. This period evolved from the simplistic ritual stages of the early speculative days to a system of formal lectures which have not been equaled or bettered in over 200 years.

And. As for the Man on the street, he would tell you 18th century Masonry was a social club which exacted political and social influence in many endeavors of public and private life. Certainly, in the early days of America, the assemblies had more to do with the practices and ideals of the Masonic Lodges than any other group not organized for partisan purposes.

Again, we had a match. It was popular to be involved with an organization that had a unifying language of power, that demonstrated ordered behavior, and with an overlying ideology of improvement in things moral and material. Ethics in tandem with self interest. It was a powerful idea, indeed.

But, Freemasonry was around before it was popular to belong to a formalized school of ritual. If you would ask the 17th century Mason who Masons were he would tell you "Oh, they were the merchants, traders and artisans who met for mutual protection, economic security and socializing. The Man on the street would have said they were a group of men who met in organized drinking clubs on a regular basis for the purpose of fellowship, feasting and conviviality.

Any brother who has looked into Masonry of this period can tell you that there was no regularly adopted ritual. In fact, prior to the 18th century, there is not a single reference to Masonic degrees in any Minutes in any Lodge in existence. A young man who aspired to be a Nason was simply made one. The process was not much more then the simple taking the oath, along with learning the "passes" and signs. There was no memory work, no formal instruction and little Lodge protocol. Very little was communicated in the way of moral and intellectual truths. Lectures were a matter of each brother's personal knowledge about the history of the "old charges", and symbolism of the emblems and several moral virtues. The Master would usually ask the questions and the brethren would answer them, with the candidates listening in. Candidates were simply "entered" on the rolls and the men met more for fellowship and security than for intellectual improvement.

Once again, we had a match. Membership was available, on recommendation, to all sorts of men --- all of good repute, sharing the benefits of fellowship and brotherhood together with simple entrance ceremonies and few secrets. It was hard not to be enamored by the opportunity.

Of course, Freemasonry was around before it was popular to be a social club. If you were to ask a 16th century Mason who Masons were he might tell you they were men of the operative crafts, or builders guilds, formed to provide mutual protection and job security. They were also scholars, teachers, scientists and men of knowledge, formed together to teach and bring enlightenment to the nonecclesiastical world. And the Man on the street would have noticed the guildsmen and perhaps been associated with the educational movement. It was revolutionary in its mission and reforming in its political structure.

Again, we had a match. Masonry was an organization representing the economic strengths of the culture, in tandem with men determined to bring knowledge and enlightenment to their families. Once again, Masonry was a unique and respected movement.

Let us move back to Masonry of the 20th century. If you were to ask the Mason of today who we are, he would probably tell you (if he was inclined to say anything) that Masonry is a great charitable institution --- giving away \$1.4 million each day. If we have done anything at all this century, we can say that we have taken the old traditional ideal of personal, private and Masonic charity and turned it into a major public institution of philanthropy.

But, as for the man on the street, if he was asked who Masons are, he would probably say, "I don't have the foggiest idea. Aren't they some kind of cult?"

WHOA! Wait a minute. What's happened? Isn't there a match, like we found in the other 400 years?

Of course there is --- but the public doesn't know it. And the key to our survival depends on our own understanding of the reasons why this is true.

You see, Masonry has always been in the process of change. It has always been popular and respected by the culture because it has always adapted to the expectations and social mores of the same culture. It has always added to the institution the very best of what each generation brought to it.

Freemasonry was enlightenment in the 20th century. But, it did offer mutual protection and economic security as well. And, it kept that, and added the important ingredient of sociability during the next century. It kept that, and added the

important element of philosophical and intellectual improvement during the 19th century. And it kept that, and then added its great charitable influence during this century.

So, what is wrong? Why aren't we growing instead of declining at the fastest rate in our history?

The reason is that, for the first time in our history, we have let the culture in which we live pass us by.

Now, how did this happen? I would submit to you that the dynamic began to change after WWII. For the first time we stopped thinking at a time the rest of the culture began a significant selfevaluation of everything. We became degree mills, and stopped our outside involvement.

And then, the most significant society altering event in our century occurred. It was the Viet Nam War! There was something not right about it. It could not be symbolized. People will never accept a war that they can not symbolize. In WWI, it was a "war to end all wars". People could rally around that powerful an image. In WWII, it was a war to bring democracy to the world. It was easy to endure a struggle for such a glorious cause.

But there was no clear purpose in Viet Nam. No clear threat. No resounding mission that we could create symbols around. The result was that a counter culture arose that was anti-political, antigovernment, and anti-institutional. It created the first generation gap our society has ever known. Its impact on Masonry was that our sons didn't want to follow their dads into the fraternity. And dads weren't too excited about them joining anyway, and for the wrong reasons. Dads thought their sons had lost the basic values and were not devoted enough to family, God and country to be Masons. The sons thought the older generation had forgotten the basic values, and could no longer be trusted to lead America to the loving, caring and peaceful society they wanted it to be. Both were patriotic and had the same values. But they understood and symbolized patriotism and the virtues in different ways.

The impact on Freemasonry was dramatic. A gap was created between the Masonic Worls and the America culture. We became internally focused and moved into our tiled recesses. There was no risk that the society we didn't particularly trust might somehow change us. We didn't know that it wouldn't have matter anyway because the sixties generation that we didn't trust didn't join anything. But now their sons are just beginning to enter the work place. Some surveys suggest that they are made of the right stuff and that they will join us. And we have a match for them.

The task is not to change the values of Masonry, but to find a way to communicate with this generation which symbolizes differently. It is the very thing we were always good at in the past.

We have to understand that the men who will ultimately make Masonry thrive, are not yet Masons. And we've got to meet our future brothers on their terms. Again, this is a thing which, in the past, we have always done so well. But today, we either have to think like they do, or put them in leadership positions in our place. They will not think like us. They cannot assimilate their culture around our rules. But they can symbolize their needs around our values. They have already told us their needs. We know their expectations of the organizations they will join. They want fraternity, fellowship, community attachment, charitable causes, family involvement and opportunities for leadership. Again, we have a match. The goals of Freemasonry are consistent with their goals. And when we place them in leadership positions, then, we have to let them lead.

And for the fraternity's sake, we must give them the reins to make our Lodges relevant to their culture. And then, roll up our sleeves and work right along beside them. Our role can only be one of guidance --- not of authority. We will be bringing a culture to our fraternity that does not accept vertical hierarchy as the relevant and valid system of rule.

But for this to happen, we will have to begin communicating with our world again. And, for the men entering our fraternity today, we need to build a much stronger Masonic base under them. Why? Because they lost the connection to us through their fathers. They have not lived in the same house with Masons, grew up around Lodge meetings, or picked up in their culture the intuitive goodness of Masons and Masonry. And they are likely to have heard as much bad, as good about us.

If our future brothers learn up front what Masonry has always offered men who seek self improvement, they will know far more then some life long Masons. And they will bring others to us who agree that these things are important.

We can indeed grow again if we begin to have expectations. We have to recognize that we have always survived because we knew how to make a difference in our culture.

Let us create anew our rituals of ancient significance, with respect for ideas that have borne the tests of time and with an openness to new ideas which reflect the needs of our own era.

So, which will it be --- will it be comfort, retirement and isolation from our culture which will ultimately bring a slow death; or, will it be effort, expectations, vision, cooperation and change, where change is appropriate; which will ultimately bring respect and renewal?

Freemasonry is always in the process of becoming. And the more we enable it to become, the more it will fulfill its true mission. We are temptingly close to rebirth!

"Change" is not a four letter word in my vocabulary. For the sake of our fraternity I pray that it is not in yours.

So mote it be!

Master Craftsman Program

A self-paced, in depth study program covering the Scottish Rite

Available in the Consistory office at a cost of \$45.

78 have enrolled, several already completed.



Well, another successful and enjoyable Burns Supper is now in the history books. If you missed it, the food was good, the fellowship was enjoyable, the entertainment was enjoyable, and as always the toasts were, well, another part of the ceremony for Burns Night. It was the 250th celebration of the birth of the Poet Laureate of Freemasonry. Ah, but now you have to wait until next year to participate.

We have been informed by Brother Robert Siebers of Columbine #147 that they are hosting Colorado Night on Saturday, April 18th at the Consistory (yes, I know, Shrine Circus). Dinner will be at 6:30 pm. Chris Hodapp, the author of "Freemasonry for Dummies" will be the guest speaker. I was told some time back that Chris would be willing to sign copies of the book if you already have one.

Venerable Master Bryant Harris is planning to have the annual meeting in February so we will have time to prepare for the upcoming reunion tasks that are usually on the plate.

The Knights will be working during the 9HealthFair event on 25April, and we'll be looking to the consistory membership at large to help out with that as well.

Those of you who have seen either the HIKE Choir or the Sound Waves (both are "choirs" of kids who sign to recorded songs for the impaired, hearing but also for the entertainment of those with normal hearing) perform around the state will be interested to know that Sound Waves will be performing their spring concert on Saturday, 04 April from 5pm to 7pm at Hampden Hall, 1000 Englewood Parkway, Englewood (2nd floor). Tickets will be \$5 at the door, and \$3 in All proceeds go to benefit HIKE advance. (Hearing Impaired Kids Endowment). Contact Stephanie (Sound Waves Director) at 303-307-1445 if you have questions or need to arrange advance ticket purchases.





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Be kinder than ever, for everyone you meet is fighting some kind of a battle...being young is beautiful, but being old is comfortable....Jack Wyatt, 32° has his son visiting him from Arizona....Rick Frohlick, 32°, **KCCH**, and Linda are at their annual Circus Band Camp in Sarasota, Florida. Upon completion, they will play in the Ringling Brothers Barnum and Bailey Band during a circus...no matter how much you push the envelope - it will be stationery.....At the Masonic Band Camp, during July, 2008, our then Grand Master, Jack McConnell, 33°, addressed the students. with this advice. "I ask you to continue to Drink, Swear, Steal, and Lie. - Drink every day from the loving cup of kindness. Swear that you will be a better person today than you were yesterday. Steal a little bit of time from your busy schedules to help someone less fortunate than yourself. and finally when you Lie down at night, please thank the Lord Above for those who protect your freedom and that you live in the United States of America where you can enjoy those freedoms"....a hole has been found in the nudist camp wall – the police are looking into *it*....**Wally Moffett**, **32°** and Willy missed our last cold snap going on a trip to the Carribbean....Harry Lindstrom, 33°, and Eleanor lost their son in December...I wondered why the baseball kept getting bigger---then it hit me.....D.J. Cox, 32° KCCH (our Bulletin Editor) and Sandy took a trip to the Grand Canyon, Flagstaff, Arizona, Albuquerque and Santa Fe, New Mexico....Bill Lloyd, 32°, Glen Smiley, 32°, Paul McCabe, 33°, Jerry Baker, 32° KCCH, Bill Klatil, 33°, and Gerry Teter, 33° served the Grand Lodge as members of the Credentials Committee....two silk worms had a race—they ended up in a tie....

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

we're going to need your help -Yes. of it. Last year we couldn't a LOT host the 9Health Fair because of scheduling difficulties. This year, we are again hosting the 9HealthFair at the Consistory on Saturday, 25 April 2009 from 7am to noon. It takes a lot of people to make one of these things come off successfully, and our fair is no exception.

We need non-medical volunteers as well as people with medical backgrounds. Right now, we're looking into the specific numbers and places we'll need people, but suffice to say that we'll need people to work in the parking lot, people to direct traffic flow inside the building, I'd like to see at least a couple of people qualified in First Aid, CPR and AED to be on hand in case of an emergency. We'll need people to help process paperwork, and pass out information. Typically, we need doctors and dentists for their special screenings, but one difficult of the most is areas phlebotomists (those are the people that draw blood).

If you are qualified, OR YOU KNOW WHO IS, SOMEONE please consider volunteering or asking them to help us out for volunteer to this event. We'll also need someone with a pickup to help us transport partitions from the Shrine to the Consistory and then back again.

If you can volunteer your time, we will be setting up the facility on Friday evening before the fair. Dinner will be served for volunteers that night. There will be food during the day for the volunteers, and a lunch afterward.

If you wish to volunteer, please let us know what kind of work you've done in the past or what kind you're interested in this year, and what teeshirt size you wear. We have to order tee-shirts, so we want to do our best to make sure you get the right size. We'll plan to pass out most of the teeshirts on Friday night.

To volunteer, you can email the consistory coordinator, Brother Bill Hickey, 32, at <u>wahickey@wispertel.net</u> OR you can call the consistory office and give them the same information.

Let's make this 30th year of 9Health Fairs one to remember for the consistory.



From the Secretary's Desk

Are You Involved, Committed or Watching From The Sidelines?

The old story about the ham and eggs breakfast on the farm explains that the chicken is involved, but the pig is committed. The farmer is just on the sidelines, benefiting from the efforts of others. What does this have to do with Denver Consistory? Read on.

While Masonic Lodges in the Denver area are receiving a surge of interest and petitions from a younger, more active population, your Consistory has not yet benefited with an increased number of petitions and increased attendance. As in the past, we have some committed members trying to improve membership participation through various committees and programs. We even have a large number of volunteers involved in numerous projects to expose our programs to potential petitioners. There is always a committee job for members who are motivated to contact their Lodge members and friends. We need your help with more active participation at our meetings and in our reunions.

The Channel 9 Health Fair will bring hundreds to our building on Saturday, April 25. This means another great opportunity to serve our community and increase public awareness of our facility. If you have available time that day, plan to be a part of helping us to help others improve their medical health.

During the May Reunion our Director General plans to have all twenty-nine degrees exemplified. Degree Directors are assembling their casts, filling vacant roles and scheduling practices. Support committees are enhancing their equipment and training their personnel to make this the most spectacular reunion we have ever produced. All of these areas could use more help. Would you like to be in the cast of a degree presentation? Do you have technical knowledge or skills that would be of use? Are you in good enough health to help move and set properties between degrees? Do you remember the fun and excitement of being part of a major production?

It's an exciting time to be part of the team. This is a very large team that has a place for you. It is far more rewarding to be committed or involved than to just read about all of the great things that your Consistory is causing to happen. We invite you to get off the bench.



Egyptian Influences on Masonry

by Michael D. Moore, 32°

The extent of parallelism between the innumerable hieroglyphs on the tombs and monuments of India and Egypt and the

symbols and emblems of Freemasonry...have caused very many well thinking Masons to believe in a Egyptian origin of our speculative institution of the present day. So close and numerous are these symbols and their meaning that it becomes difficult for the mind to free itself from a fixed conclusion... An Encyclopedia of Freemasonry, Albert Mackey

Many individuals through the years have associated Masonry and Egyptian Mysteries together. And the two do have a lot in common. Their pyramids are similar to equilateral triangles, beliefs in life after death, had comparable thoughts on light/the sun/ moon symbolism and a very old perspective on answers to the great mysteries of life. They also kept knowledge secret and revealed it only the initiated and those who sought it.

The 31st degree in the Scottish Rite is set in Egypt. Mozart in the *Magic flute* used Egyptian stage scenes for his musical. Many of the larger lodges have an "Egyptian Room" or a room with strong Egyptians influences, as well as the House of the Temple in Washington D.C. Moses may have been trained in the Egyptian mysteries. Cagliostro went as far as to make degrees set in this style. We know that the first monotheistic culture was the Egyptians. And they worked with stone, another subject that ties early Freemasonry and Egyptian societies together.

Columbine Masonic Lodge #147

Presents

"Colorado Night 2009" Grand Lodge of Colorado, A.F. & A.M. Honoring

The Bonfils Blood Bank

Saturday April 18, 2009

DOORS OPEN 5:00 PM, DINNER: 6:30 PM

Denver Consistory 1370 Grant St, Denver CO

Special Guest Speaker Christopher Hodapp, 32°

author of "Freemasons For Dummies", "Solomon's Builders: Freemasons, Founding Fathers, and The Secrets of Washington D.C."

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