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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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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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CALENDAR

2009 Denver Consistory Schedule

March

Mon - March 16

Stated Meeting

5:30 PM – Red Room Business Meeting

6:00 PM – Dinner

Shepherd's Pie

Ceaser Salad

Roll w/butter

German Chocolate Cake

7:00 PM – Past Presiding Officers recognition and
5 minute oration by Centennial Lodge of
Perfection Orator

PARKING GARAGE AVAILABLE

April

Sat – April 18

Ladies Lunch 11:30

PARKING GARAGE AVAILABLE

Mon – April 20

Stated Meeting

5:30 PM – Red Room Business Meeting

6:00 PM – Dinner

Lasagna

Green salad w/Italian dressing

Green beans almondine

Garlic bread

Banana Cream Pie

7:00 PM – Entertainment

Celebration of Remembrance and Renewal

PARKING GARAGE AVAILABLE

Sat - April 25

9 Health Fair

7 AM – Noon

May

Wed –Fri – Sat
May 13 - 16

Spring Reunion – 34th 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

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 – *Hawaiian Shirt Night*

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

PARKING GARAGE AVAILABLE

October

Sat – Tues
Oct 3 – 6

Supreme Council
Washington DC

Sat – Oct 3

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 - 35th 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

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



REMEMBRANCE

~In Memoriam~

BROTHER

CALLED HOME

Arthur Norman Armitage, 32°	2/16/2009
Robert Vernon Bailey, 32°	1/29/2009
Elliot Charles Bratt, 32°	1/15/2009
Ralph Kenneth Bray, 32°	1/7/2009
Almon Forrest Brunkow, 32°	1/23/2009
Earl Wilson Cain, 32°	2/13/2009
Albert Alex Crandell, 32°	1/29/2009
Raymond Grant Curd, 32°	1/13/2009
Gary Thane Davis, 32°	1/22/2009
Gordon Maynard Ewell, 32°	1/21/2009
Sidney Grazi, 32°	2/13/2009
Ralph Perry John, 32°	1/13/2009
Richard Noel Magee, 32°	1/7/2009
Stewart Walter Miller, 32°	1/15/2009
Beness M. Richards, 32°	1/19/2009
Ray Joseph Rogers, 32°	2/13/2009
Herbert Eugene Simmons, 32°	2/14/2009
Edward Blakemore Sturges, 32°	1/18/2009
Tom C. Sullens, 32°	1/9/2009
Charles Mitchell Thomas, 32°	1/9/2009
James David Vaughn, 32°	1/14/2009
Arthur Edward Welch, 32°	2/8/2009
Robert Oehm Wikoff, 32°	2/22/2009
Alfred H. Windler, 32°	2/5/2009



FEATURE ARTICLE

INSTALLATION – January 19, 2009



OUT WITH THE OLD – 2008 PRESIDING OFFICERS

Burney W. Brandel, Warren L. Glover, E. Michael Connely, Norm C. Wright

IN WITH THE NEW – 2009 PRESIDING OFFICERS

Jim Harris, Gordon Bevill, Wes Campbell, Fred Runyan



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Meet Your 2009 Presiding Officers



James H. Harris,
32° KCCH,
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Perfection

Venerable Master James Harris is a member and Past Master of Englewood Lodge #166. He was in the fall reunion class of 2001. At the Consistory, he serves on the Property Committee and is Master of Ceremonies in the 8°. He also is a member of the Finance Committee. He is a member of the York Rite Bodies serving the Grand Commandery of Colorado as their Grand Prelate. A member of the Royal Order of Scotland, Allied Masonic Degree Pikes Peak Council #156 and Kincora Council #8.

He is married to Lynne and together they have two sons and one grandchild.



Wesley L. Campbell,
32° KCCH,
Wise Master
Rocky Mountain Chapter
of Rose Croix

Became a Master Mason at Red Sea Oasis #919, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia in 1973 and the York Rite degrees along with the initiation to the Shrine in 1974 while still in Saudi Arabia. A Past Master of Arvada #130, Past High Priest, Past Thrice Illustrious Master and Past Commander of the York Rite Bodies. Holds the Knight York Cross of Honor and was awarded the T. Harvey Cox Award in 2005 and the Knights Templar Cross of Honor in 2007. Currently the President of Fitzsimons National Sojourners #37 and the Secretary/Treasurer of several organizations.

He is married to Phyllis and has 3 children, 9 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

H. Gordon Bevill,
32° KCCH,
Commander of Kadosh,
Colorado Council of
Kadosh



A member and Past Master of Union Lodge #7, East Denver #160 and Research Lodge of Colorado, along with being a Past High Priest, Past Thrice Illustrious Master, and Past Commander. A 10 year member of the 1614 Welton Street Temple Association and participates in the degree work for the Consistory.

Raised his 2 children with much help, after their mother passed away and is now engaged to be married again. Has 4 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

Fred Runyan, III,
32° KCCH,
Master Of Kadosh,
Denver Consistory



A Past Master of Revelation Lodge #180 and very active on the Properties Committee during the reunions. A member of the 30° 4th Apartment performed by a team from Revelation Lodge. A committed volunteer with the Boy Scouts of America and the Little League having received the Umpire of the Year for the Nationals in 2008 and inducted into the Little League Hall of Fame.

His wife is Linda and they have raised 3 sons and have 2 grandchildren. His son and Brother, Stephen passed away in 2007 at the age of 24.



KNIGHTS Of ST. ANDREW

by Bill Hickey, 32°

As we approach the next reunion, I'd like to take a few minutes to give you a brief history of the Knights of St. Andrew as an organization within the Scottish Rite.

Tradition informs us that the medieval Order was formed in 1314 by King Robert the Bruce of Scotland to honor sixty-three knights who, at the battle of Bannockburn, with no prior notice, appeared on the field of battle, as a mounted unit which quickly turned the tide and led to the defeat of the English. The modern Order, which currently serves many of the consistories around the country, was fashioned on the noble example of those sixty-three knights who came to the service of Scotland when she was in dire need.

Ill. Weldon J. Good, 33°, in the Valley of Tulsa, Oklahoma (also happens to be where I grew up), developed the first Chapter of the Knights of Saint Andrew in 1993 as a service organization comprised of black cap (32°) Scottish Rite Masons. Its goal is to help them become more active in the Consistory as a whole and to provide selfless dedication to and the promotion of our Masonic Fraternity within the Scottish Rite, our community, our jurisdiction, and state.

Each Chapter is attached to a Valley within the Scottish Rite and is subordinate to that Valley. Its purpose being a service organization to its mother Consistory; there is no higher governing body. Each Chapter adopts its own by-laws and determines its own membership requirements. Our chapter is open to all 32° Scottish Rite Masons who are members of, and who are in good standing within the Valley of Denver Scottish Rite bodies. Knights pledge to be active members of the Scottish Rite and to be of service to the Fraternity as her need may require. Our chapter was formed in the spring of 2003. The presiding officer at the opening of the Chapter was Sir Knight Mike McMillian, Venerable Master of Southern Colorado's Knights of Saint Andrew.

Our members are visible and active in the consistory - you will see us at stated meetings, on degree teams, in various committees associated with the reunions, and we are ready to assist as greeters, presenters, ushers or any other capacity as needed on short notice.

If you're interested in becoming a part of an active organization, please contact Brother Bill Hickey, current Secretary of the Denver Knights of St. Andrew. We'll

help you find that spot you want to work in at the consistory.



For the 9Health Fair:

Brothers:

The 30th annual 9Health Fair is almost upon us. We STILL need volunteers to staff the event here at the consistory. We could use a few amateur radio operators to assist with communications between the floors, we can use people to help give directions to the participants as to where to find things around the consistory, and of course we can use people who are AED and CPR/First Aid qualified to be around "just in case". There are plenty of other things to be done, keeping track of all the paper, making sure people know where they need to go, and even helping make sure they know where the elevator is. With any luck, we'll have a Kid's ID section there again, so if that happens, we'll need people to help guide folks to the right spot for their kids to be ID processed.

So, as you can see, there's a LOT to be done, and it can't be done without you. We can't wait until the last minute and hope to have enough people to pitch in, including the Friday evening set up. Remember, those that set up are treated to a dinner at the consistory - BUT - I MUST know you intend to come so we have as accurate a head-count for the meals as possible. Also, I'd certainly appreciate a head count for the volunteers on Saturday, 25 APR as well - we provide the 9Health Tee shirts and a lunch for the volunteers on Saturday, so again numbers are everything.

Notification of your intention sooner, rather than later, is always appreciated. If you've already volunteered, THANK YOU and we're looking forward to seeing you in April. If you haven't yet gotten around to it, don't forget to call Brother Bill Hickey, 303-494-0384 and leave a voice mail, or email to him at wahickey@wispertel.net

Thanks again, and here's to a successful 30th 9HealthFair for everyone.



From the Secretary's Desk

by Claud E. Dutro, 33°, Secretary

The February stated meeting began with a gourmet meal of sirloin beef tips with noodles and cherry pie to honor Presidents' Day. If you are not familiar with Chef Michael's magic in the kitchen, you will not fully understand when I use the word "gourmet". What a great opportunity to visit with your brothers.

The entertainment that followed in the auditorium was educational, artistic and fun. Master of Kadosh, Fred Runyon, introduced his Lodge brother, Frances Sherwood, Past Master of



Revelation Lodge No. 180, who then introduced members of his Native American family that ranged from his father to his wife and children. Frances explained the background and message of each dance. He and his father provided the background music and drum beat. The rest of the family demonstrated several Native American dances in full costume, but the two year old little girl stole the show.

Executive Secretary Vern Ingraham and Trustee Gerald Ford coordinated presentation of life

membership certificates in the Scottish Rite Foundation to two brothers. Personal Representative Doc Powell then presented certificates of completion of the Master Craftsman study program to Wayne G. Arner and Jim Turk. There are dozens of Brothers at various stages of completing this educational program, all of whom enthusiastically recommend it.

We repeat this pattern of great food, good fellowship and quality entertainment each month.



Are you committed to being a part whenever possible?

Easter Sunrise Service

The 84th consecutive Easter Sunrise Service will be conducted on April 12th at 6:25 a.m. at the El Jebel Shrine. The Knights Templar Association is working hard to have a special service. Please place this event on your calendars.



From the East'

by James H. Harris, 32° KCCH
Venerable Master, Centennial Lodge of Perfection

In January, at the installation of officers, I was very humbled and honored to be standing in the East along with my fellow presiding officers, Wes Campbell, Fred Runyan III, and Gordon Beville. I have known these brothers for years and our paths have crossed in a variety of ways in our Masonic Fraternity. In the By-Laws of the four Consistory Bodies it reads, "It shall be his (presiding officer) duty to see that the dignity and standing of Scottish Rite Freemasonry is preserved and maintained." The Centennial Lodge of Perfection, Rocky Mountain Chapter of Rose Croix, Colorado Council of Kodosh, and Denver Consistory all bear faith and allegiance to the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America."

The four Consistory bodies are part of a larger body and the Southern Jurisdiction is part of the worldwide Masonic Fraternity. As members of the Denver Consistory we are connected to the world's oldest and largest international fraternity. Masonry has been defined as a "brotherhood of man under the Fatherhood of a Supreme Being". One of the basic purposes of Masonry is to make good men even better. We place our emphasis on the individual man, strengthening his character and improving his moral and spiritual life. The three Blue Lodge degrees provide a solid foundation for the man who is raised as a Master Mason. The Scottish Rite and the York Rite enhances the Master Mason and points him to a journey in the Light moving toward the Greater Light. We are religious but not a religion. We strive to improve the lives of our members and at the same time make the world a better place through our benevolence work. I hope this year we all can spend more time getting to better know each other through our degree work, attendance at our stated meetings, attendance at our reunions, and participation in our special events and activities. I would encourage us to use our monthly dinners as a chance to get to know more about each other. Our reunions provide us with the opportunity

to view the degrees and between the degrees to visit with each other, have a cup of coffee together and share a meal together. Remember the words of Psalm 133:1-3, which tells us it is good to dwell together in unity and our time together is precious.

I also realize that many of our brothers can no longer attend our meetings and activities. If you know of such brothers, I would encourage you to call them, to visit them, and to let them know they are still part of our fraternity. We do care about them. Our Almoner and Host and Visitation Committee are always ready to help brothers and their families with special needs.

The survival and growth of our fraternity depends on us bringing more men into our midst. As we care for each other, we are called to reach out to other men. These unsettled times provide us with the opportunity to reach out to men who might be looking for what we have to offer. I firmly believe that men need meaningful relationships with other men who share common values, beliefs and who have a shared purpose

I know we are going to have a great year. Please feel free to share your ideas, suggestions and concerns with me. Let us journey together as we walk in the Light, putting our trust and our hope in our Creator. Let us remember 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."

LADIES LUNCHEON

Please mark your calendars for Saturday, April 18th for the Ladies Luncheon. We are always looking for volunteers for this significant event. Brothers, please call the office to volunteer your assistance.



*Denver
Consistory
Ladies*

by Kay Applegate

A big "Thank You" to Lula Ellsworth for sewing 30 more tote bags and

bringing them to the February meeting. We could make name tags and fill the totes with crayons, coloring books and toys that people have donated. Thank you to everyone who has brought items for the tote bags. These totes will be delivered to Children's Hospital or one of the satellite offices to be given to children in the Childhood Language Disorders Program. This program is helping an average of 1,000 children annually. The tote will be given to a child when they attend their first therapy session.

We were glad to see Mary White from Loveland also. Mary has been sending cards to our members who are in distress or are observing a special event. Please contact us if you know a Denver Consistory Lady that we should send a card to let her know we are thinking of her.

Our March meeting will be on the 16th and we will have a special program for the ladies. Please mark your calendars for Saturday, April 18th for the Ladies Luncheon. It's a busy weekend with several events including the Shrine Circus but we hope you will be able to have time to attend the luncheon. The luncheon will start at 11:30 a.m. The parking garage will be available for the event. If you need a ride, please contact the Consistory office.

Another event on April 12th is the 84th consecutive Easter Sunrise Service at the El Jebel Shrine at 6:25 a.m. The Knights Templar Association has been working hard to have a special service. Breakfast will be served in the basement following the Sunrise Service. Breakfast Tickets can be purchased at the door. We hope to see you there in your Easter bonnet!

See you at Consistory on March 16th.

MASONIC CEMENT

Provided by Bill Mitchell, 32° KCCH
from the "Texas Masonic Education Committee"

Modern construction has a long history, going back to the use of clay bricks by the Babylonians in 2900 BC and where slime and pitch were their "mortar". Some 400 years later in early Egypt the pyramids were built with a mortar of mud and clay, or of sand and clay. These mortars later were supplemented with lime or gypsum, which was somewhat soft and not durable. Subsequently the Greeks and Romans improved their mortar through the use of volcanic ash and other materials, but surprisingly, these improvements were lost and builders in the middle Ages used an inferior mortar which was subject to water degradation. It was not until the late 1700's when the more modern cements were developed and perfected.

The Romans used the term "opus caementicium" to describe masonry which resembled concrete and this material was referred to as "cementum", "cimentum", "cament", or "cement". Both the tempering, and correct mixture of the various materials, and the actual preparation were known to a select few and they closely guarded their knowledge as "secrets" of the craft. To be a "mattjon", or wall builder, was a mark of respect with its masters, apprentices, and workmen.

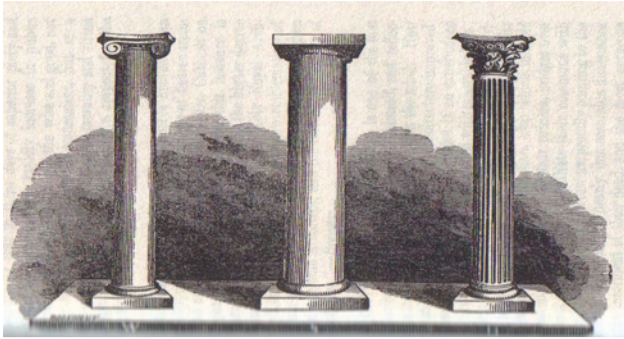
The use of cement to solidity and unite a building easily admonishes us to use the mortar of our experiences, fragments of our lives, and small interactions with each other to unite our Band of Brothers and add to the beauty of the Temple created by the Great Architect. The Entered Apprentice is charged to prepare the mortar and guard it against being "untempered", or not being mixed or prepared properly. His apron is to protect him from this mortar and points to need to restrain his passions in order to move to the next phase of his life, namely applying his knowledge to construction.

As a Fellow Craft he is to work and build. The implements of Masonry, notably the trowel, are to apply his cement and unite the various components of his life into a harmonious whole. Brotherly love and affection are the critical components which bring Masons together and a Brother must care about the conditions of his Brothers and make every effort to reach out to them at all times. The choices he makes represent his trowel in action for the betterment of himself and those about him.

And so it is, as a Master, he is charged to admonish, comfort and aid his fellow Brothers. Like a Craftsman adding the final touches to a structure or an artisan crafting the final brush strokes to a painting, he must strive to help his Brothers in completing their Temple and at the same time, complete his. Each of us is a stone in the Temple of the Great Architect and the mortar that holds that Temple together is the mortar we create

through our actions and deeds. We must strive to make that cement as true and pure as we can, for each Mason will be measured in the final days and wishes to be found upright, level and square.

Between the Columns



by Michael D. Moore, 32°

Herein lies the first installment of a new educational section in the *Rite Works* publication to enhance your Masonic knowledge and understanding. I hope this column proves to be beneficial and interesting. There are many things I want to mention in this inaugural offering.

First, the Education and Research committee is diligently working on improving the computer in our Consistory's library. You may not know it, but it is available for your use and has internet access when searching for information. For those of you who have not visited the library recently, it is a great source of information with old and new books completely filling up the shelves on all four walls, plus small units on the floor

Secondly, with the Master Craftsman Program there is a new help for you— the Supreme Temple's website (<http://www.scottishrite.org/pdfs/monitor-index.pdf>) has a pull down menu that includes an index for the *Scottish Rite Ritual and Monitor*. This twenty-eight page index can be used to find the answers or be printed off and kept for future use. Additionally, for those who need a little support or encouragement with the tests, you now have the option of joining a group that meets at the Temple and works together on the different tests. If this is something that interests you, Brother John Gay 32° KCCH, is available to provide further information.

Brother Ashley Buss, 32° KCCH, has updated our Valley website. The link is: <http://www.denverconsistory.org/books.html>. If you look at the buttons at the top of the webpage, you will notice one called **BOOKS**. Clicking on this will take you to a section that has over thirty old Masonic books

and a brief description of each. These resources are available to provide assistance in your Masonic studies. The books are from 80 to 180 years old and cover a wide variety of Masonic topics and interests. Check them out sometime. We will continue to add to these public domain titles found on the internet and make it as easy as possible for you to read and study them. The link is: <http://www.denverconsistory.org/books.html>.

For those of you who enjoy the deeper aspects of Freemasonry, Brother Tim Hogan's *The 32 Secret Paths of Solomon, A New Examination of the Qabbalah in Freemasonry* is now out and is a good read. This one hundred page paperback will add to your knowledge on this topic and has information that may not be seen anywhere else.

Finally, I want to end this column with a quiz. In a number of our degrees, there is found a ten letter word that is a prerequisite to each of the initiates and is necessary to make us perfect masons. I will give you hints to this word by what some Masonic writers wrote about this topic and an old picture too. The hints include:

Albert Mackey: *"This is an indispensable prerequisite to initiation into all ancient mysteries. No aspirant can be admitted to participate in our sacred rites until he is thoroughly cleansed from all pollution of guilt. A religious rite practiced by the ancients. Sometimes washing the hands, sometimes the whole body in consecrated water. A strong connection between ----- and initiation, in low Latin the word ... means to initiate."*

Albert Pike: *"... symbolical of the purity necessary to enable the soul to escape from its bondage in matter... Clemens of Alexandria cites a passage of Menander, who speaks of a purification by sprinkling three times with salt and water. Sulfur, resin, and the laurel also served for purification, as did air, earth, water and fire."*

Rex Hutchens in his *Bridge to Light*: *"----- is older than the Christian religion and did not start with John the Baptist. Practiced by Hindus, Chaldeans, Egyptians, Etruscans and in Greece."*



Any idea what it is? The answer will be given in the next column.

Michael Moore writes this inaugural column. Have you seen his latest book? *A View to the West* is his fourth and, in his opinion, best so far! He is a member of the Western Writers of America.

