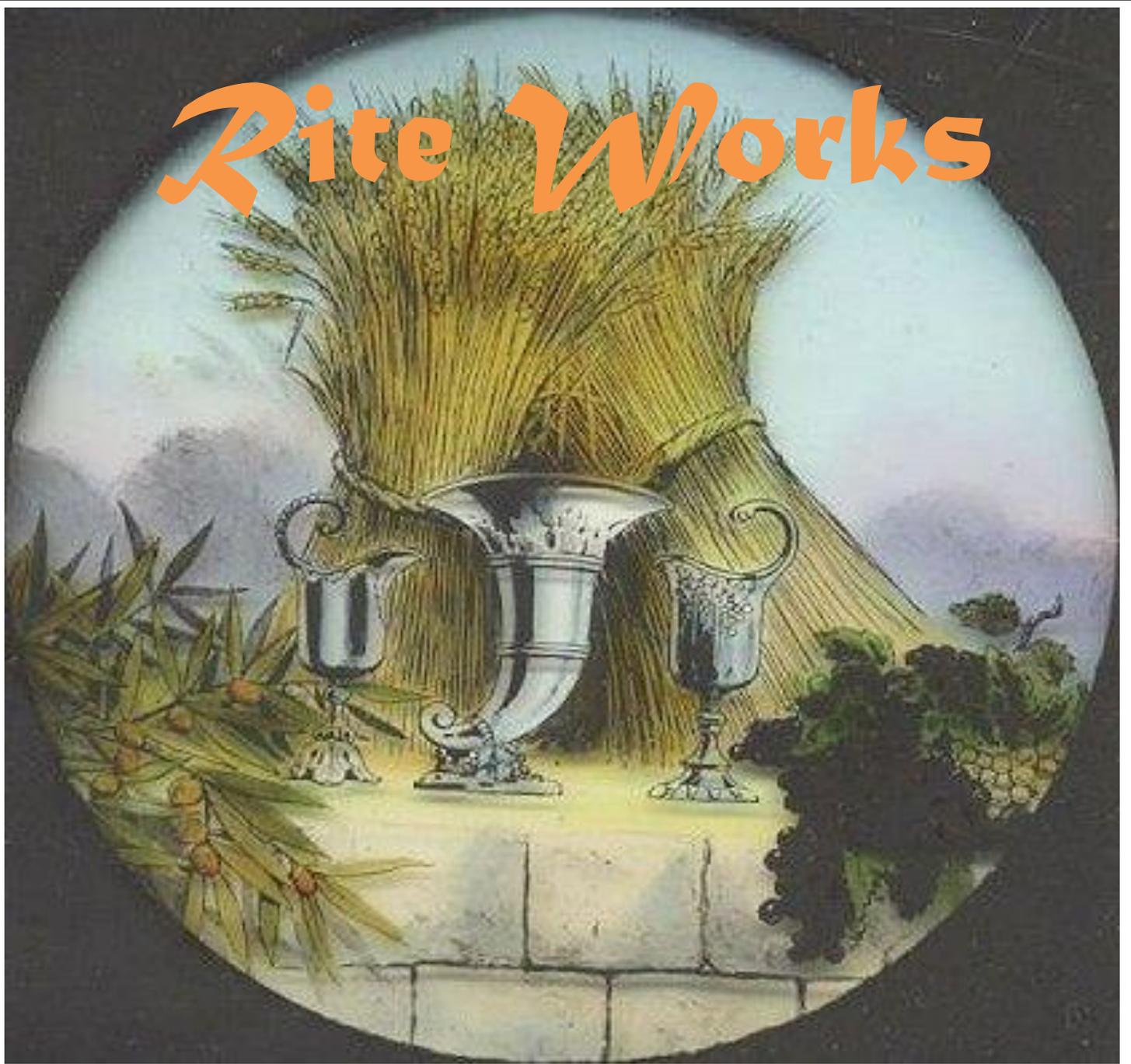


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REMEMBRANCE

live with intention.
 walk to the edge.
 listen hard.
 practice wellness.
 play with abandon.
 laugh.
 choose with no regret.
 continue to learn.
 appreciate your friends.
 do what you love.
 live as if this is all there is.

-mary anne radmacher

~In Memoriam~

<u>BROTHER</u>	<u>CALLED HOME</u>	<u>BROTHER</u>	<u>CALLED HOME</u>
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Raymond Bassett Hansen, 32°	7/21/2009	Frank Raymond Taylor, 32°	6/29/2010
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Masonic Family Funeral Services

By Michael Rowan, 32° KCCH

Masonry includes many appendant groups, bodies, "Rites," orders, and auxiliary organizations and some of them have unique ceremonies to remember their departed members. A funeral is a ceremony for celebrating, sanctifying, or remembering the life of a deceased person, whereas, a memorial service is the same type of funeral ceremony given for the deceased without the body necessarily being present. Funeral rites are as old as the human culture itself and vary widely between cultures, and between religious affiliations within cultures. In the non-denominational fraternal bodies to which we belong we are fortunate to be able to have unique rites for our respective members.

Any member can request a ceremony by advanced notice prior to death, requested by a surviving family member, or identified in the Will and Testament, or codicil, if the deceased member was a current dues paid, or life member, of his/her respective organization at the time of death. The Secretary of the body must be notified and he/she will determine the eligibility for the service. For Masons, the Secretary of the Blue Lodge must be contacted first and if eligible for funeral/memorial services then the other bodies can be contacted. In preparation a member may identify the organizations that need to be contacted prior to his/her demise. As this period is emotionally draining, the survivors may not readily have all of the information that is needed and the decedent could be deprived of these beautiful services for lack of the information. Include the contacts of the member's organizations and a personal Masonic history with important papers to aid the Secretary in preparation for the service.

Another area of preparation that a member has some control over is his/her obituary. Write a draft obituary so that the important things in life are highlighted. Include Masonic memberships, organizational names and numbers, titles and honors. Please insure that the information is spelled accurately. While our demise is not normally known, a running document that is kept current will assist those in preparing your service.

Preplanning with a funeral director and consultation about your Masonic intentions will

alleviate confusion during this stressful period. A funeral or memorial service offers recognition and respect for a member's life which was lived, loved and shared, and is an integral part of the total life cycle. The purpose of a service is to give meaning to a person's life. It is a public show of support and acknowledgment of the importance of the departed. Planning can insure that all involved will derive the best possible results from the service.

The most commonly occurring of the rites is the Masonic Funeral of the "Blue Lodge". The service is performed as an impressive yet melancholic duty and as a token of respect and fraternal affection to the memory of a departed member. For sojourners or out of state Masons usually a Memorial Lodge will perform the rites. A Memorial Roll, which contains the departed's Masonic record is prepared and read at the service and a copy provided to the widow or next of kin.

The Rocky Mountain Chapter of Rose Croix conducts the Rose Croix Funeral Service, for Southern Jurisdiction Scottish Rite members who are at least 18th Degree members. The rose is a symbol of dawn, the resurrection of light, the renewal of life, and therefore of immortality. The cross was also an ancient symbol of life. When the two symbols are united it means immortality, won through suffering and sorrow. Within the Rose Croix Degree there are Rosicrucian tenets that make up a large part of the ritual which shows the importance of suffering, death, and rebirth or regeneration in creating a new person, the "spiritual alchemy," that is symbolized by the Cross and the Rose.

The Knights Templar has its distinctive service for members; the "Funeral Service of the Orders of Knighthood of the Knights Templars" reminds us of the great truth that we are born to die. The sword hilts of the Sir Knights and the Banner of the Commandery will be suitably dressed in mourning, and the hat, sword, and if an Officer, his jewel trimmed with crape will be placed upon the casket. In the appendant bodies of the Order of the Eastern Star, the Order of Amaranth, and the Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem, where Masons can be members, they offer their ceremonies to both female and male members. The Funeral Service for the Order of the Eastern Star is designed to be used along with another religious service at the church, funeral home or gravesite. A floral five pointed star, having flowers of the appropriate color for the

several points is at the site of the service. In the Chapter the charter is draped for thirty days. The Order of Amaranth has a Memorial Service and Ceremony for Draping the Altar and a Funeral Service for she/he who now slumbers in that long unbroken sleep and is remembered as a companion. The Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem, a Christian organization, has as its purpose the following, "To do noble deeds and by acts of kindness and works of cheer make the world better and brighter to him or her who in the hour of sorrow and affliction sees nothing but darkness." The Sojourners, as the ladies are called, line up in two rows at the foot of the coffin during the service. They gather to remember the goodness and worth of the departed Sojourner and the Watchman of the Shepherd begins the service with the recitation of the 23rd Psalm. The emblem of the Order, the Star which reminds that the Bethlehem Star lead the Wise Men to the birthplace of the Savior; the Shepherd's crook, that He is ever ready to lead the Sojourners in green pastures and beside still waters; and the Cross, the symbol of the orders faith. The Latin inscription, "In Hoc Signo Spes Mea" is translated as "In this sign is my hope."

The all-women organizations, like the Daughters of the Nile and the Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America, also have their own services. The Daughters of the Nile conduct a Non-Denominational Memorial Service, where a white rose is left in a vase on a table behind the altar at the conclusion, and a Burial Service, where the officers leave a white rose on the coffin before retiring after the ceremony. The rose is a token of love and remembrance for the departed. In the Social Order of the Beauceant, the President announces the sad loss of a member during a meeting and orders that the Charter be draped for thirty days in memory of the departed Sister and before the close of the calendar year conducts an annual Memorial Service. The Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America has four non-denominational services, two of which are conducted in the Shrine's Court Room and two public ceremonies, one at the Funeral Home around the coffin and the other is at the grave site.

The Masonic youth groups each have Funeral and Memorial Services. DeMolay International conducts its Funeral service in the home, church or cemetery or as a Memorial in the Chapter Room. The Master Councilor testifies to the virtues of departed brother and request what

consolation that the other Councilors have brought to the ceremony. The Worthy Advisor and the Officers occupying the Color Stations of the International Order of Rainbow for Girls form a rainbow at the foot of the grave and toward the end of the service a miniature Lambskin Apron is placed on the casket. The Apron, a symbol of the tie that binds each one to the great Sisterhood, is buried with the mortal body. Job's Daughters International has a Memorial Service which is conducted in the Bethel and a Closing Cross Ceremony can be requested.

The common thread among these services is that they are public events, non-denominational and appropriate for all monotheistic religions. However, the Knights Templar and the Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem funeral services are specifically Christian in nature. As our Masonic teachings prepare us for that time when we go to the celestial heaven above to be with the Grand Architect of the Universe, these ceremonies bring closure to the member's earthly existence. By imploring the blessings of the Supreme Being, in whom the member believed, that transition becomes the culmination of his/her building within himself/herself a spiritual building, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Celebrate **Oktoberfest**

at Family Night

on **October 11th**

5:00 - 9:30 pm

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FEATURE ARTICLE



From Your Personal
Representative
David W. Powell, 33°

BE PROUD!

This letter from Norman L. Hoff, Jr, 33° in Alexandria, Virginia to his Personal Representative was forwarded to me from dad, Norman L. Hoff, Sr, 33° who wanted to share the enthusiasm of his son who was here for the Spring Reunion this past May. Be proud of what we are accomplishing here at Denver Consistory in the continuing education during the reunions. Find your place on a committee or a degree team and commit yourself to furthering not only your education but for those new candidates who are just learning about the Scottish Rite and all it has to offer.

Dad,

When I returned home from my visit to the Denver Consistory Reunion with you, I sent the following note to our Personal Rep who had previously asked for suggestions on how our Valley procedures might be improved. His response to my note was along the lines of "Wow" and asked me to prepare a verbal report to the membership at an upcoming meeting - I'll do that this Friday. We hope that this will help stimulate our Valley leadership, committees and general membership, resulting a fresh way of thinking about how things might be done a little better. Denver Consistory has a lot going for it and I was happy to be able to experience it firsthand.

love,

Norm

Ill. Ed,

I attended much of the Denver Consistory (they refer to themselves as the "Consistory" rather than the "Valley") Reunion last week and saw several things that I thought I'd mention for your information:

- They have in the past conferred all 29 degrees – but this time, they conferred 18 degrees (4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9&10, 14, 17, 18, 19, 22, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31 and 32) and communicated 11 degrees (11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25, and 26). The SGIG (Ill. and MW Steve Munsinger) mentioned that anyone who attended two consecutive Reunions would see all 29 degrees exemplified (I think he said that this approach was being encouraged by the Supreme Council?) Their objective is to alternate between two cast teams for each degree.
- The Colorado Grand Lodge line officers were the degree team for the 4th degree - and did an excellent job. Grand Treasurer, Secretary, and various appointed Officers were present on the sidelines.
- The 22nd Degree was presented at a Friday evening Dinner for all members, guests and families... the esoteric work and obligation was handled the next morning during a classroom instruction period.
- They dedicate three full days to the Reunion – Thursday through Saturday – and candidates make work arrangements to be there for the full time. I think that when they do all 29 degrees, they start on Wednesday evening to add a few hours.
- They have classroom instruction for each degree: they present the prolog and review lessons and symbols for each of the degrees that are exemplified, and make a more complete presentation, including obligation, for each of the communicated degrees. There is time in each classroom

session for the candidates to ask questions about the degree they just saw.

- The classroom sessions also provide general instruction in Consistory (i.e., Valley) operations – these would include each candidate introducing and saying something about himself, and providing info on general meeting schedule, special programs and wives’ activities (lots of involvement by wives), sponsored youth groups (DeMolay and Jobie), the Scottish Rite Foundation, Master Craftsman Program, Committee Functions, Reunion Team functions, etc. This was a three day training/indoctrination program with degrees and Scottish Rite/Consistory training commingled.
- There is a Class Committee of 14 members who host the class and have the responsibility of all Class support including registration, logistics (getting them from place to place), other admin, arranging for speakers for training, answering questions and taking care of any issues. Committee members are identifiable by the light blue sport jacket each wears, so if a Candidate needs help or has a question outside of the classroom, he knows of whom to ask.
- Class pictures include one picture with each candidate holding a numbered card on the back of which the candidate prints his name – this makes easy reference to get the right name by the right face for subsequent bulletin/website use.
- A digital hour/minute/second “countdown” to the next degree is projected on the screen in the auditorium. The Stage Crew and all know how much time left to be ready, and the Candidates are called for transfer at 2 minutes.
- All are connected by headsets/two-way communications and the “Assistant Director General” (the assistant to whom we call the Director of Work) is responsible for keeping all informed of prep status with broadcast cues like “places” at 3 minutes, “I’m calling the class” at 2 minutes, and most importantly, “the class is here” when they come through the door. It is at this point that the degree cast is in place, lighting is set and music begins.
- The Consistory has an organist, brass & drum band and choir, as well as a “pipes and drums” unit used primarily for the 29th

degree (the 29th degree was quite impressive).

- Stage Crew, Audio-Visual Team, Costumes Committee, Makeup committee, and perhaps others, each have unique vests, jackets, or polo shirts that mark them as members of each of those teams.
- Knights of St. Andrew wear identifying sashes and are present to assist with any and all support activities. They tell me that they are responsible during Consistory meetings for escorting members (or visiting speakers) to the East and are each trained in CPR and basic life saving techniques. They each carry flashlights in the event of a power outage and are supposed to be organized and ready to assist in any way at any time.
- Each Candidate is assigned a mentor who is typically either 1st line signer or an active SR Brother from the Candidates home Lodge – if Candidate wants someone by name, it is switched accordingly.
- An overarching “Membership Council” coordinates the activities of subordinate Committees including: “Lodge Ambassadors”, “Masonic Family Ambassadors”, “Masonic Youth Ambassadors”, and Committees for Member Retention, Mentors, Program and Speakers Bureau, Public Relations, Research & Education, and Sojourner Contacts.
- A Rose Croix Funeral Team, with Chairman for coordination/training oversight, and 11 members qualified in the ritual is available and apparently gets quite a bit of work since, in Colorado, multiple services (Lodge, SR, Knight Templar, OES, etc) are often conducted.
- They have obviously spent considerable monies on degree props, costumes, etc and it made for an impressive production. Relatively small things such as aprons and cordons on all cast members for 4th and 32nd, and others where appropriate, make a difference. The Egyptian props and costumes for the 31st degree (which I had not previously seen exemplified) were very impressive and made for a memorable degree.

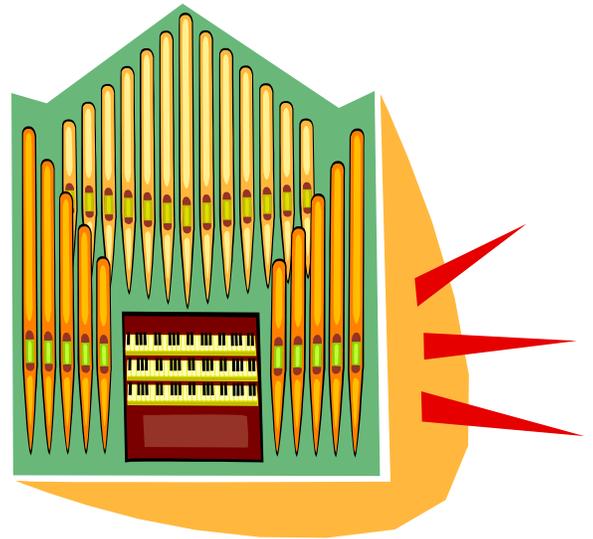
S&F,

Norm

Instructions for Life in the new Millennium

1. Take into account that great love and great achievements involve great risk.
2. When you lose, don't lose the lesson.
3. Follow the three R's: Respect for self, Respect for others, and Responsibility for all your actions.
4. Remember that not getting what you want is sometimes a wonderful stroke of luck.
5. Learn the rules so you know how to break them properly.
6. Don't let a little dispute injure a great friendship.
7. When you realize you've made a mistake, take immediate steps to correct it.
8. Spend some time alone every day.
9. Open your arms to change, but don't let go of your values.
10. Remember that silence is sometimes the best answer.
11. Live a good, honorable life. Then when you get older and think back, you'll be able to enjoy it a second time.
12. A loving atmosphere in your home is the foundation for your life.
13. In disagreements with loved ones, deal only with the current situation. Don't bring up the past.
14. Share your knowledge. It's a way to achieve immortality.
15. Be gentle with the earth.
16. Once a year, go some place you've never been before.
17. Remember that the best relationship is on in which your love for each other exceeds your need for each other.
18. Judge your success by what you had to give up in order to get it.
19. Approach love and cooking with reckless abandon.

ORGAN CRAWL OF HISTORIC DENVER ORGANS



Join History Colorado in exploring three historic Denver organs. Whether making monumental sounds on a Sunday morning, or standing silent and austere, organs bring to life the spirit of the divine and the music of some of the past's greatest composers. From Trinity United Methodist at 1820 Broadway, where the pipes number 4202, to Saint Paul Lutheran and the Scottish Rite Masonic Center, our 'organ crawl' will leave you feeling uplifted on history and the glories of sound, without a sour note to be heard. We will walk the short distance between these historic buildings so be prepared for a bit of autumn exercise!

**COST: \$25.00 - Colorado Historical
Society members
\$30.00 – Non-members**

Reservations required @ 303-866-4686



From the Secretary's Desk

by Claud E. Dutro, 33rd, Secretary

Even though we have not had a stated meeting since June 21st, your Consistory has continued to build toward a successful year during the summer:

The Director General has been busy with plans for expanding the November reunion events which will make this a unique experience for the candidates and their wives. More details will be announced as they are finalized, but you should be making contacts now to insure that your Masonic friends can be included in that class. Petitions are available on our website www.denverconsistory.org or by phoning the office at 303-861-4261.

The Scottish Rite Cathedral Association continues their push to keep our historic building in good condition with all systems working. As with any older building, repairs and replacements are a continuing fact of life. So far this year we have (1) replaced valves and thermostats in the heating/cooling system, (2) replaced the fire suppression system in the kitchen, (3) repaired the outside neon sign, (4) repaired the pavers along Grant Street, (5) installed security lights on the north side and (6) removed a swarm of bees that wanted to take up residence. Fortunately, we have some funds available through the Scottish Rite Masonic Center, a 501(c)(3) corporation where tax exempt contributions may be made to support our historic building.

The Finance Committee meets each month to review our income and expenses, making certain that we are operating close to the budget approved at the first of the year. They also monitor the performance of our investment advisors to insure that we have adequate growth in a year when the financial markets have been erratic. Long term, we must either increase our membership numbers or reduce expenses, both of which will be difficult during current economic conditions. We face a difficult challenge.

Friday lunches continue to draw visitors and members to Denver Consistory. The fried chicken entrée on the first Friday each month is the most

popular, but all lunches are buffet style (all you can eat) and are a great value at the all-inclusive, break-even price of \$10 per person. Wives, children and friends are welcome. This also provides a great opportunity to expose friends and potential candidates to our organization in a friendly, casual atmosphere. Mini-tours are often requested and provided.

The Membership Retention Committee is in the process of contacting former members who were suspended for nonpayment of dues during the past few years. The volunteers on this committee are re-establishing contact and offering an amnesty program, where the suspended member can reinstate their membership by paying the current year dues. If you know of someone who might benefit from this program, tell them to phone Claud Dutro (Secretary) at 303-861-4261 for a complete explanation.

I'm looking forward to seeing you in September, when we can catch up on what exciting things have been going on for you this summer.



Reserve your place for The Annual Shrimp Boil

August 27, 2010

@ 6:00 PM

RSVP - 303-861-4261





Fraternal Family

PICNIC

Saturday August 14

10:00am—1:00pm

at the

Eastern Star Masonic Retirement Community

Multigenerational Activities

Performance by the John Phillip Sousa Band

Complimentary BBQ

Bounce House, Cotton Candy, Dunk Tank,

Games, Sno Cones, Clowns

*If you would like to have a table to sell Fraternal Family Items
please contact me, call Pati Sawyer Boex
For questions 303-753-2160 or patis@esmrc.com*



Colorado Masonic Family Picnic

Hosted by El Jebel Shrine and Denver Consistory

Sunday, August 15, 2010 – 10am to 3pm

Food Served at 11:00am until gone!

Bring your own lawn chairs

Tony Grampas Memorial Park

W. 44th Avenue and Salvia Street (west of McIntyre on W. 44th Ave.)
Golden, Co



Menu Includes:

Roast Pork
Roast Beef
Hot Dogs
Beans and Potato Salad
Corn on the Cob, Dessert
Beer, Pop and Water



Games and Prizes for Kids of all ages:

Water Balloon Toss, Coin hunt, Three-legged race and many other surprises,
Slide, Horse rides for the kids, Bingo, Music and Prizes and **Fun, Fun, Fun!**

TICKETS:

Advanced Tickets: \$6.00 (At the Picnic: \$8.00) --- Children under 6 are free
Includes All Food and Drink

No tickets will be issued, check in at the gate. Admissions will also be sold at the picnic.
Attendees will receive a hand stamp at the admissions table upon arrival at the Park.

**Reservations and Credit Card payments can be made
by telephone to the El Jebel Shrine office at 303-455-3470**

or

Make your check payable to El Jebel Shrine and mail it to:

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Denver, Co 80212

Number of tickets @ \$6.00 each: _____ --- Number of Children under 6 _____ (Free)

Total Enclosed: \$ _____ Phone: _____

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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 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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Secretary-Recorder-Registrar



CALENDAR

2010 Denver Consistory Schedule

August

Sat - Aug 14
10:00 am

Fraternal Family Picnic
Eastern Star Masonic Retirement Community

Sun - Aug 15
10:00 am

All Masonic Picnic
Tony Grampas Memorial Park

Wed - Aug 18
6:00 PM

Officers' Midyear Planning Meeting

Fri - Aug 27
6:00 PM

Shrimp Boil - **Parking garage available**
Ladies and Guests invited

September

Mon - Sept 6

Consistory closed for Labor Day holiday observance

Mon - Sept 20

Stated Meeting - **Parking garage available** - Sports Team Shirt Night
5:30 PM Red Room Business Meeting
6:00 PM Dinner (meatloaf)
7:00 PM Scottish Rite Foundation Program



The Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit public charity dedicated to funding speech-language therapy for children in Colorado. The Foundation's Tax ID is 84-6034299.

You are welcome to contact the foundation about services or making a gift by calling 303-861-2410 or e-mailing ritecare@scottishritefoundation.org. You may write the Foundation at 1370 Grant Street, Denver, CO 80203. Visit the foundation website at www.scottishritefoundation.org.

The newly launched website for the Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado may be found at the following url:

www.scottishritefoundation.org

