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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~

BROTHER

CALLED HOME

Wilmer Faustinus Bailey, 32°	10/8/2010
Darrell Alvin Baldwin, 32°	4/7/2010
Edwin Ousley Barr, 32°	9/21/2010
Ronald James Charles, 32°	9/23/2010
Brainard Wayne Disbrow, 32°	10/2/2010
Arthur Wilbur Johnson, 32°	12/4/2006
Wallace F. Lonsinger, 32°	10/17/2010
Robert Wilmer Mc Carty, 32°	10/11/2010
James Ratcliff Nation, 32°	10/5/2010
Donuald Lee O'Dell, 32°	10/7/2010

FEATURE ARTICLE

DeMolay - The



Premier

Youth

Organization

By: A DeMolay Young Man

DeMolay is a Masonic youth organization that was made to teach youth how to be the leaders of tomorrow. DeMolay is named after the martyr Jacques DeMolay, who was killed during the Inquisition, and although he faced death at the stake, he did not betray any of his brethren and defended them to his grave. DeMolay was founded to remember that hero and to exemplify his traits, the traits of a hero. DeMolay also respects seven virtues, each represented by a candle, that represents what every DeMolay should strive to be: Reverence for Sacred Things, Patriotism, Fidelity, Cleanness, Filial Love, Courtesy, and Comradeship. As the Master Councilor of High Plains Chapter, I can assure you that our Chapter goes above and beyond in respecting and exemplifying these virtues.

As Master Councilor of my Chapter, one of the things I strive for is to differentiate us from other Chapters and other youth organizations, such as Boy Scouts. One way to do this is to make our Chapter stand out by competing in ritual tournaments and having a high attendance at events hosted by the State Line. I also strive to have fun at my meetings. For example, we have created a "Refreshments List", which rotates who brings in drinks and snacks for that meeting. By doing this, I believe we do something that Boy Scouts does not, which is to have meetings to not only complete business, but to also have fun. One aspect to DeMolay that Boy Scouts does not have is that DeMolay has social get-togethers way more often than Boy Scouts. Boy Scouts also does not have dances at all, which are

all a very fun aspect of DeMolay that members of Boy Scouts does not get.




In DeMolay, we do not just take in anyone. We look for specific qualities in the young men that we accept into our Order. We look for young men who have an outstanding moral character and a good sense of what is right and what is wrong. We also have a system in our Chapter that is unique in Colorado – we have a Little Brother, Big Brother program. In this, a new initiate will be assigned to a "veteran" who will help guide them through becoming a full time DeMolay, whether it be with ritual work, or going out for a position that they want. Through this, our Chapter encourages personal growth of both the newer members and the older members. We also strongly encourage the newer members to get into the ritual very quickly and for the older members to take lesser positions or to "back up" the higher ones. This helps to ensure that the new members feel wanted and useful, and helps keep the older members coming back because they also have the relatively important job of being a back up, which is useful if a member can not make it to one meeting because of school or a personal problem, and I am proud to say that our chapter is filling all necessary positions to open a meeting, and then some, as we have a scribe (which used to be our Chapter Chairman's job) and two Preceptors, which is probably the fullest our Chapter has ever been.

As with any youth organization, there are going to be some things that people will object to for some reason, and the most common objection to DeMolay would be that it is linked to the Masons, which everyone seems to think is some kind of evil, mysterious organization, which is not what it is at all. However, like any good organization, we learn to work around adversity and find a way to still make our organization seem appealing to people who would normally be against our organization because of the Masonic link. People just need to learn that the Masons are just an organization of people who wish to better their community through community service and volunteer work. I believe that the Masonic tie that DeMolay is actually one of its strengths, not one of its weaknesses. I believe this because it helps immensely to have an organization like that backing you up like the Masons

do. Tying this back into Boy Scouts, Boy Scouts do not really have a "parent organization" that backs them up like the way the Masons do.

Although DeMolay is already a great organization, some changes can be made, and DeMolay should not be opposed to change. I believe that we need to try and get the same kind of publicity that Boy Scouts always seems to get through the newspaper, local news, or both. If we can manage to do this, it would be a great way to create interest in the youth of our city. Another problem, at least with Colorado DeMolay is communication. In Colorado, communications has improved immensely, but it is far from perfect. Being a former Boy Scout, I can say that the communications for Boy Scouts is superb. I was never contacted about an upcoming event last second, or never at all.

Now it may seem that I am comparing DeMolay with Boy Scouts a lot, but that is only because, at least in our state, Boy Scouts seems to be in a level above DeMolay. They are getting all the members, not us; they are getting all the positive publicity, not us. In order to be the best, we must beat the best. We have to start getting that publicity and start to get out into our community and recruit those youth that are out there. DeMolay is a great organization that helps out in the community and helps young men grow mentally and emotionally into adults. And although we may not go on camp outs or learn to tie knots, we have more fun by having lock-ins, dances, social gatherings, and sporting events, which other youth organizations do not seem to have. Through hard work and in time, we will be able to become the absolute number one organization for young men.




A Celebration of the Life of Robert Burns

Saturday, January 29, 2011
Happy Hour 6:00 PM, Dinner 7:00 PM
Festivities at El Jebel Shrine Center
4625 West 50th Avenue, Denver, Colorado

Wear your fanciest Scottish apparel or other civilized clothing, photographer on-site

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to Burns*

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Brother Robert Burns



Parade of the Haggis after the Soup Course

Brought to you by the Knights of Saint Andrew, the Denver Consistory and the El Jebel Shrine Pipe Band



From the Secretary's Desk

by Claud E. Dutro, 33°, Secretary

Thanks to Personal Representative David Powell, 33°, and Finance Committee Chairman Wayne Arner, 33°, for filling in for me at the October stated meeting. Knowing that Denver Consistory has quality members who step up when asked made it easier for me to enjoy the vacation time in Washington D.C. I have to confess that I couldn't entirely get away from my Masonic connections, and took friends to both the House of the Temple and George Washington Masonic Memorial while I was there.

The Oktoberfest at El Jebel Shrine was a great success with over 190 attendees, but the participation from Denver Consistory (joint sponsor) was disappointing. I'm personally sorry that I was out of town and unable to enjoy this great family event. We are going to help sponsor Masonic family events again in 2011 because they help bring our overlapping memberships together and emphasize how much we need each other. On the calendar for 2011 with El Jebel Shrine Center are the Robert Burns Birthday Dinner on January 29, an All-Masonic picnic and the Oktoberfest on October 8. Mark your calendars now to make certain you don't miss them.

The Feast of Tishiri program at the October stated meeting was well received. I've had reports that Rabbi Benjamin Arnold's presentation was both entertaining and educational. The program being planned for the November stated meeting will be based on a patriotic theme to honor veterans, but will be material not seen in Denver Consistory before. I hope that you will be able to join us.

Petitions continue to come in so that we will have a reasonable number for the reunion that begins on November 10th. Remember that hundreds of workers spend thousands of hours to make this one of the most memorable Masonic events of our new members' lifetime. The officers will hold a special meeting at 6:00 pm on Monday, November 8 to accept any last minute petitions, so there is still time to turn in your petitions, if you hurry. If you don't make it this time, the next reunion will be May 19-21. It appears that the Southwest Regional Reunion that was scheduled for Sacramento CA beginning May 11-14 may be cancelled for lack of a host Consistory in that area. To support your needs, petitions are available on our website www.denverconsistory.org or by phoning the office at 303-861-4261.

We are a voluntary organization and count on our members (SUCH AS YOU) to provide the hours of work needed to preserve the Scottish Rite Masonic fraternity and to provide the financial support necessary to keep the doors open. Your dues and contributions help insure that future Freemasons will have access to the educational opportunities we provide to help them become stronger citizens and better men. Have you sent your 2011 dues payment?



Just My Opinion ...

by D. J. Cox, 32° KCCH

November is a wonderful month full of opportunity, reflection and strength

The month starts off with civic responsibility in the form of elections. It is the duty of every citizen who is properly registered to take part in our democracy. Voting is a powerful right and should not be taken lightly or ignored. Despite the never-ending advertisements, mail enclosures and negativism, this the time when your voice (vote) has meaning.

Next, we have the opportunity to celebrate the dedicated men and women of our armed services who decided to defend this great country. Veterans Day comes on November 11th. We are quickly losing some our greatest heroes, those veterans who served during World War II, Korea, Viet Nam, the Middle East and elsewhere around the world. These far-flung locations have seen our veterans on their shores fighting to preserve peace and democracy. They all deserve our respect, gratitude and recognition.

We close out the month with a family-centric celebration simply called Thanksgiving. I know the economy is tough. People are out of work and worried. However, look at the people in Haiti or Pakistan or Korea. They are without basic necessities; their loved ones are dying. Many of them are without hope. In this country, we enjoy basic human rights, abundance of food, good medicine, housing, sanitation, etc. Most of all, we have caring family, friends and concerned citizens. We have the most generous people on this earth. We are free to celebrate, or not, the religion of our choice; to voice our opinions without threats; and, to gather together freely to celebrate our blessings. Revel in the fact that you live in the greatest country in the world!

So, enjoy November. I know I will! Anyway, that's my opinion.



A Special Day

By Bill Hickey, 32° KCCH

November 11th is a special day in many countries around the world. At the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918 the Armistice was signed ending the "War to end all Wars." Arguably, that war was probably the most devastating to all parties in many respects. And, we now know that it really didn't end "all" the wars afterward. Originally, this day was set aside as "*Remembrance Day*" or "*Armistice Day*" depending on where you lived. Today, in the US we call it Veteran's Day to honor ALL veterans from all wars wherever and whenever they occurred.

WHAT, THEN, IS A WARRIOR?

She/he is a cop on the beat who spent six months in Saudi Arabia sweating two gallons a day making sure the armored personnel carriers didn't run out of gas.

He is the barroom loudmouth, dumber than five wooden planks, whose overgrown redneck frat-boy behavior is outweighed a hundred times in the cosmic scales by four hours of exquisite valor and courage near the 38th parallel in the 50's.

She is the nurse who fought against futility and went to sleep crying every night for two solid years in Da Nang.

He is the POW who went away one person and came back another - or didn't come back at all.

He is the Parris Island drill instructor who has never seen combat - but has saved countless lives by turning slouchy, no-account rednecks and gang members into Marines, teaching them to watch each other's backs.

He is a parade-riding Legionnaire who pins on his ribbons and medals with a prosthetic hand.

They are the three anonymous heroes in the Tomb of the Unknowns, whose very presence at Arlington National Cemetery must forever preserve the memory of ALL anonymous heroes whose valor died unrecognized with them on the battlefield, in the ocean's sunless deep, or in the boundless skies above.

He is the boatswain's mate, not much academically in school, who ties the knots and makes sure that the ship is safe for the rest of the crew.

He is that old guy bagging groceries at the supermarket - palsied now and aggravatingly slow - who helped liberate a Nazi death camp and who wishes all day long that his wife were still alive to hold him when the nightmares come.

They are ordinary and yet extraordinary human beings - persons who offered some of their life's most vital and productive years in the service of their country, and who sacrificed ambitions so others would not have to sacrifice theirs.

They are a warrior, a savior, and a sword against the forces of darkness, and nothing less than the finest and greatest testimonies on behalf of the best humanity has to offer.

So, while in that "War to end all Wars" we are probably talking about men, since that time we know that WOMEN and MEN share the title of warrior on our behalf. Remember, each time you see someone, anyone, who has served your country, just walk over or lean over and say "Thank You." That's all most people will ever need, and in most cases it will mean much more than any medals or citations they could have been or were awarded.

Two simple little words: **THANK YOU.**

It was a warrior, not a reporter, who purchased the freedom of the press for you.

It was a warrior, not a poet, who purchased the freedom of speech for you.

It was a warrior, not the clergy, who purchased the freedom of religious expression for you.

It was a warrior, not a campus organizer or rabble-rouser, who purchased the freedom to demonstrate peaceably for you.

And, it is the warrior who salutes the flag, who serves others with respect for the flag, and whose coffin is draped with that flag, who gives the protester the right to burn the flag.

THANK YOU shipmates - comrades in arms, wherever you might be, for your service to our country. May our children never know the lessons our fathers had to learn the hard way.

Membership Council Meetings Cancelled

The Membership Director and Secretary concur that the current format for the Membership Council meetings are not meeting our goals of generating involvement of the general membership and of producing petitions for the reunions.

Consequently, these meetings will be discontinued while a new program and approach are designed. The meeting scheduled for November 10 is hereby cancelled.

Talk Is Cheap

It is an observable fact that propaganda, to be effective, has to be a distance from the thing it is trying to propagandize. The closer we get to the thing that propaganda is trying to persuade us to believe, the less we will believe it.

This is by way of suggesting that "talk is cheap." For example: a teen age boy, wanting to build up his muscles was begging his father to buy him a set of weights and bar bells. "Please," he begged, "I promise I will work out on them every day. I promise." To which the father replied, "Well, I am not so sure." "Ah, come on dad. These weights are just what I need to work out and build up my body."

After a bit of verbal "arm twisting," the father consented, "Alright, but you have to promise to workout every day." Without hesitation, the son answered, "I promise. I sure will."

After paying for the equipment the father started walking to the front of the store. The father hadn't taken but a few steps when the son called out, "You mean I have to carry them by myself out to the car?"

Life can be compared to sports such as golf, baseball, basketball, tennis, etc. It really doesn't matter how good the golf clubs, basketballs, and tennis rackets are, they are never good enough unless we learn, when using them, to follow through. Athletes who win in sports, and people who are successful in life have all learned the same lesson - that to excel in anything, it isn't enough to start something, to be a winner you have to follow through.

To say it another way: "*An ounce of action is worth a pound of talk.*"

So, whether it is your participation in a degree, assistance at a Masonic or Scottish Rite or Shrine (or whatever) event, or just simply showing up to a meeting, TALKING about it only gives an indication of your INTENTION; actually doing what you talk about shows your COMMITMENT ... which we should never give or take casually.

Editor's note: This article was provided by Bill Hickey, 32° KCCH. It was originally written in 2004 by Bro. David Dyson (a participant in the international freemasonry list).



Knights of St. Andrew

by Mark W. Ralston, 32°
Venerable Master

Something New and Exciting with the Knights of St. Andrew and the Denver Consistory that I bet maybe only a few of the members even knew about. How many have heard of the Great Masonic Cook-Off? I know I hadn't until I sat down with Brother Knight Eric McBride to set the menu for the Robert Burns Dinner on October 26th. That's when Eric told us about the Cook-Off which was held at Highland Masonic Lodge on Friday October 29th, and he was representing the Knights of St. Andrews at the contest.

Eric took 3 first place awards and 2 runners up awards while representing the Knights. He also received the Best Overall Contributor Award. There were 5 groups competing in the Cook-Off, and our own SGIG Stephen Munsinger was the MC for the evening. It was a great evening for all that participated and we got treated to some great food. All the proceeds were donated to the Jobs Daughters HIKE program which is for the hearing impaired kids program. These young ladies are really dedicated to this program and really put on a great program for all that attended. I hope that next year we can do some advertising and double the attendance we had this year.

Again Congratulations to Brother Eric McBride for a great job.



Degree Schedule

November 10th – 13th, 2010

Wednesday, November 10th – at Children's Hospital

6:00 PM	Registration and Welcome
6:10 PM	Presentation by Dr. Deborah Hayes
6:20 PM	RiteCare film
6:30 PM	Tours of Clinic
7:00 PM	Dinner
7:30 PM	Prologue and Introduction to Degrees by Director General

Thursday, November 11th – at Denver Consistory

7:30 AM	Class Convenes / Class Instruction
8:00 AM	Exemplify - 4° - Jay Bobick, 33°
8:40 AM	Communicate – 5°
8:48 AM	Communicate – 6°
8:56 AM	Communicate – 7°
9:04 AM	Communicate – 8°
9:12 AM	Exemplify – 9°/10° - Randy Penn, 32° KCCH
9:50 AM	Break
10:05 AM	Class Directors / Classroom Instruction
10:25 AM	Exemplify - 11° - Warren Glover, 33°
10:45 AM	Wes Campbell and the Make-up team
10:55 AM	Class Directors / Classroom Instruction
11:05 AM	Exemplify – 12° - Bobby Juchem, 32°
11:30 AM	Class Directors / Classroom Instruction
11:40 AM	Exemplify – 13° - Neil Beaty, 32°
12:10 PM	Lunch
1:10 PM	Class Reconvenes
1:15 PM	Exemplify – 14° - Tim Hogan, 32° KCCH
2:05 PM	Secretary's Presentation
2:35 PM	Exemplify – 15° - Robin Knox, 32° KCCH
3:40 PM	Break
3:55 PM	Exemplify – 16° - Karl Koenig, 32°
4:30 PM	Communicate – 17°
4:38 PM	Class Directors / Classroom Instruction / Adjourn

Friday, November 12th

7:30 AM	Class Convenes / Class Committee Meeting
8:00 AM	Exemplify - 18° - 1 st Section – Chris Staton, 32°
8:35 AM	Class Directors / Classroom Instruction on the 18°
8:45 AM	Exemplify – 18° - 2 nd Section – Chris Staton, 32°
9:20 AM	Class Directors / Classroom Instruction on the 18°
9:30 AM	Knights of Saint Andrew
9:40 AM	Communicate – 19°
9:48 AM	Exemplify – 20° - 1 st Section - Jerald Danford, 32° KCCH
10:10 AM	Class Instruction
10:20 AM	Break
10:35 AM	Exemplify 20° - 2 nd Section – Jerald Danford, 32° KCCH
11:05 AM	Introduce Grand Master and Grand Lodge Officers Grand Master's Address
11:35 AM	Exemplify – 21° - Wayne Arner, 33°
12:10 PM	Walter Martin / Jim Preston and the Stage/Properties Committees

12:20 PM	Lunch
1:20 PM	Class Reconvenes
1:25 PM	Communicate – 22°
1:35 PM	Exemplify – 23° - Jack Harlan, 33°
1:55 PM	Don Marshall and the Audio / Visual Committee
2:05 PM	Class Directors / Classroom Instruction
2:15 PM	Break
2:30 PM	Exemplify – 24° - Aaron Klostermeyer, 32°
3:05 PM	Class Directors / Classroom Instruction
3:30 PM	Exemplify – 25° - Ricky Haskell, 32°
3:50 PM	Exemplify – 26° - Duke O’Neil, 32°
4:15 PM	Doc Powell and the Costume Committee
4:25 PM	Communicate – 27°
4:33 PM	Communicate – 28°
4:45 PM	Dinner
6:00 PM	Exemplify – 29° - Kent B Burns, 32°

Saturday, November 13th

7:30 AM	Class Convenes
8:00 AM	Class Address by SGIG and Class Picture
9:30 AM	Exemplify – 30° - 1 st apartment – Charles Johnson, 33°
9:50 AM	Exemplify – 30° - 2 nd apartment – Dan Martin, 32°
10:05 AM	Exemplify – 30° - 3 rd apartment – Jack White, 32°
10:20 AM	Break
10:35 AM	Class Directors / Classroom Instruction
10:50 AM	Exemplify – 30° - 4 th apartment – Ed Johnson, 33°
11:15 AM	Presentation of other Bodies – York Rite / Shrine / Youth Groups
11:45 AM	Lunch
12:40 PM	Class Reconvenes
12:45 PM	Exemplify – 31° - Joe Kier, 33°
1:35 PM	Marv Feldman and the Music Committee
1:45 PM	Class Directors / Classroom Instruction
1:55 PM	Exemplify – 32° - 1 st section – John Buchanan, 33°
2:45 PM	Break
2:55 PM	Class Directors / Classroom Instruction
3:10 PM	Exemplify – 32° - 2 nd section – John Buchanan, 33°
4:02 PM	Patriotic Poem – Norm Hoff
4:07 PM	Closing Ceremony

- Introduce the SGIG
- SGIG Introduces the Presiding Officers
- Show the Closing Video (Grand Commander)
- Sing Farewell

4:25 PM	Adjourn
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**A Special Appeal
from the Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado**



“Architects of Care”

A way you can help
make a difference in
the lives of children

Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado
www.scottishritefoundation.org

These are very challenging times for all of us. The Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado is no exception. This article explains the problem facing the Foundation and what it is doing in response. We ask for your help in this work that means so much for so many families in Colorado.

The Problem

- More families are seeking help than ever before. So many parents are out of work and suffering financially. Families are seeking support so that their children with communication challenges can be treated.
- The Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado is now spending principal to help these children.
- RiteCare donations are now at a near 20-year low.
- Foundation net assets have suffered a dramatic decline since 2008.
- Speech therapy budget cuts are now on the table for serious consideration.
- We don't want to do this. We need your help.

Here's What We're Doing

- In 2009 and early 2010 the Foundation's Board of Trustees made some critical financial decisions regarding our investment portfolio. Our investment posture is slowly improving, but we remain cautious in view of the many economic challenges in the short and intermediate term.
- With donations remaining at near-record lows, The Board of Trustees has authorized a fundraising campaign (Architects of Care) to help our donors and prospective donors understand the issue and what we are doing to address it.
- You can help by making a donation in our upcoming annual appeal drive which will be initiated in mid-November.

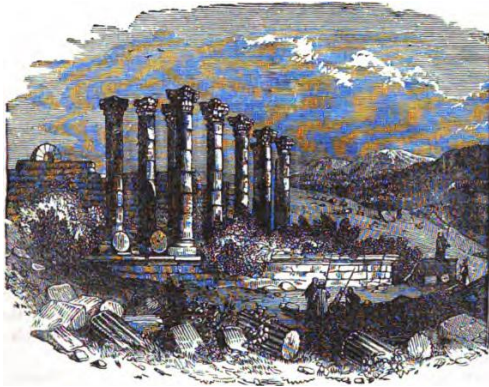
Please join with the Board of Trustees and others in supporting this important Masonic Mission of Service to Colorado's children and their families.





Between the Columns

by Michael D. Moore, 32°



Virtue is a vague term to many of us; unattainable and abstract. But that term is something we are bombarded with, not only in the Scottish Rite degrees, but in the Blue Lodge degrees too. We are given pictures of four very pretty ladies early on to view and think about that represent the four cardinal (main or major) virtues. It was not known to me, until recently that there are actually seven virtues.

According to Rex Hutchens, the four cardinal virtues are: temperance, reason/fortitude, prudence and justice. These four are originally taught to all newly made Masons in the third section of Entered Apprentice degree along with their descriptions and meanings. The three theological virtues that go with the original four are: faith, hope and charity. Brother Tim Hogan says these seven together balance out the seven deadly sins according to the church.



So, what is a virtue? Most Masonic writers shy away from a definition, but George Oliver gives one in his dictionary: *In all the ages it has been the object of Freemasonry, not only to inform the minds of its members, by instructing them in the sciences and useful arts, but to better their hearts, by enforcing the principles of religion and morality...* Webster's Encyclopedia says it is *moral excellence, goodness or righteousness.*

We as Scottish Rite Masons should always strive to have these characteristics in our lives. They not only distinguish us in the world around us, they show a progression in our lives to a higher level. See, the spiritual, philosophical man is not just a man of knowledge, or one that does good deeds (charity...); he is one that also has an inward change that works to make him be what Masonry and his Deity, expects him to be.



The initiatory process we all go through is not just done externally. Yes, we experience the 29 degrees outwardly with our senses; but along with this is an inward one that happens not as quick as we receive the various titles and ranks, but steadily and slowly. This is where the virtues come into play.

Let me encourage you to think about each of the virtues that were spoken to you and note how they are still very important to us. Whether we are a lowly 32 degrees wearing those black hats or if you have on your head a fancier colored one; the virtues and the life style that incorporates them are goals we should strive for.



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 Inspectors 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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David D. Swift, 33°
Venerable Master
Centennial Lodge of Perfection

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."*



Richard W. Mitchell, 33°
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Rocky Mountain Chapter of Rose Croix



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Master of Kadosh
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CALENDAR

2010 Denver Consistory Schedule

November

Thu - Sat Nov 11-13 7:00 AM	Fall Reunion (37 th consecutive) - Parking garage available
Mon - Nov 15	Stated Meeting - Parking garage available 5:30 PM Red Room Business Meeting 6:00 PM Dinner • <i>Turkey and all the trimmings</i> 7:00 PM Entertainment - Veterans Recognition Program
Sat - Nov 20 9:00 AM	Consistory Decorating Party - All members, officers and wives are invited
Thu - Nov 25	Consistory closed for Thanksgiving holiday observance
Fri - Nov 26	Consistory closed for Thanksgiving holiday observance

December

Sat - Dec 4 10:00 AM	SR Foundation & Consistory Children's Christmas Party Parking garage available
Mon - Dec 20	Stated Meeting - Parking garage available 5:30 PM Red Room Business Meeting 6:00 PM Dinner 7:00 PM Entertainment 7:30 PM Split Meeting- Annual Election of Officers
Thu - Dec 23	Consistory closed at noon for Christmas holiday observance
Fri - Dec 24	Consistory closed for Christmas holiday observance
Thu - Dec 30	Consistory closed at noon for New Year's holiday observance
Fri - Dec 31	Consistory closed for New Year's holiday observance

Note: all menus are listed on our web page at www.denverconsistory.org

