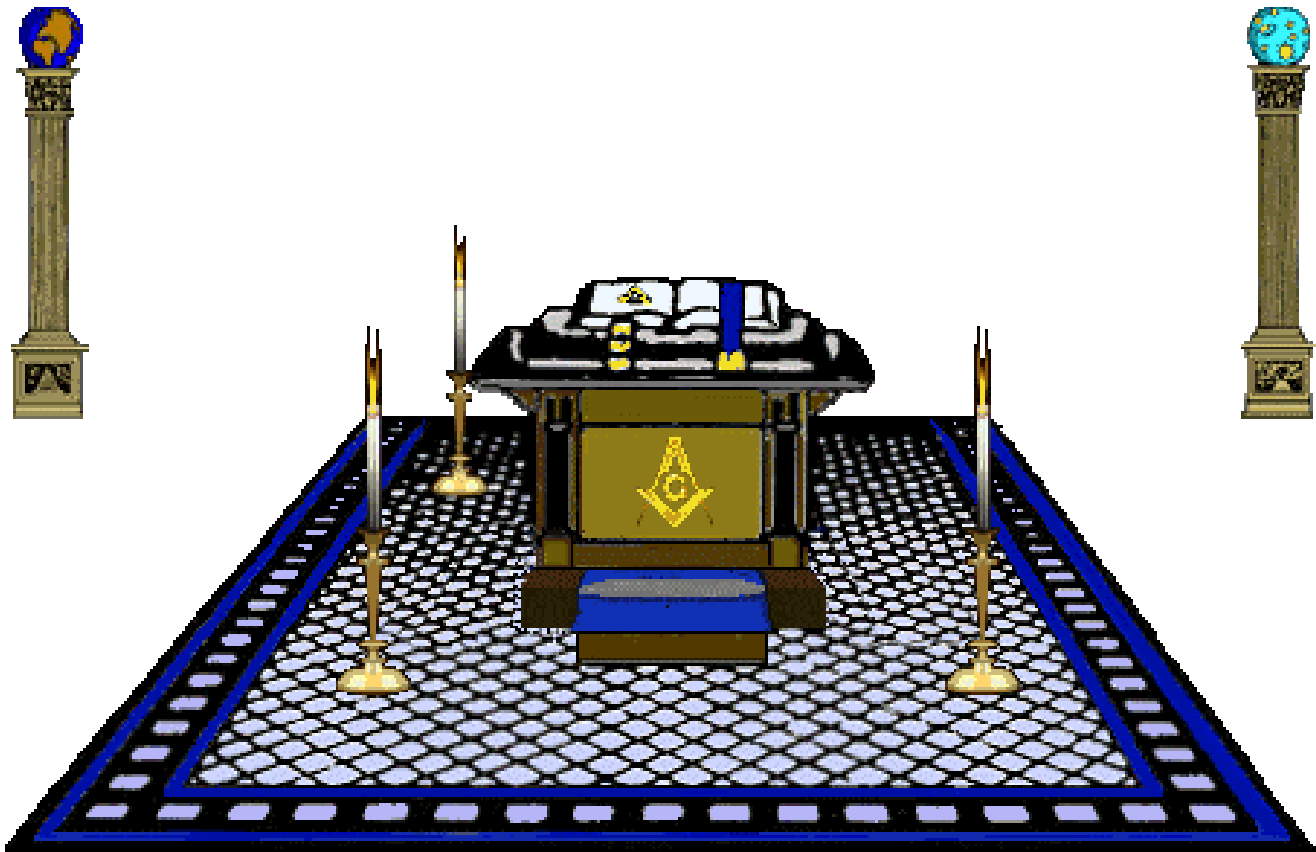


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~In Memoriam~

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Gerry Frederick Hansen, 32°	4/21/2010
Walter Lewis Huebner, 32°	8/19/2011
Donald Dale Mays, 32°	7/29/2011
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FEATURE ARTICLE

Speech-Language Scholarships Awarded for 2011 Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado

By Vern Ingraham, 33° Grand Cross

At the September meeting of Denver Consistory four graduate students will be recognized for receiving scholarships in speech-language pathology. The scholarships are awarded to second year graduate students at the University of Northern Colorado and the University of Colorado at Boulder. These are the two universities in the state which have masters' degree programs in speech-language pathology. This degree is one of the requirements leading to certification as a speech-language pathologist.

Two graduate students at the University of Colorado will each receive a \$5,000 scholarship from the Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado. This scholarship is known as the *Dwight A. Hamilton Scottish Rite Foundation Graduate Scholarship in Speech-Language Pathology*. It was first given in 2005 and since then 14 scholarships have been awarded totaling \$70,000. It is named for Illustrious and Most Worshipful Dwight A. Hamilton, 33°, former SGIG in Colorado (1994-2005) and then-President of the Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado.

Two graduate students at the University of Northern Colorado will each receive a \$5,000 scholarship from the Colorado Masons' Benevolent Fund Association. This scholarship was first given in 2003 and since then 18 scholarships have been awarded totaling \$90,000. The Association made a gift to the Foundation to support this scholarship program through 2012.

Dwight A. Hamilton Speech- Language Pathology Scholarship



Jocelyn Essler

Jocelyn Essler is a second-year graduate student at the University of Colorado at Boulder. Prior to entering graduate school, Jocelyn taught literacy intervention in a Denver Public Schools' middle school and worked with children in an Affected Needs classroom for students with behavioral and emotional needs. She discovered her passion for speech-language pathology as a result of working with students with more severe needs which usually included speech-language disorders. Upon graduation Jocelyn plans to work with children who require alternative/augmentative communication devices.

Dwight A. Hamilton Speech-Language Pathology Scholarship



Loriann Schwartz

Loriann Schwartz is a second-year graduate student at the University of Colorado at Boulder. Prior to entering graduate school, Loriann worked as a sign language interpreter for the deaf and spent seven years working for a humanitarian organization, World Vision International. Upon graduation she plans to work with deaf and hard of hearing children, Spanish speaking populations, and children with Cleft Lip/Palate.

Colorado Mason' Benevolent Fund Association Scholarship in Speech Language Pathology



Kate Finkenstaedt

Catherine (Kate) Finkenstaedt is a second-year graduate student at the University of Northern Colorado. Prior to entering graduate school she worked in several capacities in retail sales as a buyer and analyst for a major company. Kate has a keen appreciation for the difficulties rural families often face in receiving speech-language care for their children. Upon graduation she plans to work with children in rural, western Colorado.

Colorado Mason' Benevolent Fund Association Scholarship in Speech Language Pathology



Adriane Zachary

Adriane Zachary is a second year graduate student at the University of Northern Colorado. She was born and raised in Western Colorado, graduating in 2006 from Moffat County High School in Craig. She developed an interest in speech-language pathology during her senior year after shadowing a speech-language pathologist working with children in Craig. Upon graduation she plans to serve children in both medical and educational settings and eventually would like to open a non-profit speech and hearing clinic in a rural setting in Colorado.



BURN OUT

by Bill Hickey, 32° KCCH

Last month, you will recall I discussed “commitment” and what it really meant. This month, we’ll turn to a related topic – BURN OUT. Burn out isn’t restricted to work-related situations or even high stress environments. You can experience burnout even in volunteer organizations such as ours.

It is not at all uncommon for our members to participate in MANY Masonic-related bodies. Sometimes, in that youthful (not necessarily in age, but rather in experience) exuberance on becoming a Master Mason, a man joins a number of appendant/concordant organizations and suddenly finds himself going to a meeting of some sort every evening, and sometimes on many weekends as well.

Aside from the commonplace phenomenon we term “Masonic Widows” (or “Masonic Orphans”), this can often lead to “Masonic Burnout” – in other words, we have OVERCOMMITTED ourselves to the fraternity and its related bodies beyond our ability to sustain that commitment.

When most people think of “burnout” – they often use the words “stressed-out.” But, stress and burnout are completely different and distinct processes. STRESS is associated with over-engagement, while burnout is more associated with DIS-engagement (think: members not coming back), blunted emotions (just not being as enthusiastic as you once were), depression (feeling like you’re not accomplishing what you expected), exhaustion (affects motivation and drive) and demoralization (which inevitably leads to your members finding excuses not to attend and participate). Where stress usually produces a sense of urgency and hyperactivity (pressure, or the fight/flight syndrome), burnout is more associated with a sense that you’ve lost control of some essential element of your life (your time).

In some respects, your Masonic activities can be used to offset WORK-RELATED burnout or even stress – in other words, they offer you the opportunity to relax, recharge your batteries, associate with friends, and get a sense of accomplishment and fulfillment that might be missing at work. However, if you have TOO MANY leisure-time activities (Masonic or not), then you are faced with this sense of confusion as to how to prioritize your time and focus. Sometimes, we lose track of the most important people in our lives – our families. And, while it is nice to have family members participate with you at some of your events, remember they too have

lives with perhaps different priorities they need to satisfy.

When you find yourself always engaged in “doing something” (over-scheduling), it’s extremely difficult to step back, take a deep breath, and look at the big picture of your life and how you’re really dividing your time (remember our 24 inch gauge?) Simply put, you can NOT put 25 or more hours of effort into a 24 hour day, no matter how efficient or effective you are. If you’re single, it’s a relatively simple matter to reschedule your life around your personal priorities. When you have a family to consider, suddenly that activity takes on a whole new and much more complicated perspective.

In order to avoid burnout, you need to do more than simply retreat from your commitments. After all, you did make them for some good reason. But, you may not be able to engage yourself at the level you would like for some of them. So, PRIORITIZE your commitments – and your interests. Somewhere, somehow, you have to decide which of your leisure time pursuits are more important to you, your health, and your family than others. It doesn’t mean you have to completely disengage from any of them, but it does mean that you have to decide to favor one, two, or maybe three activities over all the others.

Remember, you have an obligation to your God, to your family, to your country, to your profession, and THEN – if there is time – you have your obligation to the craft. At least, that’s the way it was explained to me when I became a Master Mason in Scotland all those years ago.

POINTS TO PONDER

Everyone thinks of changing the world,
but no one thinks of changing himself.
-Leo Tolstoy

When we seek money, or a good
relationship, or a great job, what we
are really seeking is happiness. The
mistake we make is not going for
happiness first. If we did, everything
else would follow.
-Deepak Chopra, physician & writer

Do not wish to be anything but what
you are, and try to be that perfectly.
-St. Francis De Sales

The learner always begins by finding
fault, but the scholar sees the
positive merit in everything.
-Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel, 1770 - 1831

Some age, others mature.
-Sean Connery



From the Secretary's Desk

by Claud E. Dutro, 33°, Secretary

As we resume work after the summer break, we need to re-emphasize the importance of having firm reservations for meals. All meals for members and guests are quality food prepared by a professional chef and are provided at cost. With the tight budget we cannot afford to pay the caterer for uneaten meals and will return to the policy of requiring payment from those who make reservations and then do not attend.

Brother to Brother telephone contact got off on a great start on Saturday morning, July 23. Fourteen members volunteered to begin phoning members who have not participated in Consistory activities in the recent past. It was a most rewarding experience for both those making the calls and those receiving the calls. In two hours we processed 268 records (9% of the membership). All agreed this was a worthwhile effort and needs to be continued. Our next session will be on Saturday morning, September 17.



A Purple Heart Award Ceremony was held Wednesday, August 5 at American Legion Post #1 honoring Major Scott Weakley, USA (Ret).

Scott was a member of our November 2010 reunion class and is a new member of the Consistory Band. Illustrious Brothers Steve Munsinger and Marvin Feldman were among those who attended to congratulate Scott on receiving this long overdue award.

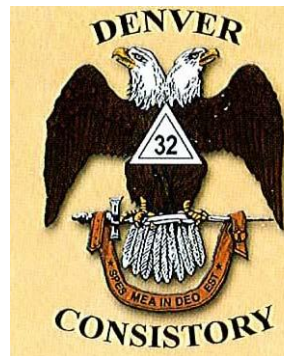
The Shrimp Boil was a success thanks to the promotional efforts of Alex McIntosh, 32° KCCH and Jack Burns, 32° KCCH. The food was fantastic, this year was buffet style and the cleanup was quick with the officers that were present all pitching in.

Next Stated Meeting is September 19. Don't forget to dress casual and wear your favorite

sports team shirt. Chicken Cacciatore will be the dinner entree. Don't forget to make reservations. The program will be educational, with the Scottish Rite Foundation's annual report and the Scottish Rite Masonic Center's update on the progress of the fundraising program and building repairs. These are both important programs that many Masons and non-Masons inquire about. Come build your knowledge so you can answer questions correctly.

The Biennial Session of the Supreme Council was held in Washington, D.C. from August 20 through August 24, at which time the Supreme Council coroneted newly elected Honorary Inspector Generals (33° - white hat). Our member Michael Severe, Illustrious Potentate for the Imperial Shrine, was the exemplar candidate, with members Steve Jaouen and Steve Hubbard also in the class. I'm not certain there was a connection, but Washington was pretty well shaken up while we were preparing for the ceremony.

The Feast of Tishri program at the October meeting will be unique thanks to the efforts of Wayne Arner, 33°, who obtained the script for a program that was last presented many years ago at Rocky Mountain Consistory. The officers of Centennial Lodge of Perfection will present this five tableau ceremony to observe the "Feast of Tishri" and commemorate the dedication of King Solomon's Temple. This significant ceremony will have a large cast in costume and music and has not been presented for some time. Please join us and bring your wives and prospects to the "Feast Day of the Lodge of Perfection", and see and hear this old and different version. It should be enjoyable and informative for all.



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."



Between the Columns

by Michael D. Moore, 32°



A Christian headstone with Egyptian writings on the bottom of it.

The Universal Cross

I think we humans are hardwired to experience this symbol like no other. We see it all through the ages in many forms, used in many religions and cultures and I am sure it will continue to be this way in earth's future. The cross is so simple, but with so much to teach us.

As Scottish Rite Masons, we are instructed in the 18th degree not to connect the cross to a purely Christian ideal. And that is right. Albert Mackey says this symbol can be seen in monuments of Egyptian, Assyrian, Persian and Hindustan. And was a pagan symbol long before gaining veneration in Christendom. A number of early Masonic manuscripts left out any mentions of the cross all together, to help keep the ritual in line with the "universal religion of mankind" and not to have it in conflict with any form of religion. But crosses were inserted later on when much of the ritual was Christianized. It should be noted that no matter what form you see it in, almost all associate it with eternal life.

Albert Mackey describes 10 different crosses in his encyclopedia. Coil's *Encyclopedia* has a good set of notes on this topic. He notes 79 varieties in the

Encyclopedia Britannica, but references only 13 basic ones in his work.

It may surprise many of our members to realize that the good shepherd way of holding our hands during prayer is actually a cross when done correctly, so is the sign of the 18th degree when done between two members.

The cross can be seen in countless ways, here are just a few:

- Tattooed crosses were found on the Ice Man's body (which is the oldest intact human body we know of).
- Constantine when he saw the cross in the sky, actually saw a Labarum (the first two Greek letters of the name of Christ – Chi & Rho or X & P), not a cross that we normally associate with Christianity.
- It is seen in the layout of the floor of many churches.
- The Druids when looking for an oak tree to be used in their rituals sought an upright main trunk with two arms in the form of a horizontal line. If they could not find one close to this, they fastened a beam across the limbs. It was such a tree that became their summer cathedral.
- The shape of this symbol also relates to the four cardinal points, the four directions (like in Native American cultures), the four winds and the four spirits of the earth.
- Rex Hutchens says the cross represents the four male Emanations.



A Knight Templar's coffin (Which has a cross with an X overlaid on the top of it besides the two on each end.)

- Albert Pike says the cross is an unmistakable and eloquent symbol of humility, patience and self denial.
- The knights of the middle ages wore red Teutonic crosses on their garments and many claim we are successors of them.
- The cross was a sign of the Persian deity Mithra, which represented “light”.
- It was also a symbol of the medieval alchemists.
- Represented infinity by its outstretched arms.
- The combination of the parallel lines with a circle in the center maybe another version of it (overlay one horizontally and one vertically with the area where they meet to have the circle on it, which makes it a pretty recognizable version of a cross we see from time to time).

Yes, the cross is truly magical in design. I will leave it up to you to notice this symbol in your reading and viewing of everyday life. It will continually surprise you where it will appear.

For those who like to look at old Reunion Class pictures – about 60+ are on display in the 3rd floor game room (where the pool tables are). Just a small sample of what we have in the archives!



Just My Opinion ...

by D. J. Cox, 33rd Elect

As I read Bill Hickey’s last two (2) articles dealing with commitment and burn out, I had occasion to ponder a broader issue --- *personal responsibility*. I wonder if anyone really thinks about this anymore.

For example, WHY did I want to join the Scottish Rite? WHAT did I expect to gain from that entity? WHAT was I going to give back? HOW would my expectations be met? WHO would I be dealing with? WHERE was this relationship going to take me? WHEN would I have the time, interest and resources to invest in its activities?

As I think about all this, I surmise that it takes extensive energy and dedication to be a member of this organization. I don’t want to be just a name on a membership list. I want to really be a part of it. Anyway, that’s my opinion!

Saturday 14 April

2012

by Bill Hickey, 32nd KCCH



Mark your calendars now! – Before you forget. If you’re like me, you get busy and forget to do these things and then get in a bind when it gets closer. If you mark your calendars now, then things will work around the date – AND – should you have a conflict that forces you to cancel out of the fair, you can let me know early in the game.

This year, we’ll be passing out flyers in advance of the fair because we’re having ours the weekend BEFORE the regular fairs that will be advertised on TV and radio. I’ll need a couple of folks willing to spend a couple of hours distributing flyers to businesses and homes in our area starting a couple of weeks before the actual fair. This way, if you can’t be available for the fair itself, but you can help by passing out our flyers, that’s being a part of the fair support team as well.

We’ll also need a few folks to pitch in and help set up the fair ... more than likely, it will be on good old “Friday-the 13th” after the regular luncheon at the consistory. So, again, if you can’t make the fair itself, but you can help us set up – that counts as being a part of the support team too.

Right now, we’re just getting started with the planning functions – and the district meetings haven’t started up yet – which is when we’ll find out what new screenings might be coming our way, as well as what old ones might be dropped.

I would appreciate someone who is interested in pursuing various agencies (by phone, email, whatever) to provide information for the fair (you know, those leaflets, pamphlets, and occasionally staffing a table to answer questions by the participants). There is a list of potential sources, and if anyone would be willing to take on that challenge (I like to call it an “opportunity to excel”) – please let me know. We need to get in the agency queues early because they too are volunteer staffed, and as we move toward the actual fair dates, they get slammed, just like everyone else – with demands for people to work the fairs.

I appreciate all the support everyone has provided over the years, and look forward to working with you all again this year for a great health fair.

If you have any comments or suggestions for the upcoming fair, don’t hesitate to let me know.

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CALENDAR

2011 Denver Consistory Schedule

September

Mon	Sept 5		Consistory closed for Labor Day holiday
Mon	Sept 19		Stated Meeting - Parking garage available - <i>Sports Team Shirt Night</i>
		5:30 PM	Red Room Business Meeting
		6:00 PM	Dinner <i>Chicken Cacciatore/Key Lime Pie</i>
		7:00 PM	Scottish Rite Foundation Program
		7:30 PM	Split Meeting
Sat	Sept 24	1:00 PM	Honor's Conferral – 33° Coronetting - Parking garage available
		4:30 PM	Honor's Conferral – KCCH Investiture - Parking garage available

October

Sat	Oct 8	5:00 PM	Oktoberfest at El Jebel Shrine Center
Mon	Oct 17		Stated Meeting - Parking garage available
		5:30 PM	Red Room Business Meeting
		6:00 PM	Dinner <i>Beef Pot Roast/Chocolate Mousse</i>
		7:00 PM	Entertainment - Feast of Tishri Observance
		7:30 PM	Split Meeting- 5 minute Oration by Minister of State of Denver Consistory

November

Thu	Nov 10	7:00 AM	Fall Reunion (39 th consecutive) - Parking garage available
Fri	Nov 11	7:00 AM	Fall Reunion (39 th consecutive) - Parking garage available
Sat	Nov 12	7:00 AM	Fall Reunion (39 th consecutive) - Parking garage available
Sat	Nov 19	9:00 AM	Consistory Decorating Party - All members, officers and wives are invited
Mon	Nov 21		Stated Meeting - Parking garage available
		5:30 PM	Red Room Business Meeting
		6:00 PM	Dinner <i>Turkey w/all the trimmings/Pumpkin Pie</i>
		7:00 PM	Entertainment - Veterans Recognition Program
Thu	Nov 24		Consistory closed for Thanksgiving holiday
Fri	Nov 25		Consistory closed for Thanksgiving holiday

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