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REMEMBRANCE

~In Memoriam~

BROTHER

CALLED HOME

John Alvin Carlson, 32°	5/28/2011
Richard Allan Cook, 32° KCCH	10/28/2011
Michael Wayne Holloway, 32°	4/15/2011
Don Ray Lacefield, 32°	9/26/2011
Clifford Abner Lehman, 32°	11/7/2011
Max Edward Midgett, 32°	10/29/2011
Willard James Moore, Jr, 32°	10/1/2011
Jack Irland Paap, 32° KCCH	11/10/2011
John Merlin Pirtle, 32°	8/8/2011
Israel Rosencrantz, 32°	10/26/2011
Glen Edwin Shrader, 32°	11/11/2011
John M Squire, 32°	10/19/2010
Lawrence Edson Thomas, 32°	11/14/2011
William Earl Threlkeld, 32°	11/8/2011
Raoul Dean Versaw, 32°	9/28/2011
Robert Dean Vrzal, 32°	10/25/2011
William Eugene Wood, 33°	10/29/2011



FEATURE ARTICLE



Thanks for the Memories

Thank you all for a great year. As 2011 draws to an end I want to personally thank the members of the Denver Consistory and the Officers of all of the Bodies for their efforts to advance the mission of the Scottish Rite in the Valley of Denver and Masonry in Colorado.

The Degree work has been excellent, and the Directors and Casts are to be commended on the quality of their presentations. However we would not have been successful without the work and dedication of the members of all of the Committees that work so hard to make a Reunion successful. To the Chairmen and Members, thank you and well done.

Not enough can be said about the two Brothers that really bring it all together. Ron Birely and Al Ulibarri plan, coach, oversee and critique all of the aspects of the Reunions. As leaders you make it easy and fun for the rest of us to follow.

Given the quality of the performances and the importance of the lessons exemplified and communicated, my only regret is that we did not have an additional one hundred brothers with which to share and teach. Even though our membership continues to decline, we should be encouraged by the quality and motivation of the members of our last several classes. Our new Masters of the Royal Secret are intelligent, hard-working, invested in Masonry and now invested in the Scottish Rite.

Finally I want to thank our Secretary, Claud Dutro and Executive Assistant, Audrey Ford and their staff for all that they do. The Knights of Saint Andrew and all of the wonderful volunteers who give of their time, talents and treasurer to maintain our historic building and assist in the operation of

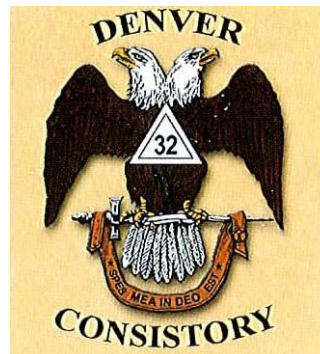
the Consistory and the conduct of its business. In closing please remember the immortal words of that great sage and moral philosopher, Dr. David Powell, the Personal Representative for the Valley of Denver, let's have fun.

Fraternally and sincerely,

Stephen M. Munsinger, Grand Chancellor
S.G.I.G. in Colorado



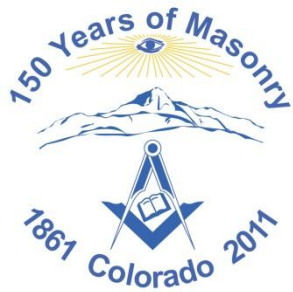
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Scottish Rite Creed

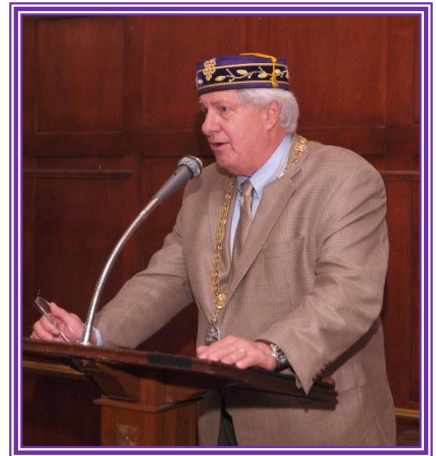
“Human progress is our cause, liberty of thought our supreme wish, freedom of conscience our mission, and the guarantee of equal rights to all people everywhere our ultimate goal.”

2011 in REVIEW













39th Reunion November 9th-12th, 2011

Dedicated to Harry L. Lindstrom, Jr. 33°
by Lee Miller, 32°, Class Vice-President

We came together on the first day as brothers, but we were brothers in Masonic name only. There were twenty four of us, and in true Masonic fashion from every walk of life. We represented lodges all over Colorado – although the overachievers at Weston Lodge #22 made up one-third of our class. Some of us were just old enough to have joined Freemasonry, others of us retired with grandchildren. Many of us were veterans, made all the more poignant by being together on Veteran's Day. No heroes here. As one of us said, heroes come home in boxes. Another of us informed the class, to a huge round of applause, that while almost everyone else was American born he was American by choice.

Through the very awkward introduction periods we began to recognize each other. Bro. Gerry's inexhaustible stock of bad jokes helped loosen things up, and Bro. John (introduced to us as "the doughnut guy") lived up to that nickname by showing up with more doughnuts that even a roomful of Masons could eat. Throughout the introductions we had a common thread: not one man defined himself by his job but rather by his family, whether it was a new bride, a still happy marriage of 41 years, children and grandchildren. We did continue to learn more about each other; law enforcement, sales, medicine, law, retired, and more. We also discovered each other by lodge connections -- and by a few lawyer and cop jokes thrown out by Bro. Gerry on day two.

It wasn't until the end of the 4th degree that we realized the first of our class members had been "chosen" to play the initiate. Still, we hadn't quite caught on until after the 10th or 11th degrees that one of us was being appointed to participate in each of the exemplified degrees. As Bro. Gerry put it, "*this ain't a democracy*". Later that morning when the class officers were similarly chosen, the class came closer again trying to decide if all of the class appointees were chosen randomly, by number, or by some arcane criteria. We never did get a satisfactory answer.

On Friday, the class officers drew us together by addressing the class, ever mindful of the time, while Bros. Gerry, John, Danny, and the rest of the class committee waited outside. Saturday morning dawned clear and we gathered outside for class pictures, complete with the usual good-natured ribbing, and we were back inside for more degree work. Both days, we ran upstairs to pay for the Master Craftsman program, Knights of St. Andrews and hat boxes. Later, Bro. John had the class practice putting on hats and we realized that we were almost there.

Suddenly it was time. Hats in hand, we found our seats for the exemplification of the second section of the 32 degree. Bro. John raised his hands and said "hats on".

We were Masters of the Royal Secret.

Bro. John Buchanan presented a patriotic poem, and followed by a round of thank yous with Sovereign Grand Inspector General Stephen Munsinger. The class officers were proud to present a class contribution to Bro. Stephen on behalf of the Scottish Rite Foundation in the amount of \$2,432. (Yes, the \$32 was a deliberate addition by the class.)

We first came together as brothers in name only, but we left as *true* brothers.

Spirit of Brotherhood

by [R. Steven Reynolds](#)

*Now I have a very good friend
He's my brother but not my kin
Our link is hard to comprehend
We're friends through thick and thin*

*How to express these emotions?
We men find it hard to vocalize
It goes against macho notions
Bet that's not a real big surprise*

*The term love is not expressed
Often feelings are left unstated
Other cultures their not repressed
But in ours it's not advocated*

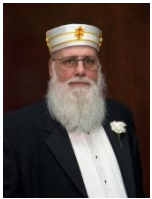
*To hug a man who's unrelated
Too often in America is taboo
So feelings are left unarticulated
We find other ways to make-do*

*So we shake hands and high five
We laugh, joke and share a drink
Closeness from these we derive
But something's missing, I think*

*Close friends we unexpectedly lose
Especially later when we get old
Then it's too late the words to use,
So for now "Consider yourself told".*



39th Reunion – Fall 2011



Just My Opinion ...

by D. J. Cox, 33°

Time to take stock of efforts and activities for the year. As you can see by the pictures displayed in *2011 in Review* above, much was attempted and accomplished this year. And so much more that was not displayed pictorially.

The work of our Almoner, Ed Johnson 33°, has a significant impact on people all year long. His work affects masons and non-masons alike. He tells us his efforts are very rewarding personally and wishes he could do more.

The many committees throughout the Consistory do not just work during reunions, although that is an extremely busy time for them. Numbering too many to enumerate, let it suffice to say that our successes are directly attributable to their efforts.

How does one begin to describe the myriad tasks performed by the office staff to assist, coordinate, record, collect, stock, communicate, file and facilitate to complex and necessary tasks pertinent to running the business and fraternal activities of the Consistory?

Audrey and Tom perform, on a daily basis, those salient tasks and more. Believe me, this organization would be in dire straits without their dedication and attention to detail.

Our executive groups get the credit when things are going well and too much blame when they are not! They spend countless hours managing and planning to ensure the Consistory operates to its highest expectations. These men worry about and monitor even the smallest details of our activities, programs and operational entities.

Last, but certainly not least, I want to pay a special tribute to everyone who contributed to publishing the newsletters all year. Your contributions are duly noted and appreciated. The success and effectiveness of these communications are directly attributed to your efforts! Special kudos to John Moreno 33°, for the superb pictures taken all year.

I wish each and every one of you a joyous holiday season and a Happy New Year. Let's make 2012 even better!

Anyway, that's my opinion!



9 HEALTH FAIR – 2012

by Bill Hickey, 32° KCCH

As we close out 2011, it's appropriate to reflect on our past as well as look forward to the future. Over the past few years, our Consistory sponsored 9HealthFairs have served hundreds of our neighbors – providing essential screenings that have surfaced serious health conditions as well as confirming the well-being of our participants. Each year, we've tried to improve our offerings, make the experience worthwhile and satisfying for our volunteers, and provide a service to the community. EVERY one of you who volunteers is an essential part of the success we've enjoyed. Two years ago, we had a lady walk up at the end of our fair not feeling well and asking to speak to someone. Turns out she was having a heart attack, and our volunteers were alert enough to recognize the situation and call our emergency crews. Without doubt, the quick and correct actions of our volunteers saved a life.

Turning to the upcoming year, 9HealthFair is planning to offer a sleep apnea screening as well making the A1C blood test (for diabetes screening) a standard offering. It is satisfying to know that the finger stick (quick blood sugar results for diabetic screening) may be returning as a sponsored screening after a few years of being "voluntary" because of lack of funding.

As always, I look to you – our members – to let me know what works and what needs to be changed to work better. If you have any suggestions or concerns, please let me know as soon as possible. Sometimes it takes a while to integrate new processes to something that's been ongoing for years.

And now ...

HELP WANTED !

As the Denver Consistory's Site Coordinator, I can't do the job alone. I need some folks interested in helping out to work with me to make the fairs a better experience for everyone. If you are interested in any of the following opportunities, please let me know as soon as possible – while the fair itself is a few months off, the up-front work begins shortly after the new year. None of them are particularly

onerous or time-demanding, but they are important adjuncts to the staffing of the fair. These folks do their work MOSTLY before hand, so even if you can't be there for the fair itself, this work is pretty important to the success of the fair itself.

DATA BASE ADMINISTRATOR – 9HealthFair uses their own data base to track volunteers and maintain contact information. We use the information to understand the qualifications of our medical volunteers and the desires of our non-medical volunteers as well as keeping track of how many will show up for lunch afterwards and other things uniquely associated with our fair. No particular database software experience necessary, but a willingness to learn their structure will be handy, and familiarity with Excel will help in keeping me and the medical and non-medical coordinators informed.

INTERACTIVE EDUCATION CENTER COORDINATOR – These are the information tables we have where literature is available and sometimes volunteers from specific organizations staff the tables. Basically, there are MANY organizations who offer information and we need someone to sift through the lists to determine which are more applicable to our populations and make a few emails or phone calls to arrange for support from the organizations at our fair.

VOLUNTEER BREAK ROOM COORDINATORS – One or two folks to work in the break room, making sure that it's used by volunteers only, and to keep the place organized and a comfortable place for volunteers to take a few minutes to recharge.

SET UP CREW – a few individuals willing to stick around for a couple of hours after lunch on Friday afternoon before the fair to set up partitions and curtains, post signs, and make sure things are set for the fair Saturday morning.

2011 Denver Consistory

Children's Christmas Party

Hosted by the Scottish Rite Foundation and the
Rite Care Clinics

Saturday morning, December 3rd
10:00 am to 12:00 pm

From the Secretary's Desk

by Claud E. Dutro, 33°, Secretary



Fifty Year Recognition was extended to G. Robert Dinkel, 32° KCCH, and Robert L. Siegrist, 32°, at the Friday night dinner during the recent reunion. Wives were present to assist the Sovereign Grand Inspector General in



placing the distinctive hats on their heads.

Speaking of the reunion, did you notice that the reunion was named the Harry L. Lindstrom, Jr., 33°, Reunion in honor of our esteemed brother that we lost less than a year ago? His widow Eleanor was present at the 11-11-11 dinner to receive our thanks for his many years of contribution. One of Harry's favorite activities was playing his euphonium in



the Denver Consistory band with many of his friends. He was also one of the



founders of the Colorado Masonic Band camp and was there to support the students and the fraternity each year.

"The Traitor" was a great success because of the skill and efforts extended by the director, costumes, make-up, lighting, sound, stage, properties and the cast. Family and friends had the opportunity to see the effort that goes into presenting the degrees at each reunion.



Did you notice that our ubiquitous executive assistant filled in with short notice for the organist? Thank you, Audrey.

The Consistory is decorated, ready for the Children's Christmas party, hosted by the Scottish Rite Foundation and the Rite Care Clinics on Saturday

morning, December 3rd, from 10:00 am until 12:00 pm, featuring games, prizes, Santa Claus and gifts for the children. Bring your children, grandchildren, prospects and families to join in this fun event and see the beautiful decorations.

The Scottish Rite Masonic Center and The Centennial Lodge of Perfection joined forces to erect plaques in the green room honoring those who have made financial contributions to support our historic building and the Scottish Rite fraternity. The one on the left commemorates tax deductible contributions to preserve and maintain the building, while the one on the right acknowledges the



memorial contributions to the Scottish Rite. Many of those listed on the plaque on the right were members who purchased life memberships the amount of which became a memorial contribution at their death. Other amounts were from estates and from memorials in the names of family and friends. The names are listed in alphabetical order showing multiple levels of contributions. The plaques are designed so that cumulative contributions can be updated each year. Look for your name next time you visit the Consistory.

The program after dinner at the November meeting was devoted in its entirety to recognition of veterans and to the branches of the United States Armed Forces. If you were not there, you missed a very moving original program



written by Gerald Baker, 32° KCCH, and directed by Michael Rowan, 32° KCCH. The highlight of the evening, though, was the entertaining speech by George Sakato, recipient of the Medal Of Honor from President Bill Clinton.

Consistory offices will be closed from noon on Friday, Dec 23rd through Monday, Dec 26th for the Christmas holiday, and again from noon on Friday, Dec 30th through Monday, Jan 2nd for the New Year holiday. The office staff joins me in hoping that you enjoy your holiday as well, remembering the many blessings that we all enjoy as Americans and members of the Scottish Rite Masonic Family.



Why is all this important to us Freemasons? These “names” reflect that an infinite and incomprehensible Being cannot be wrapped up or understood by just one word. And is one of the reasons we search for the unspeakable or true name of the Creator. This search may also be associated with reclaiming what is lost. Both common themes found in our rituals and dramas.

We see a form of this name abbreviated as a symbol in the ring of the 14th degree. And in a 1801 version of Secret Master Degree, we see the candidate asked this question:

“Pray can you tell me what those names are, the initials of which you saw in the nine beams of the Shekinai?”

Answer: *Adonai (Supreme Lord), Jehovah, Elohim (supreme judge), Ail (Powerful), Shaday (Omnipotent), Tsebout (Lord of Hosts), Gnizus (Mightiness), Gibour (Strength) and Echad (Only One).*

Between the Columns

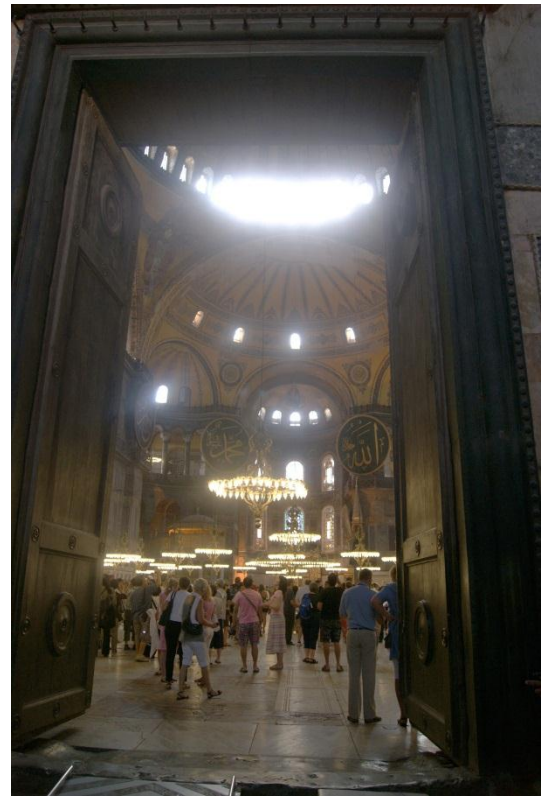
by Michael D. Moore, 32°



What is in a name?

When we think of names given ourselves and others, we take for granted that this word (or symbol) represents much more than just letters and sounds. It gives an insight to the person.

It is no different when we think of the name we give our Deity. Most of the names we see associated with this Being in the past have been words that give a single characteristic and are not “real” names. It may seem strange to say this, but when you think of what many call God, these words are like Lord (ruler) and Almighty (strong). Even the name Jesus means savior. These are aspects of a Deity and don’t describe fully all that this One is.



Entrance to the Hagia Sophia

Brother Pike tells us that: the name of God existed before the World and everything else was made, can be used or worn as an amulet to ward off danger, was not given for us to understand Him, but that we may know how to honor Him and it is the tetragrammaton.



The Meaning of the Tetragrammaton

This is four Hebrew letters (Yod, He, Waw and He) called the "[Tetragrammaton](#)". The four characters are the four Hebrew letters that correspond to YHWH and are transliterated IAUE or Yahweh. Yahweh is the name of the Almighty Father in Heaven that people commonly call "The LORD" or "God". The reason we see "LORD" and "God" in our bibles is because of a Jewish tradition that the name Yahweh was not to be spoken for fear that the name be blasphemed. However, the [scriptures declare that His name should be exalted](#) (e.g. Ps 68:4) and the [third commandment](#) forbids this practice. [The Preface](#) of some bibles will admit why they change His name. Nearly all will cite tradition and familiarity as the reason. This, I believe is wrong. Sometimes people pronounce the tetragrammaton as "Jehovah". But [Jehovah could never be the right pronunciation](#). On this web site, the name of Yahweh is used in reference to the Heavenly Father because in the scriptures we are told to praise, exalt, bless, love, teach, preach, anoint, assemble, believe, give thanks, honor and call on His name. [The Tetragrammaton has been found in the 2000 year old Dead Sea Scrolls](#) and in [ancient copies of the Septuagint!](#)

The true name can not be spoken but by those who have experience the substance of Divinity. (Manly Hall, *Mystical Christ*, page 144.)

Think of the 72 names of God, some are found in the Christian Bible, in the Koran and in the Jewish Bible. How many different ones used in New and Old Testaments?

Old Testament Names:

- Elohim (plural of Deity)
- El (strength/Almighty, some reference to a Ram or an oak tree for strength)
- Yehovah (Self Existent)
- Elowahh (a Deity)
- Elahh (a Chaldean word for god)
- Tsuk (rock/Almighty)

New Testament:

- divinely breathed
- Deity
- To cause to be
- Oracle?
- Theos (Supreme Being)

To find the name itself may not be the end of the search. But the search of it shows that the individual has progressed in their lives to know that

there is a Creator, to seek higher and loftier themes in their lives and that to know this Being's name, means a connection, relationship or familiarity. That maybe what the search for the name really represents – a connection with Deity.

"The true word of a Mason is to be found in the concealed and profound meaning of the Ineffable name of Deity... The true pronunciation of that name was in truth a secret, in which, however, was involved the far more profound secret of its meaning. In that meaning is included all the truth that can be known by us, in regard to the nature of God." (Morals & Dogma, page 697).

Have you started in this journey? All the lessons of the Scottish Rite have this as their ultimate aim. Finding this relationship has much in common with regeneration, progress and advancement. It is up to you to notice how the search fits in to our fraternity, what profit it has for those who do it and how it can make you better by doing so.

"What Came You Here to Do?"

author unknown,
courtesy of the [American-Canadian Grand Lodge of Germany](#)

*And now, my brother,
what came you here to do?
When you joined our mystic circle,
had you a purpose in your heart
to be of service to your fellow man
and perform your allotted part?
Or come you out of curiosity
or motive personal in view?
Tell me, brother, on the square,
what came you here to do?
Have you failed to grasp the meaning
of the symbols of our chart?
Have you learned to subdue your passions
and make improvements in your art?
Do you always, always uphold the trusts
On which we firmly stand
Teaching the Fatherhood of God
And the Brotherhood of man?*

*Have you been willing to aid the brother
When life surges fierce and wild?
Have you offered cheer and comfort
To the Mason's widow, wife, and child?
If you have done so, my brother,
You are a Mason good and true,
and can give a correct answer.
What came you here to do?*



A Celebration of the Life of Robert Burns

Saturday, January 28, 2012

Festivities at Denver Consistory

Gathering at 6:30 PM, Supper at 7:00 PM

1370 Grant Street, Denver, Colorado

Parking on Logan Street behind Consistory



Wear your fanciest Scottish apparel or other civilized clothing

Send check for \$35.00 , Per Person, which is your RSVP, no later than January 21, 2012, to:
Denver Consistory
1370 Grant Street
Denver, CO 80203-2347
(303)861-4261

NO WALK UPS!

Parade of the Haggis after the Soup Course

No reservation, NO dinner

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



Brother Robert Burns

Cuisine by The Celtic Caterer

Stuffed Mushrooms

Haggis

SOUP- Cock-a-leeky Soup

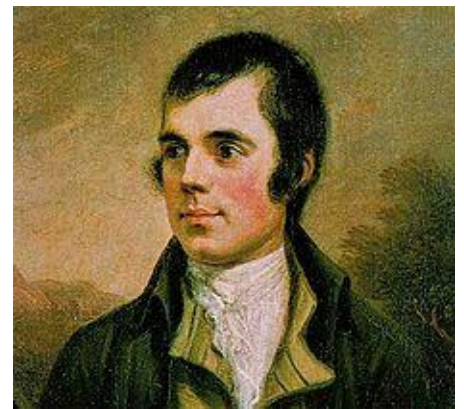
entree- Sheppard's Pie, Chicken in a Tarragon Cream Sauce

SIDES- Kell Kenny Potatoes, Scottish Caviar (Black eye peas in a whiskey sauce)Mixed veg

DESERT- Orange Chocolate Whiskey Mouse



Robert Burns (25 January 1759 – 21 July 1796) (also known as **Rabbie Burns**, Scotland's favourite son, the **Ploughman Poet**, **Robden of Solway Firth**, the **Bard of Ayrshire** and in Scotland as simply **The Bard**)^{[1][2]} was a [Scottish](#) poet and a lyricist. He is widely regarded as the [national poet](#) of Scotland, and is celebrated worldwide. He is the best known of the poets who have written in the [Scots language](#), although much of his writing is also in English and a "light" Scots dialect, accessible to an audience beyond Scotland. He also wrote in standard English, and in these his political or civil commentary is often at its most blunt.



The very mention of the name "Robert Burns" brings to mind images of red roses, starry-eyed lovers, Tam-O-Shanter and the Cutty Sark, and the glens of bonnie Scotland. And while these images describe Scotland's "ploughman poet" to some extent, there is another side of Burns that is not as well known: Burns the radical--Burns, the supporter of the French Revolution--Burns, the critic of Religious hypocrisy and Puritanism--Burns, the Freemason.

Life-Changing Cardinal Virtues - J. Peter Ricker Book Scholarship

One of High Plains Demolay's advisors awarded each young writer a \$500.00 book scholarship for these publication's. Mom Jill Ricker, widow of our deceased Brother J. Peter Ricker, is an advisor to these young men.
Dad Walter Lord, Chairman

When DeMolay was founded in 1919 by Frank Sherman Land, he created with it the seven cardinal virtues of a DeMolay; filial love, reverence for sacred things, courtesy, comradeship, fidelity, cleanness, and patriotism. As time progresses, a DeMolay will learn that not only are these virtues words on a piece of paper, but a way to live their life. At a DeMolay's sacred alter, they are represented by seven burning candles. This is exceptionally fitting because the virtues should be seen as lights of truth and guidance in the dim world that every man and woman must navigate. After being a DeMolay for six years, I can honestly say that these seven virtues have changed my life in more ways that I can put on a piece of paper. However, among those seven, a few stand out in the significance that they have played in the growth into who I am today. The three cardinal virtues of a DeMolay that have drastically changed me into a better person are fidelity, comradeship, and courtesy.

Making a promise and keeping a promise are two totally different ideas. Making one simply involves the movement of my mouth and a few simple utterances that form into a sentence. Keeping a promise involves thinking of the promise before I make it, and having the self-dignity to uphold it. Whether it is big or small, DeMolay and the cardinal virtue of fidelity have taught me that all promises are equally important in the magnitude they play in my life. A man is only as good as his word, and promises are daily checks on how good his word truly is. The man who makes no promises for fear of tarnishing his reputation is just as poor in character as the man who makes many promises but only follows through on a few. Fidelity creates stability in this world, and stability is what makes this world and our society tick. Now as an incoming college student, I've gained scope of how big this world is and the value that is placed on an ideal such as fidelity. People may not know the meaning of the word fidelity, but honesty and promises are a universal thought that will be understood and

revered anywhere I go. And I have DeMolay to thank for putting such an important virtue foremost in my thoughts.

The sacred cardinal virtue of comradeship is unlike any other in a DeMolay's teachings. It's the virtue that creates a social aspect in a young man's life. And in the technological age that this country is settling into, ideals such as comradeship and social bonds seem to be fading. No longer does a boy feel that friends are necessary when he has hundreds of electronics to fill his free time with. Let me tell a short story about a young man who I'm very close to. Every day he would sit in front of his computer screen for hours on end, playing cool video games and making superficial online friends. He thought he had nothing else better to do with his time because the number of real friends he had were few in number and never seemed interested in enjoying his company. He thought that the world simply was not interested in him, so he became uninterested with it. Then this young man joined DeMolay, and with it learned the true meaning of comradeship. And like a baseball bat to the head, it hit him that comradeship was a two-way street. Although it didn't happen overnight, it slowly sunk in that he had to change his style of life if he wanted to become a young man that others would proudly call their comrade. The young man in that story was me, and I can say beyond a shadow of a doubt that the boy at the beginning of that story no longer exists. In his place stands a proud young man that knows his life has become more meaningful ever since he took this cardinal virtue to heart.

What I have noticed during the short 18 years that I have lived is that courtesy is often overlooked. On the surface, it seems to be the most simple of the DeMolays seven cardinal virtues. So why is such a simple idea so neglected in modern society? The reason is disgustingly simple: people just do not care about others. To be courteous means more than just opening a door for the stranger behind me as I enter a store. It means respecting someone's personal life, beliefs, and anything they might find important. To do something selfless such as being courteous towards another requires a truly amazing human being. Luckily for the world there's an organization dedicated to manufacturing the kind of person I'm talking about. DeMolays one true purpose is to make good people better. It makes that young man who would think about helping an

elderly person load groceries into their car into the upright citizen who relishes the opportunity of helping that elderly person and anybody else who seems to be in need. As a person who believes in karma, the idea of "what comes around goes around" is foremost in my head every time I step out my front door. No matter where I look, courteous people are treated courteously. And that's not just a coincidence.

The seven cardinal virtues of a DeMolay are the glue that keeps my character together. With them, I am a young man whose moral foundation is strong, and whose moral choices are sound. They have shaped my life in countless ways, and all of them have been for the best. They are all so important to me, but the three that have made me a better person above all others are fidelity, comradeship, and courtesy. When I take these virtues to heart, I see myself as a person who others can respect. I can wake up in the morning and look at my face in the mirror and see a leader. However, above all else, I can look into another person's eye and say with no reservations that I am a DeMolay.

There is almost nothing as satisfying as shaking a DeMolay's hand. The grip is firm and strong and it feels as though he truly means that it *is nice to meet you* or that it is truly *nice to see you*. His eyes when he shakes your hand with confidence will always stare into you with the utmost sincerity and translate into a courteous offer of being there for you. It is as if he has a purpose for living, guided by an attempt to thrive for the best things in life. Simultaneously there is a mirror presented behind him to reveal his reflection as a thousand other well-dressed men, all standing with confidence in their brother's handshake. They all carry the same eyes of greater purpose and rewarding chivalry.

DeMolay has seven basic principles which have founded the handshake that girlfriends' parents tend to love. Filial Love, Reverence for Sacred Things, Courtesy, Comradeship, Fidelity, Cleanliness, and Patriotism are the virtues that each of us as a DeMolay have pledged to base our lives. Not only in our DeMolay endeavors, but throughout our thoughts, words, and actions as a human being and an upright citizen. "They are symbols of all that is good and right with the world" (Ceremony of Light). These seven glorious precepts have helped develop great leaders that live successful, happy, and productive lives: Men of character and chivalry

who shake your hand as a *DeMolay*. The seven virtues which we thrive and hold on to have influences on our lives that are incalculable, boundless, and expand well beyond the DeMolay Chapter Room. When examining the seven cardinal virtues, they seem to go hand in hand, and will always be taught together as aspects to develop into the highest type of manhood. As a DeMolay, the seven cardinal virtues have been brought into every choice and step that I take, knowing that "there is no better foundation on which to build your character and future life than the practice of these virtues" (Flower Talk). Certain virtues have spoken to me with extra emphasis in comprehension of how they apply to my life. Reverence for Sacred things, Courtesy, and Comradeship are the beacons that have guided me through the worse darkness, the brightest lights that "illuminate our pathway as we journey ever onward down the road of life" (Ceremony of Light).

Reverence for Sacred things can be seen as a belief in a Supreme Being. What made me love DeMolay is my belief in my supreme being. Through God I now understand the love and honor that DeMolay teaches, as well as the incredible people who are in DeMolay. My love for God taught me my love for DeMolay as well as the strapping bond between two DeMolays and their love for God. We profess a deep and abiding faith in one living and true God, who brought us to DeMolay and have shown us the greater meaning of our virtues. Not only in Reverence for Sacred things and honor to our own promises, but a respect for the religious beliefs of others. This allows us to bring a vast variety of different religions together, who all believe in the same Supreme Being who brought us together in the first place. When talking about creating a better world with the leaders of tomorrow, Dad Frank S. Land wrote, "I trust that with the help of God you will join with me in this effort." I believe this is what brings the warmth in the chivalrous DeMolay handshake. Reverence for Sacred Things is a virtue I apply to my life and feel great loving consequences from it, as well as assistance in the other virtues coming more naturally.

Typical teenagers often lack common courtesy, which shines brightly through a dedicated DeMolay. Courtesy is an admired principle that serves as an example for others in being kind and

polite with all that we do. It teaches us that no matter be it our family member, DeMolay brother, a mutual friend, or a stranger, that they deserve our respect and consideration. Courtesy is what makes the chivalrous DeMolays men with and for others. A Courtesy that reaches to all is what brings a warm feeling and a smile to those who encounter a DeMolay. The courteous handshake and the deep eyes portray a DeMolay courtesy that "makes this life more pleasant for others as it lights the pathway before us" (Ceremony of Light).

Courtesy can be seen through the center principle of Comradeship. Comradeship is seen through the thousands of DeMolays in the reflection of one, a compassion-filled bond that cannot be severed. Comradeship is what I love most about DeMolay. When supporting DeMolay in my typical daily attire, I cannot wait to shake the hand of a fellow DeMolay who extends his hand to mine. I know that I am welcomed everywhere and can seek assistance anywhere I go, simply for the millions of young men who have knelt at the symbolic altar and dedicated themselves to the same high principles of good sonship and good citizenship as I did. Jacques DeMolay and his companions held true to each other until death, and this we shall never forget as true comradeship. I am now valued as a friend, trusted as a brother, and looked up to as a leader with a bond that lasts beyond the grave. With Comradeship, we as DeMolays are one.

Reverence for Sacred Things, Courtesy, and Comradeship has helped shape me into the man I am today, and I am proud of it. I cannot thank DeMolay enough for all that it has done for me and will never forget the seven cardinal virtues upon which I have pledged to base my life, especially the three that burn strongest in my heart. Young Men from all walks of life have benefited from DeMolay and developed into the finely dressed man who impressed you with a simple handshake. I will continue to try to repay DeMolay, but I know that I cannot keep up with all the love and guidance it provides me. Dad Frank S Land wrote, "It is our duty to make available to every youth the teachings and ideals of DeMolay" and I will strive to achieve this goal. With my heart-filled dedication to the virtues of DeMolay, I shall perpetuate them with my greatest effort in my everyday life, and help others participate in the same incredible experiences I have had.

What We Become

By WB Wally Zink

Some years ago the John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company ran an ad that read:

"There was once a man who loved nature with such a deep and moving love that nature shared with him one of her secrets. She gave him the power to create new plants. This man's name was Luther Burbank.

Luther Burbank saw that every plant was a child. It had its own face, its own promise, its unique touch of genius or character, and that if that promise were tended and encouraged; the plant would grow more beautiful each year.

With that insight Burbank made potatoes grow larger, whiter, more delicious than they had been before. He taught the cactus of the desert to drop its spines, so that cattle could fatten upon it, and made the blackberry shed its thorns, so that it would not cut the fingers of the pickers. For Burbank the plum grew without pits, and strawberries ripened all year and he left the earth covered with flowers and fruits that no one had ever grown before."

How could he do all of this?

He learned a secret, "*Choose to see new possibilities in everything.*" Put your mind to your dreams and hardly with your noticing it, those dreams become realities. For the key to success on any level of achievement is "*we become what captures our attention and imagination*".



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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CALENDAR

2011 Denver Consistory Schedule

December

Sat	Dec 3	10:00 AM	SR Foundation & Consistory Children's Christmas Party Parking garage available
Mon	Dec 19		Stated Meeting - Parking garage available
		5:30 PM	Red Room Business Meeting
		6:00 PM	Dinner (<i>Ham with scalloped potatoes</i>)
		7:00 PM	Entertainment
		7:30 PM	Split Meeting- Annual Election of Officers
Fri	Dec 23		Consistory closed at noon for Christmas holiday
Mon	Dec 26		Consistory closed for Christmas holiday
Fri	Dec 30		Consistory closed at noon for New Year's holiday

January

Mon	Jan 2		Consistory office closed for New Year's Day holiday
Sat	Jan 7	8:00 AM	Undecorating Party - All members, officers and wives are invited
Sat	Jan 14	8:00 AM	Officers Breakfast and Installation Practice
Mon	Jan 16		Stated Meeting - Parking garage available
		5:30 PM	Red Room Business Meeting
		6:00 PM	Dinner (<i>Chicken Fried Steak</i>)
		7:00 PM	Annual Meeting of Corporations - Annual Installation of Officers
Fri	Jan 27		Consistory closed for Grand Lodge Annual Communication
Sat	Jan 28	6:00 PM	Robert Burns Birthday Dinner at Denver Consistory

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

SOUND WAVES



AT SUNSET



January 21, 2012

5:00 pm



Contact Stephanie
at 303-997-6472
with questions

Tickets are \$5,
All proceeds benefit the
Hearing Impaired Kids Endowment Fund (HIKE)

Performers of all ages perform various
genres of music in sign language.

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