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# REMEMBRANCE

## ~In Memoriam~

BROTHER

CALLED HOME

Maxey Eugene Blesh, 32°	12/13/2011
Eugene Thomas Bower, 32°	12/9/2011
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Dale Munson, 32°	12/13/2011
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Howard M Spears, 32°	6/20/2009
Ikey Starks, 33°	12/10/2011
Edward Eugene Tennant, 32°	10/26/2011



## FEATURE ARTICLE



### Just My Opinion ...

by D. J. Cox, 33°

Jim Smith, 33°, sent me an article containing some interesting perspectives some time back that I would like our readers to think about. It goes like this:

How about this for service!!

Nice inspiration for the day or longer.

### Ducks Quack.....Eagles Soar

No one can make you serve customers well.....that's because great service is a choice. Harvey Mackay, tells a wonderful story about a cab driver that proved this point.

He was waiting in line for a ride at the airport. When a cab pulled up, the first thing Harvey noticed was that the taxi was polished to a bright shine. Smartly dressed in a white shirt, black tie, and freshly pressed black slacks, the cab driver jumped out and rounded the car to open the back passenger door for Harvey.

He handed my friend a laminated card and said: *'I'm Wally, your driver. While I'm loading your bags in the trunk I'd like you to read my mission statement.'*

Taken aback, Harvey read the card. It said:

*Wally's Mission Statement:*

To get my customers to their destination in the quickest, safest and cheapest way possible in a friendly environment.

This blew Harvey away. Especially when he noticed that the inside of the cab matched the outside. Spotlessly clean!

As he slid behind the wheel, Wally said, *'Would you like a cup of coffee? I have a thermos of regular and one of decaf.'* My friend said jokingly, *'No, I'd prefer a soft drink.'* Wally smiled and said, *'No problem I have a cooler up front with regular and Diet Coke, water and orange juice.'* Almost stuttering, Harvey said, *'I'll take a Diet Coke.'*

Handing him his drink, Wally said, *'If you'd like something to read, I have **The Wall Street Journal, Time, Sports Illustrated and USA Today.**'*

As they were pulling away, Wally handed my friend another laminated card. *'These are the radio stations I get and the music they play, if you'd like to listen to the radio.'*

And as if that weren't enough, Wally told Harvey that he had the air conditioning on and asked if the temperature was comfortable for him. Then he advised Harvey of the best route to his destination for that time of day. He also let him know that he'd be happy to chat and tell him about some of the sights or, if Harvey preferred, to leave him with his own thoughts.

*'Tell me, Wally,'* my amazed friend asked the driver, *'have you always served customers like this?'*

Wally smiled into the rear view mirror. *'No, not always. In fact, it's only been in the last two years. My first five years driving, I spent most of my time complaining like all the rest of the cabbies do. Then I heard the personal growth guru, Wayne Dyer, on the radio one day. He had just written a book called **You'll See It When You Believe It.** Dyer said that if you get up in the morning expecting to have a bad day, you'll rarely disappoint yourself. He said, 'Stop complaining! Differentiate yourself from your competition. Don't be a duck. Be an eagle. Ducks quack and complain. Eagles soar above the crowd.'*

*'That hit me right between the eyes,'* said Wally. *'Dyer was really talking about me. I was always quacking and complaining, so I decided to change my attitude and become an eagle. I looked around at the other cabs and their drivers. The cabs were*

dirty, the drivers were unfriendly, and the customers were unhappy. So I decided to make some changes. I put in a few at a time.

When my customers responded well, I did more.'

'I take it that has paid off for you.' Harvey said.

'It sure has.' Wally replied. 'My first year as an eagle, I doubled my income from the previous year. This year I'll probably quadruple it. You were lucky to get me today. I don't sit at cabstands anymore. My customers call me for appointments on my cell phone or leave a message on my answering machine. If I can't pick them up myself, I get a reliable cabbie friend to do it and I take a piece of the action.'

Wally was phenomenal. He was running a limo service out of a Yellow Cab. I've probably told that story to more than fifty cab drivers over the years, and only two took the idea and ran with it. Whenever I go to their cities, I give them a call. The rest of the drivers quacked like ducks and told me all the reasons they couldn't do any of what I was suggesting.

Wally the Cab Driver made a different choice. He decided to stop quacking like ducks and start soaring like eagles.

How about us? Smile and the whole world smiles with you. The ball is in our hands! A man reaps what he sows. Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up... Let us do good to all people.

#### ***Ducks Quack, Eagles Soar.***

Have a nice day, unless you already have other plans. **SORROW** looks back, **WORRY** looks around, and **FAITH** looks UP... "Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass. It's about learning to dance in the rain." ... And while in the storm, give it to God and let him handle it.

As 2012 begins, my greatest hope is that everyone in Denver Consistory will strive to be eagles. With just a little more effort and concentration, we might be able to accomplish more ... and better. The challenges will be there. The goal is to be better than the challenges!

Anyway, that's my opinion!

## AM I A BUILDER?

Author Unkhown

*I watched them tearing a building down,  
A gang of men in a busy town.*

*With a ho-heave-ho and a lusty yell,  
They swung a beam and the sides fell.*

*I asked the foreman, "Are these men skilled  
And the kind you would hire, if you had to  
build?"*

*And he gave me a laugh and said, "No indeed,  
Just common labor is all I need.*

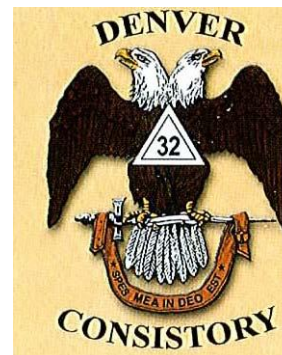
*I can easily wreck in a day or two  
What other builders have taken a year to do."*

*And I thought to myself as I went my way,  
"Which of these roles have I tried to play?"*

*Am I a builder that works with care,  
Measuring life by the rule and square.*

*Am I shaping my deeds to a well made plan,  
Patiently doing the best I can?*

*Or am I a wrecker who walks the town,  
Content with the labor of tearing down.*



#### **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."**



## From the Secretary's Desk

by Claud E. Dutro, 33°, Secretary

**The Children's Christmas Party** was again a rousing success thanks to the Scottish Rite Foundation, Children's Hospital and the Denver Lodge #5 Child ID Team. Santa Claus was the most popular attraction, enhanced with a twist. The Santa Claus suit could not be found, so the costume department created an "old fashioned" Santa from degree costumes. With DJ's winning personality and parental encouragement even the most shy children embraced the occasion.

**A Job Opening** was created when our part-time cleaning specialist, Rich England, secured a full time information technology position. Congratulations, Rich, and thanks for your service. If you are interested in applying for this part time position (maximum 10 hours each week, pay is \$10/hour, flexible daytime hours) contact the Secretary at 303-861-4261 or by email to [claud@denverconsistory.org](mailto:claud@denverconsistory.org). Members have priority.

**El Jebel Dance Band** entertained at the December stated meeting under the direction of our



own music director, Illustrious Brother Marvin Feldman, 33°. This picture was taken by Gregory Fisher, 32°, a member from the last class and the newest member of the Photography Committee. Thanks, Gregory for becoming involved in helping publicize our activities.

## 2012 Officers Were Elected and Appointed

at the December stated meeting. Trey Perrin, 32° KCCH, was elected Venerable Master of



Centennial Lodge of Perfection, Randy Penn, 32° KCCH, was elected Wise Master of Rocky Mountain Chapter of Rose Croix, Scott Webster, 32°



KCCH, was elected Commander of Colorado Council of Kadosh and John Warren, 32° KCCH,



was elected Master of Kadosh of Denver Consistory. Plan to attend stated meetings during 2012 to support these presiding officers and their dedicated line of officers.

**Our Stated Meeting in January** will be an open meeting with our ladies and guests that will include important announcements plus the annual meetings of SRP Inc., Scottish Rite Masonic Center, Scottish Rite Cathedral Association and Centennial Lodge of Perfection. Each of those short meetings will include financial reports for 2011, comments on accomplishments, election of directors/officers and presentation of budgets for 2012. This is the most important meeting of the year for members to understand what is being accomplished by each part of our extensive organization. Installation of the officers for the four Scottish Rite bodies in the Valley of Denver will follow. We need your support.



**TEAMWORK**





## Between the Columns

by Michael D. Moore, 32°



### What is the goal?

When we think of the ultimate goal of all we do in life, what is it? Is it to be a better individual? *Yes.* Is it to make the world we live in better? *Yes.* So, how can we accomplish and work toward this?

In the 32<sup>nd</sup> degree, we are taught that the Royal Secret is balance. A different word is used that starts with the letter “e”, but the word balance might be a better choice for us today. It is how we see and understand:

- Deity and ourselves;
- between justice and mercy;
- free will and Divine Omnipotence;
- good and evil;

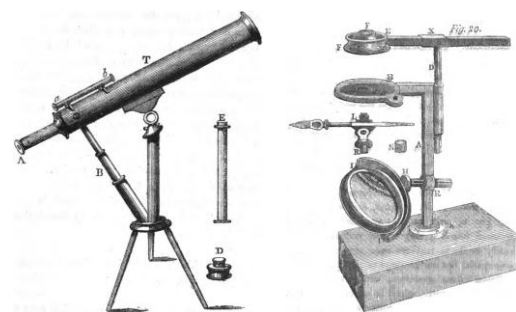
- of how we fit into the grand scheme of things;
- and, many other opposites we experience in this life.

So, if this is the ultimate goal for us as individual Masons, why do we not see more of it in the lives of those around us and ourselves? Is it just another example of a Grail (e.g., a lofty goal which is always just out of reach and yet close enough to visualize)? *No*, all the historic Masonic writers view it as an attainable characteristic.

We see various symbols to represent balance all around us and in our rituals and degrees. Take notice of the floor layouts in the degrees, they are usually balanced. It is even seen in the sky (the moon/sun relationship) and the revolving seasons work together to equal out each other for a pleasant world to live in. How hard can it be to have this be a part of our lives?

A well regulated life, as Brother Pike writes, cannot be complete without it. Balance takes us out of a black/white existence taught by so many religions. It places us in a position to choose for ourselves what is best for us, and for the world. However, we can only do this after evaluating all the options and results of doing so. Understanding and truth go hand in hand. Not because we are taught this, but because we have learned balance.

By the time you read this, you will be thinking of a new year and new goals for it. Consider making this quality a part of what you aspire to in 2012. The “e” word should not be relegated to only the written page or a lofty drama, but should be included in your life.



The telescope & the microscope



## 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

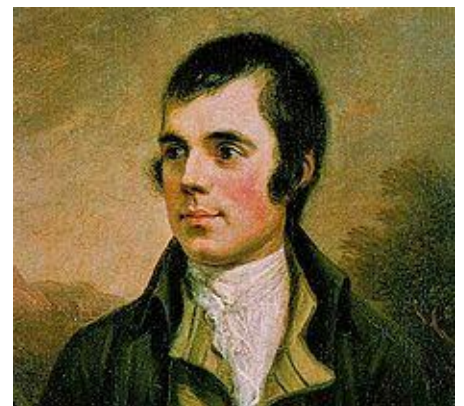
entree- Sheppard's Pie, Chicken in a Tarragon Cream Sauce

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**)<sup>[1][2]</sup> 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.



## 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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### 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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Wise Master  
Rocky Mountain Chapter of Rose Croix



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Master of Kadosh  
Denver Consistory



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Secretary-Recorder-Registrar



# CALENDAR

## 2011 Denver Consistory Schedule

### 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 - <b>Parking garage available</b>
		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](http://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.

**Where?**

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