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Patriotism is voluntary. It is a feeling of loyalty and allegiance that is the result of knowledge and belief. A patriot shows their patriotism through their actions, by their choice.

Jesse Ventura

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REMEMBRANCE

*The heart hath its own memory, like the mind. And in it are enshrined
the precious keepsakes, into which is wrought the giver's loving thought. ~ H.W. Longfellow*

~ In Memoriam ~

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5/7/2013
3/11/2013
5/9/2013
3/19/2013
5/15/2013
5/20/2013
4/27/2013
5/10/2013
3/14/2013
5/18/2013
5/21/2013
5/1/2013
3/19/2013
5/7/2013
3/14/2013

Rose Croix Services:

Homer Lee Bruton, 32°



CALENDAR

2013 Denver Consistory Schedule

June

Mon	Jun 3	7:30PM	Second Masonic Education Monday "Council of Kadosh and the Modern Scottish Rite Mason"
Mon	Jun 17		Stated Meeting - Parking garage available Hawaiian Shirt night
		5:30 PM	Red Room Business Meeting
		6:00 PM	Dinner (<i>Barbequed Salmon and Strawberry Shortcake</i>)
		7:00 PM	Entertainment
		7:30 PM	Split meeting-5 minute Oration by Orator of CCK

July

Thur-Fri	Jul 4-5		Denver Consistory closed for Independence Day holiday
Sat	Jul 20	5:00 PM	Educational Program - Parking garage available Ladies and guests invited
		6:30 PM	Shrimp Boil

August

Sat	Aug 17		All Masonic Picnic in cooperation with Grand Lodge, Shrine and ESMRC
Wed	Aug 21	6:00 PM	Officers' Mid-year Planning Dinner Meeting
Sat-Wed	Aug 24-28		Supreme Council Biennial Session, Washington D.C.

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

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FEATURE ARTICLE



Did You Know That?

Provided by James Smith, 33°

The Revolutionary War was a distinctly Masonic enterprise. The first assembly of the Continental Congress was presided over by a Master Mason, Peyton Randolph, Provincial Grand Master of Virginia. The Boston Tea Party was organized in St. Andrews Lodge, at an adjourned meeting, and that every member that threw tea into the harbor was a member of that lodge. Paul Revere, who made his immortal ride, was Junior Warden of that Lodge. The man who set the lantern in the Old South Church, the beacon of the Revolution, was a member of that Lodge. More than fifty of the fifty-six signers of the Declaration of Independence were members of the Masonic Fraternity. All but one of the five members of the Constitutional Convention were Masons. Richard Henry Lee, who moved the resolution of Independence in the Continental Congress, was a Mason. Lee and all five members of that committee, Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin, John Adams, Roger Sherman, and Robert R. Livingston, were Masons. The American Flag was made by the widow of John Ross, a Mason, and was placed in the hands of Washington, who was elected Grand Master of Virginia, but did not accept because his duties as Commander-in-Chief of the American Army absorbed all his attention and energies. Washington took the oath of office as President of the United States upon the bible brought from St. John's Lodge No. 1 of New York. The oath of the office was administered by Chancellor Livingston, Grand Master of the State of New York. The Governors of every one of the original thirteen states at the time Washington was inaugurated were Masons. The Constitution of the United States was written by Masons. Washington asked that Lafayette, coming from France, and Von Steuben, coming from Germany, be made Masons. All of Washington's brigadier generals except one were Masons. Free speech, free religion and free schools were the gifts of Masonry to America and these were opposed by all anti-Masonic institutions. The four Major

Generals who almost ruined Washington and the cause of freedom were the four who were not Masons. No part of the above are now taught in our free schools which were made possible by the foresight of our Masonic brethren, and fought by every anti-Masonic institution. **We as Masons need to put the Masonic spirit into future years if we are to have a future America.**

Submitted by Al Hensinger, PSTC, Public Relations Chairman.

Oration at May 20, 2013 Stated Meeting

by Scott A. Bates, 32°

It is my honor and duty as the Orator in the Rocky Mountain Chapter of Rose Croix officer line prepare a few words.

The Rose Croix line had been described as the *heart* of the Consistory and is represented by the color red. One of the responsibilities of the Rose Croix line is to conduct the Celebration of Remembrance and Renewal. The Rose Croix funeral team conducts the memorial services for our brethren that have passed on. I recently discovered memoriam on the internet that I'd like to share with you. It is rumored to have been first printed in the London Times, and I have taken the liberty of tweaking slightly.

Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend, Common Sense, who had been with us for many years. No one knows for sure how old he was, since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape.

He will be remembered as having cultivated such valuable lessons as:

- knowing when to come in out of the rain
- why the early bird gets the worm
- life isn't always fair, and

- maybe it was my fault

Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies like do not spend more than you earn as well as reliable parenting strategies like adults, not children, need to be in charge and 'because I said so' is a valid reason.

His health began to deteriorate rapidly when well-intentioned, but overbearing, regulations were set in place - reports of a six-year-old boy charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate, and middle school students facing expulsion for violation of drug policies when one lent their inhaler to another who was having an asthma attack.

Common Sense lost ground when parents attacked teachers for doing the job they had themselves failed to do in disciplining their unruly children and declined further when schools were required to get parental consent to administer sunscreen to a student.

Common Sense deteriorated when big businesses became people and criminals' rights became more important than the rights of their victims.

Common Sense took a beating when you could get sued for assault by defending yourself from a mugger or worse by giving someone CPR.

Common Sense finally gave up the will to live after a woman failed to realize that the steaming cup of coffee she ordered was hot. She spilled a little in her lap and was promptly awarded a multi-million dollar settlement.

Common Sense was preceded in death by his parents, Truth and Trust, his wife, Discretion, his daughter,

Responsibility and his son, Reason. He is survived by two stepbrothers - I Know My Rights and Someone Else Must Be to Blame. Not many attended his funeral because the announcement got lost in the mail.

While this is certainly a tongue in cheek take on the state of things today, my guess is that you may have been able to relate to at least part of this as I had.

Each of us has known, "Freemasonry is a beautiful system of morality, veiled in allegory, and illustrated by symbols." We may have even used that phrase ourselves at one time or another. It is true. The various degrees do contain *beautiful* lessons and clearly have their share of complexity, ritual, and pageantry. However, one of the reasons Freemasonry appeals so much to me is that, underneath it all, the lessons also reinforce a degree of common sense.

- *All men are equal.*
- *The brotherhood of mankind is a given.*
- *Rank is not a function of birth.*
- *Help those truly in need.*
- *Earning your living through work is honorable.*
- *Do the right thing because it is right - not out of fear of punishment or expectation of reward.*

I can't imagine that Freemasonry would have such a long and distinguished history if, at its core, the lessons didn't make sense fundamentally.

Speaking of degrees, we recently completed another Degree Reunion. The reunions are always a great experience for me and I'm sure you as well. Though, I think everyone does breathe a sigh of relief when they wrap up. The reunions are also a time when you get to catch up with brethren you may not have seen since the last reunion and learn what's been going on with them and they you.

Even just recently I have heard a variety of brothers' happy and sad stories.

- stories about becoming brethren becoming grandparents

- stories about brethren's adult children with marital problems
- stories about younger children's outstanding accomplishments
- stories about brothers having to move away
- stories about promotions and other success at work
- and stories about brethren or their family members passing away

Such is life. As Masons, we are taught early on about the mosaic as an emblematical representation of life. We are again reminded in the 18th degree, Knight of the Rose Croix, of that mingling of good and evil, each in eternal alternation, both within the world and within human nature - the white and black representing light and darkness, joy and sorrow, life and death.

Any brother asking me the seemingly simple question, "How have you been?" has gotten more than he bargained for recently. As some brothers know, I was hit by a car while on a bicycle ride. Accidents happen, of course. However, I was riding in the shoulder and the driver made three attempts to hit me, including putting her pickup truck in reverse to try and back over me on a state highway. I had to concede that Common Sense was at least out to lunch on that day.

I have been contending with a variety of physical and neurological problems since then. However, I do want to extend an earnest apology to the brethren for not having been recently as involved as much as I would like.

We all have things that happen to us. That's life. When dealing with these types of difficult events however, you might get sad, frustrated, or angry. As a Freemason though, you want to try and keep your passions within due bounds and avoid intemperance lest it debase your dignity.

There are particular books out there the people look to for words of wisdom. Some use the Bible, some the I-Ching, some the Urantia Book just to name a few - maybe even the old Magic 8 Ball. There are even books of philosophical quotations specifically published for this purpose. The concept is that you can open your book of choice to any random page,

begin reading, and you will soon find some passage that is applicable to the situation in which you're dealing with.

I thought I'd use the Scottish Rite degrees in the same manner. That is a pretty broad scope, so instead of jumping in at a random point I narrowed it down to the Rose Croix degrees. That still cuts a wide path, so I decided to narrow it down further to just one degree - the 15th Degree, known as the Knight of the East, of the Sword, or of the Eagle. I've been a member of that degree cast for a while now, and it is directed by my dear friend W.B. Robin Knox, 32nd degree KCCH. In fact the entire cast is made up of great friends and brothers as all our degrees are.

In the chapter on the 15th Degree in *Morals and Dogma*, Bro. Albert Pike writes,

"He who endeavors to serve, to benefit, and improve the world, is like a swimmer who struggles against a rapid current in a river lashed into angry waves by the winds. Often they roar over his head, often they beat him back and baffle him. Most men yield to the stress of the current, and float with it to the shore, or are swept over the rapids; and only here and there the stout, strong heart and vigorous arms struggle on toward ultimate success."

In my mind, Pike is telling us that to achieve ultimate success in extremely challenging or difficult situations we must press on - press on beyond the point when we want to give up, and even beyond the point where most men will have been overwhelmed.

A little further along in the 15th Degree Pike continues,

"But gloomy and discouraging as was the prospect, with lukewarmness within and bitter opposition without, our ancient brethren persevered. Let us leave them engaged in the good work, and whenever to us, as to them, success is uncertain, remote, and

contingent, let us still remember that the only question for us to ask as true men and Masons, is, what does duty require; and not what will be the result and our reward if we do our duty. Work on with the Sword in one hand, and the Trowel in the other!"

Pike is reinforcing that it is our duty to persevere as our ancient brethren did. *Work with the sword in one hand and the trowel in the other.* The operative mason earns his wages by the use of the trowel, and the speculative mason builds fellowship with that same implement. We have been given two implements, one in each hand, and so must balance the use of the sword and the trowel. We are to continue on in our efforts to earn our wages and build our fellowship with the trowel. To balance the use of the trowel by having the sword in the other hand instructs us to be guarded and not be naively vulnerable in our day to day activities. To balance the use of the sword by having the trowel in the other hand, I surmise that the sword is only to be used in defense while engaged in our work and not for us to be blindly going on the attack.

I'd like to briefly turn our attention to the degree ritual itself. In the lecture skillfully given by W.B. Aaron Klostermeyer, 32°, there is a reference to the initials L D P. The initials are said to stand for Liberté de Passer in French or Liberty of Passage meaning freedom in body in the same manner that Freemasons are required to be men who are free born. The initials are also thought to have a second meaning in the ritual - Liberté de Penser - which is freedom of thought or freedom of conscience. I've seen and read the ritual several times before, and it seemed to be plainly stating that freedom of thought is at least equally important as freedom in body. However, the lecture discreetly continues with, "...freedom from all that oppresses the aspirations of the human spirit."

Let's focus on that for a minute - *freedom from all that oppresses the aspirations of the human spirit.* Meditating upon this singular discovery, the concept of freedom of thought now expanded for me to also include *peace of mind.* It is taught in the ritual that, "...the free mind is an indispensable qualification of

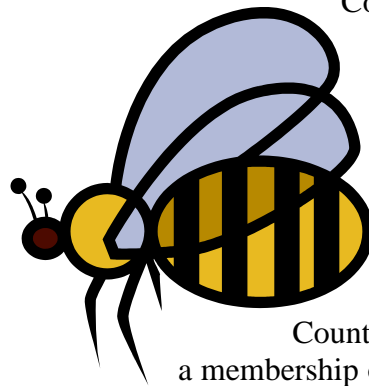
the true Free Mason." By illuminating the meaning of the free mind, to me this now reads that *freedom of thought, freedom of conscience, and peace of mind are indispensable qualifications of the true Free Mason.* Free in body and free in spirit.

In conclusion, we know there is good and bad, light and dark, in life. It is inevitable. There will be sorrow as well as joy, difficulties as well as victories, for it is the nature of things. It is a necessity, as well as our duty, to endeavor and persevere without resignation. On one hand we should always be vigilant and prepared. On the other hand try to not let negative situations interfere with our life or change who we are, but persist in our labors. And throughout all this, be at ease and achieve peace of mind knowing *that this too shall pass.*

In Morals and Dogma, Pike wraps up the chapter on the 15th Degree,

"Then that which caused us trial shall yield us triumph; and that which made our heart ache shall fill us with gladness; and we shall then feel that there, as here, the only true happiness is to learn, to advance, and to improve; which could not happen unless we had commenced with error, ignorance, and imperfection. We must pass through the darkness, to reach the light."

For The Ladies:



Come to the June 17th stated meeting to hear an exciting program about your friendly little bumble bees. This program will be presented by Joanna Haugland who is a Past President of the Douglas County Bee Keepers Club with a membership of over 700. Joanna is the wife of our new Secretary, Bill Klatil. Honey will be available to purchase if you desire. Also remember to wear your favorite Hawaiian attire!



Acknowledgement of a job well done by our Illustrious Brother Secretary

Illustrious and Most Worshipful Claud Dutro has stepped down as the Secretary of the Denver Consistory. He took this position in response to a need when Illustrious Brother Darrell Tygart, Sr. passed away in office.

Claud has been a member of this consistory since 1966 and has served in almost every important position from, of course, the Secretary's job, Venerable Master of Centennial Lodge of Perfection, member of the Cathedral Board, Executive Committee, Scottish Rite Property Board and on and on. Claud has been and still remains a key negotiator having to do with the developed property to our South. Claud was coroneted a 33° in 1999.

Claud's education includes a MBA degree from the University of Colorado in Denver and graduation from the Industrial College of the Air Force. He retired in 1989 from the Colorado Air National Guard as a Colonel serving as Deputy Commander of Resources and retired in 2007 after 23 years as a Business Manager in the turf grass industry. Claud has been involved in executive positions in the foodservice equipment industry, public accounting and credit/collections industry.

Claud's other masonic involvement includes being Master of Denver Lodge 5 in 1973, Grand Master of all Masons in Colorado in 2003, Past High Priest in Royal Arch Masons in 1999-2000, and a Past Commander with the Knights Templar in 2003-2004. He is currently an officer in the Red Cross of Constantine, President of the Masonic Temple Association of Denver at 1614 Welton Street, Treasurer of his Blue Lodge, Royal Arch Chapter, and Knights Templar. Claud is also a member of El Jebel Shrine. As displayed, Claud is an active participant of the fraternity and has greatly improved these organizations with his leadership.

An eastern Colorado native, Claud lives with his wife Karen in Englewood. They have two adult daughters and two grandchildren. Claud enjoys gardening and family activities including his grandchildren and Karen's large extended family.



Changes to Office of Secretary

Illustrious and Most Worshipful Brother Claud Dutro has decided to retire for the fourth time in his career. This decision has prompted a change in the office of the Secretary of the Denver Consistory. Illustrious Brother Bill Klatil has been tapped on the shoulder to take on this responsibility.

Bill was born in Cleveland, Ohio and moved to Colorado in 1969, almost a native. He married in 1991 to Joanna Haugland and has an adopted family of a daughter and two grand children. Bill has spent his adult life in the business world. He has been employed by several General Motors dealerships in the part's department. Bill has been a manager in parts since 1989. He has been involved with software and manager associations holding offices in these various organizations.

Bill has been active in free masonry in Colorado since his initiation in 1982. He has served his lodge, George Washington 161, as Master in 1988. Bill joined the Scottish Rite in 1989, the first allied degrees, and was Venerable Master of Centennial Lodge of Perfection in 1999, one of the years that we met at Highland Masonic Center because of the consistory building's renovation project. Bill is a member El Jebel Shrine and active in the Ceremonial Divan. In 1990, Bill was asked to take a temporary job as District Lecturer for the Grand Lodge of Colorado to fill a position vacated by the Grand Tyler. This was to be a one year appointment. After 23 years, Bill has retired from this "temporary" assignment. He is still active on several committees for the Grand Lodge, including Custodians of the Work.

Bill has served in many consistory degrees throughout the years and has been cited as an exceptional ritualist. He has been a mentor, a member of the Executive Committee, and is currently the Chairman of the Finance Committee. Bill received his Knight Commander of the Court of Honor on October 6, 1997 and was coroneted a 33° on November 22, 2003.



Just My Opinion ...

by D. J. Cox, 33°

The theme for this month's publication is PATRIOTISM. Patriotism is a curious word often evoking a myriad of emotions. The concept is a central theme in masonic teachings, yet is constrained in our activities. Or is it?

While we are cautioned to keep politics out of our lodge meeting, we are enjoined to support our country's activities, laws, policies and responsibilities. Why are we taught to be obedient citizens, yet active in its governance? Does this limit our patriotic actions? Is politics confused with patriotism? What is the difference? And what role does each play in our civic responsibilities?

There is the rub --- knowing the difference. Wikipedia defines patriotism as "*Patriotism is a cultural attachment to one's [homeland](#), excluding differences caused by the dependencies of the term's meaning upon context, [geography](#) and [philosophy](#). In a generalized sense applicable to all countries and peoples, patriotism is a devotion to one's country.*"

This is basically the definition you will find in any credible source, but does it really get to the depth of the concept? Isn't this concept intellectual and emotional; personal and philosophic; individual and collective?

On the other hand, politics is generally defined as "*the art or science of government or governing, especially the governing of a political entity, such as a nation, and the administration and control of its internal and external affairs*". It is basically how the work gets done.

One can read in sources like Time magazine that "*American patriotism expresses itself most truly in actions, not words*". In other words, it is what we do, not necessarily what we say. Just recently, we celebrated Memorial Day, a time to honor those valiant men and women who made the supreme sacrifice in support of this country. In a few days, we will celebrate Flag Day, a time to honor the United States flag and to commemorate the flag's adoption.

And shortly after that we have Independence Day, a time to commemorate the adoption of the Declaration of Independence.

This is a very patriotic time of the year for our citizenry. I wonder though if we stop to consider the patriotic aspects of these holidays or just view them as time off from the daily grind of our jobs. There is talk about responsibilities to vote and the benefits of living in this country. We argue (or discuss if one prefers) about the pros, cons, moral issues, financial issues, etc. of our country's actions. As a nation we respond well to disasters, emergencies or attacks. In those situations, WE DO GOOD!

Now let's talk about the day-to-day aspects of patriotism. I'm talking about how we treat our history and the education of our youth from a historical perspective. I'm talking about the ways in which we protect our citizens. I'm talking about how involved we are in our government. These are the ways in which we demonstrate our patriotism and prepare the next generations to carry on as we pass into old age and beyond.

How many of us sit down and talk to our children about the past and its impacts on us and them? Do we explain the effects of political actions on them and their futures? And what do you do when so many of the current generations seem so disinterested and only concerned about the here and now? Do we just give up and hope they get it before it is too late or do we keep trying to explain the need for their involvement? I for one believe it is our duty as citizens and parents to continue to be involved, informed and active. It is our patriotic responsibility!

As masons, we should take the time on Flag Day to discuss the evolution of the flag; we should engender respect for our flag and how it is displayed and cared for. As masons, we should not just settle for watching the parade and fireworks, or just enjoy BBQing on the 4th of July. We should spend some time discussing the founding of this nation among friends and family. Our history is important. Our history leads us to our future and it is our masonic responsibility to lead the way! Not politics; PATRIOTISM.

Anyway, that's my opinion!



Toast to the Flag

by John Jay Daly

*Here's to the red of it -
There's not a thread of it,
No, nor a shred of it
In all the spread of it
From foot to head,
But heroes bled for it,
Faced steel and lead for it,
Precious blood shed for it,
Bathing it red!*

*Here's to the white of it-
Thrilled by the sight of it,
Who knows the right of it
But feels the might of it
Through day and night?
Womanhood's care for it
Made manhood dare for it,
Purity's prayer for it
Keeps it so white!*

*Here's to the blue of it -
Beauteous view of it,
Heavenly hue of it,*

*Star-spangled dew of it
Constant and true;
Diadems gleam for it,
States stand supreme for it,
Liberty's beam for it
Brightens the blue!!*

*Here's to the whole of it -
Stars, stripes and pole of it,
Body and soul of it,
O, and the roll of it,
Sun shining through;
Hearts in accord for it,
Swear by the sword for it,
Thanking the Lord for it,
Red, White and Blue.*

The flag should be displayed on all days, especially on New Year's Day (January 1), Inauguration Day (January 20), Lincoln's Birthday (February 12), Washington's Birthday (third Monday in February), Easter Sunday (variable), Mother's Day (second Sunday in May), Armed Forces Day (third Saturday in May), Memorial Day (half staff until noon, last Monday in May), Flag Day (June 14), Independence Day (July 4), Labor Day (first Monday in September), Constitution Day (September 17), Columbus Day (second Monday in October), Navy Day (October 27), Veterans Day (November 11), Thanksgiving Day (fourth Thursday in November), Christmas Day (December 25), such other days as proclaimed by the President of the United States, birthdays of States (date of admission) and on State holidays.

American Banner

by C.K. Roshong

*Wave on high grand old flag
For the sake of all who care;
You're the symbol of our freedom,
The answer to our prayer.*

*You give us strength to hold our ground
Against the brazen few
Who would test our mettle,
Our fortitude, dedicated to you.*

*Your colors stand for more
Than what we learned in school;
They blend together,
Form a wrapper, for the golden rule.*

*You guide the way we carry on
When faced with a mighty test;
Each minute and hour of every day
We resolve to do our best*

*To stand as one before the terror
That violates nature's laws,
To protect the rights of all
Who pledge allegiance to your cause.*

*Wave on high, grand old flag,
It's you we loudly cheer;
You radiate a wondrous spirit,
That helps us conquer fear.*

*When hope, care and promise
Are the world's greatest need,
You shine bright from way on high --
A banner to take the lead.*

I like to see a man proud of the place in which he lives. I like to see a man live so that his place will be proud of him.

~Abraham Lincoln

Freedom Isn't Free

by Kelly Strong

*I watched the flag pass by one day
It fluttered in the breeze
A young Marine saluted it, and then
And then he stood at ease*

*I looked at him in uniform
So young, so tall, so proud
With hair cut square and eyes alert
He'd stand out in any crowd*

*I thought how many men like him
Had fallen through the years
How many died on foreign soil?
How many mothers' tears?*

*How many Pilots' planes shot down?
How many died at sea?
How many foxholes were soldiers' graves?
No, Freedom isn't free*

*I heard the sound of taps one night,
When everything was still
I listened to the bugler play
And felt a sudden chill*

*I wondered just how many times
That taps had meant "Amen"
When a flag had draped a coffin
Of a brother or a friend*

*I thought of all the children,
Of the mothers and the wives,
Of fathers, sons and husbands
With interrupted lives*

*I thought about a graveyard
at the bottom of the sea
Of unmarked graves in Arlington.
No, Freedom isn't free!*



**From the
Secretary's Desk**
by William Klatil, 33rd, Secretary

At our last stated meeting the attending members were treated to an inspiring presentation of the Order of Demolay's "Flower Talk". This ceremony was delivered by the Deputy State Master Councilor of DeMolay also being the 2013 Frank Marshall Tournament of Champions first place award winner,



Tim Zumalt. His supporting cast was his brother (pictured), his mother Chris and his father Tom (also a Scottish Rite Mason in Baton Rouge, Louisiana). The dry eyes were hard to come by after this moving performance given by these young men.

Illustrious and Most Worshipful Brother Claud Dutro was presented with a plaque by the SGIG and Personal Representative for his years of service in the



Secretary's position. A standing ovation (well

deserved) and the Grand Honors of Masonry were afforded to Claud after the presentation.

The reunion has come and gone but it is always nice to reacquaint old friendships and catch up with lives and stories of our brothers. One of many brothers that has been missed is Illustrious Brother Jack Denton who was in attendance, after a brief hiatus.

The Denver Consistory held it's first event coinciding with the "Celebrate the Craft" web-a-thon on Saturday, May 18th in the classroom. We had a small but enthusiastic turnout where \$4000.00 was pledged by our SGIG to support the effort. Have you considered a tax deductible donation to the House of the Temple in Washington DC?



Plan on attending the stated meeting on June 17th in your best and brightest Hawaiian shirt (NO shorts or flip flops). A very casual evening is planned with Barbequed salmon and strawberry shortcake for dinner. The new Double Eagle points awards will be passed out to several of the members along with individual eagles for the original jewels. Other awards will also be presented to 25 year members and Master Craftsman scholars.



The theme of next month's newsletter is History (concentrate on our roots in America). Anyone wishing to contribute an article on this subject, and we most heartily encourage participation by all members, should have their input to the office by June 27, 2013.



Between the Columns

by Michael D. Moore, 32°



Columns in the H.O.T.

Patriotism

Honor and duty are the pole stars of a Mason, the Dioscuri, by never losing sight of which he may avoid disastrous shipwreck... So the Mason who loses sight of these, and is no longer governed by their beneficent and potential force, is lost, and sinking out of sight, will disappear unhonored and unwept.

Albert Pike

When it comes to celebrating the Craft's contribution to liberty, freedom and an open society; we have nothing to be ashamed of. Many of

our Brothers have fought to make the world and our country better and just one of the aspects of this cause is to put themselves at the forefront of armed conflicts. We should be proud of them and not hesitate to join alongside any modern one who follows this path.

Here in America, we see Brothers who were actively a part of the Civil War, American War for Independence, various battles along the frontier and many conflicts outside our borders. To show a list of all who can be included in this would take many, many pages and would include a number of my readers. Those of you who are still alive could add more which they knew or still know. But here is a list of some that you can associate with:

Joel Poinsett
 The Knights Templar
 George Washington
 Crafters of our government's documents
 Simon Bolivar
 Jose de San Martin
 Vicente Guerrero
 Sam Houston
 Stephen Austin
 David Burnet
 Mirabeau Lamar
 Winston Churchill
 Franklin Roosevelt
 Gen. George Marshall...

[For those who like history and want to know more on some of these individuals - a good book that gives a lot of information on early founders, their contribution to our nation and the lasting affects is *Revolutionary Brotherhood* by Steven Bullock.]

Patriotism is a theme often skipped over in our quest for enlightenment. Sometimes we work so much on achieving the great cause - peace and harmony for all, that we neglect to realize that sometimes stepping up and actively fighting for what is right for us or others is a part of it. One of the first charges we are taught as Masons include a phrase that tells us to be good, peaceable and loyal citizens of the country for which we are living in and that includes many things. One is to protect it.

To be free is a tough concept to define; but in its basic form, it allows the mind and the heart to go

where it is lead. To be confined and oppressed; to be kept under the heel of any power or control hungry individuals is contrary to the Creator's original intent. But when done right, answers the question "*Should we be allowed to enjoy the freedoms which we love and are given to us by God, when others are not yet able to do the same?*"

Being patriotic is not mentioned in our list of virtues, for it can mean a lot of things to different people. But I am very glad to see it put forth at all Blue Lodge meetings with the pledge to the flag. We take for granted that the freedoms we now have, had to be fought for, all through the ages.

My country may not be perfect, but I am proud to have been born in it and live here. The United States is a unique country different than others, where we have a system of governing that is based on ancient themes and many of its originators that held Masonic ideals. What a blend we are!

Being patriotic is something we need to pass on to all generations that follow us. Pike says patriotism can be a powerful force. I will let him say more on this topic:

Above all, the Love of Country, State Pride, the Love of Home, are forces of great power. Encourage them all. Insist upon them in your public men. Permanency of home is necessary to patriotism. A migratory race will have little love of country...

BIRTHDAY BOYS FOR JUNE

Brothers over 90 years of age this month:

Bill Joseph Bergan
M. John Bernstein
Richard L. Brittain
Albert Hendley Brookes
Percy Jerome Espevig
Charles H. Freudenthal
Donald Edward Gallup
Robert James Gilbert
Guy Elwood Goodrich
Charles A. Harrison



Robert Hayden Harry
Raymond Howard Holiday
Herman Corwin Homer
Delbert John Jensen
Paul Walfrid Johnson
Edwin D. Keller
William Frederick Knapp
Robert Clifford Mackay
George Riley Mattern
Frank Glenn Maxwell
Delbert Clarence Petersen
Earle Douglass Quinnell Jr
Earle Leonard Reed
Dallas D. Rockwell
William Curtis Simon
Clyde Eaton Smith
Charles Darrell Sorensen
Sheldon Don Stiers
Lloyd Carl Wade
Edward W. Wexler
Neal Clark Yorker
Martin John Youngmann

Brothers turning 80 this month:

Ronald Burton Adams
Andrew August Anderson
Max Leroy Bailey
George Albert Baldini
John D. Baldwin
Donald Gene Bingman
Charles Ellsworth Brewer
August Robert Brunner
Donald Eugene Burbach
Ralph Capilla Jr
Martin L. Church Sr
C. P. Collier Jr
Tommy Evan Collins
David Junior Day
Clarence Arthur Eby
Ben William Fagen
Preston Carroll Franks
David William Gabriel
Joe Milo Galovich
Robert G. Geissberger
James Earl Gibb
Virgil Wayne Girtman
Eugene Gladstone
David Austin Goff
Homer Goodman

Marvin Herman Grusing
 Kenneth Edward Hagan
 George Wesley Hall
 John Newton Harman
 Richard Dewey Hayes
 John Linnes Heil
 Lyle Duane Hesalroad
 Ray Orval Humphrey
 Carl Albert Hutchinson
 Ivan Emanuel Johansson
 Willard Joseph Karcher Jr
 Edgar Amend Kennedy
 Jack Davis Kline
 David Thomas Knight
 George Frederick Knowles
 Robert Herman Lawton
 Richard Craig Le Vere
 Ernie Joe Lee
 George Robert Lewis
 Marvin Lee Meyers
 Edward George Mickel
 Grant Wallace Midcap
 Laurence Oneil Newport
 Stephen Walter Pahs
 Jack Davy Patten
 Robert David Reagle
 Howard Albert Rusk
 Winfried Geo Schendel
 John Andrew Sells III
 Jack Dewey Shrewsbury
 James Wesley Skaggs
 Alfred Steinert
 Ralph Lewis Stewart
 John Lincoln Tagert
 Glenn Arlis Tripp
 Richard Clive Tucker
 Arnold Van Zandt
 Benny D. Watkins
 Herbert Nathaniel Weil Jr
 Richard Kinsley Welle
 Edward Charles Younker

Raymond L. Bloomquist
 Joe Marvin Bowman
 Thomas Harry Bradbury
 Eugene Roy Brantner
 John Marlan Bron
 Robert Lee Carne Jr
 Ronald James Carter
 Jan Fredrik Cederberg
 Frank Melford Dunckley
 Joseph Smith Dunn
 Clinton Leroy Eddy
 Richard Estes
 Dennis Gallegos
 Broaddus Linwood Garnett
 Gerald L. Greenwald
 Kenneth William Harmon
 Stephen Arthur Hiller
 Roger Lee Howard
 Richard Eugene Hudson
 Gerald Wayne Human
 Rodney Gene Johnson
 Stephen Jay Kaplan
 James Sill Kimmel
 Perry Lynn Knoll
 Donald Earl Linden
 Thomas Hughes MacLean
 James Lyndon Martin
 Eddie Lee McGrady
 John Archibald McKenry
 Ronald John McKenzie
 Charles Vincent McLaughlin
 Frederick Paul Meyer
 Richard William Mitchell
 Lawrence Leonard Monroe
 Jackson Paul Morgan Jr
 John Willis Morris
 Robert Adair Nathlich
 Kenneth Ray Nelson
 Lonnie Ray Nixon
 Dale Merton Pratt
 Paul Henry Rafalski
 Charles Antone Roessler
 George Allen Rudduck
 John Stephen Russell
 Carl Lee Sanders Jr
 Edward John Schade
 Robert Dean Schimpf
 William Orten Schurr

Brothers over 70 years of age this month:

Robert Michael Aleksick Sr
 Ronald Rudolph Anderson
 Ellis Lynn Armstrong
 John Photios Athanasopoulos
 Charles Edward Beall
 Richard Theodore Bickhard Jr

John David Smith
 Michael Lester Smith
 Frank Henry Stapleton Jr
 Robert Louis Stevens
 Donald Robert Stewart
 Richard Harold Stienmier
 Robert Allen Stretch Jr
 Gary Lee Strobe
 Patrick Lee Thompson
 William Brett Vollbracht
 Wendell Ralph Wagner
 Wayne Oliver Wendell
 Lloyd I. Wentworth Jr
 Samuel Lee Wittner
 Larry Dean Wullbrandt

Brothers over 60 years of age this month:

Lance Russell Barron
 Barry Craig Bowser
 Lynden Philip Bridges
 James Dennis Brigman
 Wayland Lee Britt
 Kenneth Edward Bruso
 Kenneth Lee Britt
 Alvin James Campbell
 Donald Francis Fecko
 John Michael Geiger
 James Lee Gladney
 William Alexander Hickey III
 Robert Isaac Hillman
 Steven Lee Hubbard
 Michael E. Jackson
 Lloyd Benjami LaKamp
 Glenn Lasater
 Steven Lee Mudd
 Glenn Everett Murray
 Milo Paul Nichols
 William Stephen Okrepkie
 David Harrison Paul
 Robert Lee Rodgers
 Royce G. Roland
 Arnold Jerome Simpson
 Robert Lee Sorrell
 Thomas Lee Soto
 Paul Grey Stutzman
 Harry Lee Thomas
 Stephen C. Thomason
 Richard Dennis Tomlinson
 Larry Eugene Tygart

Michael Alexander Walker
 Charles Gregory Wilson

Brothers over 50 years of age this month:

Ricky Lynn Benish
 Jerry William Blecha
 Jerry Lynn Brumley
 Mark Peter Dickson
 Lonnie Lee Farmer
 Rafel R. Ferrando
 Terry Ray Keller
 John Henry Mai
 Donald Thomas Marshall
 Mark James Mathisen
 Victor Eugen McMullin
 David Warren Mulder
 Gregory John Rindone
 Clifford Gordon Rossler
 Bruce Wayne Schwartz
 David Earl Stoner
 Donald John Vallero
 Scott Wayne Vickrey
 David Owen Vitali
 Robert Eugene Walker
 William Scott Webster
 Chad Marshall Weston
 Howard Wesley White
 Scott Matthew Yorker

Brothers over 40 years of age this month:

Jarrod Nathaniel Abel
 Scott Allen Bates
 Kurt Michael Blair
 Randy Michael Harrold
 Jeffrey Paul Smith

Brothers over 30 years of age this month:

Michael Steven Brown
 Cory Martin Curtis
 Jackson Joseph Denton
 Michael Sean Taylor

Brothers over 20 years of age this month:

John Curtis Burns
 Jonathan Robert Leach
 Christopher August Millard



2013 - 9HEALTHFAIR

by Bill Hickey, 32° KCCH

Well, as I mentioned last month, our final numbers for this year's 9HealthFair were 175 participants. Not a record, but not the smallest number we've had either – somewhere in the middle.

Believe it or not, we only get a couple of months to "rest up" before planning for next year starts up in earnest.

So, if anyone out there wants to chip in to do things like work with the volunteer data base, plan for the interactive educational centers (these are the folks that bring literature and staff an information table at the fair) and decide which groups we can host – things like that....please don't hesitate to collar me at a meeting or in email (wa3h@hotmail.com) any time.

Meanwhile, enjoy a well-deserved summer vacation after the annual Hawaiian Shirt stated meeting this month. AND DON'T FORGET to make your reservations for the Shrimp Boil with the office.



Meet your Brothers

By Jack White, 32° KCCH

Paul Grey Stutzman was selected as Treasurer for the Spring 2013 Reunion Class.



Paul is married to Glynda and has been a Mason for almost 2 years and is serving as Junior Steward in his Blue Lodge.

He works in Business Systems, Implementation and Operations and is a veteran with the Army reserve.

Paul enjoys motorcycling, sailing, off-roading, and traveling. His future plans are to enjoy his family and his fraternity. He states he joined the Scottish Rite to further his Masonic education.

His thoughts on Masonry and what it means: "I am excited about my experience with Masonry, and plan to exemplify to the best of my ability".

Welcome to Denver Consistory Paul!!



Michael Ralph Hagans, Jr. was selected as President of the Spring 2013 Reunion Class.

Michael is a newly made mason, having just been raised a couple of months ago. He is married to Tammy and he manages the Satellite Division of Clear Channel Media Holdings.

He joined the Scottish Rite to further his Masonic Education (and the cool hat!!). He is a 4th generation Scottish Rite Mason.

His hobbies include Ham Radio, Pilot, Electronic Design and Animals (cows and horses). He hopes to learn to fly float planes and teach his grandchildren to fly-fish.

His thoughts on Masonry are: "So far in my Masonic career, I have mostly valued that Masonry includes a system of moral teachings and fraternal support that helps me become more of the father, husband, friend, and man that I aspire to be".

Welcome to Denver Consistory, Michael!

Gary Wayne Little was selected as Secretary for the 2013 Spring Reunion.



Gary has been a Mason for over 17 years. He is a Captain for the Colorado Department of Corrections. Some of his duties and area of responsibility include Facility Emergency Management Coordinator, Special Teams, Training, Transport Unit, Mailroom and Arming.

Gary likes to watch movies, and enjoys weightlifting and traveling.

Gary has 3 sons, Zachari (16), Derrick (14), and Gary, Jr. (3). Gary holds a BA degree from Colorado Tech University and an MBA from CSU. He is a veteran, having served with the US Army from 1992 – 1996 with the Military Police. He became a member of the Scottish Rite to obtain more light in Masonry.

His future plan is to continually strive to be a better person and leader to solidify family business and noble heritage.

Gary’s thought on Masonry is; “To make Good men better through knowledge, wisdom and discipline”.

Welcome to the Denver Consistory, Gary.



David Lee Hall was elected as Vice-President of the Spring 2013 Reunion Class.

David is married to Jessica and has been a Mason for 1 ½ years and is serving as Marshall in his Blue Lodge.

He is an Army vet with service in Iraq 2003-20005. He is a Trooper for the Colorado State Patrol. Bobby Juchem was his mentor in becoming a Scottish Rite Mason.

David enjoys Flying (he holds a private pilot’s license), reading and his two boys. He hopes for a long career with the Colorado State Patrol.

His thoughts on Masonry are:” Masonry has provided me with as opportunity to study topics that I might otherwise not have explored. I look forward to being involved in the Scottish Rite”.

Welcome David and thank you Bobby!

Do You Just Belong?
*Are you an active member
the kind that would be
missed,
or are you just contented
that your name is on the
list?*
*Do you attend the meetings
and mingle with the flock,
or do you stay at home
and criticize and knock?*
*Do you take an active part
to help the work along,
or are you satisfied to be
the kind that "JUST
BELONG"?*
*Do you ever go and visit
a member who is sick,
or leave the work to a few
and talk about the clique?*
*Thank this over, member,
you know right from wrong,
are you an active member*

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liberty of thought our supreme wish,
freedom of conscience our mission,
and the guarantee of equal rights to
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goal."*



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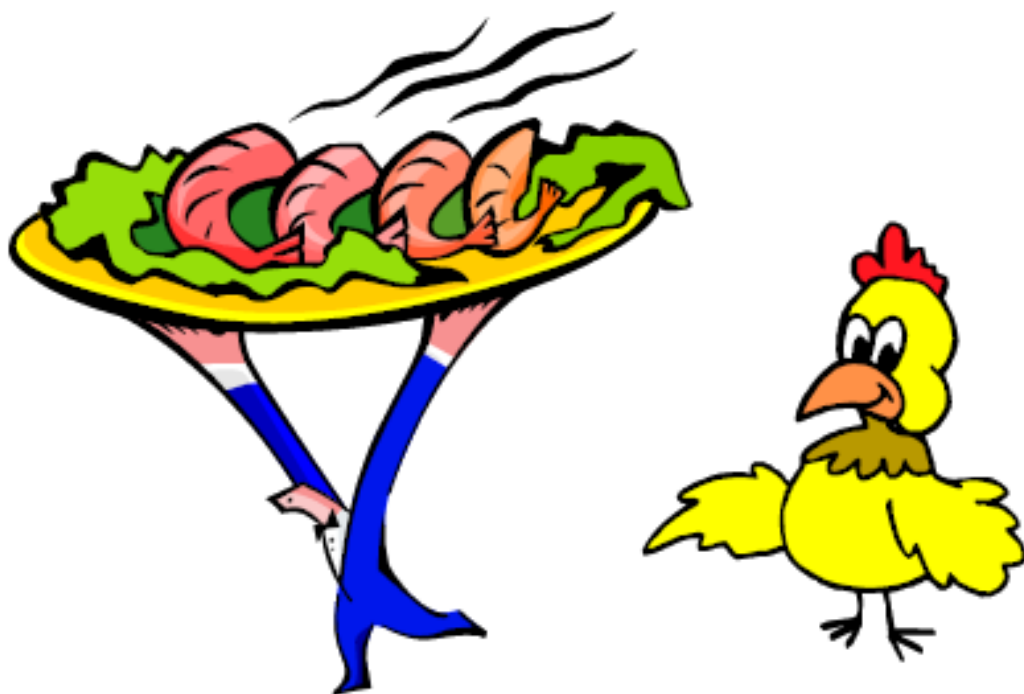
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