

# REMEMBER YOU'RE A MASON

Author unknown

When the pressures of recession Make us concentrate on greed, Take Heed, a worthy Mason Cares about another's need

Don't let pressures of the moment Make your obligation sway, Stop and help a fallen brother Or another by the way;

What you give is like a bubble Whenever you assist, What it costs in time and trouble Is, soon after, never missed;

Brother, bear that obligation You accepted on your knee, It's in direct relation To your own security;

Never hesitate, my brother Square your actions now and say, "I'll remember I'm a Mason, "And behave like that today;"

"With regard to human kindness And the 'Golden Rule', I pray, I'll remember I'm a Mason... And behave like that today."

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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~

"Father, in thy Gracious Keeping Leave We Now Thy Servant Sleeping"

BROTHER	CALLED HOME		
Richard Clarke Gazlay, 32° William Eugene Hanegan, 32° Robert Hayden Harry, 32° Manuel Van Kimbrel, 32° Paul Rudy Marshall, 32° Francis Paul Read, 32° Robert George Shaeffer, 32° Arnold Irving Siegel, 32°	7/12/2013 7/22/2013 6/25/2013 7/1/2013 7/10/2013 6/24/2013 6/23/2013 6/27/2013		
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# **CALENDAR**

# **2013 Denver Consistory Schedule**

#### **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.

#### **September**

Mon Sep 16 Stated Meeting - Parking garage available

5:30 PM Red Room Business Meeting

6:00 PM Dinner (*London Broil*) 7:00 PM Entertainment

### **October**

Mon Oct 21 Stated Meeting - Parking garage available

5:30 PM Red Room Business Meeting 6:00 PM Dinner (*Beef Tips and Noodles*)

7:00 PM Entertainment

### **November**

Wed-Sat Nov 6-9 Fall Reunion (43<sup>rd</sup> Consecutive) Parking garage available

Stated Meeting - Parking garage available

5:30 PM Red Room Business Meeting 6:00 PM Dinner (*Turkey and all the trimmings*)

7:00 PM Entertainment

#### <u>December</u>

Mon Dec 16 Stated Meeting - Parking garage available

5:30 PM Red Room Business Meeting6:00 PM Dinner (*Ham and Scalloped Potatoes*)

7:00 PM Entertainment

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

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Questions arise about who to call for what?

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Email: denverconsistory@denverconsistory.org Web page: www.denverconsistory.org

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Grand Lodge -

Phone: 719-471-9587

 $Email: \ gloffice@coloradofreemasons.org \ or \ cogloffice@gmail.com$ 

Web page: www.coloradofreemasons.org

Grand York Rite -

Phone: 303-623-5825

Email: <a href="mailto:gyorkriteco@gmail.com">gyorkriteco@gmail.com</a>
Web page: <a href="mailto:www.yorkrite.com/co/">www.yorkrite.com/co/</a>

Shrine -

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# FEATURE ARTICLE

# Ol' Leroy McKrank and Lodge Donations

from the Banks of the Euphrates

Earl Sunderman had belonged to the local Masonic lodge for nearly fifty years. As his health had become increasingly frail in his waning years—he was eighty-seven—he had decided to move into a nursing home and wanted to supervise the division and apportioning of his estate himself. Earl desired to leave a considerable sum to his Masonic lodge and he met with Ol' Leroy McKrank to discuss the details.

Ol' Leroy McKrank showed up at Earl's residence in his trademark overalls and rang the doorbell. Earl invited him in and shook Ol' Leroy's hand.

"Alright, so how much we talkin' about Earl?" asked Leroy.

"Well, Brother, I have decided that I'd like to give about two thousand dollars to the lodge and I would like the lodge to..."

Ol' Leroy gave a long, high pitched whistle. He had never personally spent, donated, or considered any transaction involving that much money at one time. "Shucks! You're practically fixing to buy the lodge, eh?"

"The lodge has been very important in my life, but I would like the lodge to use the money for the purpose of..."

"Boy, this will sure help out our savings account. Nothin' feels better than adding to the lodge's savings account."

"Savings account? Oh no, Brother Leroy, I want this to be spent right away!"

The last statement stopped Leroy dead in his tracks.

"Spent you say?"

"Yes. I want the lodge to take the money and buy new aprons, collars, jewels, gavels, and whatever other materials and regalia need replacement. The last time I saw our Deacon's staffs, the paint was practically gone. The lodge's cotton aprons are more yellow than white. I would like the lodge to replace all of it."

"Ahhhh. I see, I see. But don'tcha see what's wrong with your little idea? You see, we can repaint the staffs, bleach the aprons, use a little metal cleaner on our jewels to get the corrosion off, and even put some cardboard over the broken window in the fellowship hall, and still put a lot of your money into savings. Don'tcha see how much better that plan is?"

Earl was caught off guard by this statement. He had never imagined that someone would not be completely thrilled to take his donation and spend it as he wished."

"I think I'd just rather have the lodge buy new things."

"Well, I can sure try to tell the lodge to do that, but you know we'll have to draw a warrant on that. I'll tell them that's what you wanted, but they gotta vote on it. No tellin' what they'll want to do. Now if you gimme that check I'll go deposit it in the lodge's account."

Earl gave up and handed ol' Leroy the check. He could only hope that the lodge spent it as he had wished. He was starting to think that he should have given the money to the United Way, where it might actually do some good.

It costs so much to be a full human being that there are very few who have the enlightenment, or the courage, to pay the price.

Morris West

The theme of next month's newsletter is should be Education (personal growth within Masonry). 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 August 28, 2013.

# THE TRUE COST OF DOING BUSINESS

by John Warren, 33° Elect

It comes as no surprise to anyone that the cost of living today is much more than just a few years ago. As a result of this higher cost, we have come to realize that our priorities and way of doing things need to change. The question is posed: Is strictly adhering to a budget the best way to save money? There can be no yes or no answer here.

Dr. Samuel Johnson said, "The chains of habit are generally too small to be felt until they are too strong to be broken." That describes most of us. Whatever our backgrounds or situations in life, we all have formed habits so strong that we may believe, at times, that our way should work for everyone. Our habits have become too strong to change. We know

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what we can and cannot do. We know what we can and cannot buy.

What is all this leading up to? The answer is simple. The economics of our personal life are much the same as the

economics of our Masonic life. Simply put, costs for Masonic Bodies are going up.

If your Blue Lodge or other Masonic group is renting space in a larger Temple Building, come to a Temple Board meeting sometime and find out what utilities and maintenance costs are and you may understand a little better why rents increase. If your Masonic group owns the building, you can still find out about costs.

All Masonic groups have ideas on what they would like to offer their members...what they would like to provide to them. Many of these ideas sound and are great and include such things as Masonic Education, providing social functions for its members and charitable activities and they often cost money.

No one really wants to associate money with Masonic activities, but money is a fact of Masonic life. Some Masonic Bodies rely on dues as their primary source of revenue while others have additional revenue sources, as well as dues, to fund Lodge activities.

Some governing bodies look only at the bottom line. In other words, does income match expenses? For example, a Temple Board may inform a tenant that one of their fund raising activities cannot continue because it is not cost effective. In other words, the activity does not raise enough funds to equal or exceed the cost of having the building open for that period of time, never mind the value of the activity to the tenant.

Other Temple Boards may well request donations from their tenants to help with needed repairs to the building in order to not restrict any of the activities of their tenants.

J. R. R. Tolkien once said that "If more of us valued food and cheer and song above hoarded gold, it

would be a merrier world." What this says to me is that while it is important to live within one's means, both personally and masonically, it is equally important to investigate other options.

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Who is right in the above two scenarios? Is either of the two too extreme? Yes? No? I do not think there IS a right or wrong answer here. Even in our personal lives, we sometimes have to answer that question. It is a fair statement that most Temple Boards and/or actual owners of Masonic Buildings are composed of Masons who are sincere and dedicated in fulfilling their obligations. Some simply have different ideas on how to do that.

So far, we have been discussing mostly generalities without getting too specific in any one area. Let's discuss now our own Denver Consistory.

Denver Consistory has several different committees over-seeing different aspects of the overall operation. For example, the Finance Committee basically oversees the financial operations; the Cathedral Committee oversees the building itself and so on. Each of these Committees are composed of sincere and dedicated Brothers who want only the best for

the Consistory they value and volunteer many hours a month to accomplish this.

The first question, based on the examples discussed so far, is: Are expenses matching income? This is a tough, if not impossible, question to answer. Certainly membership dues are critical to the operation, but they do not cover the cost of the entire operation.

Denver Consistory is fortunate to have other resources as well. One example would be the interest from our investments, such as the Perpetual Membership Fund and other investments.

The bottom line here is this: All of the Consistory's income, all of the volunteer hours of the Brothers on the above referenced committees, is done so the building is ready to serve the members in their pursuit of learning, of Masonic education, the charitable aspects of the Fraternity, the social aspects of the Fraternity and on and on.

That being said, we still could not operate without the members of the Consistory themselves contributing their time and money. Our semi-annual Reunions are a good example of this. It has been said that it takes about 400 Brothers contributing thousands of volunteer hours to make a Reunion successful. This includes the Brothers working on all the different Committees such as Properties, Stage Crew, Costumes, Audio Visual, Class Committee, the Band and Chorus, the Degree actors and directors, the Degree Council, the Office Staff, the Brothers and ladies in the Dining Room. Some Brothers even purchase small items used during the Reunions, just so the Consistory can save a little more. All of these people donate all this time for one purpose and that is to provide a meaningful experience for our new Brothers.

Much the same can be said about all the other activities in the building also!

In the 22 years I have been a Scottish Rite Mason in Denver Consistory, I have seen the sincerity and dedication of the Brothers time after time. They devote their time and money for the good of the Fraternity.

An obvious example was the restoration of the organ. That project started at a regular meeting when the condition and needed repairs of our historic organ were being discussed and the estimated high cost of the project was given. One Brother stood up and pledged money for the project and several others soon followed. Thus, the project was born, with funding eventually coming from several sources.

If you want to know the ACTUAL monetary cost of operating the Consistory, attend the Committee Meetings, attend the Officers meetings held prior to each Consistory meeting or simply ask the Secretary during normal business hours to see the list of bills paid. All this information is available to all members.

The TRUE cost of operating the Consistory comes from what we all are seeking here and how much of our time and energy we are willing to expend to gain our needs.

My one regret is that I waited until so late in life to become a Master Mason and, one year later, to become a Scottish Rite Mason. With all of my Masonic activities now and the support of my family, I feel as if I have it all. Do You?

Strange is our situation here upon earth. Each of us comes for a short visit, not knowing why, yet sometimes seeming to a divine purpose. From the standpoint of daily life, however, there is one thing we do know: That we are here for the sake of others...for the countless unknown souls with whose fate we are connected by a bond of sympathy. Many times a day, I realize how much my outer and inner life is built upon the labors of people, both living and dead, and how earnestly I must exert myself in order to give in return as much as I have received.

-Albert Einstein



# INTERNET RESOURCE DESK

by Bill Hickey, 32° KCCH

This month, I'm focusing on SOCIAL NETWORKS – and more especially on how they might help YOU as well as the Denver Consistory – in networking as well as communications with our membership.

There are many social networking systems out there. Some of the more familiar and famous (or infamous, if you prefer) are FACEBOOK, TWITTER, MySPACE, LinkedIN, and so on. MySPACE seems to be waning in influence and popularity, so let's focus on the other three right now.

TWITTER - is a system for the exchange of VERY SHORT "tweets" or one-line messages. Usually you will see these things being used for real-time updates and reminders. So, for example you might see Brother Bryant Harris use TWITTER in the near future to remind folks about the "Brothers and Billiards" brown-bag lunch sessions on Wednesday. Maybe you would even see some of the brothers using TWITTER to remind folks of current fundraisers (like pancake breakfasts, fundraisers, picnics. auctions. sales. and SO on. http://www.twitter.com for information.

LinkedIN – is a network system that is used primarily for professionals to exchange resumés, announce job openings, provide electronic "business cards" and providing information on services that might be available. BUT, as with a lot of social networks. some of them also have "discussion threads" where a topic can be started, followed by a series of commentaries. The Denver Consistory has TWO LinkedIN sites available at the moment. DENVER CONSISTORY is the newest group, and is a CLOSED group (in other words, you MUST be a member of the Denver Consistory to join and You may post business-card-like participate). information, job announcements, resumés, and start discussions - for example, on topics found in the Master Craftsman courses - so long as you are a "member" of the group. Contact Bill Hickey wa3h@hotmail.com for information if you'd like to check it out. The other group on LinkedIN - DENVER CONSISTORY of the Scottish Rite – is a group owned by a former Consistory member, which is more open (meaning that we can not guarantee that a participant is either a Scottish Rite Mason OR a member of the Denver Consistory. Brother Bill Hickey can also give you information on that group as well. It was originally started as a means to discuss the lessons in the Master Craftsman program, but seems to have been neglected for a long time now. <a href="http://www.linkedin.com">http://www.linkedin.com</a> for information.

FACEBOOK - what can I say about this one? Started out its electronic life as a "college" social network system only - and has mushroomed into probably the single largest social network on the Many folks join just so they can keep connected to their family members living out of a local area - or to keep tabs on grandchildren, or While there are NUMEROUS former friends. FaceBook that are associated pages Freemasonry, not all of them are specifically for the Scottish Rite, or even exclusively craft masonry itself. If you want to check out what is already available, open a browser to

## http://www.facebook.com

and, at the top where it asks you what you would like to search for, put in any of the following:

- Denver Scottish Rite Consistory
- Knights of St. Andrew, Denver Consistory
- Mosque of El Jebel Shrine
- Denver Scottish Rite Masonic Center
- Scottish Rite/Masonic Temple
- Colorado Masonic Family
- Mason Colorado
- Research Lodge of Colorado
- Manitou Lodge #68: Colorado Freemasons
- Masonic Riders Motorcycle Club, Colorado Springs, CO
- Colorado Scottish Rite Freemasonry (CLOSED GROUP)

The "Closed Group" designator above means you have to ask to join the group, and be approved by the owner/manager of the group before you can have access to the pages other than perhaps a perfunctory high-level access to the main information page.

While you can create your own Facebook page for just about anything, the important thing is that it be kept CURRENT – meaning, you have to care and feed it just like you water your plants during growing season. If you ignore the page, eventually people will get the "message" and just stop coming by or using the information on the page.

Check out the Social Networking pages available to you – you have pretty much nothing to lose and everything to gain in the process.

# **HAMLET**

by Peter Marlborough

To learn, or not to learn; that is the question;

Whether 'tis nobler to suffer

The slings and arrows of outrageous Past Masters,

Or to oppose them in their quest

And by opposing cease their anger.

To read and not to learn

To sleep no more and end the heartache

And the thousand looks the mind is heir to.

To sleep; perchance to dream; there's the rub;

For in that sleep, to dream, to learn the ritual.

When we shuffle from the Lodge,

Must give pause to think.

To seek respect and not calamity of our deeds

Among our Brethren

# The eMasons' Charge

Brethren, the duties and charges of a Freemason are well suited to the Internet and should therefore be practiced to their fullest extent.

Honesty: to show the Craft as it is, and how we

wish it were.

*Charity*: to forgive those who speak out of

malice or ignorance.

Strength: to refrain from being drawn into

irrelevant arguments.

*Temperance*: to moderate the passions, and not rise

to taunts.

Fidelity: to ever be mindful of our obligations.

Rectitude: to correct in ourselves what we see

wrong in others.

Piety: to understand that our opinions are

just that, opinions.

Tolerance: to know that others' opinions are also

just opinions.

Courtesy: to observe the rules of etiquette.

Equality: to appear neither condescending nor

unduly humble.

Joy: to be happy, and communicate

happiness.

Let all our transactions via the Internet <u>demonstrate</u> <u>by example</u> what we as Freemasons aspire to in our daily lives. With our zeal and fidelity let us promulgate the genuine principles of the Craft, and diffuse the light of Wisdom rather than fan the flames of ignorance.

I favor the policy of economy, not because I wish to save money, but because I wish to save people. .

. . Economy is idealism in its most practical form.

Calvin Coolidge

# AND...THE SURVEY SAYS



How many of you watched the old TV series with Richard Dawson where families were challenged to guess how surveys of various topics came out — and win

money and prizes in the process?

How many of you know that the Denver Consistory has an IT (Information Technology) Committee? I didn't think so. The committee (Brothers Ashley Buss, Mike Brewer, Bryant Harris, Bill Hickey, Steve Hubbard, and Bill Klatil) met recently to discuss how to better leverage the use of information technology (think of this as the INTERNET) to reach our members to get information out and *also to get feedback from the members*.

Fundamentally, there are two ways for us to communicate with our membership:

- 1. **PRINTED MATERIALS** letters, the quarterly newsletter, postcards. SLOW, costly. If a brother has moved and the forwarding authority has expired, we may not know how to reach them and it may cost us money for returned postage to find out he's no longer reachable at the address we have.
- 2. **ELECTRONIC DELIVERY** cheaper and faster than snail mail (after all, we're only inconveniencing a few electrons in the process). eMail, Social Networking on the



internet, web pages, TWITTER, text messaging (mostly on smart phones) are examples of how we might do this. Electronic

delivery mechanisms are constantly changing, so as new capabilities and techniques become available, we may find ourselves leveraging into them to improve our capabilities and performance. While all of these alternatives are MUCH more timely ways of getting

information to and from our members, if you change your email address, sometimes the only thing we find out is that your old address is no longer valid. There is NO "automatic forwarding" service for email unless you do this for yourself BEFORE you change email addresses. If you set up anti-spam blocking and don't recognize us - we can end up on some "black" lists, which are exceptionally difficult to get taken off of, and impacts on our ability to communicate with others. SO, PLEASE, be CAREFUL before you label any emails from the Denver Consistory as "SPAM" - and if you get things from us that you don't want, remember, TELL US - we'll make sure that your electronic delivery options are correctly reflected in our local information.

So, regardless of how we try to communicate with YOU, it is important that YOU keep US informed of how to reach you – whether that is by snail mail (U.S. Postal Service), email, OR telephone number(s) – yes, many people have more than one phone number they use.

The committee divided up the task of determining what systems and capabilities were already in place before we tried to "reinvent the wheel" – so to speak. Take a minute or two to read over the article on electronic social networks elsewhere in this issue. Mike Brewer is looking more closely at our FACEBOOK options, Bryant Harris is looking at TWITTER capabilities, Bill Hickey has looked at



LinkedIN and set up a new Denver Consistory group on that system as a way for us to provide professional information to our membership as well as carry on private conversations – so it is just getting

started. (REMEMBER: There is NO SUCH THING as a tyled forum on the internet – ANYWHERE. "Private" does NOT equal tyled.) Ashley will be in charge of web page presence and email delivery. Membership Chairman Steve Hubbard is interested in RESULTS and Bill Klatil is overseeing the entire

activity with the goal of improving communications to the membership.

Bill Hickey is trying to work with an acquaintance of his to set up a SurveyMonkey SURVEY (hence, the title of this article) which we will make available later - asking you to TELL US which means of communications you use, which you prefer, which you would like to see us use more of, and get feedback from you on how we're doing the job of membership. communicating to the SurveyMonkey ends up not being available for us to use, we'll come up with another mechanism, but either way .... WE NEED YOU TO PARTICIPATE when we send out the survey. It is conventional wisdom that any survey getting 10% response is a success, and a 15% response is usually beyond the wildest dreams of most statisticians. Sound a lot like member participation in a lodge? Well, we need to have a better picture of things than a 10-15% shot, so when you get the notice, PLEASE take a few minutes to respond so we can actually find out what you're thinking. If the first survey is successful, we may well use additional ones on different focus topics from time to time - but none of them will be LONG - the key to survey success is making them Short, Simple, and Straightforward.

You have recommendations? Questions? Concerns? Comments? For the committee members? Please address them to <a href="mailto:bill@denverconsistory.org">bill@denverconsistory.org</a> – (Bill Klatil) or by telephone 303-861-4261. He will distribute them to the various members of the committee so we can set to work.





# Knights Of Saint Andrew

by Rich Silver, 32° KCCH

The Knights of Saint Andrew are again having a busy summer. Two (2) new Knights were added to the roles at the June meeting. The KSA welcomes Paul Baker of Central #6 and Keith Anderson of Englewood #166. Several of the candidates in the Spring Reunion put in applications for the KSA and the Knights are looking forward to scheduling another Knighting in the near future.

Four work parties were scheduled for this summer to clean up the exterior of the building and help Properties and Stage. The outside project was successfully completed in July. Mark your calendars, there are two more work parties scheduled for August 10 and September 28. Both these events are to help Properties and the Stage Crew get props and other items back in shape in preparation for the Fall Reunion. These work parties will start at 8:00 AM and lunch will be provided. Come on out and join your brother Knights in this worthwhile project, they are fun and are greatly appreciated by the Consistory.

The next KSA meeting will be held at 6:30 PM on Monday, September 9, 2013. The Venerable Master moved the meeting back one week due to Labor Day falling on the regular meeting night.

One night (a long time ago in a jurisdiction far, far, away) a brother was heading home after indulging a bit too much at the festive board after his lodge meeting.

He was weaving a little across the path, steadying himself against the lamp-posts.

A concerned policeman saw him, and walked over.

"Well sir, where are we going at this time of night, eh?" he asked.

The brother replied "I, officer, am going to a lecture on Masonry!"

Bemused, the policeman asked, "And just where are you going to hear a lecture on Masonry at this time of night?"

The brother replied, "From my wife!!!"



# From the Secretary's Desk by William Klatil, 33°, Secretary

The <u>Masonic High School Band Camp</u> is now just a memory. Members of the Masonic Family once



again hosted this marque event. 82 students from 49 different Colorado High Schools were in attendance. The July 3<sup>rd</sup> concert had 400 in attendance. The students, once more, did us proud by their participation in the Greeley Stampede Independence Day Parade on July 4<sup>th</sup>.

The annual **Shrimp Boil** was a wonderful summertime diversion. The night started with a



presentation of "*Masonry and the Old West*" by Brother Michael Moore, 32°. We then adjourned to the dining room where brothers, family, and friends met to share in the feast of shrimp, side dishes, fellowship and entertaining conversation. All that



attended enjoyed this delightful event. A big thank you goes out to Alex McIntosh, 32° KCCH and his line for arranging this fun activity!



**Before and after**. The Knights of Saint Andrews are continuing to be an important contributor to the maintenance of our Consistory. A cool Saturday morning in July, which became

increasing warm, provided this day of activity to restore a well-manicured landscaping that surrounds our meeting place. This activity was headed up by

Steve Jaouen, 33° and assisted by Knights, Tom Shotts, Bart Wegner, Kurt Blair, Trey Perrin (former Knight) and Jade Gibbon. Thank you to the Knights and all that you do!

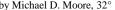


The All Masonic Community Picnic and Car Show will be held on Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am until 2:00 pm at the Eastern Star Masonic Retirement Community at 2445 S. Quebec Street, Denver Colorado. Mark your calendars now! This event provides fun, food, activities and entertainment for all ages.

The Officer Mid-Term planning session will be held at the Consistory on Wednesday, August 21 at 6:00 pm. Your officers will be discussing plans for the remainder of this year and other topics that will affect the focus and concerns in the coming years. All new members from the last three classes are encouraged to attend. Complimentary dinners are included for those who make reservations. RSVP made to the Consistory office at denverconsistory@denverconsistory.org or 303-861-4261.

The <u>Biennial Session</u> of the Supreme Council will be held this year on August 24 thru August 28 in Washington D.C. This event is a gathering of representatives from across the Southern Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite. The Biennial Session provides an opportunity to exchange ideas and information as well as the conferral of the 33°. Our honors degrees will be presented on Saturday, October 5.







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 it was just one of the aspects of

this cause 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 of 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. These of you who are still alive could then add more which they knew or still know. But here is a list of some that you can associate with:

Joel Poinsett Stephen Austin **Knights Templar** Omar Bradley George Washington Sam Houston Simon Bolivar Winston Churchill Jose de San Martin **David Crockett** Vicente Guerrero David Burnet Mirabeau Lamar Franklin Roosevelt George Marshall Audie Murphy Thomas Dunckerley Benjamin Franklin Giuseppe Garibaldi James Otis Joseph Jacques Joffre Henry Knox John Pershing Paul Revere Pierre Ambroise Choderlos De Laclos

[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.]



Recruiting at Williamsburg.



Patriotism is theme often skipped over in our quest for enlightenment. Sometimes work so much on achieving the great cause - peace and harmony for all, that we neglect to realize that sometimes stepping and actively fighting for what is right for us or others is a part of

this important cause. 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 part 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 directly 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 system of governing that is based on ancient themes and in which many of its originators that held Masonic ideals. What a blended society we are!

Being patriotic is something we need to pass on to all generations that follow us. Our Brother Albert 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...

# **FAMOUS MASONS**

## Men of the Cinema and Light Entertainment

by Bill Hickey, 32° KCCH

When I started this series back in March, I wanted to highlight some of the more prominent names in Masonry over the years, and show how Masonry might have impacted on world events and cultures. This month, and especially in light of Brother Mike Moore's interesting presentation at the Shrimp Boil on Freemasonry's influence in the Old West, I thought I'd focus more on some of the entertainment aspects – that reach MILLIONS of people when they perform. You'll recognize some of the names, but a few of them will be somewhat obscure – unless you're old enough to remember them personally.

Richard ARLEN (1899-1976) – Played a pilot in "WINGS", RAF pilot in WWI, flying instructor for the US in WWII.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Richard\_Arlen

Gene AUTRY (1907-1998) – Singing cowboy in movies and TV; owner of Anaheim Angels MLB team. Think of Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer and other holiday songs. He was a pilot in WWII, flying dangerous missions over the Himalayas ("The Hump") between Burma and China. <a href="http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gene\_Autry">http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gene\_Autry</a>

George BANCROFT (1882-1956) – Graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy but left the service to be a "black face" song and dance comedian in revues. Nominated for best actor in 1928 for THUNDERBOLT.

 $\underline{\text{http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/George\_Bancroft\_(acto}}\underline{r)}$ 

Wallace BEERY (1886-1949) – played Long John Silver in Treasure Island, and Pancho Villa in Viva Villa! His title role in "The Champ" won him an Academy Award as Best Actor. He was commissioned a LCDR, USNR in 1933 as a flyer. Brother of actor Noah Beery, Sr. and uncle of probably a more well-known actor, Noah Beery, Jr. <a href="http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wallace\_Beery">http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wallace\_Beery</a>

Ernest BORGNINE (1917-2012) - Probably one of the better known actors who was a Scottish Rite Mason (33° GC) – Won an Oscar for MARTY, played LCDR Quinton McHale on TV series McHale's Navy and was in AIRWOLF series. Won an Emmy nomination at age 92 working in the series "ER". He enlisted in the navy after graduating from high school, and was discharged in 1941 but re-enlisted after Pearl Harbor, serving until 1945 and reaching the rank of Gunner's Mate First Class. In an unprecedented ceremony, he was made an honorary Chief Petty Officer in 2004 by the Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy in recognition of his long time support of the Navy and navy families all over the world. http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ernest\_Borgnine

Eddie CANTOR (1892-1964) – His charity and humanitarian work was extensive and he is credited with coining the phrase and helping to develop the MARCH OF DIMES.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eddie\_Cantor

Joe E. BROWN (1892-1975) —one of only two civilians to be awarded the Bronze Star in WWII. <a href="http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Joe\_E.\_Brown">http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Joe\_E.\_Brown</a>

I think you're getting the idea here...so rather than make this an interminably long article, I'll just list some more names with the WIKIPEDIA links so you can find out just how much these fellow Brothers contributed not just to Masonry, but to our way of life over the years.

William F. "Buffalo Bill" CODY (1845-1917) –

Nat "King" COLE (1919-1965) -

Donald CRISP (1882-1974) – http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Donald\_Crisp

Harry HOUDINI (1874-1926) -

Cecil B. de MILLE (1881-1959) – <a href="http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cecil\_B">http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cecil\_B</a>. DeMille

Brian DONLEVY (1901-1972) – <a href="http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brian\_Donlevy">http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brian\_Donlevy</a>

Douglas FAIRBANKS, Sr. (1883-1939) – <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Douglas\_Fairbanks">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Douglas\_Fairbanks</a>

W. C. FIELDS (1879-1946) – <a href="http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/W.\_C.\_Fields">http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/W.\_C.\_Fields</a>

Clark GABLE (1901-1960) – <a href="http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Clark\_Gable">http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Clark\_Gable</a>

D. W. GRIFFITH (1880-1948) – https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/D.\_W.\_Griffith

Oliver HARDY (1892-1957) – <a href="http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oliver\_Hardy">http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oliver\_Hardy</a>

Jean HERSHOLT (1886-1956) – http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jean\_Hersholt

Al JOLSON (1888-1950) – http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Al\_Jolson

Victor McLAGLEN (1886-1959) – http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Victor\_McLaglen

Tom MIX (1881-1949) – <a href="http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tom\_Mix">http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tom\_Mix</a>

Audie MURPHY (1924-1971) – Sidenote: Audie Murphy, Medal of Honor recipient, was the most highly decorated soldier in WWII – <a href="http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Audie\_Murphy">http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Audie\_Murphy</a>

Conrad NAGEL (1897- 1970) – http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Conrad\_Nagel

Dick POWELL (1904-1963) – <a href="http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dick\_Powell">http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dick\_Powell</a>

Roy ROGERS (1911-1998) – <a href="http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Roy\_Rogers">http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Roy\_Rogers</a>

Will ROGERS (1879-1935) – <a href="http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Will\_Rogers">http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Will\_Rogers</a>

### Red SKELTON (1913-1997) -

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Red Skelton Again, one of the more well-known Masons in the entertainment industry, Red Skelton was a member of Vincennes #1 in Indiana, a member of Scottish and York Rites, he was the recipient of the Gold Medal of the General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons and received the 33° Honorary. He was also a Shriner in Los Angeles.

Richard TODD (1919-2009) – <a href="http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Richard\_Todd">http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Richard\_Todd</a>

Jack M. WARNER (1916-1995) – <a href="http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jack\_M.\_Warner">http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jack\_M.\_Warner</a>

Paul WHITEMAN (1890-1967) – <a href="http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paul\_Whiteman">http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paul\_Whiteman</a>

William WYLER (1902-1981) – http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/William\_Wyler

Darryl F. ZANUCK (1902-1979) – <a href="http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Darryl">http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Darryl</a> F. Zanuck

Florenz ZIEGFIELD (1869-1932) – <a href="http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Florenz">http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Florenz</a> Ziegfeld, Jr.

As you can see, we have Brothers from virtually all aspects of the entertainment industry. BUT, little is known about most of their masonic activities – simply because THAT WAS THE WAY IT WAS back then. Have you noticed the lack of more modern-era entertainers being listed here?

Never give in, never give in, never, never, never, never - in nothing, great or small, large or petty - never give in except to convictions of honor and good sense.

Bernard Mannes Baruch

# DENVER CONSISTORY BROTHERS HONORED

The Supreme Council in Washington D.C. has announced the names of 23 Brothers from Denver Consistory to either be coroneted as a 33° Inspectors General Honorary or going through an investiture as a 32°, Knight Commander of the Court of Honor (KCCH).

The 33° is conferred by the Supreme Council upon 32° KCCH members of the Rite in recognition of exemplary service to the Rite, or in public life, to the principals taught in the Degrees.

Those Brothers who are to receive the 33°, Inspectors General Honorary include: Ashley Spencer Buss 32°, KCCH; Richard Henry Karns 32°, KCCH; Jerome Arthur Lau 32°, KCCH; Donald Thomas Marshall 32°, KCCH; Thomas Mel Thompson 32°, KCCH; John Paul Trainor 32° KCCH; Alfred Cecil Ulibarri 32°, KCCH and John Albert Warren 32°, KCCH.

The Rank and Decoration of Knight Commander of the Court of Honor is conferred by the Supreme Council upon 32° Masons who have rendered commendable service to the Rite. This Rank and Decoration is not a degree and is not a stepping stone to the 33°, although a member must be a KCCH for at least 46 months before being eligible to be nominated to receive the 33°.

Those Brothers to be invested with the 32° Knight Commander of the Court of Honor include: Jarrod Abel, 32°; Scott Bates, 32°; Michael Brewer, 32°; Gregory Dominguez, 32°; Robert Juchem, 32°; Clinton Keithline, 32°; Aaron Klostermeyer, 32°; Michael Moore, 32°; Daniel Rivers, 32°; Robert Salazar, 32°; Thomas Shotts, 32°; Richard Silver, 32°; Timothy Tims, 32°; Byron Walker, 32° and Earnest West, 32°.

The date for these ceremonies is Oct 5, 2013 at the Denver Consistory. The Banquet is to be held at the Double Tree North. The entire day is by invitation only. Times to report are to be announced.



# BIRTHDAY BOYS FOR AUGUST

### Brothers over 90 years of age this month:

Floyd C Cagg

Morris J Clark

Ray D Deselms

James B Espy

Arla L Fidler

James R Garrett

Charles M Hall

E A Hone

William J Kulling

Deyo D Mc Cullough

Charles A Towner Jr

Jack L Warnix

Jack H Zerobnick

### Brothers 80+ years of age this month:

Robert L Akright

Richard M Alexander

Walter A Bailey

Robert L Bartholic

Norton I Boslow

**Howard R Caldwell** 

Michael E Capra

Charles E Carper

Robert R Chenoweth

James A Childress

Walter T Denny

Le Roy B Diaz

G Robert Dinkel

Lonnie L Farmer

John A Figler

Robert N Finch

Robert L Fitzwater

Richard R Gardner

John E Gentle

William G Gordon

Alden L Grady

Billy J Graham

Albert J Grazioli

Raymond G Hanson Jr

Jack A Harlan

Bobby D Hill

Carl E Hoff

John Hohnstein Jr

Edward C Howe Jr

Dwight D Huffer

Allen J Johnson

Glen T Kettelhut

Raymond E Kosley

Greig W Lang

Benjamin R Loye

William H Mattocks Jr

Douglas G Mayotte

William H Monroe

Harvey Murdock

Myron J Olson

Loren D Pierce

**Ernest C Purling** 

Albert C Sellke

William C Simpson

Louie L Singleton Jr

Maurice Stempnitzky

Myron C Sykes

Lowell B Teachout

**Dallas W Tourney** 

Richard E Williams

Donald W Wine

Jack A Witkin

William J Wolfe

Robert W Woodring

#### Brothers 70+ years of age this month:

Jimmy D Appleby

Bruce D Autler

John E Bartos

William R Baughman

Jerry L Beavers

Kenneth L Bemis

Stanley P Boehm

Jerold W Bootzin

Larry E Bowser

Burney W Brandel

Eddie J Brown

Richard N Brown

Gary G Cassell

Tommy Chestnut Jr

Peter G Chronis

C Joseph Cleary

James L Cole

Ronald A L Cole

Kenneth L Conway

Jimmy L Day

James O Duggan

Donnelly G Elliott

William E Emeis

William A Emry

Jasper Freese

George W Gielow

Theodore R Goode

**Gary Griffith** 

Harold A Harper

John T Heppting

Henry B Hering Sr

Gerald D Huntoon

Robert A Jargowsky

Richard H Karns

Louis C Kling

Gordon A Ledford

Roland H Lewis

Dallas L Lloyd

Lester L Mayer

Don E Mc Largin

Harry Meerdink

Cecil E Norrid

**Donald P Noyes** 

C Robert Perdue

Russell O Porter

Hipolito E Rigau

Robert N Robinson Jr

Allan R Schneringer

Jon T Seay

James E Slinkard

Stephen H Snyder

Micheal A Sutphin

Gerald A Teter

Lloyd Wainscott Jr

George C Welch III

Michael B Wilson

Orville R Wright

### Brothers 60+ years of age this month:

Roger P Barnes

Steven P Bennett

Charles W Bittle

Ernest J Bocanegra

Kenneth J Brokamp

Perry L Carter Jr

Thomas J Cook

Larry H Crist

Adam T Dahmer III

James A Degner

William C De Voe

Gary R Disinger

Lawrence R Hadsall Jr

James H Harris

Richard A Harrison

Charles E Hicks

Brian L. House

Mark W Huskins

Bill T Ince

Richard P Jasper

Paul S Karrer

Michael D Lipps

James E Long

Ronald J Lutz

Walter H Martin

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Jack P Mc Clure

Jerry D Mc Fall

Norman L O'Kelly

Robert R Paustian Jr

Charles J Plagainos

Donald L Ponder

Edward O Rendon

Phillip L Robbins

Jack K Smith

Daniel G Taylor

Ronald James S Thorburn Jr

Lawrence N Wiseman

Frank R Walker

Barry H Watson

John M De Werff

Jerrold W Westbrook

Jeffrey L Yoder

### Brothers 50+ years of age this month:

Stuart F Asay

**Neil T Beaty** 

Ronald D Birely

Stephen P Class

David L Fishman

John H Fogle

Gregory C Graf

Howard K Hohnstein

Thomas D Houston III

Jimmy D Marshall

Verle A Mc Bride

Daniel R Mc Cune

Todd A Janes

Donald J Pew

Ronald L Pew

Richard A Rasperger

Alfred C Ulibarri

Ellis S Warren Jr

## Brothers 40+ years of age this month:

Parrish D Anderson

Paul S Baker

**Kevin L Barlow** 

Keith D Chandler

Benjamin W Chase

Brent W Claypool

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Bill J Deaver

Rene' Dees

Vance T Edwards

David L Hall

Gordon C Johnson

Dwight D Klise

Munly J Munly

Robert A. Salazar

Phillip R Steel

**Gregory S Tabberer** 

John A Thomason

Scott A Weakley

### Brothers 30+ years of age this month:

Ricardo J Fernandez James P Freed

Eric D Nelson

### Brothers 20+ years of age this month:

Jeremiah J Allen Gregory F Fisher

# Birthday Blessings

by Anonymous

Instead of counting candles, Or tallying the years, Contemplate your blessings now, As your birthday nears.

Consider special people
Who love you, and who care,
And others who've enriched your life
Just by being there.

Think about the memories
Passing years can never mar,
Experiences great and small
That have made you who you are.

Another year is a happy gift, So cut your cake, and say, "Instead of counting birthdays, I count blessings every day!"



# Just My Opinion ... by D. J. Cox, $33^{\circ}$

Congratulations to all my friends and brothers receiving 32° KCCH and 33°

honors. More information on these brethren will be forthcoming in a future issue.

Communication methods abound with the technology available today. You will find information on this in articles in this issue. The point was made that this does not relieve us from certain personal responsibilities however. We still must keep our records up-to-date, for example.

There is another responsibility I would like to address that is too often ignored. Each of us should take responsibility for being informed of activities, events, expectations, needs and opportunities. It pains me when information is provided on these occurrences, but is not received by the membership. It's bad enough that we don't keep our records current, but not paying attention to those communications we receive is even worse.

I have listened to or overheard individuals say they didn't read the newsletter or didn't have time to read an email about some activity. Invariably those same individuals will complain about not "getting the word" on something they were interested in.

Communication is a two way process. There is a sender and a receiver. Just getting an email in your mailbox is not receiving; it takes reading the email to complete the receiving. Reading the notification on the newsletter is not receiving --- you must read the newsletter to be informed! No one is expecting you to read every word, but at least scan the content for important issues.

The key point is that we must pay attention to communications "sent to and received by us". No one wants to exclude you from events and activities. Sometimes, we do that to ourselves!

We want you to get the word and be informed. Anyway, that's my opinion!

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