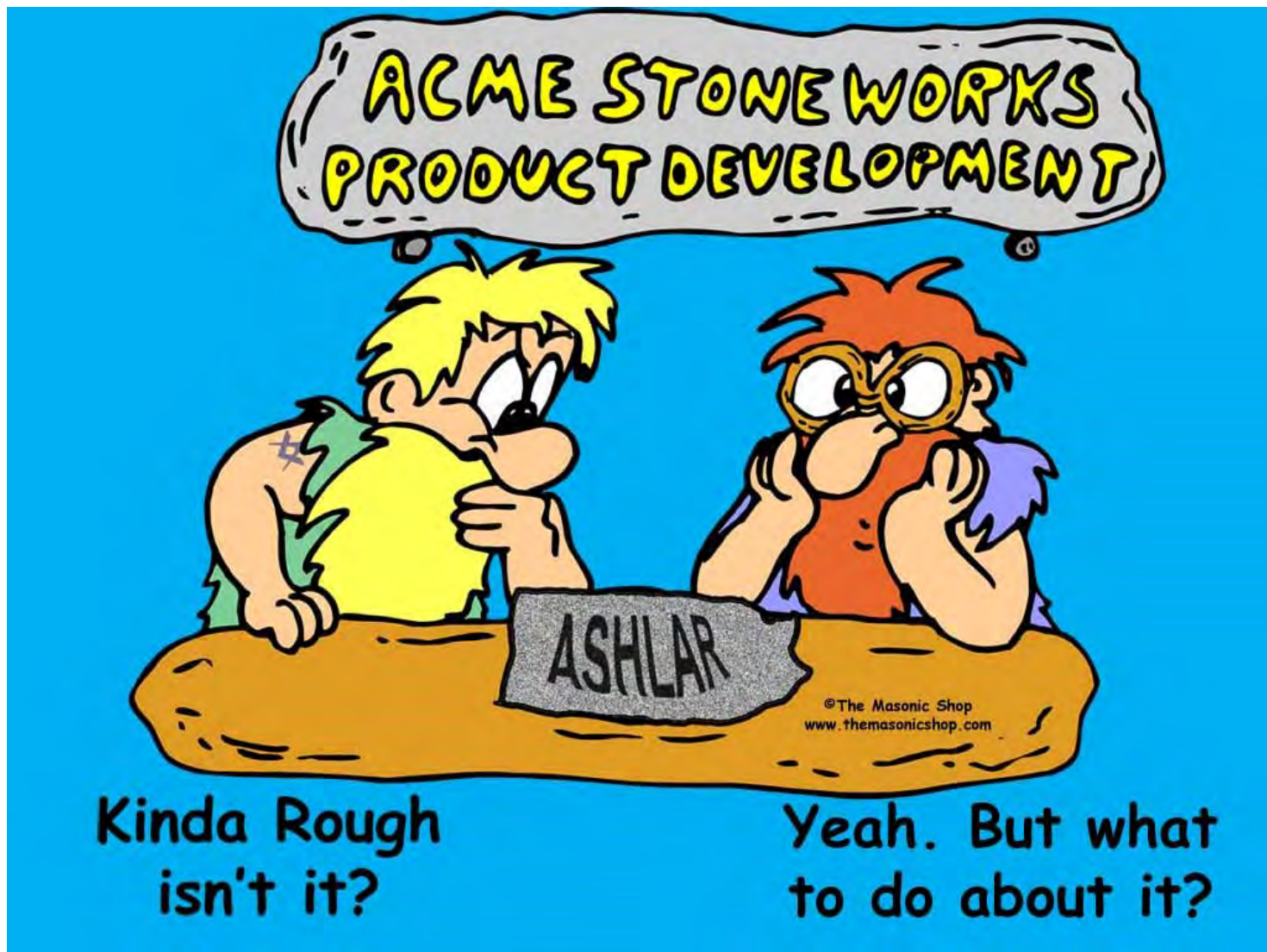


# RITTEWORKS

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## SEPTEMBER

Monday SEP 01		Consistory <b>CLOSED</b> for Labor Day Holiday
Thursday SEP 04		Consistory <b>CLOSED</b> for Grand York Rite
Friday SEP 05		Consistory <b>CLOSED</b> for Grand York Rite (No Luncheon)
Monday SEP 15		Stated Meeting - <b><u>Sports Team Shirt Night</u></b> - <b>Parking Garage Available</b>
	5:30 pm	Red Room Business Meeting
	6:00 pm	Dinner—Herbed Chicken with Peach Cobbler
	7:00 pm	Entertainment: Awards & Patents; Scottish Rite Foundation Program
Saturday SEP 20	8:30 am	Let There Be Light Program at the Consistory

## OCTOBER

Monday OCT 20		Stated Meeting - <b>Parking Garage Available</b>
	5:30 pm	Red Room Business Meeting
	6:00 pm	Dinner - Lasagna and Chocolate Cream Pie
	7:00 pm	Entertainment - Feast of Tishri Observance
	7:30 pm	Split Meeting - 5 minute oration by Minister of State, Denver Consistory
		Overview of Consistory WEB Site - Dan Conway, 32°, Webmaster

## NOVEMBER

Wednesday NOV 12	6:30 pm	Fall Reunion (at Children's Hospital Colorado)
Thursday NOV 13	7:00 am	Fall Reunion (45th Consecutive) <b>Parking Garage Available</b>
Friday NOV 14	7:00 am	Fall Reunion <b>Parking Garage Available</b>
Saturday NOV 15	7:00 am	Fall Reunion <b>Parking Garage Available</b>
<b>Monday NOV 17</b>		<b>STATED MEETING - Parking Garage Available</b>
	5:30 pm	Red Room Business Meeting
	6:00 pm	Veteran's Recognition Program, followed by dinner
		Turkey with all the trimmings and Pumpkin Pie
	7:00 pm	Split Meeting - 32nd Degree for Reunion Class
Saturday NOV 22	9:00 am	Consistory Decorating Party - ALL MEMBERS, OFFICERS, Families invited
Thursday NOV 27		Consistory <b>CLOSED</b> for Thanksgiving Holiday
Friday NOV 28		Consistory <b>CLOSED</b> for Thanksgiving Holiday

## DECEMBER

Saturday DEC 06	10:00 am	SR Foundation & consistory Children's Christmas Party
		<b>Parking Garage Available</b>
Monday DEC 15		Stated Meeting - <b>Parking Garage Available</b>
	5:30 pm	Red Room Business Meeting
	6:00 pm	Dinner - Prime Rib with Boston Cream Pie
	7:00 pm	Entertainment
	7:30 pm	Split Meeting - Annual Election of Officers
Wednesday DEC 24		Consistory <b>CLOSED at NOON</b> for Christmas Holiday
Thursday DEC 25		Consistory <b>CLOSED</b> for Christmas Holiday
Friday DEC 26		Consistory <b>CLOSED</b> for Christmas Holiday
Wednesday DEC 31		Consistory <b>CLOSED at NOON</b> for New Year's Holiday

## JANUARY 2015

Thursday JAN 01		Consistory <b>CLOSED</b> for New Year's Holiday
Friday JAN 02		Consistory <b>CLOSED</b> for New Year's Holiday
Saturday JAN 10	8:00 am	Consistory UN-Decorating Party - all members, officers, family welcome
Saturday JAN 17	8:00 am	Officers' Breakfast and Installation Practice



# From the Secretary's Desk ...

"This Internet thing is really just a FAD ....  
It'll never really amount to much."

Bill Klatil, 33°



**Improvements** - The activities at the Consistory continue during the summer. Ill. Brother Jerry Lau and family came down on a weekend to replace a small incline for ease of moving equipment onto the stage from storage. Jerry also was on hand to help in sealing some water leaks on the roof of the historic building. Where would we be without outstanding members like this and their contributions to maintain our outstanding facility?



**Officer's Meeting** - Our officer's midterm planning meeting was well attended. The room was full of stimulating conversation. The overall theme seemed to follow what a privilege it is to be a Scottish Rite Mason. We are excited to be in such good company. Let's not suppress our enthusiasm but display it wherever we go. In addition to the officers we had 5 members of the last several classes to obtain their views on how best to participate in our valley. Pictured is our Personal Representative addressing the members at the meeting.

**New Club** - The Northern Colorado Scottish Rite Club held their second meeting on August 23<sup>rd</sup>. A new slate of Officers were elected which includes Bob Gregory, 33°, as President. If you would like more information about their activities, please contact the office at [denverconsistory@denverconsistory.org](mailto:denverconsistory@denverconsistory.org).

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# From the Secretary's Desk ... (continued)

**Ambassador Meeting** – The next meeting of the Ambassadors will be on September 11, 2014. These are the members that represent the Denver Consistory in each lodge. Do you know who your lodge Ambassador is?



**Next Stated Meeting** - September's meeting will be a casual apparel night with team sports shirts as the dress of the day. It will also be the annual Scottish Rite Foundation meeting. We will have a report on the activities of the Foundation and make several scholarship presentations.

**Fall Reunion** - Germania Lodge #46, F&AM of New Orleans is coming to our Fall Reunion on Friday night, November 14. They will be exemplifying the Scottish Rite First Degree. Louisiana is one of a very few areas in the US doing the first three Scottish Rite degrees. It has been 18 years since this presentation has been performed in Colorado. It promises to be an enjoyable and unique event! **Let's FILL our auditorium!**

**FALL REUNION, NOVEMBER 13, 14, 15.**

(see flyers at end of this RiteWorks Issue)

The 45th Reunion is coming!

**SPECIAL PROGRAM: Scottish Rite Blue Lodge First Degree (Friday) - Open to ALL Masons**

**DeMolay Initiatory Degree. (Saturday)**

**Do you have an interested Mason that could benefit by the degrees of the Scottish Rite?**

**DO YOU HAVE A CURRENT DUES CARD?**

We currently have 270 Brothers who are in arrears with their dues. **PLEASE, contact the office to let us help you.**

303-861-4261 or [denverconsistory@denverconsistory.org](mailto:denverconsistory@denverconsistory.org)

**WE NEED YOU !**



## WHAT'S THE HURRY, REALLY? Heavy Seas Ahead?

Drive around town. Everywhere you go, you see “Speed Limit 55 (or whatever), Fines Doubled in Work Zones” or something similar. What else do you see? You see cars doing 65-70 or more without regard for whether there are any workers around or the safety of the other cars. You also see cars doing 40 causing frustration to those who are willing to do the 55 limit. There is NO uniformity in the way people deal with these “limits” around them.

What has this got to do with Masonry, our membership “problem”, or anything else? Well, I want to ask you to THINK about the following questions for a few minutes: WHAT'S THE HURRY? WHO'S IN THE HURRY? And, WHY ARE WE IN A HURRY? **SERIOUSLY, think about them.**

**WHAT'S THE HURRY?** - If you ask around, I suspect you will find most people will tell you that membership numbers are continuing to fall and we don't have enough members to sustain our activities like we once did. So, we want to bring in as many new members (new blood) as we can as fast as we can to fill the holes left by our dear departed brothers and those who have simply not returned after going through the various degrees with us.

**WHO'S IN THE HURRY?** - We like to say we're doing things quickly (one day degrees, weekend ceremonies, 3-4 day reunions, whatever) BECAUSE the candidates don't have, or want to spend, the time to commit to a longer term process. We THINK that's the reason, but is it really? Yes, our fellow candidates ARE busy - perhaps busier than our fathers were or we are at this point in our lives. But, in the final analysis, if something is important to an individual, THEY WILL FIND OR MAKE THE TIME FOR IT. It has always been that way, and it's not likely to change any time soon, regardless of what we think.

Is it WE, who are responsible for putting on those degrees and ceremonies, that are the ones REALLY in the hurry - so we can get new blood into the mix, and take a little breather now and then? Let's not forget, WE TOO have jobs and families and commitments outside the craft, so OUR TIME is likewise at a premium. Are WE the ones in the hurry so we can minimize our own time and efforts expended to get these new members into the fold?

**WHY ARE WE IN A HURRY?** - Is it a COMBINATION of both the candidate and ourselves that feel the pressure of trying to get things done quickly and most efficiently? Perhaps. Maybe both sides feed each other to a certain degree. If WE feel like we need to get things done quickly, that translates into the candidates and how they approach the process themselves. If they feel like they want to get it over with quickly, WE get that feeling and decide we have to move quicker or we lose their interest.

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Time was, they didn't do a "reunion" at all. They held CLASSES. And, the process to progress from the Master Mason to the Master of the Royal Secret took six, nine, or perhaps twelve or more MONTHS to achieve. They didn't (and perhaps couldn't) do all the degrees in a few days. But then, in a somewhat simpler time, perhaps they didn't necessarily have the "time pressure" that we see in society today.

What happens if we take a high school'er who has mastered algebra and trigonometry, but NOT calculus, and put them into a graduate college level course in Nuclear Physics or Quantum Mechanics? Do you think all the words and symbols and exercises we do in that class will actually STICK with them? Of course not. They aren't properly PREPARED to absorb the material, and it just sails past their head without being incorporated into their knowledge base. Oh, you might get a minor point here and there that they remember hearing, but overall, you've really just wasted your time and theirs. **BUT ... YOU HAVE ALSO LOST THEIR INTEREST!**

The same thing is true with our candidates. There are other countries and jurisdictions that require a year between degrees in their Blue lodges and have markedly different expectations of "proficiency" from their candidates. Some don't do all the Scottish Rite degrees, or take a lifetime to make the journey without a guarantee they'll ever receive the 32°. Realistically, those concepts don't mesh all that well with our American ethos of "time management" that we see today - sometimes scheduling ourselves and our children down to the 10 or 15 minute block of time all day long. BUT, isn't there a compromise in there SOMEWHERE? Can't we manage to give our candidates the information and lessons in the degrees, but break it up and spread it out a bit so they have time to actually ingest and digest the information, make it a part of their lives, and ask important questions before they move on to the next set of degrees? I mean, if they are too busy to take the time to actually absorb the degrees in a reasonable fashion, isn't it logical to think they will be too busy to participate in the meetings themselves? And, isn't it logical that they won't have/take the time to study on their own? Don't we already see this in new members not showing at stated meetings?

I think we all agree that the mantra "if you keep on doing things the same old way, why on earth should you ever expect to see a different result" is at work here. Humans inherently do not like, and sometimes even FEAR, change. But, failure to change is the real definition of "death." To those who say Masonry hasn't changed over the centuries, I remind you:

1. OPERATIVE lodges changed over time and became SPECULATIVE lodges.
2. Individual speculative lodges eventually surrendered their independence to GRAND LODGES.
3. Rituals HAVE changed over time - sometimes because of a scandal, sometimes "just because." And, in fact, even when we THINK a ritual hasn't changed, it really has.
4. There used to be only TWO degrees in the speculative lodges. The THIRD degree was an "innovation" when it was introduced.

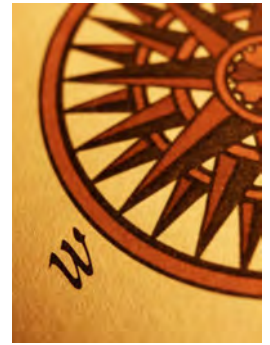
Let's not be afraid to TRY something different, but make the experience itself meaningful. Our Millennial and Gen-X and Gen-Y folks don't have the same outlook and perspective that we have. It's not that we're better or worse than other factions; we and they are just different. We need to accept that, and it does NOT mean we have to sacrifice our CORE VALUES, but merely that we need to "adjust our sails" and PRESENT THE MATERIALS differently.



## FROM THE WEST ....

### CENTENNIAL LODGE OF PERFECTION

By: Michael Brewer, 32° KCCH  
Senior Warden



Brothers,

As we head into the fall, we look back over the last Masonic year and begin to plan for the upcoming year. This last year has seen us grow in the areas of business organization and brotherhood; I believe we are doing more with less as we have become a well-oiled machine from the office down through the officer lines - our web site is revamped and our lines of communication are better than ever. More with less only goes so far however, and it's time to do more with more. More what you ask? More Masonry leading to more Masons, I answer.

It's time for the entire Masonic family to rise up as one and be heard in our homes, our families, and our communities. I was playing golf with my adult son last week and talking about the family values of Masonry when it became evident to me that my son did not realize that the values he was taught growing up have more than just a family foundation but also a Masonic one. He never knew because I kept it a secret (we're real good at that); now he does and is considering the craft. Once again last week I heard a business associate say "My Grandfather was a Mason", to which I answered: "if it was good enough for your grandfather is it not good enough for you"? His petition awaits. And lastly, but most importantly, our communities. Not only do we have to be involved and visible in our communities, but we have to make our communities involved with us! Masonry is full of good deeds and works that many others in the community want to be involved in - if only they knew how to engage with us, they would become part of us. We need more Scottish Rite Masons and the only way we are going to see true growth is if the entire Masonic family grows, and this starts with Blue Lodge. And so my brothers, **I challenge each of you - regardless of age or years in Masonry - to bring in one new Blue Lodge Mason this fall and two new Blue Lodge Masons next year.** This is the point where I usually get the "I don't know anybody" and to which I respond "well somebody obviously knows you, do they know you're a Mason"? The time has passed when our communities were small and we traveled shorter distances for work and play (It seems like everybody knew everyone else back then and what they did, no one had to tell you your neighbor was a Mason because everyone knew that) which means we have to take more time and effort to let people know who and what we are. If everyone meets this challenge, we won't need to worry about our "next" reunion for Scottish Rite members, or York Rite members, or Eastern Star members, etc., ... because we'll be too busy doing degree work and elevating new brothers into the craft which will feed all of these organizations! We will either grow as one or die as dead limbs of the same tree.

**The choice is ours.**



## **2014 Scottish Rite Fellows Workshop**

Washington, D.C.

August 15-16, 2014

Summary Report from Keith Anderson, 32<sup>o</sup>

### **Scheduled Activities**

Friday evening included registration, a cocktail reception, dinner, and tour of the House of the Temple (HOT). Darren and I discovered that if you stay too late at the HOT, you have to leave via the back door.

Saturday started with an overview of the genesis of the Valley Membership Achievement Project (VMAP). The VMAP was then reviewed with the entire group. After the review, the Fellows were divided into four discussion groups for a breakout session on (1) How the VMAP will impact our Valleys, and (2) How the Fellows can help our Valleys with the rollout.

Before lunch, the new "New Member Package" was presented. It is a welcome package for new AASR members that will come directly from the Supreme Council. It includes some pamphlets, a dues card, a new member pin, and a "quick reference" guide with pertinent information about the Rite. The Fellows were asked to help communicate this new service to their Valleys. Samples were handed out to each participant during lunch.

After lunch, action items and results from the breakout sessions were reviewed and the Lt. Grand Commander held an open question and answer session with the Fellows. The Grand Commander then conducted a closing ceremony. This included a procession into the temple, a moving speech, and a "pinning" ceremony wherein each fellow presented a Fellows pin to another. We were then dismissed.

Darren and I decided to tour D.C. instead of going to the baseball game. Surprisingly, this tour only included one tavern.

### **Overall Impressions**

This was a whirlwind trip. However, the message was very clear that the meeting was about the VMAP rollout. 73 out of 79 fellows attended this meeting. A large number of those present were also in attendance at one of the three leadership conferences earlier this year.

### **VMAP Rollout**

The SGC's objectives for the Valley Membership Achievement Project was to create something that was grassroots in its requirements, membership-focused, and intended to provide members with the best experience possible. The three leadership conferences this year were focused on creating this program. All of the requirements in the VMAP were generated by the participants in the leadership conferences.

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The VMAP will run on an annual schedule. The requirements are posted on the website and have been sent to each Valley. Additional options and requirements can be added each year. The VMAP will have different levels of achievement defined.

The Supreme Council will be scheduling webcasts to continue the rollout with the Valleys. These will be held on September 3<sup>rd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>.

Questions about the VMAP program can be directed to the VMAP committee under Adm. Sizemore's direction.


### **VMAP Impressions**

Darren and I discussed this at length. We are very fortunate in our Valley to have many of the VMAP requirements already in place. We also have improvement initiatives already underway. The VMAP can be used to help us set a baseline for current activities and identify and prioritize areas that we want to address next.

Since this program was intended to be a "grassroots" initiative, I think it is very important that we work on those items that the Valley wants to do the most. Many of the committees already have improvements identified that they want to make. This program should not interrupt those, but help us focus on them.

I think it would be good to discuss the VMAP with the SGIG and Personal Representative to find out what their priorities are. The various committees and the officer lines can then identify their current initiatives and priorities. It may be a good idea to schedule the classroom on September 3<sup>rd</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup> and show the webcast to a larger audience to generate discussion and feedback.

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**Scottish Rite Creed**

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



## Six Speech-Language Scholarships Awarded for 2014

by

Vernon B. Ingraham, 33° Grand Cross  
Executive Secretary, Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado

At the September meeting of Denver Consistory six graduate students will be recognized as the 2014 recipients of the \$5,000 *Dwight A. Hamilton Scottish Rite Foundation Graduate Scholarship in Speech-Language Pathology*. We have increased this year's award level from four to six scholarships with special thanks for a generous gift from Ill. Bro. Robert W. Gregory, 33°.

This scholarship is awarded to second-year graduate students at the University of Colorado - Boulder and the University of Northern Colorado - the two universities in the state which have masters' degree programs in speech-language pathology. This degree is one of the requirements leading to certification as a speech-language pathologist.

Since the Foundation scholarship program began in 2005, 46 students have been recipients. A total \$230,000 has been awarded over this 10-year period. The six 2014 recipients are as follows:



**Caroline Conner**  
CU-Boulder

Caroline received her undergraduate degree in communication sciences and disorders. Beginning the graduate program at CU-Boulder in 2013, Caroline served as a teacher's assistant during her first year of graduate school.

She is passionate about providing services to children with varying degrees of disabilities and is especially interested in early intervention and the deaf and hard of hearing population.

Caroline states, "My area of interest is children, specifically early intervention with the birth through three population. The ability to help a child find their voice, communicate clearly, or communicate using alternative methods will enhance their quality of life for years to come."



**Molly Fieder**  
CU-Boulder

Molly received her undergraduate degree in Spanish and global studies. Following graduation she worked for six years in the non-profit sector. During her graduate studies at CU-Boulder she has been a Research Assistant in the Speech Lab and presented findings at the 2013 American Speech Language Hearing Association National Convention in Chicago.

Molly has special interests in early childhood language development and early intervention, bilingualism, and Down syndrome. She states, "I am excited to help children find their voices and make themselves heard and understood in order to connect with the people and world around them."

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**Rachel Patterman**  
**CU-Boulder**

Rachel received her undergraduate degree in communication disorders and minored in Spanish. While studying for this degree she provided preventative language services to toddlers in an Early Head Start program. During high school she spent her summers at school-based camps helping develop literacy skills for underserved children.

At CU-Boulder Rachel’s academic studies include research and submission of a Master’s thesis which centers on the interplay between a child’s language environment and his/her ability to quickly learn new words.

Rachel says, “I aspire to provide intervention to children and to partner with their families in finding ways to overcome communication challenges.”



**Cassie Meyer**  
**UNC**

Cassie is a native of Colorado and worked in the Roaring Fork School District as a speech-language pathologist assistant and special education paraprofessional. She is conversant in Spanish and would like to provide Spanish speaking children and families with high quality services in their native language.

Cassie plans to eventually return to the Western Slope to practice as a speech-language pathologist. She states, “Growing up, my own family experienced the scarcity of language services in our rural area for my younger brother with high functioning autism. I find great joy and reward in working with children to help them reach their potential for later success in life.”



**Amber Rea**  
**UNC**

Amber grew up in a military family giving her opportunities to interact with individuals in culturally and communicatively diverse groups. She received her undergraduate degree with honors in audiology/speech-language pathology at UNC.

As a graduate student Amber has served as a graduate research assistant. In addition, she completed and presented her own clinical outcome study addressing stuttering in the preschool-aged child.

Amber states, “I look forward to dedicating my career to enriching the lives of children as a speech-language pathologist.”



**Julie Werner**  
**UNC**

Julie received her undergraduate degree with a major in psychology. More recently she worked for a non-profit organization as a job coach teaching both practical job skills and important social skills for adults with developmental disabilities.

Julie discovered her passion of working with children through work as a paraprofessional with a public school, providing services for children with language and learning disorders.

Julie has a special interest in augmentative and alternative communication. She states that following graduation “I hope to provide services to children of Colorado and teach important skills that will make them successful communicators and ultimately achieve whatever independence means to them ~ whether living independently, completing daily living skills, or simply being able to communicate effectively with others.”



# BETWEEN THE COLUMNS

Michael D. Moore, 32° KCCH

## Investiture



***“I invest you with this key of ivory, the jewel of this degree...”***  
**(Venerable Master to the candidate in the 4°)**

***“I invest you with this collar, apron, and jewel, which you will now wear as the representative of H.A. that your memory may deserve such honors as have today been paid this.”*** (5°)

And so it goes with each of the degrees. The representative candidate is given a physical item of cloth or piece of metal. These items are not usually given with an explanation on why it is done or what they are to represent. This can be called the “the ceremony of clothing”, but we know it as an investiture. The event was a common event in ancient religions and societies; we see it today in college graduations, in public offices, and in religious ceremonies. It originally came from the older initiation ceremonies and the action has made its way into our ceremonies. Our patents might be considered as part of this too. Jewels, sashes, aprons, collars, headbands, breastplates, daggers, swords and even the key which we have talked about are all found as regalia in our degrees.

**Webster’s Complete Unabridged Dictionary** defines ‘investiture’ as:

- 1) *the act or process of investing;*
- 2) *the formal bestowal, confirmation or presentation of rank, office or a possessory or prescriptive right, usually involving the giving of insignia or an official title.*

There is only one investiture in the first three degrees (the candidate’s apron). I find it interesting that in the Blue Lodge, investitures are not done by the Master but carried to the West and not the East. It is a job delegated by the Worshipful Master and not one he does himself. Is it because the apron given to the candidate is a working [laboring] symbol? In each of the subsequent degrees in the Scottish Rite various items are given to the candidate.

Mackey, in his encyclopedia, says investiture is: ***the presentation of the apron to a candidate in the ceremony of initiation.*** That is all that he says on the topic. All others say the same or less. For such a much-used and repeated action, there is so little written about it. Every Masonic group I am a part of have this as part of their initiation. We do it so often and, because of that, it loses some of its importance. I think also part of the unimportance associated with investiture is we rush through it. Time and a program work against many realizing what it means and contains. Each level of the SR is the same, simple and direct.

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The investment ceremony of the KCCH is different; one I will always remember. It contained some different aspects that have etched into my brain.

Most times, investiture is done with a physical garment, but sometimes with a truth or link. Need an example of this? When we touch a candidate to emphasize a section of an obligation, it is a human, physical investiture that could be the most important. Are you an investor? Lots of responsibility goes with this. Yet we seem to treat this lightly. This act, no matter where it is seen or performed, is one thing; the piece of cloth, jewel, or tool is to remind you of what you have been challenged to do and what you have gone through.

The colors, shapes and patterns of the invested items are symbolic. Without understanding them, no candidate can progress to the next level or degree. Investiture is required before that can happen. We make the sequence so fast and then what is given is taken off and put back into box and returned to the costume room. The candidate doesn't get to soak it all in, to handle or analyze the pieces and admire what it was that was put on him.

In some of the other rites and orders I belong to, I get to keep [buy] the regalia. So I can put them on whenever I want and feel the weight, remember the ceremony and admire the various items. These times are always special and the memory of how I came to have them is always wonderful.

There is another side to all this. In reality, when the investiture happens, a part of the person who invests is passed on to the candidate. No one should be a part of a ceremony like this if he thinks the candidate is not ready or worthy enough. For a link is made between the one receiving and the one giving. The key written about at the first of this article might be the most unusual and special piece of investiture given to a Scottish Rite candidate. I hope the next time you see this, think on these things. It should never be an ordinary or commonplace thing.

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### **The Wisdom and Wit of the Late Andy Rooney:**

Don't you hate it when:

You finally find time to go to the movies and the only thing playing is something you don't want to see?

Your suitcase is the last one off the airplane?

Your shoelace breaks when you're in a hurry?

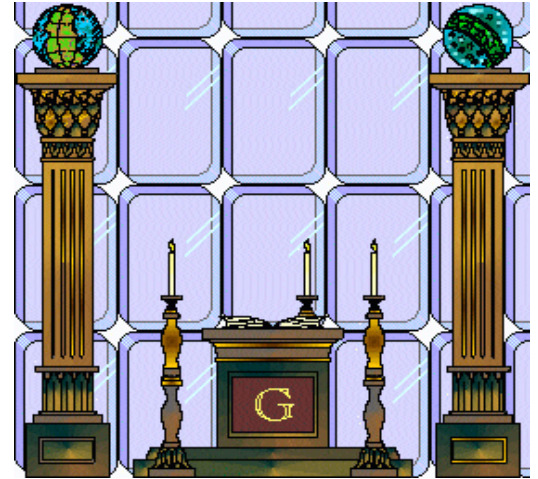
Someone is giving you a number, and the pen by the phone won't write?

You try to look up a word in the dictionary to see how it's spelled, and you can't find it because you don't know how to spell it?



## THE PRELATE'S PULPIT

Rev. Jim Harris, 32° KCCH

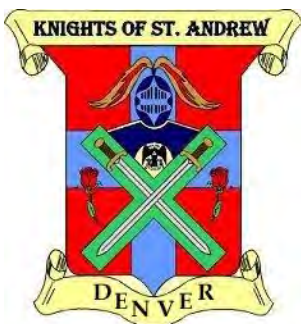


September is a month of change. The weather becomes cooler, the colors change, football begins, and the transition from summer to fall begins. September is a good month for us to reflect and to enjoy the cooler days. At the Consistory, we move from darkness to light as our meetings begin. Also, the fall reunion is rapidly approaching. It is a time of growth and learning.

Our monthly stated meetings are extremely important. Our attendance is needed. Our monthly meetings bring us together, helping us to lift our spirits. They can also help us to become more positive as we feel the warmth of our brothers and hear about the good things we are doing. We realize that we are part of a community as we eat, meet and pray together. Our Masonic beliefs and values are reinforced. We realize that we are part of something larger than ourselves.

"This is the day which the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it." Psalm 118: 24.

Stay positive, pray everyday and I hope to see everyone September 15, wearing your team/school colors.



- Due to Labor Day, KSA is suspending labors for September.
- Degree Education Series: OCT meeting - Aaron Klostermeyer will present 24° in the first of a series of educational lectures at our meetings.
- We have been HONORED to participate in the cast of the 29° for the FALL Reunion. Speak with Bobby Juchem or Darren Klinefelter if you are interested in a part (speaking OR non-speaking).
- Semi-annual Cathedral Preservation and Cleanup day before reunion. Details TBA.
- Preparations for our annual Burns' Supper are being finalized. The date this year is Saturday, January 31, 2015. Please keep that date open on your calendars and come for an enjoyable evening. More details to follow in the October RITEWORKS.

# MEMORIAL SCROLL

Ronald Burton Adams 32°	06/10/2014
Paul Eugene Aynes, 32°	05/12/2013
Wayne Eugene Corley, 32° KCCH	06/04/2013
John Alva Dunsmoor, 32°	04/14/2014
William Enssle, 32°	08/11/2014
Virgil Wayne Girtman, 32°	12/22/2013
William Alan Hybl, 32°	04/04/2014
Frank Glen Maxwell, 32°	04/24/2013
Charles Darrell Sorensen, 32°	05/28/2008

All Scottish Rite Masons in good standing are entitled to have a Rose Croix Funeral service at the time of their passing. Members should advise their families of their wishes to have this beautiful service. It is a very dignified service intended to help bring comfort to the family.

The current members of the Denver Consistory Rose Croix Funeral Team are:

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M. Edward Johnson, 33°  
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Roy Snyder, 32° KCCH  
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If you are interested in joining the Rose Croix Funeral Team and helping them, contact the office or John Buchanan, 33° for more information.

# SEPTEMBER Special Birthdays



A VERY SPECIAL HAPPY BIRTHDAY to  
Brother Philip L. Green

**100 YEARS YOUNG THIS MONTH !!**

## 90 Years Young

George M. Douglas  
Robert W. Hansen  
Edgar A. Darrow  
Robert G. Van Male  
Woodrow A. Crawford  
Lynn B. Reed

## 80 Years Young

John P. Sturgeon  
James H. Anderson  
Ralph L. Dunham  
Harvey W. Riggs  
Warren D. Alden

## 70 Years Young

Daniel J. Pembroke, Jr.  
Karl F. Biemel  
Thomas W. Henshall  
Jack R. Hoyt, Jr.  
Thomas D. Edmonds  
Robert W. Steinbach  
William F. Chapman, Jr.

## 60 Years Young

William G. Spalding  
Mark A. Mitzman  
C. David Wilkerson  
Michael L. Oldham  
James L. McKiel

## 50 Years Young

Douglas F. Tiller

## 40 Years "OLD"

Christopher W. Scott  
Timothy W. Hogan

## 30 Years "OLD"

Jeremy Van Hooser



Did we REALLY rob the cradle when we got Jeremy?







The Scottish Rite Masonic Center is hosting a monthly event called, "Let There be Light." It is an insight-filled program where members and others make short presentations and share insights and tips with others. All are invited, members, guests, neighbors, and family.

We believe that most members strive to improve themselves. They are constantly searching for information and enlightenment. What some of our members might really appreciate is a little insight on life. Scottish Rite Masons know from the 15<sup>th</sup> degree that the true treasures of Masonry lie within the knowledge, virtues, and experiences of our brethren. This is where your involvement is essential:

Imagine: Your son-in-law or other relative asks you for a private minute then asks: "In one year, my wife and I would like to have a better quality of life. Do you have any thoughts, observations, experiences, or knowledge that you can share to help us get there?"

If you had only 15 minutes to respond, what would you say? Would you have anything to say? Do you know of a person that might be willing to talk about their passion with us?

Your response could be about any topic, not just financial success. For example, you could share thoughts about finances, humor, the economy, music, culture, hygiene, compassion, international affairs, integrity, model railroading, etc. The only requirement is that you feel passionate about your topic.

**NOW, WOULD YOU CONSIDER MAKING THAT 15-MINUTE PRESENTATION TO A GROUP?**

Topics can fit into any of the following 5 categories:

- Personal development
- Professional development
- Masonic lessons practiced in real life
- Arts & culture
- Other

Please take time to fill out the following information and handing it to me or email to Rick Spoor at [rwspeer@yahoo.com](mailto:rwspeer@yahoo.com) or [denverconsistory@denverconsistory.org](mailto:denverconsistory@denverconsistory.org).

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I call my topic: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments about my topic and ideas it might include:

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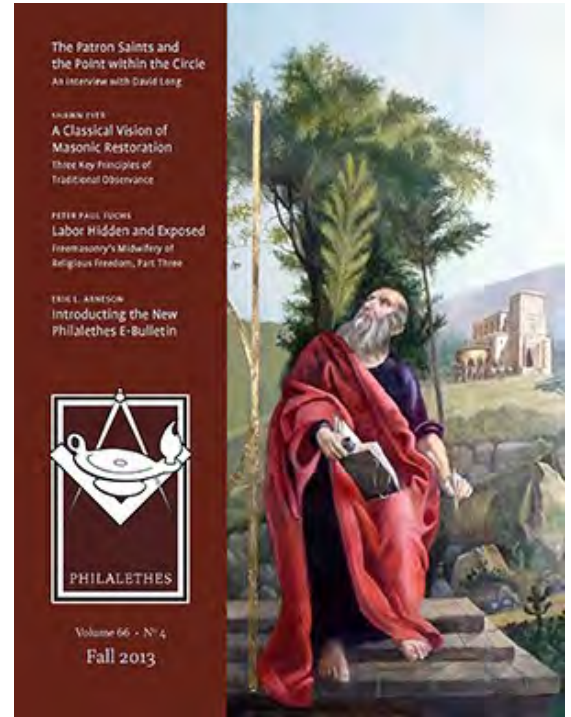
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PSOC (The Philaethes Society) - founded Dec. 1, 1928, is the world's oldest INDEPENDENT Masonic Research Organization. They have a web presence at <http://www.freemasonry.org> as well as a presence on FACEBOOK: <http://facebook.com/philaethes>

The cover to the right is for the latest issue of the PHILAETHES magazine for members (Fall 2014 - Vol. 66, No. 4 (even though it SAYS 2013 - a typo).

Inside this issue, which you might find of interest:  
The Patron Saints and the Point Within the Circle  
A Classical Vision of Masonic Restoration  
Three key principles of Traditional Observance  
Labor Hidden and Exposed  
Freemasonry's Midwifery of Religious Freedom, Part 3  
Editorial: Dare Call It a Renaissance





# SPECIAL BULLETIN

Estes Park Masonic Lodge No. 183, A.F.& A.M. of Estes Park, Colorado, 1820 S. St. Vrain Ave (Highway 7), would like to extend an invitation to the members and family members of your organization to join with many other Masonic bodies in marching in this year's **Longs Peak Scottish - Irish Highland Festival in Estes Park, Colorado**. The date of the parade event is, **Saturday, September 6, 2014** (the Saturday following Labor Day) and will start at **9:30 A.M** on the west end of Elkhorn Drive and go through the main part of town and terminate at the Visitor's Center on the east side of town (approx. one mile). This event is advertised as the largest all Celtic parade in North America. Parade participants are encouraged to park at the Estes Park Visitors Center and then walk to the west-end of Elkhorn Drive to gather for the parade lineup.

Following this event at, **1 P.M.**, our lodge will be sponsoring an 18-hole "scramble" golf tournament, organized by the Longs Peak Scottish/Irish Highland Festival, [www.scotfest.com](http://www.scotfest.com). Click on the "Saturday Golf Tournament Estes Park Golf Course (Register Here)" link. The cost is \$95.00 per player or \$380.00 per foursome to help support our local high school scholarship program. Each entry fee includes Green Fee and Cart, Range Balls and Snack Buffet afterwards and a 1-day Festival pass for Sunday September 7, 2014. Prizes and awards will be presented.

This invitation is being emailed to Colorado and Wyoming Masonic Lodges and associated Masonic bodies, in hopes of having a strong showing of Masonic brotherhood in this region. Picture, if you will, 100+ members representing Blue Lodges, Eastern Star, Scottish Rite, York Rite, Shriners, Jobs Daughters, Rainbow Girls, DeMolay and other bodies marching with their chapter banners raised high above them and right behind the Shriners El Jebel Pipe Band. What an awesome sight this would be. We will be marching behind the "**Clan Masons**" banner. A trailer or trolley with chairs may be available to those in need. So, think about it and mark your calendars so that you don't forget. And if you plan to march in the parade wear your Masonic apparel, i.e. apron, cape, etc. For additional information contact us at: [estespark183@gmail.com](mailto:estespark183@gmail.com) or call WB Marvin Hart at: 970-222-6212.

A Masonic Information tent will be set up during this 3-day event, at the Festival Grounds, located at Stanley Park, to provide Masonic information brochures to those interested in learning more about Masonry and the different Masonic bodies. Volunteers to staff this tent are needed and if anyone is interested in helping please contact us at: [estespark183@gmail.com](mailto:estespark183@gmail.com).

The lodge building will be open all day on Saturday, September 6, as the Hospitality Meeting Place for all Masons, Masonic groups and their families. After the parade you can go to the Estes Park Masonic Lodge for some coffee, drinks, snacks and friendly Masonic conversation. Overnight "dry camping" for RVs will be allowed in our parking lot.

We ask that you **communicate** this to other Masons and members of the various Masonic bodies that you have contact with in your address book. We know this action may generate multiple emails, and we apologize for that, but we want to try to get a large showing in the parade and in the golf tournament – better to have multiple announcements than none at all.



# SCOTTISH RITE FALL REUNION 2014

## THE CLASS NAMED IN MEMORY OF JACQUES DeMOLAY

### PETITIONS NEEDED

## Germania Lodge, No. 46, Free & Accepted Masons

Our Friday Night Reunion event will be a presentation of the Scottish Rite first degree put on by our Brothers from Louisiana. Don't miss this alternative interpretation to our York Rite first degree. **ALL MASONS WELCOME.** Mark your calendars now for **Friday, November 14 at 7:00 pm.** Optional dinner starting at 6:00 pm, with necessary reservations at \$15.00 a plate.



*END OF AN ERA*

**FALL REUNION**  
**NOVEMBER 13, 14, 15**  
*The 45th Reunion is coming!*  
*Scottish Rite Blue Lodge First Degree*  
*DeMolay Initiatory Degree.*

THE DEGREES TO BE EXEMPLIFIED ARE:

4	9	10	11	13
14	15	16	18	20
21	23	24	29	30
31	32			

***BE PART OF THE EXCITEMENT THAT COMES TO THE CONSISTORY TWICE A YEAR!***



*FUTURE REUNION ACTORS*

We are proud to include in our program a presentation of the Initiatory Degree of the Order of DeMolay. This degree will be exemplified on ***Saturday, November 15th***, in conjunction with the reunion. It will be open to all Master Masons and DeMolay, past and present.



***First line signer incentive program.*** Each new petition, with the candidates completion of the degrees, will enable the first line signer to be eligible for a drawing of dues payment for a year or stated meeting dinners for a year. **But wait, there's more!** Each qualified first line signer will be eligible for free meals during the reunion.



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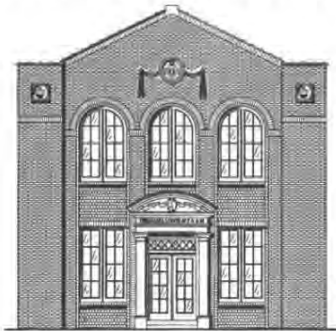
# ALL MASONS INVITED

It was 18 years ago when Germania Lodge #46 from New Orleans first performed the Scottish Rite Blue Lodge degrees at the Denver Consistory. The opportunity to be a part of this alternative interpretation to the Blue Lodge first degree is being presented again. Our Friday Night Reunion event will be the first degree put on by our Brothers from Louisiana. It is open to all Masons. Mark your calendars now for Friday, November 14 at 7:00 pm for this exciting degree presentation in Colorado. You can make a night of it by making a dinner reservation starting at 6:00 pm with a price of \$15.00.

## Germania Lodge, No. 46, Free & Accepted Masons

*Germania Lodge, No. 46, Free & Accepted Masons is a Masonic Lodge that was chartered by the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana on April 18th, 1844. Although Germania Lodge is currently comprised of approximately 100 men from a broad range of heritages and backgrounds, it was founded by German-speaking gentlemen to provide an opportunity for conducting Masonic work in their native German tongue. The Lodge worked in the German language for one hundred years. In April, 1944 it was opened in German and closed in English and has worked in English since.*

*The Lodge works in the Scottish Rite Symbolic ritual – one of only ten Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana comprising the 16th District.*



Germania Lodge #46, Free and Accepted Masons, located on Bienville Street in Mid City (courtesy The Lost Word)



*All 10 lodges in the 16th District use this ritual, under special dispensation from our Grand Lodge. Because of the way New Orleans was founded, Spanish and French influence was strong, as well as from other immigrant groups. Hence, lodges in our District at one time performed their work variously in French, Spanish (one still does so today), German, and Italian. Our degrees are more ornate than the York blue lodge degrees, especially the Entered Apprentice degree. Visitors to New Orleans are urged to call ahead to see if an EA degree is being put on by one of our district lodges -- it's something to see.*

*Suffice it to say that the continuation of these various Rituals in Louisiana is unique, and Masons from other Jurisdictions who have witnessed the Degrees here, or in their own Jurisdictions when the work was exemplified by visiting teams, had naught but praise for their beauty, eloquence and profoundness of meaning.*

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## SCOTTISH RITE REUNION 2014

The Denver Consistory is proud to present the Fall Reunion, November 13-15, of the Scottish Rite Degrees. We are equally proud to include in our program a presentation of the Initiatory Degree of the Order of DeMolay. This degree will be exemplified on *Saturday morning, November 15th*, in conjunction with the reunion. It will be open to all Master Masons and DeMolay past and present. What a wonderful way to support these young men and witness their fine work. DeMolay is one of the few organizations showing positive growth in the State.

DeMolay is an organization dedicated to preparing young men to lead successful, happy, and productive lives. Basing its approach on timeless principles and practical, hands-on experience, DeMolay opens doors for young men aged 12 to 21 by developing the civic awareness, personal responsibility and leadership skills so vitally needed in society today. DeMolay combines this serious mission with a fun approach that builds important bonds of friendship among members in more than 1,000 chapters worldwide.

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