

RITTEWORKS

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PLANNING CALENDAR

DECEMBER

Saturday DEC 06	10:00 am	SR Foundation & Consistory Children’s Christmas Party Parking Garage Available
Monday DEC 15		Stated Meeting - Parking Garage Available
	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 CLOSED at NOON for Christmas Holiday
Thursday DEC 25		Consistory CLOSED for Christmas Holiday
Friday DEC 26		Consistory CLOSED for Christmas Holiday
Wednesday DEC 31		Consistory CLOSED at NOON for New Year’s Holiday

JANUARY 2015

Thursday JAN 01		Consistory CLOSED for New Year’s Holiday
Friday JAN 02		Consistory CLOSED 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
Monday JAN 19		Stated Meeting - Parking Garage Available
	5:30 pm	Red Room Business Meeting
	6:00 pm	Dinner - Beef Stroganoff and Chocolate Mousse
	7:00 pm	Annual Meetings of Corporations and Installation of Officers for 2015

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REMINDER: Denver Consistory is a **NO SMOKING** facility. This includes regular tobacco products as well as e-cigarettes and other forms of smoking. There is an area for smokers just outside the glass doors near the street.



EDITOR'S SOAPBOX

By Bill Hickey, 32° KCCH



Years ago now, I met a brother on one of the first internet email exchanges for Freemasons. He had been a lapsed Mason while he was assigned as a journalist to cover the Canadian Prime Minister and suffered a stroke at age 51 which took his profession from him. Friends persuaded him to re-engage in Freemasonry, and over the years we became close friends despite the fact that we never met face-to-face. When I lost my wife 11 years ago, he would call me on the anniversary date to make sure everything was still OK. Brother Dick James (RTJ) did a number of charitable efforts on behalf of US Masons and Military Personnel before he died two years ago now. He even became a Worshipful Master in a Minnesota Lodge. One of his "pet projects" was a column (what we now call a "BLOG") called "SNIPPETS". I give you one of his more memorable submissions for your consideration here. — Bill

Christmas Memories—23 December 1996

Christmas does funny things to you, no matter how young ... no matter how old you are.

It's a dreamy time. A time when you lose touch with your calendar years -- a warm and misty time -- it's also a contradiction.

Christmas is a time when we try desperately to hang on to yesterday's memories, yesterday's warmth. Everybody wants to be a kid again, snug, safe and warm inside a cocoon. And why not?

So, let's wander back to the late 1940's through the 1950's.

I'm 52, going on ten or eleven some days. Here are a few of the things I remember about Christmas back "in the good old days" -- the good old days when everyone was broke. The good old days when neighbours and friends were neighbours and friends; the days when an honest day of work brought little pay, little security, but by Lord people did work.

Enough of that .. Let's go dreaming

Christmas lights and falling snow always make you dream - mostly of when you were a kid - a time when there always seemed to be more snow - drifts over your head - icicles hanging off houses so big you could use them as swords to defend your snow fort from invaders. Icicles so big because the insulation wasn't as good in the '40s and '50s - storm windows frosted

so thick you could write your name on them. The same storm windows you had to put on and take off and be careful not to put your foot through as you moved around the house leaning them against the wall in the right place according to the markings you made last year indicating where they were supposed to go next winter.

You dream more at Christmas time. As you sit in the living room with the fireplace keeping you warm, strange things begin to happen. The tree lights get bigger ... they go out of focus ... and you are a kid once again ...

Those were the days. Days our kids won't believe were true - that we really did walk miles in the snow to school when the temperature was below zero. Days when our parents weren't so quick to offer a ride ... there weren't free periods at school ... there weren't cafeterias ... a bologna sandwich was real food. You didn't hear "there's no food in this house" ... you ate what there was and that was that ... you ate to get full.

And the snow. After living in Glace Bay in the late '40s and very early '50s, we moved to Dogpatch -- officially named Lakeburn. Wartime houses were just below the Moncton airport where snowdrifts were higher than Dad's '41 Dodge. (Grandfather had a '50 Ford)

There really was more snow way back when ... but today's kids just won't believe us.

And Christmas was different. You got a book of Lifesavers as presents for under a dollar or two dollars to be exchanged at the Church; the same at school where we drew names. Yuk, that you drew the name of the kid you didn't like and then tried to trade the name off with someone else. Parents cut the turkey in half so there'd be something for New Year's dinner too.

Grapes and tangerines were bought only at Christmas time. Grapes were 11 cents a pound ... the days when bread was 15 cents a loaf, a paper was five cents. Ed Sullivan on Sunday nights. The Rocket after nine on Saturday. Little Rickey's first Christmas with Lucy in a Santa suit. Perry Como specials. Alice being sent to the moon by Ralph. Juliette, Whipper Billy Watson and the Plouffe Family. On radio there was Foster Hewitt and the Leafs. Late in the day there were programs Mom listened to which were sponsored by Lux and New Tide. The house became quiet when Dad arrived home to listen to the news broadcast. Very quiet - or else.

We always found things to do as we waited for Santa ... cartoons by the hour on the new television set -- black and white on both channels. Snowball fights and making forts; lying down in the snow to make Angels. Red Flyers, buckled runners, frozen rope.

Christmas cards galore, mailed at either two or three cents each -- regular postage was a nickel but Christmas cards were cheaper provided the envelope wasn't sealed. And mail was received within a few days of it being sent. Parents checked the incoming cards each day and rushed back to the mailbox in the morning to cover off a friend or neighbour that had been forgotten. And of course ... the great old line ... "they didn't send us a card this year ... they don't get one next Christmas."

Christmas Eve -- it was always cold -- it was always white -- it was always beautiful and peaceful and magical. Our parents always got mad at us because we couldn't get to sleep ...

what kid could?

Christmas Eve was a pedestrian traffic jam on every street as families bundled up and went door to door. Maybe you spent the day with neighbours and nearby friends, but that wasn't Christmas Eve. It was a severe slight not to knock on a neighbour's door with a greeting. Just as severe as hand delivering a card to the folks next door instead of mailing it.

And, whoever heard of an artificial Christmas tree? A week before the big day, Dad got out the hatchet. Into the old Dodge the two of us went ... down a back road and into the bush. The tree was cut then tied onto the roof. No pictures were taken. That's a '90's thing.

It was cold, but that was the easy part. Now the job of building a tree stand -- two by fours and a centre spike after the snow was all shaken loose -- outdoors -- then tie the tree to the wall with wire so it wouldn't fall over, but that's after the saw which was used to even off the bottom from the chopping. Then came the brace and bit as Mom said, "it's a little empty on the right." A branch was snipped off the piece cut from the bottom, a hole was drilled into the trunk, the spare branch was popped in and presto ... a full and bushy fir tree ready for lights and decorations ... first though the tree had to sit for a little while so the branches could pop down into place after being all crushed up on the roof of the car.

Remember taking a spare bulb and slowly working your way through the set of lights to find the one that was burned out? Remember filling the oil can and flipping it over without spilling any on the hardwood floor in the living room or on the linoleum in the kitchen? Remember dumping cinders in the driveway ruts for better traction?

Remember gifts from Nan and Gramp and Dad's brothers?

Remember that Dad always got ties and socks and flat fifties of Sweet Caps, Players Plain, Black Cats, Buckingham, Sportsman, Winchester ... remember BA and White Rose??? Murray Westgate and Esso, FINA? And Angel hair and spray snow that was so hard to clean off the windows? And Christmas concerts with the nativity scene and carols you practiced for weeks after exams at school? And beautiful church services ... Midnight Mass and bright starry skies.

There was PEACE.

Remember Bing Crosby, Miracle on 34th Street, Gene Autry, Rudolph, and in later years, Miss Brenda Lee?

Fifty or so years later can you still remember these lines: "I'm warning you for the last time ... if you don't behave I'm telling Santa Claus and he'll only come to your sisters ... you'll be sorry."

We knew that Santa Claus didn't just listen to what our parents said and that he'd come to us even if Mom and Dad said we were bad.

And he did come. Meccano sets. Lionel trains my Father whacked me for touching because only he knew how to make them work; shovels with red scoops; hockey sticks and black tape. Skates, sometimes used. Mittens from Grandmother, always with something hidden away inside. Uncle Raymond sent an Export "A" hockey calendar that had pictures of the

Forum in Montreal and Maple Leafs Gardens in Toronto. And there were great photos of all six teams in the league. Packages under the tree were wrapped in white, blue, red or green tissue paper and held together with stickers that came in bags with "to and from" tags. Mom always got things for the house -- dishes, towels.

Dad's socks were called argyle ... we just called them coloured socks and fought to get the biggest one to leave out as ours for Santa to fill ... Pretty much the only time of year that you received treats ... the only time of year there were big oranges.

And Mom always put them at the very bottom of the sock in the toe. Then came the biggest red apple ... hard candy covered with a piece of wax paper and the top twisted to keep it snug ... chocolates ... barley toys ... ribbon candy ... a puck ... a candy cane.

Today we have artificial trees, tree lots, credit cards, snow every second or third Christmas. Cards are ten to 15 dollars a box plus your right arm for postage with no guarantee of them ever being delivered on time.

But, we have our own kids and we do have our own traditions. It's our responsibility to give our kids things they will dream about as they sit by the fireplace when they get to be our age and we are the Grandparents who send surprises wrapped inside mittens. (Better make them designer mittens with the brand name on the outside for status purposes.)

Some things don't change though. They just get older and better. Christmas was probably commercial 50 years ago when our country was smaller and there wasn't as much money to go around. But, Christmas isn't about money. It's about people. And hopefully we'll always be proud to dream with the lights ... and the kids of all ages ... the ones belted up in the backseat of the '96 Sable and the ones wrapped up with a blanket in the back of the '41 Dodge with slush coming up through the holes in the floor. And a dimmer switch you kicked with your left foot.

No more putting doll houses together well after midnight, setting up a train or a Texaco service station, BUT ... something just as good ... maybe even better ... the hug of a daughter who now is 28 and running her own business ... A "girl" who calls her Mom and Dad to say "hi" two or three times a week ... Who says "I just called to say I love you."

And a girl who is 20 and away in Ottawa for her third year of university. Twenty years old ... the same kid with a bow in her hair in the picture on the end table by the chair by the fire place. The "kid" you will gladly fork out four hundred dollars in air fare for her to be home over Christmas.

That's not fifteen cents a gallon ... But it IS family. No, we haven't changed. Thankfully we have just grown up and mellowed a little.

Maybe there is PEACE. In our hearts.

Merry Christmas everyone.

Dream well. Each today we receive will be the past for our children. The first flurries of winter are falling as this final paragraph is being written. Remember as you dream -- and please ... don't be upset ...you can go home again --- but --- you can't go back. /RTJ



From the Secretary's Desk ...

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

Bill Klatil, 33°



The 45th Fall Reunion dedicated to Jacques DeMolay is in the can. What an event filled reunion this was. Welcome to the 23 new Masters of the Royal Secret (one courtesy done for Southern)! In addition to the superb degree work, we had the team from Germania Lodge #46, New Orleans performing the Scottish Rite first degree and the Colorado DeMolay exemplifying their DeMolay Degree. The Scottish Rite Masonic Center was filled to capacity for this presentation. This truly was a reunion that will be remembered for a long time. Just a reminder, the Spring reunion is just around the corner, May 7, 8, and 9. It's never too early to think about who might benefit by being a Scottish Rite Mason.



Thank you to the Knights of Saint Andrew for their work in the dining room, re-oiling the wood paneling, and cleaning up the leaves and window wells around the outside of the Masonic Center. Their work is always appreciated. It has become their tradition to spruce up the Consistory before the reunions each year.

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



The Foundation Christmas party is scheduled for Saturday, December 6 starting at 10:00 am. In preparation for this annual event we had volunteers decorate the Masonic Center, including a member of the last class. We are now ready for the families with their children from the Foundation as well as our own children and grandchildren. All are invited, members, family and friends. There will be refreshments, games, entertainment, gifts and **SANTA CLAUS!**



The Scottish Rite Foundation presented our own Audrey Ford with the **Foundation's Distinguished Service Award**. The citation reads: "In recognition of your support to the Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado including a variety of activities such as the Children's Christmas Party, Reunion Banquets at Children's Hospital Colorado, foundation Scholarship Program, Consistory Ladies Auxiliary, as well as many other activities. You are the "go to person." Your service has been invaluable not only to the Foundation but also to the Kelly Family/Schlessman Family Scottish Rite Masons' Chair in Childhood Language Disorders. We are delighted to recognize your efforts." **CONGRATULATIONS AUDREY!**

Our next stated meeting, Monday, December 15th will be our annual elections and appointments for the 2015 Masonic year. Also at this meeting we will be honoring our 25 and 50 years members, milestones recognizing dedicated brothers. Please join us for dinner starting at 6:00 pm. Reservations at denverconsistory@denverconsistory.org or at 303-861-4261. The menu will include Prime rib and Boston cream pie.

As it is the holiday season, the Consistory office will be closed on several days during this period. Please refer to the website at www.denverconsistory.org under the calendar tab for the schedule.

Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and wishing you a Happy New Year!

Around the Consistory



Audrey Ford is recognized by the SR Foundation and Children's Hospital for her tireless support.



Our SGIG celebrates a significant milestone birthday.



The Denver Consistory Fall 2014 Reunion Class Activities (Jacques DeMolay Class)



Actors aren't the only ones supporting a reunion. It takes MANY brothers pitching in. Here we see the light booth and the band.

More, More, More



Germania Lodge #46 of New Orleans puts on a VERY SPECIAL 1st Degree Ceremony to an enthusiastic audience.



Colorado DeMolay provided us with an opportunity to witness their degree ceremony on Saturday morning during the reunion.



Our November meeting is also an opportunity for us to recognize the sacrifices and service of our veterans. The traditional ceremony was given by Tommy Thompson, 33° prior to dinner downstairs since we were having the 32nd degree ceremony during our regular stated meeting afterward.

TO EVERY VETERAN and our FIRST RESPONDERS as well — THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE.



BETWEEN THE COLUMNS

Michael D. Moore, 32° KCCH



Why Are We Called a “Rite”?

A Rite is an enacted ceremony which moves forward in a series of waves (we refer to them as steps) and the same ceremony is used over and over – the words rhythm and rhyme had a similar origin and it is easy to see why. A ritual is a system of rites.

H. L. Haywood, *The Newly Made Mason*

I don't think anyone ever informed me on why we are called a “rite” and not anything else. It is one of those terms we readily accept and use without much thought to what it means or how we got the title for our organization.

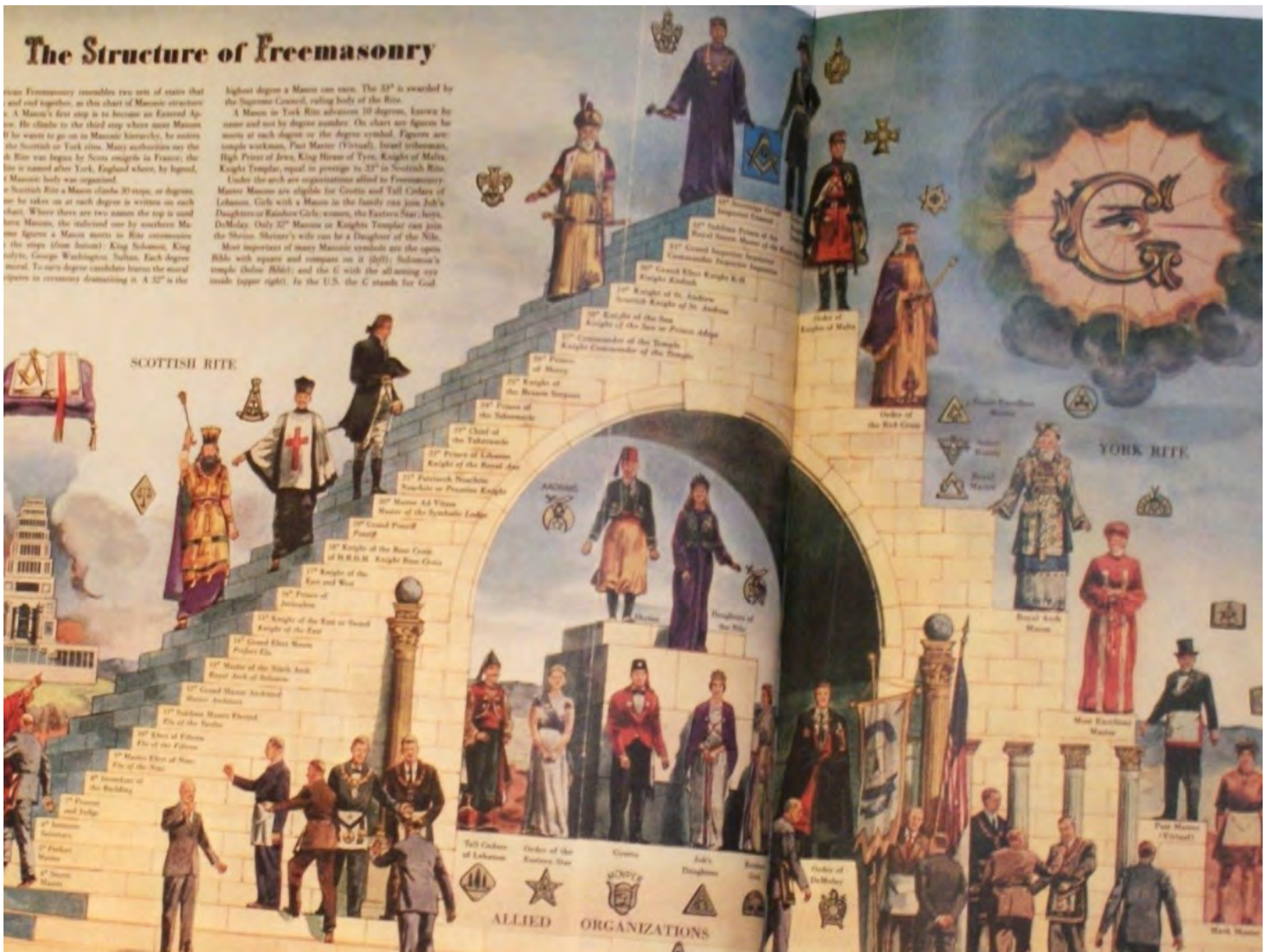
So, it is a term we use a lot but not think much about. In Masonry, we have many “rites”: the rite of lustration, rite of circumambulation, rite of initiation. The York Rite and probably seventy other rites have been connected with Freemasonry through the ages. The connection between us being called a Rite is nothing new. We know that Henry Francken appointed Moses Hays as Deputy Inspector General of the “Rite” in 1768, 246 years ago. What started out as “*a system of ineffable and sublime degrees*” called the Scottish Rite is found in an 1804 agreement and it was our Grand Commander Albert Pike who put the term into general use. Henry Coil tells us that in 18th century France, the term began to have a different meaning than “*an act of divine or solemn service, a solemn or proper observance, a ceremony; but as a collection of related degrees under a common control or administration.*”

Brother Mackey explains the word comes from a Latin word “ritus” meaning an approved custom or an external observance. He also quotes Vossius who says it came from the Greek meaning a “*trodden path*” or a long followed custom. The first “rite” contained the 25 degrees of the Rite of Perfection, unchanged for many years. The highest degrees at that time being the Kadosh degrees and the Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret came to America around 1761 and were expanded in 1801 to the current 33 degrees. Henry Coil writes that Pike knew the term rite referred to a ceremony, yet he changed the definition to fit his thoughts on what this new group should be. So, it went to mean an aggregation and succession of any number of degrees given by one or more bodies, by the authority of a single supreme government.

Probably the best definition of this is: “*A rite in the extended, modern sense is a collection of degrees which are and, for a considerable time, have been customarily considered as a group or unit, either because of having a common government or being associated in a succession or schedule of working.*” And that is what we do. We present a collection of seemingly random degrees that actually have one purpose and one theme.

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We see that progression of degrees in many forms and symbols in our Rite. The form of a Masonic ladder is just one way; we portray our tradition to nonmembers.



Hardly ever do we hear that each of the 29 degrees is connected, yet they are. They take us on a journey; one which if you ask anyone in the midst of it will say “they do not know where it will take us and how it will end.”

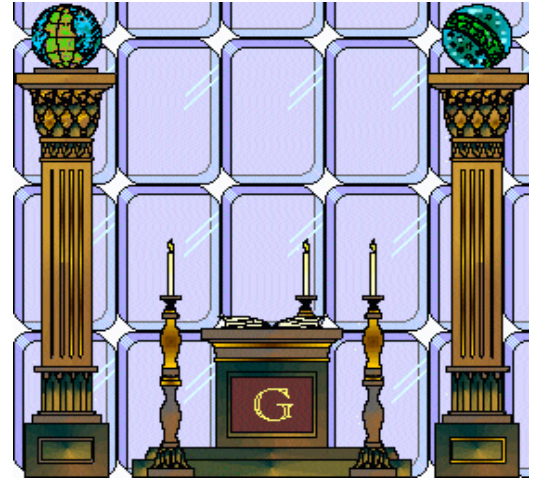
Our Rite, like so many others throughout history, has been modified, advanced, updated and reformed. That term, like the word “reunion” tell us much about ourselves. The Scottish Rite is a collection of degrees all which work together to take a candidate on the search for truth. The path meanders and weaves. Some degrees seem to have nothing in common with the ones that come before or after. But I find that they are logically placed for the most part and each is a step upwards in that journey. They open the heart, the eyes and the mind. The principles are universal and good for any place of any time in any culture.

So come, walk down this well trodden path (or up, as this might be a better way to describe the direction we should go) that many thousands have done before. Join many that will be added in the future and see what this collection of teachings has for you.



THE PRELATE'S PULPIT

Rev. Jim Harris, 32° KCCH



December is the holiest month of the year. Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ on December 25, the Jews celebrate Hanukkah (the Festival of Lights) as it remembers the rededication of the Temple. This year Hanukkah begins on December 16 and lasts until the evening of December 24. Kwanzaa is a celebration of many African-Americans. Zoroastrians, Pagans, Buddhists and Muslims also have special days in December. Also, in December winter begins and days become longer. December, then, could easily be called a month of celebrations, and the most holy month of the year as well.

At the Denver Consistory we have a lot to celebrate and many reasons to give thanks. At our November meeting we celebrated our veterans, the conclusion of a meaningful reunion and a presentation of an award to Audrey Ford for her work with Children's Hospital. We shared a Thanksgiving meal and sang Happy Birthday to our SGIG Steve Munsinger.

God has blessed us over and over at the Consistory. We have a lot to celebrate! We have a lot of reasons to be thankful! Soon we have a special visitor who does not need a card or a password to enter the building. That man in a red suit will help us celebrate this time of the year with our children.

For me, I give thanks everyday for my many blessings. Celebration is to greet life with a shout "Yes" and not a sigh of "Maybe."

Have a wonderful December and remember to always give thanks. The Supreme Architect of the Universe has given us the greatest of all, the gift of life. Stay positive, be upbeat and be a shining light to those around you!

The young man knows the rules, but the old man knows the exceptions.

Oliver Wendell Holmes, Sr.

There are two rules for success ... (1) Never tell everything you know.

Roger H. Lincoln

A man who trims himself to suit everybody will soon whittle himself away.

- Charles M. Schwab (1862-1939)



How Do They Do It?

By John Warren, 33° and Bill Hickey 32° KCCH

(Editor’s Note: Most of you have seen the Rite Works online and perhaps read a copy of the Newsletter. They both look good, but does anyone know how the end result happens? I didn’t think so, so read on.)

Kurt Vonnegut once said: “New knowledge is the most valuable commodity on earth. The more truth we have to work with, the richer we become.”)

The Denver Consistory publishes this monthly electronic RiteWorks Newsletter and a quarterly printed Newsletter for those, who for whatever reason, do not have access to the Rite Works.

The RiteWorks Staff includes Bill Klatil, 33°, Secretary and bulletin Advisor; Audrey Ford as Technical Advisor and correspondent; John Moreno, 33° as Staff Photographer, Bill Hickey, 32° KCCH as Editor-in-Chief; D J Cox, 33° as Editor Emeritus and Daniel Conway, 32° as Webmaster.

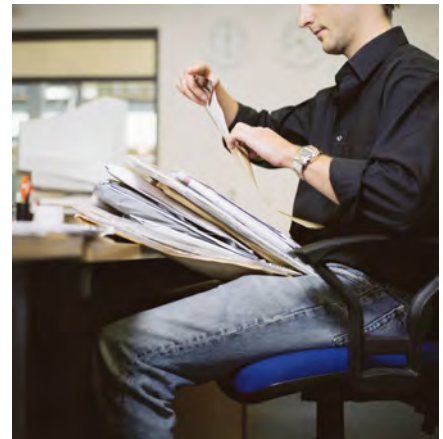
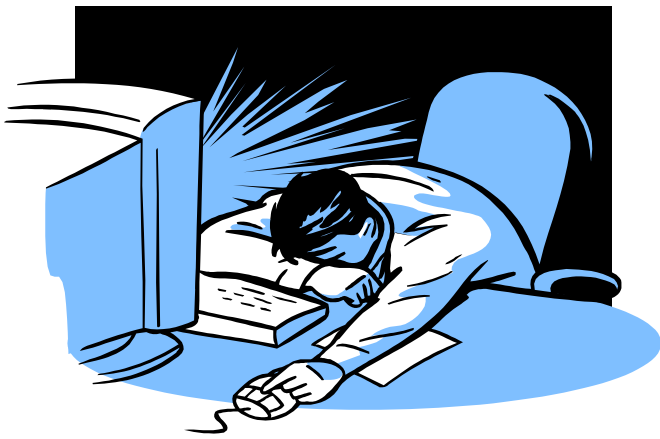
The Newsletter staff includes all of the above, with John Warren, 33° as its Editor.

In addition, there is a Denver Consistory Publications Committee consisting of Bill Hickey, 32° KCCH as Chairman, Richard Silver, 32° KCCH, John Warren, 33° and Jack D. White, 32° KCCH.

This MAY sound like a lot of people to get these Two Publications out smoothly without the Editors having to expend much effort. HA!!!!!!!!!!!!!! It takes a lot of work by both of our Editors to get these publications out on time, in addition to all the other folks listed above.

Just what are the duties and responsibilities of our editors? For that, we have only to look at the Dictionary.

Dictionary.com tells us that the word “editor” is a noun and, in part, is a person having managerial and sometimes policy-making responsibility for the written content of a newspaper, magazine or other publication. It goes on to say that an editor is a person who edits material for publication. The British Dictionary defines Editor as a person who edits written material for publication (sounds a bit like a “circular” definition, doesn’t it?). Merriam-Webster defines, in part, the word Editor as a person whose job is to edit something (another circle).



So, based on the previous definitions, we know that an Editor is someone who “edits”. So, now, we need to find out the definition of the word EDIT.

Dictionary.com, describes, in part, the word EDIT as a verb in which an editor is to collect, prepare and arrange materials for publication; to revise or correct as a manuscript and to expunge or to add. This is often done in Consistory Publications due to space limitations. The British Dictionary definition, in part, of the verb “edit” indicates that the editor is to prepare (text) for publication by checking and improving its accuracy, clarity, etc. Webster’s Collegiate Dictionary says, in part, that the word EDIT means: to prepare an author’s works for publication; to revise and make ready for publication.

After the Editors have done their job, the two publications go to the Office for review, correction and eventually, publication and distribution to the membership.

Now you know the answer to the question asked in this article’s Headline. Asking why the Editors do what they do is something not as easily defined. Neither Editor does what they do for more brownie points or increased recognition. Suffice it to say, being Editor of either of the Consistory’s publications is like most any other job around the Consistory that needs to be done by a Brother ... they could do it and, <GASP!!>, they volunteered.

“I slept and dreamt that life was joy. I awoke and saw that life was service. I acted and behold, service was joy.” -----Rabindranath Tagore



Denver Consistory’s Fall 2014 Reunion Class



KNIGHTS OF ST. ANDREW

Valley of Denver

Orient of Colorado



Scottish Rite Degree Education - A presentation by John Buchanan, 33°, on the 32nd Degree will be presented during the Knights' of Saint Andrew monthly Chapter meeting on Monday, **January 5th at 6:30 pm**. This will be the 4th presentation in the **Degree Educational Series** sponsored by the Knights of Saint Andrew for the benefit of the Denver Consistory. Brothers need not be members of the KSA, only a Scottish Rite Mason to attend. Please join us for an evening of education and learn a bit more about the Degrees that comprise your Scottish Rite.

A Sincere Welcome to our new Masters of the Royal Secret. You are all eligible to join us as Knights of St. Andrew - contact any member you see wearing a sash for more information.

DO NOT FORGET TO CHECK OUT THE BURNS' SUPPER flyer at the back of this issue. This event has become one of the "must be there" events during the Denver Consistory year. Don't miss it!



Denver Consistory's 9Health Fair will be held on Saturday, April 25, 2015 from 7am to noon. Please make a note of the date. We'll be putting out a call for volunteers in the near future in anticipation of yet another successful health fair.

MEMORIAL SCROLL

Robert Allen Best, 32°	10/15/2014
Edward Gene Brooks, 32°	08/20/2014
Charles Albert Eastman, 32°	08/03/2014
Sherwood John Gray, 32°	10/14/2014
Charles Gordon Heister, 32°	10/05/2014
Harry Thomas McClain, 32°	10/18/2014
George Moshinsky, 32° KCCH	03/21/2014
Franklin Clyde Stewart, 32°	06/17/2014
Samuel Rupert Sullivan, 32°	01/14/2014

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: John Buchanan, 33° Chairman, Jerry Fenimore, 33°, Gerald Ford, 33°, Jack Harlan, 33°, M. Edward Johnson, 33°, Richard Mitchell, 33°, Matthew Raia, 33°, Roy Snyder, 32° KCCH, John Warren, 33°, Richard Wenzel, 32°

If you are interested in joining the Rose Croix Funeral Team and helping them, contact the office or John Buchanan, 33° for more information.

DECEMBER Special Birthdays

90 Years Young

George W. Barnes
Arthur Berlinger

80 Years Young

Robert M. Adelstein
Richard L. Bornmann
Clifford Cantrell
Thomas A. Goodyear
Bruce C. Hepp
Donald D. Morgan
Robert R. Swope

70 Years Young

Basil R. Deem
Charles F. Menges

40 Years "Old"

Jeremiah H. Weaver



How to say "Happy New Year"

Arabic:	Antum salimoun	Italian:	Felice anno nuovo
Czech:	Scastny Novy Rok	Norwegian:	Godt Nyttår
Danish:	Godt Nyttår	Polish:	Szczesliwego Nowego Roku
Dutch:	GELUKKIG NIEUWJAAR!	Portuguese:	Feliz Ano Novo
French:	Bonne Annee	Russian:	S'Novim Godom
Gaelic:	Bliadhna mhath ur	Slovak:	A stastlivy Novy Rok
German:	Prosit Neujahr	Spanish:	Feliz Año Nuevo
Greek:	Kenourios Chronos	Swedish:	Gott nytt år
Hebrew:	L'Shannah Tovah	Ukrainian:	Shchastlyvoho Novoho Roku
Irish:	Bliain nua fe mhaise dhuit	VietNameese:	Chuc Mung Tan Nien

Denver Consistory Knights of St. Andrew
Burns' Night Supper
and Whisky College

Celtic entertainment, Burns poetry and toasts

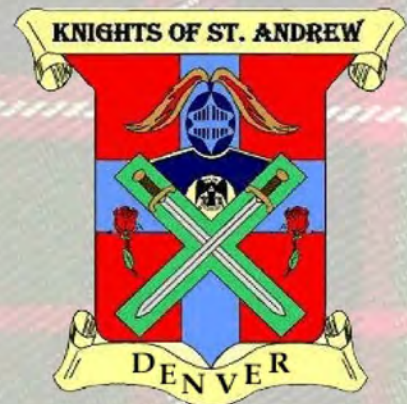
Saturday January 31st, 2015 6:45pm

Dinner: Traditional Celtic fare and Haggis
\$35 cash/ check at door
\$37 credit paid at phone reservation

Whisky College: Year 3, The Royals, 6:00pm
\$15 cash/ check at door

Reservations: 303-861-4261

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I am pleased and honored to be writing to you and your organization about the great opportunity for the entire Masonic Family to unite in a singular effort to promote our family to the public. The opportunity is the largest public offering in Colorado for our Masonic Family to be on display and promote the unity of the family.

We are again registered into the St Patrick's Day Parade for 2015. We would like to invite all to come and join the gathering in a great public display of our unity and pride. This parade has been historically the largest parade in Colorado and one of largest St. Patrick's Day Parades in the country, and is televised locally.

Please advise as to what capacity that you would like to participate and the number of participants that you will have in attendance. This is a great opportunity for all to increase the attendees over the course of the years in hopes of having the largest display by 2017 and beyond. Bring your banners, regalia (authorized appropriately) and other items of choice. Motorized vehicles will need to be named, registered and insured to participate in the parade. Once the submission has been made, additional vehicles cannot participate without an additional petition to the Parade board. Please forward this to any other Masonic Family groups that you believe would enjoy joining us for this event.

Please send your replies to grandaddyandgrammie@comcast.net. I eagerly await your response and to seeing you at this event. Please respond by December 30, 2014 so we are able to obtain the appropriate area for our family.

Respectfully submitted,

Sincerely and Fraternaly

Bro. Larry E Tygart Sr



THE HIKE FUND, INC.

Hearing Impaired Kids Endowment Fund
Supported by Job's Daughters International

Dear Colorado Masonic Family and Friends,

As members of the Masonic Family, we know that philanthropy has a very important place in your hearts and in your work. Through this letter we hope to inform you of what one branch of the Masonic Family, Job's Daughters International, is doing to promote the spirit of charity.

In 1985 Job's Daughters International created a charitable organization called H.I.K.E., which stands for Hearing Impaired Kids Endowment. The HIKE Fund raises money for underprivileged children in need of hearing aids and other listening devices. During the 2013-2014 year, HIKE and the Job's Daughters of the world raised just over \$122,000 and gave out over \$81,000 in grants! This year The HIKE Fund is turning 30 and we want to make it the best anniversary yet!

We, the Colorado Daughter HIKE Coordinators, have set a fundraising goal this year of \$5000. This will double what Colorado raised last year. This year, we are asking that every lodge, chapter, assembly, court, etc. of the Colorado Masonic Family make a donation to The HIKE Fund. If possible, we would like all Colorado Masonic Family donations be made by January 1, 2015, before our other fundraising events take place in spring 2015. We have no doubt that with your help we will be able to exceed our goal and help even more children this next year!

The HIKE Fund, is a 501(c)3 organization. Therefore, all donations are tax deductible. Please consider helping out The HIKE Fund and Colorado Job's Daughters this year with a donation and help a child hear the wonderful sounds of this beautiful world! Thank you for your time and support. If you have any questions, please contact the Colorado HIKE Coordinator, Stefanie McDaniel at (970) 495-9976 or psmcDaniel03@q.com.

Sincerely,

The Colorado Daughter HIKE Coordinators
Kailey, Molly and Chloe

Please send donations payable to "The HIKE Fund, Inc." to:
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