





PLANNING CALENDAR

JULY 2015

Saturday, JULY 18		Consistory's Annual Shrimp Boil - RESERVATIONS MANDATORY
		Ladies and Guests Invited - Parking Garage Available
	5:00 pm	Special "Let There Be Light Program"
	6:30 pm	Shrimp Boil Dinner

AUGUST 2015

Saturday, AUG 1511:00am-2:00pmAll Masonic Family Picnic (TBA - with Grand Lodge, Shrine, and ESMRC)Wednesday, AUG 196:00 pmOfficers' Mid-Year Planning Dinner Meeting

REMEMBER: Consistory Closes each FRIDAY at 1:00 pm until SEPTEMBER 18th!

SEPTEMBER 2015				
Monday, SEP 07		Consistory CLOSED for Labor Day Holiday		
Thursday, SEP 10		Consistory CLOSED for Grand York Rite		
Friday, SEP 11		Consistory CLOSED for Grand York Rite		
Monday, SEP 21		Stated Meeting - Parking Garage Available		
	5:30 pm	Red Room Business Meeting		
	6:00 pm	Dinner (Menu TBA)		
	7:00 pm	Entertainment - Feast of Tishri Observance (Centennial Lodge of Perfection)		
	7:30 pm	Split Meeting - 5 minute oration by Minister of State (Consistory)		

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EDITOR'S CORNER

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This month, you should notice that there is a "theme" in the guest articles - TOLERANCE. Tolerance of different political and social views, tolerance of different traditions and usages in Masonry, and so on.

When I was invited to my first 2nd degree ceremony here in Colorado, as they went through the ritual, they gave the candidate the "knocks" of the degree. I casually remarked to R. Keith Milheim, who was sitting next to me, that those were NOT the knocks of this degree. Now, I didn't know at the time he was a Past Grand Master. He remarked that "yes, they are - here in Colorado." I have since found when visiting - not JUST in a lodge, but in other consistories, that I will see and hear things that are FAMILIAR ENOUGH to be comfortable but also DIFFER-ENT ENOUGH to sit up and take notice from how WE do things here.

A number of years ago, the Association of Old Crows (military contractors that make electronic warning devices for pilots) invited retired Navy Captain (Mike McGrath) to speak. Mike was held prisoner in the infamous "Hanoi Hilton" for SEVEN YEARS. He gave us a fantastic presentation on what it was like, and some of the experiences he had in later years pursuing those who were guilty of "stealing valor" by claiming they were POW's or medal recipients.

One thing that struck me in his talk was when he said that he did not care what any of us thought about Richard Nixon. He didn't care whether we thought he was the biggest sleazeball to occupy the office, whether he was a common crook, whether he was a great visionary to open the doors to China, or whether he was just another hack politician that backed into the office of President. To him, and to every one of the prisoners of war that were released in 1973, Richard Nixon was a HERO. Why? Because, he brought them all home - no one else did that for them. And, he continued, he did not care whether we all thought Jane Fonda had more than atoned for her youthful indiscretions in visiting North Viet Nam (which resulted in terrible beatings and inhumane treatment for the prisoners) - THEY would NEVER forgive her.

The LESSON I took away from his comments was that, things like this are matters of PER-CEPTION and each of us has a unique perspective on the events in our lives. And, we can LEARN a lot from understanding our differences and incorporating other views into our own.

My then teenaged 7th grade daughter was the only young person in the audience, and the only one to ask a question: "Do you hate your captors for what they did to you in prison?"

Mike's Answer? "No, not really. After all, we were at war, and if they didn't follow their orders, they would have been shot. In the final analysis though, I got the better end of the deal. **YOU SEE, I'M HERE NOW, and they're still there!"** What a difference perspective can make!

From the Secretary's Desk ...



Bill Klatil, 33°



At our last stated meeting - which was also Hawaiian Shirt night, two lodges, Englewood 166 and South Denver 93 challenged each other to see who could bring the most members. Amazing as it may seem it ended in a tie, 12 from each. September is the next opportunity to enter the challenge. As pictured the lodge banners were also displayed.



Dale Pratt, 32°, Ted Brown, 32°, and Joe Cox, 32° received their Double Eagle Jewels (500 Points), while Walt Martin, 33° received his Ribbon of Honor (5000 Points). Also pictured is the SGIG. Congratulations to these brothers who have contributed their time and talents to the benefit of your Consistory.

From the Secretary's Desk - Continued from previous page



The entertainment for June's meeting was provided by the National Sojourners. This was a presentation of the history of flags of the United States. The members of the Sojourners who are also our members are Bill Hickey, III, 33° Elect, Mike Rowan, 32° KCCH and Milt Bonham, 32° KCCH. This program was both educational and entertaining. Many thanks goes to these brothers who put this together at the last minute.

The Shrimp Boil is coming. - When was the last time that you had a relaxing night out with your brothers? Our annual Shrimp Boil is coming to the Denver Consistory on Saturday, July 18. It starts at 5:00 pm with a "Let There be Light" educational program based on the subject of fish. At 6:30 pm the eating begins. Caesar Salad, peel-and-eat Shrimp, Chicken Fingers, Smoked Sausage, Cornbread, Corn-on-thecob, Boiled New Potatoes, and Dessert will fill out the menu. Reservations are necessary. The parking garage will be available. This activity is open to all, family, friends, neighbors, prospects, everybody!



SRCONCERTS PRESENTS 2015-16 Concert Series http://www.srconcerts.org

The Scottish Rite Masonic Center is proud to announce an upcoming Classic Concert Series with the first performance on Saturday, October 10. The Arapahoe Philharmonic under the musical direction of Brian Patrick Hughes, will present Beethoven's Ninth Symphony along with the Cherry Creek Chorale. Visit our website at <u>www.srconcerts.org</u> for more information.

Our next stated meeting will not be until September 21st. The Consistory office summer hours are Monday through Thursday 7:00 am until 4:00 pm with Friday hours of 7:00 am until 1:00 pm. We will be closed Friday, July 3rd and Monday, September 7th for Labor Day.

Don't let the summer pass you by without thinking about who might be the next Scottish Rite Mason. The Fall Reunion will soon be upon us. We are looking for good Masons who would make good Scottish Rite Masons.



ROCKY MOUNTAIN ROSE CROIX ORATION

By Richard M. Wenzel, III, 32° - Orator



RELIGIOUS TOLERANCE

My name is Rick Wenzel and I am the Orator for the Rocky Mountain Chapter of Rose Croix. I want to talk to you tonight about a situation I encountered several years ago when I was Master of my Blue Lodge, the decision I made in that situation and the Masonic lesson I learned from that experience.

The situation arose one evening as we were preparing to initiate a new Entered Apprentice. In our lodge we had a member of the Jewish faith who had presented the Lodge with a copy of the Written Torah or Tanakh, which we typically placed on the altar during our meetings as a display of respect to the different faiths of our lodge membership. As we prepared the lodge room for the evenings degree work, the first line signer of our candidate requested that the Tanakh be removed from the altar. Our Jewish brother happened to be present that evening and objected to this request. He approached me as Master of the Lodge, and asked me to make the final decision on whether to remove the scriptures or allow them to remain in place. I made the decision to remove the Tanakh because the candidate was a Christian and his first line signer, who was participating in the degree, strongly objected to its presence.

To this day I regret my decision because I believe I violated one of the basic tenets of Free Masonry; that of religious tolerance. From the very beginning of our Masonic journey we are taught that Masonry is not a religion, yet we must profess a belief in a Supreme Being to be made a Mason. As we progress through the degrees of the Scottish Rite, we are constantly reminded that religious tolerance is one of our primary duties.

Albert Pike discusses religious toleration in several of the Scottish Rite degrees. In the Tenth Degree – Elu of the Fifteen, while not a principal duty of the degree, Pike discusses toleration by stating that *"Toleration [holds] that every other man has the same right to his opinion and faith that we have to ours."* He also states that *"toleration is one of the chief duties of every good Mason..."*

In the 18th degree, Knight of the Rose Croix, one of our duties is to be "Tolerant of the faith and creed of others." Pike again discusses tolerance by stating "No one Mason has the right to measure for another, within the walls of a Masonic Temple, the degree of veneration which he shall feel for any Reformer, or the Founder of any Religion."

ROCKY Mountain Rose Croix Oration - Continued from previous page

In the 20th Degree, Master of the Symbolic Lodge, toleration is an indispensable quality for a Master of the Lodge. Here Pike says that one of the duties of the Master of a Symbolic Lodge is *"To respect all forms of worship, to tolerate all political and religious opinions…"*

Toleration is also a duty of the 26th Degree, Prince of Mercy or Scottish Trinitarian. Here Pike says *"We utter no word that can be deemed irreverent by any one faith…Masonry disbelieves no truth, and teaches unbelief in no creed, except so far as such creed may lower its lofty estimate of the deity, degrade Him to the level of the passions of humanity, deny the high destiny of man, impugn the goodness and benevolence of the Supreme God,…or inculcate immorality, and disregard of the active duties of the Order."*

As you can see Brethren, toleration is an important duty of Masons, as indicated by its appearance in multiple degrees. As I reflect on these lessons I can't help but think of that evening several years ago when I made a decision that falls short of an important duty, which as a Scottish Rite Mason, I am bound to uphold. While my actions and the actions of my brother Masons may not have met the standards we set for our fraternity, I cannot undo what has been done. I can only move forward and commit myself to a higher level of awareness of our duties and to provide good counsel to my Brothers when the need arises.

In closing my Brethren, I ask you, what better way can we exemplify the tenet of toleration by having the newly initiated Brother see multiple versions of the Holy Scriptures on the altar when first being brought to light as an Entered Apprentice? I believe that an opportunity such as this will affirm with any newly made Brother his decision to join the greatest fraternity in the world.

There is only one problem with common sense; it's not very common.

You cannot treat a patient if he doesn't know he is sick.

A man's trustworthiness is measured by the number of keys he holds.

Most children are raised by amateurs, not professionals.

Never trust a person who doesn't have at least one known vice.

You eat elephants one spoonful at a time.

If you are not using the right bait, you'll catch nothing.

If the mind really is the finest computer, then there are a lot of people out there who need to be rebooted.

TOLERANCE

By John Warren, 33°



"No loss of flood and lightning, no destruction of cities and temples by hostile forces of nature, has deprived man of so many noble lives and impulses as those which his intolerance has destroyed."

There has been a lot of evidence lately of the lack of tolerance on another's beliefs. This lack of tolerance in another's beliefs often causes stress, III will and animosity. It is almost as if some have forgotten that as Masons, we are taught to meet upon the level and part upon the square.

Yeah! Yeah! This never happens in any Masonic group - Baloney!

Dictionary.com tells us that tolerance is: "a fair, objective attitude toward those whose opinions, beliefs, practices, racial origins, etc., differ from one's own; freedom from bigotry."

Additionally, Dictionary.com describes tolerance as meaning; "interest in and concern for ideas, opinions, practices, etc., foreign to one's own; a liberal, undogmatic viewpoint"

The Entered Apprentice is instructed, in part, after being brought to light, that the compasses tell him to keep his passions within due bounds with all mankind, but more especially with his Brothers. The Master Mason is told to not supplant his Brothers in any of their laudable undertakings.

I have been as guilty as some in the past, not because of what Masonic group a Brother is in, but from perceived sleights from within. It was extremely frustrating to me to feel that I could do nothing but walk away from it all. Then one day, a good and trusted friend suggested I just drop it and move on, an idea I had never before considered.

That one comment struck me like a lightning bolt. I took my friend's advice and feel more at peace, more alive than I have for a long time.

In the 3rd Degree, one of the bad guys asks the rhetorical question. "What should we do?" And so, we ask ourselves that same question.

One thing for sure, what we do not need is someone saying we need to form some stinkin' study group to identify the problem and then come up with a solution. Those study groups seldom work anyhow.

I firmly believe that we should look at what Masonry is today, not what it was in the past. True, ritual hasn't changed so much, but attitudes have. I am not suggesting that we automatically adopt a Brother's beliefs as our own. We must, however, accept another Brothers' beliefs as HIS own.

Recently, I was privileged to attend meetings in two different Lodges in another State. In one meeting, a 1st Degree was exemplified and in the other meeting, a 3rd Degree was exemplified.

To say that I was pretty much lost would be putting it mildly. Sure, I knew where they were at in the Degree, but enough of the words and interactions between cast members were different from what I was familiar with in Colorado, that it was disconcerting. My friend explained to me what was happening and I soon learned that the lessons being taught were the same.

Another, more amusing example of some of the differences occurred when several of us were outside the Lodge, discussing King Solomon when he had the ruffians in front of him, ready to pass judgment on them for their crime. I admitted their King did a great job and then they asked me how similar it was in Colorado.

So I showed them how dissimilar it was. Their version of our District Lecturer came running out of the Lodge, asking "What in the world is that? I simply said, "That's Colorado work." He then said, "That sounds pretty good!"

These two examples are clear examples of tolerance of another's beliefs!

So, the question asked earlier about what to do should be clear; simply respect your Brother's beliefs, whether you understand or even like them or not.

Lao Tzu said: *"To know that you do not know is the best. To pretend to know when you do not know is disease."* Indeed!



WHAT IS A FLAG?

"A moth-eaten rag on a worm-eaten pole does not seem likely to stir a man's soul. 'Tis the deeds that were done 'neath that moth-eaten rag when the pole was a staff and the rag was a flag."

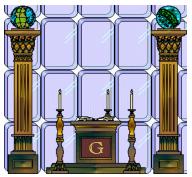
LtGen Sir Edward Bruce Hamley KCB, KCMG (1824 - 1893)

(Note: for our information, "KCB" is Knight Commander of the Order of the Bath; "KCMB" is Knight Commander of the Order of St. Michael and St. George)



THE PRELATE'S PULPIT

Rev. Jim Harris, 33° (Elect)



From Hebrews we read: "Without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him."

Seeking God is the first step of faith for those who want to know, understand, and follow God who desires fellowship with us. Masons are required to believe in a Supreme Being. I have found that living in the presence with the Supreme Architect helps me with the faith I need to journey through life with its ups and downs. I want to live every day in His presence. Doing so, I strive to accept people as they are, forgive those who wrong me, and to find goodness in everyone.

Living, in His presence helps me to not get upset over the little things which happen to me and find peace in living each day. This is a wonderful time of the year to enjoy the beauty of God's creation.

Have a great summer and enjoy all its beauty. Stay positive and keep the faith.

"Thoughts for the Weekend"

In the final analysis, it is not what you do for your children, but what you have taught them to do for themselves, that will make them successful human beings. – Ann Landers

True charity is the desire to be useful to others without thought of recompense. – Emanuel Swedenborg

Perfection is not attainable. But if we chase perfection, we can catch excellence. – Vince Lombardi

It is reasonable to have perfection in our eye that we may always advance toward it, though we know it can never be reached. – Dr. Samuel Johnson

Aim at perfection in everything, though in most things it is unattainable; however, they who aim at it, and persevere, will come much nearer it than those whose laziness and despondency make them give it up as unattainable. – Lord Chesterfield (Phillip Dormer Stanhope)

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M. John Bernstein, 32°	05/24/15
Richard Theodore Bickhard, Jr., 32°	06/02/15
Robert Melville Black, 32°	01/30/14
Joseph Robert Borelli, 32°	05/23/15
Richard Sears Brown, 32°	05/16/15
Colburn Leroy Gregg, 32°	07/14/14
Roger Lee Kessinger, 32°	03/09/14
Cecil James Lewis, 32°	06/ <mark>15/15</mark>
Richard R. Midwinter, 32°	06/0 <mark>1/15</mark>
Royneal Leroy Millis, 32°	01/01/15
Omer Knute Nau, 32°	11/16/12
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Robert Gerald Screws, 33°	06/02/15

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June Special Birthdays

90 Years Young

William H. Greene Calvin L. Wise Mervin L. Bauer

80 Years Young

Dwight M. Heffner Robert R. Johnson John W. Speed Milton T. Mills Joseph Y. Dwoskin Russell J. Lynn

70 Years Young

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60 Years "Young"

Ross B. Lampert Thomas E. Rainbolt Bryce D. Pugh Bruce J. Lawlor Robert Clevenger, Jr.

50 Years "Young"

Viron E. Lewis Umar Shabazz Eric Kouba Apologies to our Army Veterans - The Army's "birthday" was LAST MONTH June 14, 1775 (240 years old)







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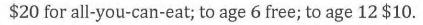
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DENVER CONSISTORY'S 9TH ANNUAL SHRIMP BOIL





Caesar Salad, peel-and-eat Shrimp, Chicken Fingers, Smoked Sausage, Cornbread, Corn-on-the-cob, Boiled New Potatoes, Dessert.

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5:00 pm: "Let There Be Light" Program Four short (15 minute) informative talks about a variety of subjects 6:30 pm: Dinner

Saturday, July 18, 2015

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The parking garage to the south is available (FREE) for this event.

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December 11 & 12, 2015 (two performances) -Handel's Messiah - Musica Sacra Chamber Orchestra, David Rutherford, Music Director with The Evans Choir, Dr. Catherine Sailer, Music Director. Soloists: Pearl Rutherford, Soprano; (TBD), Mezzo- Soprano; James Baumgarder, Tenor; Steven Taylor, Baritone.



April 16, 2016 (one performance) -

Littleton Symphony orchestra, Jurgen de Lemos, Music Director: **Richard Strauss** - Opening of Also Sprach Zarathustra with organ; **J.S. Bach**, arrangement by Stokowski - Toccata and Fugue in D minor; **Sergei Rachmaninoff** Piano Concerto No. 2; **Giovanni Gabrielli** -Pieces for Brass and Organ; **Camille Saint-Saëns** -Symphony No 3 (Organ Symphony), Adagio and Finale Organ: Josiah Hammell, October 10, 2015 (one performance) -The Arapahoe Philharmonic under the musical direction of Brian Patrick Hughes, will present Beethoven's Ninth Symphony along with the Cherry Creek Choral - Soloists: Tiffany Blake, Soprano - Sarah Barber, Mezzo-Soprano - Jason Baldwin, Tenor - Steven Taylor, Baritone.



March 5, 2016 (one performance) – All American - Lakewood Symphony Orchestra, Matt Switzer, Music Director. George Gershwin - American in Paris; Aaron Copeland - Four Dance Episodes from Rodeo; Matt Switzer -World Premier of an antiphonal arrangement for organ and orchestra to be dedicated to the Scottish Rite; George Gershwin - Rhapsody in Blue – Piano: Joshua Sawicki.



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SCOTTISH RITE FALL REUNION 2015

Do you know a brother that could benefit with a membership?

FALL REUNION November 12, 13, 14, and 16.

THE DEGREES TO BE EXEMPLIFIED ARE: 4, 14, 18, 30, 32 and the rest TBD

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW! SET ASIDE TIME TO REVISIT THE TEACHINGS.



The Venerable Master is received.

A Tribute to our Veterans and First Responders is now being planned for our Friday night event.



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