

RiteWorks



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PLANNING CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 2015 Consistory Closes each FRIDAY at 1:00 pm until SEPTEMBER 18th!

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 (London Broil with Peach Cobbler dessert)
	7:00 pm	Awards and Patents - Scottish Rite Foundation Program
Saturday, SEP 26		Scottish Rite Honours Ceremonies and Banquet (BY INVITATION ONLY)

OCTOBER 2015

Friday, OCT 10		SRCONCERTS Presents
	6:00 pm	Pre-concert Mixer
	7:30 pm	Beethoven's 9th Symphony - Arapahoe Philharmonic & Cherry Creek Chorale
	9:30 pm	Post-Concert Meet-and-Greet
Monday, OCT 19		Stated Meeting - Parking Garage Available
	5:30 pm	Red Room Business Meeting
	6:00 pm	Dinner (Beef Stroganoff with Apple Streudel dessert)
	7:00 pm	Entertainment - Feast of Tishri Observance (Centennial Lodge of Perfection) Special Speaker for the meeting - check the flyer on page 21
	7:30 pm	Split Meeting - 5 minute oration by Minister of State (Consistory)

NOVEMBER 2015

Wednesday, NOV 11	6:30 pm	Fall Reunion (47th Consecutive) - Children's Hospital (By Invitation Only)
Thursday, NOV 12	7:30 am	Fall Reunion - Parking Garage Available
Friday, NOV 13	8:15 am	Fall Reunion - Parking Garage Available
	7:00 pm	Veteran's Recognition Program and Special Speaker (Open to the Public)
Saturday, NOV 14	8:00 am	Fall Reunion - Parking Garage Available
Monday, NOV 16		Stated Meeting - Parking Garage Available
	5:30 pm	Red Room Business Meeting
	6:00 pm	Dinner (Turkey and all the trimmings with Pecan Pie dessert)
	7:00 pm	32nd Degree
Saturday, NOV 21	9:00 am	Consistory Decorating Party - ALL members, officers, and wives invited
Thursday, NOV 26		Consistory Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday
Friday, NOV 27		Consistory Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

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YES/NO



PRO/CON

It's time to dust off the cobwebs, and tackle some challenging questions and issues. This will be a regular column, wherein we ask our members a question. EVERYONE is encouraged to think about the questions, but more importantly, submit a short (SHORT) essay taking either the YES/PRO side OR the NO/CON side. We ask that you try to keep your responses to a minimum of 250 words, but no more than 500. This should be an interesting exercise for everyone, and perhaps we'll all benefit and learn something new in the process.

In last month's RiteWorks, we asked the following question:

Are we asking our newly-made Masons to Join Appendant/Concordant Bodies too soon after they pass their Proficiency?

MWB Charles G. Johnson, 33° took the "No" side, and Brother Lance Rommerdahl, 32° took the "Yes" side.

Join us now, as we explore BOTH sides of this question and think about these perspectives as they might pertain to you. First up: MWB Johnson's exposition, followed by Bro. Rommerdahl's.

Are we asking our newly-made Masons to join appendant/concordant bodies too soon after they pass their proficiency? **NOT AT ALL, MY BROTHERS!** These new Brethren are eager for Masonic knowledge and if we hold them back until we think they are ready, we may well be doing a great disservice to them.

Men who have discovered the light of Masonry have an insatiable thirst for more and it is lame at best to 'coach' them compared to others we have posted. Men today are much more informed and very well versed in technology. They will find answers to their questions and the answers they obtain may contain lots of incorrect information. Why not use their desire for more Masonry to guide us in directing them toward other sources and provide them with a total experience?

The old adage about 'drinking from the fire hose' certainly applies here, but with proper guidance and mentoring we can assist each new Brother with help to 'digest' what he has learned. Participation and involvement goes a long way with new Brethren in filling the gaps,

and we absolutely need to make sure they become active after the degree work and help present it to others.

We have all experienced viewing a movie for the second time and discovering things that slipped by us on the first viewing. This is certainly true in degree work, so by moving them along to join other Masonic Bodies and urging their participation in their presentations, these newly-made Brethren can attain the knowledge they are seeking. In maintaining standards, we all know that sometimes 'less is more.' No doubt, the standards of quality in Masonry must be supported, but sometimes maybe 'more is more.' It really depends on the individual Mason, and in the end it also depends on all of us to provide Masonic knowledge and great experiences to our Brethren.

Charlie Johnson, 2015

AND NOW ... Brother Rommerdahl, with his take on the question.

Freemasonry is an initiatory process. It is not a sprint, but a marathon. Three-hundred years ago, at the forming of the Grand Lodge of England, a Mason had to wait three years before he could receive a higher degree. Now there are one-day events. Our ancient Brethren recognized the newly-made Brother had to wait. Unfortunately, in the quest for more membership, to make things easier and as a requirement to assist other organizations, this was set aside; done for all the wrong reasons.

There are numerous lessons to be learned from the three degrees. The degrees merely touched upon these lessons. They were just an introduction. And, in my opinion, these lessons are more relevant to Freemasonry. Most Grand Lodges have extensive lesson plans explaining the symbols and lessons in the three degrees. The lesson plan that I took was almost a year long. It greatly increased my appreciation of the craft and the degrees. Lessons can be learned in the Blue Lodge if they have the appropriate Masonic education that will greatly increase the new initiate's knowledge of Masonry. There is plenty in this quarry of the Blue Lodge to satisfy any need to learn more about Masonic philosophy and increase his appreciation of our gentle Craft.

Another reason is that the appendant bodies have been called, and can be, a distraction to some extent. This was ably explained in the book "Observing the Craft" by Andrew Hammer. The new initiate needs to take a break and get his bearings, Masonically speaking, in the Blue Lodge. He needs to age in Masonry so that he can appreciate what has happened to him. A waiting period is needed so that he can take stock before moving onto other ventures. He doesn't need to be pressed or rushed.

Some Blue Lodges need the help of new blood entering our gentle Craft. Officers' chairs are retreaded or not filled because Brethren are drawn to appendant bodies. The lure of the proper recognition of a colored hat, an apron of distinction, a lifelong title, all draw Brethren away from not only the needs of the Blue Lodge, but the personal growth of the individual in the different chairs and tasks needed to be completed in his Blue Lodge.

Lance Rommerdahl, 2015



EDITOR'S CORNER

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So ... NOW you've had a chance to see the first installment of our Yes/No— Pro/Con discussion series. WHAT DID YOU THINK? Please go over to our survey site and give us your feedback. It's a SHORT couple of questions with your opportunity to weigh in on whether this is something you'd like to see more of, or not. And, you can also propose questions to be asked in the future if you wish.

PLEASE TAKE OUR SURVEY: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Yes-No-Pro-Con>

NEXT QUESTION: Is it wrong to become a Mason ONLY to join another masonic group?

I've noticed a disturbing trend in social media - moreso of late than before because we're entering what I like to call "silly season" where politics takes over the airwaves and we are inundated with ads and editorials. But, social media allows us and our friends to take that proverbial soapbox to another level entirely.

It's a pretty sad commentary on our times and societies that we find all-too-often the need to label someone a democrat, republican, conservative, liberal, anti-this, pro-that, along with an abusive or invective adjective as though that is the only characteristic worth mentioning about them. And, what is worse, we tend to disregard ANYTHING being said (regardless of whether it might be true or not) from the "other side" (not our side). More often than not, "truth" is somewhere in the middle of the two extremes in an argument.

We have somehow deteriorated into a less-than-civil society where name-calling, flame-baiting, and just plain old nastiness is considered the norm and is not only acceptable, but is almost expected to establish our bona-fides in the clique of our choice.

Gone seem to be the days of compromise, of civil conversations, and of respectful disagreements. Binary litmus tests on just about any topic (meaning, yes/no with no middle ground acceptable) seem to be the rule instead of the exception.

You can see this in our congress: regardless of which party is in control, they just can't seem to get much done - "legislative constipation" I'll call it.

You can see it in the news headlines every day - black on white, religion, and other social issues of our times are sparking widespread controversy and outright indignation and anger over the slightest perceived insult - innocently spoken or not.

If you look at the way Japanese businesses advertise in their country, they do not tell you what is wrong with their competition, they tell you what is right about their products. Here' we'll try to tell you how much BETTER our product is than Brand-X using comparatives, trying to get "one-up" on any competition.

While competition is good for many reasons, stereotyping people based on their political views, religious preferences, social tendencies, or ethnic characteristics is nothing more than

trying to pump your own ego up at the expense of others.

I just fail to understand how being courteous, respectful, and civil in our daily lives is a bad thing. But, I seem to be in a minority on this. I suspect it will only get worse as we approach that "silly season" (elections) yet again.

As Masons AND Scottish Rite Masons we have the tools at our disposal to handle this kind of activity. Let's all try to SET THE EXAMPLE for others to see, and maybe - just maybe - we'll get a saner world out there for our kids and grandkids to live in.



The efforts of the Knights of St. Andrew continue. A meeting was held over the summer to discuss the KSA responsibilities for the upcoming concert series, and **I need Knights, and brothers of the whole, to step up and commit to this effort.** This is our chance to help make our Consistory shine, and we will! I would like to invite all interested in participating to join us after the Consistory stated meeting on September 21st at Cap City Tavern, or email ksa@denverconsistory.org. The first concert is Saturday October 10th.

On the first Monday in August a small group of Knights gathered to join Estes Park Lodge #183 for their stated meeting. We were received well by the Brothers of the lodge, and enjoyed their meeting and hospitality. I was given the opportunity to discuss our organization during the meeting, and share our appreciation for their efforts to spread word of the craft to their community.

Question: Do you have a particular Scottish Rite, Masonic, or other topic with which you would like an audience to share with? If so, please contact me, we would love to feature you during our KSA meeting as part of our education programs.

To all of our members, KSA or not, we are here to help you on your Scottish Rite journey in any way we can. We are always ready to serve.



Thanks,
Bart Wegner, 32° KCCH
Venerable Master
Denver Chapter Knights of St. Andrew





Bill Klatil, 33°

From the Secretary's Desk ...



September Stated Meeting – will be the Scottish Rite Foundation Scholarship Awards for the outstanding students studying the science of speech-language pathology in Colorado. Our Foundation was the first endeavor in this field in the Southern Jurisdiction and since its creation in Colorado in 1953, every State in the Jurisdiction have developed similar programs.



Summer work at the Consistory continues. We are always looking for ways to improve our processes. Jim Preston, Sr. and Jerry Rice are donating their time to make the stage a more efficient place to move props and equipment. Thank you Brothers for your time and effort!

Officers Meeting – We have a strong core of officers. Our August meeting continued to reinforce this point. We addressed some of the challenges within the Fraternity and identified possible solutions including negativity and the need to dismiss it from our ranks, focus on membership retention, and to live our lives in balance. We are the examples of the Masonic principles and by example we will attract like-minded Masons.

“Introduction to the Scottish Rite” – Do you know a proficient Master Mason who would make a good Scottish Rite Mason? We are planning an event on Tuesday, September 29 at the Consistory to present the “University of Freemasonry” to our Brothers. If you know of a Brother who is even somewhat interested, this meeting should push them over the edge. We have much to offer. RSVPs are necessary. Help us make this a memorable event contributing to a fantastic Reunion. Our invitation is open to Masons and their ladies.

Scottish Rite Regalia – Per the Supreme Council Statutes Article XV, SEC. 21. “No Body or any member thereof is permitted to appear in public in uniform, except at the funeral of a member of the Rite, or by dispensation issued by the Sovereign Grand Inspector General or Deputy of the Supreme Council.” In other words Brothers, no caps, Scottish Rite aprons or jewels are to be worn in public without permission.

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Fall Reunion – The schedule is out. The Friday night event will include Congressman and Brother Scott Tipton. This activity will also honor our Veterans and First Responders. The 32nd Degree will be presented at our November Stated Meeting on the 16th. If you have not been to a degree recently now is the time to put it on your calendar. The Denver Consistory has some of the best degree presentations in the Southern Jurisdiction! **Petitions are needed!**

Parking questions – Parking information has been added to our website under the “About Us” tab and the “SR Masonic Center” drop down. This clearly shows the spaces that should be available at our stated meetings and what hours and spaces are available during other times. We hope this helps.



DO YOU KNOW A BROTHER WHO FALLS UNDER THE CATEGORY OF SICK AND DISTRESSED? PLEASE NOTIFY THE OFFICE AT 303-861-4261 OR denverconsistory@denverconsistory.org .



Mort Perotin has been a valuable member of Columbine Lodge #147 for 63 years. He has served on many committees and has always been an avid communicator, calling brethren when they are in need and calling to promote events in the lodge. Mort has also been an active member of the Scottish Rite for 62 years.

As a newly made mason, Mort took me aside and explained the value of Masonry. He especially believed in the strength and importance of Freemasonry and explained the benefits of membership in the Fraternity, especially in the business arena.



Mort's health in recent years has prevented him from being present at many events. We recently visited him in his home and had a wonderful visit. We listened to some of his stories about the Lodge and the Scottish Rite. His life has been a rich tapestry which has included the Fraternity at every turn. We thank Mort for his dedicated involvement throughout his Masonic Career.

Written by Michael Zeff Minister of State Denver Consistory Line



FROM THE WEST CENTENNIAL LODGE OF PERFECTION

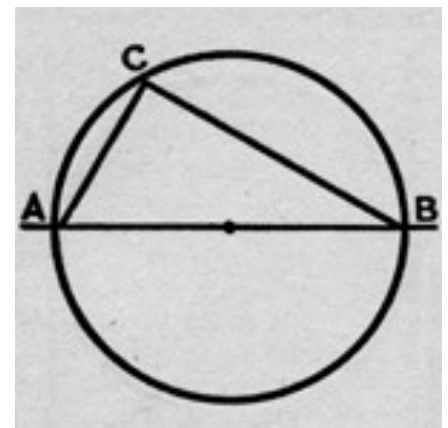
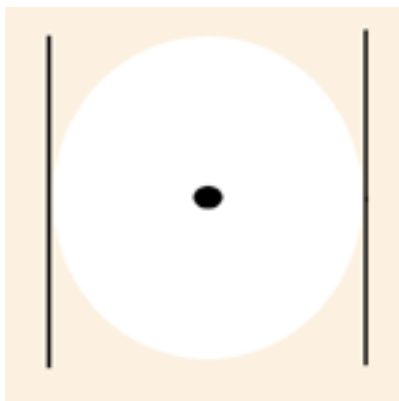


By Richard Silver, 32° KCCH– Senior Warden

As we transition from the rest and refreshment of summer to the labors of fall and the coming year, it is exciting to contemplate the opportunities before us. Earlier this year, as in past years, our Consistory hosted the 9Health Fair, continued the “Let There Be Light” series, the Knights of St. Andrew had their annual Burns dinner, and we put on another successful Shrimp Boil. Now, coming this fall, we will be embarking in a new direction with the Scottish Rite Concert Series. The common thread that flows through each of these events is the opportunity to introduce Masonry and the Scottish Rite to potential new members.

As we all know, we have a magnificent building that provides us with the opportunity to peak interest into what goes on inside its walls. It’s no secret that the growth of our fraternity is dependent on making new Masons. By inviting friends and relatives to events at our building or simply being there to answer questions of those who are attracted to the events provides us with a platform to introduce Masonry to potential new Masons and attract Blue Lodge Masons into the Scottish Rite. The upcoming Concert Series presents the opportunity to expand our outreach dramatically, as our auditorium has a seating capacity of 550 people.

It is sometimes necessary to remind each of us that we are ambassadors for the Scottish Rite and Masonry as a whole. We have many tools at our disposal to introduce others to our fraternity by utilizing the opportunities that are right in front of us. We all have a vast pool, including friends, co-workers, and Blue Lodge Brothers, to introduce Masonry and the Scottish Rite. We also have the ability to re-introduce the benefits of the Scottish Rite to our Brothers that have become inactive. Brethren, I challenge all of us to seize the opportunities around us and use them to add to our numbers, while mentoring to our Brothers that have drifted away!



HOW DO WE KEEP YOUR INTEREST?

By Bill Klatil, 33°

The life of an active Mason can be demanding and attempting to balance your family life, your work life (if this applies), and activities with your Brothers is not an easy task. Usually one element of your life suffers when you try to pay attention to the others.

Getting your attention is a goal sought by many trying to intersect with your life on a daily basis. When you think about it, the different aspects of your daily routine are being affected by advertising, participation in projects and happenings, family events, and your own preferences for things of interest to you that you would rather be doing. It is a REAL tug of war!

How many things can you think of that are vying for your time right now?

A member's money and valuable time are constantly being pursued. Your Consistory diligently searches for events and activities of value to you while keeping your interest in your membership at the forefront of our thinking. While our philosophy and morals might have had their initial impact, the reinforcement of these principles and being around like-minded men hopefully continues to be the primary draw.

Member participation is a measure of success and is also a measurement of meeting your expectations. When we have a full room, we know the plan has worked.

We often survey our members to see what would be of interest to them. But, this is a question without a good single answer. Perhaps we have developed an activity of interest to you, but it does not meet your schedule. Is there a possibility that not enough promotion materials and information appeared on your radar? What can we do to fix that?

Sometimes it is easier to come home, relax, and recover from the day rather than prepare for yet another activity. Countless reasons exist why you may or may not participate.

We want you to know that we would like to engage you. Our two Reunions every year may be enough. Many events and activities are created during the year that provide opportunities to interact with your Brothers. It is up to you to choose those opportunities that best meet your needs.

Even if you are unable to participate in many of these events, we are still here to support you in any way that we can.

Our first exposure to you was probably the Reunion where you became a Scottish Rite Mason. We hope that you found it rewarding. We also hope that you have found the resources to integrate yourself into the Scottish Rite. If you have not yet found that level of comfort, please sample us again.

If we have missed the mark in any way, please reach out to me personally so that we might have a conversation about your feelings.

2015 Scholarship Recipients

Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado

Jillian N. Laucius - University of Colorado - Boulder

Jillian Laucius received her undergraduate degree in Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences and minored in Linguistics at CU-Boulder. While studying for this degree, she discovered her passion for working with children as an Early Childhood Educator beginning in 2007.

Jillian has special interests in early childhood language development and early intervention. Upon graduation from the CU-Boulder Speech-Language Pathology Master's program, she plans to provide family-centered and developmentally appropriate services for young children in the state of Colorado.

Jillian states that as a future speech-language pathologist "I plan to foster an environment where families are supported and valued as the primary decision makers for their child's communication, language, and literacy development."



Toini Morgan - University of Colorado - Boulder

Toini Morgan received her undergraduate degree in English with a minor in print journalism at the College of St. Catherine. After a decade in the workforce, she discovered her passion of working with children and teens through doing volunteer work at The Conflict Center and the First Unitarian Society of Denver and decided to pursue a career in speech-language pathology.

As part of her clinical work at CU-Boulder, she has enjoyed working with children and their families to implement individualized treatment plans to support their varied communication needs. Her first clinical placement in graduate school was working with a boy recently diagnosed with autism. She said, "Seeing him begin to happily engage in play routines with his peers and having him reach out to me for a hug were my most rewarding moments during a semester of unfamiliar and challenging experiences."



Rachel Sauter - University of Colorado - Boulder

Rachel Sauter received her undergraduate degree in Linguistics from Purdue University. She fell in love with the field of Speech Language Pathology during a phonetics class and never looked back. She speaks Spanish and hopes to serve children with a variety of language backgrounds in her career.

Rachel is passionate about helping children with all types and severities of communication impairments and is especially interested in medical pediatric rehabilitation and early intervention.

Rachel's hometown is Keenesburg, Colorado on the eastern plains. She says, "From the Eastern plains to the Western slope, there are so many places in this great state that are underserved simply because they are far from urban centers. These are exactly the places that I want to work."



2015 Scholarship Recipients

Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado

Tammi S. Harnan - University of Northern Colorado

Tammi Harnan is a Colorado native and received a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Colorado and a bachelor's degree in speech and hearing science from the University of Washington.

Prior to pursuing speech-language pathology, she was a child protection case-worker and repeatedly observed the impact of circumstances and lack of services on young children's language.

Tammi cites an example of a four-year-old boy, who did not have language skills, throw his shoes and run around the room demonstrating the violence he witnessed. She said he could not understand my specific questions or effectively communicate. She said, "He looked straight into my eyes, as if saying 'Now do you get it? Please get it.'" Tammi is committed to strengthening communication for underprivileged and underserved children in Colorado.



Becca Ruske - University of Northern Colorado

Becca Ruske was raised in a rural mountain town – Grand Lake, Colorado – where the close-knit community and small town became a part of who she was. Following her undergraduate degree, she traveled to South America, where the strong culture and Spanish-speaking natives inspired her to take a closer look at the unique human interaction that is communication.

Following graduation, Becca hopes to work in her rural hometown by serving children, empowering parents, providing resources, and being a present and consistent presence in the community.

Becca says of children, "Their youth, innocence, and unsurmountable joy draw me into their world where everything is novel and beautiful. Working with children lets me come alive and I often learn more from them than I set out to teach them." Of the Masonic Fraternity she states, "I appreciate all that you do and am thrilled to have so many close family members (and my fiancé Jonas) support this amazing organization."



Jenica Ward - University of Northern Colorado

Jenica Ward was born and raised in Utah, where she completed her bachelor's degree in Communication Disorders at Brigham Young University.

In January of 2014 Jenica moved to Colorado with her husband, Matt, and worked at an autism clinic for nine months before beginning graduate studies at UNC.

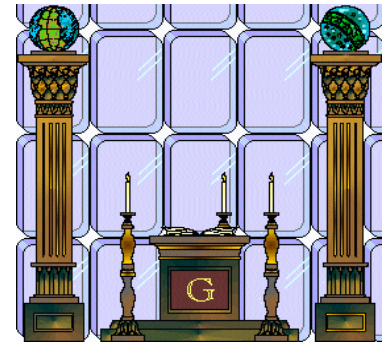
Jenica states, "Previous to starting graduate school I worked at an autism center with young children. Through this experience I developed a fondness for the different quirks and personalities of children with autism. I also learned about the realms of alternative and augmentative communication."

"Both autism and the alternative/augmentative communication are areas of interest I would like to pursue, along with improving functional communication for non-verbal or lower functioning children."



THE PRELATE'S PULPIT

Rev. Jim Harris, 33° (Elect)



Reuben Job has written a small book which has become quite popular. The book is titled "Three Simple Rules for Living." I feel these rules apply to us as Masons.

The first rule is "Do No Harm." To do no harm means that I will be on my guard so that all my actions and even my silence will not harm any Mason, nor will any of my actions bring harm to our fraternity. This does not mean that if we see a fellow Brother doing something wrong we should not call him on it. For example, I have called brothers on their use of the "F" word, or the "GD" words. We need to hold each other accountable.

The second rule is "Always Do Good." I know it SOUNDS easy, but it is not. St. Augustine wrote, "You owe your conscience to God; to one another you owe nothing but mutual love." In doing so, we must never forget ourselves. The Bible teaches us to love our neighbor as we love ourselves. In our Scottish Rite, I am always amazed by the good way we treat each other. These first two rules will help with membership growth and retention. In Acts, the early church grew because people saw the way church members were treating each other. They were loving, sharing, and caring.

The third rule is "Stay in Love With God" (The Supreme Architect). In the Old Testament, God punished the people and individuals when they strayed from Him. I am much happier and at peace when I follow these three rules.

Will you join me in striving to keep these three simple rules?

PEACE, and ... ALWAYS STAY POSITIVE!

State Names of Native American Origin ... Part 2

MISSISSIPPI - Chippewa (Mici sibi) 'the great water' or 'big river.'

MISSOURI - Algonquian 'muddy water' or 'town of the great canoes.'

NEBRASKA - Omaha (Ni-bthaska) 'flat river' or 'river in the flatness.'

NEW MEXICO - Many historians do not attempt to trace the word 'Mexico' to its original source. The name means 'land mexitlt.'

NORTH DAKOTA - Sioux 'friend or ally.'

OHIO - Iroquois (Oheo) 'beautiful water.'

OKLAHOMA - Choctaw (Okla Humma) 'red people.'

OREGON - Either Shoshoni (Ogwa peon), 'river of the west' or from an Indian word for the Colorado River. Perhaps the Algonquian (Wauregan), 'beautiful water' or the Wisconsin-Algonquian, 'grassy place' or 'place of the beaver.'

SOUTH DAKOTA - Sioux 'friend or ally.'

MEMORIAL SCROLL

William Dave Blankenship, 32°	08/05/2015
Ivar Paul Carlson, 32°	07/21/2015
Julian Russell Dracon, 32°	08/07/2015
Rex Linford Glass, 32°	06/03/2015
Kenneth Edward Hagan, 32°	08/10/2015
Howard Ernest Johnston, 32°	12/09/2011
Roger Lee Mifflin, 32°	08/17/2015
Leroy Morris Reams, 32°	07/30/2015
Kirk S. Steinmark, 32°	08/09/2015
Ralph Lewis Stewart, 32°	07/26/2015
Rudolph Stephen Veitel, 32°	08/03/2015
Edward W. Wexler, 32°	07/19/2015
George Leroy Youngren, 32°	07/14/2014

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, Scott A. Bates, 32° KCCH, Jerry Fenimore, 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.

September Special Birthdays

90 Years Young

Donald A. Reeves
Emil R. Schmutzler
Edward Lehman
Bob E. Blattner
Robert W. Banta
Harold A Stetzler

80 Years Young

Thomas A. Lewis
William R. Johnson
William H. Ferryman, Jr.
Phillip A. Moran
William R. Hartley
Wayne G. Arner

70 Years Young

James D. Robison
John E. Zeaphey

60 Years "Young"

David L. Dorn
Steve F. Gresh
K. Scott Van Tuyl
David A. Hoch
Jeffrey K. Canfield

40 Years "Young"

Michael A. Rossi

30 Years "OLD"

S. Blake Terry



**Happy
Birthday
Brothers**

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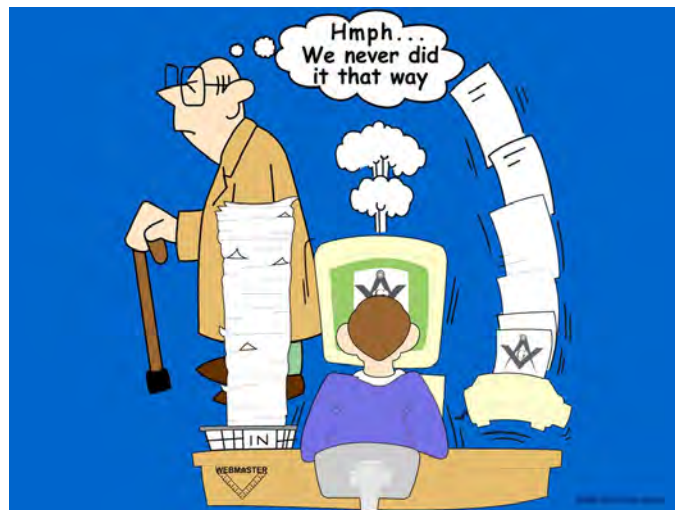
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The First in our series of five concerts. Ticket prices start at \$35.00. In order to enhance your experience we have added additional premiums. A pre-concert service with heavy Hors d'Oeuvres and a cash bar is available for \$15.00 starting at 6:00 pm. A reception with the performers after the concert with coffee, tea, and pastries is available for \$6.00. The cash bar will remain open for the reception.

A half hour organ prelude will begin at 6:45 pm with the concert starting at 7:30 pm.

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STATED MEETING OCTOBER 19



"REMEMBRANCE A 9/11 EXPERIENCE VOLUNTEERISM THE AMERICAN SPIRIT"

Moises Gomez of the Port Authority in New York City

**One of the first responders
during the attack on United
States soil in New York City.**



RW Moises I. Gomez is a Past Master of Atlas Pythagoras Lodge No. 10 from Westfield, New Jersey and is the current Grand Historian of The Grand Lodge of New Jersey. He works for The Port Authority of NY & NJ for twenty-six years as a member of the Emergency Service Unit stationed at the George Washington Bridge. He was working and responded to both terrorist attacks on our nation's soil in 1993 & 2001.

The event is open to our ladies and guests. Our meeting begins with dinner at 6:00 pm by reservation at a cost of \$15.00. The entertainment part of the meeting starts at 7:00 pm at no cost. Consider attending with interested family, friends, and Masons who might benefit from our part of the Masonic experience.

The parking garage, to the South, is available for the meeting with additional parking in the surface lot at 14th and Logan.



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December 11 & 12, 2015 (two performances)

Handel's Messiah - Stratus Chamber Orchestra, David Rutherford, Music Director, with the Seicento Baroque Ensemble Soloist: Pearl Rutherford, Soprano - Sarah Barber, Mezzo- Soprano - James Baumgarder, Tenor - Steven Taylor, Baritone.

DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 pm



Lakewood Symphony Orchestra

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.

DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 pm

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 - **Tocatta 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.

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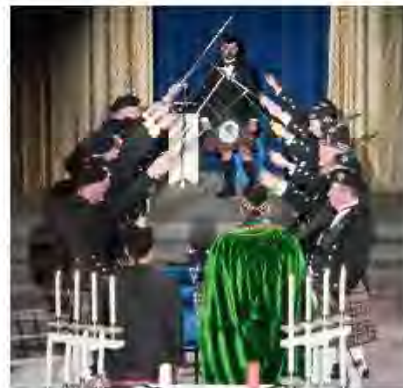
November 12, 13, 14, and the 16.

THE DEGREES TO BE EXEMPLIFIED ARE:

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

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National Sojourners 2016 Essay Contest

THIS "AUTHORIZED COVER SHEET" MUST BE **COMPLETELY** FILLED OUT FOR THE **ESSAY TO BE A WINNER!!!**

Prizes

1 st Place	\$2000 Savings Bond and National Sojourners Plaque
2 nd Place	\$1000 Savings Bond and National Sojourners Plaque
3 rd Place	\$500 Savings Bond and National Sojourners Plaque

Theme – America’s Historical Documents – The National Archives

(Information below documented from: <http://www.archives.gov/historical-docs>)

ARCHIVES: An archives (archives, with the “s”) is a place where people can go to gather firsthand facts, data, and evidence from letters, reports, notes, memos, photographs, and other primary sources.

NATIONAL ARCHIVES: The National Archives is the U.S. Government’s collection of documents that records important events in American history, operated by the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). Of all documents and materials created in the course of business conducted by the United States Federal government, only 1%-3% are so important for legal or historical reasons that they are kept by us forever. Those valuable records are preserved and are available to you, whether you want to see if they contain clues about your family’s history, need to prove a veteran’s military service, or are researching an historical topic that interests you for this Essay Contest.

AMERICA'S HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS: The National Archives preserves and provides access to the records of the Federal Government. Here is a sample of these records, from our most celebrated milestones to little-known surprises: **Declaration of Independence, Articles of Confederation, The Constitution, Bill of Rights, Louisiana Purchase, List of Lewis's Purchases, District of Columbia Emancipation, Emancipation Proclamation, Abolition of Slavery, Check for Alaska, Edison's Light Bulb Patent, Zimmermann Telegram, Women's Right to Vote, Social Security Act, FDR's "Day of Infamy" Speech, Brown v. Board of Education, A Letter from Jackie Robinson, Voting Rights Act, Apollo 11 Flight Plan, Elvis's Letter to President Nixon**

YOUR ASSIGNMENT: You have the opportunity to stand up in front of fellow Patriots and read an essay that you have written about the Historical American Document in NARA’s collection that is most important to you. What will you read to the Patriots?

Question

WHICH HISTORICAL AMERICAN DOCUMENT IN NARA’S NATIONAL ARCHIVES IS MOST IMPORTANT TO YOU, AND WHY? (YOU DO NOT HAVE TO USE ONE OF THE DOCUMENTS CITED ABOVE, HAVE FUN WITH SOME RESEARCH.)

Rules & Essay Details

Essay contest is open to students currently in the 9th to 12th grades, including home schooled students
Submit essay to your local National Sojourners Chapter using this “Authorized Cover Sheet,” filled out clearly and completely
Each Chapter submits a maximum of 3 essays to National Sojourners Headquarters, received at National by Jan. 15th, 2016

Mandatory - Essay must satisfy the following requirements to be winners - Mandatory

- Must be typed, 300 – 500 words long, & include word count; Must cite & footnote facts/quotations & include bibliography
- Must include student’s name on first page of actual essay and on bibliography [for tracking purposes]
- Must be turned into and forwarded by your National Sojourners Chapter to be selected as winners

Student Information – Must Be Filled Out Completely

First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name: _____

[Please use “nmi” for “no middle initial”]

Home Telephone Number [required for contact]: _____ Word Count - Mandatory: _____

Home Mailing Address: _____

Home Address Continued: _____ Email: _____

Your School’s Name: _____ Your Year in School [9th, 10th, 11th, or 12th]: _____

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[1st Chapter Hint: Fill Chapter Information out **completely** and **neatly** before copying form for local distribution.]

[2nd Chapter Hint: Please make sure the **MANDATORY** rules outlined above are followed, as an essay does not **complete** if it is not **complete**. Thanks.]

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Saturday January 30th, 2016 6:45pm

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\$37 credit paid at phone reservation

Whisky College: Year 4, Heroes and Skallywags, 6:00pm
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