

# RiteWorks



NOVEMBER 2015 VOL. 8-#11



# PLANNING CALENDAR

## NOVEMBER 2015

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

## DECEMBER 2015

Saturday, DEC 5	10:00 am	SR Foundation & Consistory Children's Christmas Party - <b>Garage Available</b>
Monday, DEC 14		Stated Meeting - <b>Parking Garage Available</b>
	5:30 pm	Red Room Business Meeting
	6:00 pm	Dinner (Ham with Scalloped Potatoes with Carrot Cake)
	7:00 pm	Entertainment
	7:30 pm	Split Meeting - Annual Election of Officers
Thursday, DEC 24		Consistory <b>CLOSED</b> at noon for Christmas Holiday
Friday, DEC 25		Consistory <b>CLOSED</b> for Christmas Holiday
Thursday, DEC 31		Consistory <b>CLOSED</b> at noon for New Year's Holiday

## JANUARY 2016

Friday, JAN 1, 2016		Consistory <b>CLOSED</b> for New Year's Holiday
Saturday, JAN 9	8:00 am	Consistory UNDECORATING Party - <b>ALL ARE WELCOME</b>
Saturday, JAN 16	8:00 am	Consistory Officers' Breakfast and Installation Practice
Monday, JAN 18		Stated Meeting - Installation of Officers - <b>Parking Garage Available</b>
Friday, JAN 22		Consistory <b>CLOSED</b> for Grand Lodge Annual Communication

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**Reunion Schedule**  
**47<sup>th</sup> Reunion Class Honoring Our Veterans**  
**November 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**Thursday, November 12, 2015 - At Scottish Rite Masonic Center**

7:30 AM Class Convenes  
8:00 AM Exemplify 4° - Jay Bobick, 33°  
8:40 AM Communicate 5° - Mike Connely, 33°  
8:48 AM Communicate 6° - Bryant Harris, 32° KCCH  
8:56 AM Communicate 7° - Bruce Evans, 32° KCCH  
9:04 AM Communicate 8° - Robbie Leach, 32°  
9:12 AM Exemplify 9° and 10° - Mike Tims, 32° KCCH  
9:50 AM Break  
10:05 AM Classroom Instruction  
10:25 AM Exemplify 11° - Dave Peterson, 32° KCCH  
10:50 AM Classroom Instruction  
11:05 AM Communicate 12° - Bobby Juchem, 32° KCCH  
11:10 AM Exemplify 13° - Randy Penn, 32° KCCH  
11:40 AM Lunch  
12:35 PM Class Reconvenes  
12:40 PM Exemplify 14° - Aaron Klostermeyer, 32° KCCH  
1:30 PM Secretary's Presentation  
1:55 PM Committee Presentations  
    Costume Committee – Doc Powell, 33°  
    Make-up Committee – Wes Campbell, 33°  
    A/V Committee – Don Marshall, 33°  
    Stage and Properties – Walt Martin, 33°  
2:25 PM Break  
2:35 PM Exemplify 15° - Robin Knox, 33°  
3:45 PM Break  
3:55 PM Class Committee Meeting  
4:15 PM Exemplify 16° - Karl Koenig, 32° KCCH  
4:55 PM Classroom Instruction – Adjourn

**Friday, November 13, 2015 – At Scottish Rite Masonic Center**

8:15 AM Class Convenes  
8:30 AM Communicate 17° - Tom Gaffney, 32°  
8:40 AM Classroom Instruction  
9:00 AM Exemplify 18° - 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Sections – Chris Staton, 32° KCCH  
9:35 AM Classroom Instruction  
9:45 AM Exemplify 18° - 3<sup>rd</sup> Section  
10:20 AM Classroom Instruction  
10:30 AM Knights of St Andrew  
10:40 AM Communicate 19° - DJ Cox, 33°  
10:48 AM Exemplify 20° 1<sup>st</sup> Section – Jerry Munson, 32°  
11:10 AM Classroom Instruction  
11:20 AM Break  
11:35 AM Exemplify 20° 2<sup>nd</sup> Section – Jerral Danford, 32° KCCH  
12:05 PM Introduce Grand Master and GL Officers

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	Grand Master's Address
12:25 PM	Lunch
1:15 PM	Class Reconvenes
1:20 PM	Exemplify 21° - Wayne Arner, 33°
1:55 PM	Communicate 22° - John Buchanan, 33°
2:05 PM	Classroom Instruction
2:15 PM	Break
2:30 PM	Exemplify 23° - Theo Jones, 32°
2:55 PM	Classroom Instruction
3:20 PM	Exemplify 24° - Rusty Keithline, 32° KCCH
3:50 PM	Communicate 25° - Ricky Haskell, 32°5
4:00 PM	Communicate 26° - Duke O'Neil, 32°
4:05 PM	Communicate 27° - Norm Wright, 33°
4:10 PM	Communicate 28° - Grover Sardeson, 33°
4:15 PM	Exemplify 29° - Bobby Juchem, 32° KCCH
4:55 PM	Break
6:00 PM	Dinner and awards
6:50 PM	Veteran's Program, Scott Tipton

### **Saturday, November 14, 2015 – At Scottish Rite Masonic Center**

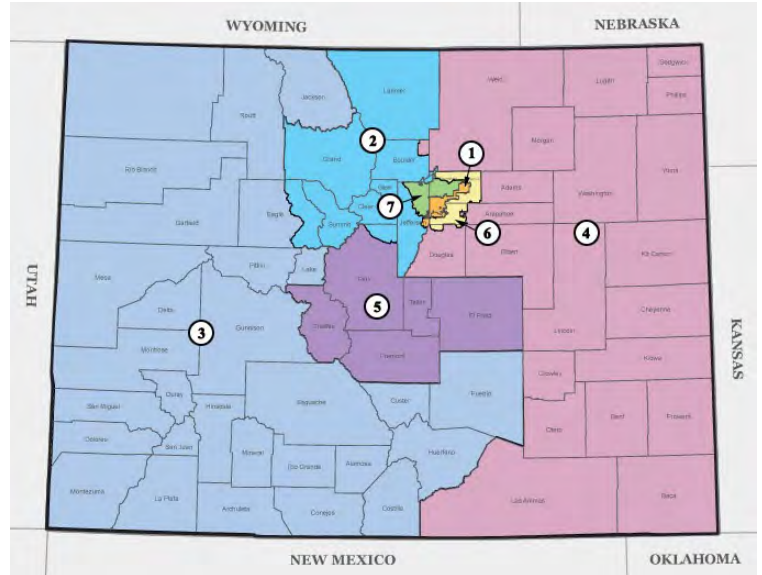
8:00 AM	Class Convenes
8:20 AM	Class Address by SGIG and Class Picture – Break
9:30 AM	Classroom Instruction
9:35 AM	Exemplify 30° 1 <sup>st</sup> Apt – Bruce Lawlor, 32°
9:55 AM	Exemplify 30° 2 <sup>nd</sup> Apt – Dave King, 32°
10:10 AM	Exemplify 30° 3 <sup>rd</sup> Apt – Jack White, 32° KCCH
10:25 AM	Break
10:40 AM	Classroom Instruction
10:55 AM	Exemplify 30° 4 <sup>th</sup> Apt – Mike Scott, 32° KCCH
11:20 PM	Communicate 31° - Joe Kier, 33°
11:30 PM	Labors sit at rest
	Introduce SGIG
	Closing comments

### **Monday, November 16, 2015 – At Scottish rite Masonic Center**

6:00 PM	Dinner
6:50 PM	Class in Lodge Room
7:00 PM	Opening remarks
7:05 PM	Exemplify 32° 1 <sup>st</sup> Section – John Buchanan, 33°
7:37 PM	Classroom Instruction
8:00 PM	Exemplify 32° 2 <sup>nd</sup> Section – John Buchanan, 33°
8:55 PM	Closing Ceremony
	Capping Ceremony
	Introduce SGIG
	SGIG introduces the Presiding Officers
	Show the Supreme Council video
	Sing Farewell
	Adjourn



# Friday Special Program



Guest Speaker:  
U. S. Representative Scott Tipton,  
Colorado's 3rd Congressional District

7:00 p.m.—After the reunion  
dinner

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## Followed by: VETERAN'S RECOGNITION PROGRAM



**YES/NO**



**PRO/CON**

EVERYONE is encouraged to think about these 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 try to hold it to 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. And, if you think of a question you'd like to see explored in this column, let me know.

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

**Should we "translate" our ritual(s) into more modern English? Would this facilitate a smoother delivery of the work as opposed to the stilted, archaic, and predictable word patterns? Or, would it disrupt a significant connection with our ancient Brethren?**

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**Hmmm. This question didn't elicit many responses (at least that I've seen). If you did indeed send in comments on this one, for whatever reason they didn't make it, so try again.**

The one response I DID get was from Brother Lance Rommerdahl who said: "When I went through the degrees back during the last century ('73/'74) in NYC, the Grand Lodge had just updated, modernized their language. But, even with the update there were plenty of thee's, thou's, and other arcane language (expressions). Since then, they have updated the language again. Now, I have been informed that they are now "aging" their work.

We have said on many occasions that our work was the same as our founding fathers. In spirit, this is true. In actuality, not so.

Should we have modernized the language in the first place? Shakespeare's plays are occasionally modernized, but they always go back to the original. I think we should also and go back to our original texts.

As we are a unique institution with a history, tradition, and legend that goes back to time immemorial, our uniqueness should include the language of when our history started. It would more accurately reflect what Preston and forefathers meant to convey. And, it would enhance our uniqueness. "

**The following are MY (Bill Hickey) comments:** This particular question really has two valid opposing viewpoints. First, keeping the ritual with the old archaic forms provides us with a "link" to our past brethren. It's sort of like studying Shakespeare in his native dialect in school. You can translate him into modern English, and it will help you to understand what

he's saying a bit easier, but these aren't HIS words. I recall studying Shakespeare's plays in high school ('62-'65), and scratching my head trying to figure out what he was saying. I found over time that a lot of it depended on tempo and inflection in the dialogues. It depends heavily on the DELIVERY by the actors whether or not you easily make sense of the "Olde" English. My youngest daughter studied Shakespeare in the 7th grade (~'98) - her textbook had the original Shakespeare words on the left, and on the right were the equivalent modern English words so the kids could understand what was being said. Where was this kind of book when I had to study Shakespeare in school?"

English (and other modern languages) are "living" constructs. They change over time. What is slang or argot today, will likely be considered "archaic" tomorrow. So, if we can indeed translate our rituals into foreign languages, WHY shouldn't we consider translating them into that foreign language we call "Modern English?" Yes, we can complain that "it loses a little in the translation" - but we can also say that it gains much by being more readily understandable. How many non-masons do you know who don't wonder why we say "So Mote It Be"? Do you know the correct pronunciation of "hele" and its meaning?

A friend in Scotland took his degrees in Holland in Dutch. Later working in Finland, his brothers approached him about asking the GM to charter a special lodge working only in English so they could polish their language skills. The GM agreed, but stipulated that he would have to translate the Finnish Ritual into English and then they would compare his efforts to the ORIGINAL ritual from NEW YORK that was translated when the GL was founded. Over 50 years had passed since the original translation of the NY ritual, and the GM wanted to be SURE that any inconsistencies were addressed and corrected.

There was a story in Job's Daughters about how the Brazilians wanted the ritual translated for them. A lot of time and money was spent trying to translate that ritual. And, they stumbled on at least one aspect. At one point, a messenger communicates to the pilgrim "Job, in his anguish, cast himself upon a heap of ashes..." Well, it turned out there was no word in Brazilian Portuguese for "heap". So, everyone figured, OK, let's use "pile" of ashes. But, when they tried that, they were told that "pile" in that version of Portuguese meant a "pile of dung." Somehow, it changed the whole story. Wouldn't it have been simpler to ask for a Portuguese Bible and simply see how they told the story of Job?

We TALK about how we should return to our roots and use the old terms, but in reality, many of those terms were NOT used in Britain when the craft had its beginnings - they were inserted or changed in the New World when Masonry crossed the Atlantic. So, while our rituals here are "old" - they are not necessarily "ancient" - meaning, they have ALREADY been translated once, why not do it again?

**Next Question:** Are we focusing TOO MUCH on getting new members at the expense of engaging our existing members? Send your comments to [wa3h@hotmail.com](mailto:wa3h@hotmail.com)



# EDITOR'S CORNER

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

This is an OPEN-ENDED survey. As we progress with the Yes/No/Pro/Con column, your responses MIGHT change. Let me know if you have a problem accessing the survey.

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So ... WHY DID YOU become a Mason? For that matter, WHY DID YOU become a SCOTTISH RITE MASON? For me, my father was a Mason, Knight Templar, Shriner, and member of Eastern Star (although he NEVER ever mentioned the last one, and rarely anything of the others). He wasn't the reason I became a Mason in Scotland. I was in my office one day, and all my chiefs were running around the outer office with these little black books stuck in their faces muttering to themselves at lunch. When I asked the Master Chief what they were doing, he said they were studying the ritual for a degree at the lodge later that night. "What lodge" was my next question, and the rest - as they say - is history. I took all my degrees from EA to KT over there in just about a year. Now, that was VERY unusual because there were mandatory time limits before you were allowed to proceed beyond the craft lodge - but all that was waived for visiting military and I took full advantage of that opportunity.

Fast forward many years (26, in fact) later. My friend in Job's Daughters - our late Brother Randy Trullinger, 32° KCCH, suggested it might be fun for me to come into the Scottish Rite. CURIOSITY, more than anything else, stimulated me to petition because it was the second time Denver had done all 29 degrees in one reunion. Of course, Brother Randy also lobbied to have me designated the "Orator" for my class (thanks Randy), so that started me off in fine form.

The interesting thing about my journey in Masonry is that I NEVER did any research to try to uncover the "secrets" that would be imparted to me in any of the degrees. I felt that experiencing them "clean" the first time was best, and I have to say I think it's been one of the positive things I've experienced over the years.

So, that leads me to my next question(s): WHY DO YOU KEEP COMING TO MEETINGS (or, conversely, Why do you NOT come to meetings)? I've been down the road here in Colorado - having a young family, embarking on a new career (after retiring from the military) and trying to establish my credentials as a professional, and caring for a chronically ill spouse and two young children. So, I know all about "I don't have the time." But what I also know, is that you CAN MAKE TIME if something is important to you.

**How important is the Scottish Rite to you? For me, it's fun, enlightening, and challenging.**





# From the Secretary's Desk ...



[Bill Klatil, 33°](#)

**SRConcerts** and the Scottish Rite Masonic Center presented their first in a series of concerts on Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at the Consistory. If you did not attend you missed a marvelous event. Our next concert, **Handel's Messiah**, will be performed on **Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>**. Doors open at 6:00 pm with the concert starting at 7:30 pm. We hope to see you there! For information please go to the website at [www.srconcerts.org](http://www.srconcerts.org) or call **800-838-3006**.



**October's stated meeting** included our annual Feast of Tishri observance. A fine lecture was delivered by Venerable Master Mike Brewer, 32° KCCH. We were also treated to a lecture from our Brother and visitor from New Jersey, RW Moises I. Gomez on his personal experiences from the tragic attack on the World Trade Center in New York City on 9/11. Brother Gomez works for the Port Authority of NY & NJ and has been a member of the Emergency Service Unit stationed at the George Washington Bridge for twenty-six years.

**Reunion petitions** stand at 11. We have one more special meeting on Monday November 9<sup>th</sup> to read any last minute submissions. We would like to reach 15 or maybe even 20. The Degree Cast practices are in full swing. If you would like to preview any of the degrees, the practice schedules are posted on our website [www.denverconsistory.org/calendar.html](http://www.denverconsistory.org/calendar.html). This is also a great way, if you are so inclined, to show the directors of your interest to participate in the several degrees. We are always looking for help **especially if you have a flair to perform**.





**Friday night Reunion event.** The program begins at 7:00 pm. We will be welcoming Congressman and Brother Scott Tipton from the 3<sup>rd</sup> District. This event will include a tribute to our Veterans and First Responders. We invite you to show your pride in service and wear your military regalia. All Masons and their families are encouraged to attend. Parking is available in the parking structure just to the South of the Consistory. Dinner is available by reservation for \$15.00.



**November Stated Meeting** - Our next stated meeting, Monday, November 16, will be the presentation of the 32<sup>nd</sup> degree. We encourage all members to come but especially those who have not witnessed this degree in a while. After the degree we will invite the ladies and guests to reenter the auditorium for a capping ceremony. Come show your support for our newest Masters of the Royal Secret. How nice would it be to have a full house?



**The Consistory Decoration Day** is set for Saturday, November 21 at 9:00 am. This is always a good time to renew friendships and begin to participate in the Holiday Season. Please put it on your calendar to join us in this fun family activity. Yes please bring family help.

**THE 47<sup>TH</sup> REUNION, NOVEMBER 12,  
13, 14 and 16.**

**Friday night, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.** – Special Program

**Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup>,** our stated meeting - The 32° exemplified.

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





## From the DENVER CONSISTORY LINE

Michael J. Zeff, 32°

Orator, Denver Consistory

October 19, 2015 Oration



Good Evening ... For those of you who don't know me, I'm Michael Zeff, the current Worshipful Master of Columbine Lodge #147 and a member of the Consistory Line. This is my second time addressing you. The first time was earlier in the year when our lodge was hosting Colorado Night, a 65 year-old tradition. We honored Mr. John Fielder, Colorado's foremost landscape and mountain photographer. It was a great evening and I thank everyone who attended and made it an event to remember. And, as a bonus, we also raised \$800 for the Scottish Rite Foundation through book sales that night.

I'm a late bloomer to masonry ... Joining the fraternity in my mid 50's. Initially I mostly sat on the sidelines, taking everything in for a few years. This further qualifies me as a late bloomer. Early on I did get involved in the First Colorado Masonic Civil War Band, simultaneously with joining the Scottish Rite. Here I met some excellent men, including the late Harry Lindstrom as well as others of whom I am proud to consider my friends. These men were truly concerned about my success in masonry as well as in life. This has been the norm throughout my career as a freemason. In my opinion – this caring by the brethren for each other's wellbeing sets this fraternity apart from other organizations that I have been involved with. I would like to mention and thank my mentor and Past Grand Musician of Colorado, Marvin Feldman, 33°, as well as the present Grand Musician Dr. John Trainor, 33°, and my dear friend, Robin Knox, 33°. The list of my mentors and friends is too large to mention, some are right here in this room tonight.

My involvement in my Blue Lodge and here at the Consistory has grown steadily for several years - there is so much for me to learn and I relish the opportunities to grow as a person and as a Mason. My vision for the next seven years includes a strong involvement in the craft. I have a sign above my desk that reads: Do it for the Good of the Order. This is a phrase that we have repeatedly heard said by our leader, the Most Worshipful, Illustrious, and Honorable, Steven M. Munsinger, 33° Active, Sovereign Grand Inspector General for Colorado. My mentors and friends, and you my brethren, make me want to be a better man.

Enough about me - The world needs Freemasonry! We are an organization that reaches around the globe and promotes peace, tolerance and charity. As a group we are responsible for many of the world changing events that took place in the last several centuries. The list of famous Masons reads like a who's who throughout the world.

Looking to the future - At the end of this century, how is humanity going to view our work as Masons? It is up to us to see that the fraternity lives up to its illustrious past and continues to be the beacon of light that it has been.

We need not forget about the women who support us in all our laudable undertakings. My wife Sharee has been an inspiration – She has supported me, encouraged me and has also



made some good friends within the masonic family. She is grateful for the friendships we have made, and she understands and supports the worthy causes that Masonry has interwoven in our lives. We need to thank the members of our family that understand the work we do and the time we spend away from home.

As Masons, we need to believe in ourselves, our beliefs and our great fraternity. Not to say that we are perfect – far from it – we need to stay flexible and maybe be somewhat more transparent so the world can take our lead in order to be a better place. I say this cautiously, however, I feel there is a level of distrust today when people don't understand our Art. This is nothing new, we need to listen and respond to questions and yes, accusations from the outside world.

We are constantly hearing and questioning – How do we grow? How do we keep our member's interest?

My feelings are that we need to do great things, be great men, and continue to support and value a variety of pursuits of happiness. We value our tenets of hard work and an understanding of our imperfect world. We promote freedom of Religion, by respecting all forms of worship and gathering by all faiths with a belief in an Almighty Creator and higher Authority. We are Freemasons, and the word "FREE" is the preface.

Our mission is to see that Freedom, Peace, and Harmony prevails throughout our lives, in and out of our Lodges. This excellence must extend to our families, our country, and the world as a whole. We need to constantly police ourselves and live above reproach. We need to stamp out any bigotry, racism, and private committees that support an attitude of superiority within our ranks.

We will never be all things to all people - We are a select group who strive to make ourselves and the lives of the people we associate with a better place. Charity is at the heart of this process. I am proud to be a brother among you; and I pledge that you can count on me to uphold our rich history, and with the help of our Almighty Father I will strive to be a trusted and faithful brother among you.

So many times I'm reminded of the good work we do. Recently, we had a family here who were recipients of the Scottish Rite Foundation's generosity. We were all reminded that we make a difference. The heart felt words and tears of the father explaining the difference in his daughter's life touched me deeply as did his gratitude. This father was so grateful. I don't think there was a dry eye in this room. There is no doubt we are on the right track.

Thank you so much for giving me this opportunity to communicate my thoughts and aspirations.

Thanks for all your help along the way and thanks for the guidance you have given me as brothers of this great fraternity.





# Help Wanted



The Denver Consistory Audio-Visual team, known as “The Men In Black”, is currently looking for a few good men.

Sound, lights & video are heavily utilized in the reunions to enhance the presentations of the degree work.

Lights add drama and feel to the presentations. Lighting can set the mood, indicate the time of day, or direct the audience attention toward (or away from) action on the floor or stage. Lighting can also provide special effects to “wake up” a scene.

Sound provides microphone support for the actors and choirs, ensuring everyone can hear all of the important lessons being taught by the allegorical stories and lectures. Sound also provides music and sound effects critical to the storytelling.

Video provides an “electronic Trestleboard” through which the lecturers can communicate their important truths, as well as enhancements to the mythological storytelling.

The Men in Black also support the numerous rentals by Masonic bodies and outside groups that use the cathedral, providing technical support, lights, sound and video to meetings, weddings, concerts, funerals and performing groups in the auditorium.

All and all, we manage to keep busy.

## **But, we are currently in need of more help!**

It takes many hands to quickly outfit a whole cast with microphones and keep those microphones in good working order, set lights, set up and take down equipment. Skilled operators are needed for both the sound and light boards, as well as computer savvy operators for sound effects and video/PowerPoints.

You do not need any experience to join this crew. We can train you from scratch, or maybe you can teach us a thing or two! All it takes is an interest and some free time to give to the Consistory.

Working A-V is a rewarding experience. You can contribute to the valuable lessons being taught without having to memorize lines! Since we work “live” in the auditorium during the degrees, you get to participate in and learn from every degree being presented, enhancing your own Masonic experience as well as that of the class!

If any of this sounds interesting or rewarding to you, please contact me as soon as possible and we will get you started!

Donald Marshall, 33°

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Denver Consistory

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## 10 Military Habits That Make Service Members Stand Out

We all know the tell-tale signs of a military service member: high-and-tight haircut, camo backpack, polo shirt and cargo shorts combination, unit t-shirts or hats, decals on cars, and of course, "Affliction" t-shirts. These are all easy ways to spot military folks in public places. And, while many of us try not to stand out, there are still subtle indicators. Most civilians would never notice these things, but they are dead giveaways to those who have served. Here are the TOP TEN:

1. **WALKING FAST.** You might be doing a great job of blending in to your civilian surroundings, but your walk is always going to give you away. Military personnel walk with a purpose, as if their trip to the grocery store is actually a Pentagon press briefing.
2. **HAIR.** Broke your habit of getting a high and tight? Good for you! But, that leaves you two options: the "fade" and the classic "officer or pilot hair." Yes, we see you pushing the edges of the "three inches on the top" rule as found in Uniform Regulations.
3. **EATING FAST.** Habits are hard to kick. And, rarely in the military did you ever have ample time to simply appreciate your food, even if you want to do so.
4. **THE POWER STANCE.** Non-commissioned officers and officers are easy to spot: Just look for the person attempting to own the room through the "thumbs through the belt power stance," or the "crossed arms and not leaning against anything" stance.
5. **JARGON.** Just TRY not to say "roger" or "negative" in conversations. Just try. Eventually, your language will out you.
6. **WALKING.** There is no way that a group of military members can take a casual stroll down a sidewalk without eventually falling into step. Even if you try not to do it, you will.
7. **SUNGLASSES.** Congratulations. You're not wearing Oakley's or G.I. frames. Well done! But, you're still wearing sunglasses all the time. Even when it is cloudy outside.
8. **ABSURD POLITENESS.** You can easily pick out service members by their over-usage of "sir" and "ma'am." It is a credit to the military's discipline that a cashier receives the same clipped tones and politeness a four-star general or admiral would.
9. **SCANNING CROWDS.** Go to a party and you're bound to see the one person who is constantly scanning, usually somewhere where they can see the whole room. And, God help the person acting suspicious, because the military promotes being confrontational.
10. **SLEEPING ANYWHERE.** Military personnel can sleep approximately anywhere, in any weather, on anything. They also come out of it rapidly and coherently, which paid dividends for the people aboard the Paris-bound train with the gunman aboard who was overpowered by two U. S. service members.





BART WEGNER, 32° KCCH  
VENERABLE MASTER  
DENVER KNIGHTS OF ST. ANDREW



A sincere THANK YOU to all who volunteered for our first concert at the Consistory. The KSA efforts went very well, we received praise from all involved, and we learned much in how to refine the effort for the next concert on December 12<sup>th</sup>. Please keep that one on your calendar.

The KSA is scheduled to present ourselves to the reunion class on Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. Please help us show what we are, and impress our incoming Scottish Rite Brothers with our presence throughout the reunion. There is ALWAYS a job to be done. I hope to see many sashes on the sidelines for the whole reunion, but in particular for the 29<sup>th</sup> degree on Friday afternoon.

Our December meeting will be on Monday, the 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. A knighting and education program are on the agenda. It will be a great night for the KSA.

Plans continue for the Burns' Night Supper on January 30<sup>th</sup>. If you have an interest in participating in the reading of a Burns' poem, please contact me. I'm looking for willing volunteers. It's a fun evening that you can be a bigger part of than just attending the dinner. Remember, this is our great fundraiser for our Masonic Center and Rite Care.

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## December 7, 2015 DEGREE EDUCATION PROGRAM

III. Brother Bill Hickey will present a discussion of the NORTHERN MASONIC JURISDICTION'S 23rd Degree ritual - the Knight of Valor - which is based upon the story of WWII's Four Immortal Chaplains.

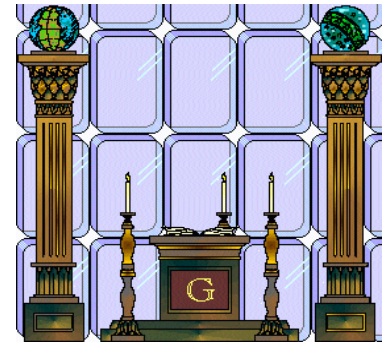
As we all know, things are done just a "bit" differently in the NMJ than we do in the SMJ. So III. Brother Bill will spend a little time covering some of the differences between the structures of the NMJ and SMJ, and then focusing on a bit of background for their 23° ritual.

Open to ALL SCOTTISH RITE MASONS



# THE PRELATE'S PULPIT

Rev. Jim Harris, 33°



Recently, one afternoon I was sitting on my backyard patio watching the golden Aspen leaves fall from the trees. The sky was blue and the sun was warm. There was a stroke of fall in the air. I noticed a squirrel burying a peanut in my yard. I was reminded that another Summer has graciously slipped away. Yes, it is Fall with the days of Winter approaching. The displays in the stores remind us that the holiday season is here. At the Consistory, we have celebrated the Feast of Tishri. Originally celebrated as a harvest and gathering festival, it is also celebrated in conjunction with the dedication of King Solomon's Temple. Under the Statutes of the Supreme Council, the feast is considered an obligatory observance as it is a sharing of the fraternal spirit. The feast reminds us that all men can join together in giving thanks to the Supreme Architect of the Universe. We can find peace together and, as Solomon unified Israel, we can be unified in our Masonic beliefs and values.

Also, we have our Fall Reunion, November 11-14, the Consistory decorating party on November 21, the annual Scottish Rite Foundation and Consistory Children's Christmas Party on December 5, the second in our Concert Series (Messiah) on December 12, and on December 21 the annual election of our officers. A busy time, to be sure.

Giving thanks is mentioned in numerous places in the Bible. Psalm 107:1 says, "Give thanks to the Lord because He is good, because His faithful love lasts forever."

As we look to November and Thanksgiving, I think of all the reasons I have to be thankful. The same is true at the Consistory. We can give thanks that we have a lovely building to hold our meetings and events, that we have good leadership, that we have brothers who care about us, that we have the opportunity for personal growth, and that we are a part of something which will outlive us. I'm sure you can think of other reasons.

Have a wonderful Fall - be positive and enjoy life.

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## THE WIT AND WISDOM OF BROTHER WILL ROGERS:

If we could ever get vacations down to where you wasn't any more tired on the day one was over than on our regular work day, it would be wonderful.

Colorado is our grand seat to see the world from.

Live your life so that whenever you lose, you are ahead.



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## 90 Years Young

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Wayne C. Ristig

## 80 Years Young

George Z. Janich  
Dale B. Langdon  
Glenn E. Barta

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Don Lewin  
Donald J. Shearer, Jr.  
Billie D. Musslewhite

## 60 Years "Young"

Monty L. Robinson  
Richard L. Womack  
Randy N. Clark

## 50 Years "Young"

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**November 10, 1775 (240 years old)**



**To ALL our Brothers**







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