

Denver's Rite Works



*Happy
Thanksgiving*

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PLANNING CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 2016

Weds, NOVEMBER 9	6:30 pm	Fall Reunion (49 th consecutive) - CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL (invitation only)
Thurs, NOVEMBER 10	7:30 am	Fall Reunion (49 th consecutive) - PARKING GARAGE AVAILABLE
Fri, NOVEMBER 11	8:00 am	Fall Reunion (49 th consecutive) - PARKING GARAGE AVAILABLE
Sat, NOVEMBER 12	8:15 am	Fall Reunion (49 th consecutive) - PARKING GARAGE AVAILABLE
Sat, NOVEMBER 19	9:00 am	Consistory Decorating Party - All members, officers, and wives invited
Mon, NOVEMBER 21		Stated Meeting - PARKING GARAGE AVAILABLE
	5:30 pm	Red Room Business Meeting
	6:00 pm	Dinner (Roast Turkey and all the trimmings with Pecan Pie)
	6:30 pm	All the Wrong Answers to the Master Craftsman Programs - RED ROOM
	7:00 pm	Veterans Recognition Program
Thurs, NOVEMBER 24		Consistory Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday
Fri, NOVEMBER 25		Consistory Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

DECEMBER 2016

Sat, DECEMBER 3	10:00 am	SRF & Consistory Children's Christmas Party (Parking Garage Available)
Mon, DECEMBER 19		Stated Meeting (Parking Garage Available)
	5:30 pm	Red Room Business Meeting
	6:00 pm	Dinner (Pork Loin with Carrot Cake)
	7:00 pm	Entertainment
	7:30 pm	Split Meeting - Annual Election of Officers
Mon, DECEMBER 26		Consistory CLOSED for Christmas Holiday

JANUARY 2017

Mon, January 2, 2017		Consistory Closed for New Year's Holiday
Sat, January 7	8:00 am	Un-Decorating Party—All members, officers, wives invited to attend
Sat, January 14	8:00 am	Officer's Breakfast and Installation Practice
Mon, January 16		Stated Meeting - (Parking Garage Available)
	5:30 pm	Red Room Business meeting
	6:00 pm	Dinner (Chicken Cordon Bleu and Chocolate Mousse)
	7:00 pm	Annual Meetings of Corporations and Installation of 2017 Officers
Fri, January 27		Consistory CLOSED for Grand Lodge Communication

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EDITOR'S CORNER

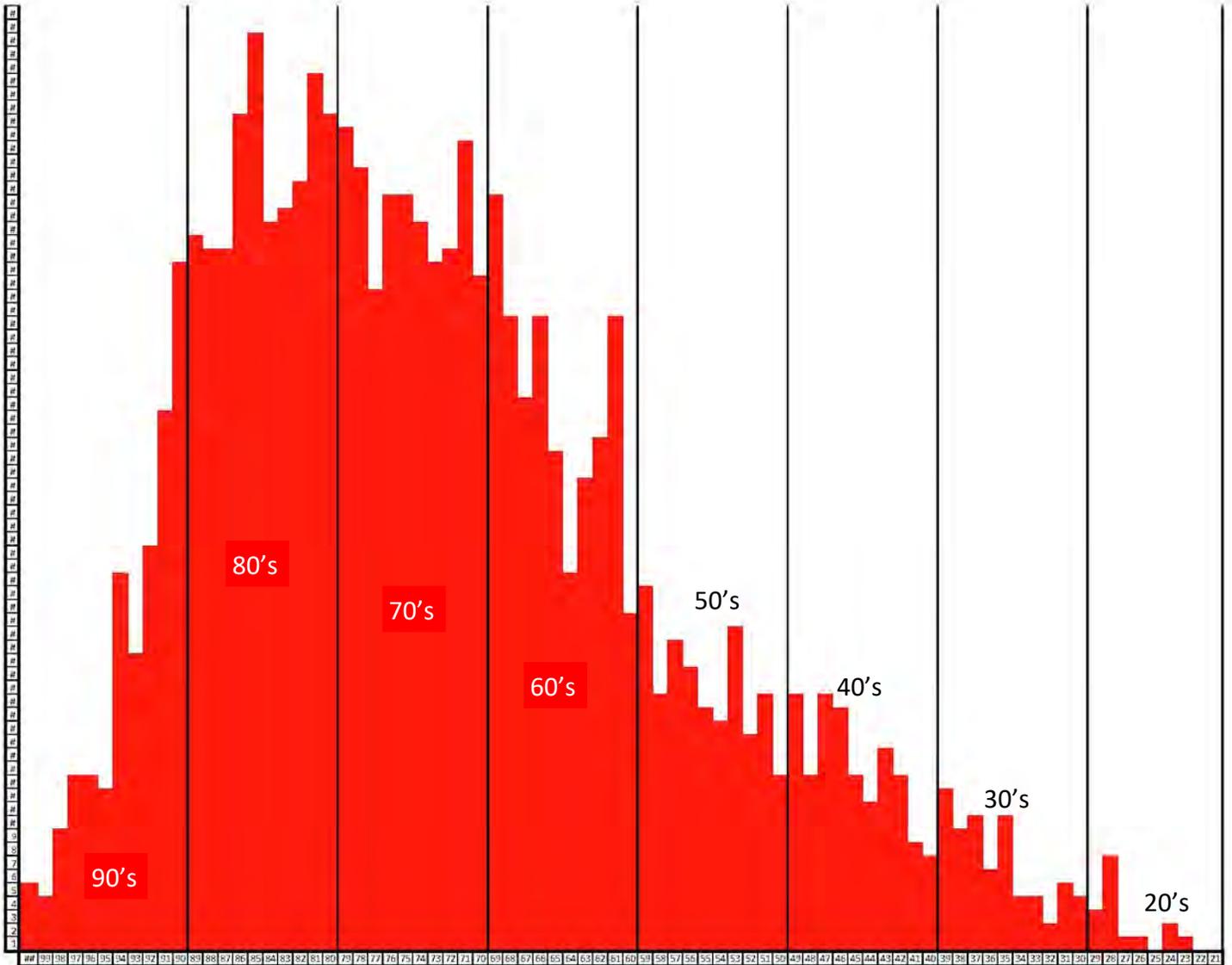
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NUMBERS, NUMBERS, NUMBERS

I'm an engineer by profession, so I like to look at numbers (data) and see what kind of information I can derive from them. Years ago now, when I was just getting started in the Scottish Rite, I was sitting in the Cathedral when our SGIG asked the Secretary (Darrell Tygart) how many members the Denver Consistory had on the books. Darrell's answer was somewhere in the 5,000 area. The SGIG nodded, then followed up with another question: "And, brother Secretary, HOW MANY OF THOSE members are 80 years old or older?" Darrell's answer? 2500. Immediately, in my head, I started doing some simple math. That's HALF our membership over the age of 80. Realistically, over the span of 10 years, most or all of them would likely depart to the Celestial Lodge. Ignoring for a moment members who would demit, be suspended, and new incoming members, I figured 2500 over ten years would be 250 a year. Doing two reunions a year immediately yielded 125 PER REUNION JUST TO STAY EVEN with deaths. Knowing that we weren't coming anywhere near close to that number, that told me that we were going to have to learn to work with fewer members, and lower turnouts. There are all sorts of other factors that play into that conclusion, and our Executive and Financial committees have to deal with those realities. The upshot was that we would have fewer brothers to do the things we had gotten used to doing. Either we needed to reduce the number of things we were doing, or we needed to get more of our brothers who rarely/never come to get active and pick up some of the slack. Neither of those options are particularly easy or fun to contemplate. I just recently took a look at our current membership numbers using a listing I get from the office to use in writing the RiteWorks and coming up with the Special Birthdays you see in the issues. Basically, I see 2169 members (as of 17OCT) - and realize that there may be some "wobble room" in that number due to a lot of factors beyond my control. Ten years ago, I said we'd probably lose 2500 members and be at half of the then size Darrell mentioned. Well, we're about there now at almost 2200.

On the next page, you will see a graph of our membership numbers (on the vertical y-axis) versus their age (on the horizontal x-axis) from 21 to 100. Take a close look at the distribution of our current membership numbers. Instead of HALF of our members being 80+ years old today, we're now at 37% being 80+. While this is an improvement over ten years ago, not much has changed in the DYNAMICS - we still do not bring in enough new Scottish Rite Masons to offset our losses from death. This doesn't tell us that we'll have to close the doors any time soon, but it does tell us to be prepared for yet more "belt-tightening" actions based on a smaller membership population. Given that our members come from ALL OVER the metro area, including some folks "way up north" and not in a convenient commuting area, the numbers we can actually count on to show up will be even smaller than we expect.



As you can see from the graph above, we do not appear to be making much headway in the age groups 20's to 50's. I'm not saying we should ignore the rest (after all, I'm knocking on the door of the 70's myself) but we do need to somehow crack that egg and get some of our younger brethren who are beginning to petition our lodges now. Yes, I remember how BUSY I was when I was working, I remember trying to juggle those evenings with my wife, daughters, and professional and other obligations. It's never easy, but it CAN be done. The biggest hurdle we probably face is getting these brothers to set aside 3 days (yeah, 2 in the normal work-week, and a Saturday) out of their calendar to actually participate in a reunion. It's easier for them to postpone taking the degrees until "sometime later" when things are a bit less hectic.

Our Kadosh line is responsible for "membership" activities—and if you have ANY ideas on how we can shift the graph above to the right I'm sure they are "all ears" so to speak.

But, JUST AS IMPORTANTLY, there are a LOT of our brothers in this graph that simply do not show up to the consistory either for meetings OR our social activities. We need to somehow get them re-energized and participating. If you know a brother in your lodge that is a Scottish Rite Mason and doesn't come to activities, engage him and find out why. That's the ONLY way we can attack this multi-headed problem and beat it. FYI, I show our death losses so far this year at: 55. We haven't even kept up with losses due to death so far this year.



From the Secretary's Desk

[Matt Raia, 33°](#)



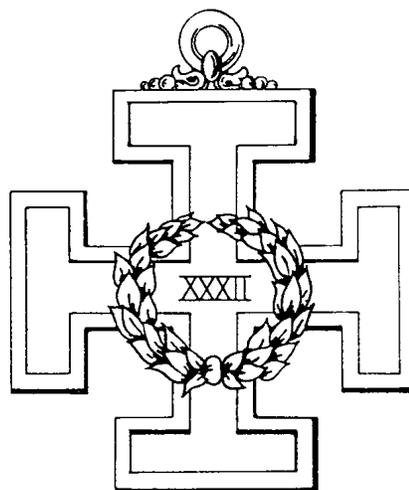
October 5, 6:30 p.m. - Denver Consistory hosted a Scottish Rite "Friends Night" (Prospect Night) for 25 prospective members and their wives. A light meal was served, after which they were given a tour of our facility, followed by a presentation by the Director General.

October 8 & 9 - Denver Consistory was the site of the Grand Lodge of Colorado AF&AM Masonic Symposium, which was attended by over 180 Masons from around the state.

October 14, 7:30 p.m. - Denver Consistory hosted the National RiteCare Conference Banquet, and our Choir presented: *The Carpenter's Workshop* for the conference attendees. We had 200+ visitors who enjoyed the evening. Thank you to all who helped make this event a success.



October 17 Stated Meeting - Patents and class photos were presented to the members of the Spring Reunion Class.





Illustrious Brother John Trainor, 33°, gave an explanation of the significance of the Feast of Tishri to the Scottish Rite.

Brother Tom Shotts, 32° KCCH, Orator of the Colorado Council of Kadosh, and Brother David King, 32°, Minister of State for the Denver Consistory, each gave an oration. Neither of them knew the theme of the other's oration, but—as it turned out—the two orations complemented each other as if they had planned it that way.

NOVEMBER

Ever wonder where the names of our months came from? This is the eleventh in a series that delves into the origins of the words we use for our months of the year. The month of NOVEMBER was originally designated as the ninth of ten Ancient Roman months (from "NOVEM" meaning nine). It kept its position in the calendar rotation when January and February were added to make a 12 month calendar. In Old English, it was Blotmonad - month of sacrifice - literally, "blood month" - the time when early Saxons prepared for winter by sacrificing animals, which they then butchered and stored for food.

November's birthstone is the Topaz (or Citrine) November's birth flower is the Chrysanthemum

The zodiac signs for November are SCORPIO (to the 21st) and SAGITTARIUS (22nd on).



Zodiac Signs



Topaz



Citrine



Chrysanthemum

DENVER CONSISTORY UPDATES

The Fall Reunion - Nov. 10, 11, 12 is dedicated to Illustrious Brother Gerald Ford, 33°. **Petitions MUST be in the office BEFORE 5:30 p.m. Monday, November 7.** *The Traitor* play will be presented Friday night, November 11 at 6:50 p.m. The play is open to the public. Invite your family and friends to join you for a fun evening. (See flyer in this issue)

November 19, 9:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m. Will be the Christmas Decorating Party. ALL are invited to join us and help get the Denver Consistory into the Christmas spirit.

The November 21st Stated Meeting will be the Veteran's Recognition Program.

YOU'VE BEEN CHALLENGED

A brother has approached the SGIG and offered to match, up to \$1000, donations made to the Scottish Rite Masonic Center between November 1st and our Stated Meeting December 19th. Please help us meet the challenge by making a tax-deductible donation to your Scottish Rite Masonic Center. Donations may be made when paying your 2017 dues by entering a dollar amount in the donation box on your dues statement. The office will gladly accept donations from those of you who have already paid your 2017 dues. Let's show this brother that we are up to the challenge.

Colorado Rockies Retail Sales Update

To date, \$3,395 has been received. THANK YOU to those who worked the games and the donation you made to the SRMC. This money is used to help pay for maintenance and repairs to our building. In next month's issue of the RiteWorks, we hope to publish a list of names of all who worked the Rockies games and the amount of money each earned for the Masonic Center.

King Soopers Loyalty Card Update

Total to date: \$862.62 has been received. Money from the Loyalty Cards is used to help pay for maintenance and repairs to our building. This is an easy way for you to donate money to the Denver Consistory Scottish Rite Masonic Center **AT NO COST TO YOU!** Thank you to those who are using the cards. Those of you who have a card and are not using it ... my question to you is ... WHY NOT? Why are you not using your card to benefit the SRMC? There is no additional cost to you, and the SRMC receives a donation from King Soopers when you use your card.

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Remember, when you shop on Amazon, please shop Amazon Smile, and the Denver Consistory Scottish Rite Masonic Center receives a donation from Amazon for every purchase **AT NO ADDITIONAL COST TO YOU!** This is an easy way for you to support the maintenance and upkeep of **YOUR** Denver Consistory building.

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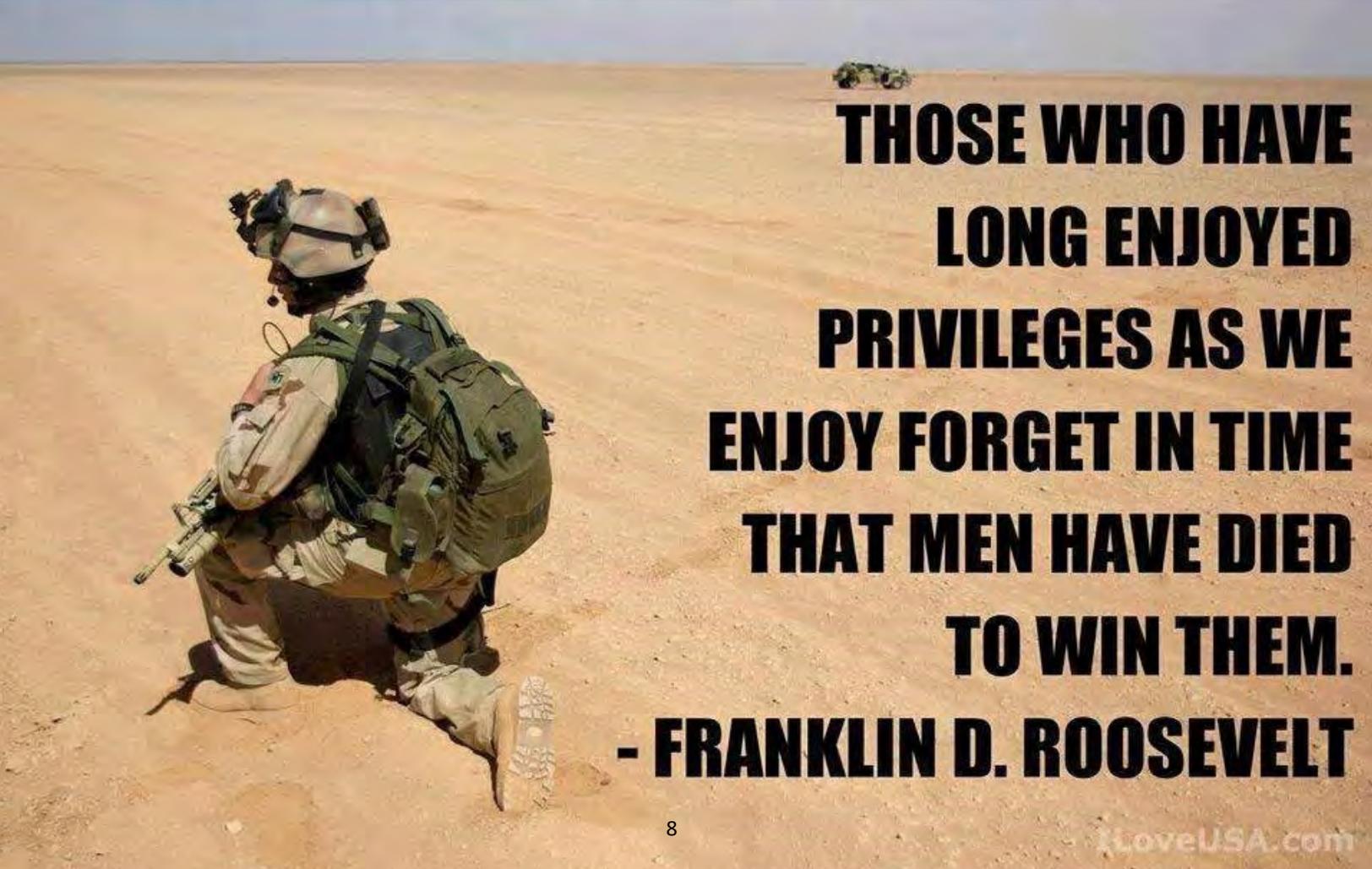
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**THOSE WHO HAVE
LONG ENJOYED
PRIVILEGES AS WE
ENJOY FORGET IN TIME
THAT MEN HAVE DIED
TO WIN THEM.**

- FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT



National Sojourners for our former Military Members

**By Daniel A. Rivers, 32° KCCH
GySgt, USMC (Ret)**



Masonry is a very old institution. How old, we may never know for sure. When an institution is very old, we often get used to things remaining constant, or at least substantially constant, since all things change over time. So goes the path of Masonry as well.

One of the Masonic bodies I am very proud to claim membership in is the National Sojourners, which is a body made up primarily of former military members. As we celebrate our military members and their service to our country at November's stated communication, it seems fitting to mention this group and a recent change they have undergone.

Formed in 1900, the organization was established to meet the needs of displaced military Masons serving their country on foreign shores. Wishing the company of like-minded souls expressing their love of country and their Masonic beliefs, the order focuses on Patriotic activities and has adopted George Washington's statement "When we assumed the soldier, we did not lay aside the citizen" as one of our primary principles. Belonging to this group is rewarding to me as it allows me to share in the rich military history and camaraderie I felt lost to me when I retired from the military.

As initially formed, the National Sojourners was restricted to Officers - and later included Warrant Officers and Senior Non-Commissioned Officers. Junior enlisted, and those without military service were allowed to join as "Honorary Members" with certain restricted rights. Many felt this was not appropriate, as all members of the military who have served their country honorably have earned the right to stand and be recognized equally for their service, regardless of rank. As Masons, we like to think of ourselves as a progressive organization that embraces all men who believe in a Higher Power, or Deity, in whatever form your culture has faith. Being inclusive is sometimes difficult, but it is the right thing to do and the National Sojourners have recently adopted this inclusive spirit.

Changes to the National Regulations now make full membership in National Sojourners for any currently serving or former military member available provided you served honorably. This is a fantastic change, and one we all celebrate joyously.

I am asking all members of National Sojourners, whether you are a Scottish Rite member or not, to join us November 21st at the Scottish Rite Cathedral where we will honor our Military. Please proudly wear your National Sojourner medals so you may be recognized as a military member and/or patriotic supporter of our military services. Those who are not former military, please thank those you see wearing these medals for their service and don't be afraid to ask what it was like to be a part of such organizations. As Masons, you share much in spirit, honor and dedication with the military. If you plan to join us for dinner at 6:00 p.m., please call the Consistory office at 303-861-4261 for reservations. Otherwise, the ceremony will start at 7:00 p.m. in the Cathedral room. I hope to see all of you there.

**49th Reunion Honoring Gerald A Ford, 33°
November 9th – 12th, 2016**

Wednesday, November 9, 2016 @ Children's Hospital

Candidates, spouses, 1st line signers only

- 6:30 PM – Welcome and Introductions
- 6:35 PM – Rite care Presentation
- 6:45 PM – Rite Care Video
- 7:05 PM – Clinic Tour and dinner
- 7:35 PM – Introduce Dignitaries and Welcome by Class Director
- 8:00 PM – Prologue and Introduction to the degrees

Thursday, November 10, 2016 @ Denver Consistory

- 7:30 AM – Class Convenes
- 8:00 AM – **Exemplify 4°**
- 8:40 AM – Communicate 5°
- 8:48 AM – Communicate 6°
- 8:56 AM – Communicate 7°
- 9:04 AM – Communicate 8°
- 9:12 AM – **Exemplify 9°/10°**
- 9:50 AM – Break
- 10:05 AM – Classroom Instruction
- 10:25 AM – **Exemplify 11°**
- 10:45 AM – Classroom Instruction
- 11:00 AM – Communicate 12°
- 11:05 AM – **Exemplify 13°**
- 11:35 AM – Lunch
- 12:30 PM – Class Reconvenes
- 12:35 PM – **Exemplify 14°**
- 1:30 PM – Secretary's Presentation
- 1:30 PM – Breakout Session
- 1:55 PM – Committee Tour – Al Ulibarri, 33°
Costume Committee - Doc Powell, 33°
Make-up Committee – Wes Campbell, 33°
A/V Committee – Don Marshall, 33°
Stage/Properties Committee – Walt Martin, 33°
- 2:35 PM – **Exemplify 15°**
- 3:40 PM – Break
- 3:55 PM – Classroom Instruction
- 4:00 PM – **Exemplify 16°**
- 4:40 PM – Classroom Instruction

Friday, November 11, 2016 @ Denver Consistory

- 8:00 AM – Class Convenes
- 8:30 AM – Communicate 17°
- 8:40 AM – Classroom Instruction
- 9:00 AM – **Exemplify 18° - 1st/2nd Sections**
- 9:35 AM – Classroom Instruction
- 9:45 AM – **Exemplify 18° - 3rd Section**
- 10:20 AM – Classroom Instruction

- 10:30 AM – Knights of St Andrew
- 10:40 AM – Communicate 19°
- 10:48 AM – **Exemplify 20° - 1st Section**
- 11:10 AM – Classroom Instruction
- 11:20 AM – Break
- 11:35 AM – **Exemplify 20° - 2nd Section**
- 12:05 PM – Introduce Grand Master and officers
Grand Master Address the Class
- 12:20 PM – Lunch
- 1:00 PM – Class Reconvenes
- 1:05 PM – Prolog of 21°
- 1:10 PM – **Exemplify 21°**
- 1:45 PM – Communicate 22°
- 1:55 PM – Classroom Instruction
- 2:05 PM – Break
- 2:20 PM – **Exemplify 23°**
- 2:45 PM – Classroom Instruction
- 3:10 PM – **Exemplify 24°**
- 3:45 PM – Communicate 25°
- 3:52 PM – Communicate 26°
- 3:59 PM – Communicate 27°
- 4:07 PM – Communicate 28°
- 4:15 PM – **Exemplify 29°**
- 4:55 PM – Break
- 6:00 PM – Dinner
- 6:50 PM – **Exemplify "The Traitor"**

Saturday, November 12, 2016 @ Denver Consistory

- 8:15 AM – Class Convenes
- 8:30 AM – Photography Committee
- 8:40 AM – Shrine Presentation
- 8:50 AM - Class Address by SGIG and Class
Picture/Break
- 10:00 AM – Classroom Instruction
- 10:10 AM – **Exemplify 30° - 1st Apt**
- 10:28 AM – **Exemplify 30° - 2nd Apt**
- 10:43 AM – **Exemplify 30° - 3rd Apt**
- 10:58 AM – Break
- 11:15 AM – Classroom Instruction
- 11:30 AM – **Exemplify 30° - 4th Apt**
- 11:55 AM – Lunch
- 12:50 PM – Class Reconvenes
- 12:55 PM – Communicate 31°
- 1:10 PM – Classroom Instruction
- 1:15 PM – **Exemplify 32° - 1st Section**
- 2:03 PM – Classroom Instruction
- 2:13 PM – Break
- 2:30 PM – **Exemplify 32° - 2nd Section**
- 3:27 PM – Closing Ceremony



Mediocrity in Masonry ...

Shame on Us!

By Robert G. Davis, 33° GC



Editor's Note: Ill. Brother Davis has graciously given permission to reprint this article here.

One of the questions that occasionally eats at me when I am driving home from a Masonic event, degree, or function that has been woefully mediocre - is how our members can sit through such Masonic happenings month after month and still believe our fraternity is relevant and meaningful to men's lives? How honest are we in claiming we make good men better while persistently repeating practices and behaviors which are so distinctively average, or worse? Self-improvement involves some form of positive change. It requires some level of progress; entails some elevated sense of being. Explain to me how a lodge facilitates self-improvement by offering its members a venue that doesn't "feel" any different when they are inside the lodge than outside of it.

Perhaps many of us come into Masonry looking for nothing more than fraternal association. But, if that's the case, it ought to be the best fraternal association we have ever had!

Once we encounter the preparation room, or make our progress through the degrees, it is hard to dismiss the awareness that we are engaged in something wholly different from our other community experiences. We quickly learn that masonry has a higher calling which requires that we make an ascent into the very center of our being.

An endeavor of such high importance and due solemnity is not a run-of-the-mill undertaking. It becomes clear there is nothing mediocre about Masonry. So why do we make it that way?

Here's the problem: Accepting mediocrity in our lodge practices is the same as living a mediocre life. By making un-extraordinary acts and behaviors our ordinary practice, we entrap ourselves from knowing how precious life really is. We don't use opportunities that come our way as a means of expressing how special we really are. Instead, we walk the walk with the rest of the herd and soon find ourselves in such a deep rut of limitations, we lose sight of our own value. We become trapped in mediocrity.

Regrettably, this too often seems the condition in which lodges, Scottish Rite Valleys, York Rite Chapters, Councils, and Commanderies find themselves. When nothing extraordinary, educational, insightful, compelling, intellectual, contemplative, spiritual, or fraternal occurs in our private, sacred, fraternal spaces, then we become only another ordinary, average, run-of-the-mill, dime-a-dozen organization. It is hard to see how this kind of Masonry takes good men and makes them better.

It is not the kind of Masonry we should want to share with our friends.

Mediocrity in Masonry ... Shame on Us! - continued

I believe that if we TRULY want to move “from the square to the compasses,” we have to dare to be different. And, we can’t dare to be different by following someone else’s expectations. When a lodge does the same thing year after year, it is accepting, by default, someone else’s expectations. There is nothing creative, inspiring, or different about parroting ritual, paying bills, and going home. That’s doing only what many others have done before us.

To distinguish ourselves among men and organizations, we first have to perceive in our own minds that we have something to do which will ultimately set us above the average. We start by thinking about the choices before us.

Do we choose what is safe rather than what is right? Do we only do things right, or do we do the right things? Do we set out on a new path, or take the same old, comfortable way? Do we bring credit to our teachings, or debit them as ideals of the past? Do we become the examples that young men want to emulate, or do we seem to them as just another group of ho-hum guys?

You see, the choice always controls the chooser. To be exemplary men, or an exemplary organization, we have to be exceptional in our awareness of who we are, what we are here to be doing, what we know, and how we practice what we know. We have to have the courage to be different from the rest of the crowd—nobler in our expectations and more refined in our state of mind.

Because that’s just the way Masonry is.

He who wants milk should not sit himself in the middle of a pasture and wait for a cow to back up to him.

LEADERSHIP

“A leader is someone you CHOOSE to follow to a place you will not go by yourself.”

- Gen. Colin Powell, USA (ret)

“The first rule of holes: When you’re in one, stop digging.” - Molly Ivins, Columnist

“A good leader encourages followers to tell him what he NEEDS to know, not what he WANTS to hear.” - John C. Maxwell “The 21 Indispensable Qualities of a Leader”

“Human beings possess two prominent traits: a) they are creatures of habit, and (b) they intensely fear the unknown. Therefore, it is no wonder that people dread the prospect of change and hate it while it is taking place. ... The organization that resists change is essentially setting the agenda for its own demise. - Scott Snair, “West Point Leadership Lessons”

“You have achieved excellence as a leader when people will follow you everywhere, if only out of curiosity.” - Gen. Colin Powell, USA (ret)

There are NO “Lone Ranger” leaders. If you’re alone, you’re not LEADING anyone, are you?



**Larry E. Tygart, Sr., 32°
Venerable Master
Denver Knights of St. Andrew**



Our labors have begun and in a grand fashion. Our October meeting was quite an event. MWB Illustrious and Honorable Steven M. Munsinger, Sovereign Grand Inspector General for the Orient of Colorado honored the Knights by attending the chapter's meeting. After the opening, Illustrious Brother John Moreno presented a public version of Masonic Light. With discussions on prisms, bending light, spectral, divided, opaque, it was definitely relatable to the Consistory's "Higher Education" reputation.

The education was followed by the Knighting of seven new Knights into the chapter, which included a recent recipient of his 50 year Masonic pin, 50-year Scottish Rite cap, and 50-year Shrine pin. So, it is never too late to join and enjoy the brotherhood. The work towards the fall reunion has started as well as rehearsals. If you know a good Mason that would benefit from joining the Scottish Rite, offer a petition to join. November's meeting will be a rehearsal night for the 29th degree after opening and doing the necessary business of the chapter. December's meeting will feature a Knighting ceremony for all those applying and education will be provided by Illustrious Brother Ron Bierly.

The Burns Supper will be upon us very quickly, on the 21st of January, so make room on your calendar and help support this fundraiser for RiteCare and our Cathedral. For those who have not attended before (there is a slight misunderstanding) - Haggis is NOT the only food offered, but is available to try if you have not previously done so. The detailed menu will be published in the December RiteWorks. This will be the 5th year for the Whisky College, so PLEASE sign up for the supper and help the knights support the Consistory.

2017 Robert Burns Dinner Silent Auction - [Call for Donations](#)

This year the Knights of St. Andrew will be holding a silent auction in conjunction with our annual Robert Burns Dinner. We are looking for donations of silent auction items from our brothers and friends.

Guidelines –

Items should be fun but tasteful and have an appeal to the discriminating tastes of our patrons. Creativity in the contents and presentation of the auction items and baskets will add to their appeal.

Please see the list on the next page for suggestions on auction items.

We would appreciate you letting us know if you will be donating by January 5th, 2017. You can contact us at ksa@denverconsistory.org.

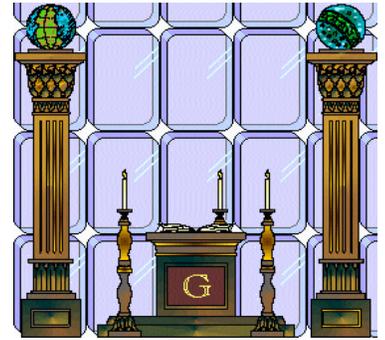
2017 Robert Burns Dinner Silent Auction Suggestions

Theme	Suggestions
Fun Fiesta	Mexican themed party items - food/ingredients, Pinata, Maybe some Margarita Mix, salt and Tequila
Pasta Lovers	Pasta, sauce, cheese(s), breadsticks, checkered table cloth, maybe a bottle of bone-dry chianti with glasses
Chocolate Lovers	How about an assortment of treats from places famous for their chocolates? - Belgium, Brazil, Hershey,PA?
Coffee Lovers	Beans, mugs, grinder, french press, sweeteners, creamers and flavors, biscotti
Cheese Lovers	Selection of cheeses, sausages, crackers, fruits
Whisky Lovers	Pick a special whiskey or throw in some great accessories like shot glasses, tumblers, highballs
Expert Bartender	Load up a basket with everything needed to be an expert mixologist, or go with a theme like "everything needed to make martinis 10 different ways"
Cigar Lovers	Selection of stogies, cutter, punch, torch, humidor
Day in the Sun	Beach towels, lotions and sunscreen, beach toys and games
Broncos Basket	Broncos logo items, game time snacks, collectors items
Avalanche Basket	Avalanche logo items, game time snacks, collectors items
Movie Night	Popcorn, theatre candy, selection of DVD's. Pick a theme for your evening: Romantic comedies, action movies, horror flicks, classics
Candy Lovers	Load it up with sugar! Classy confections or junky kidstuff - or maybe both!
Spa Day	Do it yourself kit or professional pampering
Game Night	Classic board games, kid games, trivia...Go with a theme or get an assortment
Childs Arts & Crafts Basket	Rainy day activities or an introduction to a specific kind of art
Car Wash Bucket	The usual soaps, sponges and waxes. Add a headlight polishing kit or a pressure sprayer.
Garden Basket	Tools, seeds, instructions, gloves
Love your Dog	Toys, brush, biscuits...breath mint
Love your Cat	Toys, scratching post, catnip
Baking Basket	Assortment of baking tools and accessories or everything needed to make a special treat
Wine Lovers	Wine(s) cheeses, glasses, corkscrew, wine saver, aerator - go with a theme or load up with goodies
Beer Bash	A selection of quality beers, regional theme, mugs, glasses, beer bong
Golfing Galore	A golf bag is never full....
BBQ Blitz	Grilling tools, marinade injectors, recipes, ingredients, sauces
Mystery Basket/Bucket	Put something cool in a bucket or basket, but keep it a secret.



THE PRELATE'S PULPIT

Rev. Jim Harris, 33°



Be careful of your thoughts, they can become words. Be watchful of your words, they can become actions. Be watchful of your actions, they can become habits. Be watchful of your habits, they can become your character. We are approaching the holiday months of November and December. These months are busy ones for Masons. We will have our Fall Reunion, Holiday parties, Lodge elections, and so on. Then we have concerts, gift exchanging, family gatherings, and various activities. Yes, the holidays CAN be stressful. I encourage all of us to remember these are times to enjoy and be civil with each other. The current elections have shown us how NOT to act.

The three great lights will guide our steps
Through life's uncertain way
And bring us safe at length to see
The bright eternal day.

At our stated meeting last month we had three meaningful orations. We also had the Masonic Symposium with its wonderful discussions and educational opportunities. These activities for learning and growing are there for us. Masons are called to live with faith, hope, and charity (love). We have taken an oath to live a certain way. I pray we will not let the ways of our society change our fraternity. May brotherly love prevail. May our lodges be safe havens for us.

Peace to all of you.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ca0FUB-PBrY&index=12&list=PLrKuEhWFOzxxEo_26MXR2Z6m3BTn9n6v9
The Unbearable Price of War

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4W3A_SNeTtk&index=15&list=PLrKuEhWFOzxxEo_26MXR2Z6m3BTn9n6v9
Lest we Forget

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q20DUalzYJg&list=PLrKuEhWFOzxxEo_26MXR2Z6m3BTn9n6v9&index=16

Spirit of the ANZACS video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IMBh7t9G6Fc&feature=youtu.be>

Lest we forget our vow - video

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William Charles Croucher, 32°	05/30/2016
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David Malcolm Naiman, 33°	10/22/2016
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90 Years Young

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John T. Parker, Jr.

Lee E. Schlessman

Ernest J. Thompson

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Bobby J. Corn

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John E. Sorensen

70 Years Young

Thayne A. Coulter, II

James Hanna

William T. Herdman

Joe E. Kier

Terry D. Paige

50 Years Young

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November 10, 1775 (241 years)



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based on historic events that were an important part of the

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1370 Grant Street, Denver, Colorado

Friday, November 11, 2016 at 6:50 pm

Open to the Public

Free Admission

There will be an optional dinner in the lower level dining room with a charge of \$15 per person at 6:00pm prior to the play. Reservations for dinner are required no later than Monday, November 7th at 303-861-4261 or at denverconsistory@denverconsistory.org



National Sojourners 2017 Essay Contest

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Prizes

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

Theme – George Washington’s Thoughts on Patriotism Today

BACKGROUND: George Washington, Surveyor, General of the Continental Army, first President of the United States of America, gentleman farmer and Patriot is attributed to the following quotes on Patriotism:

“The name of American, which belongs to you in your national capacity, must always exalt the just pride of Patriotism. It should be the highest ambition of every American to extend his views beyond himself, and to bear in mind that his conduct will not only affect himself, his country, and his immediate posterity but that its influence may be co-extensive with the world, and stamp political happiness or misery on ages yet unborn.”

“Guard against the impostures of pretended Patriotism.”

“It may be laid down as a primary position, and the basis of our system, that every Citizen who enjoys the protection of a Free Government, owes not only a portion of his property, but even of his personal services to the defense of it.”

“How soon we forget history. Government is not reason. Government is not eloquence. It is force. And, like fire, it is a dangerous servant and a fearful master.”

Question

What do you think George Washington would say about the role of patriotism today, and how would you go about helping others to understand what it means to be an American?

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, 2017

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

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