

Denver's RiteWorks



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PLANNING CALENDAR

DECEMBER 2016

Sat, DECEMBER 3	10:00 am	SRF & Consistory Children's Christmas Party (Parking Garage Available)
Mon, DECEMBER 5	6:30pm	Knights of St. Andrew stated meeting—Lodge Room
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
Fri, DECEMBER 23		Consistory CLOSED for Christmas Holiday
Mon, DECEMBER 26		Consistory CLOSED for Christmas Holiday
Fri, DECEMBER 30		Consistory CLOSED at NOON (NO LUNCH)

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
Sat, January 21		KSA Burns Supper - RESERVATIONS REQUIRED - (Parking Garage Available)
Fri, January 27		Consistory CLOSED for Grand Lodge Communication

FEBRUARY 2017

Mon, February 6	6:30 pm	Knights of St. Andrew stated meeting—Lodge Room
Mon, February 20		Stated Meeting - (Parking Garage Available)
	5:30pm	Red Room Business Meeting
	6:00pm	Dinner (Swiss Steak with Cherry Pie)
	7:00pm	Entertainment followed by split meeting

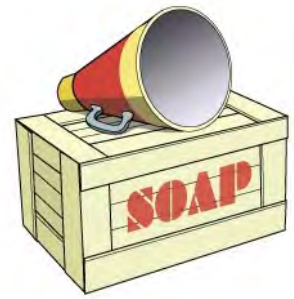
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EDITOR'S CORNER

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The below piece came to me in email from the Navy Federal Credit Union. I have modified it and added a couple of additional things that I believe they left unsaid.

PUT SECURITY AT THE TOP OF YOUR LIST

This holiday season, make security a priority by strengthening your online credentials—whether you use a mobile device or a home computer. Use a STRONG username and password to provide extra protection. Here are a few important ways to do that:

1. **PASSWORDS:** use a combination of letters (both capitals and lowercase), numbers, and special characters (like “&” or “%” - each place you use a password will have different rules and special characters they will allow). Some places will dictate that you have a minimum number of characters, or perhaps they will only allow the password to be valid for a certain number of days ... after which you must change it - and you can't use previous passwords.

2. **USERNAME:** choose something that you do NOT use for another site. They recommend you use one that can't be guessed easily. The tradeoff here is that YOU have to remember it. The idea behind an obscure username is that it makes it harder to connect who you are with your password and the various accounts you have.

3. **PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION:** NEVER, EVER, use information that is personally identifiable - such as your name, birthdate, social security number, or email address as your username/password.

4. **COMMON WORDS:** Never use common words from the dictionary, names of pets, children, or other things that an online hacker can easily guess based on information you have online in your public social network pages.

YES, I KNOW, this is a LOT of HASSLE. But, the idea is to protect you from identity theft AND from people wiping out your bank accounts or max out your credit cards. If you must, keep all your sundry usernames, passwords, password hints, and other information in a little “black book” OFFLINE. I KNOW, some people will tell you how great these “password wallets” are on their computers. You do not know how good or how strong the encryption these applications are using, and it could be that a hacker will be able to break into that application and if they do, they have ALL your passwords and identities for all your accounts. RESIST that temptation.

From now (Holiday Shopping Season) until mid-April (Tax deadline) the scammers are out in DROVES looking for weaknesses and people who will fall for what they call “spear-phishing” attempts. If it looks suspicious, don't click on it. If you have a question, you can always call the 800 number for your account holder and ask to speak to an account representative to make SURE whatever you're seeing is legitimate (or bogus).

HAVE A SAFE HOLIDAY - and a HAPPY HOGMANAY!



The Holidays are Here: What Does This Mean To You?

By CWO4 James A. Baker, USN (Ret)
National President,
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EDITOR'S NOTE: Brother Jim Baker is presently the National President of National Sojourners, Inc - an organization of Master Masons who have served honorably in the United States military forces. I was stationed with Jim in Edzell, Scotland, where we both went through the craft degrees in North Esk Marinus #1676—which was made up primarily of base personnel. Brother Jim has graciously given his permission to reprint this rather timely article of his.

It seems to me that every year, decorations for the “holidays” are available for sale earlier and earlier. Halloween items appear in September, and Thanksgiving, Christmas and Hanukkah as early as October. Our holidays have gone from memories of important events in history that our religious beliefs hold sacred, to merely occasions to overspend for presents, and overindulge in food and drink. What do these holidays mean to you?

When I was a kid, my family usually celebrated Thanksgiving at my Aunt Marge’s house. It seems that for all special events, we traveled to Aunt Marge’s house. Hers was larger and nicer than ours, lending itself as the perfect setting. We gathered around a table filled with the largest amount of food seen in modern history, or so it seemed to me. Before the first morsel of food was served, my Dad would always be asked to offer the prayer. He was so good at doing that. In his prayers at Thanksgiving, he would remind us that our pilgrim forefathers, who we had learned in school, celebrated the first Thanksgiving with the Indians. He would thank God for our family and Nation. He would thank Him for the freedoms we enjoyed, for health, for the bounty of the table, and asked a special blessing on the hands that prepared the meal (a prayer I continue to offer to this day). My Dad always was a great prayer. I am sure that many of you had an “Aunt Marge” in your life. She was a special person that always made every event an amazing success. I hope that each of you and yours will celebrate this Thanksgiving in a most sincere and thankful way. Be thankful for the freedoms that our forefathers fought and died for. Be thankful that we have the freedom of religion, to pray and celebrate each of the holidays in the way that is appropriate for our chosen religion. Be thankful for the health you enjoy, something that many of us take for granted, until it is taken away from us. Also, as Sojourners, be thankful and pray for all those who are currently serving in harm’s way, as members of our Military. And, I ask you to consider asking for a special blessing on the hands that prepared your meal. It may be the only thanks they receive.

Of course, I must admit, that as a kid, the primary meaning of Thanksgiving to me was that the next holiday in my life was Christmas, and it was only a few weeks away! Following in the

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footsteps of “The Christmas Story,” I would dutifully write my letter to Santa or later just tell my parents what I wanted. I never asked for, nor received, a Red Rider BB Gun. Yes, my mother was afraid that I would shoot my eye out. Seriously, the BB guns my friends had were so hard to cock, I never really wanted one.

Christmas at my house was based on church activities. As a teenager, this meant a lot of choir practice to hone our singing talents, in order to impress all our parents with our vocal prowess. I was raised attending church three days each week, never missing Sunday School, and always singing in the choir. As a kid, this was not always a “favorite” thing for me, but I honored my parents’ wishes that I do so. I continue to honor their memory because it was in church that I learned how to treat others and conduct myself in a manner that I hope will inspire them. If you have ever heard me present my “20 Ways to Make Your Life Better,” you will remember that my #1 is: “Treat everyone like you want to be treated.” I know that this is the Golden Rule. I heard it first as a child and adopted it as my main focus in my life long before it became “popular” to do so. It is actually very easy to do. We all know what it feels like to be mistreated by others. So, if you remember how you felt when it happened to you, simply choose not to mistreat others in a similar way. You will be repaid with kindness. Now, back to the Christmas season.

I had several friends of mine who celebrated Hanukkah. I respect each of them to this day, as I do all my new friends who celebrate it. The basic meaning of this event, as I understand it, is rededication. This is a valuable thing for all of us to do, regularly. If you dedicate your life to live in the manner you were taught as a child and often rededicate yourself to following the religious rules that have served you well your entire life, this is a good thing. We can never be closer to perfection than we are when we contemplate the truths we learned as a child and understand how we can use them to guide our lives today. When I was a teen, it was not uncommon for many of my friends and me to rededicate our lives, at the end of a Summer Church Tent Revival. How many of you remember attending a Tent Revival? I certainly do.

So, Christmas, to my Christian friends, means celebrating the arrival of the central figure in our religion. To my Jewish friends, Hanukkah means celebrating the rededication of King Solomon’s Second Temple. Both celebrations call upon those who follow these faiths to stop their normal rigors of life, and be thankful for the event they celebrate. I encourage each of you to celebrate the season in the manner that you hold sacred in your life. It is the meaningful and substantive issues we each hold dear that sustain us through adversity and rejuvenates our lives. Stop your normal routine, reflect on what really matters, and plan how you will handle yourself over the next year.

It is good that we have these annual events to celebrate. They regularly remind us of the things that give our lives meaning and guide us in the manner in which we should live them. While we continue to respect and celebrate what made us into the person we are today, we are simultaneously examples to our children, grandchildren, and everyone we encounter in our daily lives. I remember that when I was a teen, my Dad knew nothing. As I aged, he became smarter and smarter, and his words of wisdom led me to who I am today. I will forever be thankful for the way my Mom and Dad raised me. We never had a lot, but we had each other. We never received expensive gifts, but those we did receive were special. We never

went on holiday vacations, but we were together at home, and of course, we went to dinner at Aunt Marge's. Considering what I had as a child and teen, I am one of the richest people I know. I submit that if each of you thinks back to the time when what you "had" was so much less than what you "experienced," I think you would agree that those uncomplicated times were the best in your life. They certainly have remained the "best of times" to me.

I also encourage you to remember those serving today in harm's way. They are experiencing what we all felt, being alone in a place, far from friends and family, doing the job they were taught to do in one of our Military services. I remember well a certain Christmas I spent in Guam. I met some friends for dinner in the chow hall. We spent the evening reminiscing over past Christmases and about our families. At midnight, I attended Midnight Mass with a couple of my Catholic friends. Afterwards, we went to the barracks and each of us opened his presents. In my case, it was my present, as I only received one that year. My parents sent me a Norelco razor. As I only had one, I opened it slowly, keeping the suspense mounting as long as I could. I was grateful for the gift. I left my friends and went to my room. I cried that night. Not that I was hurt about receiving only one present, but that I was alone and I missed spending time with my family and friends. Oh, and yes, going to Aunt Marge's house. Please remember to lift up those who are serving today in your thoughts and prayers. God answers our prayers. He will sustain our troops in the same way He sustained me through that lonely Christmas in Guam.

I encourage each of you to reflect on the reason you celebrate the holidays. Rekindle the memories of those holidays gone by, the family members who have passed, and all the life's lessons you learned while celebrating the holiday season. Always remember to ***"Train up a child in the way he should go, and even when he is old he will not depart from it."*** (Proverbs 22:6.) My parents did this pretty well. I strive to live my life in the manner I learned from them, as well as those who taught me in church. You never know when someone is watching you, to see how you react to a certain situation or if you do the right thing. We are all constant examples to someone. Please make your examples pleasing in His sight. When you do, you will not have to worry, you may be confident that your actions are correct.

Finally, I wish each of you the very best holiday season ever. I pray you feel the genuine love of those around you who mean so much to your life. I sincerely request you reflect over the true reason you celebrate each holiday in the way you have done all your life and continue so to do. I close by offering you my #20 way to make your life better: ***Never waste an opportunity to tell someone you love them.*** You just never know when it will be your last opportunity to do so. I love each of you, my Brothers and Sisters.



From the Secretary's Desk

[Matt Raia, 33°](#)



50 for the 50th: The Spring reunion will be May 11, 12, 13, 2017. This will be the 50th consecutive Reunion of Denver Consistory. Our goal is **50** candidates for our 50th Reunion. **WE CAN DO IT!**



November 19 Denver Consistory was decorated for Christmas. Thank you to all who helped, especially the children who helped decorate. The smiling faces of the children having fun decorating was a special treat.

During dinner prior to our November 21st stated meeting, Brother Bobby Juchem, 32° KCCH, 1st Lieutenant Commander, Colorado Council of Kadosh, presented ***The Feast of Kadosh***, by giving an explanation of what Kadosh is, where it fits in the Scottish Rite, and our duties and responsibilities as Knights of Kadosh.

Veteran's Recognition Program: Prior to our November Stated Meeting, Illustrious Brother Bill Hickey, 33°, gave a very informative presentation on the history of each branch of our military and their flags. If you did not learn something from his presentation, you were not paying attention.

November 21st stated meeting



Double Eagle Jewels were presented to Brothers who earned the honor by being a first-line signer on a petition for membership, attending Denver Consistory events, stated meetings, working on a committee, taking part in a Degree during Reunions, attending Reunions, volunteering to help out when requested. When you participate, you have fun and earn points toward your jewel. Thank you Brothers for all you do for Denver Consistory.

Master Craftsman Certificates of Completion and pins were presented to : Brother Paul Harrison, 32° (left) and Brother Dan Rivers, 32° KCCCH (right).



The Challenge is still on! It's not too late to make a tax-deductible donation to your Scottish Rite Masonic Center. A Brother contacted the SGIG and informed him that if \$1,000 is donated to the SRMC by our December Stated meeting, he will match the \$1,000. At the November Stated meeting, several brothers made donations. **But, we are still short of the \$1,000 goal.** Please help us meet the challenge and receive the \$1,000 from the Brother. Every dollar helps. Be sure to make your donation by December 19. Maintenance and repair of our historic building is an ongoing challenge and we need your help.

A second Brother has made an additional \$1,000 challenge. He will donate \$1,000 to the SRMC if we receive another \$1,000 in donations over the first challenge by Dec. 31, 2016. The SRMC needs your help! If we can meet both challenges, the SRMC will net \$4000 for your collective donations of \$2000.

It's FINALLY done! It's been a long process, but the roof replacement has been completed and thus, the interior water damage repair completed. The plaster repair and painting has been completed, and the damaged ceiling tiles replaced.

DENVER CONSISTORY UPDATES

Saturday, December 3, 10:00am to NOON RiteCare and Children's Christmas Party. ALL are invited to attend.

Monday, December 5, 6:30pm Knights of St. Andrew meeting in the Lodge Room. Illustrious Brother Ron Birely, 33°, our Director-General, will be the guest speaker. ALL are invited to attend.

SAVE THE DATE OF SATURDAY JANUARY 21, 2017 for the Knights of St. Andrew Annual Burns Supper. See flyer at end of this issue for further information. RESERVATIONS REQUIRED!

King Soopers Loyalty Card Update

The SRMC receives a donation from King Soopers when you use your card. 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!** If you do not have a card, you may obtain one from the office for a fee of \$10. The card is pre-loaded with \$10 credit, so the card actually costs you nothing. Take the card to the King Soopers service counter and add credit to your card and use the card to pay for your purchases, including fuel at King Soopers fuel centers, and the SRMC receives a donation. You have to purchase food anyway, so why not do so using a SRMC King Soopers Loyalty Card?



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COLORADO ROCKIES EXPERIENCE

Thank you to the following individuals who worked Colorado Rockies games and earned money for the Denver Consistory Scottish Rite Masonic Center for the maintenance and repair of our historic building.

Dick Williams

\$2,145.00

Randy & Brenda Penn	Rick & Akemi Spoor	Tom & Margaret Lincoln
\$260.00	\$195.00	\$195.00
Michael & Sharee Zeff	Joe Cox	Loren Kohler
\$130.00	\$130.00	\$130.00
Audrey Ford	Bart Wegner	Jerry Rice
\$80.00	\$65.00	\$65.00
Doc Powell	Matt Raia	
\$65.00	\$65.00	

\$3,525.00

A special thank you to **Tom Lincoln** for coordinating the workers and tracking games worked and payments from the Rockies.

Masonic Trivia

Taken from Wikipedia and the North Dakota Mason, November 2012 and provided by Dwight Seals as part of his "Masonic Did U Know?" email distribution.

Masonic Island is a seven acre site on Lake Metigoshe in the Turtle Mountains of North Dakota. It was originally named Park Island. In 1904, the island was owned by Brother V. J. Noble, who was a member of Tuscan Lodge #44 of North Dakota, who purchased it from the government in 1899. With a dispensation from the Grand Lodge of North Dakota, and the permission of Brother Noble, the island was cleared in 1906 for the purpose of holding outdoor Masonic degree conferrals. Tuscan Lodge was joined by Westhope Lodge #74 for conferral of three Master Mason Degrees that year. The events were such a success that rituals were held annually for six consecutive years. When Brother Noble died, Masons became interested in reviving the conferral of rituals on the island. On November 28, 1933, the Probate Court authorized the sale of the island with a deed to the North Dakota Masonic Foundation for the sum of \$277.25. It was dedicated by the Grand Lodge in 1934. Built in 1935, at the landing dock, is a flight of winding concrete stairs consisting of three, five, and seven steps that rise to the representation of a Lodge Room. The significance of the steps might be explained to you if you have a Masonic guide. An altar and officers' chairs were constructed of "beach stones and mortared cement. Other amenities were added over the years to accommodate the island's use by Royal Arch Masons, Eastern Star, and other appendant and concordant bodies, with attendance reaching 500 or more.

According to M.W.B. Savaloja, "It is a known fact that Masonic Island was probably the first place where visas to enter the United States were lifted for Masons of Canada during World War II by an agreement between President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Mackenzie King, who were both members of the Fraternity. "This agreement stated that the Canadian Masons could enter the United States by boat from the north shore of Lake Metigoshe, which is in Canada. As long as their feet never touched the shoreline of the lake in the U.S., and they landed only at Masonic Island when a meeting would be held, they would not be in violation of our wartime rules of entry."

Today, Masonic Island is being restored as a special historic location in the Turtle Mountains. The island lays claim to being the only spot in the area untouched by the fires and other disasters of nature which decimated old growths of oak trees and other flora and fauna. Because of the island's location in the center of the lake, it has some of the oldest trees and most unusual plants in the state.



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



The KSA has been very active this fall. With the Knighting in October, the Rite Care conference, the Fall Reunion, and half a dozen more activities planned to take us into the New Year. The KSA was honored again this year to present the 29th Degree for the Gerald Ford Memorial Class. One item of note, I would like to extend the deepest and sincerest appreciation to Illustrious Brother Dave Swift, who has informed me that this performance was his last in the roll of the Claymore swinging candidate. From its inception as the KSA's first Venerable Master, throughout the subsequent years in degree work and Burns dinners, Dave has always been supportive of the KSA.

We still have many things to do and obligations to be tended. The Children's Christmas party on the 3rd of December, the Knighting and education on the 5th of December, Consistory Officer elections, the joint Blue Lodge installations, and preparation for the Burns dinner on the 21st of January. The KSA year has been very busy and productive. Our wish is for blessings upon all at this very Holy time of year—with peace, tolerance, and prosperity for our country.

May the Great Architect of the Universe smile down upon us all.

DECEMBER

Ever wonder where the names of our months came from? This is the twelfth, and last, in a series that delves into the origins of the words we use for our months of the year. The month of DECEMBER was originally designated as the tenth of ten Ancient Roman months (from "DECEM" meaning ten). It kept its position in the calendar rotation when January and February were added to make a 12 month calendar.

December's birthstone is the Tanzanite, Zircon, and/or Turquoise

November's birth flower is the Narcissus

The zodiac signs for December are SAGITTARIUS (to the 22nd) and CAPRICORN (23rd on).



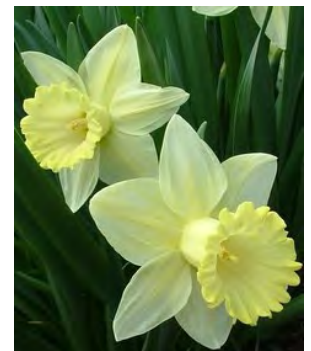
Tanzanite



Turquoise

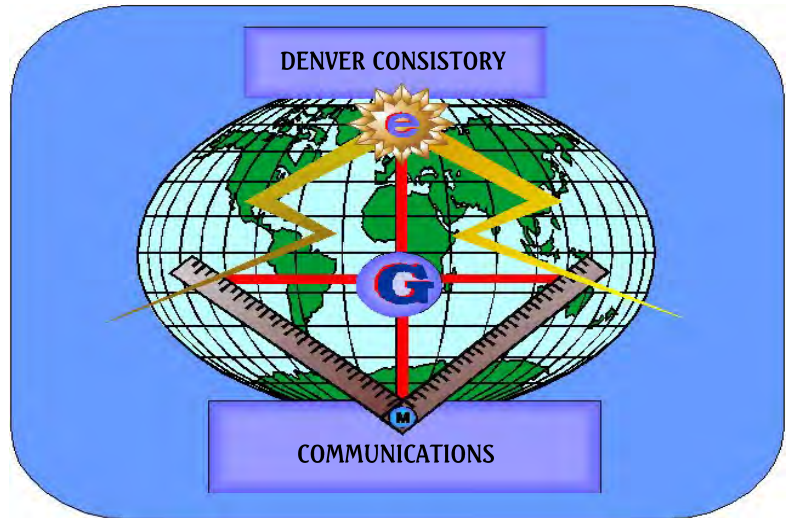


Zircon





Phil Hause, 32° KCCH
KØFLP



CQ CQ CQ, This is KØFLP, Kilo Zero Foxtrot Lima Papa CQ CQ CQ.

Are you an amateur radio operator? We are looking for all Consistory Members that are also hams with HT's that would like to help the communications committee for the Denver Consistory. We need eyes all over the Consistory building. When we are in need to reach someone, our radios are the fastest way to find or communicate the needs of the Consistory to them. If we only have two or three radios, our coverage is very limited; therefore we are in need of more ham radio operators. If you are on other committees, you can still have your ears on and be on the lookout to help support the needs of the Consistory.

The next time you are down at the consistory for a meeting, activity, or reunion – check in on 445.625 simplex (no tone required) and we will check you in.

If you have any questions, please call Phil Hause (303) 934-5488.

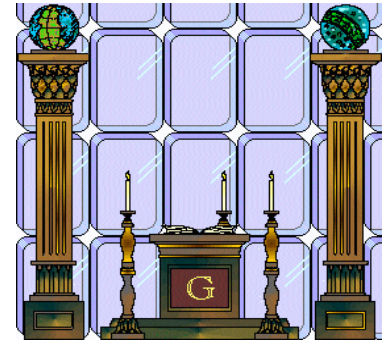
73, KØFLP.





THE PRELATE'S PULPIT

Rev. Jim Harris, 33°



In Genesis, God said “Let there be Light, and there was Light.” And God called it good. In Isaiah, we read “A Light shines in the darkness.” In the New Testament in the Gospel of Matthew, Chapter 5, Jesus calls us the Lights of the World, and says we are to let our light shine.

Our Masonic Brother Goethe said, on his death bed, “Open the window and let in more light.” In the first degree, the WM asks the SD, “Who comes here?” The answer is, “A.B., who has long been in darkness and now seeks to be brought to light.” In our degrees, the mission of the Mason is to bring the light of God into the light of man. When the light shines, the truth shall be revealed.

On Christmas Eve, an angel appeared in a great light and told the shepherds of the birth of Jesus. A bright star guided the Wise Men to the Christ Child.

Christians light a candle on the Advent Wreath every week on the four Sundays before Christmas and light candles on Christmas Eve during candle lighting services. Jewish people celebrate Hanukkah by lighting candles on the Menorah. The Menorah usually consists of seven candles and is lit during the days of Hanukkah. This year, Hanukkah lasts from December 24 to January 1. It commemorates the re-dedication of the temple in Jerusalem following the Jewish victory. It also celebrates the miracle of the candles burning for eight days and nights with only enough oil for about a day.

December can be called the “Season of Light” as, after December 21, the days get longer.

My brothers, Masons are men of Light and we are called to journey to the Light until one day we reach a place where there is no darkness and the light is always shining.

The Holy Book, the Square and Compasses are called the Great Lights of our Craft. The Sun, the Moon, and the WM are the lesser lights. My brothers, let us be men of light who shine brightly in an often darkened world. The world needs men of light, of hope, and of faith. May all of you find peace, hope, and love during this Season of Light. May our lives be guided by the Lights of our Fraternity and remember: no matter how dark things may seem, “The Light Still Shines.” We are men who walk in the Light and we walk together. The world needs men such as us.

May the peace of the Great Architect of the Universe always be with you.

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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°, M. Edward Johnson, 33°, Richard Mitchell, 33°, Matthew Raia, 33°, Roy Snyder, 32° KCCH, John Warren, 33°, Richard Wenzel, 32°

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

DECEMBER Special Birthdays

90 Years Young

Marshall J. Bartlett
William N. Barnard
Hugh C. Cumming
Douglas H. Watts
Edward C. Bynon
Stockard J. Lee, Jr.

80 Years Young

George Irby
Donald L. Moody
George VanTrump, Jr.
Gene L. DeCroes
Paul C. Halsey
Jerry C. Womack, Sr.

70 Years Young

David E. Bonham
Dee E. Clift
Robert F. Heikens

60 Years Young

Dennis J. Rapier
Joseph M. Kent
Christopher W. Carroll

50 Years Young

Michael E. Cody
Darrell J. Noble

40 Years "Old"

Mark D. Griffis



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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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Saturday January 21st, 2017

6:45pm

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\$35 cash/ check at door
or credit paid at phone reservation

Whisky College: Year 5, The Right Stuff, 6:00pm
\$15 cash/ check at door, limited reservations

Silent Auction throughout evening

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