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PLANNING CALENDAR

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	6:00 pm	KSA Burns Supper Whisky College Year 5 - RESERVATIONS REQUIRED
	6:45 pm	KSA Burns Supper - RESERVATIONS REQUIRED - (Parking Garage Available)
Fri, January 27	·	Consistory CLOSED for Grand Lodge Communication
		FEBRUARY 2017
Sat, February 4	9:00 am -	11:00 am Calling Committee
Sat, February 11	8:00 am	First Aid, CPR, AED Training
Mon, February 6	6:30 pm	Knights of St. Andrew stated meeting—Lodge Room
Mon, February 20		Stated Meeting (Feast of Kadosh) - (Parking Garage Available)
	5:30 pm	Red Room Business Meeting
	6:00 pm	Dinner (Swiss Steak with Cherry Pie)
	7:00 pm	Entertainment (President's Day, Valentine's Day)
	7:30 pm	Split Meeting - 5 min oration by Orator, Council of Kadosh; Almoner &
		Life Member Annual Reports to CLOP
		NAA DOLL 2047
		MARCH 2017
Mon, March 4	6:30 pm	Knight of St. Andrew stated meeting - Lodge Room
Sat, March 11	8:00 am	First Aid, CPR, AED Training
Mon, March 20		Stated Meeting - (Parking Garage Available)
	5:30 pm	Red Room Business Meeting
	6:00 pm	Dinner (Shepherd's Pie with Chocolate chip mint ice cream & cookie)
	7:00 pm	Past Presiding Officer Recognition
Sat, March 25		El Jebel Potentate's Ball
Tue, March 28	6:30 pm	Friends of the Scottish Rite (Prospect Night)

IS THE RUMOR I HEARD TRUE?

I heard that Audrey is retiring.

Yes, this rumor is true. Audrey Ford is retiring. The exact date has not yet been determined. It will be "around" May or June. She purchased a home in Colorado Springs, and her last day at Denver Consistory depends upon when her home is completed.

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Brethren: if you weren't at our most recent monthly stated meeting, you missed a very important announcement by Illustrious Brother Jay Bobick. Many of your companions are helping to support the Valley of Denver by using a King Soopers PREPAID card.. This program is a fantastic opportunity to contribute financially to the well-being of our cathedral building without costing you anything but the time to sign up for the card. That time and opportunity might be a little difficult to come by sometimes. I know making it down for Friday lunches or just coming down to catch up with the office is difficult for many of us. To this end, we're going to make it easier for you to acquire a King Soopers prepaid card. A table will be set up in the green room at the next meeting where you can get more information about the program and acquire a card on the spot - no need to make a special trip down to the office.

Sincerely, Brother Bryant Harris, 32° KCCH



Denver Consistory 9Health Fair - Saturday, April 22 from 7:00 AM to NOON

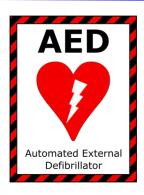
Mark your calendars and plan to help us as a volunteer for our 23rd 9Health Fair at the Consistory (this will be 9HealthFair's 38th annual fair—so we have been with them for a significant majority of time). There is a 20% discount on test fees for VOLUNTEERS and 1st-timers.

This year, there will be a new optional blood screening available. You can get your blood tested for testosterone levels (\$35 for males; \$45 for females - higher cost for females is due to the complexity and processing of that particular sample). Women have a smaller amount of testosterone than men, but it plays an important role in both men and women. It affects the brain, bone, and muscle mass, fat distribution, energy levels, and the vascular system.

There will also be a FREE Vitamin B12 blood screening if you participate in any other blood draw at the fair. Vitamin B12 is responsible for keeping blood cells and nerve tissue healthy, preventing a kind of anemia called megaloblastic anemia, and forming DNA. Insufficient B12 in your diet leads to pernicious anemia, neuropathy, depression, fatigue, constipation, and lack of appetite, among other things.









Saturday February 11th and again on Saturday, March 11th from 8:00 AM to NOON, the Denver Consistory will sponsor one-day First Aid/CPR/AED training classes. You do NOT need to sign up for both sessions. The cost will be \$10 for just First Aid training (does not include workbook or certificate). \$18 for just CPR/AED training (does not include workbook, video, or Certificate). \$25 for First Aid, CPR, and AED training, workbook, certificate, and video for you to keep at the conclusion of the class. Registration deadline is February 3rd for the February class. Register by calling the office (303) 861-4261, or emailing the office at:

<u>denverconsistory@denverconsistory.org.</u> Class size will be limited - so call early to make sure you get a slot in the class you prefer.



EDITOR'S CORNER

By: BILL HICKEY, 33° EMAIL: WA3H@HOTMAIL.COM



Welcome to 2017! I suppose, like many others, the years just seem to flash by even faster as I get older. It seems just like a few weeks ago that I was installed as Master of Kadosh, and now I'm looking at the next meeting for Rusty Keithline to be my successor. Here's hoping all the officers in the four lines have a successful and enjoyable year. Let's recap what I provided to you for "entertainment" (education, more properly - there's no real good reason why education can't be entertaining). In May, we had III. Brent Morris, 33° GC come out and give us a couple of talks - one more Masonically-oriented about the Post Boy Exposé, and the other about generic membership trends across the board. In June, we had Cary Johnson from the JEFFCO DA's Office speak about identity theft and personal information protection. In November, we had a special program on the history of the flags used by our various armed forces, and finally, in December, we had Brother Clarence Davan give us a talk about Guidelines for Alzheimer's Caregivers (which were really general guidelines for ANY person providing care for someone with a chronic or debilitating disease). If you missed any of these sessions, you missed out on some truly one-of-a-kind presentations. FYI, you can get most of what Brother Davan talked about on his website: http://www.CaringForMartha.org and you can get much of what Cary talked about by visiting http://jeffco.us/district-attorney/economic-crime/power- against-fraud/

2017 KSA BURNS SUPPER (21 JAN) is almost upon us. If you've never been to one, you really (REALLY) need to try it. Yes, there's Haggis—but it's NOT the main course (Cornish Game Hen this year). And, my four-year old granddaughter has had it four times, my 1 year old grandson is expected to try it as well this year. If they can handle the "sausage" - anyone can. Besides, the pageantry and ceremony is something you should not miss. You won't find anything like it in Colorado. It's a celebration of the life of Robert Burns, arguably the Masonic Poet Laureate who lived more than 200 years ago. And, if you are a Scotch aficionado, the 5th year of the Whisky College is a great deal as well - it will be held in the classroom this year, and seating IS limited, so make sure you get your reservation(s) in early to make sure you have a spot. It's grown in popularity each year and has finally reached the point where they need to hold it out of the main dining area.

RESOLUTIONS - do you typically make a "New Year's Resolution?" If not, why not? The beginning of a new year is a particularly appropriate time to reflect on the things that are important in your life and decide to emphasize them in the coming year. Sometimes, we notice that we do things we don't need to do, and it's time to replace them with something more productive of our time. We have TRIED to make your time at the Consistory more productive and enjoyable - hopefully we have succeeded this past year, but we won't know how well we've hit the "target" if you don't show up and let us know.



From the Secretary's Desk

Matt Raia, 33°





Dec. 3: Denver Consistory hosted the Annual Children's Christmas party for the Denver Consistory Family and the Scottish Rite Foundation children. This is always a fun event and the children have a great time speaking with Santa.



Dec 19 Stated Meeting: Brother Clarence F. Davan, Jr., guest speaker, spoke about Alzheimer's guidelines for Caregivers.

DECEMBER 19 STATED MEETING



Certificates of Appreciation presented to Brother Tom Lincoln, 32° for coordinating the Colorado Rockies volunteers who worked games to raise money for the SRMC, and to Brother Dick Williams, 32°, for working the most Rockies games and raising \$2145.00 for the SRMC. A sincere THANK YOU to both Brothers for their work on behalf of the SRMC.



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Twenty-Five Year membership Certificates and pins were presented to:

Brother James Edward Hickman, 32° KCCH

Brother Dennis Lee Jonson, 32°

Brother Ronald Richard Shaffer, 32°



Fifty Year membership certificates and pins were presented to: Brother Richard Kinsley Welle, 32°; Illustrious Brother William Orten Schurr, 33°; Most Worshipful and Illustrious Brother Claud Edward Dutro, 33°; and Brother James Clay Ashley, 32°.

After the presentations, the Election of Officers for 2017 was conducted by Illustrious Brother David Powell, 33°, Personal Representative of the SGIG. Congratulations to the officers, elected and appointed, for 2017.



COMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Saturday, January 7 - 8:00 AM UN-decorating party. All are invited to help us take down and pack up the Christmas decorations until next December.

Saturday, January 14 - 8:00 AM Officers' breakfast meeting and installation rehearsal. All officers are required to attend.

Monday, January 16 - STATED MEETING. Awards, Announcements, Annual meetings of Corporations and Installation of 2017 Officers.

Saturday, January 21 - 6:45 PM Annual Burns Supper (see flyer at back of issue)

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

Special Dietary Needs - If, after reading the menu for our stated meeting, you find it does not fit your dietary needs, call us. We might be able to help.

Donate Your Car - We have a donation plan in place to give you a receipt for a tax-deductible donation to the Scottish Rite Masonic Center. Donate your car, truck, RV, or boat. Contact the office for details.

King Soopers Loyalty Card

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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OUR MASONIC APPENDANT BODIES

By, Clinton Keithline, 32° KCCH Prior, Denver Consistory Grand Royal Patron, Grand Court of Colorado, Order of the Amaranth

I would like to take this time to write about the ladies groups. I had to rewrite it about three times because I wanted to tell you all the great things these appendant bodies do.

In some jurisdictions and states these groups are called "Petticoat" groups, and Masons are actually expelled from the Craft because they join. All these ladies have Masonic ties to Freemasons, whether it's their father, uncle, husband, or brother. They are all looking to better themselves. Their teachings also transform that rough ashlar we have. Their lessons are not esoteric, or necessarily give more light, but the wisdom they receive is priceless.

Being the Grand Royal Patron of Amaranth in Colorado has been a great experience for me. Meeting many ladies and Sir Knights - the men always talk about their lodges and other Masonic groups to which they belong. It has been surprising how many Brothers became Masons because of their wives' Masonic connections, and if they wanted to know what the ladies do in their groups, they needed to become a Mason. Most are Past Masters. All love the Craft.











Amaranth, as a Fraternal Organization, has raised FIFTEEN MILLION DOLLARS for Diabetes Research through the Amaranth Diabetes Foundation. They are recognized by the ADA as a sponsor. Many children and adults use insulin pumps that were developed with Amaranth contributions.

The Order of Eastern Star is the largest of the Ladies Fraternal Orders. The Sisters and Brothers of the Eastern Star have the Robert Russell Eastern Star Home. They provide scholarships and stuffed animals for traumatized children.

The mission of the Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem is to uphold the simple religion of Christ and further his Gospel - all surrounding the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Order also has a Material Objective. It is not linked to any particular physical or medical problem, but through voluntary donations and endowment funds, they are able to assist those in need of rehabilitation.

The Daughters of the Nile are women who are related by birth or marriage to a Shriner. The Daughters of the Nile have contributed more than 1.7 million dollars annually to the Shriners Hospitals.

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The Social Order of Beauceant was started in Denver to help Sir Knights host the 25th Triennial Conclave for the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar in August of 1892. Their first meeting was held in February, 1890. Members are wives, mothers, sisters, or other close relatives of Knights Templar. These ladies do a large part to support the Knights and have supported the Knights Templar Eye Foundation since 1957, donating over 1.5 million dollars.

The problems that these Ladies and Brothers face today is the same for all Masonic groups: MEMBERSHIP - something which is all too familiar with everyone. The Order of the White Shrine has only two Chapters left in Colorado. The Order of the Amaranth has seven Courts in Colorado. New Mexico has two. Many states are in the same shape. The Order of Eastern Star is the largest, but still has problems with re-running Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons (like recycled Past Masters in Lodge).

We, as Masons, have the ability to help these Orders. Many of these ladies supported us while we took our Journeys to the East. They came to our meetings. The ladies of Amaranth serve our dinners and Friday lunches at the Consistory. They support our daughters in Job's Daughters and Rainbow Girls. Many cook our meals and help our leaders throughout their year. WE ARE PART OF THEIR PROBLEM - without men, many of these groups can not function. I would hate to see the funding for Diabetes research gone. We all believe our next dollar is going to find the cure. Our children need the help to provide scholarships for their education. Our daughters need groups that further the advancement of women and teach them the essential lessons they will need in adulthood.

Wouldn't it be nice to sit in a meeting with your wife and/or your daughter? Watch them open and close their meeting. To initiate their new members as well as you do in lodge. You can be proud that they are indeed a part of our extended Masonic family.

A LITTLE MASONIC TRIVIA

On October 19, 1945, Harry S. Truman, General Douglas MacArthur, General Henry H. "Hap" Arnold, and General James H. "Jimmy" Doolittle received the 33° of the Scottish Rite.

Seven officers and petty officers, including Lieutenant Commander F. G. Dustin, recorded the first Masonic meeting held "at the bottom of the world" (Antarctica) on February 6, 1947. They met in a flimsy canvas hut amidst a raging blizzard.

We say it all the time. What does "So Mote It Be" mean? It is the oldest phrase still used by Freemasons, and is found in the *Regius Poem* of about 1300. It is usually used to close a prayer, and means "So may it be" or "Amen."

How can Freemasonry compete for attendance with television and other entertainment? It can, but only in one way. A Masonic Lodge has only one thing to offer its members that they can't find anywhere else. This is FREEMASONRY! Which means, the Lodge must provide MASONIC programs for its members and visitors. These can include good, informative, entertaining speakers; good plays; debates; discussions, question and answer forums, etc.

FRAUDS, CON GAMES, & RANSOMWARE, OH MY!

PHONE CHEATS: They call you, claim to be tech-support workers hunting viruses and malware, maybe they claim to be utility company bill collectors, or someone you know from a foreign country trying to tell you they're stranded and need help getting home. Some of them try to get you to take out a new credit card, and extended warranty on a car or appliance, or tell you that you've won a sweepstakes—but all you need to do is send them a little money to cover the costs of processing your winnings. NEWEST TREND - calling corporate call centers (like you would to get help) POSING as a customer to make illicit bank withdrawals or get a loan using names and social security information from previous phone scams.

<u>IRS THREATS</u>: OK, you SHOULD have heard about this one. Fake phone calls from IRS agents have netted scammers around \$47 MILLION in 3 years. NEWEST TREND - watch for them to target people with outstanding college loans, threatening them with arrest if they don't pay a non-existent "federal student tax" immediately. IRS has indicated a FOUR-FOLD increase in tax-related "phishing" and malware incidents and expects it to climb again this year. These incidents have included hacking TAX PROFESSIONAL'S computers with bogus software updates giving them access to client personal and financial information.

<u>SCARE TACTICS</u>: Fear can shut down your brain's LOGIC center, making you more likely to react IMPULSIVELY. You MAY be the recipient of some pretty frightening, but fake, threats of arrest, lawsuits, and financial ruin for missing jury duty or not paying a bill (that you didn't even know about). Some include threats of bodily harm, trying to get you to pay to cancel a hitman's contract on your life, or perhaps the virtual kidnapping con that might include background screams and pleas that ostensibly are your loved ones being tortured and held for ransom.

<u>NEW WAY TO PAY</u>: Because of the widespread publicity being given to these fraudulent attempts to get money from unsuspecting people, ANY request for payment by a wire transfer are pretty reliable indicators of a SCAM. Indeed, the FTC has made it a crime to ask for payment that way. As a result, we're seeing scammers asking you to get an iTunes gift card as a preferred means of paying. WATCH for come-ons to purchase a card, load money on it, and then PROVIDE THEM with the 16-digit code. It's a fast and virtually untraceable way to steal your money.

<u>LEGIT ORGANIZATIONS RARELY USE THE PHONE</u>: Remember, the MOST legitimate organizations will NOT call you on the phone trying to get you to pay up—this is ESPECIALLY TRUE OF THE IRS. They will routinely send you a letter in the mail (sometimes CERTIFIED or REGISTERED if it's serious enough), but they will NEVER, EVER threaten you with jail or prosecution over the phone. Just don't buy into the scam.

RANSOMWARE: You've just spent a lot of time on a tribute video, or other project that involved photos and a substantial investment of your time. Now, you're ready to copy the file to a DVD - but your computer displays a rather strange message: "The files on this computer have been encrypted. You have 96 hours to submit payment to receive the decryption key, otherwise your files will be permanently destroyed." OOPS - you've been hit with RANSOM-

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ware. You didn't back up your work. In fact, you probably haven't backed up anything on your computer for a LONG TIME (months or maybe years)...tsk, tsk.

So, what are you to do? Unfortunately, if indeed your files have been encrypted, there's not much you can do - you can cut your losses, or you can pay up - but even if you pay up, there's NO GUARANTEE that the other side will honor the bargain and give you the key to decrypt your files.

DIFFERENT KINDS OF RANSOMWARE:

SCAREWARE: this includes rogue security software and tech support scams. You might get a pop-up message claiming that you have a lot of malware on your computer that only they can get them cleaned up if you pay. If you do nothing, in all likelihood, you just continue to get bombarded with pop-ups saying the same thing, but your files are essentially safe. If you do have security software, make sure it's updated and current and run it. It SHOULD (it says somewhere in "fine print") take care of it for you.

SCREEN LOCKERS: When a lock-screen ransomware gets on your computer, it generally means you're locked out of your PC altogether. When you start up, a window will appear, usually with an official-looking FBI or U.S. Department of Justice seal saying something like "illegal activity has been detected on your computer and you must pay a fine immediately or be prosecuted." GENERALLY SPEAKING, once this kind of malware is on your machine, you'll have to do a FULL SYSTEM RESTORE (arghh). If that doesn't work for some reason, you might have to run a malware scanner from a bootable CD/DVD or USB thumb drive. NOTE: the FBI will NOT freeze you out of your computer or demand payment for illegal activity. If they really suspected you of piracy or other cybercriminal activity, they would use the appropriate LE-GAL channels and knock on your door in person.

ENCRYPTING RANSOMWARE: This is the really nasty stuff. They embed malware that steals your files, encrypts them, then they demand you pay them to decrypt the files and send them back to you. Unless you pay, your files are GONE. Even if you do pay, there is (as we say above) NO GUARANTEE that they will indeed follow through and decrypt and send the files back. But, generally speaking, it's a pretty poor financial model to not follow through, because if they stiff one customer, the word will go out and people will simply not pay and then the scam is basically useless.

RANSOMWARE PREVENTION: Any security professional will tell you that getting IN FRONT of the problem is always better than trying to fix it after it hits. Basically, this means getting a good quality cybersecurity software. The first level is a good antivirus program with ACTIVE monitoring (meaning, it's always on, always looking for attempts to infect your computer). Then, look for an anti-malware program add-on which looks for specific attacks trying to get loaded into your computer by piggybacking on legitimate programs or updates from known vendors. Finally, there are some anti-ransomware programs you might want to consider. BUT, in the final analysis, BACKUP, BACKUP, BACKUP. And, keep at least one version of your

backup OFFLINE at all times. Use a USB (if it's big enough), a DVD, or perhaps an external hard drive (heck, the external backup drives are cheap for multiple TERABYTES and usually will include a basic automatic backup software package to help make it easier for you. BUT ... you need to be SURE to physically disconnect that hard drive when a backup is finished, especially if it is your ONLY backup. Otherwise, you risk getting the malware loaded onto the backup, so when you do a restore, all you're doing is putting the malware back onto your machine.

Lastly, BE INFORMED, BE SKEPTICAL. Perhaps the most common way computers are infected with malware or ransomware is through what has been called "social engineering." Basically, that's where the bad guys use phishing campaigns, suspicious or cloned websites, and other ways of trying to persuade you that they are legitimate. It USED to be easy enough to detect the Nigerian scams because their command of American colloquial English was pretty poor. Over time, they have become much more sophisticated and educated on what it will take to separate you from your hard-earned money. Sometimes, the tell-tale indicator of a potential scam is VERY obscure or hard to find for the average person. It just pays to be AWARE and WATCHFUL of everything that comes to you from OUTSIDE your computer by ANY means.

IF IT SEEMS TO BE SUSPECT, IT PROBABLY IS.

DID YOU KNOW?

January is the very first month of the year (OK, you probably DID know that). The name "January" came from the Roman God "JANUS." According to the Roman legend, in 700 BC, the ruler Numa Pompilius added January to the end of the 10-month Roman calendar. When it was added, Pompilius gave 30 days to January. However, Romans later made January the first month of the year, and in 46 BC Julius Caesar added one more day to January, and that's why there are 31 days in January today.

The Anglo-Saxons called January "Wulfmonath" as it was the month hungry wolves came scavenging at people's doors.

January $\mathbf{1}^{st}$ and October $\mathbf{1}^{st}$ ALWAYS begin on the same day of the week except in Leap Years. In Leap Years, January $\mathbf{1}^{st}$, April $\mathbf{1}^{st}$, and July $\mathbf{1}^{st}$ will ALWAYS begin on the same day of the week.

In the month of January, the NORTH POLE is colder ON AVERAGE than the SOUTH POLE.

January is also known as:

Enero (Spanish); Gennaio (Italian); Janvier (French); Januar (German); Stycznia (Polish); Tammikuu (Finnish); and Январь (Yan'-Var)(Russian)



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



Happy New Year to all. 2016 was a very busy and exciting year for the KSA and the Denver Consistory. The Knights have been very busy, starting off with a very successful Burns dinner, marching in the St. Patrick's Day, Highland Games, and Juneteenth Parades, Knighted 20 new Knights, attended and/or assisted at the Denver Consistory Ladies Luncheon, Shrimp Boil, and All-Masonic Picnic. The knights were also honored to assist in the Supreme Council's Conference and the Rite Care National Conference, along with tending to our duties to serve and assist in maintaining the Cathedral.

We welcome our three new Knights that were Knighted in December at our stated meeting. We also thank Illustrious Brother Birely for his timely and soul-searching education program on the Sixteenth Degree. His lecture reminded us of the true wealth in life and our journey towards building that house not built by hands.

The Knights also want to again thank all of the Brothers that came to our stated meetings and provided educational topics that enlightened us from our roots here in the United States to the difficulties and oppression of Masons in the Middle East, to the introspective look into Light. The education that the presenting Brothers brought to our Chapter is greatly appreciated and always leaves us wanting more and looking forward to future lectures. Any Brother that would like to join us during these meetings is more than welcome to participate. Our scheduled speaker for our February meeting will be Illustrious and Most Worshipful Brother the Right Eminent Grand Commander of Knights Templars, Robert Elsloo.

The KSA will not have a stated meeting in January, as it falls on a holiday. We are, however, having our annual Bobby Burns fund-raising dinner on January 21st at 6:45 PM with the 5th annual Whisky College starting at 6:00 PM. The dinner is \$35.00 per head cash, check, or \$37.00 by credit card. We will also be introducing a new event for the dinner this year with a silent auction that will be going on during the evening. This is the only fundraiser that the KSA has during the year to help support the Cathedral and Rite Care. Please join us for Cornish Game Hen and, of course, Haggis and Harmony.

I would like to congratulate the new Officers sitting in the East this year: Brother Michael Tims, 32° KCCH - Centennial Lodge of Perfection; Brother Dan Rivers, 32° KCCH - Rocky Mountain Chapter of Rose Croix; Brother Bobby Juchem, 32° KCCH - Colorado Council of Kadosh; and Brother Rusty Keithline, 32° KCCH - Denver Consistory. I would also like to welcome the new officers associated with those lines: Brother William Skewes, 32° KCCH; Brother Curtis Robinson, III, 32°; Brother Danny Tomlinson, 32°; and Brother Joseph Mitchell, 32° - respectively. We hope for a good year for all.



THE PRELATE'S PULPIT

Rev. Jim Harris, 33°



At our December stated meeting we elected and appointed officers for 2017, and they will be installed at our January stated meeting. January is a month of new beginnings, goal setting, making resolutions, and personal reflection. I am reminded of Janus, the two-headed Roman God. One head is looking back and the other head is looking forward. I try not to look back so much, but always look ahead. I pick a word to focus on and make several goals for the new year. This year, my word is "ATTITUDE." Our attitude is very important as we walk the road of life. My two goals are to be more upbeat, and to take better care of myself.

The Bible teaches us to press on and don't look back. I always remember when Lot's wife looked back, she became a pillar of salt. Paul reminds us to always move ahead. I was really sick at our December meeting with a sinus infection, but I am much better now. I have found that life has its peaks and valleys, but through it all the Supreme Architect of the Universe is with us as we journey toward the Everlasting Light. My Brothers, have a wonderful New Year. Peace.



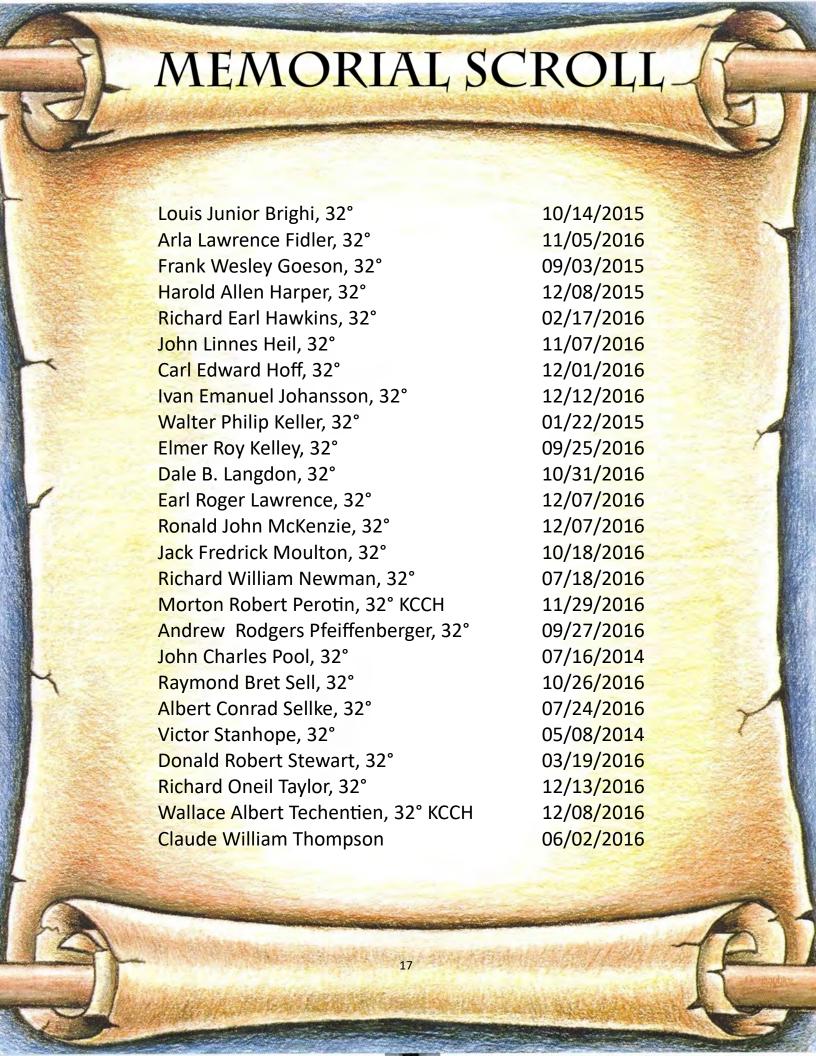
ROSE
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TEAM



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.



January's Special Birthdays

90 Years Young

Nadon D. Libal Thomas A. LaQuey, Jr. Morey N. Melnick

80 Years Young

Joseph R. Ashby Ronald L. Bush Walter F. Hansen Olan G. Pryor

70 Years Young

D. J. Cox
Robert W. Gregory
Larry J. Hostetler
Vernon B. Ingraham
James F. Martin, II
Robert L. Miller
Larry W. Olde
Ernest T. Soper, III
Ronald J. Williamson
Edward L. Zorn

60 Years Young

Sanford A. Campbell Darrell W. Fitzpatrick, Jr. Thomas J. Murray Richard L. Rosenbaum Michael G. Severe

40 Years Young

Thomas A. Payne

30 Years "Old"

Demitric Boykin





To ALL our Brothers

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