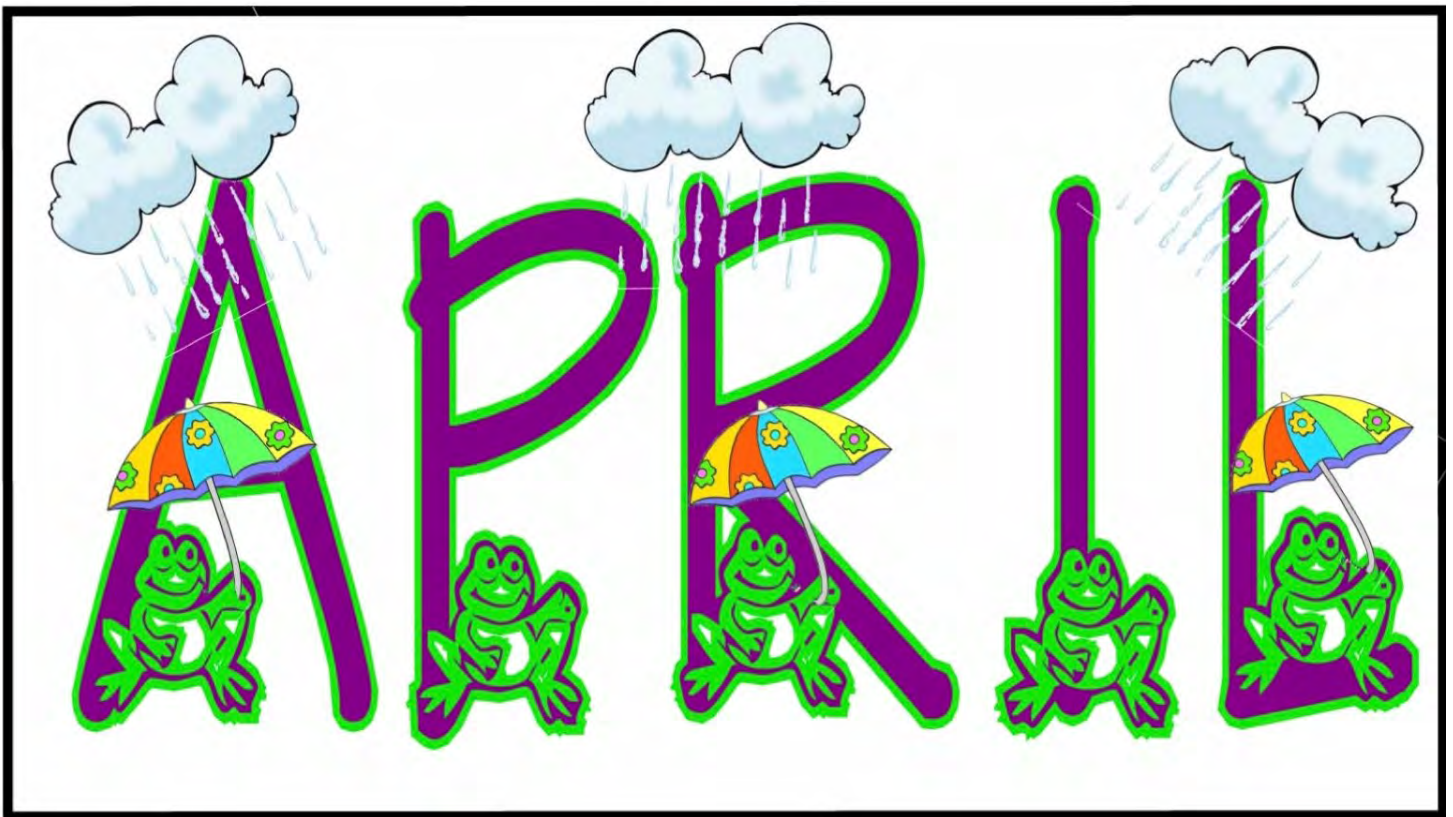




# Denver's RiteWorks

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## Consistory Marketplace

<https://squareup.com/store/centennial-lodge-of-perfection>

Allows you to reserve dinners/events and to pay online (for example: Oktoberfest, Burns Supper, Stated Meeting Dinners, etc.)

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### Membership Report (March 2018)

12/31/2017 1954 members

Initiations: 0

Affiliations: 1

Reinstatements: 1

Deaths: 7

Demits: 0

Suspensions: 0

**Total membership: 1949**

**(-2 for the year so far)**

## SUPPORT YOUR BLUE LODGE



## OUR KEY TO NEW MEMBERS

**DID YOU KNOW ...** Transportation can be arranged for those who need a ride to our stated meetings, the Reunions, and Denver Consistory special events. All you need to do is **CALL THE OFFICE at 303-861-4261** and let us know you need a ride. You do not need to stay home because you do not have transportation to the Consistory.

# PLANNING CALENDAR

## APRIL 2018

Sun, April 1	6:30 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service (Knights Templar Association)
Mon, April 2	6:30 p.m. KSA Meeting in Lodge Room
Fri, April 6	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (Fried Chicken Friday!)
Fri, April 13	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (Baked Potato Bar)
Sat, April 14	9:00 - 11:00 a.m. KSA Spring Cleanup 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. Calling Committee
Mon, April 16	Stated Meeting <b>Parking Garage Available</b> 5:30 p.m. Red Room Business Meeting 6:00 p.m. Dinner (TBA) 7:00 p.m. Awards & Announcements Celebration of Remembrance and Renewal
Fri, April 20	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (Shredded Beef Chimichanga)
Sat, April 21	7:00 a.m. - noon 9 Health Fair (Continental Breakfast) <b>Parking Garage Available</b> 12:30 p.m. 9 Health Fair Volunteer Luncheon (Premade sandwiches, kettle chips, pickles)
Fri, April 27	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (French Dip Sandwiches)
Sat, April 28	11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Ladies Luncheon <b>Parking Garage Available</b>

## MAY 2018

Fri, May 4	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (Fried Chicken Friday!)
Mon, May 7	5:30 p.m. Special meeting to read petitions (Classroom)
Mon, May 7	6:30 p.m. KSA Meeting in Lodge Room
Wed, May 9	6:00 p.m. Spring Reunion (52 <sup>nd</sup> Consecutive) <b>Children's Hospital Colorado (by invitation)</b>
Thu, May 10	7:00 a.m. Spring Reunion (52 <sup>nd</sup> Consecutive) <b>Parking Garage Available</b>
Fri, May 11	7:00 a.m. Spring Reunion (52 <sup>nd</sup> Consecutive) <b>Parking Garage Available</b>
Sat, May 12	7:00 a.m. Spring Reunion (52 <sup>nd</sup> Consecutive) <b>Parking Garage Available</b> 6:00 p.m. Banquet - 25 & 50 year presentations; "Golden Knight" Awards
Fri, May 18	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (Spaghetti w/Sausage and Meatballs)
Mon, May 21	Stated Meeting <b>Parking Garage Available</b> 5:30 p.m. Red Room Business Meeting 6:00 p.m. Dinner (TBA) 7:00 p.m. Awards/Announcements 7:30 p.m. Split Meeting: Exemplify 23°; 5 min. Oration Minister of State, Denver Consistory
Fri, May 25	<b>NO CONSISTORY LUNCH TODAY (Memorial Day Holiday Weekend)</b>
Mon, May 28	<b>CONSISTORY CLOSED FOR MEMORIAL DAY</b>

## JUNE 2018

Fri, June 1	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (Fried Chicken Friday!)
Mon, June 4	6:30 p.m. KSA Meeting in Lodge Room
Fri, June 8	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (TBA)
Fri, June 15	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (TBA)
Mon, June 18	Stated Meeting (Feast of the Consistory) <b>Parking Garage Available</b> <b>Hawaiian Shirt Night; Denver Consistory Ritual Open/Close</b> 5:30 p.m. Red Room Business Meeting 6:00 p.m. Dinner (TBA) 7:00 p.m. Awards and Announcements; Entertainment 7:30 p.m. Split Meeting - 5 minute oration by Orator of Rocky Mountain Chapter of Rose Croix and 5 minute oration by Orator, Council of Kadosh
Fri, June 22	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (TBA)
Fri, June 29	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (TBA)





# SCOTTISH RITE SPRING REUNION

## Denver Consistory 52nd Consecutive Reunion

May 10, 11, 12, 2018

AN OPPORTUNITY TO REUNITE WITH YOUR BROTHERS  
REVISIT THE TEACHINGS



2017 Fall Class



Preparation



Organization



Having Fun

**First Line Signer Incentive Program:** THREE petitions in a calendar year will pay your membership for a year. If you are a life member it entitles you to receive stated meeting dinners for a year



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**MAY 12, 2018 / 6:00 PM / \$30.00**

**SCOTTISH RITE MASONIC CENTER**

1370 Grant Street, Denver, CO 80203

★ Please RSVP to the office, 303.861.4261, by May 9. ★



52<sup>nd</sup> Reunion  
Spring 2018  
May 9, - 12, 2018

**Wednesday May 9, 2018**

6:30pm Children's Hospital  
Candidates & Invited Guest Only  
Welcome - Rite Care Presentation  
Prolog to the Reunion  
Prolog to the Reunion

**Thursday May 10, 2018**

7:30am Registration  
8:00am Welcome/Class Instruction

**8:20am Exemplify 4°**

9:00am Photography Committee

9:10am Class Instruction

**9:30am Exemplify 5°**

10:05am Break

**10:20am Exemplify 6°**

**10:40 Exemplify 7°**

11:00am Class Instruction

**11:15am Exemplify 8°**

11:40am Lunch

12:35pm Class Instruction

12:40 Communicate 9° & 10°

12:50pm Communicate 11°

**12:55pm Exemplify 12°**

1:20pm Secretary's Presentation

1:30pm Lecture for members

*"The Founding Fathers and their Masonic Influence"*

Presented by Brother Ben Williams, 32°, KCCH

1:50pm Committee Presentations/Tour

2:20pm Break

2:30pm Shrine Presentation

2:35pm Communicate 13°

**2:40pm Exemplify 14**

3:35pm Communicate 15°

3:45pm Communicate 16°

3:50pm Class Instruction

**4:15 pm Exemplify 17°**

4:55pm Adjourn

**Friday May 11, 2018**

8:30am Class Convenes

**9:00am Exemplify 18° First & Second Section**

9:35am Class Instruction

**9:45am Exemplify 18° Third Section**

10:20am Knights of Saint Andrew

10:30am Class Instruction

10:35am Break

**10:45am Exemplify 19°**

11:20am Communicate 20°

11:28am Communicate 21°

11:36am Lunch

12:26 Class Instruction

**12:30pm Exemplify 22°**

1:15pm Communicate 23°

1:20pm Communicate 24°

1:25pm Class Instruction

**1:45pm Exemplify 25°**

**2:05pm Exemplify 26°**

2:30pm Class Instruction

**2:45pm Exemplify 27°**

3:40pm Class Instruction

3:55pm Break

**4:10pm Exemplify 28°**

5:10pm Break

5:20pm Communicate 29°

5:30pm Adjourn

**Saturday May 12, 2018**

8:00am Class Convenes

8:10am Class address by SGIG

Class photos & Break

9:10am Class Instruction

**9:20am Exemplify 30°/1<sup>st</sup> Apartment**

**9:38am Exemplify 30°/2<sup>nd</sup> Apartment**

**9:53pm Exemplify 30°/3<sup>rd</sup> Apartment**

10:08am Break

10:25am Class Instruction

**10:40pm Exemplify 30°/4<sup>th</sup> Apartment**

11:05am Lunch

**12:05pm Exemplify 31°**

12:55pm Class Instruction

**1:30pm Exemplify 32° First Section**

2:18pm Class Instruction

2:28pm Break

**2:38pm Exemplify 32° Second Section**

3:30pm Patriotic Poem

3:35pm Closing Ceremony

4:00pm Adjourn

**6:00pm Banquet**

Entertainment

25 & 50 Year Awards

8:00pm Adjourn

# EDITOR'S CORNER

BY: **BILL HICKEY, 33°**  
EMAIL: [WA3H@HOTMAIL.COM](mailto:WA3H@HOTMAIL.COM)



Last month, I mentioned that I would talk about a peculiar situation called “Single Point Failures.” What exactly is a “single point failure?” Well, for our purposes, it is when ONE PERSON becomes so indispensable that no one is working with them as an “apprentice” for the eventuality that the main person will leave, quit, die, get sick, or simply not be available for a special event. Have you seen any of that around your Lodge or the Consistory? Of course you have. It’s human nature. Sometimes, the person (the single-point failure) puts themselves in that position as a way to ensure that they are valued and indispensable. Sometimes, it’s more a case that no one else wants to step in and take over from the “long time servant” that’s been doing the job for years. This can be because they’re afraid they’ll be seen as usurpers - trying to take over something or not be able to do it as well. In reality, the person that has been doing it really would like to have someone they can rely upon to fill in now and then - but they don’t know how to say it in so many words. Likewise, people look at these single-point failures and see how hard they work and say to themselves, “no way do I want to take on that job.” In fact, the job would be a LOT easier if there were a couple of “apprentices” working with the main person - sharing the work load makes it easier on everyone.

So, HOW do we break the cycle - and get to a point where we have fewer (hopefully none) single-point failures? Well, we have to get over our fear of breaking that “rice bowl” that the person has managed to put into place. It’s not in any way disrespectful or an indication that the job isn’t being done well ... in fact, it’s a sign of deep respect that someone wants to help and “learn the ropes” while that person is still around to pass on the knowledge they’ve attained over the years. And, they need to learn how to “delegate” and oversee.

The Grand Architect has given each of us only so many hours of life - and none of us knows for sure what that number is. In the military, our FIRST duty when reporting to a new duty station is not just to learn the job (because it’s probably something we’ve never done before), but also to TRAIN OUR RELIEF because life is uncertain and the job has to go on.

EVERY committee and every job in your Lodge, Chapter, Commandery, Scottish Rite, and Shrine NEEDS you to step up and become an apprentice. And, they also need those of us who are indeed single point failures to recognize the situation and be the MENTOR that these apprentices need to learn the job and step in when, not if, we are no longer able to do the job. In fact, handing off a job may be just the opportunity you’re looking for to try something new and different - or even to spend a little more quality time with your family. Think about it - WELCOME someone to your inner circle and train them. My father was the last hand engraver for 7 states in the 70’s because NO ONE back then wanted to be an apprentice at minimum wage. The skills and art he learned in trade school in the 1920’s are gone now.



**Denver Consistory's 2018 9HealthFair will be held on Saturday, 21 April from 7 a.m to noon.** As in past years, we rely on our members and families to volunteer to support the fair and interact with the community. This is an important activity for public awareness - not just for publicity for our activities, but for health in our neighboring communities.

By the time you read this, we'll be in the final stretch leading up to the fair. There's still time to volunteer, but don't wait until the DAY OF the fair to show up and expect to work, and please try to give us at least a little time to factor in your willingness to help into the work schedule and our food plans.

We can especially use any MEDICAL volunteers—so if you are medically trained, get in touch with Brother Fred Runyan [fred5645@aol.com](mailto:fred5645@aol.com) or 303-250-3448 (cell). If you are not medically trained, but still want to help us in some administrative way - get in touch with Brother Jack White, 32° KCCH - [jdwhite244@aol.com](mailto:jdwhite244@aol.com) or 970-685-9372. We will be looking at what medical screenings we might be able to offer that previously we couldn't - but we need medically trained and qualified professionals to make that happen. If you know someone that might be willing to help us, have them call me - Bill Hickey - [wa3h@hotmail.com](mailto:wa3h@hotmail.com) or 303-494-0384 (H).

**IMPORTANT: if you want to have your bloodwork done at this fair, we are giving our volunteers PRIORITY in the blood draw area before the fair starts. There is also a discount being offered for any of the tests offered if you volunteer to help for even ONE hour. But, you will need to register online - you can get the "code" from Bill Hickey.**

With your help, this will be a great fair year (weather permitting, of course).

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Don't let yesterday use up too much of today - Cherokee Proverb

May the sun bring you new energy by day.  
May the moon softly restore you by night.  
May the rain wash away your worries.  
May the breeze blow new strength into your being.  
May you walk gently through the world and know its beauty all the days of your life.  
Apache Blessing





# From the Secretary's Desk

[Matt Raia, 33°](#)

**FEBRUARY 19<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting: Past Presiding Officers' Recognition Night**



**Centennial Lodge of Perfection**



**Rocky Mountain Chapter of Rose Croix**



**Colorado Council of Kadosh**



**Denver Consistory**



**Rockies  
Experience  
Workers  
Recognition**

**\$5120 for Scottish Rite  
Masonic Center in 2017**



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Congratulations to **Brother Heath Firestone, 32°**, the newly elected Venerable Master of the Knights of Saint Andrew - and all his new officers who were installed on March 5<sup>th</sup>.



March 27<sup>th</sup> was our "Friends of the Scottish Rite" (Prospect Night) at Denver Consistory. A special THANK YOU to Brother Loren Kohler, 32° who organized the event for us.

#### **BUILDING REPAIRS & IMPROVEMENTS UPDATE**

The steam pipe leaks have been repaired and the boiler turned on again (JUST in time for spring and the annual shut-down of the boiler for the season!). The Cathedral Room ceiling has been repaired and repainted. The classroom has been repainted and the wood trim refurbished and all shined up for the Spring Reunion Class. The wood trim in the main lobby has been refurbished and the lobby looks fantastic. Slowly, but surely, we are shining up our "Grand Ole Building." We have a lot more to do, but it will take time and money to get it accomplished. (Of course, if we didn't have to make emergency repairs, we could afford to do more fixer-upper projects sooner.) The fence which was installed in the alley by the door leading from the classroom has resulted in the homeless moving on and no longer living behind the power transformer.





## COMING EVENTS AT THE CONSISTORY

**Monday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 p.m.** - Knights of Saint Andrew Meeting in the Lodge Room. All Scottish Rite Masons are welcome.

**Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-11:00 a.m.**— Calling Committee. Contact **Brother Michael Scott, 32°**, KCCH at [mscott9539@aol.com](mailto:mscott9539@aol.com) to volunteer to call some of our Brothers.

**Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 –11:00 a.m.**— is the KSA Spring Cleanup day at Denver Consistory. Contact **Brother Loren Kohler, 32°**, the KSA Secretary, at [ksa@denverconsistory.org](mailto:ksa@denverconsistory.org) to volunteer to help with the Spring cleaning, and get the building ready for our reunion.

**Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup>** - Stated meeting will be the Rocky Mountain Chapter of Rose Croix *Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal*.

**Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup>** - Brother Bill Hickey, 33° will be at the Consistory setting up the area for the 9Health Fair the next day. If you have a little time to spare, your assistance would be welcome - both before and after the regular lunch. The more people that help, the less time it will take to get everything ready.

**Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup> from 7:00 to NOON:** Denver Consistory's annual 9Health Fair. Contact **Illustrious Brother Bill Hickey, 33°**, at [wa3h@hotmail.com](mailto:wa3h@hotmail.com) to volunteer to help with the health fair - but **DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE** - because much of the planning has to be done in advance.



## COMING EVENTS AT THE CONSISTORY (continued)

**April 28<sup>th</sup> 11:30 a.m.** - Our annual Consistory Ladies Luncheon.

**52<sup>nd</sup> Consecutive Reunion—May 10, 11, 12.** We need those petitions Brothers. Contact your Lodge Brothers and invite them to become Scottish Rite Masons. We also need your support during the Reunion by attending - even if it's only for a single degree, or part of a day. It's really discouraging to those exemplifying the degrees and all those hard-working committee members when there are more people in the class than spectators. Watching the degrees is the only way to get your passport filled. Each time you watch a degree, you take away something new which you did not see or hear the previous time, and it enhances your Scottish Rite experience and knowledge.

During the break-out session for members on May 10<sup>th</sup> **Brother Ben Williams, 32° KCCH**, will give a presentation entitled *"The Founding Fathers and their Masonic Influence."* You are encouraged to attend this very informative and interesting presentation.

**Donate Your Car** - As a reminder, we have a program available for you to donate your car to the Scottish Rite Masonic Center. Contact the office for details.

**Saturday May 19th - Supreme Council's 7<sup>th</sup> Annual "Celebrating the Craft"** will take place from 6:30 - 11:30 p.m. (EST). CTC is the Supreme Council's annual webcast supporting the Rebuilding the Temple Campaign and local Scottish Rite charities. The goal is to make this the Scottish Rite's largest membership event and fundraiser of the year. Last year, donors were offered the option to give half of the donation back to the donor's Orient. In 2018, donors will be offered the opportunity to send half of their donation to a **designated charity at the Valley level**. For Denver Consistory, the SGIG has approved the Scottish Rite Masonic Center and the Scottish Rite Foundation as designated Valley charities.

**Monday May 21<sup>st</sup>** - Stated meeting. We will have an oration by the Denver Consistory Minister of State, and then the **23° will be exemplified**. This will be a very educational and informative evening, which you definitely DO NOT want to miss.



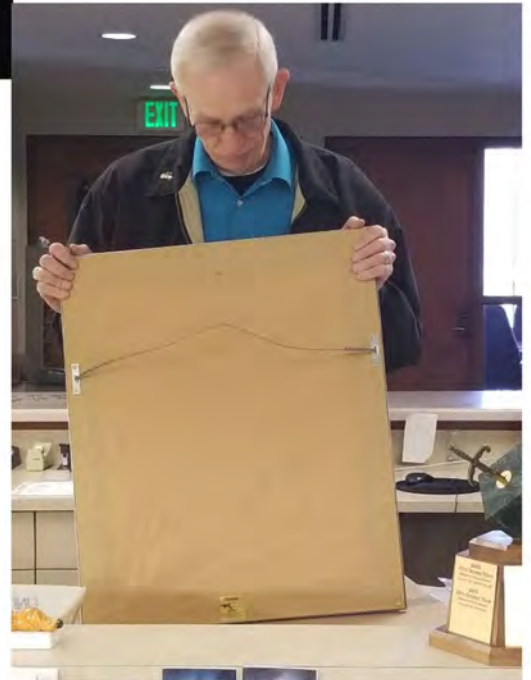
### **COLORADO ROCKIES EXPERIENCE**

We will be continuing the Rockies Experience at Coors Field for 2018. As a volunteer, you will be earning money for the Scottish Rite Masonic Center and you will be awarded 30 points toward your Double Eagle Jewel for each game worked. If your spouse or other family members work, they too will receive 30 points toward your Double Eagle Jewel.



Don Marshall and Bill Hickey helped out for MSU-Denver's event held in our Cathedral Room ☺

STOPPING BY  
to say hi



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Every Day  
there are New  
Challenges!  
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# Sunday Masonic Paper

## FREEMASONRY: The SLEEPING GIANT

By Richard A. Kidwell, PGM Arizona (1981)

*M.W. Brother Kidwell presented this challenging paper as the Keynote Address at the Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America on February 22, 1982—the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of George Washington’s birth.*

FREEMASONRY: THE SLEEPING GIANT! What a challenging topic to introduce! It brings to mind the familiar story of Rip Van Winkle who slept so long he failed to make his contribution to the world. When he awakened, he found himself out of touch, and he was unable to accommodate to the changes which had taken place while he slept. Is Freemasonry sleeping while the world is going by? Is Freemasonry an escape into an unreal world of dreams? Or is Freemasonry an active and vital force in the shaping of the future?

When we are asked, “What is Freemasonry?” we respond with a description of our ancient and honorable fraternity. To the layman, according to Webster, the word freemasonry has become an uncapitalized noun meaning “a natural or instinctive fellowship or sympathy.” Fellowship is defined as “a company of equals or friends sharing a community of interest, activity, feeling, or experience.” Sympathy is defined as “united or harmony in action or effect.” Thus, Freemasonry, in its derived definition, becomes: **“A natural community of equals, bound by shared experiences and interests, and united in action.”**

Certainly, at one point in our nation’s history, Freemasonry was not sleeping. Though proportionally no greater in number than today, the community of Masons did indeed display unity in action, and they did indeed produce a harmony in effect. Our Founding Fathers took pains to create a republic, which would protect America not only from tyranny of foreign governments, but also from any proposed domination by their own government. They agreed that “The best government is the least government.” The primary cement binding these men together was the desire for freedom and justice. The War for Independence grew out of negotiations for restoration of usurped rights, rights which had been granted to the citizens of the British Empire since the time of Magna Carta. When the negotiations were unproductive, the cry of “Taxation without representation: may well have led St. John’s Lodge to exchange the apron for the tomahawk and sweeten the waters of Boston Harbor with good English tea.

There is some evidence that the colonial lodges were made up of an elite group. George Washington is said to have paid fees amounting to about \$20 for his degrees, a fee that was far beyond the aspirations of many less affluent men. But there is also evidence indicating that Masonry was active on the frontiers. Members of the Order made themselves known to their Brethren and probably accomplished a good deal of informal recruiting and initiating of good men who were also dedicated to preserving peace and harmony.

These informal “tavern lodges” provided the only Masonic communication available outside the established population centers. Thus, there were many unsung Masonic heroes working for the preservation of a way of life that had already become precious to them. These men instinctively knew what sort of foundation had to be laid if this land was to survive. They were inspired with the realization that Masonry is morality in action, and that their obligations at the altar of Freemasonry were sacred promises that required appropriate action. They were committed to a pursuit of excellence embodied in the teaching of the Fraternity.

The urge for casting off bonds of oppression, for seeking equal rights for all, and for demanding the intellectual, moral, and spiritual freedom of the individual has always characterized Masons, not only in this country, but in others. Witness the great Masons around the world - Benito Juarez in Mexico, Simon Bolivar in South America, Jose Rizal in the Philippine Islands, for example. Wherever the need for reasserting the doctrine of right and freedom has emerged, Masons have taken a leading role in the quest for intellectual and moral liberty.

From the scattered Masonic lodges and congregations of sojourning Masons in our own 13 colonies, the influence of Masonic principles made itself heard through our Declaration of Independence, our Articles of Confederation, and our Constitution with its Bill of Rights. Many of these names are familiar to all - George Washington, John Hancock, Benjamin Franklin, Edmund Randolph - a list of these leaders would constitute an Honor Roll of Freemasonry, and it would include a great portion of our Founding Fathers. Such an Honor roll must also include Masons who contributed in a less public manner, such as Brother de Montesquier, who, as early as 1748, wrote of the necessity for three branches of government and a system of checks and balances between these branches.

Of course, no listing of honored Masons of colonial times would be complete without paying special tribute to our own Worshipful Brother George Washington. Not only was he an outstanding Mason at the time and a universal choice to become General Grand Master of the Grand Lodges of the country, but he also served as Commander in Chief of the Continental Army, Chairman of the Constitutional Convention, and first President of our new Nation. The principles which he encouraged and were directly responsible for the development of our Republic. We are proud to honor him today on the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his birth.

Indicative of the future of our form of government were the words of Benjamin Franklin at the conclusion of the Constitutional Convention. As he emerged from the meeting room, he was asked what form of government we had. He replied: “A Republic, if you can keep it.”

And that is the question facing our nation today: Can we keep it? Masons helped to form a nation based on human liberty. Those Masons were knowledgeable and concerned. They realized that the granting of any right implied a concurrent responsibility.

Over the centuries we have shown a representation of Masonic Brothers in positions of eminence and authority in our government. However, we have never been able to match the numerical representation and power exercised by the 13 known Masons who signed the Constitution - 13 out of a total of 39 signers.

Documents and plans for government as masterfully drafted as our Constitution, however, do not make government; they only make government possible. Governments are made

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by people, people who are not limited to consideration of the monetary problems of the present but, instead, look to the heritage and tradition of the past and to the unlimited frontiers of the future.

These people see the American Eagle, not as a scavenger and eater of carrion, but as a soaring symbol of the ideals of those who founded our country. Free governments are made by people who have the imagination to recognize the glory of the development of a nation, who have full knowledge of their rights as individuals and are ready and willing to devise effective means for the preservation of those rights.

If we, as Masons, want to assert greater prominence in the governance of our nation, we must first become knowledgeable. Good Masons are informed and responsible citizens who know the issues and are willing to stand up and make themselves heard on matters in accord with the proven principles of our Craft. Good Masons lead the people in exercising our right to vote on candidates and issues. But the key word is "knowledgeable." We need first to educate our youth and our candidates in terms of intellectual rights, individual and civic responsibilities, and moral conduct. We must make Masons in fact rather than Masons in name.

Our Brotherhood has the potential for wielding a great deal of power in our local and national affairs. To do so, we must also make ourselves known and respected among the people. We must let the public know the principles for which we stand and become attractively visible in our communities.

Our nation today needs the active support and participation of every Mason as it did when our Constitution was formed. While we can never hope to achieve the epoch-making accomplishments of our Brethren in George Washington's time, we must maintain the work which they accomplished. We must remember, too, that in honoring these founding Fathers, we are truly honoring their adherence to their Masonic ideals and their dedication and zeal.

Today we need to revitalize those ideals and help America return to a new dedication. Many of our people have lost perspective and are viewing this era in terms of a leisure ethic rather than a work ethic; they are looking to government for solutions to all their problems rather than depending upon their own convictions and abilities. We are experiencing a decline in respect for law, for morality, for quality, even for truth, as a guide to our actions. We are threatened both from without and from within, and once again it becomes the obligation of Masonry to take up our working tools and construct a bulwark of defense that will stand against any adversary.

The solution is within our grasp. We have the knowledge and the materials to shape the future of our Fraternity and to influence the future of the nation and of the world. The way we use our capabilities will determine our destiny. Masonry has always dedicated its efforts toward taking good men - one at a time - and making them better men. Then, in periods of distress and social upheaval, these good men, imbued with the philosophy of our Craft, have stepped forward to lead the world back to the concept of liberty and justice. The founders of our country were that sort of men. George Washington, the Father of our Country, was one, as were a great many of those who stood with him when this nation had its precarious birth.



All of us are Masons, and thousands of our government leaders are Masons. If we have truly accepted our Masonic education and our Masonic obligations, we have only to unite our thoughts and actions to create a resurgence of those virtues on which our nation was founded.

We need to apply our working tools in our collective pursuit of excellence to meet the problems that lie ahead and to be certain that moral virtue will prevail.

Never in the history of mankind is the inculcation and implementation of the principles and ideals of Masonry so important, and yet apathy, indifference, and complacency are common even within our own ranks. If Masonry is to continue to exist and to be effective, we must relinquish passive principles and become an aggressive vital force to this nation and among its people. Masonry, by its very origin, has no choice. It must be a living, breathing force. Masonry must act through a body of idealistic men applying Masonic principles to a way of life and bringing about the accomplishment of its goals. We must have Masons who will match, in fortitude and courage, those who faced the rack of the Inquisition and the bitter cold of Valley Forge; Masons who are alert and faithful to their convictions and who are ready to struggle to win liberty again in each generation.

We owe this to our country; we owe this to our people and our way of life; we owe it to ourselves; and particularly, we owe it to the leaders of tomorrow. Let us reawaken the sleeping giant - the greatest force for mankind ever conceived in the minds of men. Let us, too, stand up and be counted.

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*“We are the teachers and preservers of those personal and societal values to which men must, in time, return if they are to survive. We must bring order out of chaos. We must hold the center. At a time when there seems to be more and more debate of a lack of values and personal responsibility in our society, we need to anchor this generation, and all those who follow, to those things we have in common.”*

The 33 Principles Every Mason Should Live By: The True Meaning of Being A Mason

C. Fred Kleinknecht, 33°

From The Complete Life's Little Instruction Book:

Spend less time worrying **who's** right, and more time deciding **what's** right.

Commit yourself to constant self-improvement.

Don't waste time learning the “tricks of the trade.” Instead, LEARN THE TRADE!

Remember that ALL news is biased.

Learn to listen. Opportunity sometimes knocks very softly.

ALWAYS ACCEPT AN OUTSTRETCHED HAND.

# Consumer Advisory from Boulder District Attorney

## Stan Garnett Regarding Used Car Pricing

**(Boulder County, CO - February 27, 2018)** Boulder County residents have reported to the Community Protection Division of the District Attorney's Office that they have been unable to buy used cars at local dealerships for the prices those dealers offered at online car-shopping marketplaces such as Autotrader or Carfax. According to an article in the Boulder Daily Camera on February 16, 2018, one potential buyer was unable to purchase a used car at a local dealership for the price that the dealer had advertised on Carfax. Instead, the price quoted at the dealership was significantly more than the price the buyer had located online.

Intentionally publishing or circulating any advertising that is misleading or inaccurate is a violation of Colorado's motor vehicle law. There are steps you can take if you feel you were subjected to intentional "bait and switch" pricing tactics when you tried to purchase a car:

- Contact the general manager or owner of the dealership, and explain the problem.
- If the dealership does not satisfactorily resolve the problem, you may file a written complaint with Colorado's Auto Industry Division. You can find information and access to the Auto Industry Division's complain form at <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/enforcement/filing-complaint-auto-industry-division>. You can also obtain a complaint form by calling them at (303) 205-5604.
- File a complaint with the Better Business Bureau of Denver and Boulder. Information and access to their complaint form can be found at <https://www.bbb.org/consumer-complaints/file-a-complaint/get-started>. The BBB can be reached at (303) 758-2100.

The District Attorney's office advises car buyers to check out the legitimacy of any ad prior to making a purchase, and the Community Protection Division staff and volunteers are willing to help check the reputation of any company or offer. For further information or help, contact the (Boulder) Community Protection Division at (303) 441-3700.

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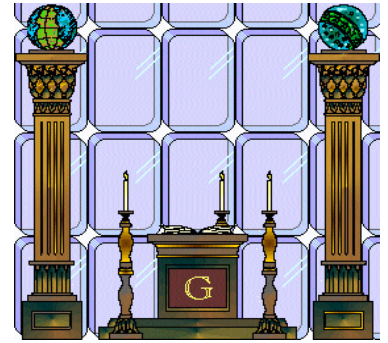
Yes, this announcement is from the BOULDER District Attorney's Office, BUT ... your local District Attorney's office should have a similar division you can contact.

**CAVEAT EMPTOR: Let the Buyer Beware!**



# THE PRELATE'S PULPIT

Rev. Jim Harris, 33°



Springtime is filled with many joys as the weather warms, the grass greens, and the trees bring forth leaves. It is also a time for the Health Fair, the Reunion, and the Ladies Luncheon. I have always had a special feeling about Mother's Day in May. My mother died years ago, but we still celebrate Mother's Day as my two sons want to make it a special day for their Mom.

The word "Mother" - with all its meanings and feelings, rhymes with the word "brother." Brother has a special meaning for Masons. One of the highest dreams of the prophets and of the early founders of our fraternity was that all men should be Brothers. When used Masonically, the word "brother" has a certain depth and tenderness all its own - unique and beautiful beyond mere words. It refers to a certain mystical but mighty tie, which our fraternity weaves between men, but which no one can actually define. "Brother" is a word we honor among us.

I officiated at a graveside service for a Brother at Littleton Cemetery several years ago, and I will always remember this large circle of Brothers in their dark suits and white aprons standing around the grave. The world is changing, our society is changing, and yes ... everything seems to be changing. However, the one thing I pray never changes is the Masonic Brotherhood. Lodge meetings should be safe places for us to go. I always like the song, "Let there be peace on Earth and let it begin with me."

Martin Luther wrote:

"Our Lord has written the promise of everlasting life,  
Not in books alone, but in every leaf of springtime."

Have a wonderful Spring. I hope you find some freshness in your life. It is a wonderful world.

Peace - Rev. Brother James Harris

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"People make decisions every day based on their values. Each day, every one of us decides to be tolerant or fanatical, compassionate or cold, greedy or sharing, supportive or destructive, curious or ignorant, thoughtful or thoughtless, and loving or distant. In an individual, the sum total of those daily decisions is his character— in a nation, it is its culture. The Scottish Rite affects these decisions and points to the right ones. That is our mission."

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# MEMORIAL SCROLL

Lewis Eli Clayton, Jr., 32°	05/01/2017
George Corkle, Jr., 32°	02/13/2018
Edgar Amend Kennedy, 32°	12/19/2017
George Richard Snyder, 32°	11/24/2017



## ROSE CROIX FUNERAL 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: Daniel A. Rivers, 32° KCCH - Chairman, John H. Buchanan, 33°, Scott A. Bates, 32° KCCH, Jerry L. Fenimore, 33° GC, M. Edward Johnson, 33°, Richard W. Mitchell, 33°, Matthew A. Raia, 33°, Roy A. Snyder, 33°, John A. Warren, 33°, Richard M. Wenzel, III, 32° KCCH.

If you are interested in joining the Rose Croix Funeral Team and helping them, contact the office or Dan Rivers, 32° KCCH for more information.



# Special Birthdays

## 100 Years YOUNG!

Avery Elwood Peterson  
Martin Trotsky

## 90 Years Young

Austin Burl Crain  
Raymond Milam, Jr.  
Lewis Dale Porter  
Alan Dean Sandberg  
Dean Gordon Smernoff  
George Andrew Wellman

## 80 Years Young

John Clifford Ballard  
Fred William Bias  
Richard Arlen Boyer  
Kenneth Paul Hain  
Lloyd Earl Maple

## 70 Years Young

Charles T. Barker  
Harold Theodore Griffith, Jr.  
Norman Cecil Wright

## 60 Years Young

James Vern Kilbane

## 50 Years “Young-uns”

Stephen Taggart Parce  
Christopher James Ross





# BLOOD DRIVE

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The Eastern Star Masonic Retirement Campus in partnership with Columbine Lodge 147 will be hosting 4 Bonfils Blood Drives in 2018

~~January 12th from 8:00am-1:30pm~~

April 20th from 12noon to 6pm

July 20th from 8am-1:30pm

October 5th from 12noon-6pm

At the Eastern Star Masonic Retirement Campus in the Fraternal Relations Room.

Its very easy to sign up:

Go to [www.Bonfils.org](http://www.Bonfils.org)

Click: DONATE NOW

FIND LOCATION

Enter our site code: 0474

And you can register!

Or you can call Bonfils:303-363-2300

and they can help you make the appointment



Do you know someone who unexpectedly needed blood? Most of us do. Bonfils Blood Center must collect thousands of pints of blood each week to ensure that Colorado has an adequate blood supply at all times.

Eastern Star Masonic Retirement Campus and Columbine Lodge would like to partner with Bonfils Blood Center so that you have the opportunity to save lives by donating blood on a regular basis.



If you are interested in signing up please contact Pati Sawyer Boex Fraternal Relations Director at 303-753-2160





**Community Shred -A-Thon**  
Hosted by the  
Eastern Star Masonic Retirement Community  
and  
the International Order of the Rainbow Girls  
Littleton Assembly #5

**Saturday, April 28th 10am-noon,**  
**at the**  
**Eastern Star Masonic Retirement Community**  
**2435 South Quebec Street, Denver**

**BRING**-old checks, credit card offers, mailings, medical records, tax forms, pay stubs, etc.

**DO NOT BRING**-Newspapers, phone books, magazines, plastic, cardboard or catalogs.

**Donations accepted for the International Order of the Rainbow Girls Littleton Assembly #5 Scholarship Fund & Other Assembly Activities**

**Questions call: Pati Sawyer Boex, Fraternal Relations Director  
303-753-2160, or Julie Mesaros 303-350-8516**





Mt. Zion



Chapter OES

# Swedish Dinner

April 28, 2018 6 pm

Golden Masonic Center  
400 10th Street  
Golden, Colorado 80401

\$15.00 Adults, Children under 10 \$8.00

\$18 Adults, Children \$10 at the door

Limited to first 100 tickets sold

Serving (among other things):

Julskinka (ham)

Kott Bullar (meat balls)

Kokkorv (Swedish sausage)

Varmt Potatis Sallad (hot potato salad)

Risgröns Pudding Med Lingon

(pudding with lingon)

Spritsar (Spritz cookies)

And much more!

303-431-0345 - Kaeleen (please leave message)

303-279-3661 - Roberta

*Roberta* 4/22/18



# MASONIC FAMILY NIGHT AT THE ROCKIES



**COLORADO ROCKIES vs. SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS  
JULY 2, 2018, 6:30 P. M. COORS FIELD**

**THE COLORADO MASONIC HIGH SCHOOL BAND CAMP  
WILL PLAY THE NATIONAL ANTHEM AT THE OPENING**



The Masonic Band will be seated here in the bleachers where tickets are \$20.00 per person.

You may upgrade to this section where the tickets are \$30.00 per person.

I would like to purchase the following tickets:

Bleacher sec. No. of tickets \_\_\_ @ \$20.00 Total \_\_\_\_\_

Upgrade sec. No. of tickets \_\_\_ @ \$30.00 Total \_\_\_\_\_

Make Check Payable to:  
**Colorado Masonic Band Camp**

Mail check to: Colorado Masonic Band Camp, 4015 South Roslyn Street, Denver, CO 80237

Mail Tickets to: (Please Print)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**GET YOUR TICKET PURCHASE IN EARLY AS TICKETS ARE LIMITED**



## **The Scottish Rite – The Rockies Experience 2018**

2018 Colorado Rockies Baseball Season begins on April 6<sup>th</sup> at Coors Field in a game with the Atlanta Braves. What is the Rockies Experience you might ask? As Scottish Rite Masons, your families and friends can work at Coors Field during home games, selling retail goods, such as hats, shirts, and other novelty Rockies items. **That's the Rockies Experience.**

What is your reward for participating in the Rockies Experience? Every time you work, you have the opportunity to interact with people who have interesting stories, they may be from other States or even from a foreign country, and occasionally there is a celebrity.

**More importantly**, you, your family/friends can contribute directly to the upkeep of your **Scottish Rite Masonic Center**. Every game you work, you are earning \$75 for the Scottish Rite Masonic Center. Last year, our Scottish Rite volunteers earned \$5,120 for the Center. Oh, did I mention that when you volunteer for the Rockies Experience, you get your name on the on the list of monetary contributors for the Center – displayed in the Green Room. Finally, for each game worked, you will earn points toward your Denver Scottish Rite Service Jewel.

### **Retail Sales Training:**

March 10, 2018 – 2:00pm to 3:00pm in the Consistory Class Room, 1st Floor

March 31, 2018 – 2:00pm to 3:00pm in the Consistory Class Room, 1st Floor

At this training, you will get an overview of what is expected by Aramark, where to park, how to get from parking to the stadium, how and where to check in. An Aramark employee will help you get to your station. Aramark provides our volunteers with a meal and drink ticket.

After you have completed Aramark Alcohol Policy Training Class, you would also be eligible to sell beer at home games. Training dates will be announced in January.

### **SignUpGenus:**

We track our Rockies Experience Volunteers via "SignUpGenus." This is a calendar with all of the home games for the 2018 season. A sign-up calendar is available at:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f4fafa2ea1ff2-rockies>

**Please sign up for one, two or more games.**

Tom Lincoln, 32° - Rockies Program Coordinator (303) 968-7731





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#### **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 preloaded with \$10 credit, so the card actually costs you nothing. Take the card to any King Soopers service counter and add credit to your card and then 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 utilizing a SRMC King Soopers Loyalty Card? If you would like further information about the card, contact Brother Bill Skewes, 32° KCCH. Email: [bill@skewes.com](mailto:bill@skewes.com) or 303-674-2452.

As a side benefit—when you use this card at the King Soopers Gas stations, **there is NO PERSONAL INFORMATION about you on the card**, so even if there is an illegal skimmer at the station, it will not compromise your personal information like it would if you used your own credit cards.

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