



# Denver's RiteWorks

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*Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup>*

*Germania Lodge No. 46*

*|New Orleans, LA (Red Lodge)*

*Special Presentation of EA degree*

*at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center*

**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

## MARCH 2019

Wed, March 6	7:00 p.m. Degree Council Meeting (Classroom)
Fri, March 8	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (Hamburgers with all the fixin's)
Fri, March 15	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (Chicken Sandwiches w/ Lettuce, tomato, pickles, mayo)
Mon, March 18	Stated Meeting - <b>Parking Garage Available</b> 5:15-6:00 p.m. Master Craftsman Study Group in Classroom 5:30 p.m. Red Room Business Meeting 6:00 p.m. Dinner (Pork Chops, Carrot Cake) 7:00 p.m. Awards and Announcements; Past Presiding Officers Recognition Rockies Workers Recognition - ROCKIES SHIRT NIGHT 7:30 p.m. Split Meeting
Fri, March 22	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (Lasagna & Garlic Bread)
Tue, March 26	6:30-8:00 p.m. Friends of the Scottish Rite (Prospect Night)
Fri, March 29	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (Shepherd's Pie; Dinner Rolls)
Sat, March 30	9:00-11:00 a.m. KSA Spring Cleanup at the Consistory

## APRIL 2019

Mon, April 1	6:30 p.m. KSA Meeting in Lodge Room
Fri, April 5	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (Fried Chicken)
Sat, April 6	7:00 a.m.—Noon 9 Health Fair— <b>Parking Garage Available</b>
Fri, April 12	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (Spaghetti w/Meatballs & Sausage; Garlic Bread) 7:00 p.m. Germania Lodge #46 (Red Lodge EA degree in Cathedral Room) Stated Meeting - <b>Parking Garage Available</b> 5:15-6:00 p.m. Master Craftsman Study Group in Classroom 5:30 p.m. Red Room Business Meeting 6:00 p.m. Dinner (Swiss Steak; Red Velvet Cake) 7:00 p.m. Awards & Announcements; Celebration of Remembrance & Renewal
Mon, April 15	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (Fish 'n' Chips)
Fri, April 19	6:30 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service (Knights Templar Association)
Sun, April 21	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (Hot Dogs, Brats, Potato Salad, Sauerkraut, Mustards)
Fri, April 26	11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Ladies Lunch <b>Parking Garage Available</b>
Sat, April 27	

## MAY 2019

Fri, May 3	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (Fried Chicken)
Mon, May 6	5:30 p.m. Special Officers' meeting to read petitions 6:30 p.m. KSA Meeting in Lodge Room
Wed, May 8	6:00 p.m. Spring Reunion - Children's Hospital (by invitation only)
Thu, May 9-Sat, May 11	7:00 a.m. Spring Reunion (54 <sup>th</sup> consecutive) - <b>Parking Garage Available</b>
Sat, May 11	6:00 p.m. Banquet; 25 and 50 Year Member presentations
Sat, May 18	9:00-11:00 a.m. Calling Committee
Mon, May 20	Stated Meeting (Feast of the Consistory) - <b>Parking Garage Available</b> 5:30 p.m. Red Room Business Meeting 5:15-6:00 p.m. Master Craftsman Study Group (Classroom) 6:00 p.m. Dinner (TBD) 7:00 p.m. Awards and Announcements; Entertainment: Civil War Band 7:30 p.m. Split Meeting—Denver Consistory Ritual Opening/Closing
Fri, May 24	<b>NO LUNCH</b>
Mon, May 27	<b>Consistory CLOSED for Memorial Day Holiday</b>
Fri, May 31	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (TBD)

# EDITOR'S CORNER

BY: **BILL HICKEY, 33°**  
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## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Saturday, 06 April 2019 7 a.m.-Noon 9HealthFair**

We're getting close to the 9HealthFair this year—which is earlier than normal due to the late Easter and Passover celebrations in April. Don't wait until the last minute to contact Brother Randy Penn, 32° KCCH at [pennjr@comcast.net](mailto:pennjr@comcast.net) or me at my email shown above so we can get you on the list. As we have done in the past, a complimentary luncheon will be held after the fair closes at noon and all participants have left the area. Also, we'll be asking you if you want a tee shirt (they are blue again this year—so if you got one last year, it will be the same this year and you can wear last year's if you wish). If you have a specific area you would like to work (or wouldn't like to work) you need to let us know that as well for planning purposes. Our medical coordinator this year is Brother John Gay, 32° KCCH ([jwgconsult@aol.com](mailto:jwgconsult@aol.com))- so anyone with a medical background can work with John and/or me to make sure our screenings are covered.

## **MEMBERS: Where do we get them, How do we keep them?**

In the late 1990's, Professor Robert Putnam studied the phenomenon of WHY people simply were disengaging from civic activities. His book, "Bowling Alone - The Civic Disengagement of America" discovered that more people in America than ever before were bowling. However, FEWER people in America were bowling in LEAGUES than ever before. Those of us who are old enough will remember that you used to have to belong to a bowling league if you wanted to bowl anywhere - LEAGUES reigned supreme nightly in bowling alleys all across America.

What Putnam failed to realize was, people wanted to bowl WHEN they wanted, WITH WHOM they wanted, WHERE they wanted, as OFTEN AS THEY WANTED, and simply didn't want the overlaid BUREAUCRACY of a league whose purpose was primarily to collect dues to pay for trophies that were awarded for various achievements during the term of the league. So, they quit joining leagues—and started bowling when and where they wanted, and with whom they wanted—instead of being forced to bowl at the same alley, on the same night of the week, with the same team members, and for only 3 lines that night. Plus, they didn't have to worry about "beer frames" or if their handicap got messed up by an unusually good (or bad) performance on a given night. Much less pressure to "perform" for the team.

What we now have found out, some 20+ years later, is that if you want to create a "sense of belonging" then a bowling alley is a great place to start. But, so is a LODGE. You don't text in lodge, and you are doing something TOGETHER with your Brothers.—similar to a league.

What we are seeing today is a case where people who do not have this social anchor (lodges, bowling, etc) are turning to partisan politics—and the angry rhetoric that goes with them. They have not received, and absorbed the lessons of circumscribing their passions that we are taught in our ritualistic ceremonies in lodge. More's the pity for society's sake.

Likewise, "The Atlantic" magazine, back in August of 2016, published an article entitled, "It's Hard to Go to Church." Now, I won't delve into the why's and wherefore's of church-going problems, but I'd like to make an analogy to WHY it seems we have a hard time "going to lodge" or "going to Consistory" (or whatever other meeting is on our respective calendars).

After all, we pay dues and went through an initiatory ceremony to join these various groups. WHY do we pay dues and fees, and then find it so hard to attend the regular meetings? Let's examine some of the reasons for not attending church, and modify them to apply to our fraternal organizations.

Sometime around the early-mid 1970's, when the U.S. was withdrawing from the vastly unpopular VietNam war, our veterans coming back were greeted with derision and vile words. They were made to feel unwelcome in their home country, and were largely unappreciated for having served their country (even though many were conscripted involuntarily through the draft at the time). As a result, these men simply stopped engaging in civic affairs, public organizations, and fraternal organizations. The returning sailors and soldiers of WWII, who came home to ticker-tape parades and a feeling of jubilation - having finally won a war on two diverse fronts - found something missing in their lives - the Brotherhood of the military in war-time. You would THINK that our returning VietNam vets would have that same empty feeling, but because of the way they were greeted on their return, many of them simply disengaged from anything like that - just to get on with their lives. As a result, what SHOULD have been a time when Masonic (and fraternal organization) membership went up, we basically lost that entire generation - and even some of their children as well. It's not until we get to the 2nd or later generations that we begin to see a resurgence of interest in Masonry and similar organizations ... but unfortunately, nowhere near the same degree as we saw after WWI and WWII and even Korea. End result: membership numbers have dropped significantly. Couple that with the previous generations' attitude that you just didn't TALK about masonry—even with your family—and it's pretty easy to understand WHY we might be having difficulties reaching the recent generations.

Now, we come to our current generation—whether you call them "Gen-X" or "Millenium" or whatever, they do not share the same ideas of socialization and use of their personal time that we have or our parents had—and there are many reasons for that—and that might be a topic for another discussion down the road.

Our Brothers who admit they attend lodge/meetings less frequently now than they used to will probably say LOGISTICS of getting to the meetings is their biggest obstacle. Whether that is because they are getting older, don't drive at night, have difficulty driving, or whatever—that seems to be a significant issue. But, it's one that is easily solvable.

Some of our Brothers have found that the organizations to which they belong espouse great ideals, but when it comes to putting those ideals into action, they are woefully lacking. They report finding political wrangling as a definite turn-off. And, if they find this, how can we possibly expect them to return or even recommend our organizations to their friends or family members? So, MISTRUST of motives may well have something to do with WHY people drop out of social/fraternal organizations after they've experienced membership for a brief time.

Here's a little factoid to chew on: We ALL know that our Craft (Blue) Lodges are the source of potential members for our various concordant and subordinate groups in Masonry. But, if you take it to the extreme, and expect a man, his wife and his children, to join every possible organization in the fraternity, they'll be doing nothing else but going to meetings and paying dues to all the organizations—most of which expect dues to be paid at the first of the calendar year, JUST after all the bills for the holiday season come due. Is it any wonder that many Brothers simply drop out because of finances? How about time concerns? Yes, some of the organizations offer the Brother the opportunity to engage in the group with family members, but sometimes, families just want to get away and do something by themselves—sort of like the Bowling phenomenon—they want to be together, where they want to be, when they want to be, and for as long as they want to be ... not necessarily tied down to an organization that expects them not only to participate, but to engage in progressing through their officer lines with all the attendant additional responsibilities that entails.

Simply put: there are still only 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 52 weeks a year—it hasn't changed in a long time and isn't about to change any time soon. We are competing for TIME—which is the most precious gift anyone can give to another person or group. If we WASTE their time, shame on us. If we waste it twice, shame on them for letting us. Chances are, we won't get a third opportunity ... they'll find something else to do with their precious resource (time). Remember that when you allocate 5-10 minutes to “education.”

We constantly ASK our members what they want. And, in our case, typically you hear them say “More Light” (meaning: education). They don't want to sit in a repetitive, predictable, and boring meeting every two weeks or every month—they have better things to do with their time. You also see this where you impress an individual to take on more responsibility than they are willing and able to assume because you're hurting for people and those you have are getting tired—so you're looking for new blood to give older members a break.

This is what is called a “Catch-22” situation. No matter what you do, chances are you're not going to get the results you desire. People are just too busy, have a crazy work schedule, or ... they're just too “lazy” to go. Others will say they just don't CARE about attending meetings—they got what they wanted when they went through the degrees or the chairs.

While it's fairly easy to empathize with the hassle of trying to force-fit meetings into a busy calendar, figure out what to do with kids while you're gone, it also suggests that many of our Brothers simply view meetings as “optional” in a way that our predecessors did not. Years ago, our Lodges were focal points for social and cultural life in our small towns. In some places, that's still the case. But, those are fast disappearing from the landscape. Maybe people are looking for a different KIND of social connection today?

Do we have Brothers and families that are ardent participants in our groups? Certainly. But, nowhere near the number we had in the past. Youth Groups are particularly vulnerable—as parents view them more as convenient and cheap babysitting services rather than opportunities to engage their children with life-experience lessons of value.

When you think about your “membership” problems—just remember—you've asked why, you've been told why, and now the challenge for you is to CHANGE the way you do business while keeping your values constant—in an attempt to win the current generation's support.



# Web Sites and Information of Interest

This might save your life...if your car is near a downed power line.

PLEASE WATCH THE VIDEO!!!!

I knew about not getting out of the car, but I didn't know what to do in case a fire would start. This is a good explanation Hopefully no one will ever need to use this.

<https://www.youtube.com/embed/FLVzvMTgGDY>

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'Blue water' Navy veterans from Vietnam-era win Agent Orange benefits case (excerpt)

The Washington Post

By Ann E. Marimow

January 29, 2019

A federal appeals court in Washington sided Tuesday with thousands of Vietnam War veterans who were stationed offshore during the war and developed health problems linked to exposure to the toxic herbicide Agent Orange.

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit ruled overwhelmingly for these sailors, finding they are eligible for the same disability benefits as those who put boots on the ground or patrolled Vietnam's inland rivers.

The 9-to-2 decision reverses a decade-old ruling by the court and applies to an estimated 52,000 veterans nationwide. A court majority said Congress CLEARLY intended to extend benefits to sailors who were stationed in the territorial seas and are known as "blue water" Navy veterans.

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Cade Martin Photography - This is about F105's over in Nam and is excellent. Just keep scrolling down and read some of the comments.

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**If you have something like these articles that might be of interest to your Brothers, or their families, send an email to me and we'll put it into the RiteWorks.**

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# From the Secretary's Desk

[Matt Raia, 33°](#)

## FEBRUARY 18<sup>th</sup> STATED MEETING:



The SGIG presented a Double Eagle Ribbon to Illustrious Brother Helmut Fritz, 33°



The SGIG presented a Double Eagle pin to Brother Vic Amment, 32°



Brother Matthew Madrid, Treasurer of the last reunion class, presented a check to the SGIG on behalf of the class.



The SGIG presented patents and photos to Matthew James Madrid; Kelly Dwight Fields; and Javier Solis Ramos—all from the 53<sup>rd</sup> Reunion



The SGIG presented a Double Eagle Jewel to Brothers Jeremy Debard, 32°; Daryl Samp, 32°; David Spence, 32°; Sven Hoffman, 32°; and Colin Hause, 32°





The Colorado Council of Kadosh opened the February stated meeting in ritual form, conducted the meeting, and closed in ritual form. Congratulations to **Brother Paul Harrison, 32°**, Commander, and his officers for a job well done.



Our speaker was from the Alzheimer's Association, giving us some good information for caregivers and their families.

Check out the calendar of events on our web site and in each issue of the Rite-Works to find out when the next ritualistic opening and closing will be performed, and by which officer line.

alzheimer's  association®

## KNOW the 10 SIGNS

EARLY DETECTION MATTERS

- 1 Memory loss that disrupts daily life
- 2 Challenges in planning or solving problems
- 3 Difficulty completing familiar tasks
- 4 Confusion with time or place
- 5 Trouble understanding visual images and distances
- 6 New problems in speech or comprehension
- 7 Misplacing things and losing the ability to retrace steps
- 8 Decreased or poor judgment
- 9 Changes in ability to work or socialize
- 10 Changes in mood and personality

If you or anyone you know experiences any of these warning signs, please see a doctor.

24/7 HELPLINE  
**800.272.3900**

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## COMING EVENTS

**Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup>** - Our Stated Meeting will be the Past Presiding Officers Recognition and Rockies Workers Recognition program. This meeting will also be ***“Wear your Colorado Rockies team shirt”*** (or your favorite sports team shirt).

**The Master Craftsman Study Group** will meet in the Classroom from 5:15 - 6:00 p.m. before dinner and the Stated Meeting.

**Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>** - 6:30 p.m. - Scottish Rite Friends, Prospect Night. Invite your non-Scottish Rite Brothers to attend the Prospect Night to discover why they need to become Scottish Rite members, and join in the fun at Denver Consistory. **Reservations are REQUIRED by calling the office.**

**Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>** 9:00-11:00 a.m. - is the KSA Spring Cleanup day at Denver Consistory. Contact **Brother Loren Kohler, 32°**, the KSA Secretary, at [kas@denverconsistory.org](mailto:kas@denverconsistory.org) to volunteer to help with their Spring Cleanup, and help get the building ready for our reunion.

**Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>** - 7:00 a.m. to noon - Denver Consistory's **9HealthFair**. Contact Brother Randy Penn, 32° KCCH ([pennjr@comcast.net](mailto:pennjr@comcast.net)), if you want to help as a non-medical volunteer; Brother John Gay, 32° KCCH ([jwgconsult@aol.com](mailto:jwgconsult@aol.com)), if you are medically qualified and want to help with some of our screenings. You may also contact Brother Bill Hickey, 33°, ([wa3h@hotmail.com](mailto:wa3h@hotmail.com)) if you can't reach John or Randy. We will be setting up for the fair at lunch on Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup> and can always use a couple of extra hands moving the barber chairs down from Makeup on the 3rd floor.

**Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup>** Denver Lodge #5 will host **Germania Lodge #46 (New Orleans)** at Denver Consistory with dinner at 6:00 p.m. followed by the E.A. Degree (Red Lodge degree ritual). For information contact Worshipful Brother Curt Robinson, 32°, Worshipful Master of Denver Lodge #5.

**Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>** - **The Colorado Grand Chapter of Eastern Star** is hosting a special event at Denver Consistory. See flyer in the back for details.

**Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>** - The Knights Templar Association of Colorado will once again host the **East-er Sunrise Service** at Denver Consistory. See flyer in the back for details.

**Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>** - Annual Ladies Lunch at the Consistory.

### Membership Statistics for February

**February 2018: 1951**

**February 2019: 1882**

**Net LOSS of 69 members**



## From the Centennial Lodge of Perfection East

**Bart D. Wegner, 32° KCCH**

**Venerable Master**



As we embark on this new Masonic year for the Denver Consistory, I hope I can lead so that we can all be satisfied with the tasks we are given, enjoy the work that is laid out for us, and reflect positively on the results we achieve. We are here because we care, and want to build upon the great history and tradition of those that have come before us.

But I ask you this: Have you ever been presented with a problem to solve, at work or home or lodge, and quickly found a good solution, but found a roadblock on the path to success - a second person with whom you are collaborating on the project who cannot quite grasp your ideas? It happens all the time when two smart people are working together, and both are capable of coming up with an idea, and seeing their own vision, but are not always good at translating that concept so the other can understand it.

Sometimes, our brains work faster than our mouths, and what is so obvious to us is a completely foreign concept to others.

I wish I understood how to play Chess, because when it comes to building things, I often find myself several steps ahead of the person I am working with, but find them staring blankly at me like a confused dog as I start explaining what the roof looks like while they are still scratching their head trying to understand the foundation. I try to remind myself to slow down, sketch out the idea in small bits, so that I can keep the other person following each step, and with me, rather than trailing off into their own thoughts.

I have much experience with this in the working relationship I have with my project manager. Sometimes I have to convince him that I know what I'm talking about, and that my idea will work, just trust me. I have to use every trick in the book until I can get him to connect the dots, see the path I am on ... and then make the suggestion himself. Recently, I came up with a little quote to justify my 14 years of playing this game:

***"It's not the *right* idea until it's the *right person's* idea."***

I'm sure we've all worked with people like this. They feel they must lead with authority, and only their ideas can possibly be any good. It can be very frustrating. Often these people find themselves in places of power because they are indeed very good at what they do, but I think the best leaders are the ones who listen and consider, and make sure everyone feels they are a valuable member of the team.

So, what I am hoping to accomplish with this tale is that when you have surrounded yourself with capable, smart, people - trust them. Even if you don't fully understand the idea, know that they are good at what they do, want to do a good job, and want to help you accomplish a goal. LET THEM. If they fail, let them. They'll know it before you do. It's okay, it Happens. It can be fixed.



I am happy to say that so many of the leaders I have gotten to work with at this Consistory embody this quality:

**“It doesn’t matter *WHO* came up with the idea, just that *a good solution* is found.”**

It is a pleasure to serve with all of you as we continue to make this a fantastic place to come together to learn, to enjoy each other’s company, to share our experiences, and to endeavor to make it better for those who will come after us.

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## 9 Signs of Identity Theft

(derived from an article from Navy Federal Credit Union)

Could you be a victim of identity theft? Well, about 10 million Americans every year have personal information compromised and many times the stolen information is used to take over accounts, open credit cards, or obtain medical care long before the theft is discovered.

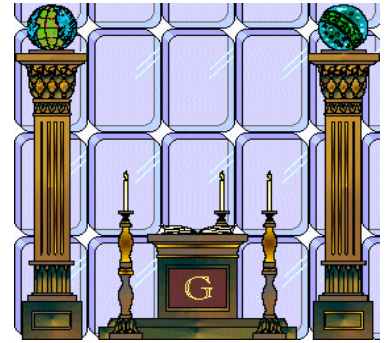
What are some of the “Red Flags” to look for that might tip you off to a problem?

1. **Unexplained charges or withdrawals.** Always check your monthly statements from your bank or credit union and be sure you recognize EVERY transaction. Don’t ignore small charges that seem unfamiliar, as thieves will often test small purchases first.
2. **Medical Bills for doctors you don’t know or haven’t visited.** If your insurance carrier denies a legitimate claim, find out why. Thieves can max out your benefits without you knowing.
3. **New Credit Cards you did not apply for.** Contact the issuing company right away.
4. **Errors on your credit report.** Review your credit reports regularly. You can get your reports from each agency once a year for free at [annualcreditreport.com](http://annualcreditreport.com).
5. **Collection calls or notices for unknown debt.** Don’t assume there is an error. Find out what the debt is for. If it isn’t valid, send a letter by certified mail within 30 days to the collection agency and ask for PROOF of the debt.
6. **Your valid credit card or application for credit is denied.** If you haven’t reached your credit limit or normally have good credit, ASK THE REASON for the denial. A thief may be racking up debt on your behalf and ruining your credit score with unpaid bills.
7. **Missing mail or email.** Haven’t seen your regular monthly statements? Your mail could be stolen or the thief may have changed the mailing address or email on the account to keep you from seeing the fraudulent charges.
8. **Errors on your tax return or Social Security Statement.** As you well know, this time of year is “silly season” for IRS collection scams. IRS may notify you that more than one tax return was filed in your name or that you have income from an employer you don’t know. CHECK IT OUT!
9. **A Warrant for your arrest.** It’s possible for someone to impersonate you while committing a crime. You may uncover a warrant if you are stopped for another reason or are involved in an accident.



# THE PRELATE'S PULPIT

Rev. Jim Harris, 33<sup>o</sup>



The year seems to be moving faster than I can keep up with. March is here and springtime is just around the corner. This has been a cold, snowy winter. Now the days are getting longer and, yes, this means more light. The prophet Isaiah tells us that the Light shines in the darkness and the darkness will never put it out. I have to keep reminding myself of this in the midst of everything that is happening in our world. Bitterness, divisiveness, anger, and so on have captured the spotlight. One local television station even has a special spot for the good news and stories.

They often end the news with something positive. As Masons, we must keep our focus on the Light and continually seek more Light. In February, I attended two lodge meetings and our Denver Consistory stated meeting, and I found warmth and Light in all of them. At last month's meeting, we honored a brother who had given over 5,000 of service. WOW! I am thankful to be part of a group of men who care for each other and who focus on more of the positive aspects of life. Recently, I called on a person in the hospital who is dying from cancer. She told me that she is so grateful for all the people who care about her - her friends, family, and so many others. Do we appreciate each other? The Apostle Paul teaches us that we are members, one of another, and we are connected. This brings me to one of our most important Masonic teachings: The "Five Points of Fellowship."

Hand to Hand: to extend a hand to a Brother and to save a Brother.

Foot to Foot: which means we are quick to help a Brother.

Knee to Knee: To remember a Brother's welfare in prayer.

Breast to Breast: to never betray a Brother's trust.

Hand Over Back: to never denounce a Brother or allow others to do so behind his back

We have each other's back!

My Brothers, ALL OF US should practice these Points of Fellowship in our own lives and in our own lodges. A Mason should be quick to extend mercy, grace, and benevolence to all, especially to another Brother.

In 1730, Pritchard's "Masonry Dissected" described the Five Points in a way that resembles our ritual today. The Bible alludes to the points of fellowship in Kings and in Acts.

Let your light shine.

III. Brother Rev. James Harris



# MEMORIAL SCROLL

Greig Whitney Lang, 32°	07/27/2018
Wayne B. Litton, 32°	02/22/2019
Phillip Andrew Moran, 33°	02/07/2019
Myron James Olson, 32°	02/06/2019
Edward Eugene Rampey, 32°	01/11/2019
Bruce Edward Speegle, 32°	11/02/2018

## 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: Benjamin F. Williams, 32° KCCH - Chairman; Scott A. Bates, 32° KCCH; John H. Buchanan, 33°; Jerry L. Fenimore, 33° GC; M. Edward Johnson, 33°; Richard W. Mitchell, 33°; Matthew A. Raia, 33°; Daniel A. Rivers, 32° KCCH; 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 Benjamin F. Williams, 32° KCCH for more information.



# MARCH SPECIAL BIRTHDAYS

## More than a Century Young

Willard Mounts (104)  
Vernon Maurice Foster (102)  
Pete Montera (101)

## 90 Years Young

Merlyn Larson Ellickson  
Robert Dean Hurrell  
William Allen Kirk  
Edward Lee Stoumbaugh

## 80 Years Young

Conrad Arthur Johnson

## 70 Years Young

Duane Ross Arnett  
Michael Howard Kutner  
Philippe Jacques Thomas  
David Lee Vaughan  
Dennis Allen Wyatt

## 60 Years Young

Clinton Gordon Keithline  
John Williamson Rice  
Dwight D. Stull

## 50 Years Young

Peter James DeLaurier  
Mark Clinton Gunn  
Kenneth Andrew McLaughlan  
Jason Edward Rendon

## 40 Years “Old”- Really?

Keiser Holbird  
Benjamin Francis Williams

## The “Young’un” (26)

Jordan Kolby Kemp



The next time you see our Birthday Brethren, please congratulate them, and especially thank them for being our Brothers in the Scottish Rite. Our “younger” Brothers are the future of the craft. And our older Brothers are our heritage from the craft.



# OUR SOCIAL MEDIA PRESENCE



Denver Consistory Web Page (New and Revised)

<http://www.denverconsistory.org>

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS: [Dan Conway, 32° KCCH](#)



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QUESTIONS: [Mike Brewer, 32° KCCH](#)



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(Yes, the spelling is correct above)

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Denver Lodge #5 is sponsoring a Bowling Charity Event to raise money for the Saint Francis Center on Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Denver Athletic Club from 1 PM to 5 PM. The Saint Francis Center is a homeless center which helps men and women in the Denver metro area provide a safe and welcoming environment for people during the day hours. Approximately 800 men and women come to the Saint Francis Center seeking assistance: showers, clothes, seeking housing and employment, outreach, and supplemental storage. The Saint Francis Center is in need of a renovation for repairs, lighting, paint, and dry wall.

I am excited about the first Bowling Tournament at the Denver Athletic Club. There will be Free pizza!! Beer is available for purchase. Bowling shoes and balls are available and included. There will be trophies and prizes for top 3 teams, best score, and most gutter balls.

We need volunteers!!! If you don't want to bowl, please volunteer and let me know.

Place: Denver Athletic Club: Bowling Tournament: 1 to 5 pm Bowling alley is in basement.

Address: 1325 Glenarm Place Denver, CO 80204

Parking: Free at 14<sup>th</sup>/Welton: Bring in your parking ticket and get validated.

Donations: I need 8 teams to participate in order for this to be successful.

\$500 For each team: make up a team name such as Denver Lodge #5: 5 players can be made of the fraternity, family, and friends.

\$500 for sponsoring a lane.

\$100 if you are an individual and not on a team

\$5 for every gutter ball you roll to the Masonic Jar

Please make checks payable to Denver Lodge #5: 1614 Welton Street #505 Denver, CO 80202

I hope to see you there and raise money for the Saint Francis Center.

Fraternally yours,

C. Curtis Robinson III, W.M.

Denver Lodge #5

303 895-5757

ccurtisrobinson@yahoo.com







# SCOTTISH RITE FRIENDS' NIGHT TUESDAY MARCH 26, 2019 6:30PM

**Be a Better Blue Lodge Mason!**

**Consider a Membership with the "University of Freemasonry"**

**WE WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU AND YOUR LADY TO A FREE EVENING OF  
SCOTTISH RITE FELLOWSHIP AND LIGHT REFRESHMENTS**

PLAN TO SPEND AN HOUR AND A HALF WITH US. INCLUDED IN YOUR VISIT WILL BE A TOUR OF OUR BEAUTIFUL HISTORIC BUILDING AND A BIT OF ENTERTAINMENT.

THE SPRING DEGREES WILL BE PRESENTED MAY 9, 10, 11, 2019

THE 4th THROUGH THE 32nd DEGREES ARE PRESENTED IN  
THEORETICAL PERFORMANCE

**PLEASE RSVP BY MARCH 20th**

**303-861-4261**

**Denver Consistory 1370 Grant Street, Denver, CO**



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**Denver Lodge No. 5**

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## *Germania 46*

**Exemplification of the dramatic 'Red Degree' version of**

**Entered Apprentice Degree**

**Friday April 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Denver Consistory**

**1370 Grant St, Denver 80203**

**A Surf and Turf dinner will be served 6:00 PM by reservation only;**

**\$25 per person.**

**Dinner tickets can be purchased by check, or online at [www.denver5.org](http://www.denver5.org)**

**Presentation from Germania 46**

**EA Degree in Cathedral Room following dinner at 7:00 PM**



Join us for



# ***"The Romance of the Titanic"***

**a fabulous evening of great food, entertainment  
OES Four Corners Rendezvous hosted by Colorado  
Grand Chapter**

This is the first time that this event is open to all Masonic Bodies in all 4 States!

**April 12 - 13, 2019**

## **Activities you won't want to miss!**

- ◆ Dinner on the Titanic - See menu on reverse side of flyer
- ◆ Scottish Rite rendition of "The Traitor"
- ◆ Representation of Molly Brown by Carissa Snyder
- ◆ Tour of the Denver Consistory

VIENNA, Va., April 12, 2012 — Sometimes truth is stranger than fiction and vastly more interesting.

Viewers of the movie "Titanic" remember the beautiful diamond and sapphire necklace and the scene where Kate Winslett, playing the lovely Rose, has her portrait painted by Jack, played by Leonardo di Caprio, wearing only the necklace.



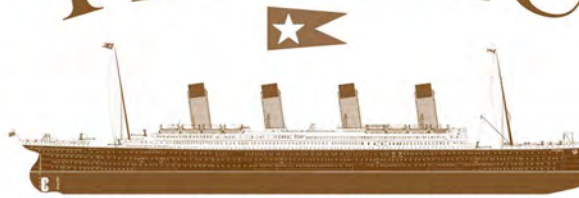
Though it seemed like a pretty piece of fiction created by James Cameron, it turns out that there was a diamond and sapphire necklace on board that fatal night, given to a young girl, Kate Florence Phillips, 20, by her married paramour, Henry Samuel Morley, 40.

Kate was an assistant working for Morley in one of the "Purveyors of High Class Confectionery" shops, which he owned in London, and the two were secretly sailing on the Titanic as second class passengers to begin a new life together in America, under the names of "Mr. and Mrs. Marshall." Before the sailing, he had sold two of his shops and given the money to his wife and 12-year-old daughter. And he had given Kate Phillips the necklace, slightly different in design than the one in the movie but quite lovely and expensive.





# TITANIC



THE WORLD'S LARGEST LINER



**Event Cost**

**\$50.00**

**To secure your reservation to this wonderful event Send your reservation no later than March 15, 2019**

**(Reservation form attached)**

A decorative menu card with a parchment-like background, ornate scrollwork in the corners, and a red flag logo at the top. The logo features a white letter 'i' on a red flag with a banner below it that says "TITANIC GALA".

**R.M.S TITANIC FIRST CLASS MENU**

**Shrimp Cocktail**

**Garden Salad**

**7 oz Filet Mignon**

**Twice Baked Potato**

**Seasonal Vegetable**

**Roll**

**Chocolate Cake with Warm Liquid Center**

**Coffee ~ Tea ~ Water**



# DETAILS AND SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

## **FRIDAY , APRIL 12, 2019**

### **HOLIDAY INN CHERRY CREEK - 455 SOUTH COLORADO BOULEVARD, DENVER, CO 80246**

6:00 – 9:00 PM The gathering will be a social event serving a Baked White and Sweet Potato Bar with all the fixings, and Garden Salad Bar for \$20. No Host Bar. There will be plenty of time to meet and greet old and new friends. Don't forget to pick up your passport to the event at the door of the banquet room.

There will be commemorative challenge coins for sale (\$10 each) if any are still available. Please pre-order yours to ensure availability.

## **SATURDAY , APRIL 13, 2019**

### **DENVER CONSISTORY - 1370 GRANT ST., DENVER, CO 80203**

Morning and early afternoon – time to explore Denver attractions and the famous Cherry Creek Mall.

3:30 Rendition of the “Unsinkable Molly Brown” will be performed by Carissa Snyder, Grand Escort to the Grand Esther. The play “The Traitor” will be performed by the Scottish Rite Cast and Crew.

Tours of the Denver Consistory will be available after the performances.

5:30 Saturday evening formal banquet begins with social gathering followed by Introductions of distinguished guests.

6:30 Dinner

**Accommodations:** Holiday Inn Denver – Cherry Creek, located at 455 South Colorado Boulevard, Denver, CO. The Eastern Star room rate is \$109 and is inclusive of Hotel's Hot Breakfast Buffet. Rate is subject to local taxes, currently at 14.75%. Self-parking is available at no charge. The Hotel has a covered swimming pool that is temperature controlled for their guests to enjoy. Check in time is 3:00 and check out at 11:00.

**Reservation deadline is 5 PM on March 13, 2019.** Please make your reservations at 844-330-7212 and identify yourself as “Order of the Eastern Star Group Rate”.

#### **Denver Attractions:**

Cherry Creek Mall (for an exclusive shopping experience)

Molly Brown House Museum (<https://mollybrown.org/visit-us/#prices>)

*Molly Brown House is located 2 blocks from the Denver Consistory*

Botanical Gardens( <https://www.botanicgardens.org/york-street/tours>)

Downtown Aquarium (<https://www.colorado.com/aquariums-zoos/downtown-aquarium>)

Four Mile Historic Park (<http://www.fourmilepark.org>)

Museum of Nature and Science ([www.dmns.org](http://www.dmns.org))

Broncos Stadium ph: 720 258-3000

The Brown Palace Ghost Tours (<https://www.brownpalace.com/hotel/tour>)

Questions: Please call Lynda Wingate 303 478-3713  
(not available March 9th—20th)

**2019 COLORADO OES 4-CORNERS RENDEZVOUS**  
**"ROMANCE OF THE TITANIC" CELEBRATION**  
**April 12 - 13, 2019**

**RESERVATION FORM** (Please fill out one registration form per attendee)

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

Jurisdiction: \_\_\_\_\_ Masonic Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee \$ 15.00

Friday evening Baked Potato and Salad Bar \$20.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Holiday Inn Banquet Room

Saturday Formal Banquet \$50.00  
 (limited to the first 200 reservations received) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Formal Banquet – Denver Consistory

Shrimp Cocktail, Garden Salad

7 oz. Filet Mignon, Twice Baked potato, Seasonal Vegetable

Dinner Rolls, Chocolate Cake with Warm Liquid Center.

Pre-Order Souvenir Challenge Coin \$10.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Quantities are limited, pre-order yours to ensure

Availability. Must be picked up in person at the rendezvous.)

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_



Request Vegetarian Meal

Dietary Requirements: \_\_\_\_\_

(will accommodate if feasible)

Make checks payable to Grand Chapter of Colorado

Send your reservation form and check by March 15, 2019 to:

Susan Morrison  
 910 E. 8<sup>th</sup> Ave #105  
 Denver, CO 80218

Challenge Coin (Actual size 1.75 inches)







Mark your calendars!

The Knights Templar of Colorado has proudly partnered with the Western States Grand Encampment to present the 94<sup>th</sup> Consecutive Easter Sunrise Service at the Mile-High City of Denver, Colorado April 18<sup>th</sup> thru April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019

## HOTEL

The 2019 venue will be at the beautiful Crowne Plaza Hotel, located in downtown Denver, just minutes away from the Scottish Rite Consistory. Guests are enjoying its recent \$22 million dollar room renovation, but special room rates have been acquired at only \$119<sup>00</sup> per night. Why not plan a vacation to Denver? The Hotel is guaranteeing the room rates three days before Easter and three days after!!

## SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET

Attendees will enjoy a choice of:

- Grilled **FILET MIGNON** with fontina potato stack, asparagus and mushroom ragout - served with lobster bisque and dessert trio
- Pan seared **SALMON** with mango salsa, herb couscous, citrus ginger butter sauce - served with lobster bisque and dessert trio
- Roasted **VEGETABLE POLENTA CAKE** in a puff pastry with seasonal vegetables and a balsamic glaze - served with tomato bisque and dessert trio

## EASTER SERVICE

Easter service will be held at the beautiful Denver Scottish Rite Consistory. Doors open at 5:30 am, with the service starting at 6:30 am on April 21, 2019. Breakfast will be available at the Consistory following the conclusion of the ceremony.

## REGISTRATION

Registration forms can be found at [www.wseo-denver.com](http://www.wseo-denver.com) starting now.





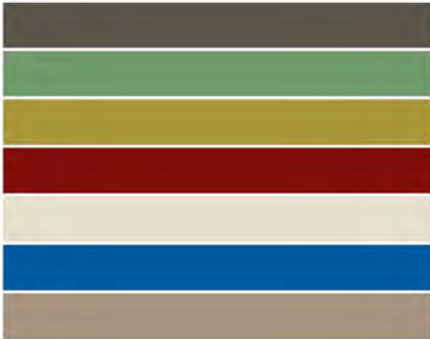
# The Craftsman's Guild

4<sup>th</sup> Friday

For discerning Masons to meet and discuss the *Hidden Mysteries of Freemasonry* with Brothers from across the State.

Topics to be discussed are taken directly from the Ritual presented in the "Colorado Craftsman" monitor as well as the presentation of Research Papers and book reviews relevant to the various Masonic Degrees of the Blue Lodge. Current 2019 Dues cards are required for admission or by voucher of an EA or FC by a MM in good standing.

Socializing with *libations* afterwards is encouraged.



3550 Federal Blvd, Denver, CO 80211



Seeking More  
Light

**February:** We will begin by examining the *Colorado Craftsman* monitor starting on the Opening on the EA Degree and discussing the symbolism found there. The discussions will address the proper arrangement of the altar similar to a Deacon's Workshop. From there we will examine the Lectures of that Degree before moving on to the Fellow Craft Degree and covering the entire Masonic Ritual. Detours will be made along the way for independent inquiry and presentations on the assorted *Working Tools, Furnishings, and Landmarks* as they are encountered.

A personal copy of the *Clear Text Key* and *Encyclopedia of Masonry* are encouraged.

[craftmansguild@gmx.com](mailto:craftmansguild@gmx.com)



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## MASONIC LAST RITES REQUEST INFORMATION

Many times we put off the difficult decisions in our life, feeling our time has not yet come. Unfortunately this lack of action can result in leaving to others decisions we would much prefer to make ourselves. In an effort to assure your desires are known, the following form has been designed as a service to help prepare each of us for that time when we must approach that undiscovered country, that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. Make sure that your loved ones have a copy of the completed form so that your desires may be known.

To the members of \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge No. \_\_\_\_\_, Grand Lodge of Colorado, members of my immediate family, members of the clergy and the proprietors of the funeral home.

Upon my death I would like to have: (Circle the appropriate body/s)

- Masonic/Knights Templar/Rose Croix funeral services conducted at the funeral home.
- Masonic/Knights Templar/Rose Croix funeral services conducted at my place of worship
- Masonic/Knights Templar/Rose Croix grave side services
- No services

I would like to have my Masonic apron:

- Placed upon my person
- Draped upon my casket or table during the services
- Buried with my remains
- Given to \_\_\_\_\_ after the services

I would like my Masonic and Masonic related jewelry (rings/s, pin/s, watches, etc):

- Left on my person and buried with me
- Left on my person during my the services
- Given to my local lodge for future presentation to a worthy brother
- Given to my family for posterity

I would like to have my Masonic and Masonic related mementos (Books, awards, etc):

\_\_\_\_\_ Given to my family (\*If family does not desire them, please give to Lodge or Grand Lodge)

\_\_\_\_\_ Given to \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Donated to my local lodge

\_\_\_\_\_ Donate to the Grand Lodge

Any other instructions you would like to Provide:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Your completion and submission of this form is intended to provide comfort and relief for your family and loved ones at a time when you will be unable to guide them. Should you decide to complete and return this form to your lodge, please give careful thought to your responses and make a copy to keep with your personal records. You may also want to give a copy to your local funeral director or Pastor. This form will be kept on file at the lodge and may be altered or revoked by you at any time. Two witnesses (notarization not required) may sign if you so desire.

\_\_\_\_\_

Signature

Date

\_\_\_\_\_

Witness Signature

Date

\_\_\_\_\_

Witness Signature

Date

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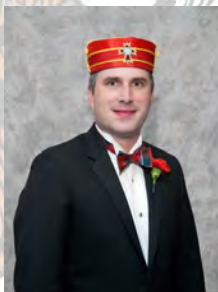
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