



# Denver's Rite Works

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## SAVE THE DATE

### December 16, 2019



**Retirement celebration in honor of SGIG  
Illustrious Brother Stephen M. Munsinger, 33°,  
who has announced his retirement from the  
Supreme Council.**

**A special program in honor of Illustrious Brother Munsinger will be presented at Denver Consistory on December 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. Illustrious Brother James D. Cole, 33° Sovereign Grand Commander of the Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A. will be present for this special event.**

**We will have an “open mic” session for those who would like to speak.**

# PLANNING CALENDAR

## NOVEMBER 2019

- Fri, November 1 11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (Fried Chicken)
- Sat, November 2 9:00-11:00 a.m. KSA Fall Cleanup (all are welcome to participate)
- Mon, November 4 6:30 p.m. KSA Meeting in the Lodge Room
- Fri, November 8 11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (Chicken Alfredo)
- Mon, November 11 5:30 p.m. Special Officers' Meeting to read last minute Petitions
- Wed, November 13 6:30 p.m. Fall Reunion—Children's Hospital Colorado (By Invitation Only)
- Thu-Sat, November 14-16 7:00 a.m. Fall Reunion (55<sup>th</sup> Consecutive) - **Parking Garage Available**
- Sat, November 16 4:00 p.m. El Jebel Shrine Ceremonial  
6:00 p.m. Reunion Banquet; 25 & 50 year membership presentations
- Mon, November 18 Stated Meeting - **Parking Garage Available**  
Rocky Mountain Chapter of Rose Croix Ritual Open/Close  
5:30 p.m. Red Room Business Meeting  
6:00 p.m. Dinner (Chicken Fried Steak)  
7:00 p.m. Entertainment - Veterans Recognition Program  
7:30 p.m. Split Meeting: 5 min orations by Orator, Centennial Lodge of Perfection and Minister of State, Denver Consistory
- Fri, November 22 11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (Chili & Chicken Noodle Soup)
- Sat, November 23 9:00-11:00 a.m. Consistory Decorating Party—ALL members, officers, and wives invited
- Thu/Fri November 28-29 CONSISTORY CLOSED for Thanksgiving Holiday**

## DECEMBER 2019

- Mon, December 2 6:30 p.m. KSA Meeting in the Lodge Room
- Wed, December 4 6:00-8:30 p.m. Reunion Recap Meeting (Light supper served)
- Fri, December 6 11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (Fried Chicken)
- Sat, December 7 10:00a.m.-noon SR Foundation & Consistory Children's Christmas Party  
**Parking Garage Available**
- Fri, December 13 11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (Baked Potato Bar)
- Mon, December 16 Stated Meeting - **Parking Garage Available**  
5:30 p.m. Red Room Business Meeting  
6:00 p.m. Dinner - Member Appreciation Dinner  
7:00 p.m. Entertainment  
7:30 p.m. Split Meeting—Annual Election of Officers
- Fri, December 20 11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (Chicken Tikka Masala)
- Wed, December 25 Consistory CLOSED for Christmas Holiday**
- Fri, December 27 NO LUNCH**

## JANUARY 2020

- Wed, January 1, 2020 Consistory CLOSED for New Year's Day Holiday**
- Fri, January 3 11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (Fried Chicken)
- Sat, January 4 9:00-11:00 a.m. Un-decorating Party—ALL MEMBERS, officers, wives, and family invited
- Mon, January 6 6:30 p.m. KSA Meeting in the Lodge Room
- Fri, January 10 & 17 11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch
- Sat, January 18 6:45 p.m. KSA Burns Supper - **Parking Garage Available**
- Mon, January 20 Stated Meeting - **Parking Garage Available**  
5:30 p.m. Red Room Business Meeting  
6:00 p.m. Dinner  
7:00 p.m. Awards and Announcements  
7:30 p.m. Split Meeting: Annual Meetings of Corporations and Installation of Officers
- Fri, January 24 CONSISTORY CLOSED for Grand Lodge Annual Communication**



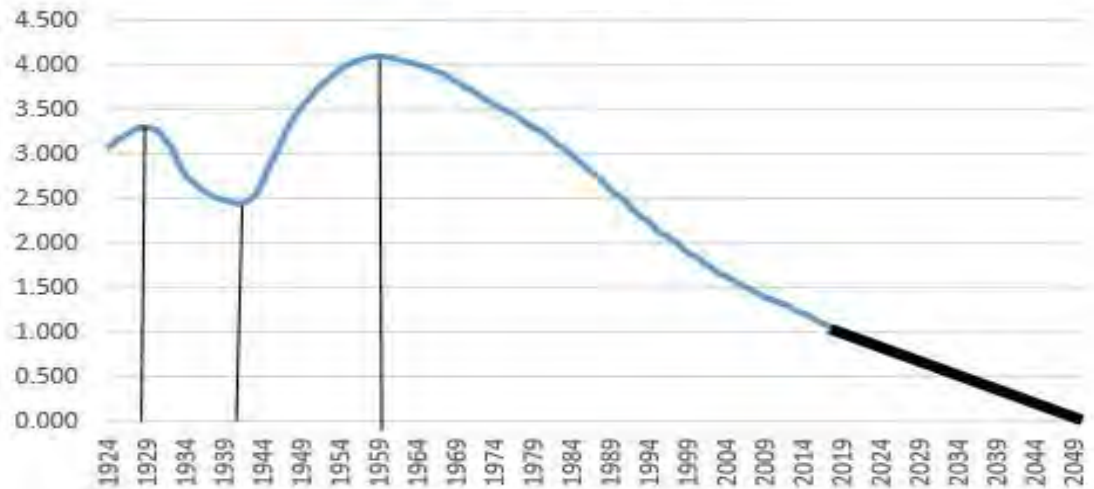
# EDITOR'S RESTLEBOARD



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U.S. Masonic Membership (millions)



I've been a Mason since going through my Craft degrees in Scotland while on duty with the navy 1976-1979. Over the years, I've seen just about everything concerning "membership" in the craft ... people crying that we're doomed, others saying simply that it's a cyclic thing. I want you to take a CLOSE look at the graphic above. The numbers of members shown are taken from the Masonic Service Association page where they show membership by year. Their data stops in 2017, so the black bar above is what we call an "extrapolation" - meaning, if the curve continues at the same slope (rate), this shows where the membership numbers are headed. Again, looking at the graph, what strikes your eye are several key and essential points: in the late 1920's, we see a relative peak—probably associated with the returning WWI veterans joining lodges as some sort of way to relive that camaraderie they felt during the war with their buddies. Then, around 1939 you see a relative minimum—which presages WWII when our "boys" would be occupied fighting the war and were unavailable to join ... thus this probably represents the numbers dying off and going NPD (remember, the 30's were the great depression). Then, we see a huge peak around 1959-1960 (end of Korea, and again, major numbers joining to rekindle that camaraderie with their "brothers" in arms. But, from there, we see a constant and predictable downward trend in total members. If you follow the black line, it says basically we will have zero members around 2050. Reality is that you will never actually hit zero, as the

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lodge, Grand Lodge, or whatever group you choose, will simply cease to be a viable organization long before you hit that magic "zero" date. You have to decide what the minimum number of members required to sustain the absolutely essential functions of the group might be in order to gain some perspective on when the group might actually just steal away into the night and cease to be viable.

Not shown in the graphic is the specific data for Colorado. Our 2016 membership numbers were reported to be 8,099 - while our 2017 membership numbers reported were 7,676 (representing a LOSS of 423 (or about -5.2%) members—from whatever cause ... death, NPD, demit, you name it). Looking at ALL Grand Lodges in the U.S. only Alabama (+551=+2.4%), Hawaii (+13=+0.8%), and Kentucky (+33=+0.1%) showed positive growth in their numbers. ALL the rest of the U. S. Grand Lodges lost significant numbers in just that one year span. By the way, our neighbors to the north (Canada) had NO provinces showing gains in membership. Their overall membership in the craft declined from 69,792 in 2016 to 65,956 in 2017. That's a loss of 3,836 members or ~5.5% - which is statistically about the same level of loss seen in the U.S.

Brothers, these are FACTS ... you can NOT argue facts. You may argue "opinions" all day and all night long, but facts are simply facts. You cannot deny from the numbers we see here that Masonry membership is on a decline and has been for nearly FIVE DECADES! The odd lodge here or there that seems to be growing doesn't offset the overall Grand Lodge losses—closure of lodges and loss of members that we're seeing.

That leads me to ask the question: WHY are we losing so consistently? Well, this is a simple question, but the problem it addresses is quite complex, so the answer will logically also be quite complex and perhaps difficult to understand and most likely unpopular to digest. One may argue that the current young generation simply isn't interested—they have different priorities and ideas about what they want to do with their PERSONAL time. That's actually be the case for years ... so that's not a real driver even though it's convenient to think so. As our late W.Bro. Randy Trullinger, 32° KCCH used to say about Job's Daughters (and it really applies to Masonry and the other bodies as well) "we do a great job of getting them to join; we do a LOUSY job at keeping them." I've seen Brother Chris Hodapp opine that "we're boring our members to death." There's a certain amount of truth to that statement. When a meeting becomes PREDICTABLE, REPETITIVE, and yes ... boring—you WILL lose members' interest and participation. When you recycle members through the line over and over again, you will burn them out—and lose them as well.

There is absolutely NOTHING we can do to stop losses from death of our members. But, as our membership ages, and we don't replace the losses with younger men having many years of potential productivity in the craft, the trend of losing overall membership will simply continue.

When I joined the Denver Consistory in 2003, we had approximately 5,000 members—according to then Secretary Darryl Tygart. Of those 5,000-ish members, ~2,500 (HALF) of them were 80 years old or older! Last time Ill. Bro. Matt provided our membership statistics, we had 1837 members. That was a one year loss of 107 members (5.5% - again, matching the overall Canadian and U.S. trends). But, that also represents a ~63% drop in about 16 yrs.

So, what does all this tell us? In the words of retired Admiral Mike Rogers (former Director of NSA and Chief of the Cyber Command) who was speaking to a veterans group on what was needed to attract the new generation of veteran to the group, "simply put, they are NOT going to come to you, YOU HAVE TO GO TO THEM." So, this brings me to the tradition of not asking men to join a lodge - the caveat is that the candidate is "unbiased by improper solicitation" which I interpret to mean, if there is such a thing as "improper" solicitation, there MUST then be "proper" solicitation for membership. We've opened up about the craft over the years - I guarantee you we can speak more openly about Masonry to outsiders than my father's generation (1930's) could, but apparently that's not working either. We're seeing pitifully small numbers participate in our Prospect Nights—why? Maybe we've pretty much exhausted the pool of eligible Master Masons who are not already Scottish Rite Masons—their numbers in lodges are dwindling, as are ours. I'll wager York Rite is struggling similarly.

Simplistically, it means to us that we have to learn to do with less member support—and that means support in dues, support in degree work, support in working around the building, and the list goes on. EVERYONE is in the same boat—and there are only 24 hours a day—and we're just one of many demands on our members' time.

We're fond of saying "doing the same thing over and over again and somehow expecting the results to be different" is a definition of insanity, YET, despite knowing this, we see signs that we just IGNORE that maxim. Meetings are repetitive, predictable, and still boring to too many of our Brethren. Reality also sometimes is painful—as we all age, we MUST be in a position and willing to hand off governance of the craft to a younger generation—who may or may not see things the same way we do. It doesn't mean they value Masonry less than we do, it just means they see their part in the craft differently—and they believe that COMMUNICATION—with their members, with potential members, and with the public—must take on a different aura (in other words, BE PRESENT where they are—remember, they're not going to come to us, we have to go to them).

History—as shown in the graph a couple of pages ago—tells us that whatever it is we've been doing isn't working. SOMETHING needs to change, perhaps drastically, if we even have a chance of preserving the craft with a semblance of familiarity. Failure to learn from history and change simply means we will continue on that downward slope toward collapse. Change is never easy and rarely painless, but it is essential. In the navy, there is a term "in extremis" which means you have reached a point aboard a ship underway that no matter what you do, you WILL have a collision with another ship." Let's not wait until the craft and Scottish Rite get "in extremis" before we actually try to make meaningful changes to bring in the missing generation of young Masons that will carry the craft beyond that predicted endpoint, because, in extremis, it is already too late..

I'm not saying "the sky is falling" or "we all doomed" - or anything of that ilk. I'm simply saying that while I can enjoy my Masonry, the next generation may find it cannot—and that's not a legacy I would like to leave to them. Let's get together, brainstorm, and start thinking OUTSIDE THE BOX to approach a solution to this problem.

*Bill*



# From the Secretary's Desk

[Matt Raia, 33°](#)



## WHAT DOES “RSVP” stand for in English?

“RSVP” is an abbreviation for the French phrase “**Repondez, s’il vous plait,**” which translates into English as “**RESPOND PLEASE.**” When the phrase is on an invitation, it means a response is requested to let the individual sending the invitation know if you will or will not attend. Contrary to popular believe it is **NOT** a Masonic term which translates to “**Does not apply to me.**”

## What does “Reservations Required mean?”

It means that if you wish to attend you **MUST** make a reservation. It too is **NOT** a Masonic phrase which means “**Does not apply to me.**”

RSVP’ing has become as rare as saying “please and thank-you.” Failing to respond is not only rude, it is also a breach of good etiquette.

**PLEASE ... HELP US PLAN PROPERLY** for our events and dinners. We do not want to waste money by over-ordering the amount of food we will need, and we definitely don’t want to run out by not ordering enough. The only way we will know how much to order is if you do your part and let us know if you will attend.

If you are hosting a dinner party at your home, wouldn’t it be helpful if you knew how many were going to attend? The same thing applies—IN SPADES—for the Consistory.

**OCTOBER 21<sup>st</sup> Meeting** - We tried something a little different for our October meeting. I hope you enjoyed it. I’m sure there were some who didn’t like it because “We’ve never done it that way.” Those who did not like the change will be happy to know that we will have our normal meeting format in November.



The presentation by **John Fielder** was outstanding. We enjoyed the remarkable photos and John’s explanation of them. John graciously donated a part of the proceeds from the sale of his books to the Scottish Rite Foundation. Thank you **Brother Michael Zeff, 32° KCCH**, Master of Kadosh, for working out the details for John Fielder’s presentation.



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**Knights of Saint Andrew Fall Consistory Cleanup** - The clean-up is scheduled for November 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9:00-11:00 a.m. All Denver Consistory members are invited to help clean up the building in preparation for our Fall Reunion.

Our **Fall Reunion** will be **November 14-16, 2019**. Get your petitions turned in. At the Saturday Night Banquet we will present 25 & 50 year membership awards.

**Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup> will be our regular Stated Meeting.** We will have our annual Veteran's Recognition Program, and Ritual Opening and Closing by the Rocky Mountain Chapter of Rose Croix.

**The Christmas Decorating Party will be Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00-11:00 a.m.** All are invited to attend and help decorate the building for Christmas. It is always fun putting up the decorations and reminiscing about Christmases past, and remembering when ... Remember, FAMILIES and FRIENDS are invited to come down and help with decorating as well.

**Monthly Dues Payment Program is available.** Are you tired of paying dues at the end of the year to all of the Masonic bodies (and other organizations) of which you are a member? You may now pay your annual Denver Consistory dues in 12 easy monthly payments, rather than one lump sum just when all the year-end bills are coming in, eliminating one more year-end bill you have to pay. By authorizing an automatic credit card payment each month at the end of the year your dues will be paid and your dues card will be sent to you. Contact the office and speak with Cathy to set up a payment plan.

**LIFE MEMBERSHIP** is an ideal way to avoid paying future dues increases. A Life Membership guarantees that you will never be suspended for non-payment of dues should your future financial situation change. It also ensures that should you no longer be able to take care of your finances, you will not be suspended for nonpayment of dues because your Scottish Rite membership is of no significance to the individual handling your finances. By purchasing a Life Membership, you leave a continuing legacy to Denver Consistory after your death.

**LIFE MEMBERSHIP FEES:**

75 years old and older - a single payment of \$1,000

62 - 74 years old - a single payment of \$1,500

Younger than 62 years old - a single payment of \$2,500

Extended payment terms may be arranged. Contact the office for details.

**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.

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## Upcoming Events at Denver Consistory

**Children's Christmas Party** - The annual Scottish Rite Foundation/Denver Consistory Children's Christmas Party will be held **Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to NOON**. Santa will be available to speak with the children about their Christmas wish list. There will be games, arts-n-crafts, and refreshments.

A retirement celebration in honor of **SGIG Illustrious Brother Steve Munsinger, 33<sup>o</sup>**, who has announced his retirement from the Supreme Council, will be held at Denver Consistory on December 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Illustrious Brother James Cole, 33<sup>o</sup>, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A., will be present for this special event.

We will have an "open mic" session for those who would like to speak.



From the Colorado Council of Kadosh WEST

**Michael J. Scott, 32<sup>o</sup> KCCH**  
**1st Lieutenant Commander**



### Brothers:

It's that time of year again. All of us at the Colorado Council of Kadosh are getting ready for our next reunion. Our reunion will be held November 14-16.

Please turn in any outstanding petitions ASAP. We will be having an officers' meeting on Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup> for the sole purpose of reviewing and voting on petitions. After that, our Brothers will have to wait until May 2020 to join the Denver Consistory. There are 8 (EIGHT) petitions turned in so far!

As most of you know, the purpose of the Council of Kadosh is to bring in and retain our Brethren as members. All of us in the Council of Kadosh are looking for new ways to attract and engage new members. We would love to hear other's thoughts and ideas regarding membership promotion and retention.

I will have an article in the December RiteWorks and I hope to have some exciting news to share. We have been working on a few ideas that we feel will benefit membership.

In the January issue, I will have an article on the importance of the 30<sup>th</sup> Degree 4<sup>th</sup> Apartment. I will address its importance and relevance to today's society. There will be an update on the status of the Council of Kadosh as well.

**55<sup>th</sup> Reunion  
Fall 2019  
Nov. 14 - 16, 2019**

**Wednesday Nov. 13, 2019**

6:30pm Children's Hospital  
Candidates and Invited guests only  
Welcome - Rite Care Presentation  
Prolog to the Reunion

**Thursday Nov. 14, 2019**

7:30am Registration/ Welcome/Class Instruction

**8:00am Exemplify 4°**

8:40am Communicate 5°

8:48am Communicate 6°

8:56am Communicate 7°

9:04am Communicate 8°

**9:12am Exemplify 9° & 10°**

9:50am Break

10:05am Class Instruction

**10:25am Exemplify 11°**

10:45 Class Instruction

11:00am Communicate 12°

**11:05am Exemplify 13°**

11:35am Lunch

**12:35pm Exemplify 14°**

1:30pm Secretary's Presentation

1:30pm Lecture/Instruction for members

1:55pm Committee Presentations/Tour

2:25pm Break

**2:35pm Exemplify 15°**

3:40pm Break

3:55pm Class Instruction

**4:00pm Exemplify 16°**

4:40pm Class Instruction

4:45pm Adjourn

**Friday Nov. 15, 2019**

8:00am Class Convenes

8:30am Communicate 17°

8:40am Class Instruction

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

9:35am Class Instruction

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

10:20am Class Instruction

10:30am Photography Committee

10:40am Communicate 19°

**10:48am Exemplify 20° First Section**

11:10am Class Instruction

11:20am Break

**11:35am Exemplify 20° Second Section**

12:05pm Grand Master Address

12:20pm Lunch

1:05pm Prolog to 21°

**1:09pm Exemplify 21°**

1:45pm Communicate 22°

1:55pm Class Instruction

2:05pm Break

**2:20pm Exemplify 23°**

2:45pm Class Instruction

**3:10pm Exemplify 24°**

3:45pm Communicate 25°

3:52pm Communicate 26°

3:59pm Communicate 27°

4:07pm Communicate 28°

**4:15pm Exemplify 29°**

4:55pm Adjourn

**Saturday November 16, 2019**

8:15am Class Convenes

8:30am Knights of St. Andrew Presentation

8:40am Shrine Presentation

8:50am S.G.I.G. Address & Class Photo

10:00am Class Instruction

**10:10am Exemplify 30°/1<sup>st</sup> Apartment**

**10:28am Exemplify 30°/ 2<sup>nd</sup> Apartment**

**10:43am Exemplify 30°/3<sup>rd</sup> Apartment**

10:58am Break

11:15am Class Instruction

**1130am Exemplify 30°/ 4<sup>th</sup> Apartment**

11:55am Lunch

12:55pm Communicate 31°

1:10pm Class Instruction

**1:15pm Exemplify 32° First Section**

2:03pm Class Instruction

2:13pm Break

**2:30pm Exemplify 32° Second Section**

3:22pm Patriotic Poem

3:27 pm Closing Ceremony

3:45pm Adjourn

**6:00pm Banquet**

25 & 50 Year Membership Awards

8:00pm Adjourn



DENVER SCOTTISH RITE

# REUNION CALENDAR

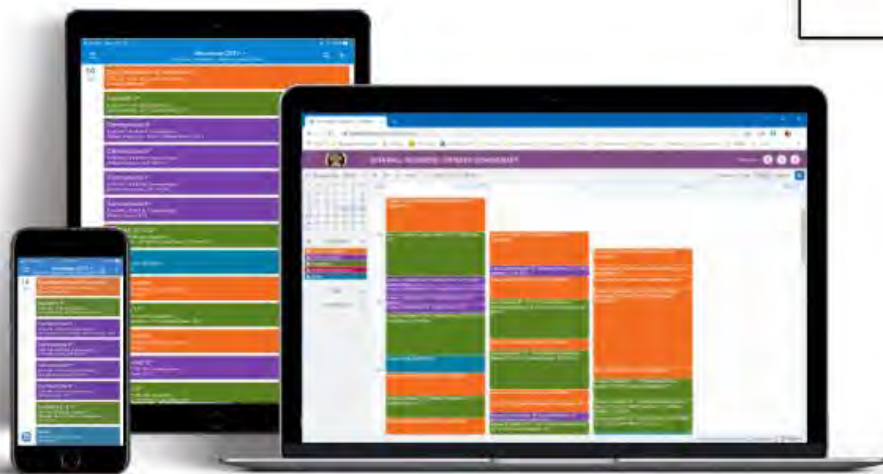
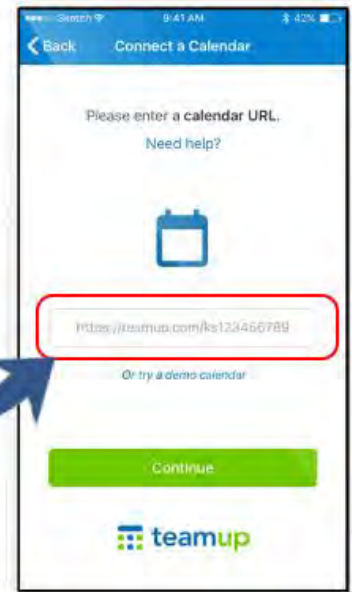
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- Reunion lunch and dinner menus



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## **MEMBER SPOTLIGHT**

### **Brother Charles Curtis**

### **Robinson, II, 32<sup>o</sup>**

**We continue this series this month with Brother Charles Curtis Robinson, II, 32<sup>o</sup>**

1. **Where are you from?** Born and raised in Chicago, Illinois.
2. **Tell us about your family.** My father was a PhD Chemist, Mason, Scottish Rite, and Shriner. My grandfather was a Mason as was his brother, my great-uncle. My mother was Eastern Star. My current family consists of my wife, Sheila Robinson, who is a retired nurse (BSRN) and worked in my ENT practice as my nurse and office manager for 30 years. My son, C. Curtis Robinson, III, is WM of Denver Lodge #5, in the Scottish Rite, Senior Warden of the Knights of Saint Andrew, 28th degree Commander, and is involved in the 30<sup>th</sup> degree (4<sup>th</sup> apartment) as well. My daughter, Robyn, is a lawyer with a Legal Letters Masters in tax. I have 2 grandchildren: Grace and Nick (13 and 10 respectively), and a son-in-law Daryl, who is a successful lawyer in D.C. working for the BBB.
3. **What do you do for a living?** I am a retired ENT surgeon and practiced in Albuquerque, NM for over 30 years.
4. **How long have you been a Mason?** I was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on September 11, 1958 in Chicago at Tracy Lodge #810. I completed the 32<sup>nd</sup> Degree in the Scottish Rite at the Santa Fe Consistory in May 1965. I was received into Ballut Abyad Shriners on May 15, 1965 where I served as Medical Director. Currently, I am a member of Denver Lodge #5 A.F.&A.M. as Chaplain (2019).
5. **How long have you been a member of the Consistory?** Since December 8<sup>th</sup> 2012.
6. **What have you done in Masonry?** Medical Director in Ballut Abyad Shrine and current serve as the Chaplain in Denver Lodge #5, A.F.&A.M.
7. **What do you like the most about the fraternity?** The brotherhood, with the chance to meet others with the same high principles and participate in the rituals.
8. **What are your hobbies?** Playing the piano, traveling - including cruising, golfing, skiing, swimming, regular exercise, and reading.
9. **Tell us something that we don't know about you?** My wife and I love to dance and entertain; I am a lector and usher at the Cathedral of St. John's; I'm a Cubs and Bears fan; I've travelled all over the world; I'm active as an officer for the Greater Albuquerque Medical Association; and ... I LOVE MEXICAN FOOD!

Thank you for this honor - Charles Curtis Robinson, II



# 2019 Colorado Scottish Rite Honours



## ARE YOU A VETERAN?

### Do you know about National Sojourners?

<https://www.nationalsojourners.org>



The purpose of National Sojourners is to organize current and former members of the uniformed forces of the United States as well as Honorary Members, all of whom are Master Masons, into Chapters for the promotion of good fellowship, for assisting such as may be overtaken by adversity or affliction, for cultivating Masonic ideals, for supporting all patriotic aims and activities in Masonry, for developing true Patriotism and Americanism throughout the Nation, for bringing together representatives of the uniformed forces of the United States (past and present) in a united effort to further the military need of National Defense, and for opposing any influence whatsoever calculated to weaken the National Security.

A key purpose of National Sojourners is the advancement of programs that promote love of country. Accordingly, our nationwide chapters stand ready to provide a wide range of complimentary patriotic programs and series in support of interested organizations including: churches, schools, civic groups, veteran associations, youth groups, ROTC/JROTC units. In addition, National Sojourners is deeply committed to serving Masonic Lodges and Appendant Bodies with a wide range of educational programs and services to the craft.

To be an active member, you must be a Master Mason and U.S. citizen having served, or currently serving, honorably in the Uniformed Services of the United States. Those Master Masons who are ineligible for “active” membership but who have served Masonry or the nation meritoriously, are eligible to become honorary members. However, each chapter is limited to a maximum of 15% of its total membership as honorary—but a special waiver of this limit is granted to the elected Grand Lodge Officers if they are otherwise not eligible for regular active membership.

Denver-Fitzsimons #37 would be pleased to have you join our ranks. You can get additional information by contacting our Chapter President, GySgt Dan Rivers, USMC (ret) at 303-802-6973 or [rivers55@msn.com](mailto:rivers55@msn.com); our Chapter Secretary LCDR Bill Hickey, USN (ret) at 303-494-0384 or [wa3h@hotmail.com](mailto:wa3h@hotmail.com); or our 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Danny Tomlinson (former LT, USN) at 303-638-6509 or [dtomlinson@msn.com](mailto:dtomlinson@msn.com).

Our meetings are held at the Golden Corral Restaurant at Santa Fe and Hampden on the second WEDNESDAY of each month between September and May. Meetings start promptly at noon, so most arrive about 1100 to eat before the meeting. We usually have a guest speaker or other program and are adjourned by about 1330 hours. We also have one or two evening meetings—one in November to hear the youth we sponsored to Freedom’s Foundation at Valley Forge speak to us about their experiences during the summer.



# I Am Your Flag



**I am your Flag,**

**I am the flag of the United States of America.**

**I am called Old Glory.**

**I am called the Star Spangled Banner.**

**I am the rockets red glare;  
the bombs bursting in air.**

**I am the imminence of patriotism.**

**I am the trenches in France, Belgium,  
Anzio, Normandy, Omaha Beach,  
Guadalcanal and Korea.**

**I am the jungle of Vietnam and the sands of Desert Storm  
and the streets of Bosnia.**

**I am "*One Nation under God*".**

**I am the names of those who never came back  
to keep this Republic free.**

**When you salute me, you are actually saluting them.**

**I am the symbol of America.**

**The home of the proud, the brave and the free.**

**(Unknown)**

# Memorial Scroll

Ronald Albert Cross, 32°	09/07/2019
Robert Dewayne DeVault, 32°	08/07/2019
John Edgar Elliff, 32°	08/26/2019
Byron Leonard Gillett, 32°	01/02/2019
Devon Leslie Glenn, 32°	10/22/2019
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# The Prelate's Pulpit

Rev. James H. Harris, 33<sup>o</sup>

“Darkness”



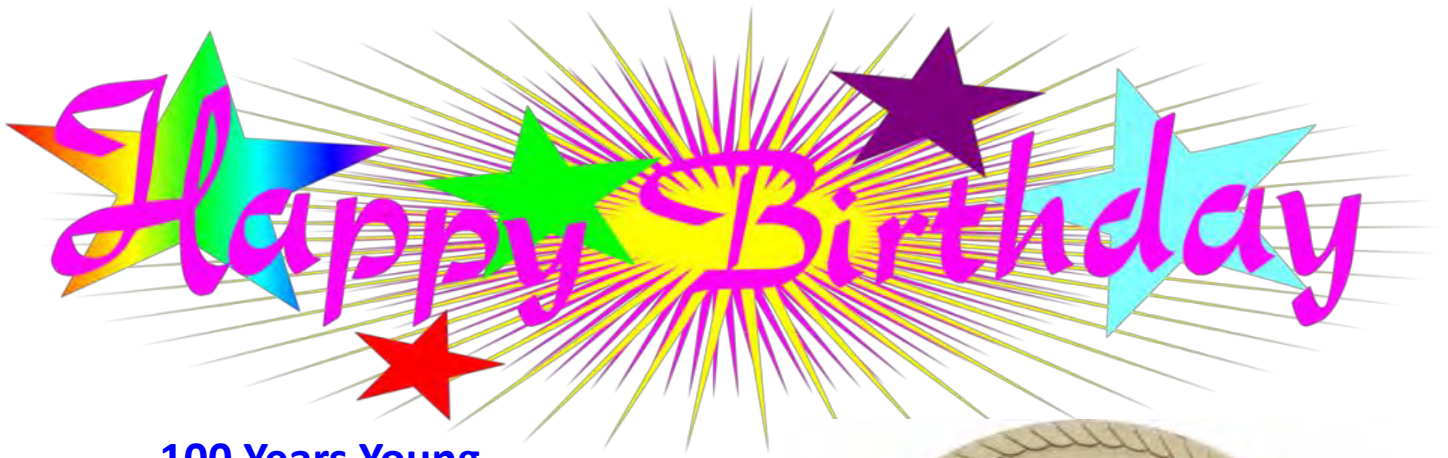
It was a windy, cool fall day as we drove to the Pinehurst Country Club to enjoy the Holiday Day Brunch, hosted by the Blackhawk Lodge. The brunch was on a Sunday, and the roads were not busy with traffic. As I drove, I noticed the blowing leaves. They were different colors - brown, orange, red, and yellow. Some of the trees were almost bare, while others were just beginning to drop their leaves. When I got out of my car, I could feel it was Fall and yes, the holiday season. Autumn is definitely here, the world begins its change, and so do we. It is back to our lodge meetings. At our Consistory meeting we were reminded about the fall reunion, the Children's Christmas party, and decorating the Consistory for the holidays. The gavel has sounded and lodge is opened.

The gavel in the East calls the Craft from refreshment to labor. The common gavel is an instrument made for use by the operative Mason to break off the rough edges and better fit them for the builder's use. However, we as Free and Accepted Masons are taught to make use of the gavel for the more noble purpose of divesting ourselves of the superfluities of life, thereby fitting ourselves as living stones for the spiritual building, that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. The Master's gavel opens lodge in order that we may do our work and also closes the lodge, sending us out into the world to continue our work. However, this humble tool is also a symbol of power and authority when used by the three main officers of the lodge. The gavel is a symbol of power of good or ill in the hands of a Brother. Hopefully, the gavel is wielded wisely and in the spirit of brotherly love.

So, my Brothers, the gavel has sounded - it is time to respond to the calling sound. How can we make our fraternity stronger, more caring, more meaningful and yes, more loving? Faith, hope and charity are three binding Masonic values. I heard our Grand Master tell us at Weston Lodge that charity, over the years, has also meant love. The Bible teaches us that faith, hope, and love endure and the greatest of these is love. The Grand Master is correct - charity IS love. So, my Brothers, what things can we do to make our Consistory more loving by practicing charity? I have found the people join an organization or church or lodge mainly because of its members and its charity.

At the end of the day, when the Lodge of our life is closed and the sound of the gavel is heard no more, I pray we will have no regrets. We lived our lives in the brotherhood of our Craft and labored in its service of building a better world for all.

Peace and Blessings to all,  
Rev. Br. James Harris



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Edward William Trevino

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Timothy Allen Christner

**40 Years Old?**

Dustin Seth Parsons  
John Todd Schleibaum

**Our November "Youngster"?**

Richard Maxton Murray (38)



**November 10, 1775**  
**244 years old**







# SCOTTISH RITE FALL REUNION 2019

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## Denver Consistory 55th Consecutive Reunion November 14, 15, 16, 2019

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DENVER CONSISTORY  
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**10:00AM-NOON**

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**2020 Burns Night Supper  
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**Saturday, January 18, 2020**

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Our Annual Grand Court Session will be FEBRUARY 27-29, 2020 at the Double Tree Hotel 3203 Quebec Street in Denver.

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Informal opening Thursday February 27, 2020

Installation of Officers for 2020-2021 will be Saturday, February 29, 2020

Hope to see you then!

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We would appreciate ANY comments, feed-back and interest in participating on your part – and that of YOUR organization.

Please feel free to email OR call!!

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Web site: [grandcourtofcolorado-amaranth.org](http://grandcourtofcolorado-amaranth.org)

Sincerely and Fraternaly yours,

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Cindi Sebastian  
Grand Royal Matron

*Jim*

James Handy  
Grand Royal Patron

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Grand Associate Matron

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