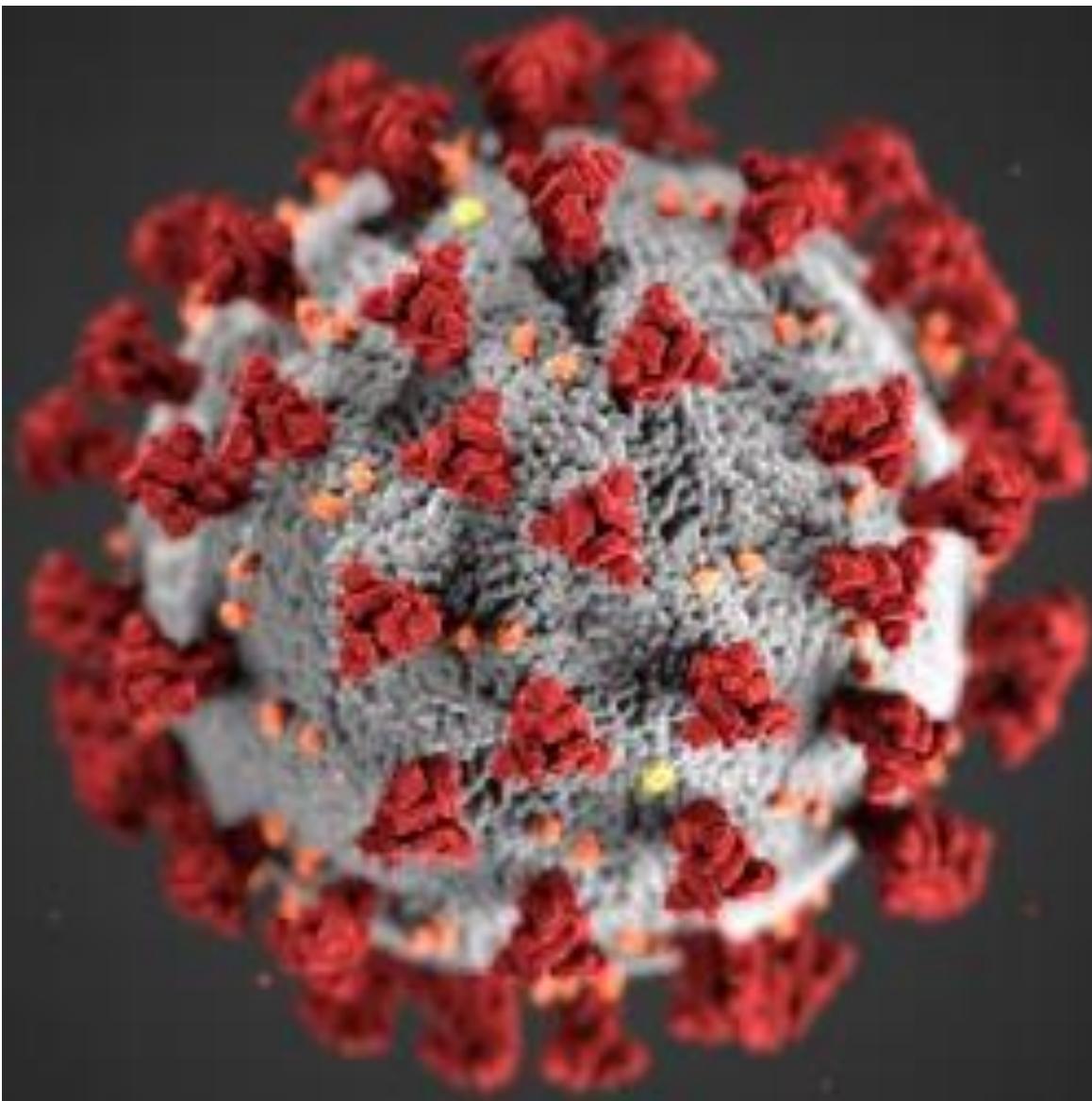




# Denver's RiteWorks

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Denver Consistory Marketplace

<https://centennial-lodge-of-perfection.square.site/>

Allows you to reserve dinners/events and to pay online (for example: Dues, Stated Meeting Dinners, Annual Summer Dinner, Oktoberfest, etc.)

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All meetings, events - the KSA cleanup, and Friday afternoon lunches were cancelled for the Month of March AND April due to the COVID-19 Emergency. As you know, the entire state has been put under a "stay and home" order, meaning, the consistory office is CLOSED until the order is lifted. When that order is rescinded or modified, the office will probably operate on a LIMITED basis and will not be open "as usual." Phone messages will be checked periodically and we will respond as best as we can under the circumstances. We appreciate your patience and indulgence as we all weather this situation.

### Job Opening

#### Executive Secretary – Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado

After 20 years of faithful service, our Executive Secretary, Vernon B. Ingraham, 33° GC is retiring. The Foundation Board of Trustees is seeking applicants to fill this very important position.

Brethren interested in the details of this office and how to apply may visit

<http://www.scottishritefoundation.org/job.pdf>

Or contact Tom Magnuson, 33° at (785) 230-3392 or

email: [tomnsnook@msn.com](mailto:tomnsnook@msn.com)

# PLANNING CALENDAR

## Subject to Change as Conditions Warrant

All events at the Consistory for March and April are cancelled.

### May (to be reviewed by Executive Committee)

Fri, May 1	11:30 a.m.	Consistory Lunch (Fried Chicken)
Mon, May 4	7:00 p.m.	KSA Meeting in Lodge Room
Fri, May 8	11:30 a.m.	Consistory Lunch
Sat, May 9	11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Calling Committee
Mon, May 18		Stated Meeting— <b>Parking Garage Available</b> Feast of the Consistory 5:30 p.m. Red Room Business Meeting 6:00 p.m. Dinner 7:00 p.m. Awards and Announcements, Entertainment 7:30 p.m. Split Meeing - Denver Consistory Ritual Open/Close; Masonic Education
Fri, May 22		<b>NO LUNCH (holiday weekend)</b>
Mon, May 25		<b>CONSISTORY CLOSED (Memorial Day Holiday)</b>
Fri, May 29	11:30 a.m.	Consistory Lunch

### Front Door Security System

A security system has been installed on the sliding door entrance to the building. The door is no longer left unlocked during business hours allowing anyone to enter the building unannounced and take the elevator to the third floor offices. The system was installed to provide much-needed protection for the office staff.

To gain admission, a visitor must push the intercom button on the outside of the door and request to be admitted. **Denver Consistory members may be admitted by scanning their dues card in the card reader and are not required to push the intercom button and request admission.**

**HOWEVER ...**

Your dues card MUST be scanned into the system before it will work as your key card. Come to the office and see Illustrious Brother Tom Thompson to get your dues card scanned.



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

See that nasty looking sucker on the front page? It's a microscopic representation of that Coronavirus (COVID-19) that is currently rampaging all over the world, and causing panic and serious problems for medical facilities. While we can not afford to take its danger lightly, we can also be INFORMED—not by wild fantasies and conspiracy notions on social media - but rather by doing our diligent homework and not just accepting things at face value, even if they are from our friends and Brothers (well-meaning though they may well be). And, even our mainstream media outlets aren't doing us many favors by giving us pieces of information, snippets from a longer statement which omits critical amplifying information.

There are MANY valid places to find information about the current state of the pandemic we are seeing. Without wanting to sow any further concern, here's a couple of video clips of an interview with a University of Minnesota professor who is an "infectious disease detective" with a lot of experience in similar cases. One of them is only a 15 minute portion which takes you through the essentials. The other one is about an hour long, and it INCLUDES the 15 minute part but goes even further in getting information out to you so you know what to expect.

In these times, we are seeing federal, state, and local declarations of emergency, with all sorts of restrictions on open movements and crowd sizes. Please, take them seriously and consider not just YOUR health and well-being, but that of others around you as well.

Stay safe my Brethren, and when we are able to gather again, we will be all that much more glad to see each other in our familiar settings.

<https://youtu.be/cZFhjMQrVts> 15 minute interview

<https://youtu.be/E3URhJx0NSw> Full 1h35m interview (includes the 15 minutes above)

Michael Osterholm is an internationally recognized expert in infectious disease epidemiology. He is Regents Professor, McKnight Presidential Endowed Chair in Public Health, the director of the Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy (CIDRAP), Distinguished Teaching Professor in the Division of Environmental Health Sciences, School of Public Health, a professor in the Technological Leadership Institute, College of Science and Engineering, and an adjunct professor in the Medical School, all at the University of Minnesota.

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As everyone knows by now, it's really easy to become overwhelmed with the plethora of "information" being put out about this virus—whether it's in the various news outlets you watch/read or the social media you monitor. Just realize, there's a big difference between what medical professionals say and what people "FEEL" about this virus.

So, because the Consistory is now closed for at least a while, we won't have much in the way of "news from around the Consistory" - so look for me to put in a few light-hearted articles, some contributions from our officer lines, and also some thought-provoking pieces that may well have nothing at all to do with Masonry, per se, but will be things that you can use to improve yourselves.

**Bill**

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## TRIVIAL TRIPPINGS

1. What was the setting for the "Phantom of the Opera?"
2. Who is the "Black Pearl?"
3. What was the name of the "Forbidden Planet" (HINT: the movie is a classic)
4. What was George Armstrong Custer's last command?
5. What is the distance from the pitcher's rubber to home plate in baseball?
6. What was the secret identity of "The Shadow?"
7. Who was the wife of Pecos Bill?
8. What was the first Mickey Mouse SOUND cartoon?
9. Who was the "Swamp Fox?" (extra points if you also know the actor's name that played the character.)
10. Who was the "Gray Ghost?"
11. Who was Red Ryder's Indian companion?
12. Name the four Marx Brothers.
13. Who played Sir Guy of Gisbourne opposite Errol Flynn's Robin Hood?
14. What was the name of Hopalong Cassidy's ranch?
15. In what flick did the famous "Grapefruit-jammed-in-the-face" scene occur?

(Answers on page 19)

The weight of a large caliber Naval projectile in pounds is APPROXIMATELY half the cube of its diameter in inches (i.e., for a 16" battleship shell, = 2048 pounds!)

"A ship is always referred to as 'she' because it costs so much to keep one in paint and powder."

- Fleet Admiral Chester Nimitz

## FBI SEES RISE IN FRAUD SCHEMES RELATED TO THE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) PANDEMIC

March 20, 2020 Alert Number I-032020-PSA

Scammers are leveraging the COVID-19 pandemic to steal your money, your personal information, or both. Don't let them. Protect yourself and do your research before clicking on links purporting to provide information on the virus; donating to a charity online or through social media; contributing to a crowdfunding campaign; purchasing products online; or giving up your personal information in order to receive money or other benefits. The FBI advises you to be on the lookout for the following:

**FAKE CDC Emails.** Watch out for emails claiming to be from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) or other organizations claiming to offer information on the virus. Do not click links or open attachments you do not recognize. Fraudsters can use links in emails to deliver malware to your computer to steal personal information or to lock your computer and demand payment. Be wary of websites and apps claiming to track COVID-19 cases worldwide. Criminals are using malicious websites to infect and lock devices until payment is received.

**Phishing Emails.** Look out for phishing emails asking you to verify your personal information in order to receive an economic stimulus check from the government. While talk of economic stimulus checks has been in the news cycle, government agencies are NOT sending unsolicited emails seeking your private information in order to send you money. Phishing emails may also claim to be related to: Charitable contributions, General financial relief, Airline carrier refunds, Fake cures and vaccines, and Fake testing kits.

**Counterfeit Treatments or Equipment.** Be cautious of anyone selling products that claim to prevent, treat, diagnose, or cure COVID-19. Be alert to counterfeit products such as sanitizing products and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), including N95 respirator masks, goggles, full face shields, protective gowns, and gloves. More information on unapproved or counterfeit PPE can be found at [www.cdc.gov/niosh](http://www.cdc.gov/niosh). You can also find information on the U. S. Food and Drug Administration website, [www.fda.gov](http://www.fda.gov), and the Environmental Protection Agency website, [www.epa.gov](http://www.epa.gov). Report counterfeit products at [www.ic3.gov](http://www.ic3.gov) and to the National Intellectual Property Rights Coordination Center at [iprcenter.gov](http://iprcenter.gov).

If you are looking for accurate and up-to-date information on COVID-19, the CDC has posted extensive guidance and information that is updated frequently. The best sources for authoritative information on COVID-19 are [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov) and [www.coronavirus.gov](http://www.coronavirus.gov). You may also consult your primary care physician for guidance.

The FBI is reminding you to always use good cyber hygiene and security measures. By remembering the following tips, you can protect yourself and help stop criminal activity:

- Don't open attachments or click links within emails from senders you do not recognize.
- Don't provide your username, password, date of birth, social security number, financial data, or other personal information in response to an email or robocall.
- Always verify the web address of legitimate websites and manually type them into your browser.
- Check for misspellings or wrong domains within a link (for example, an address that should end in a ".gov" ends in ".com" instead).



# From the Secretary's Desk

[Matt Raia, 33°](#)



Ron Birely

Personal Representative

The Valley of Denver

Lux Inens Nos Agit



March 17, 2020

Dear Brothers of the Denver Consistory,

These are indeed challenging times for all of us. I would like to give you an update on the actions we have taken at the Denver Consistory concerning the COVID-19 virus. Before I detail the specific actions taken, please know that all these actions have been taken with your health and safety in mind.

**We have closed the Denver Consistory Building until May 1st.** There will be NO membership activity, meals, or lodges allowed in the building during this timeframe. The office will continue to operate their normal hours, 8 to 4 Monday through Thursday, and 8 to noon on Friday. While the building is closed there will be a deep clean and disinfecting of all surfaces in the Cathedral, meeting rooms, offices, dining room, and kitchen. This cleaning effort is a huge task, but the work has begun, and I am fully confident that our Executive Secretary will get this accomplished.

**Regretfully, we have cancelled the 2020 Spring Reunion.** This was a very difficult decision to make. Our Director General had a great Reunion planned. Rehearsals had been scheduled and casts had begun work. Practices would have made social distancing difficult. With the uncertainty of the May schedule, and the inability to practice in the building, it was the only logical decision to make.

As I stated in the beginning of this message, or overriding concern is your health.

In the next few weeks, you will be contacted by one of our several call teams from the Denver Consistory, just to check on you and your family. In the meantime, if you need anything, groceries or medications picked up, do not hesitate to call the office at 303-861-4261.

Together we will get through this.

Yours in Faith,

*Ron Birely*

Personal Representative, Denver Consistory

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## COMING EVENTS

**Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Calling Committee.** Contact the office to volunteer to help with the Calling Committee. Our Brothers enjoy hearing from us.

**Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting** (Feast of the Consistory) Denver Consistory Ritual Opening, Masonic Education, Consistory History & "Masonic Trivia Contest." **The May 18<sup>th</sup> Stated meeting is still on at this time. If it too must be cancelled, a message will be sent to that effect and the Denver Consistory website updated accordingly.**

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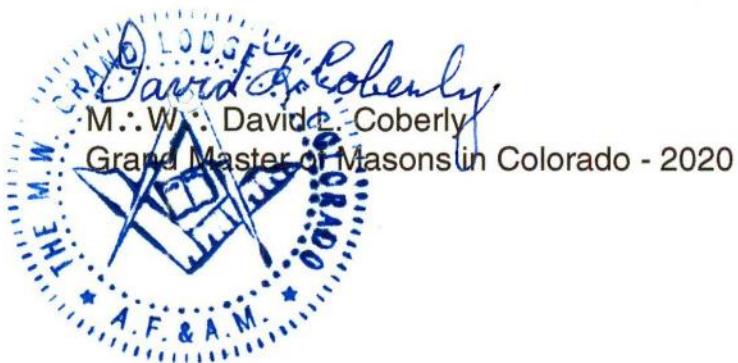
March 16, 2020

### EDICT Number One of the Grand Master

Brethren:

In consequence of guidance from federal, state, and local health officials and governmental entities in response to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) I hereby direct the suspension of all meetings and activities of or sponsored by any Masonic body effective March 16, 2020 through April 15, 2020, inclusive. This edict will remain in effect through that date unless sooner rescinded or changed by the undersigned. If circumstances warrant, this edict may be extended to a future date to be determined. Any dispensations necessary to conform with this edict are hereby granted. This action is taken in the interest of protecting the health and safety of all our Masonic brethren and families.

May the Supreme Architect guide and protect us in this difficult and uncertain time.





FROM THE CONSISTORY EAST  
BY DAVID A. KING, 32° KCCH  
MASTER OF KADOSH  
DENVER CONSISTORY



## CIVILITY

As a child, I grew up in the 1950's in a small rural community in the Midwest. There was a garage/gas station that had a space that would accommodate a couple of card tables where the old guys (that would include me today), would play "pitch" every morning. This station was next to my parent's business, which made it a hang-out for me as I grew up.

I remember there was always some conversation that centered around the current political events of the day. I found these conversations somewhat interesting because there were so many varying points of view. As I look back today, I have an admiration for those guys - although they strongly disagreed on almost every subject, they never seemed to get angry or degrade the other's character for their positions and beliefs. Even though these gentlemen were simple farmers from the Midwest, they could even occasionally agree on a compromise solution to some of those issues.

Much different than today, the political opinions that you see expressed on Facebook or Twitter, and you will find that nearly all are in "Demonization Mode." The posts that are widely shared are not oriented to changing the mind of someone who disagrees. Instead, posts are written to appeal to people who agree, with the effect of hardening their opinions and closing their minds and degrading the character of those that might disagree.

Are you one of those people who takes to Twitter or Facebook to read about or comment on politics? Are you one of those people that forwards those emails and comments to everyone on your contact list? Are you convinced that the "other side" is so evil that you simply can NOT associate with them in any way? If you think that the problem with political discourse is caused entirely by the other side, then look in the mirror instead.

Consider the following excerpt from an article written by W.B. John Lawson, Grand Chaplain from the Grand Lodge of Washington:

"... As never before, Masonry's example of civil discipline is needed and its great message of working together civilly is the answer that society needs now above all other examples. Having said all of this, it is an important reminder that we have been set apart for this great work of creating a perfect society, a temple built without hands and that through our example, we will lead the world to its golden potential.

We must examine ourselves in this day of Twitter, Facebook, email, and text, and be conscious of the fact that not only the words we share mouth to ear need to be filtered through our grand obligation, but that every hashtag, Facebook post, email forward, or text associated

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with us requires our attention and scrutiny. When we wear the Square and Compass as part of our identity, we take on a larger persona than just that of our own personal opinion. We represent a philosophic empire that spreads across the globe.

Each of us are obliged to one another and to the craft that we represent to communicate with respect, the highest degree of integrity, and the deepest concern for the feelings and welfare of others.

Certainly, each Brother is welcome to his own personal opinions and sharing those publicly and clearly is the right of every free man, but the MANNER IN WHICH the opinion is expressed is where civility needs to be checked. We must ask: are we being reasonable, kind, intelligent, and beneficial? Are we allowing comedy, sensationalism, or cleverness to supplant our concerns not to be divisive, cruel, or mean-spirited? Are we more concerned about respect for our personal views than we are about the views of others?

Masonry is an ancient and beautiful craft whose higher standards have the opportunity through each of our mindful efforts to be the guiding example in our social media world that is in great need of our philosophic teachings and inclusiveness, especially today when even our leaders have not been the examples of civility we would like. It makes it ever more important to be the higher example to others that Masonry calls us to be and is something we can do every day to create the world we all know we all want and need; and as Masons, have been charged to create. Let's all pause and examine how we express our opinions in the maelstrom of social media and ensure our rhetoric is something we are all proud of for our craft and others to imitate. May the Great Architect give us wisdom and strength to be the light and example for others to follow.

Most Fraternally,  
W.B. John Lawson  
Grand Chaplain"

In closing, remember we have a Patriotic Duty to express our Choices and Options by casting our ballot at the ballot box for every election in which we are eligible to vote.

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### **The Wit and Wisdom of Brother Will Rogers**

We will never have true civilization until we have learned to recognize the rights of others.

- *Weekly Articles: November 18, 1923*

I must get back from these political parties and get back to civilization, for there's nothing in common between politics and civilization. - *Radio Broadcasts, April 14, 1935*

They talk about civilization. Say there ain't no civilization where there ain't no satisfaction, and that's what the trouble is now, nobody is satisfied. - *Weekly Articles: January 5, 1930*

Let's be honest with ourselves, and not take ourselves too serious, and never condemn the other fellow for doing what we are doing every day, only in a different way.

- *Self-Made Diplomat to His President, p. 146*



**C. Curtis Robinson, III**  
**Venerable Master**  
**Denver Consistory**  
**Knights of Saint Andrew**



Thursday, March 19, 2020

Knights!

The Denver Consistory will be closed till the end of April. That means there is no meeting for the KSA in April, no cleanup on March 28<sup>th</sup>, no practices in April, and the Spring Reunion has been cancelled.

Officers: We will be having a PHONE CONFERENCE on April 6<sup>th</sup>, at 7:15 p.m. Please RSVP to me at [ccurtisrobinson@yahoo.com](mailto:ccurtisrobinson@yahoo.com) if you can or can not be available.

I am looking for volunteers to help call our Brothers at the Denver Consistory. The Denver Consistory has over 1700 brethren. Denver Consistory wants to make sure that our Brothers are OK and if they need assistance in any way. If you are not working or you have some time that you could set aside, please email me with your name, phone number, and email.

The coronavirus has put us in fear and we need to make sure that we are all OK. I want to make sure that you are all doing well and if you need anything, please reach out to me.

Prayers and thoughts to you, your family, and your loved ones. May this time be short and that we will be able to continue to live our lives with happiness, love, joy, and passion.

I look forward to seeing you all very, very soon!

Fraternally yours,

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# SUNDAY MASONIC PAPER

SMP-941 11/03/2019

## Basic Understanding of Freemasonry

Author Unknown

Freemasonry is the oldest and largest fraternity known. In 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> century England, Masons defined their fraternity as “a system of morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols.” Today it might be defined as “an organized society of men who symbolically apply the principles of operative masonry to the art of character building.” As is customary with any concept of thought, it has enjoyed times of great renown and prestige, and it has experienced times of adversity. Freemasonry, today, remains an energetic organization that is attracting advocates over the entire civilized world. Over the years a great deal has been written and said concerning the Masonic Fraternity, much of it fact, and much of it fiction. It is perhaps inevitable that myths have arisen with respect to Freemasonry, some of them advanced by its supporters and others of them promoted by its critics, and that the dissemination of these myths has produced confused conceptions of Freemasonry. Freemasonry teaches, through ritual, how to build a better world by making “better men out of good men,” by strengthening their character, improving their moral and spiritual outlook and broadening their mental horizons. It teaches men: principles of personal responsibility and righteousness; and understanding of character; and how to put these lessons into practice in daily life. The man who has decided to seek Masonic membership needs only to convey his desire to someone close to him who is a Mason. That Mason will take it from there.

Freemasonry teaches the universal principle of unselfish friendship and promotes those moral precepts, which are in keeping with all great faiths. The following, though not exclusive, is considered basic: One God created mankind; this God is the author of all life; God’s existence is revealed to man through faith and the Book of Holy Scriptures; the Book of Holy Scriptures is the Ultimate Authority or Great Light in Freemasonry; the Soul of man is immortal; Man’s commitment to Divine Providence determines his destiny; Man’s reverence for God is best exemplified by his actions toward his fellow man; Considering the universality of Freemasonry, its teachings cannot be defined in any single statement or established profile. The following is considered to be representative of its fundamental precepts: Man’s first duty is to love and revere God, implore his aid in all laudable undertakings, and seek his guidance through prayer, embrace and practice the tenets of religion, extend charity and sympathy to all mankind, shield and support the widow and orphan, defend virtue, respect the aged, honor the bonds of friendship, protect the hopeless, lift up the oppressed, comfort the downcast, restore dignity to the rejected, respect the laws of government, promote morality, and add to the common stock of knowledge and understanding. The heart of Freemasonry is the heart of its members.

The making of a Freemason is a continued course of education, training, and character forming or symbolically known as the “search for more light.” It is also an innermost desire,

followed by obligations, that makes one a member of the Craft, yet in a truer sense, a man is not a Freemason unless he lives up to his obligations. The philosophy of Freemasonry, when discovered and then accepted and practiced, provides simple but profound solutions to the problems of human relationships. The man who has been raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason must understand that there is nothing higher and nothing superior to him in Masonry. When he has become a Master Mason, he has become as much a Mason as he will ever be. Thus, the man who has received the three degrees in the Symbolic Lodge, or Blue Lodge, is a Master Mason. The Master Mason Degree is the climax of Freemasonry. Thus, it is the "sublime degree," and is supreme and unexcelled. From the Symbolic Lodge, or Blue Lodge, one may join other Masonic groups such as the York Rite and the Scottish Rite. These are sometimes called "higher degrees." They are higher ONLY in the sense that they have higher numbers and that some of them are prerequisite for others. However, there is nothing higher and nothing superior to the degree of Master Mason. There are certain other organizations, the best known of which are perhaps the Shrine and the Grotto, which are not Masonic bodies, but organizations which require Masonic membership as a prerequisite for joining them. These organizations, in other words, draw their membership exclusively from the Masonic Fraternity, but they are not a part of it.

Freemasonry is not a religion even though it is religious in character. It does not pretend to take the place of religion or serve as a substitute for the religious beliefs of its Members. Freemasonry accepts men, found to be worthy, regardless of religious convictions. An essential requirement is a belief in the existence of a Supreme Being. Freemasonry is not an insurance or beneficial society. It is not organized for profit. However, the charity and services rendered are beyond measure. It teaches the Golden Rule. It seeks to make good men better through its firm belief in the Fatherhood of God, the Brotherhood of Man, and the Immortality of the Soul. The tenets of Freemasonry are ethical principles that are acceptable to all good men. It teaches tolerance toward all mankind. It is known throughout the world, it consists of men bound together by bonds of Brotherly Love and Affection. It dictates to no man as to his beliefs, either religious or secular. It seeks no advantage for its Members through business or politics. Freemasonry is not a forum for discussions on partisan affairs. We assemble for work and fellowship and to learn to love and cherish one another. By so doing, we bring light out of darkness, beauty out of drabness, exaltation out of despair, to the end that every Brother's life may become more radiant and meaningful.

To summarize, no man can live according to the principles and teachings of Ancient Craft Masonry and do anything, knowingly and willingly, that is contrary to moral and upright principles. Freemasonry frowns on every wrongful act and admonishes the right actions between each of us and the world at large. Freemasonry is, and should always be, a guide to our actions. Freemasonry is kindness in the home, honesty in business, courtesy in society, fairness in work, pity and concern for the unfortunate, resistance toward evil, help for the weak, forgiveness for the penitent, love for one another and, above all, reverence and love for God. Freemasonry is many things, but most of all: **FREEMASONRY IS A WAY OF LIFE.**



## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

**Brother Lee Miller, 32°**

**By: Danny Tomlinson, 32°  
1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Commander,  
Colorado Council of Kadosh**



[Note: Possibly the best part of being the 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Commander of the Council of Kadosh is the opportunity to spend time with special friends, interviewing them for the monthly Member Spotlight in each month's RiteWorks. This month is no exception and I hope that you enjoy getting to know a little more about our Brother Lee Miller. Lee and I recently spent a couple of hours having breakfast at Marion's of the Rockies in Idaho Springs. What a great morning! We laughed, we hugged, we cried, we shared secrets and drank probably a gallon of coffee. Let me share part of that morning with you.)

This month's member spotlight will focus on one of the hardest-working Masons in Colorado! Brother Lee Miller is a familiar face at the Consistory. He is the Master of Ceremonies in the Colorado Council of Kadosh, Secretary of the Knights of St. Andrew of the Denver Consistory, and a key cast member in several degrees. You might remember him as Moses, thundering down the mountain with the tablets in the 14<sup>th</sup> degree.

In his life outside the Consistory and Masonry, Lee is a Nurse Practitioner in the ICU at the Medical Center of Aurora. He previously worked at the Medical Center of Aurora, then at Littleton Adventist Hospital (now Centura Health) and then returned to the Medical Center of Aurora. His wife Karen is a charge nurse at Denver Health. She previously worked for Lee in his ICU and "chased him for two years until he caught her!" Lee has a daughter from his first marriage, Rebecca, who is a neo-natal ICU nurse in Chattanooga, Tennessee. She gave birth to Lee's first grandchild, a beautiful little girl, in December 2019.

Lee has three other children. Son Chris is 27 and is working at the Veterinary Medicine Lab at Colorado State University in Fort Collins. Son Nick, 26, is a member of the Denver Consistory and was in a Reunion Class about two years ago. Nick works for Raytheon in Aurora, is in the Army Reserves and is awaiting orders to Officer Candidate School. Son Andy, 23, is a special-needs adult and is living and working in Denver.

Lee's father was a District Field Manager for a life insurance company. This meant that the family moved every couple of years as his dad would set up a new office for the company, get it up and running, and then move to the next location. This was primarily in the south - Georgia, Tennessee, and Florida. At one point, the family moved to Indianapolis, but it was just "too big" and they returned to the south.

Lee initially received a BS degree in Physics and a BS degree in Nursing (nursing and physics?) from the University of Tennessee, and later on graduate degrees from Georgia and Colorado. He claims not to know Peyton Manning personally. He was working as a paramedic firefighter in college and after graduation, while working as an Emergency Department nurse, was going to join the Air Force Reserve to be a flight nurse. However, he ended up in Uncle Sam's Army and spent eight years at various posts with multiple deployments. After Desert Storm,

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## **Member in the Spotlight: Lee Miller, 32° - Continued from previous page**

Lee was assigned to Fitzsimons Army Medical Center. Upon arriving in Denver, the first question he asked of the cab driver (it was a cloudy day) was, “where are the mountains?” Upon separating from active duty, Lee worked for several hospitals in the ED and the ICU.

When I asked him why he became a nurse, especially an ICU nurse, his response was simple. He said, “Helping people in need, in their worst times, is what I was put here to do.” This might have been one of the instances when my eyes started sweating.

The men in Lee’s family have been Masons for many generations. Lee didn’t actually become a Mason until about 12 years ago, when his grandfather passed. His grandmother gave Lee a box filled with his grandfather’s Masonic “stuff.” A couple of Masonic rings, a few lapel pins, and items like that. Lee had never asked his father or grandfather about becoming a Mason; thus, he had not been asked to fill out a petition. When he received the box of mementos, he knew that there was a message there. He called the Grand Lodge of Colorado and they put him in touch with Sam Wittner, the Secretary of Albert Pike #117 at the time. Brother Sam invited Lee to meet a couple of men who were also interested in becoming Masons. One of those men was Christopher Scott who became the first man to be initiated into Albert Pike #117 in over 7 years. Lee was Worshipful Master of Albert Pike #117 in 2017 and is now the Secretary. Albert Pike recently merged with Pythagoras #41 and is now Marquis de Lafayette #41.

Among the men most important to Brother Lee’s Masonic journey, he mentioned Sam Wittner, Jim Oliver, Christopher Scott, Ron Birely, Jay Allen, Roy Snyder, Karl Hinkle, Joe Kier, and Roger Stene. What a great and impressive list of friends!

Lee is active in the York Rite. He is a Past Excellent High Priest of Golden Chapter #5, Past Thrice Illustrious Master of Jefferson Council #24, and Past Eminent Commander of Jefferson-Highlands Commandery #30 and now serves those bodies as Secretary/Recorder. He is the Secretary of the Front Range Allied Masonic Degrees Council #288 and the Sentinel of the Centennial York Rite College #87. He served as the Eminent Encampment Commander for the Grand Commandery in 2017-2019 and currently serves as District Inspector. He is also currently serving in the Officer Lines of the York Rite Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Colorado and the York Rite Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Colorado.

Lee is also a Noble of El Jebel Shrine and is a member of the El Jebel Shrine Medical Staff. He is 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President of the Denver-Fitzsimons Chapter #37, National Sojourners; a member of the Heroes of ‘76, Two Scout Camp; a member of the Royal Order of Scotland; Past Honorable Grand Commander-in-Chief of Centennial Order #126 of the Sword of Bunker Hill; a Fellow of the Grand College of Rites; a Knight of St. Thomas of Acon, Rocky Mountain Chapel #26; a member of the Masonic Society and a member of the Widow’s Sons, Grand Chapter of Colorado.

I said earlier that he is the busiest Mason in town!

Lee left our breakfast meeting to go “punch some holes in paper.” He is an accomplished marksman and avid shooter. He’s a Benefactor Life Member and Golden Eagle member of the NRA and several other shooting organizations. He also is involved with the American Legion and with the American Legion Riders, a motorcycle group of Legion members.

As we were leaving the restaurant, I asked Lee to give me some parting thoughts:

**Member in the Spotlight: Lee Miller, 32°** - Continued from previous page

- Lee sees himself as an Entered Apprentice - Always learning, every day.
- "Live every day like it is your last."
- "We all have something to teach and to share with others. You must share your wisdom, experience, and knowledge with others."

Make it a point to meet Brother Lee when you see him at the Consistory. You will be a better person for knowing him.

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**NOTE: while the Rockies Experience may well continue this summer, keep apprised of the current situation, as opening day has been indefinitely postponed.**



## Scottish Rite - The 2020 Rockies Experience

### 2020 Rockies Experience

### Earning Money for the Scottish Rite Masonic Center

- The Denver Consistory is committed to leading the future of Scottish Rite Masonry by supporting programs and initiatives that enhance the Member experience. The 2020 Scottish Rite Rockies Experience is an opportunity to contribute to your Scottish Rite Consistory. Each game you, your family and/or friends work, you will be earning \$80/person/game for the Consistory. You will also be awarded 60 points for each game worked toward your Double Eagle Jewel.

#### Home Games

#### 81 Colorado Rockies Home Games In 2020

- The 2020 Scottish Rite Rockies Experience is an opportunity to VOLUNTEER to work any game or games from April through September.
- There are a total of 81 Colorado Rockies home games, with 28 of those games played on either Saturday or Sunday (for those of you who can't get off during the week). Again, you will earn \$80 per game working a Rockies Games at Coors Field. This money goes directly to your Scottish Rite Consistory.

#### Sign - Up

#### How Do I Sign Up?

- Contact Tom Lincoln, 32° KCCH Rockies Coordinator
  - eMail - [3flyingfeathers@comcast.net](mailto:3flyingfeathers@comcast.net)
  - 303-968-7731
  - In January 2020, a schedule will be put up on "Sign-Up Genius", which will enable you to sign up over the internet. Watch for an announcement in the *Rite Works*
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- ***Thank You for considering to Sign-Up for the 2020 Rockies Experience. Your contribution is important to the continued maintenance of the Scottish Rite Masonic Center.***

# Memorial Scroll

Amin Alameddin, 32°	01/01/2018
Elmer DeWayne "Wayne" Beights, 32° KCCH	03/11/2020
George Marvin Douglas, 32°	02/18/2020
Ronald Vernon Hayden, 32°	11/07/2019
Richard Paul Hays, 32°	12/21/2019
Norman Lee Hoff, 33°	03/10/2020
Raymond Howard Holiday, 32°	03/25/2019
Dale Lawson Holst, 32°	02/18/2018
Michael Holubec, Jr., 32°	01/15/2019
Thomas Louis Johnston, 32°	12/13/2019
Ronald Lewis Kiely, 32°	01/25/2020
Donald Francis Love, 32°	02/01/2020
John William Low, 32°	12/18/2019
Charles Vincent McLaughlin, 32°	02/19/2020
Harold Woodgate Ostertag, 32°	10/22/2018
Charles Earl Pheasant, 32°	02/01/2018
Ronald Keith Richards, 32°	02/02/2020
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Darvin Donald Schoemaker, 32° KCCH	01/17/2020
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# The Prelate's Pulpit

Rev. James H. Harris, 33°



Greetings my Brothers and Welcome to Spring:

"Arise my love, my fair one, and come away; for now winter has passed, the snow is over. The flowers appear on the earth; the time for singing has come, and the voice of the turtle-dove is heard in our land, the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance." The words are from the Song of Solomon in the Old Testament.

Spring is a time for renewal, growth, and expansion and we can feel it in the air. We seem to have more energy and focus to get physically fit, take action, get active and create some changes. Spring is time to let go of the old and make room for new. This is the time that many of us do our spring cleaning, but most importantly we need to let go of old grudges, resentments, and anger that hold us back from enjoying inner peace and happiness in our lives. From the movie "Frozen" we hear the words: "Let it Go."

After a cold, icy, and snowing winter, spring has officially arrived. The Spring, or Vernal, equinox is the day of the year when light and dark are balanced. It has been said on this day you can balance an egg on its end, yes, the egg is the universal symbol of rebirth. What a better time for us to regroup, take a look at ourselves, reprioritize and even re-invent ourselves and the lives we find ourselves living.

As for me, I plan to de-clutter my office, basement and garage. I plan to get rid of some clothes and household items. More importantly, I plan to clear out mental and emotional clutter. I remember the story of a tired, worn out looking man in a wrinkled suit on an elevator and a woman rushing to catch the elevator yells, "Hold that Door." But she is too late. The man gets off the elevator on the next floor and a nicely dressed young man gets on the elevator. The lady runs up the stairs to the third floor as the man gets off the elevator. She is amazed and says, "Wow, I want to get on that elevator." Well, I know of no such elevator. However, I do know that I can think positive and change some old habits and add some new habits.

I know I can do this, but being disciplined, keeping a journal, and always do good, do no harm, and stay close to God or the GAOTU. I can do something new, simplify my life, take time for my spiritual life.

"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me." - Psalm 51:10

Blessings and Peace,  
III. Bro. Rev. James Harris

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John Clinton Walls

## 50 Years Young

Mack Henry Humphrey  
Charles Curtis Robinson, III

## Our April "Youngster"

Miles Everett Austin (23)



**TOTAL TRIVIA**

## ANSWERS to TRIVIAL TRIPPINGS (Page 5)

1. The Paris Opera House
2. PELE (Edson Arantes do Nascimento) the world famous soccer player from Brazil.
3. Altair IV
4. The 7th Cavalry Regiment
5. 60' 6"
6. Lamont Cranston
7. Slue-Foot Sue
8. Steamboat Willie
9. General Francis Marion (Revolutionary War guerilla leader—played by Leslie Nielsen in the Disney series)
10. Colonel John Singleton Mosby (Civil War guerilla leader for Confederacy)
11. Little Beaver
12. Groucho, Harpo, Chico, Zeppo
13. Basil Rathbone
14. Bar-20
15. James Cagney's "Public Enemy"

Have some “brain teasers” in your files? Send them in (with the answers) and we’ll try to put them in from time to time.

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