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All meetings, events and Friday afternoon lunches were cancelled for the Month of March, April, and May due to the COVID-19 Emergency. As you know, the entire state has been put under a "stay at home" order (now modified to "safer at home" for some - meaning, the consistory office is CLOSED until the order in Denver is officially lifted. We appreciate your patience and indulgence as we all weather this situation.



PLANNING CALENDAR

Subject to Change as Conditions Warrant

All events at the Consistory for May are cancelled.

June (tentative: to be reviewed by Executive Committee)

Mon, June 1	7:00 p.m.	KSA Meeting in Lodge Room
Fri, June 5	11:30 a.m.	Consistory Lunch (Fried Chicken)
Fri, June 12	11:30 a.m.	Consistory Lunch
Mon, June 15		Stated Meeting Parking Garage Available <i>Hawaiian Shirt Night</i>
	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 - 5 min oration by Orator of Rocky Mountain Chapter of Rose Croix and 5 min oration by Orator, Colorado Council of Kadosh
Fri, June 19	11:30 a.m.	Consistory Lunch
Fri, June 26	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.

Grand Lodge of Colorado, A. F. & A. M.

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April 24, 2020

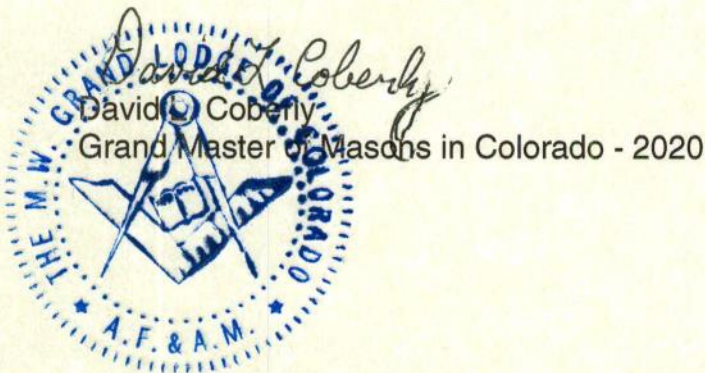
EDICT Number Three of the Grand Master

Brethren All:


The provisions of Edict Number One and Edict Number Two are hereby extended through May 31, 2020. This action is taken in recognition of the continued health risk posed by the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. An analysis of data relating to the virus indicates cases and deaths are still on the increase in Colorado. Guidance from the federal government and from the governor of Colorado call for continued social distancing and a limit on meetings of more than ten persons. Further, the majority of our members are at greater risk due to age and / or complicating health conditions such that they remain under "Stay at Home" posture even as the state moves to the "Safer at Home" posture.

All Freemasons in the jurisdictions are encouraged to live the principles of the fraternity in their daily lives. Reach out to others through telephone calls, emails, texts, or other means of contact to help, aid, and support their families, Masonic brothers, and the community at large. The work of the craft continues even in these unprecedented circumstances.

May the Supreme Architect of the Universe grant his protection over our lives and strengthen the bonds of fraternity that brought us together as one great whole.





Ron Birely 
Personal Representative
The Valley of Denver
Lux Inens Nos Agit



To My Brothers of The Denver Consistory: I hope this letter finds each of you well.

SERVICE

These are interesting times that we live in. We are all challenged to remember in whom we place our trust.

Today we live in a culture that thrives on an individual, me first, mentality. Individual honors, recognition, and individualism seems to drive this culture. You may recognize this self-important behavior in the world around you.

Today we are so blessed that The Scottish Rite specifically, and the Masonic Fraternity in general has shut out the current culture. We have ignored the selfishness and the ego driven world outside the Fraternity. The Fraternity has never been challenged with the need for service to each other as it has been over the last several months or will be for the foreseeable future. I am so proud to report that the members of the Scottish Rite have recognized the need for service to each other.

I have been inspired by the activities, over the last few months, of what I call Masonry in action. I have never seen so much activity of the Masonic family reaching out to each other to check on welfare, provide help with groceries, medications, and financial assistance. All the members of the Denver Consistory who have good phone numbers on file should have received several calls checking on their welfare. We have a calling team of 35 dedicated Brothers who have been making these calls. To each of them, I extend my sincerest thank you and appreciation. In addition, there have been many online meetings to keep the business of the fraternity on track, as well as good discussions of Masonic education. Service to each other comes in many forms. It can be a calling team member. It may be volunteering to run errands, but it may also be just staying home and protecting yourself and loved ones from this unseen enemy.

As I reflect on all this activity, my thoughts turn to one-word, service. Service is defined as an act of helpfulness. As I think about all of these efforts I see within the Scottish Rite to take care of each other, that definition seems inadequate. What I see is a genuine love and concern for the welfare and safety for all. We have all heard the phrase, "We are all in this together", maybe too much at this point. But truly there is no other way to express it.

To all the members of the Denver Consistory I want you to know that the Executive Committee, and all of our Officers pray for your safety and good health. If you need help in any way, please call us at 303-861-4261. You will find us standing ready to do all we can to help.

Keep positive thought. We will all be back together soon.

Together we will get through this.

Yours in Faith,

Ron Birely

Personal Representative, Denver Consistory

EDITOR'S RESTLEBOARD



THE SWORD OF DAMOCLES

BY: **BILL HICKEY, 33°**
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As we begin to see various towns and counties re-open to some extent, we also see a fair amount of unrest about whether this is wise from one side, and from the other side we hear that it is not enough fast enough. This presents many of us (those in the “high risk” group) with a conundrum: do we go back out as soon as possible and risk the likelihood of contracting the COVID infection? Or, do we stay “safer at home” - which may or may not feel better, but in the end, as my daughter the pharmacist has put it, “it’s not a matter of IF I will get the virus dad, it’s more a matter of WHEN.” I think that’s really what we’re all facing. In order for the virus to die out, “herd immunity” requires about 70% of the population to have contracted the virus and develop some immunity. If we all stay in our homes, then herd immunity simply can’t develop because not enough of the population is out getting exposed. We’re also told that development of a vaccine will take 12-18 months—about the same time it will take the “herd immunity” to develop if we open back up. BUT, for those in the high risk category, going about like nothing has changed has significant risks and impacts. Simply put, we don’t know who will get the mild version, and who will get the deadly version. And, there are many different variations in between those two extremes. The difficulty for EVERYONE is that this virus is spread in “stealth mode” - a person can be contagious for probably 14 days before they feel any symptoms and seek diagnosis and treatment—all the while infecting others with whom they contact.

Suffice to say, it is a PERSONAL decision each of us has to make—and be comfortable with. No one on the other side of the continuum can make it for us—and no one should mock anyone on the other side for their decision either. Many factors go into such a decision, and the variations are almost limitless from person to person.

The situation we have found ourselves in will change the face of society in general, and Freemasonry in particular. We, in our gentle craft, NEED to have personal contact in our rituals, in our meetings, and in our daily lives. This is in direct contradiction to the state-local level mandates to maintain a “social distance” and cover your face, etc. So, as Masons, we need to be prepared to adapt to a “new normal” and be prepared for what is a new normal today to change and be something totally different, and perhaps uncomfortable, in the future.

Wishing for the “good old days” is pointless—those days are gone ... forever.

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I recently posted this on Facebook, which I got from a friend of mine. I think it says it all.

WE ARE NOT IN THE SAME BOAT ...

I've heard that we are all in the same boat, but it's not like that. We are in the same storm, but not in the same boat. Your "ship" could be shipwrecked and mine might not be. Or vice versa.

For some, quarantine is optimal. A moment of reflection, of re-connection, easy in flip flops, with a cocktail or coffee. For others, this is a desperate financial and family crisis.

For some that live alone they're facing endless loneliness. While for others it is peace, rest and time with their mother, father, sons and daughters.

With the \$600 weekly increase in unemployment some are bringing in more money to their households than they were working. Others are working more hours for less money due to pay cuts or loss in sales.

Some families of 4 just received \$3400 from the stimulus while other families of 4 saw \$0.

Some were concerned about getting a certain candy for Easter while others were concerned if there would be enough bread, milk and eggs for the weekend.

Some want to go back to work because they don't qualify for unemployment and are running out of money. Others want to kill those who break the quarantine.

Some are home spending 2-3 hours/day helping their child with online schooling while others are spending 2-3 hours/day to educate their children on top of a 10-12 hour workday.

Some have experienced the near death of the virus, some have already lost someone from it and some are not sure if their loved ones are going to make it. Others don't believe this is a big deal.

Some have faith in God and expect miracles during this 2020. Others say the worst is yet to come.

So, friends, we are **NOT** in the same boat. We are going through a time when our perceptions and needs are completely different.

So be kind ~ when you can choose to be anything, choose kindness.

Bill



From the Secretary's Desk

[Matt Raia, 33°](#)



May, 2020

A HUGE thank you to those who volunteered to call Denver Consistory members for whom we have a phone number (over 1,700) to check on their well-being and to offer our assistance if needed during the COVID-19 pandemic.

This has been a challenging time for Denver Consistory. All non-essential businesses have been ordered closed by the Mayor of Denver and the Governor of Colorado to combat the spread of COVID-19. All Denver Consistory meetings and events were cancelled for March, April, and May. Our office has been closed and Cathy, Tom, and I have been working from home the best we can. Ron Roybal, our custodian, has been in cleaning and disinfecting the building while it has been closed so that when we do open again, the building will be ready for our use.

The closure of non-essential business has had a severe economic impact. Many have been furloughed or laid off from their jobs and many businesses permanently closed. All of this will have a financial impact upon Denver Consistory. Many of our Brothers may find that they are unable to pay dues. **If you find yourself in this situation PLEASE contact me so we can work together to ensure that you remain a member and are not suspended for non-payment of dues. We are unable to assist you if you do not contact us.** Remember Brethren, you MUST remain in good standing in your Blue Lodge to maintain your membership in the Scottish Rite. We cannot continue your membership in Denver Consistory if you have been suspended by your Lodge.

AUTOMATIC Monthly Dues Payment— Denver Consistory has in place a program enabling you to pay your annual Denver Consistory dues in eleven easy monthly payments of \$10 per month rather than one lump sum, eliminating one more year-end bill to pay. By authorizing an automatic credit card payment each month at the end of eleven months, your dues will be paid and your dues card will be sent to you. Call the office and speak with Cathy or Tom to set up automatic dues payments so that you are not required to come up with the entire \$110 at one time. This is an easy way to ensure that your dues remain current.

I encourage you to read Brother Gene Hardy's article in this issue of the RiteWorks explaining the **Colorado Masonic Benevolent Fund** and how it is available to provide financial assistance to you if needed. Remember, Denver Consistory maintains an Almoner's Fund to help in times of financial distress. **Do not let pride prevent you from asking for help if you need it.** Assistance for those in need is a principal tenet of Masonry.

COMING EVENTS

ALL DENVER CONSISTORY MEETINGS AND EVENTS FOR MAY ARE CANCELLED

Brethren:

Greetings from Illustrious Brother Ron Birely, 33^o, Personal Representative, and the Denver Consistory Executive Committee:

Governor Jared Polis has issued a plan for moving forward concerning COVID-19. The plan is called "Safer at Home." It encourages people over 60 to stay in and only go out when necessary. The new order also restricts gatherings over 10. Based on this information, Denver Consistory will remain closed in May. The May Stated Meeting is cancelled. Friday lunches for May are cancelled, and the May KSA meeting is cancelled.

Effective May 8th the office will return to regular hours, Monday-Thursday 7:00am—4:00pm and 7:00am—12:30pm on Fridays.

To ensure the safety of office staff, we request that you conduct business by email or telephone and NOT in person unless it is absolutely necessary. If you do come to the office, we ask that you wear a mask and gloves and maintain proper social distancing. Thank you for your assistance and cooperation in helping to keep us virus-free.

Due to the order restricting gatherings over 10 people and the uncertainty as to when this restriction will be lifted, the June Ladies' Luncheon is cancelled.

We recognize that our members wish to return to a normal Denver Consistory schedule as soon as it is safe to do so. A phased-in reopening plan consistent with State guidelines will be developed and implemented by the Executive Committee. Due to the fact that this is an evolving and ever-changing process, it is not possible, at this time, to provide an exact date when Denver Consistory will once again be open as normal.

JUNE

The below listed events are **TENTATIVE and subject to cancellation** due to COVID-19 meeting restrictions.

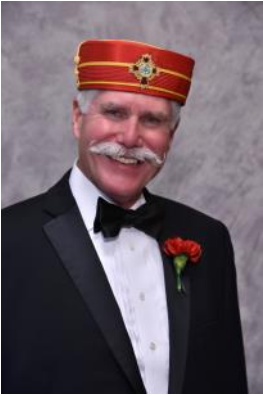
Monday June 1st 7:00pm—KSA meeting. All Scottish Rite Masons are invited. You do not need to be a KSA member to attend.

Monday June 15th - Stated meeting. If the June Stated Meeting is held, it will be "Wear Your Hawaiian Shirt Night." **The Blue Lodge Recognition program has been cancelled.**

Saturday July 25th - Annual Summer Party - our 15th Annual Summer Dinner/Shrimp Boil

Membership Report

May 2019	1867
May 2020	1745
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Colorado Masons' Benevolent Fund
By Gene Hardy, 32° KCCH
Orator, Centennial Lodge of Perfection



All of you have heard it a million times or more during the last few weeks ... we, and our nation as well as the world, for that matter, are in a health, social, and economic crisis, perhaps of unprecedented proportions. I hear it every day and I know that you, as well as all other Masons I know, have been and will be stepping up to provide relief and assistance to our Brethren and others, hoping to somehow ease the burdens of this pandemic which have caused them damage through no fault of their own. I hear of many of our Brethren, some of them first responders, personally sacrificing for the common good. I hear of the phone calls to check in on our Brethren, food deliveries for those who can't get to stores, financial assistance, etc., but I know I only hear of just a small number of the many good works in which Masons are engaged during this awful period.

I am writing to remind you that as a Colorado Mason you have access to a tool which can provide financial aid to any of our Brothers and their families if they should find themselves in an untenable economic situation, whether caused by illness, unemployment, or otherwise. All of you know of The Colorado Masons' Benevolent Fund and I am just asking that you keep it in mind as we go through these trying times, making sure that you offer it up to a Brother as a possible path toward relief should you find that he is in a distressed situation.

The CMBFA was established in 1900 by the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Colorado. Throughout its 120 years of existence it has operated as a charitable, non-profit corporation, to forever fulfill just two corporate purposes. First, it provides funds for scholarships and other education benefits to deserving Colorado students. Second, and the more relevant for the purpose of this note, it extends financial relief and assistance to distressed Colorado Master Masons and to their wives, widows, and dependent children. The CMBFA has the status of both an organization exempt, in most cases, from levy and payment of Federal Income Taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and a fraternal organization exempt from the levy of taxes, in most circumstances, under Colorado state law. (I would be remiss here if I didn't tell you that donations are readily accepted.)

The CMBFA has provided many hundreds of thousands of dollars in aid and assistance to an untold number of Masons and their families over the last 120 years. In large part, that is because of the contributions of Masons over the years and earnings on investments which have allowed the Fund to grow and hold a significant amount of money used solely, as I have pointed out, for fundamental Masonic purposes. Because the Grand Lodge organized the CMBFA to operate and provide these benefits in perpetuity, the CMBFA Board has determined that, if it is to be a good steward of Masonic funds, it should try to limit expenditures to

earnings on investments, setting a goal of spending an amount annually equal to about 4% of its invested assets. The goal is, of course, to preserve and increase the body of the CMBFA assets and limit spending to earnings rather than tapping into principal to the greatest extent possible. As noted, the intent of the Grand Lodge is to ensure to the greatest extent possible that the CMBFA will forever be in such a financial position that it can help our Brethren for generations to come. The goal of preserving assets will never, however, be prioritized over the needs of our Brethren. If a crisis such as that in which we currently find ourselves results in needs which require expenditures greater than the 4% goal, then so be it. I can tell you that the top priority of the CMBFA Board, as well as its financial and other advisors, is to help our Brothers and their families. Everything else plays second fiddle.

All I can ask is that you get the word around. The worst possible situation from the standpoint of the CMBFA would be if a worthy, distressed Brother did not receive assistance in this time of need due to a lack of knowledge about the CMBFA and its charge to financially assist our Brethren in appropriate cases. A Brother's Lodge is the front line for assistance, of course. The process for applying for assistance from CMBFA is that a Brother or his family must first go through his Lodge. If the Lodge cannot provide any or all of the necessary financial aid then the Lodge may apply to the CMBFA for supplemental assistance. All Lodge secretaries have access to the forms which need to be filed with the CMBFA. Any questions about the CMBFA should be directed by email to robin@cmbfa.org.

Throughout our history Masons have stood ready to provide relief and assistance in times of crisis whether called upon by their nation or their families or Brothers. All of you know that this is one of those times. We, as Masons, are once again being provided the opportunity to convert this crisis into Masonic action of which we can be proud. The CMBFA is just one tool each and every one of you can use to fulfill our Masonic goals.



COLORADO MASONIC HIGH SCHOOL BAND CAMP

This year is the 19th year for the Colorado Masonic High School Band Camp. Unfortunately, due to the Coronavirus all the schools in the state are shut down and it is very hard or impossible to have the Band Directors send students. Along with the suspension of group activities we have decided to postpone the 19th Annual Band Camp until next year.

John Russell, Secretary



THE ENDOWMENT FUND AT THE
DENVER CONSISTORY
BY WAYNE G. ARNER, SR., 33°
TREASURER
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The Endowment Fund at the Denver Consistory has been separated from the Scottish Rite Masonic Center Committee by the Denver Consistory Executive Committee, to establish a new direction to maintain and search for new methods of financing the Endowment Fund.

This Fund, since its inception, has been supported by the members of the Denver Consistory and their families since its start. The following listing of their names is the Consistory's way of recognizing their contributions through May 2020. Why don't you add your name to this list and contribute to the future maintenance of our historic building?

Wayne G. Arner, 33°, Chairman, The Endowment Fund

Harmony Lodge #61	Thomas Lincoln	Janet Blankenship
OES Grand Chapter of CO	Vern Ingraham	Liberty Lodge #134
Great Western Bank	Danny Tomlinson	Jerry Fenimore
King Wheeler Fund	Keith Anderson	Gene Hardy
William Skewes	Jared Minter	Sharee Zeff
Thelma & Charlie Shaeffer	Wayne Arner	Mike Zeff
Thomas Repp	Robert Gregory	John Russell
Roy Snyder	S.R. Outpost #1`	Bart Corfee
Ed Zorn	C.L.O.P.	



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Brother Sidney Mobell, 32°

By: Danny Tomlinson, 32° KCCH
1st Lieutenant Commander,
Colorado Council of Kadosh

This month's Member Spotlight features a Brother that I doubt any of us have ever met personally. And, we certainly don't see him around the Consistory. But his story is so interesting, I decided to share his story with the Brothers of the Consistory.

As a preface to this piece, I would like to express my feelings about what a great experience our calling committee has been during the pandemic. One afternoon, I spoke with four World War II veterans. They each had interesting stories and, to a man, every one of the 60 or so Brothers that I have called has been appreciative of our efforts to check in on them. Thanks to all of the Brothers that have assisted with this effort. BRAVO ZULU!

I first met Sidney Mobell over the telephone sometime in early March of this year—just after the COVID-19 “lockdown” began. He was on the first list of names that Ill. Brother Matt sent to me as part of our calling committee to check in with all 1800+ members of the Denver Consistory. To check on their well-being, be sure they had food and their prescriptions, etc. I called Sidney, who lives in Hillsborough, California just outside of San Francisco, and we spent probably close to an hour on the phone that day. Sidney just turned 94 years old on April 10th and has been a member of the Denver Consistory for about 70 years!

Sidney was born in Denver, Colorado in 1926. He, his parents, and younger sister and brother, lived in north Denver. His mother had been born with a deformed foot and in 1936, when he was 10 years old, his parents took him and his two siblings to a Jewish orphanage in north Denver (about 34th and Lowell), in order that his mother could go to the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota for surgery on her foot. She would have to remain at the Mayo Clinic for an extended period of time, and his father couldn't take care of the children by himself and continue to work to support the family. The kids lived at the orphanage until Sidney was 14 years old, when he told his mother that “either we come back home to live, or I'm running away!” Sidney attended Skinner Junior High and later North High School, where he graduated in 1944.

Upon graduation, Sidney joined the United States Navy (we talked old sailor talk for a long time!) and went to boot camp in Farragut, Idaho. He was then assigned to the USS Commencement Bay (CVE-105) as a Boatswain's Mate, or “swab jockey.” The Commencement Bay was an escort carrier and the pilots (249 in all) were trained to do carrier launch and recovery on her. Not enjoying the life of a deck hand, Sidney approached the Lutheran chaplain (Sidney is Jewish) and asked if he could help the chaplain. The chaplain didn't really have a need for clerical help, but suggested that the Navigator on the ship might. Since Sidney could type, the Navigator, LCDR Stillman, took Sidney on as his Yeoman, or clerk.

Sidney shared a berthing compartment on the ship with about 30 other sailors—sleeping in 5 or 6 high bunk beds with a small locker for storage of personal effects and clothing. Sidney

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asked LCDR Stillman if he could sleep on the desk in the Navigator's office and was allowed to—had his own “private” room!

Sidney left the Navy in 1946 as a Petty Officer 2nd Class. He had moved rapidly in just a couple of years from a Seaman Recruit to PO2—an indication of his ambition and drive. Upon his discharge from the Navy, he returned to Denver.

His mother had been buying eggs from a neighbor down the street during the war—a Mrs. Ruben. Mr. Albert Ruben owned a small jewelry store, Kenmark Jewelry, at 16th and Welton. Sidney asked Mr. Ruben for a job and was put to work sweeping, washing windows, and cleaning up. During this time, though he constantly was asking Mr. Ruben and the watchmaker that worked at the store about how things worked, or how they were made. In Sidney's words, “he was a pain in the butt!” He began taking a few classes in the evening at the University of Denver. At the time, DU had a small off-campus site about where the Webb Municipal Building is now located. While working for Mr. Ruben, Sidney met a number of traveling salesmen who would come to Denver to sell Mr. Ruben their watches and jewelry.

This was about the time that Sidney began his Masonic journey as a member of Henry M. Teller Lodge #144, A.F.&A.M. Sidney had been influenced by a dear friend and Brother Mason (Sidney couldn't remember his name and the Brother passed many years ago). Upon becoming a proficient Master Mason, Sidney joined the Scottish Rite. He hasn't been active in the last 20 or more years because of his health but remains a dues-paying Brother. Sidney later demitted from Henry M. Teller Lodge to Mt. Lebanon Lodge #49 in San Francisco, but remained a member of Denver Consistory. Sidney is also a Noble of the El Jebel Shrine.

One of the traveling salesmen that Sidney met while working at Kenmark Jewelry was Jacques Kreisler of Jacques Kreisler Jewelry in New Jersey. Sidney asked Mr. Kreisler for a sales job, got the job, moved to New Jersey, then to Reno, Nebraska as the Western Regional Sales Manager for Kreisler Jewelry. On one of his many trips to the west coast, Sidney met his wife-to-be, Ronni Grant from San Mateo, California. They were married and later moved to New Jersey as Sidney was promoted to National Sales Manager for Kreisler Jewelry. Sidney became a certified Gemologist during this period.

Ronni was a California girl, though, and they moved back to Hillsborough, California with their young daughter, Marci Ann. Sadly, Marci Ann passed away at age 32 in 1994. Sidney also has a son Grant, who is a certified gemologist living near Sacramento, California. He drives 2½ hours each way on Sunday to visit Sidney.

Sidney bought Granville's Jewelry in San Francisco and began making “jewelry art pieces.” Among his more famous pieces are a Monopoly game set that was displayed at the Museum of American Finance on Wall Street and created for the 1988 World Monopoly Tournament. Also, a diamond and gold tennis racket, a backgammon set, a chess set, a gold-plated mouse trap, a gold and gemstone garbage can, the world's most expensive bubble gum machine, a gold and gem sardine can. You get the idea.

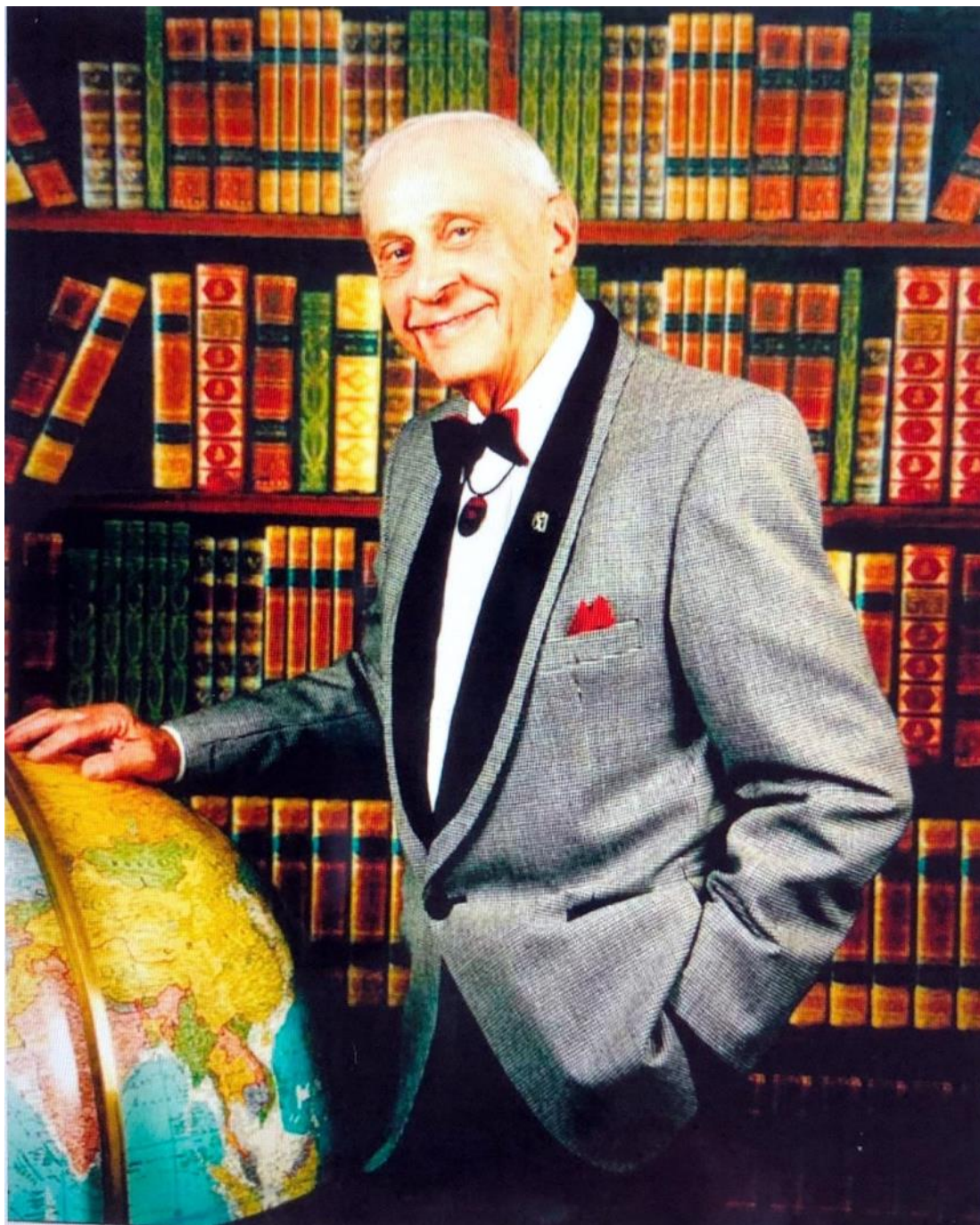
In 2002, Mr. Jeff Post, Executive Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution reached out to Sidney and asked to visit with him and to view his jewelry art. Mr. Post then asked him to donate a piece of his art to the Smithsonian. Sidney's wife Ronni had died just six months before and he agreed to donate several pieces in her memory, to be displayed in the Harry Winston

Member in the Spotlight: Sidney Mobell, 32^o - Continued from previous page

Gallery in the Smithsonian. In total, Sidney donated 19 pieces, with a value of \$32 million to the Smithsonian. Sidney was honored at a dinner at the Smithsonian in 2002 as a Distinguished Benefactor.

Among Sidney's many honors, he is a Plank Owner of the USS Commencement Bayt (CVE-105), a member of the Naval Order of the United States, a Kentucky Colonel by Order of Governor Steven Beshear, A Guinness World Record holder, a friend of many celebrities, and just an all-around interesting man.

I would urge you to get a copy of his book "From an Orphanage to the Smithsonian." It's available on Amazon, and it has numerous interesting pictures that you will enjoy. And, if you have an extra 30-45 minutes during the lockdown—call Sidney at his home 415-601-3330. Tell him your read about him in RiteWorks and just wanted to hear some more of his story.



Memorial Scroll

Thomas Mearling Bagwell, 32°	04/06/2020
Johnny Joe Belin, 32°	12/31/2013
Clinton Edwin Bromley, 32°	06/15/2017
August Robert Brunner, 32°	12/31/2007
James Austin Childress, 32°	08/04/2017
Rand Allen Christenson, 32°	09/30/2017
Woodrow Alexander Crawford, 32°	12/12/2014
Gerald Randolph Dodd, Sr., 32°	04/22/2020
Percy Jerome Espevig, 32°	01/31/2020
Robert Dean Gates, 32°	10/31/2017
Phillip Goebel, 32°	04/09/2020
Donald Raymond Hall, 32°	03/11/2019
Richard Benny Keel, 32°	11/11/2018
Phillip F. Lambert, 32°	06/25/2019
Robert Herman Lawton, 32°	04/26/2018
Felix Robert Lesmerises, 32°	05/09/2019
Richard Albert McElravy, 32°	03/25/2020
Alfred Franklin Miller, 32°	04/23/2019
Edward Everett Pugh, 32°	10/06/2018
Larry James Reisig, 32°	04/15/2020
Billy Paul Robinson, 32°	01/04/2018
John Lincoln Tagert, 32°	09/30/2019
Melvin Eugene Wieck, 32°	03/05/2020
Vernon Joseph Zurick, 32°	07/30/2017

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.

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THE GRANITE WALL

At first, there was no place for us to go until someone put up that Black Granite Wall. Now, everyday and night, my brothers and my sisters wait to see the many people from places afar file in front of this Wall. Many stopping briefly and many for hours and some that come on a regular basis. It was hard at first, not that it's gotten any easier, but it seems that many of the attitudes toward that war we were involved in have changed. I can only pray, that the ones on the other side have learned something and more Walls, as this one, needn't be built. Several members of my unit and many that I did not recognize have called me to the Wall by touching my name that is engraved upon it. The tears aren't necessary, but are hard even for me to hold back. Don't feel guilty for not being with me, my Brothers. This was my destiny, as it is yours to be on that side of the wall. Touch the Wall my Brothers, so that we can share in the memories that we had. I have learned to put the bad memories aside and remember only the pleasant times that we had together. Tell our other Brothers out there to come and visit me, not to say goodbye, but to say hello and to be together again, even if for a short time, and to ease that pain of loss that we all share. Today, an irresistible and loving call comes from the Wall. As I approach, I can see an elderly lady and as I get closer I recognize her ... It's Momma! As much as I have looked forward to this day, I have also regretted it because I didn't know what reaction I would have. Next to her, I suddenly see my wife and immediately think how hard it must have been to come to this place, and my mind floods with the pleasant memories of 30 years past. There's a young man in a military uniform standing with his arms around her ... my GOD, it has to be my SON. Look at him trying to be the man without a tear in his eyes. I yearn to tell him how proud I am, seeing him standing tall, straight, and proud in his uniform. Momma comes closer and touches the Wall and I feel the soft and gentle touch I had not felt in so many years. Dad has crossed to this side of the Wall and through our touch, I try to convey to her that Dad is doing fine and is no longer suffering or feeling pain. I see my wife's courage building as she sees Momma touch the Wall, and she approaches and lays her hand on my waiting hand. All the emotions, feelings, and memories of three decades past flash between our touch and tell her it's all right. Carry on with your life and don't worry about me ... I can see as I look into her eyes that she hears and understands me and a big burden has been lifted from her. I watch as they lay flowers and other memories of my past. My lucky charm that was taken from me and to given to her by my CO, a tattered and worn teddy bear that I can barely remember having as I grew up as a child, and several medals that I earned and were presented to my wife. One of them is the Combat Infantry Badge that I am

very proud of and I notice that my son is also wearing this medal. I had earned mine in the jungles of Vietnam and he probably earned his in the deserts of Iraq. I can tell that they are preparing to leave and try to take mental pictures of them together, because I don't know when I will see them again. I wouldn't blame them if they were not to return and can only thank them that I was NOT FORGOTTEN. My wife and my Momma near the Wall for one final touch and so many years of indecision, fear, and sorrow are let go. As they turn to leave, I feel my tears that have not flowed for so many years, form dew drops on the other side of the Wall. They slowly move away with only a glance over their shoulders. My Son suddenly stops and slowly returns. He stands straight and proud in front of me and snaps a salute. Something makes him move to the Wall and he puts his hand upon the Wall and touches my tears that had formed on the face of the Wall and I can tell that he senses my presence there and the pride and the love that I have for him. He falls to his knees and the tears flow from his eyes and I try my best to reassure him that it's all right and the tears do not make him any less of a man. As he moves back wiping the tears from his eyes, he silently mouths, GOD BLESS YOU DAD ... GOD BLESS YOU MY SON ... WE WILL MEET SOMEDAY, but in the meanwhile, go on your way ... There is no hurry ... There is no hurry at all. As I see them walk off in the distance, I YELL out to THEM and EVERYONE there today, as loud as I can ... THANKS FOR REMEMBERING and as others on this side of the Wall join in, I notice that the U.S. Flag, that so proudly flies in front of us everyday, is flapping and standing proudly straight out in the wind today. THANK YOU ALL FOR REMEMBERING

- Author Unknown





The Prelate's Pulpit

Rev. James H. Harris, 33^o



Greetings my Brothers. One woman told me she expected to live forever. So far, so good. But the length of our lives is not the issue. It is the QUALITY of our lives that matters—not the years in a life, but the life in the years. When asked what he wanted to be remembered for when his life was over, Leo Buscaglia replied, “I want to be remembered as somebody who lived life fully and with passion. I have always thought that the perfect line for my tombstone would be, ‘Here lies Leo, who died living.’”

I want to be remembered as a person who lived with a PURPOSE, joy, and feeling. I want to use my time learning what it means to live a whole and happy life, then building that life the best I can.

Tony Campolo told about a study he made in which 50 people over the age of 90 were asked to reflect upon their lives. “If you had it to do over again,” they were asked, “what would you do differently?” The three main answers were “I would reflect more,” “I would risk more,” and “I would do more things that would live on after I died.” These are what our elders say they would do if ever given a second chance.

The beauty is, we do not NEED a second chance at life to get it right. We can build around these values beginning today. When our time comes to leave this existence, we can go with no regrets. Many of us have been staying at home due to the virus. How are we using our time?

This could be a time for us to be productive. I asked someone what were they doing with all their time these “stay at home” weeks. He replied, “What do you think I have been doing? I sit around the house bored, watching TV.” I too have found myself doing the same thing. Then I realized that these days were a gift and I started making better use of my time. In calling our brothers, I asked a Brother what he was doing with his time? He answered, “Studying the Masonic degrees.” He said the degrees have so much to help them live better lives. WOW!

My brothers, how are you spending your time? Joshua 1:5 says, “I will be with you; I will not fail you or forsake you.” John 14 tells us “Do not be troubled, believe in God.” WE WILL get through these times as the LIGHT always shines and never goes out. We need each other, to support each other, and to love each other. WE CAN and WE WILL get through these times.

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

2020 Scottish Rite Rockies Experience

UPDATE

2020 Rockies Experience - earning money for the Scottish Rite Consistory

- 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 \$95/person/game for the Consistory. You will also be awarded 60 points for each game worked toward your Double Eagle Jewel.

We continue to receive weekly updates on the status of 2020 games at Coors Field

- Every update from Coors Field is hopeful that sometime in the near future (possibly in June), we will hear: "Play Ball and the crack of bats at Coors Field and around the Nation."
 - We will keep you updated.

Brothers let's Sponsor Dick Williams

- **Brother Dick Williams** has committed to working all home games played at Coors Field in 2020.
- Once baseball play is resumed, Dick will be earning \$95.00 for every home game he works for your Scottish Rite consistory.
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90 Years Young

Harold Dwaine Barber
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Junius Neil Stuhmiller
Bernard Harris Thorn

80 Years Young

Ronald Riggs Ball
Ronald Ray Roberts

70 Years Young

Lewis Edward Kilbourn
David Bruce Sprague

60 Years Young

Shawn Patrick McKenna
Douglas Eugene Peterson
David Kirby Simmons
Randall W. Wenger

50 Years Young

Loran Scott Frazier

40 Years Old

Kurt Tyler Lesmerises

Our May "Youngster"

Nicholas Miller (26)



From: God's Little Instruction Book

PATIENCE is the ability to keep your motor idling when you feel like stripping your gears.

PATIENCE is a quality you admire in the driver behind you and scorn in the one ahead.

IT IS BETTER to be silent and be considered a fool than to speak and remove all doubt.

"NO" is one of the few words that can never be misunderstood.

The **BRIDGE** you burn now may be the one you later have to cross.

ALTHOUGH the tongue weighs very little, few people are able to hold it.

SORROW looks back.

WORRY looks around.

FAITH looks up.

LIFE can only be understood by looking backward, but it must be lived by looking forward.

TIME is more valuable than money because time is irreplaceable.

The **DOORS** of opportunity are marked "Push" and "Pull."

You cannot win if you do not begin.

Do the thing you fear and the death of fear is certain.

The **greatest possession you have** is the 24 hours directly in front of you.

The **best way to get even** is to forget.

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