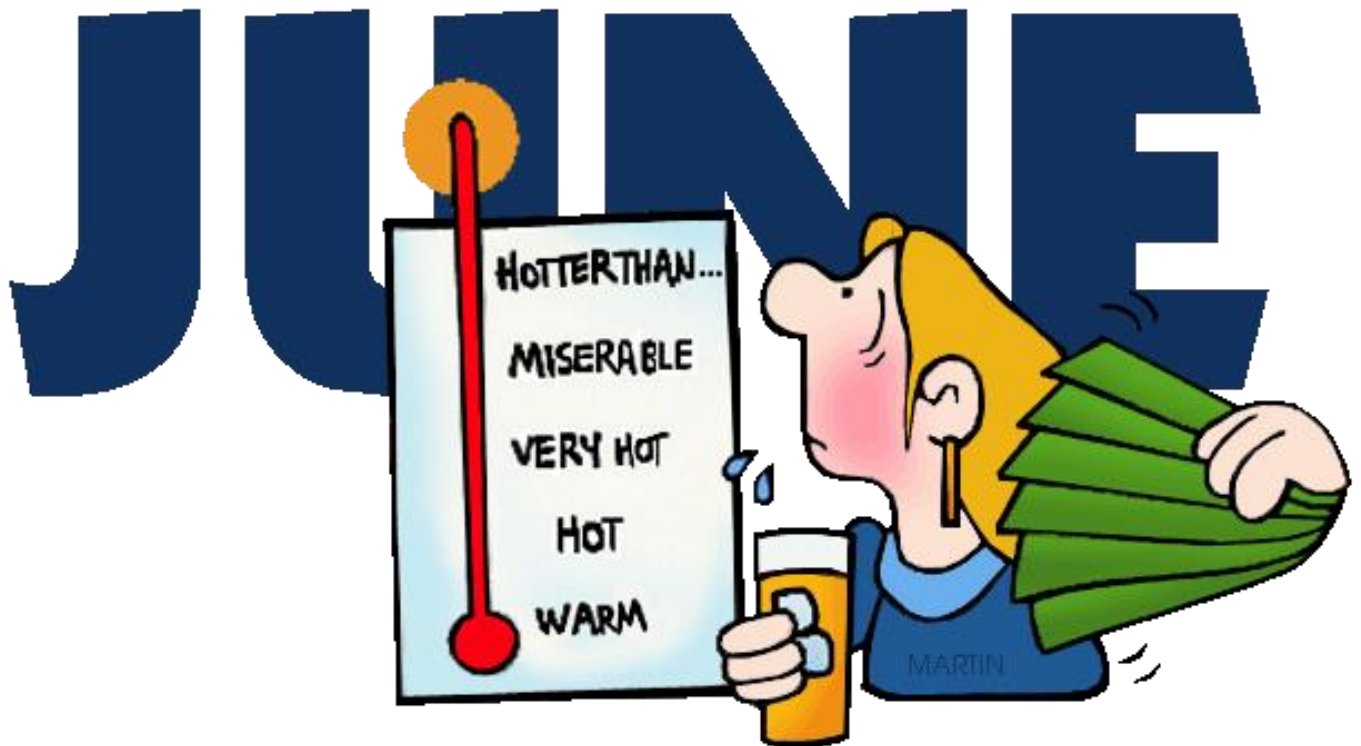




Denver's Rite Works

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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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D-Day JUNE 6, 1944

PLANNING CALENDAR

June

Mon, June 15 7:00 p.m. VIRTUAL Stated Meeting
Announcements, oration by Orator of Rocky
Mountain Chapter Rose Croix and oration by Orator,
Council of Kadosh

All events at the Consistory for July/August are cancelled.

September

Mon, June 15 7:00 p.m. VIRTUAL Stated Meeting
Fri, Sept 4 NO LUNCH
Mon, Sept 7 **CONSISTORY CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY HOLIDAY**
Fri, Sept 18 11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch
Mon, Sept 21 Stated Meeting—**Parking Garage Available**
Centennial Lodge of Perfection Ritual Open/Close
5:30 p.m. Red Room Business Meeting
6:00 p.m. Dinner
7:00 p.m. Entertainment
7:30 p.m. Split Meeting
Wed, Sept 23 7:00 p.m. Degree Council Meeting
Fri, Sept 25 11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch
Tues, Sept 29 6:30-8:30 p.m. Friends of the Scottish Rite (Prospect Night)

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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May 28, 2020

EDICT Number Five of the Grand Master

Brethren All:

Effective June 1, 2020 Masonic Lodges meeting under the authority of the Grand Lodge of Colorado Ancient and Accepted Masons may resume meeting with the following restrictions:

1. The Worshipful Master and officers of the lodge shall continuously read and strictly adhere to the Public Health Orders and Executive Orders of the Governor of the State of Colorado. These orders may be found at the following website:
<https://covid19.colorado.gov/covid-19-in-colorado/public-health-executive-orders-resource>
2. The Worshipful Master and officers of the lodge shall continuously read and strictly adhere to any variances granted for the county in which the lodge meets. These variances may be found at the following website, listed by county:
<https://covid19.colorado.gov/public-health-executive-orders/local-orders-variances>
3. The Worshipful Master and officers of the lodge shall continuously research and strictly adhere to any municipal or county restrictions, orders, or directives appertaining to the locale in which the lodge meets.

Temple Board Associations shall read and follow the guidelines and restrictions set forth in the above referenced orders and ensure any tenants are informed of and adhere to those directives.

All Freemasons are encouraged to access and review information regarding COVID-19 / coronavirus in the state of Colorado at <https://covid19.colorado.gov/> and apply the information as appropriate to their circumstances and that of their family.

Dispensation is hereby granted to any lodge in the jurisdiction to continue to suspend meetings through August 31, 2020 if the leadership of the lodge deems it is in the best

interests of the membership to do so by reason of the lodge demographic and continued risk of the spread of the COVID-19 / coronavirus among the brethren. If a lodge elects not to meet for a stated communication an entry shall be made in the records of the lodge for the normal date or dates of the meetings not held and shall reference this edict and the officers making the determination not to meet.

All Freemasons in the jurisdiction are encouraged to determine whether to attend lodge based on their individual health and risk factors and those of their family. At no time should a brother feel compelled to attend against the best interests of his own health and welfare.

Worshipful Masters and Secretaries are strongly encouraged to compile a synopsis of the meeting suitable for publication by electronic or other means to the brethren of the lodge who are unable to attend meetings due to personal risk. No brother should feel disenfranchised due to personal health considerations.

Lodges are encouraged to continue to make maximum use of virtual meetings and communication for matters not constrained to stated communications by the Book of Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of Colorado and their lodge bylaws.

This edict is subject to change or modification at any time based on changing circumstances relating to the COVID-19 / coronavirus pandemic.

This edict will expire at the end of my term of office unless sooner rescinded by the undersigned.

Brethren, you are enjoined to practice the virtues inculcated in our Craft, strive to live the teachings of the fraternity in your daily lives and be a beacon of light in this time. 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.



David Coberly
David Coberly
Grand Master of Masons in Colorado - 2020

EDITOR'S RESTLEBOARD



THE SWORD OF DAMOCLES

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Masonic DON'Ts

DON'T LET the moss grow on your Lodge's back.

DON'T IMAGINE that you will advance on your popularity and good looks alone.

DON'T BECOME inflated and dream about what a wonderful WM or GM you will make. Remember the fable of the toad.

DON'T FORGET that it is **YOUR DUTY** to make **ALL** members and visitors welcome in your lodge.

DON'T FORGET that a few well-chosen words of praise in public will offset many words of gossip spoken behind someone's back.

DON'T FORGET that it is as much **YOUR DUTY** to be present at every meeting as that of any other member.

DON'T FORGET that because you have been elected or appointed to a position, it does not confer the title of "Lord" of the Order.

DON'T FORGET that the **TRUE MARK** of leadership is a willingness to serve, even though the position may be subordinate.

DON'T FORGET to bring a recommended solution to the table when you bring a problem.

DON'T FORGET that **YOUR JOB IS TO ENABLE** the members of the Lodge, not to tell them why they can't do something.

Bill

[With apologies to: The Herald of Masonry (NY) reprinted in the Canadian Craftsman, June 1891 under the title of "Masonic Don'ts."]



From the Secretary's Desk

[Matt Raia, 33°](#)



June, 2020

Due to the restriction on group meetings and social distancing requirements as a result of COVID-19, all scheduled meetings and events at Denver Consistory for June and July are cancelled. We will have a Virtual meeting on June 15th. An email will be sent June 8th explaining how to register to participate in the virtual meeting.

OFFICE OPEN: The Consistory office is open again, and back to regular hours, 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 7:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Friday. To ensure the safety of our 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 require that you wear a mask and maintain proper social distancing. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance in helping to keep us virus-free.

As a result of the cancellation of our stated meeting in May and all of our planned events, there is nothing to report to you concerning our meeting and social events. But that does not mean that nothing has been happening around here. The Executive Committee, the Finance Committee, and the Scottish Rite Masonic Center Committee have continued to meet and conduct business (virtually). The Scottish Rite Masonic Center Committee is working on fund-raising plans and activities to raise funds for the ongoing maintenance and operation of the building. One exciting event being planned is a Golf Tournament for the summer of 2021. The SRMC Committee is asking for volunteers to help with the planning and execution of the golf tournament. If you are interested in volunteering, see the flyer in this edition of the Rite-Works for details. The Scottish Rite Cathedral Association has been busy with repairs and improvements to the building, many of which may not be obvious except to the most eagle-eyed observer. When we are able to meet in the building again, see if you can pick out some of these changes.

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.

From the Secretary's Desk - Continued from previous page

Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado Executive Secretary appointment: The Board of Trustees of the Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado are pleased to announce that **Brother L. Bryant Harris, 32° KCCH** has been appointed Executive Secretary of the Foundation to fill the position vacated by the retirement of Illustrious Brother Vern Ingraham, 33° GC.

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.

You are encouraged to set up your online Scottish Rite Member account so you may log in, update your personal information, and pay dues this way from anywhere.

[Scottish Rite Website: https://scottishrite.org/](https://scottishrite.org/)

This link takes you DIRECTLY to the Member Portal login page: <https://scottishrite.org/login/>

If you would like assistance in setting up your Online login credentials for the Scottish Rite Member portal, please contact **JUDY FLETCHER** at the House of the Temple:

JFletcher@scottishrite.org

COMING EVENTS

JUNE

Monday June 15th 7:00 p.m.—Virtual Meeting—Hawaiian Shirt Night

You are encouraged to wear your Hawaiian shirt and Consistory cap.

- Oration by Orator, Rocky Mountain Chapter of Rose Croix
- Oration by Orator, Colorado Council of Kadosh
- Announcements and update of current status of Denver Consistory
- Status of our Fall Reunion
- Discussion of an on-line Master Craftsman Study Group
- Membership open discussion

AUGUST

Saturday August 15th Calling Committee: 11:00a.m. to 1:00p.m. Consistory Office (Tentative)

Wednesday August 19th: Officer's Mid-Year Planning meeting 6:00 p.m. via ZOOM

SEPTEMBER

Monday September 7th—Consistory Office closed for Labor Day Holiday

Monday September 21st—Stated Meeting (Tentative)

Wednesday September 23rd—Degree Council meeting (Tentative)

Tuesday September 29th—Prospect Night (Tentative)

MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

June 2019: 1876

June 2020: 1718 (Net loss of 158)



From the Rose Croix WEST

By Scott E. Olson, 32° KCCH

Senior Warden
Rocky Mountain Chapter of Rose Croix



“LADIES”

While we, as Masons and as men, continue to innovate and modernize our institution to keep up with the digital age and stay relevant to the younger generation, it is time to consider another area in which we can move forward. How we approach the way we address, treat, and include our “Ladies” feels antiquated and, in some cases, is becoming obsolete. As with most aspects of an organization that has been around as long as the Freemasons, we can easily get stuck in a rut. One example is our social events and how we honor those in our lives who make it possible for us to devote our time to the Craft.

Events like the Ladies’ Luncheon and the Blue Lodge Wives and Widows’ Tea are truly important events. They have been long-honored traditions showing support and appreciation for our significant others. However, many nuanced things surrounding these events are outdated and no longer relevant. Does an invitation need to be addressed to “Mrs. Scott E. Olson?” Surely this was respectful in the past, but today it suggests that my wife is merely an extension of myself. It may seem like a small thing to some, but it speaks volumes to others. Further, how do we approach the fact that some Brothers’ spouses and significant others aren’t ladies at all? I am exceedingly proud that our organization is inclusive of Brethren of all backgrounds, including sexual orientation, and I am privileged to stand alongside ALL of my Brothers. But, what does it say to their spouses or partners, if the only ones we choose to honor are the “Ladies?” Further, if these events are meant to honor the sacrifice of our significant others and the appreciation for the time we devote to attend meetings, perform and memorize ritual, practice and prepare for our reunions, and countless other events that take us out of our home, then MAYBE it’s time to shift to a more family-oriented celebration.

I am raising two teen-aged daughters who have always known me to be a Mason (which, at times, has meant that I am away from the home multiple nights a month and sometimes even multiple nights in the span of a week). I recognize that my time gets taken from them, as well. Now, we gladly serve, as it is simply the devotion we have as Masons to the betterment and continuation of our Craft. However, our children make a similar sacrifice. Of course, many Brethren may have children who are grown and out of the house, but many have younger families. Dynamics are continuously shifting and it would be beneficial for us, as an organization, to shift with them. We have an opportunity to become more inclusive to all the special people in our lives who allow us the time it takes to become the best Masons we can be and continue to improve the Craft. How do we create new events or ways of recognizing the

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modern wife, partner, husband **AND** children that would feel contemporary and inclusive to all, and in turn increase participation?

How society defines, views, and values the diversity of relationships and families is changing, and for the better. How can we, as an organization, change with it? How can we, as individual Masons and men, recognize the shift and change with it? There are some who will say, "why should we change?" Yet, there remains a culture (I won't say overwhelming or pervasive, but noticeable) among some Brethren that feels out-of-date and is difficult to synchronize with who we claim to be as an organization. A culture where jokes and offhand comments are sometimes made at various times in conversations that range from merely dismissive to downright degrading. Now, I GET IT! One of the great things about our organization of men, being able to gather amongst other men, is that we can speak candidly and freely as men. But when does that candidness go too far? How do we best live up to the honor and respect to which we lay claim as Masons, even behind closed doors?

As with any adaptation and shift in Masonry, it can feel glacial and even immovable, especially when the surrounding world moves comparatively at warp speed. The ultimate objective is to take steps, small though they may be at first. But, if we don't shift how we honor those who are most important to us in a way that is inclusive and relevant TO THEM, we risk driving them away for good. I certainly don't have the answers, and I don't know that we, as an organization, have the answers. BUT THEY DO! It is high time we start asking them what they want and how they would like to feel honored and appreciated.



Consistory Graffiti Cleanup.

Brother Jay Allen, 32°, on his own volition without being asked by the office, organized a graffiti cleanup to remove the graffiti from the front, north side and back of the building. Thank you to Illustrious and Most Worshipful Brother Steve Munsinger, 33°, SGIG Emeritus, who helped scrub off graffiti. **See page 25 to see their handiwork.**

Thank you to the following groups:

Job's Daughters Bethel 33
Job's Daughters Bethel 40
Aurora Chapter DeMolay
Bromfield Chapter DeMolay
Aurora Revelation Lodge 156
Daniel Chappie Military Lodge 27
South Denver Lodge 93
Lafayette Lodge 91

Idaho Springs Lodge 26
Eastern Star Metro Chapter
Marquis de Lafayette Lodge 41
Fidelity Lodge 192
Boy Scout Troop 5
Cub Scout Troop 52
Denver Consistory
Knights of Saint Andrew

SUNDAY MASONIC PAPER

No. 971 (May 24, 2020)

Taking Good Food & Making it Better

Author Unknown (via Facebook)

So, there is this restaurant chain with locations throughout North America. Its slogan is a pretty catchy one and the chain's management uses it on a daily basis to motivate staff and to recruit new patrons to the chain's thousands of locations. Their slogan is **"we take good food and make it better"** - eight simple words, which have struck an emotional chord with millions of people who like to eat.

There is no marketing genius behind the slogan or the success of the same in attracting people to the restaurant chain. Everyone likes good food, so it is unlikely that there is a person alive who would not like good food made better. Who could resist such a slogan?

Sadly, the restaurant chain seldom lives up to its own slogan. The restaurants are often poorly decorated—their tables and chairs wobbly and in need of repair. Staff often quarrel with one another and the management, too often, seem only to be concerned with climbing the corporate ladder to the head office. The food, so much talked about is bland at best, and dreadful at worst.

Yet, as each new patron comes in for the first time to sample this "good food made better," he sees a group of smiling faces, all lapping up the meal as if it was the greatest food on the planet—just like the advertising people said it was.

The new patron does his best to eat his meal even though the food offered does not appeal to the palate as sweetly as the words used to describe it. Not wishing to show his displeasure or disappointment to his two friends who sponsored him—for it is, after all, an exclusive restaurant—he sits in silence eating his meal with each mouthful being as forced as the smile on his face.

Sometimes the patron simply pays his tab, leaves the restaurant and vows never to return to the establishment. However, sometimes the patron decides that **MAYBE** he just went on a bad night—perhaps the staff was having a bad day because the regular cook was away. Perhaps those people enjoying the meal were just being kind and did not want to offend the new cook.

He decides to give the "good food made better" joint **ONE MORE TRY**.

Returning on another night, he sees the same dozen patrons who were there the month previous—they are still arguing with one another about which fork you should use for the salad and the proper way to hold a wine glass. The manager is still ignoring the new customers in favor of the company higher-ups seated at a back table who he is trying to convince of his suitability for a more prominent position in the firm.

What's worse—the food is still bland, boring, and not what the sign on the door proclaims—yet the regulars are still lapping it up like it's their last meal.

This time, the patron decides that the marketing slogan is nothing more than eight simple words cleverly arranged to deprive him of his hard-earned money.

The thought occurs to him that MAYBE he could pull the manager away from the corporate wheels long enough to suggest a few small things that could truly make the good food better. However, he has a sinking feeling that he would be told, “but we’ve always cooked it this way before” or “we tried that once, and the patrons didn’t like it.” He feels he might even be told that “the head office would never allow it.”

So, instead of voicing his concerns, exercising the old business axiom that the customer is ALWAYS RIGHT, he says nothing. Instead, he leaves the restaurant and vows NEVER to return—either cancelling his pre-booked reservations on the way out the door, or simply never returning and having his membership cancelled by the chain via a nasty letter.

He wonders how it is that the restaurant survives and why the same dozen diners seem to enjoy the food so much.

His conclusion is a simple one: they like things the way they are and the establishment will never change so long as the chain is run by people who like to make bland food and is patronized by people who like to eat the same.

And, so we come to a problem that is rife within Freemasonry today.

We advertise ourselves as an organization that makes good men better, and while that is precisely what we have done for millions of men over the centuries, it cannot be argued that we are letting down the many young men who enter our doors who feel cheated and deceived.

“I really feel that I have been sold a pack of lies” wrote one such young Mason recently on an internet discussion forum.

How sad it is that a young man, who has been a Mason for one year, would feel that he has been lied to by an organization that has “TRUTH” as one of its three greatest attributes.

“This is not the Masonry I signed up for,” he continued in his posting and in so stating, arrives at the crux of our problem.

Freemasonry, in large parts of the United States and Canada is not offering what it is advertising, but if it advertised what it really offered, would it receive many new candidates?

“Freemasonry—we take good men and let them sit in a room and listen to the reading of minutes and 45 minute debates on spending \$50 on why we should or should not buy a plaque to show what great guys we are.”

It just does not have the same marketing strength (PUNCH) as “Freemasonry— we take good men and make them better.”

Unfortunately, our young brethren, past and present, have tried to improve what Freemasonry offers within the tiled recesses of our lodges, but are met with resistance at each step of the way.

We say we are about making good men better through self-improvement—yet few are the lodges who APPLY the working tools within the body of a lodge to educate our young members as to HOW to do this.

The Masonic Information Center (MIC) recently released a publication entitled, “It’s About Time.” The publication identifies the problems currently confronting sonic identity and offers

sound solutions for the same. One of the most powerful statements in the 17 page document follows:

“The Square and Compasses, the best known symbol of a Mason, cannot replace the identity of living the life of a Mason, which is itself perpetually in a state of improving ourselves in body, mind, and spirit. Masonic imagery is a valuable resource when it inspires us to take new action consistent with our personal growth and enlightened thought. We must discover our own Masonic calling, our own place in the history of Masonry, by making authentic Masonic performance our top priority.”


However, we have allowed, as the MIC points out in the publication, Masonry to be shaped by the 20th century’s emphasis on the Masonic ritual being “the completion” of the Mason’s education about his fraternity.

Like the analogy of the restaurant chain, little changes in how lodges deliver Masonic lessons are stifled because the same dozen patrons sit in their seats and run the show.

Those men, like the restaurant patrons in our analogy, come back month after month and year after year because they enjoy the bland food—a meal that is largely comprised of recitation of minutes, tedious debates over how funds are dispersed, and arguments over when and how to salute the Worshipful Master.

And, when a young man, initiated, passed and raised leaves because he finds the meal unappetizing, he is viewed as a disgruntled customer, which the restaurant is better off without.

The RECIPE of Freemasonry is as sound today as it was three hundred years ago—it is the present kitchen of stubborn cooks who need to be tossed out.



**SUNDAY MASONIC PAPER 972 (seriously abridged)
The Purpose of Freemasonry (written January 2012)
R.W. Bro. W. J. (Bill) Bowick—PDDGM Frontenac District GRC**

“What is it we could take away and still have Freemasonry?” Would the fraternity cease to exist if we lost all our buildings? Not likely. Lodges of antiquity did not have permanent meeting places, nor do all lodges today. Would Freemasonry die if we lost all our furniture? Again, not likely. Lodges have survived without this stuff before. Would it die without the organization and leadership of Grand Lodge? Not if we had a strong, well-understood purpose. What about our ritual? It would be more difficult to communicate some of our concepts, but still possible.

...One respected Brother asked how he might respond to his son’s question: “What can I get from Masonry that I don’t get from my friends?” No one had a good answer for him, but I think I know how I would answer now. I would say that Freemasonry offers a mechanism whereby you and your friends can become better men. Better men mean better citizens, better fathers, better husbands, **and better friends**. Is it the only way? Not really, but it is a good one. What is more, it is something you and your friends can do together and, in the process, acquire more friends. Making good men better is what it is all about.



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Brother Wayne G. Arner, 33°

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



What an honor and a pleasure to again be able to share some time with a Brother of the Scottish Rite and then to be able to share a little bit of his story with you. This month's Member Spotlight will focus on one of the more well-known and long-time Brothers of the Denver Consistory of the Scottish Rite. He and his lovely wife Virginia, who many of you know, drove up to Idaho Springs on Memorial Day and spent a couple of hours with my wife Amy and me. The ladies let the old Leatherneck (Wayne) and the old Squid (me) trade war stories and enjoy a great afternoon in the mountains. Hooyah!

Illustrious Brother Wayne serves as the Treasurer of the Consistory and as Chairman of the Denver Consistory Endowment Fund. Being a Marine—not an “ex-Marine,” as “once a Marine, always a Marine” - Wayne also serves as the 2nd Vice President of the Denver-Fitzsimons #37 Chapter of National Sojourners (you might be interested). He is a 64-year Master Mason, a 61-year Scottish Rite Mason, 50-year Sir Knight Templar and Companion of Royal Arch Masons, and a 50-year member of El Jebel Shrine. He is a Past Master of South Denver Lodge #93 (1974). I am honored that Wayne serves as my Treasurer as I sit in the East in Central Lodge #6 in Central City.

Wayne is a 3rd generation Coloradan. He was born in Boulder, Colorado on September 27, 1935. His great-grandfather, whose name was Morgan A. Morgan, had homesteaded near Lafayette, Colorado in about 1873. His mother was born in Lafayette and grew up in the Louisville-Lafayette area of Boulder County. Her father (Wayne's grandfather) was the Justice of the Peace in Lafayette. Wayne's father Clifford Arner was originally from Nebraska, but came to Erie, Colorado after serving in WWI and met Wayne's mother in the Justice of the Peace's office when he was there on company business. They were later married in that same office by her father.

Wayne's older brother died in 1937 and in 1941 Wayne's mother died after a short illness. With his father having to work long hours in the coal business and as a mine clerk in Erie, Wayne and his younger brother were taken to the Denver Orphans' Home in 1943. This orphanage is still standing at about Colfax and Albion in Denver. Wayne lived in the orphanage until 1948, when he told his father that “he wasn't going to stay at the orphanage any longer!” By then, Wayne's father was working at Hendrie & Bolthoff in Denver and living at the El Jebel Shrine Mosque at 50th & Tennyson as the caretaker. Wayne, with his father and brother, continued to live at the Mosque until 1951. More on that in a bit! Wayne and his brother used to caddy at Willis Case Golf Course for \$1/9 holes or \$2/18 holes.

Living at the Mosque meant that Wayne would attend North High School in Denver. He was a star football player while at North. After the three Arner men left the Mosque, they moved to 5435 Clay Street, in what was then unincorporated Adams County. When Wayne went to

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sign up for school, and more especially for football at North in the late summer of 1952, he was asked where he lived. Being an honest man, he told the Registrar and was advised that he couldn't attend North unless he paid out-of-district tuition of \$15. More importantly, he couldn't play football for the North High Vikings! His dad either couldn't or wouldn't pay the \$15, so Wayne ended up transferring to Westminster High School at 73rd & Lowell, where he continued to star in football.

During a game between Westminster and Mount Carmel High School, Wayne scored a touchdown on the first series of downs. On the next series, and now playing defense, he picked up a fumble and ran it back for a touchdown. At half-time, as the Westminster players were running off the field to the locker room, the cheerleaders from Mt. Carmel actually were spitting on Wayne and yelling at him because he had been a one-man wrecking crew on their team. More on that in a bit!

After graduation from high school in 1953, Wayne wanted to join the Marines, but he wasn't 18 years old and couldn't join yet. In April 1954, Wayne joined the Marine Reserves. The Marine Reserves had been "frozen" until after the Korean War ended, so Wayne ended up not going to Boot Camp until 1958. He went to MCRD in San Diego, then to Air School in Jacksonville to be an aircraft mechanic. When he finished training at Jacksonville, he returned to Denver to find that VMF-233 had been transferred to Kansas and replaced with MACS-23 (a communications squadron) at Buckley. While sitting in the radio room, several of his squadron mates and their sergeant would sometimes talk about Masonry in "vague terms." The sergeant would always knock three times when coming into the squad room. Wayne was not yet a Mason, but all of the guys said, "He's a good guy—we can trust him." He finally asked them what a Mason was and asked them one day how you became a Mason. That started his Masonic journey, although he was not yet 21 years old.

Soon after, Wayne was separated from active duty and was working at the Montgomery Ward's store at 555 South Broadway. South Denver Lodge #93 is located at 350 South Broadway, just two blocks away. On September 27, 1956, at 4:15 p.m., Wayne knocked on the door of South Denver Lodge #93 with a petition for the degrees of Masonry and \$50 in hand. This was his 21st birthday, and he was not "of lawful age." The old man that answered the door asked him several questions and ultimately took his petition and money and told him someone would get back to him. Wayne still lived with his father and brother up north and out of the District of South Denver #93 Lodge. He didn't hear anything from the Lodge for more than six months, and he was becoming discouraged. Back in the day, a Brother had to live within his Lodge's "district" or get dispensation to join from outside the district. This was what was taking so long, but Wayne had no way of knowing this.

Then, one afternoon when he got home from work, his dad asked him about the petition and why he (Wayne's dad) didn't know about it. He said that three men would be at the house later that evening to talk with Wayne. The men came to the house and actually spent nearly the entire evening talking with Wayne's dad.

Wayne's father was a Past Master of Garfield Lodge #50 in Erie, Colorado in 1933 and 1936. Wayne had never asked his dad about becoming a Mason and was, in fact, somewhat hurt that his father never asked his son to fill out a petition. Again, Wayne had no idea that he had

to “knock three times on the door of Masonry” before his dad would talk with him about joining. Happily, Wayne’s father actually obligated him as he became an Entered Apprentice—the explanation for the long conversation with the investigating Committee with his father.

Wayne didn’t join the line at South Denver #93 for many years, but ultimately served as Worshipful Master in 1974. He appointed a couple of men we all know as his Stewards that year—Illustrious Brothers Gerry Ford and Mike Hessel.

In the Spring of 1959, Wayne went through the 4th through 14th degrees of the Scottish Rite at the Rocky Mountain Consistory. That fall, he received the 15th through 32nd degrees. In 1995 Rocky Mountain Consistory merged with Colorado Consistory and became the Denver Consistory we all know today. Wayne had now been a 32° Scottish Rite Mason for about 35 years and wasn’t really “engaged” - perhaps even a little discouraged. One day, then SGIG Dwight Hamilton came over and asked Wayne what he was doing. Wayne’s reply was “Nothing!” The SGIG immediately sent Wayne up to the 2nd floor of the Consistory where the Finance Committee was meeting and told him that he was now a member of the Finance Committee. This upset some of the old-timers on the committee, but the SGIG had ordered that it be so.

In 2003, Wayne received the honor of Knight Commander, Court of Honor (Red Hat) and four years later in 2007, received his 33° White Hat. He often thought that he would get his Blue Hat (50-year member) before his White Hat.

Let’s go back to Wayne’s days as a football star at Westminster High School and the game with Mount Carmel. Remember that the cheerleaders were spitting on him and calling him names for destroying their team before half-time? Well ... about 10 years later, Wayne very reluctantly agreed to a blind date with a nice Italian girl from North Denver. Wayne got to the young lady’s home and found about 18 of her aunts, uncles, cousins, and her parents of course, sitting in the living room to meet him and to pass judgement before they would allow her to go out with this young man who was also a race-car driver and had a Jaguar. It turns out that this young woman had been a cheerleader at Mount Carmel and remembered the game when their team lost so badly. She was one of the cheerleaders that were upset with him, but hadn’t been the one to spit on Wayne. She had called him some ugly names that night. You just can’t make this stuff up!

Wayne did pass the Italian “skunk eye” test, and he and the young lady went out that evening. Unfortunately, she lost her contact lens in the grass, but fortunately, Wayne found it. A very positive sign! They courted for about 1½ years, and in June of this year, Wayne and Virginia will have been married for 57 years! Wayne and Virginia have three children and seven grandchildren—Wayne, Jr., who lives in the Chicago area and is involved with the Chicago Board of Trade and has two boys and a girl. Son Ronald is a mental health counselor and lives in Arvada. He has no children. Daughter Jennifer is a former RN and now a full-time mother to three girls and one boy and lives in Littleton.

Now, back to the El Jebel Shrine Mosque. Remember that Wayne, his dad, and his brother all lived at the Mosque. Wayne and his brother had a key to the front door so that they could come and go without having to go around to the backside of the building after dark. One Friday night after going to the movies at the Oriental Theater at 44th & Tennyson, Wayne and his

brother walked back home and went in the front door of the Mosque. It was about 10 at night, so obviously very dark. As they were walking across the ballroom floor to the stairs to go down to their apartment, Wayne's brother started screaming and knocked Wayne down trying to get to the stairs. He had seen a ghost! A woman in a white dress. Wayne and his brother got to the apartment, told their dad about what they had seen, and dad got his loaded revolver and went upstairs to investigate. He didn't find anything, but even 40 years later when Wayne's daughter was married and the reception was held at the Mosque, his brother would still not go in the Mosque. They moved from the Mosque in 1951, but there have been investigations of paranormal activity in the building, and even today there are rumors of a ghost living there.

Back to the race car and Virginia's family's questions about this race car driver. Wayne's dad would pick him and his brother up from the orphanage on Friday nights and take them over to the old Lakeside Racetrack to watch the midget auto races. As a teenager, Wayne had his own midget racer and was a regular racer for a number of years, serving as the President of the Rocky Mountain Midget Racing Association in 1999 and as a Technical Inspector for more than 25 years. Midget racers are open-wheeled Indy-type racecars, with a wheelbase of 72" and engine displacement of 150 cubic inches. By comparison, an Indianapolis racer would be 103" wheelbase and 270 cu-in displacement. Midget racers top speed is around 70 mph.

When Wayne separated from active duty with the Marines in 1958, he started classes at CU-Boulder and "trolley tech" in downtown Denver. He studied engineering until 1964 and then became an engineer for more than 21 years in the Denver area. In 1978, he went to work with Coors Ceramic, ultimately retiring in 1999 as the Supervisor of Kiln Firing for the company.

I asked Wayne who the five men are that have had the greatest impact on him as a Mason:

- His father, Clifford Arner. Wayne said that he "became a Mason in spite of his dad" Because his father had not asked him to join the fraternity, he thought his dad didn't want him to be a Mason.
- Howard Montague from South Denver #93
- C. Wheeler Barnes
- Gerry Ford
- Dwight Hamilton

An impressive list!

Wayne's parting words yesterday—"The Marines made me do things right. I learned self-discipline. Masonry is a fraternity of good men, but perhaps isn't for everybody. You have to be ready to change your way of thinking. You can't be in the fraternity instantaneously. You have to pay your dues. Remember, there is no easy road."

Say "hi" to Brother Wayne next time you see him at the Consistory and to his lovely wife Virginia. And, Happy Anniversary to you both next month!

Memorial Scroll

Ralph Stanley Benell, 32°	05/09/2020	Arthur Conley Millspaw, 32°	05/05/2020
Donald James Bowey, 32°	05/05/2020	Pete Montera, 32°	09/03/2018
William Scott Carpenter, 32°	09/15/2019	Tim Dean Moser, 32°	04/05/2020
Knowles C. Clifton, 32°	05/17/2014	Joseph Clem Pine, 32°	04/26/2019
Clinton Pinchard Collier, Jr., 32°	02/24/2015	Christopher Richard Runyan, 32°	05/23/2020
Jackie Ray Cooper, 32°	01/31/2013	Alan Dean Sandberg, 32°	04/16/2017
William Stewart Curry, 32°	12/01/2015	Otto Nick Schroeder, 32°	04/16/2014
Arbie Lee Dillow, 32°	07/28/2015	Coye Darwin Stanley, 32°	05/28/2018
Donald Eugene Elkner, 32°	05/04/2012	William Carroll Starr, Jr., 32°	02/28/2018
Jack Don Garber, 32°	12/23/2019	William Eugene Thompson, 32°	02/16/2017
Alden Lee Grady, 32°	03/15/2020	Adolph Ludwig Utzinger, 32°	01/13/2019
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Mike George Ligeros, 32°	04/30/2017	Donald William Wine, 32°	01/07/2019
George Arthur MacIlroy, 32°	05/19/2020	Frank Masao Yoritomo, 32°	11/26/2018
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The Prelate's Pulpit

Rev. James H. Harris, 33^o



COVID-19 continues to hold us in a tight grip. Our lives, it seems, have been on hold for months. I pray that this plague will be lifted from us and we will have that tent over us lifted and we will find ourselves getting back to some sense of normality. We want the businesses to reopen, students going back to school, churches throwing open the doors, gathering in our lodges, and being able to watch baseball.

However, things are going to be different. Remember how the 9-11 attack on America changed our lives forever? I never thought purses would have to be searched, backpacks opened, and having to go through a metal detector just to enter Coors Field to watch a baseball game. We saw the way we travel on airlines drastically change. Electronic surveillance of everyone's movements is now taken for granted, all with the purpose of keeping us safe from terrorism. Yes, life returned to "normal" with many changes.

Suddenly, this COVID-19 pandemic swept out of China and overwhelmed the world. As we all wait for this to pass, we should ask ourselves some hard questions about the nature, brevity, and uncertainty of life. Christ did caution his followers "not to worry about your life, what you eat or drink; nor about your body, what you put on. Is your life more than food and body more than clothing?" He cautioned, "Do not worry ..."

I seriously consider what has happened in light of Biblical prophecy and the warnings of Christ to watch and pray for understanding of our life and the world today. For me, the new normal is to strengthen my spiritual life, study the Bible more, seeking its wisdom and knowledge as a beacon of understanding our world, what this latest crisis means, and where the next crisis might come from. I am also reading several Masonic books. This the new "normal" for me.

I have also realized how much my fraternity means to me and how much I appreciate my family and friends. I missed the celebration of Easter, the sunrise service, and being able to worship at church. So many of the things and people in my life I have taken for granted. John Donne wrote, "No man is an island, any man's death diminishes me." I have noticed the people holding us together are the health care workers, grocery store clerks, and overnight workers—the factory workers who make toilet paper, and all the others who are still on the job.

We will put things back together again, one meeting at a time, one phone call at a time, one live worship service at a time, one prayer at a time, and one day at a time. At the age of seventy-one, John Greenleaf Whittier wrote the poem "Eventide." It reflects a life well-lived, a life which had known both loneliness and rich associations, a life lived in touch with the realities which give life meaning.

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Jeremiah writes: "For I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you ... plans to give you and a future." Yes, my brothers, we will get through this, we will meet again, we will see each other again, and the sun will come up again.

Keep your faith, keep on living, loving, and praying.

FRATERNALLY,

Rev. James Harris, Prelate

An Update from Pati Sawyer Boex, Fraternal Relations Director, Eastern Star Masonic Retirement Campus

We have a truly dedicated staff that has held our building TOGETHER during the past 8 weeks. We did have 10 cases of COVID-19 in our building—eight in memory care and two in assisted living. Three have died, but the rest have recovered.

We have been practicing social distancing by having all residents stay in their rooms, and have all meals delivered. Our activities director went around with the happy hour beverage cart and Dollar Cart twice a week.

We continue our efforts to combat isolation for our residents by offering video calls and in-person window/patio visits for families and their loved ones. Each week we also have our more acoustic musicians entertaining residents through their windows with singing and music and will continue to build on this programming as more musicians are available.

The City and County of Denver Health Department has granted our request to reinstate our dining program on a limited basis starting May 18, with appropriate social distancing restrictions.

We have recently installed an in-house television channel and hope to soon stream movies and a weekly church service community-wide for all residents who choose to participate.

Residents continue to be encouraged to remain in their rooms, except for exercise, and to wear a face covering while practicing social distancing and hand-washing when out in the community.

By recommendation of State health authorities, we send out daily updates to families. We are regularly updating ESMRC residents and family members via email, on social media, and over the phone.

On May 7, two inspectors from the City & County of Denver Department of Public Health and Environment conducted an on-site survey of our infection control policy and procedures in managing COVID-19. This survey also resulted in ZERO deficiencies/citations.

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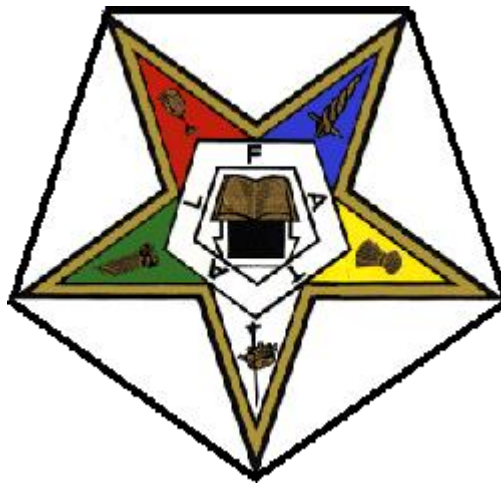
On May 6, two inspectors from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment conducted an on-site survey of our infection control policy and procedures in managing COVID-19. The survey again resulted in ZERO deficiencies/citations.

We appeared on Channel 2 News four times with Chris Parente talking about our wonderful residents and had viewers as well as the Masonic Community send our residents letters.

I feel we are doing a fantastic job due to our dedicated staff and having the support of our family members who are regularly thanking the staff with snacks and lunches and other treats.

If you or anyone has any questions, you can reach out to me at any time.

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2020 Scottish Rite Rockies Experience

UPDATE

2020 Rockies Experience - earning money for the Scottish Rite Masonic Center

- The 2020 Scottish Rite Rockies Experience is an opportunity to contribute to your Scottish Rite Masonic Center. Each game you, your family and/or friends work, you will be earning \$95/person/game for the Center. 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 Masonic Center.
- SPONSOR Dick - Can't work a Rockies Game? "What if every member of the Scottish Rite Consistory sponsored Dick with \$1.00 , (if not more) for each game he works. All of this money in addition to what Dick earns will go to the support your Scottish Rite Masonic Center.

Smile - open this web site

- View Colorado Rockies top plays of 2019
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ONP0vh6hE2M>
 - select: Rockies Top 10 Plays of 2019 - YouTube

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George Riley Mattern

90 Years Young

Ralph Capilla, Jr.
Martin L. Church, Jr.
Ray Orval Humphrey
Marvin Lee Meyers

80 Years Young

Ellis Lynn Armstrong
John Photios Athanasopoulo
Ronald James Carter
Broaddus Linwood Garnett
Gerald Wayne Human

70 Years Young

Barry Craig Bowser
Richard Dennis Tomlinson

30 Years Old

Travis James McLain

Our JUNE “Youngster”

Hunter Matthew McCallum (28)



June 14, 1775 (245 Years Old)

From: God's Little Instruction Book II

Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has overcome while trying to succeed.

Many a man thinks he has an open mind, when it's merely vacant.

Character is not made in crisis, it is only exhibited.

Wisdom is the quality that keeps you from getting into situations where you need it.

Rank does not confer privilege or give power. It imposes responsibility.

God has a history of using the insignificant to accomplish the impossible.

A “professional” is someone who can do his best work when he doesn't feel like it.

The best inheritance a parent can give to their children is a few minutes of time each day.

If you want to be a leader with a large following, just obey the speed limit on a winding, two-lane road.

Kindness is a language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see.

For peace of mind, resign as general manager of the universe.

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