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Membership Statistics

December 2019: 1812

December 2020: 1669

Net: **143 LOSS**

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.

PLANNING CALENDAR - **Subject to Change**

Due to the rise in COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations, and the reduction in the number of persons who can meet indoors in the Denver City/County area, **the Friday lunches are cancelled until further notice. No meetings will be allowed in the building until further notice.**

December All In-House events are CANCELLED

Mon, Dec 7	7:00 p.m. KSA meeting— VIRTUAL MEETING
Mon, Dec 21	6:00 p.m. Officers Meeting - VIRTUAL TBD?
	7:00 p.m. Stated Meeting - VIRTUAL MEETING Entertainment and Election of Officers
Tue, Dec 22	7:00 p.m. Virtual Master Craftsman Session
Fri, Dec 25	Consistory CLOSED for Christmas Holiday

January 2021 Subject to Change as necessary

Fri, Jan 1, 2021	Consistory CLOSED for New Year's Holiday
Fri, Jan 8, 15, 29	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch
Sat, Jan 16	8:00 a.m. - noon Officers' Breakfast and Installation Practice
Mon, Jan 18	Stated Meeting - Parking Garage Available 5:30 p.m. Red Room Business Meeting 6:00 p.m. Dinner 7:00 p.m. Awards, Announcements, Split Meeting, Annual meeting Of Corporations and Installation of Officers
Tue, Jan 19	7:00 p.m. Virtual Master Craftsman Session
Fri, Jan 22	Consistory CLOSED for Grand Lodge Communication

February 2021 Subject to Change as necessary

Mon, Feb 1	7:00 p.m. KSA Meeting
Fri, Feb 5, 12, 19, 26	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch
Mon, Feb 15	Stated Meeting (Feast of Kadosh) - Parking Garage Available 5:30 p.m. Red Room Business Meeting 6:00 p.m. Dinner 7:00 p.m. Awards and Announcements Entertainment (President's Day, Valentine's Day) 7:30 p.m. Split Meeting: Almoner & Life Member Reports to CLOP 18° Prolog and Discussion

EDITOR'S NESTLEBOARD



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PAUSE, RESET, REBOOT



I want you to reflect on some recent experiences—especially if you have a Microsoft-based computer (but Apple does it too). Have you noticed that frequently they will automatically download an update to your operating system (or other application) without telling you? You probably notice your computer running a bit slower than normal, but don't think much about it until you go to close down for the night, only to be told "don't turn off your computer, we're getting it ready for an update." (PAUSE) So, depending on how long it takes, you might just turn off your display and head off to bed for the night. But, then when you get up in the morning, you find your system has turned itself off after the update took place. Now when you turn the machine back on, you're told not to turn it off because it's preparing your system AFTER the update has been downloaded (RESET). And, in some cases, you're told that to complete the update process, YOU have to restart your computer (REBOOT).

Now, you're probably saying to yourself "what the heck is Bill talking about anyway?" It's a good question, and it deserves a good answer. I'm making an analogy to our present situation with regard to COVID.

Initially, when the virus started out, for the most part, people PAUSED briefly to digest what was happening, but without much thought as to what it might mean for them and their loved ones in the coming weeks. Most people continued to go about their daily lives—albeit perhaps with a bit more concern for safety, but still not completely sure about the need for any drastic or controversial measures.

Then, reality hit—the virus was making the rounds. Perhaps you know of someone who contracted it. Maybe they died, maybe they spent a long time in hospital being treated before being released. Maybe they felt terrible, but stayed home for a while and eventually recovered. Maybe they didn't have any symptoms at all. It was pretty much like any other virus or flu-like illness out there, except we kept getting it thrown into our faces and everyday consciousness by our news media—and we kept getting conflicting advice from government and medical sources. Out of a sense of personal responsibility and perhaps concern for the safety of ourselves and those around us, we "RESET" our behavior and started thinking more about how we could possibly do things to AVOID exposure if possible, or at least limit the chances of getting that virus—for which there is no vaccine. Some people didn't change at all, and some of them ended up paying a steep price for that behavior, although some are still walking

around us like nothing has happened. While I certainly do NOT wish anyone ill, this behavior, in view of the medical warnings, shortages in hospital beds, and materials to care for those who have contracted the virus is irresponsible and, quite frankly, quite arrogant at the same time. It shows a lack of concern, not for themselves, but for others around them. I've lost two good friends to this virus—and yes, both had complicating factors—but I wager MOST people in our fraternity have at least one, and quite possibly more, of those complicating or contributing factors that put them at higher than normal risk. Anyway, the situation is what it is, and we can't change it simply because we wish it to be otherwise.

So, that's where we are at the moment. We've paused, we've reset our behaviors to some extent, and in the process we've learned a few significant lessons of life: specifically, that many things we took for granted can be erased in the blink of an eye; that life itself is a delicate and fragile gift; that we do things more out of HABIT than out of necessity—and when you are no longer able to do some of those habitual things, you find ways to fill the void in your life with something else, or perhaps try to adjust what you used to do considering this new “paradigm” of social distancing and restricted gatherings. What did we find out during these first two phases of our “master system update?” Well, we found out that we CAN do a lot of things virtually that we always said we couldn't because (fill in the blank). And, in the process we also found out that some who hadn't been active with us for years suddenly reappeared and began participating in these virtual (ZOOM) sessions that became commonplace and accepted as a suitable (but probably not quite desirable) substitute for an in-person meeting session.

Here's the problem ... we haven't yet REBOOTED because the “system” is still resetting itself. The virus is still here, it's mutating, we are still waiting for a safe and effective vaccine, and the time horizon for life returning (REBOOTING) to normal (what it was BEFORE COVID) is uncertain at this point.

Some organizations have embraced the ZOOM (and ZOOM-Like) application with open arms as a way to expand their fraternal, social, professional, and business circles. Others, clinging to the past, continue to insist that they simply can NOT function in a virtual environment—in the face of similar organizations doing exactly that. “But we're different” they say. Yes, but we're also very similar.

People do not like thinking OUTSIDE the box, especially if they have been confined to the box for a long time. It's uncomfortable, it leaves them uneasy about what MIGHT happen; it's the UNKNOWN.

Mankind has prospered and grown on the backs of explorers and intrepid settlers who faced that “unknown” and went on in spite of fear and uncertainty. As a result, this country was founded, expanded into what we have today, and has prospered for nearly 250 years.

It's one thing to talk about keeping the virtual TOOLS we are using today when (and here I'm not saying “if”) we return to normal, but it's entirely something else to put those same tools to better use—and “think outside the box” as a way to solve a dilemma.

Secrecy (especially military secrecy) is fleeting and fragile. The best way to address it is to realize there is no PERFECT form of secrecy, there is ALWAYS a weak link in the chain. So, you address the PROBABILITY and move on based on a risk profile. THINK ABOUT IT.

Bill



From the Secretary's Desk

[Matt Raia, 33°](#)



December 2020

November 16th Stated Meeting—was virtual due to the COVID-19 restrictions on indoor meetings. We had eighty-four Brothers who signed on to the meeting. We had a very interesting presentation about the Fisher House by Sara Morris. The Fisher House provides free housing to families of Veterans who are hospitalized in VA hospitals. The Denver Fisher House is located on the campus of the VA hospital in Aurora. For more information about Fisher House, visit their web site at: www.rockymountainfisherhouse.org

Brother Danny Tomlinson, 32° KCCH, presented an outstanding Veterans Recognition Program. **Brother Tom Shotts, 32° KCCH**, Orator of the Rocky Mountain Chapter of Rose Croix presented his oration.

Building Update—In anticipation of possible demonstrations and rioting after the election, a temporary chain link fence was erected surrounding the building to protect it from damage and graffiti which was experienced during the demonstrations and riots that took place during the summer.



Homeless Encampment—A City of Denver sanctioned homeless encampment has been proposed for the parking lot of the church across the street on Grant Street. The site is proposed to be open by December 1st. The Colorado Village Collaborative and other agencies announced two sites that could serve as Denver's first sanctioned homeless encampments. The sites are located on the properties of First Baptist Church in Capitol Hill and the Denver Com-

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munity Church's uptown location on Pearl Street. The proposals minimize political exposure for city officials by placing the encampments on private property. Two proposals for encampments on city property were withdrawn earlier this year after facing strong pushback from neighbors and businesses.

Master Craftsman Virtual Study Group— The Tuesday following our stated meeting each month, a Master Craftsman Study group is held at 7:00 p.m. on ZOOM. The study group is facilitated by **Brother Bill Achbach, 32°**, Director of Education. If you are enrolled in the Master Craftsman program, you are encouraged to join the study group. Contact Brother Achbach at wbapm32@gmail.com to sign up or use this ZOOM meeting Registration Link:

<https://scottishrite.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYpc-qsrDsvHNlgS7BTgiv2QbK1rmZwKdtP>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

COMING EVENTS

December 7th 7:30 p.m.—Virtual KSA Meeting

December 21st will be our next Virtual Stated Meeting. **Brother Dave King, 32° KCCH**, Master of Kadosh, is planning a Christmas program. **Illustrious Brother Reverend Jim Harris, 33°**, will speak about the Holiday season. After the Christmas Program, we will conduct the election of officers for 2021 and announce the appointments.

2021 Dues Notices have been mailed by the Supreme Council. For only \$.30 per day, \$9.16 per month, \$110 per year, you can maintain your membership in Denver Consistory. One cup of coffee is more than \$.30. Isn't your Scottish Rite membership worth more to you than the price of a cup of coffee? **Automatic monthly payments** are available. Contact the office for details.

When paying your dues **please consider making a tax-deductible donation to your Scottish Rite Masonic Center.** Your contributions help us maintain our historic building.

Donate Your Car—We have a donation plan in place to give you a receipt for a tax-deductible donation to the Scottish Rite Masonic Center. Donate your car, truck, RV, or boat. Go to www.carsforcharity.net to donate for the benefit of the Scottish Rite Masonic Center. Make sure you indicate your donation is to benefit the Denver Scottish Rite Masonic Center.

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

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If you are experiencing financial difficulty and are unable to pay your dues PLEASE CONTACT ME. We have programs available to assist you so that you are not suspended for non-payment of dues. But, you MUST contact me. We can't help you if you don't ask.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP FEE STRUCTURE:

75 years old and older - a single payment of \$1,000
62-74 years old - a single payment of \$1,500
Younger than 62 years old - a single payment of \$2,500
Extended payment terms may be arranged.
Contact the office for details.

"If you have tried to do something and failed, you are vastly better off than if you had tried nothing and succeeded." (Anonymous)

This year, we have tried several different things to keep our members engaged while we are unable to meet in person due to the COVID-19 restrictions. It has been a difficult task and we have learned from each of our endeavors. We welcome your comments and suggestions. We don't know what you like and dislike if you don't tell us. Call me 303-861-4261 or send me an email at matt@denverconsistory.org

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"MEMBERSHIP is a CONTACT SPORT" - Illustrious Brother Gerald Screws, 33^o, former Membership chairman for the Denver Consistory.

"If you keep doing things the way you've always done them, why on earth should you expect to see different results?" - Brother Randy C. Trullinger, 32^o KCCH

When the door of happiness closes, another opens, but often we look so long at the closed door that we don't see the one which has been opened for us.—WB Steven K. Robison (IN)

OXYGEN: An intensely habit-forming accumulative toxic substance. As little as one breath is known to produce a life-long addiction to the gas, which addiction invariably ends in death. In high concentrations, it causes death quickly, but even in 20% dilution, few survive more than 0.8 century.—John W. Campbell, Editor, Astounding Science Fiction Magazine (1930's)



Breaking News with Master Craftsman ONLINE

By: Bill Achbach, 32°



A friend of mine—a pilot—was relating a story about a stall, back when he was learning to fly. “How do you get out of it?” I asked. “Drop your nose and up your Rs’!” he answered. Sounds vaguely obscene somehow ... but he explained, “You’re bitin’ off too much air for your speed. So, you reduce your angle of attack ... dive a bit ...and increase engine speed (RPMs ... ‘Rs’). Then, when you’re out of the stall, return to level flight. Got it?”

“Yeah sure ... makes sense [Not Really!], thanks!” Surprisingly, his answer drove me straight to a video clip on the Theory of Flight, and (almost as surprisingly) I did then, more or less, “get it.”

It’s just like Master Craftsman!

Yeah, sure it is ...

No really ... it is! I’ve heard lots of reasons for getting stalled, while working (or not working) on a course. Basically, 100% of the problems come down to the need to do a little less “distracting stuff” (“Bite off less!”) ... not ALL the time, but just often enough; then put a little more energy (or some, instead of none) into it (“Up your ‘Rs’”!) ... not flat out, but just enough!

Then, return to “level flight,” hopefully with a new habit well enough formed to make progress.

Brethren, all of us—even the best organized (not me, BTW) and best-intentioned (me ... I hope) - slack off and depart from our plans. Often, we have fine, even unavoidable, reasons for getting off track, and the weight-loss and fitness center industries makes billions from the reality of that.

The fact is, though, that you can get out of that stall by “dropping your nose” (bite off a bit less, once in a while ... prioritize and schedule a little ... or a little more) and “up your ‘Rs’” (devote energy to it long enough to get results ... even very limited ones) just enough to carry you along.

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Master Craftsman: Getting out of that stall! - continued from previous page

So, this month Brethren, I'll repeat the offer I make to anyone interested in completing one or more of the Master Craftsman courses. Whether you're ...

- Enrolled or thinking about it.
- Have begun working or have never gotten around to it.
- Know about the courses or just might be interested.
- Have all the info you need or have a couple of questions.
- Just got your course materials or have had them for years.
- Know right where you left your books and lesson folder, or mislaid everything.
- Have gotten frustrated with a tough lesson or bored with the program.

OR

- **Any other “stumbling block” you’ve encountered that might just become a “stepping stone.”**

Get in touch and give me a shot at helping.

Drop me a note at wbapm32@gmail.com (including just to get on the Weekly Reminder email).

Order course materials at <https://www.scottishritestore.org/master-craftsman-program.html>

Join us for monthly Virtual Master Craftsman Zoom Sessions by registering at:
<https://www.scottishrite.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYpc-qsrDsvHNlgS7BTgiv2QbK1rmZwKdtP>

And, as always, Keep Crafting, Brethren!

Bill

Men are apt to mistake the strength of their feeling for the strength of their argument. The heated mind resents the chill touch and relentless scrutiny of logic. **Wm. E. Gladstone**

Religion and government will both exist in greater purity, the less they are mixed together. - **James Madison**

Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future.—**John F. Kennedy**

It's not what they take away from you that counts; it's what you do with what you have left. - **Hubert H. Humphrey**

It is a sin to believe in the evil of others, but it is seldom a mistake.—**H. L. Mencken**

“Faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such there is no law” **Galatians 5:22-23**

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Brother Heath Firestone, 32°

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



Many of you will recognize the Brother we are spotlighting this month because of his recent tenure as the Venerable Master of the Knights of St. Andrew in 2018. Brother Heath is also the Director of the 12th Degree and Assistant Director and frequent cast member of the 2nd Apartment in the 30th Degree. He also delivers the Historical Lecture in the 29th Degree.

Brother Heath was born in Lander, Wyoming—in his words, “the middle of nowhere!” His family moved to Cheyenne when he was four years old and that’s where he grew up and graduated high school. Heath’s father had earned a master’s degree in psychology in Miami, but his parents wanted to move to the west coast and live in California. His mother had visited Lander, Wyoming with her family when she was growing up and they decided to stop in Lander on their way to California.

That stop was when they decided that they really liked the Lander area and they stayed. Several years later, the family moved to Cheyenne when Heath’s dad became the CEO of Magic City Enterprises, one of the largest non-profit agencies in the state. Magic City works with developmentally disabled people. His mother was a computer geek before it was cool, working on early model computers and software. Heath’s parents live at Granite Lake in the mountains between Cheyenne and Laramie, and his sister lives in Cheyenne, and is an IT Manager for the State of Wyoming; her husband Matt is a Minerals Auditor for the state.

Brother Heath’s dad is not a Mason, but his grandfather and a distant great-uncle were Masons. Heath has a late 1800’s engraved Knight Templar sword and 33rd Degree Scottish Rite ring that was handed down to his grandfather from the aforementioned great-uncle.

While Heath was growing up in Cheyenne, he became involved with the Boy Scouts and is an Eagle Scout. He wanted to work in the film industry after graduating high school, but went to the University of Wyoming in Laramie to begin studying engineering, since UW does not have a film program, but knowing that the engineering background would be helpful for feeding his technical interests. He spent most of his time researching, designing, and prototyping digital cameras with a friend that was writing the operating system and code to make the cameras viable. Heath was always asking advanced questions of the professors, and it finally got to the point where one of his professors said, “Heath—you should know by now that if you don’t know the answer to the question, there is no way I’m going to know the answer.”

After three years at UW, unsatisfied with his college experience, he went back to Cheyenne where he worked for a small computer company. On the side he developed stories and screenplays, researched mythological structure, and psychology, in particular, personality types, and started focusing on some of his less-developed filmmaking skills, including audio.

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He ended up becoming a Beta Tester for multitrack audio recording hardware and software. He also built up his audio recording equipment and setup a home studio where he began recording bands.

When a friend that was attending the Colorado Film School in Denver enlisted his help building sets and doing special effects for a project, the staff was impressed with his knowledge, and offered him a job as a lab tech at the Film School. After a semester, he was put in charge of the lab techs and oversaw all of the computers and networking. Within the year, after proving himself, he was hired by the Media Department at Lockheed-Martin's Deer Creek facility to teach them how to use their new Adobe Premiere base editing systems. Heath became a teacher at the Colorado Film School and eventually ended up teaching six different subjects, mostly editing and digital effects. Heath was later hired by the Rocky Mountain College of Art and Design (now part of Full Sail), where he was brought in to develop and teach the required senior level Advanced 2D/3D Compositing for Animation course, which he taught for nine semesters before becoming too busy when he opened a studio in North Denver with a friend.

In 2003, Heath and his wife Shellie decided to incorporate the company he had run as a DBA since 1999, and Firestone Studios LLC was formed. Shellie is the Producer/Owner and Heath is the Writer/Producer/Director/Editor/Owner. They owned the first privately-owned HDCAM (high-definition video camera) in the Rocky Mountain Region. Firestone Studios produces and films commercials, short films, music videos, conferences, and presentations, as well as providing digital effects and compositing for a variety of clients and the occasional feature film. They are occasionally tapped for other less-conventional projects, like developing Augmented Reality Proof-of-Concept projects for Government and Military Contractors, or testing and consulting on unreleased ultra-high-end video cards for AMD.

Heath is a contributing editor for Post Magazine, CGW (Computer Graphics World), TV Technology Magazine, and the Colorado Film and Video Association. He and Shellie are also about to launch a new company called Cinema Technica. It is a website and YouTube channel, launched in partnership with Post Magazine, which will specialize in Film Industry equipment and software reviews, as well as having videos on what you would have learned in film school videos for other makers and influencers. There will be videos focused on teaching kids how to make videos too, since they often use very different tools, which he realized was a need when his son Brad developed an interest in making movies. The site also has industry related news, and a Social Media Enhanced forum for a variety of topics where Heath has unique experience. The site is live, but hasn't been officially launched yet. Visit that website at: <http://cinematechnica.com>.

Heath is on the cutting edge of technology for the video/film/special effects industry. He says that people in the creative arts tend to think that a person is either technical or creative, but he is one of those people who has equal interest in both aspects. He believes that being technical allows him to achieve creative visions that wouldn't be possible otherwise. As a great example of this, he has the only 360 degree retroreflective compositing stage with real-time camera tracking in the world. In layman's terms, it is a studio with a special green screen material on all of the walls and floor. It has a perimeter grid for lighting and a dual axis jib

(camera crane with two joints like an idler arm), which is suspended from the raters. This creates a free-floating counter-balanced camera rig with no supports to get in the shot. The camera can move anywhere in the volume. It also has a remote head, and a camera tracking system that converts the camera's physical movements into a digital equivalent in the 3D Graphics program. So, they can do effect shots that can do full rotations around the subject which isn't possible with a traditional green screen setup.

A little about Shellie. Shellie is the older sister of one of Heath's best friends. They met when he was a senior in high school and she was attending college. The first time he met her, he thought, "I'm going to marry her one day." He says that no matter how cool you are, when you are in high school, the really cool, hot college girl isn't going to date you, and he says he wasn't THAT cool. They became friends, then best friends, then about 10 years later they were married in 2004. They have a son, Brad, who is 8½ years old. When Heath and I were talking a couple of days ago, he just said, "She's my best friend." And then silence—obviously a couple deeply in love and truly meant for each other.

Brother Heath's Masonic journey had a slow start. He really didn't know much about his grandfather's Masonic travels. Remember 2B1ASK1? When he was working for a computer company in Cheyenne, his boss took him to the Consistory there and he was impressed with the architecture and the building. When he talked to a couple of friends about possibly becoming a Mason, they all advised him not to "join in the work of the Devil worshippers!" This slowed Heath down in his Masonic journey, but didn't stop him. He was drawn to Masonry by the history and ritual. He loved the idea of the initiatic experience, which he feels is sadly missing in our culture, and which he was seeking.

In the mid-2000's, Heath had done several large-scale video productions for the Colorado State Patrol; and in 2008 Heath was hired for six months to do some video projects as well as training and updating the Media Center operations for the Colorado State Patrol. The men that Heath met and was most impressed with were all Masons, including Chief Trostel. He asked several of them about Masonry and what a man must do to become a Mason. Everyone referred Heath to a Brother we all know and love dearly—III. Brother Bobby Juchem. Heath and Bobby became good friends, and after a lot of lunches and great conversations over the next six months, Bobby handed him a petition for the degrees of Freemasonry, with Bobby as his first-line signer.

Heath was initiated, passed, and raised in 2009 and joined the Scottish Rite in the Spring Reunion Class of 2009, again with Bobby as his first-line signer. He soon became active in the officer line at Mosaic Lodge and when WB Bobby sat in the east as Worshipful Master, Heath was honored to sit opposite him in the west as his Senior Warden. The two of them worked hard to rebuild Mosaic #184 into the strong Blue Lodge it is today, with Heath sitting in the east in 2014. Heath joined the Knights of St. Andrew in 2014 and went through the chairs, serving as Venerable Master in 2018.

Naturally, Brother Bobby was the first man Heath mentioned when I asked about the most influential men in his Masonic life. He also mentioned MWB Norm Hoff, the man who gave him his Master Mason lectures. Also, WB Steve Hubbard, and WB Jim Berardino, but he said

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that so many men have been influential, it is hard to name them all.

Heath's words of wisdom for his Brothers or potential candidates—

- Are you REALLY interested? Are you PASSIONATE about Masonry? Because, if so, Masonry has a lot to offer you. But, if it is just a passing interest, it probably isn't for you ... at least not right now.
- Masonry is different for everyone and there is something in Masonry for every good man.
- You get out of Masonry what you put into it.
- You meet good men that you might never have otherwise met.
- Masonry has changed my life. It can change yours.
- I sought Masonry because I was looking for other men I could have intelligent, non-superficial conversations with, about things with actual value. I found that rare in my industry, but have found it in spades in Masonry.

It's a genuine honor and a real pleasure to know Brother Heath. I urge you to get to know him also.

It was a tale of Masonic men surrounding a campfire in the Old West, at night, discussing the Fraternity and its teachings. One old man listened patiently, and finally spoke up:

"I can tell you more about Masonry in a little example than some of the great Masonic philosophers can in books. Everybody stand up, and gather in a circle around the campfire." They did that.

"Now, everybody hold hands with the man next to him." They did that too.

"Now, what do you see, looking ahead?" "The face of a Brother Mason through the flames."

"What do you feel in front of you?" "The warmth of the fire, and the comfort it brings on a cool night."

"What do you feel at your side?" "The warm hand of a Brother."

"OK. Now, drop the hands, and turn around." They did so.

"Now, what do you see, looking ahead?" "Complete darkness."

"What do you feel, looking ahead?" "A sense of loneliness, of being alienated."

"What do you feel at your side?" "Nothing at all."

"What do you feel on your backside?" "The warmth of the fire."

"So it is with Masonry," said the old man. "In Masonic gatherings, you can feel the warmth of Masonic interaction, you can see the face of a Brother through the light Masonry brings to you, and you can always feel the warm hand of a Brother. When you turn away from Masonry, and are out in the world, you see darkness, feel alienated and alone, and do not feel the warm hand of your Masonic Brother. But Masonry, and the warmth and light it brings, are just a turn away from you."

Memorial Scroll

John Photios Athanasopoulos, 32°	07/27/2020
Howard Edward Erickson, 32°	09/04/2020
J. R. Goodrich, 32°	11/02/2020
Edward John Schade, 32°	07/29/2020
R. G. Starr, 32°	11/01/2020
R. K. Zawodsky, 32°	10/07/2020



All Scottish Rite Masons in good standing are entitled to have a Rose Croix Funeral service at the time of their passing. Members should advise their families of their wishes to have this beautiful service. It is a very dignified service intended to help bring comfort to the family.

The current members of the Denver Consistory Rose Croix Funeral Team are: Joseph Magoffin, 32° KCCH - Chairman; Scott A. Bates, 32° KCCH; John H. Buchanan, 33°; Jerry L. Fenimore, 33° GC; Gregory F. Harris, 32° KCCH; M. Edward Johnson, 33°; Richard W. Mitchell, 33°; Matthew A. Raia, 33°; Thomas R. Repp, 32°; Daniel A. Rivers, 32° KCCH; John A. Warren, 33°; Richard M. Wenzel, III, 32° KCCH; and Benjamin F. Williams, 32° KCCH.

If you are interested in joining the Rose Croix Funeral Team and helping them, contact the office or [Joe Magoffin, 32° KCCH](#) for more information.



The Prelate's Pulpit

Rev. James H. Harris, 33°

Prelate for All Scottish Rite Bodies



For the last almost three weeks I have been sick with a sinus infection with a side-effect being the development of canker sores in my mouth. I could not eat, sleep, or manage to do anything but lay in bed. It was horrible and I really felt bad when Matt called and asked if I was alright as I missed the Monday night virtual meeting. He was concerned about me. I am writing this on November 19, and I still feel horrible. Today the doctor gave me some steroids which should help.

I have always felt that Thanksgiving is a special day to pause and give thanks for our many blessings. I give thanks for my God, family, and friends. I am especially thankful for our Masonic Fraternity. The Fraternity has enabled me to grow as a person. It has enabled me to be part of something beyond myself and to think of others. Masonry is a way of life and Thanksgiving—(Thanksgiving) is also a way of life. Paul writes in First Thessalonians, “Rejoice always, pray continually, and give thanks in every situation.” This has been difficult for me in light of my sickness, my wife’s poor health, the Corona virus, elections, and everything else. In the Bridge of Light we read, “The well-lived life is a rush of contrarities—work, relaxation; joy, sadness; though, action.” To me, a well-lived life is one lived in faith, hope, and love. Sometimes things pile up on us and we wonder “what next?” One day I was walking my dog up a big hill by our house, and my neighbor shouts from his deck, “Jim you are an inspiration—walking up that big hill at your age.” Sometimes we must walk up a big hill in life. However, I believe the GAOTU and our Brothers are always there, giving us the strength to make it up that hill. I invite you to read Psalm 100. Thank you for being my Brothers.

May the lights of Hanukkah usher in a better world for all humankind.

May the lights of Christmas remind us there is always hope to show us the way.

Happy Thanksgiving.

Rev. Bro. James H. Harris



A WAY TO A HAPPY NEW YEAR (Robert Brewster Beattie)

To leave the old with a burst of song to recall the right and forgive the wrong;

To forget the thing that binds you fast to the vain regrets of the year that's past;

To have the strength to let go your hold of the not worthwhile of the days grown old;

To dare to go forth with a purpose true to the unknown task of the year that's new;

To help your brother along the road to do his work and lift his load;

To add your gift to the world's good cheer is to have and to give a Happy New Year



AN IRISH BLESSING

May the blessing of light be upon you; light on the outside, light on the inside, with God's sun-light shining on you;

May you hear glow with warmth like a turf fire that welcomes friends and strangers alike;

May the light of the Lord shine from your eyes like a candle in the window welcoming the weary traveler;

May the blessing of God's soft rain be on you, falling gently on your head, refreshing your soul with the sweetness of little flowers newly blooming;

May the strength of the winds of heaven bless you, carrying the rain to wash your spirit clean, sparkling after, in the sunlight;

May the blessing of God's earth be on you, and as you walk the roads, may you always have a kind word for those you meet;

May you understand the strength and power of God in a thunderstorm in winter, and the quiet beauty of creation in the calm of a summer sunset;

May you come to realize that, insignificant as you may seem in this great universe, you are an important part of God's plan;

And,

May He watch over you, and keep you safe from harm.



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Gerald Dean Dickinson (101)

90 Years Young

Kenneth Lee Bach
Loyd Harlow Leeper
Ralph Bert Stevens

80 Years Young

Richard A. Bosler
Terry Joe Hudson
Richard Eugene Surroz

70 Years Young

Douglas Gerald Hamilton
Kenneth Wayne Johnson
James Martin Thoeming
Ronald King Thompson
Michael Miroslav Vyskocil

60 Years Young

Juan Carlos Millan De La O

50 Years Young

Wyatt Michael Page
Randy James Parsons

Our DECEMBER "Youngster"

Robert Wade Thrash (28)



December 20, 2019 (1 years old)

DECEMBER



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