

# Denver's RiteWorks

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**Denver Consistory Marketplace** https://centennial-lodge-of-perfection.square.site/

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

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Membership Statistics March 2020: 1785 March 2021: 1617 Net: 168 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. <u>Denver Consistory members may be admitted by scanning their</u> 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.

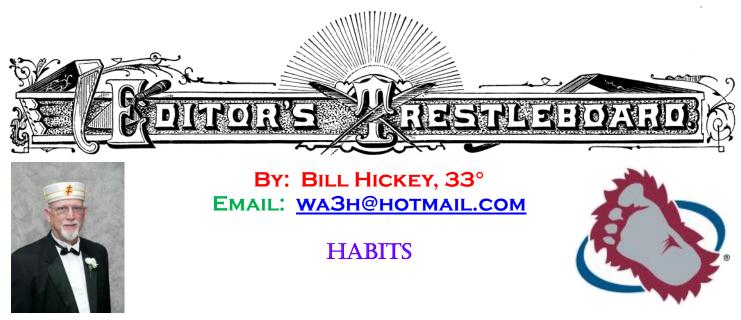
# **PLANNING CALENDAR - Subject to Change**

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, **Friday lunches are** cancelled <u>until further notice</u>. <u>No meetings will be allowed in the building until further notice</u>.

A	pril 2021 <u>Subject to Change as necessary</u>	
Mon, Apr 5	7:00 p.m. KSA Virtual Meeting	
Mon, Apr 19	7:00 p.m. Virtual Stated Meeting	
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Mon, May 3	7:00 p.m. KSA Meeting - 1614 Welton Street <	Mor
Mon, May 17	7:00 p.m. Stated Meeting (Feast of the Consistory)	
	Masonic Education: 30° Prolog & Discussion	
Sun, May 30	9:00 a.m. Flags for Vets - Fort Logan	
Mon, May 31	Consistory Closed for Memorial Day Holiday	
J	une 2021 <u>Subject to Change as necessary</u>	]
Mon, Jun 7	7:00 p.m. KSA Meeting - 1614 Welton Street <	-
Mon, Jun 21	Stated Meeting - Parking Garage Available	
	Hawaiian Shirt Night	
	7:00 p.m. Entertainment, Blue Lodge Recognition Night, Masonic Trivia Game	
	7:30 p.m. Split Meeting - 5 min oration by Orator of Rocky Mounta	in

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July 2021 <u>Subject to Change as necessary</u>							
Fri, Jul 2	NO LUNCH						
Mon, Jul 5	Consistory CLOSED for observance of Independence Day						
Fri, Jul 9	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (Fried Chicken)						
Fri, Jul 16	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch						
Wed, Jul 21	7:00 p.m. Degree Council Meeting						
Fri, Jul 23	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch						
Fri, Jul 30	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch						
Sat, Jul 31	6:00 p.m. Annual Summer Dinner (Shrimp Boil) - Ladies and guests						
	Invited Parking Garage Available						



You know, it's often said it takes a solid month to MAKE a habit become second nature, but it only takes a couple of times forgetting the habit to break it and start a new one.

For the past year, we were forced to "break" the habit of coming to the Consistory for inperson meetings and events - and it's taken a toll on all of us. While we're anxious to get back to "normal" - I'm sure most of us are beginning to realize that perhaps the "new normal" isn't at all like the "old normal" we were used to having.

Many of you (us) were reluctant at first to try this "zoom" virtual environment, but what we found quickly was that many of our old friends who had stopped coming downtown (traffic, rush hour, work, whatever) for meetings were better able to participate virtually. After all, if you live up north in Fort Collins, Greeley, Sterling, or other northern parts of the state, it's at least an hour or maybe two to get into Denver, then have the meeting, and then another couple of hours to get home—all on a work night. The commute from your dining room to the computer is a LOT SHORTER!

While we may not be able to "live-stream" everything that happens at the Consistory (logistics can get in the way), we will be able to do SOME of them, and your participation in a virtual capacity is as important as being here in person –especially if you simply can't make the trek downtown routinely.

Other habits: the proverbial "RSVP" - is an abbreviation referring to the French phrase "Répondez s'il vous plait" meaning "Please respond" to require confirmation of an invitation. The abbreviation RSVP is no longer used much in France, where it is considered formal and a bit old-fashioned (WHAT? Masons "Old-Fashioned"? Never.) The complete sentence in French gives the impression that the speaker is BEGGING for an answer But, in France today, it is more common to use "Réponse attendee avant le…" meaning, "[Your] answer is EX-PECTED before…" Additionally, the initials SVP are frequently used to represent "s'il vous plait" ("Please").

**IMPORTANT:** In the age of the internet, mobile phones and other technology, digital RSVPs are becoming common. Another "change of habit" - we no longer expect a WRITTEN letter response - electronic replies are perfectly acceptable and commonly used. But, what is important is ... if an RSVP is requested, it means you need to let the person know YES OR NO— you will or won't be there. Do NOT "assume" (and you all know what "assume" means) that

### From the Editor's Trestleboard—HABITS - Continued from previous page

the person asking for the RSVP can read your mind from afar. That's just plain rude and inconsiderate—and definitely NOT something Masons should be doing. Your Brothers are arranging food and need accurate head counts.

When I was stationed in Scotland, one of my "collateral duties" (other duties as assigned) was not only the BOQ officer, but the Officer's Club Treasurer—responsible for ordering food, drink, and providing catering to formal dinners and events. Imagine the kind of trouble you get into when you charge \$30 (in 1976) for a nice dinner of Steamship Round, Green Beans, Potatoes, Salad, dessert, and wine and you have a head count of 30. Your steward (professional food person) has ordered and prepared the food for not JUST 30, but usually 33-35. Why? Because, we KNOW that there will be accidents, spoilage, and maybe one or two late additions. But, what happens when you get TEN more people than you expect? You can't just create more meat, veggies, etc. out of what you have. You don't have enough to go around. So, the last persons in line don't get any food ... and they are NOT HAPPY campers...especially if they are senior officers. So, translate that into Masonic dinners. Our Brothers are trying desperately to keep costs under control, provide a decent meal for everyone, and all they are asking of you is a simple "Are you coming or not?" Because if you do NOT respond, they will have to "assume" (there's that word again) that you are NOT coming for the head count...and that means you will not eat. If you're OK with that, no harm no foul. But, if you're the kind of person that says "You should have assumed (there's that word again) that I was coming" - NOPE, NOT GONNA DO THAT. That ends up with the Brother having too much food and passing the costs on to the rest of the brothers for the left-overs.

DO THE SIMPLE THING—just answer the request with a yes or no. If you say no, and later decide to come, don't expect to eat. If you say yes and can't make it, do your best to notify the person asking for the RSVP as soon as possible so they can react accordingly. Trust me, if YOU were in their position, you would certainly want that courtesy extended to YOU.

Get in the HABIT of answering requests for RSVP's. It's really not all that hard to do.









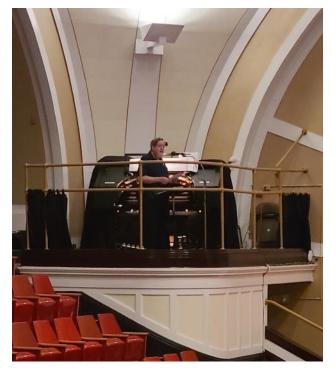
# From the Secretary's Desk

Matt Raia, 33°



### April 2021

**March 6**<sup>th</sup> - Historic Denver and the Denver Chapter of the American Guild of Organists had a short tour of our building conducted by **Cathy Anderson**, and **Illustrious Brother Charlie Shaeffer**, **33**° gave them a demonstration of the organ and explained the restoration project.



**March 15<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting** - Our March virtual stated meeting was our annual *"Wear Your Favor-ite Sports Team Shirt Night"* and many different sports teams were represented.

We conducted the Past Presiding Officer Recognition virtually this year by showing the Power-Point presentation of the officers and thanking them for their service. Since this was not done in person this year, we were unable to have a photo and head count of those present to determine which line had the most past presiding officers present.

Director of Education **Brother Bill Achbach, 32°** presented the prolog to the 14<sup>th</sup> Degree and facilitated a discussion of the lessons of the degree.

We had 96 members log on to view the meeting and enjoy the social time prior to and after the meeting. Thank you, my Brothers, for your support.

### **COMING EVENTS**

April 5<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m. - KSA Meeting at 1614 Welton Street

April 19<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m. - Virtual Stated Meeting - Pre-Registration is REQUIRED at: https://scottishrite.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEsfu6opzssG9M9ukIhHupCJLPdhUvT0EB

**May 17<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m. - Stated Meeting** will be held **IN-PERSON** for those who wish to attend. We will live-stream the meeting on ZOOM for those who cannot, or wish not to attend. Due to COVID-19 distancing requirements, it is currently NOT possible to serve dinner in our dining room prior to the meeting.

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Masonic education for the stated meeting will be the prolog to the 30<sup>th</sup> Degree and the follow-up discussion will be facilitated by Director of Education, **Brother Bill Achbach**, 32°.

**May 30<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m. - Flags for Fallen Vets** - Denver Consistory will participate in this community involvement project at Ft. Logan National Cemetery by placing American Flags on the graves. You, your family and friends, are invited to join us. Please see the enclosed flyer in this issue for details.

**Scottish Rite Golf Classic** - The Scottish Rite Masonic Center will hold a golf tournament on August 20, 2021 to benefit Children's Hospital of Colorado, the Scottish Rite Foundation, and the Scottish Rite Masonic Center.

Forget the boring, all-day-long 4-person scramble! This truly unique event will feature multiple par 3 holes and hole-in-one prize opportunities, long drive, and closest-to-pin contests, putting contest, \$100,000 shootout following golf, delicious meals and beverages, team prizes, and player gifts.

This is an important fundraiser for the Scottish Rite Masonic Center and your support of the tournament is vital to its success. Each of you are asked to help secure sponsors, big and small. Ask businesses you frequent to be a sponsor or make a contribution. Ask your Blue Lodge to be a sponsor or make a contribution. Degree team members, ask your fellow cast members to make a combined contribution to the tournament by becoming a Pin Flag sponsor, or Hole sponsor, or Tee box sponsor. For sponsorship details, refer to the flyer in this edition of the Rite Works. Visit the web site: <u>http://www.scottishritegolf.org</u>

**Fall Reunion NOVEMBER 18-20, 2021** - The Fall Reunion will be an in-person reunion, NOT virtual. The usual Fall Reunion degrees will be exemplified:

4,9,10,11,13,14,15,16,18,20,21,23,24,29,30,32. The Knights of St. Andrew will exemplify the 29<sup>th</sup> as usual. It's been a year and a half since we have been able to hold a reunion and we are excited about once again getting together. I hope you join us for the Reunion.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!** We have 8 (yes, EIGHT) candidates for the reunion, and WE NEED MORE! Lodges are resuming degree work and there are a lot of non-Scottish Rite Masons out there just waiting for you to ask them to join us. We are exemplifying sixteen degrees. It would be nice if we had at least sixteen candidates (one exemplar per degree). Get your petitions in now, don't wait, because the next *"Journey to The Scottish Rite"* will be conducted for the candidates prior to the Reunion and we need to get the candidates enrolled in the J2SR.

# "You never know when you are making a memory."



# From the Colorado Council

Of Kadosh EAST

By Michael J. Scott, 32° KCCH



Brothers,

With most of our Brothers and their families getting inoculated against the Coved- 19 virus hopefully things will be getting back to normal soon, our Lodges, Chapters, Councils, Commanderies and even our beloved Denver Consistory are getting ready to open or have opened already.

As I communicate with all of my Masonic brethren in the various bodies the reoccurring theme that I hear over and over is that we cannot wait to all meet together again in person, I agree with this 100%. I look forward to meeting with all of you again there is something very special about our fraternity and our brotherhood that we all enjoy, I for one cannot wait to meet in person with all of you at the Denver Consistory, what a special night that will be.

It's almost that time of year again for our reunion; tentatively our reunion is set for November 17<sup>th</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. If you have not done so get some petitions turned in this is always a very special time and I am sure it will be a more special time this year.

As most of you know the purpose of the Council of Kadosh is to bring in and retain new members. All of us in the Council of Kadosh are looking for new ways to attract and engage new members. If you have any ideas as to pertaining to bringing in and retaining new members we would love to hear from you.

Next month I will have a article on the 30<sup>TH</sup> 4th apartment.

Stay safe and be well,

Mike Scott Commander Colorado Council of Kadosh



# **ZOOM ANXIETY IS REAL!**

Here's how to deal with it. It's still a major problem, over one year into this pandemic. Video chat and conferencing services like Zoom exploded in use over the past year, due to lockdowns and work-from-home mandates during the pandemic. It's been a year of "You're on mute," "Looks like you froze," and "Is that a cat?" But, for may people ZOOM anxiety remains VERY REAL.

While there is little formal research on ZOOM anxiety, a November 2020 survey of 2,000 home workers found that it stems from several sources: having tech and audio problems that you can't fix; being unable to read people's body language; feeling like you aren't being heard; having to take a call without time to prepare your appearance; worrying about an unprofessional background; and being talked over. (To be clear, in this story, ZOOM is being used as an exemplar for ALL video chat platforms since it essentially became a VERB for video calls in 2020.)

Despite the vaccine rollout and talks of reopening in some areas, many companies won't make workers return to the office full-time in the foreseeable future, so it's likely that video conferencing is here to stay. But, if you suffer from anxiety using these on-camera tools, hope isn't lost. Here are some practical tips for how to combat ZOOM anxiety and make your meetings run smoother.

Even if video chat platforms are here to stay as part of our daily lives, anxiety over these calls doesn't have to come along with them. Here are a few things you can do RIGHT NOW to improve the situation and the toll on your mental health.

**TURN OFF SELF-VIEW.** Once you log onto a call and make sure you're in frame, right-click your video to display the menu. Choose Hide Myself. You'll still appear to others, but you won't have to stare at yourself the whole time. This could have a strong positive psychological effect. "For me, the self-view is the most troubling," said Jeremy Bailenson, founding

### ZOOM ANXIETY IS REAL - Continued from previous page

Director of Stanford University's Virtual Human Interaction lab, who recently published a study on Zoom fatigue. "Never before have people stared at themselves so long per day. This adds stress both consciously—people worry about their appearance, grooming, etc. - and unconsciously, as psychological research has demonstrated that even when people aren't actively thinking about their reflection, a mirror in their field of view causes them to increase self-evaluation."

**INVEST IN A CAMERA SHEILD (OR SOME EASY-TO-REMOVE TAPE).** Even if you accidentally turn on your video, as long as the camera is physically blocked, no one can actually see you until you remove it.

**REEVALUATE THE NEED FOR VIDEO ON YOUR CALLS.** If you're hosting a meeting, consider whether it requires video to be on, or if, even better, it can be a phone call, so you can get up and walk around, Bailenson said.

**TALK TO YOUR CALL LEADER.** If you aren't the host of most of your video calls, but a participant, consider bringing up the issue to your friends or whoever the person is who's in charge of the session. You might let them know that since you're not running the show, you don't want to talk on top of anyone, but still want to participate. You might be able to suggest having an agenda, or having someone assisting running the meeting to make sure every person gets a chance to speak, said Libby Sander, assistant professor of organizational behavior at Bond University in Queensland, Australia, who is studying the psychological effects of working from home.

**FEEL FREE TO SAY NO TO "SOCIAL ENGAGEMENTS" ON ZOOM.** We're way past the time when virtual happy hours were all the rage. If you're burnt out on video calls, you don't have to go to that ZOOM Book Club meeting or hangout. Be open about your feelings and needs, and your friends should hopefully understand, because who hasn't felt that way at some point this past year?

**GIVE YOURSELF A BREAK!** If you've had any feelings of stress or anxiety over video calling, just know that you're far from alone. Most people are worried on some level about their dog barking or the phone ringing during an important call, the WiFi dropping out, or the way that they look on camera. At this point, people tend to be pretty understanding of the difficulties that have come with working from home and inviting your colleagues (Brothers) into your space this way.

(Unashamedly repurposed from an article in the online magazine c|net on 3/17/21.)



Posted February 10, 2021 by Malwarebytes Labs.

Google and researchers at Stanford University have released an in-depth study analysing 5 months of phishing/malware mails sent globally. "Who is targeted by email-based phishing and malware? Measuring factors that differentiate risk" looked at more than a billion mails. The results were then fed into a presentation at the Internet Measurement Conference.

After digging in to phishing and malware campaigns automatically blocked by Gmail, they've discovered quite a few things about current trends and happenings in the world of phishing.

### **ROGUE EMAIL ANALYSIS: KEY FINDINGS**

- 42% of attacks target users in the U.S.A.
- 10% target users in the U.K.
- 5% of attacks target users based in Japan

Attacks primarily focus on North America and Europe, with the U.S. receiving the highest volume of phishing and malware emails. However, the highest RISK countries are in Africa and Europe. According to the study, 16 countries exhibited a higher "risk" on average than the U.S.

### ENGLISH: THE INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE OF SCAMMING

Localization isn't particularly popular, with most attacks deploying English email templates across multiple countries. That's 83% of phishing emails / 97% of malware emails written in English. They do note that some localization takes place, however, with 78% of phishing mails in Japan written in Japanese. Campaigns are "fast churn." One particular template may be sent to 100-1,000 targets, with campaigns lasting one to three days on average. In one week, small campaigns can account for more than 100 million phishing/malware emails targeting Gmail users.

### AGING, DATA BREACHES, AND FEWER DEVICES

The risk of being targeted increases a little as you move upward through each age group. If you're in the 55-64 bracket, you're potentially a more attractive proposition than someone sitting in the 18-24 or 35-44 age ranges. Whether this is due to older users being theoretically more susceptible to scams, or simply that their online footprint is easier to find, is not decided either way.

#### WHAT GOOGLE LEARNED FROM 1 BILLION EVIL EMAIL SCAMS - Continued from previous page

Previous data breaches bump up the risk. You have far higher odds of being attacked if your details have been exposed in a data breach. You can't put that data genie back in the bottle and it makes sense that scammers would actively enumerate emails and dig into demographic information. Sticking to your mobile phone gives you the lowest risk of attack, and the highest risk comes with using multiple devices. Using one single personal computer places you in the middle.

### **BRUSH UP ON YOUR PHISHING KNOWLEDGE**

- How to spot mobile phishing: You might be in a lower risk category than others according to the above study, but it's not a no-risk category. A little caution is never a bad thing either way.
- **Spear Phishing:** As has been mentioned, some activities lend themselves to a higher chance of being targeted. Some of it, like old breaches, is beyond your control. Explore how spear phishers operate, and consider how you might reduce your risk accordingly.
- **Gaming the gamers:** Take some time to examine common gaming phishing style (see comment below).
- **COVID Scams:** As you might expect, the pandemic is a HUGE draw for malware authors, phishers, and social engineers. Individuals and businesses in need of financial assistance are prime targets for those up to no good. Familiarize yourself with scam tactics and avoid phishy antics and malware-laden missives.
- More general phishing scams: I don't know about you, but I'm seeing WAY more phishing attempts in emails than before the COVID pandemic.

**DON'T BE COMPLACENT.** Be particularly picky when looking over emails that "LOOK" genuine—with logos, or common comments you might expect. Sometimes, the simplest grammar error will tip you off to a scam before you are tempted to click on a link contained in the email.

Hopefully, you will be more watchful, observant, and alert when facing the latest phishing schemes that show up in your mailbox. Don't rely on your antivirus/antimalware to catch EVERYTHING. Whether they want your login information, bank details, data, health information or hard drive access, the THREAT is very real out there. It's also so common that we're perhaps numb to the danger of something we see on a daily basis. It might be a regular fixture in your mailbox, you may roll your eyes at the latest fake bank transfer, but rest assured, IT WORKS and as P. T. Barnum once said "there's a sucker born every minute."

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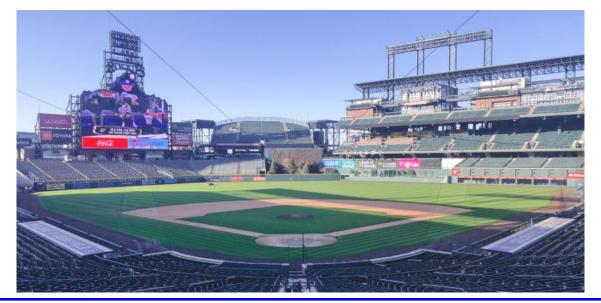
Passion and positivity UGLE's Michelle Worvell on advocating the Craft

Fount of all knowledge Taking Solomon to the next level

Meet brothers in alms Harry Billinge and Mark Ormrod, the military masons united in brotherhood

https://www.freemasonrytoday.com/magazine

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PLAY BALL -THE "DICK WILLIAMS" ROCKIES EXPERIENCE CHALLENGE

The first Rockies home game is April 1st. Brother Dick Williams, who enjoys working the Colorado Rockies Home Games has volunteered for the opening game and will likely work all 81 home games this season. In the past, his volunteering efforts has added more than \$15,000 to the Scottish Rite Masonic Center.

#### THE ROCKIES EXPERIENCE

We would love for our Brothers to be engaged in the Rockies Experience. While it may not be possible for you to volunteer to actually work a Rockies Game(s), WHY NOT donate to support Dick for every Rockies's game he volunteers to work in 2021? It's simple, contribute just \$1.00 for every Rockies home game. Wow, that is like actually volunteering for just one game. If you would have liked to volunteer for two games, that's a donation of \$2.00 per game for 81 games.

Let's get behind Brother Dick by supporting him for every game that he volunteers to work at Coors Field. This isn't a pure pledge program (tracking the number of games worked and billing you for your pledge) it is a program whereby you make a donation to the SRMC in support of the Dick Williams. <u>Make a donation on</u> <u>line</u> at the Denver Consistory Marketplace: <u>https://centennial-lodge-of-perfection.square.site/</u>

### HOW DO I SIGN UP?

Make a Donation Online, to the Scottish Rite Masonic Center..

Sincerely & Fraternally, Tom Lincoln 32° KCCH, SRMC Rockies Experience Coordinator

#### "DICK WILLIAMS" ROCKIES EXPERIENCE CHALLENGE

The Dick Williams Rockies Experience Challenge is intended to engage those Brothers who can't volunteer to work an actual Rockies Game.

Donation amount

\$81.00 for all 81 Games \$50

\$100

\$0.00 Replace the zero with the amount you are donating



DENVER CONSISTORY

KNIGHTS OF

SAINT ANDREW



### TO THE MEMBERS OF THE KNIGHTS OF SAINT ANDREW:

We will be meeting at 1614 Welton for the months of April, May, and June AT 7:00 p.m.

We will meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor in the Main Lodge room. Also, with the hope of meeting back at the Consistory in September! I am looking forward to meeting in person again! We have plans to attend to and jobs to be done! Past Venerable, Sir Knight Curt Robinson will be handling the "Challenge coins" of the Knights of St. Andrew! We will be needing knights to step up and take on parts for the 29<sup>th</sup> degree in the November reunion. We need knights to help place flags for the "Flags for Fallen Veterans" on May 30<sup>th</sup> at Fort Logan. We will be working along with Brother Joe Magoffin and other Brothers of the Consistory to honor our Veterans! We will need Knights on September 18<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-11:00 a.m. for the "Clean-up" day at the Denver Consistory. FINALLY, the beginning plans for the "Robert Burns" dinner. Looking forward to seeing you at 1614 Welton!

Venerable Master, Sir John Davis



# **MEMBER SPOTLIGHT**



# Brother Thayne A. Coulter II, 32°

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



This month's Member Spotlight focuses on Brother Thayne Coulter. Brother Thayne is a fairly "new" Masonic Brother, having been initiated in 2013 and raised in 2015. After joining the Scottish Rite in 2015, Thayne immediately became a member of the Knights of St. Andrew. He also is a member of El Jebel Shrine and the Fitzsimons Chapter #37 of National Sojourners. In the Consistory, Thayne serves as the Master of Ceremonies in the 14<sup>th</sup> degree in the fall reunion. He was elected Secretary of his Blue Lodge, Weston #22 in 2018 and continues to serve in that office. Thayne's father, grandfather and great grandfather were Masons. The influence of Masonic values, integrity and respect were always extremely important to Thayne as he was growing up. He joined the local DeMolay Chapter, served as Master Councilor, and is a Life Member DeMolay.

Brother Thayne was born in Concordia, Kansas. He spent his early childhood years in Clyde, Kansas where his father, Dr. T.A. ("Doc") Coulter was a typical country doctor – meaning that he was the best friend, the confidant, and the "get 'er done!" man in the community. He was an outstanding diagnostician and many specialists wanted Doc Coulter to be in the room when performing difficult surgeries or procedures. He was always the cool head. He also served as the coroner for the county and served other counties in the area around Concordia in the north-central Kansas. In the 1930's, Doc Coulter charged \$2 for a house call and \$1 for an office call. Thayne spent a lot of time with his father on emergency calls and actually began driving the ambulance when he was 14 years old. Kansas allowed 14-year-olds to have a valid driver's license then. He helped his dad in many ways on these calls and gained a great deal of experience. With all his many talents and responsibilities, Thayne's father always said that the most important thing he did in his medical practice was his time spent with each patient to help them understand what was happening and how they could recover and get well. During the time Thayne and I spent together, it was very evident that Thayne's respect for his father is virtually boundless.

Thayne also made an interesting, and profound comment about growing up in a small town. He said that the trust given (by the community) to the entire family is an obligation that the family carries – not just the father or mother. We also talked about the name "Thayne" and its origin and meaning. "Thayne" is a Celtic "earned title" that basically means clan chieftain and derives its responsibility from below – the people he serves – and not from power granted by a monarch. Brother Thayne is Thayne II, not Thayne, Jr.

Thayne's grandfather was a farmer, having homesteaded in Oklahoma. In 1924, he became an agent for Prudential Insurance Company, working with farmers on agricultural loans in the 25 northwest counties of Kansas. When the Depression hit in 1929, Thayne's grandfather worked closely with the farmers on their delinquent loans, helping to keep the farms intact

### Member in the Spotlight: Thayne A. Coulter II, 32 ° - Continued from previous page

and not be foreclosed. When the Depression ended, the farmers were able to pay off their debt, keep their land and continue farming. A great example of Masonic values playing an important part in the lives of Masons and non-Masons alike. Doing the "right thing."

Thayne's mother Margaret Coulter was a mezzo-soprano who spoke Swedish before she spoke English. Her mother had died in childbirth, so Thayne never knew his maternal grandmother. Thayne's mother was the lead in her high school opera presentation as a freshman in high school. She became a full-time mother but was very active in their church and was a founding member of the National Federation of Methodist Musicians. She also helped rewrite the Methodist Church hymnal.

Thayne has one sister, Peggi who is seven years older. She lives in Kansas and is the Recording Secretary of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) for Kansas. Both his sister and mother were fashion models while the family lived in Arizona after moving there when Thayne was a little more than two years old.

When the family moved to Arizona because of Thayne's illness, Doc Coulter was not allowed to practice. He was a Doctor of Osteopathy and the state of Arizona did not recognize DO's at the time. He instead became a businessman, owning a laundromat and dry-cleaning business. He became very well-connected in Arizona, as he had been in Kansas, and had a number of influential friends in the area. The family lived in a very diverse area, with lots of Japanese, Chinese, Latino, Hispanic and Native American families in the area. They lived on Scottsdale Road, across from the Indian Reservation and with a great view of Superstition Mountain. Thayne and his sister attended the Payne Training School, which was the teaching school for aspiring teachers attending Arizona State College (later University).

In 1954, the family moved back to Clyde, Kansas. This was when Thayne took his first airplane ride on a TWA Constellation. He flew by himself, at 8 years old from Phoenix to Kansas. His dad was waiting to pick him up at the airport in Kansas, but the stewardess didn't want to let Thayne go without positive assurance that this was his dad waiting for him. The ground crew chief looked up at Thayne and the stewardess at the top of the ladder and yelled out to her "that's Doc Coulter's kid – let him off the plane!".

When Thayne was 15 years old, he drove to Cincinnati, Ohio in a 1963 Plymouth to go to work for an overhead sprinkler company. Remember that he had a valid Kansas driver's license since turning 14. At 16 he went to Monterey, Mexico to help build a church youth camp. When he graduated high school in 1964, he went to Kansas University and became very active in campus affairs with the Association of University Residence Halls. He became interested in human behavior and started doing research. One project involved the role of living arrangements in saving students from getting lost in a large, growing "multiversity". The results are still being applied. He also was active in a "non-fraternity" fraternity that was extremely diverse and very inclusive.

Before graduating Kansas University, he enlisted in the United States Army in August 1967. His scores on qualification tests were all very high with airplane mechanics being the highest. But he wanted to be an intelligence analyst and "find and identify what's important". That led to his assignment to the Army Security Agency. When he arrived at Fort Leonard Wood, his Drill Instructor was a CID agent, and the Assistant DI was a Viet Nam veteran. Boot camp was spent "learning how to fight".

Immediately following basic combat training, Thayne married his first wife Elise, whom he had known while at KU. They went to Fort Devens, west of Boston for his training with the ASA. Elise was teaching 3<sup>rd</sup> grade at the base school. After training at Ft. Devens, they were assigned to an Army post in Herzogenaurch, Germany (Herzo Base). He soon became a Senior Analyst working directly for the National Security Agency at the Field Station. He learned Bavarian dialect German. It was here that Thayne was initiated as an Entered Apprentice in the Truth & Friendship Lodge in Furth, Germany. The Worshipful Master of the Lodge was Thayne's Warrant Officer, and the Tiler was a German concentration camp survivor. Before Thayne had time to do his EA proficiency, he received orders to Vietnam.

In Viet Nam the ASA was called "Radio Research." He served in the 330<sup>th</sup> RR Company in Pleiku and later with the 404<sup>th</sup> RR Detachment (Airborne) in Bong Song and Phan Thiet in support of the 173 Airborne Brigade as a Senior Analyst providing targets for air strikes, artillery, as well as Green Berets and Army Rangers. He had earlier turned down the opportunity to attend Officers Candidate School, instead preferring to be the guy developing and processing the information and providing it to the decision makers. Very similar to his work today as Secretary of his Lodge and his post-military career as an applied sociologist. After his one-year tour of duty in Vietnam, he returned to Herzo Base as a Senior Analyst. He considered reenlistment but instead left the army in October 1971 choosing to complete his studies at Kansas State University.

He graduated Cum Laude. While in graduate school, he worked for the Riley County Engineer and on one of the first studies of social impacts of a large irrigation and municipal and industrial water project. Choosing to leave academia and work in applied sociology, he went to work with the Bureau of Reclamation in 1974 in Salt Lake City as the first Regional Sociologist. He was transferred in 1988 to the Denver Federal Center. Thayne spent over 30 years with the Bureau of Reclamation working throughout 17 western states.

During his career, Thayne was honored to work successfully with 12 different tribes of Native Americans. The "moccasin telegraph" works well among the tribes to communicate who they can trust. He described the overarching philosophy of his work with the tribes as their question "Where are you on the path of life?". This is an important concept to Native Americans and one that we should all relate to in our daily lives. Thayne described his work with the Bureau as studying the human impacts of proposed projects and involving the people affected in the decision-making process. He justifiably is proud of his work and his accomplishments in his career.

When he was a sophomore in high school, Thayne transferred to a school 14 miles away. In biology class, a senior girl sat next to him. She was a nurse's aide at the local hospital and knew Thayne's dad. Her name was Sherry. They could not date (she was a senior), but they became close friends. After she graduated and went on to nurse's training with a career as an operating room nurse, they lost touch.

Well, she called Thayne on the advice of his mother in 1996 and they reconnected. For the next couple of months, they each had a \$600 long-distance (remember what that is?) phone

### Member in the Spotlight: Thayne A. Coulter II, 32° - Continued from previous page

bill. They ended up getting married on October 7, 1997 in New Jersey – "the best thing that's ever happened to me!" – and Thayne's mother, the mezzo-soprano sang "a capella" at their wedding. Sherry's father was a Mason, and her grandfather was a York Rite Mason. She is very supportive of Thayne's Masonic activities. They have 2 married daughters and 3 grand children in New Jersey.

Brother Thayne is a non-ordained Stevens Ministry Leader in his church and for the last nine years he has worked as a volunteer with <u>Project Cure</u> providing medical supplies and equipment to more than 130 countries around the world.

In 2013, Thayne asked Brother Jim Oliver how to re-new his Masonic journey. Brother Jim directed him to Westin #22, and he was "re-initiated", passed and raised in Weston #22. When I asked Thayne to name the men most important in his Masonic career, he named the following Brothers:

- "Doc" Coulter 32° his father
- Jim Oliver 32°
- Robin Knox 33° his mentor
- Ill. Brother John Buchanan 33° he "wrote the book"
- Clark Skinner 32° the Secretary of Westin #22 for 28 years
- Sid Wright 32° KCCH another mentor
- Larry Tygart 32° KCCH

Thayne had these words of wisdom for his Brothers -

- "Pride is not a virtue and humility is not a vice"
- "Listen to the wisdom of your Brothers there is always more to learn in Masonry."
- "Not everyone gets their name in the book. Be a team player."
- "Know your limitations"

When he speaks with other veterans he says, "We made it back" what he is really saying is that we now need to concentrate on making the rest of our lives worthwhile because we survived and have returned home.

Brother Thayne takes a lot of pride in being a great team player, and his efforts as collaborative in nature. He prides himself on his role as Secretary in his Blue Lodge and the assistance he can provide to the Worshipful Master and others. I urge you to take the time to meet Brother Thayne and get to know him.

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# The Prelate's Pulpit

Rev. James H. Harris, 33°

Prelate for All Scottish Rite Bodies



As I sit here writing these words the day after our March stated meeting, I know that Spring is approaching on Saturday. Literally, I am ready for a new season, aren't you? Especially Spring. However, it is still white outside, I have to cross a snow bank to get my mail, it is cold, and it is lightly snowing. However, I noticed out my window some pansies peeking through the snow, two sparrows are playing hide and seek, and two squirrels are chasing each other. They are madly in love, or ticked off at each other. Yes, Spring is coming. As the snow melts, I see some green grass. God's private urban renewal program is happening before my eyes, and in my yard. Amazing!

Suddenly, God pushes back the gate and Spring marches to the cadence of the Conductor's command. It happens every year. Enter: renewal. Exit: doubt. Hello hope, goodbye despair. O Spring, how we missed you! Stir us from the slumber. Bring back the color. Add some Spring showers now and then to clean things up. On a short drive to Lair of the Bear open space park, the mountains seemed to open up. The mountain stream moves rapidly as the melting snow fills its banks.

It is easy to lose sight of the mountains when we reduce life to "Operation Survival." Even though I am in the winter of my life, it is springtime. The tree roots have grown deeper allowing the trees to grow stronger. The Bible teaches to be "firmly rooted, and grounded."

We can deepen our Masonic roots by learning from the 14<sup>th</sup> Degree as we did Monday night, by studying the degrees, by following our teachings, by attending our meetings, by reading the Holy Scriptures, by doing no harm and by always doing good. We live by Faith, Hope, and Charity (love). The Bible teaches us that these three endure and the greatest of these is charity, which Paul calls love. I was saddened to hear how little we have given to the Almoner's Fund, brothers helping brothers. I know in the past we have strongly supported this fund. So, maybe the times we are in have hurt our giving? I am encouraged by how we support the Scottish Rite Foundation and other worthy causes. The latest "Scottish Rite Journal" has a wonderful article about charity.

During this season of Spring, I encourage you to spend time in self-examination and reflection, stay close to God and to each other. My mother used to tell me, you have no decision to make if you always do what is right.

### THE SCOTTISH RITE CREED

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Blessings and Peace, Ill. Br. Rev. Jim Harris, 33°



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The Scottish Rite will be stronger if we are all friends to each other. Ill. Bro. Rev. James Harris

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Howard Zoufaly, 32°



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This is a Consistory-wide event. We will need help from many volunteers in many areas. As the weather warms, the internal focus will shift to recruiting volunteers. We need non-golfing workers at the Tee Boxes, Greens, Registration, Ambassadors, and many, many more. We'll need golfing volunteers to help Marshall and start. We can use 100 volunteer workers from members, spouses, and youth groups. How cool would it be, for example, for a youth group to work a Green and the next Tee to work with and talk to the golfers, share their story, and support them in contributing to this tournament?

If you have ever volunteered for 9 Health Fair, Open Doors Denver, the concert series, Colorado Rockies, or any other event, we want you to volunteer at the Tournament. If you work reunions, we can put you to work for this day. Your help and work will benefit Children's Hospital, the Scottish Rite Foundation, and SRMC.

I am pleased to start taking names and preferences (sitting/walking, indoor/outdoor, golfing/ not, or whatever you need) if you have any. Email or call me anytime We'll ramp up recruiting after the weather warms up. Please SAVE THE DATE—August 20—it will be fun, all of us, together! <u>http://scottishritegolf.org</u>

Sincerely and Fraternally, J. Randy Penn, 32° KCCH, SRMC Golf Volunteer Coordinator



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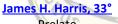


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