



Denver's RiteWorks

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Volunteer Opportunity – Do you like to garden? The Scottish Rite Masonic Center needs you! Our garden on the northwest corner of the building needs tending to. If you have some free time and would like to pull weeds and trim bushes, come on down! Contact the office with any questions at 303-861-4261.

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

July 2021

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 (Baked Potato Bar)
Fri, Jul 23	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (Fried Chicken)
Fri, Jul 30	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (Build Your Own Sandwich)
Sat, Jul 31	6:00 p.m. Annual Summer Dinner (BBQ) and Friends of the Scottish Rite (Prospect Night) - Ladies and guests Invited Parking Garage Available

August 2021

Fri, Aug 6	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (Fried Chicken)
Fri, Aug 13	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch
Sat, Aug 14	11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Ladies Luncheon
Wed, Aug 18	6:00 p.m. Officers' Midyear Planning Dinner Meeting
Fri, Aug 20	Consistory CLOSED for SRMC Golf Tournament—NO LUNCH
Wed, Aug 25	7:00 p.m. Degree Council Meeting
Fri, Aug 27	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch

September 2021

Fri, Sep 3	No Lunch (Holiday Weekend)
Mon, Sep 6	Consistory Closed for Labor Day Holiday
Fri, Sep 10	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (Fried Chicken)
Fri, Sep 17	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch
Sat, Sep 18	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. KSA Fall Cleanup
Mon, Sep 20	Stated Meeting - Parking Garage Available 5:30 p.m. Red Room Business Meeting 6:00 p.m. Dinner 7:00 p.m. Scottish Rite Foundation Program 7:30 p.m. Split Meeting
Fri, Sep 24	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (Fried Chicken)
Sat, Sep 25	12:30 p.m. - 5:40 p.m. Honors Conferrals (By Invitation Only) 6:00 p.m. Honors Banquet (By Invitation Only)

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2021 HONOURS SELECTEES



**Keith Mitchell Anderson
Daniel Kenneth Conway
Bartley Arthur Corfee
Ralph Eugene Hardy
Joseph Magoffin
Michael Duane Moore**



**William Bruce Achbach
Pablo Colomban
Heath Bradford Firestone
Thomas Lee Gaffney
Loren Wendel Kohler
Dean Andrew McConnell
James Lee Miller
Joseph Mitchell
Thomas Richard Repp
Charles Curtis Robinson, III
Michael Wayne Rudloff**

EDITOR'S PRESTLEBOARD



BY: **BILL HICKEY, 33°**
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WHAT CAME YOU TO DO?



So, because many of you don't actually READ the RiteWorks ... so says Ill. Brother Matt ... you probably won't read Ill. Brother Jim Harris' comment in the Prelate's Pulpit: "I have asked brothers if they read the Prelate's Pulpit, and they say "I don't read the RiteWorks." Really?"

This makes me wonder ... what else are you not paying attention to? Are you one of those nutso's out there that walks around oblivious to their surroundings listening to an iPod or reading an email on their smartphone, not paying attention to oncoming pedestrian traffic or worse, cars and motorcycles that might be on a collision course with your body?

To have people say they don't read the RiteWorks and then turn around and complain that they didn't "get the word" about a special event or notice that was indeed contained in the RiteWorks doesn't speak very highly of your attention span. It's only a few minutes.

I'll be the first to admit that not everything I write will be of interest to everyone. But, hopefully it's of interest to SOME of you. I read everything that is submitted to the RiteWorks before I put it into the issue. Some of it I don't particularly care for, but I read it anyway. Why?

Oh, that's really simple. From my Scottish Modern Ritual—and my EA degree of some 40 years ago now. "...we learn that education and perseverance are necessary to establish perfection; that the rude material receives its fine polish but from repeated efforts alone; and that nothing short of indefatigable exertion can induce the habit of virtue, enlighten the mind and purify the soul. From the whole, we deduce this moral: that knowledge, grounded on accuracy, aided by labour, and prompted by education and perseverance will finally overcome all difficulties, banish ignorance to its native darkness, and establish happiness in the paths of life."

Further, in my FC degree: "The fellowcraft now finds stretching in front of him a winding stair, which teaches him that his masonic labours have begun, and that he is setting forth on the journey of life with the great task before him of self-improvement. The faithful performance of that task involves the development of all his intellectual faculties, together with the moral and spiritual elevation of his character. Such, however, is only attained by toil and difficulty, which are symbolized by the winding of the stair."

Have you forgotten the lessons imparted to you in your first two degrees of Masonry?
AT LEAST, read the table of contents to see if something strikes your fancy.

Bill



From the Secretary's Desk

Matt Raia, 33°



JULY 2021

THE REASON MOST OF US THINK THAT THE OLD DAYS WERE BETTER IS BECAUSE WE WERE YOUNGER THEN.

***** HELP WANTED *****

Calling Committee Volunteers

The Calling Committee is a vital link between Denver Consistory and our members. We have a cadre of volunteers who make calls to our members each quarter and more volunteers are needed. The volunteers are not required to come to the office on a specific day to make the calls. Instead, they make the calls at their leisure. Every quarter each volunteer is given a new list of approximately 15 members to call. The goal is for every Denver Consistory member to receive at least one phone call during the year. The purpose of the call is to let the member know that we have not forgotten about him; that he is important to us; to find out how he is doing; and to offer assistance if needed.

If you would like to be a Calling Committee Volunteer, let me know and I will send you a list of Brothers to call.

The Scottish Rite Masonic Center wishes to acknowledge donations received in memory of the following Brothers:

Illustrious Brother John Russell, 33°

Brother Ron Dunsmore, 32° KCCH

Brother Norm O'Kelly, 32° KCCH

The Russell Family

The Dunsmore Family

Brother David Paul, 32°

Brother Ron Williamson, 32°

The O'Kelly Family

JUNE STATED MEETING - It was fantastic to see so many of you for our June 21st Stated Meeting and dinner! We had 119 dinner reservations, 87 signed in at the Tiler's desk, and 14 viewed the meeting on Zoom. It was Hawaiian shirt night, and many very colorful shirts were worn. It was also Blue Lodge Recognition Night. South Denver Lodge #93 had the most non-Scottish Rite members present. **Brother Bill Achbach, 32° KCCH**, Director of Education, conducted a fun "Masonic Trivia Game."

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Illustrious Brother Ron Birely, 33°, Personal Representative, presented a 50 year membership certificate and pin to **Illustrious Brother Johnny Johnson, 33°**. It was good to see Illustrious Brother John.

FRIDAY LUNCHES - 11:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m. will continue during the summer. Come and enjoy lunch with your Brothers. Bring your family and friends with you. The billiards room is open for your use, so you can play a game or two prior to lunch.

There will be **NO LUNCH July 2nd prior to the Independence Day Holiday, August 20th the day of the SRMC Charity Golf Tournament, or September 3rd prior to the Labor Day Holiday.**

ANNUAL SUMMER DINNER, SATURDAY JULY 31st at 6:00 p.m. will be a barbecue this year instead of a shrimp boil. **Dinner is by RESERVATION ONLY. Make your reservation NOW** so you do not miss out on the great food, fun, and socializing with your friends.

There will be face painting and balloon animals for the kids. (See flyer)

PROSPECT NIGHT JULY 31st - has been combined with the summer dinner, and will not happen on August 3rd as originally announced. All prospects and Friends of the Scottish Rite are invited to join us on July 31st for the summer dinner. **RSVp REQUIRED!**

LADIES LUNCHEON AUGUST 14th 11:30 a.m. - We obviously didn't get the opportunity to hold this in 2020, but we are very excited to re-launch this event this year. This year's luncheon will have a Kentucky Derby theme, and the ladies are encouraged to wear their best derby hat. The best hat will receive a gift package from Deiter's Chocolates! (See flyer)

OFFICERS MID-YEAR PLANNING MEETING AUGUST 18th 6:00 p.m. - All officers are required to attend.

SRMC CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT AUGUST 20th 7:30 a.m. - go to www.scottishritegolf.org to register. **We need volunteers to help on the day of the tournament.** We need help at check-in, as hole monitors on the par three \$1 Million Dollar Hole-in-One contest holes, and at lunch. Each volunteer will receive breakfast, lunch, and a tournament hat. Please contact **Brother Randy Penn, 32° KCCH** (Volunteer Coordinator) at pennjr@comcast.net and let him know you will help.

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FALL DEGREE COUNCIL MEETING AUGUST 25th 7:00 p.m. - All degree directors and committee chairmen are required to attend.

KSA FALL CLEAN-UP SEPTEMBER 18th 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - All Consistory members are encouraged to participate and help the KSA shine up the building in preparation for the September Stated Meeting and the Fall Reunion.

SEPTEMBER STATED MEETING - September 20th during which we will have the annual Scottish Rite Foundation Scholarship presentations.

AUTOMATIC DUES RENEWAL PROGRAM

Supreme Council has implemented an auto-renewal program to pay your annual dues. This is a completely VOLUNTARY program that gives our members the option to have their dues automatically deducted using a credit or debit card through the online Membership Portal.

The automatic dues payment will occur in August annually for those who sign up for the program, and the payment will be applied to the following dues year. Members who sign up for the program will receive an email reminder a few days prior to the debiting of their credit or debit card. This program will give members the option to avoid the end of the year Masonic dues crunch as well as help ensure members are always in good standing.

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS are an ideal way to avoid paying future dues increases. A Life Membership guarantees that you will never be suspended for nonpayment 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 nonpayment 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 after your death.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP FEE SCHEDULE

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.

Membership Statistics

May 2020: 1736 June 2020: 1718 July 2020: 1697
May 2021: 1597 June 2021: 1599 July 2021: 1596
Net: 139 loss 119 Loss 101 loss

PETITIONS FOR FALL REUNION—NEVER TOO EARLY TO GET THEM IN !!!



DENVER CONSISTORY
TIMOTHY N. LAMBERT
32° KCCH
MASTER OF KADOSH



TRIVIA GAME WINNERS

It is with great pleasure that I announce the results of our Trivia Game/contest that was put on by Brother Bill Achbach, 32° KCCH, the Consistory's own Director of Education at our Stated Meeting in June.

It was Blue Lodge night and we had a total reported 15 non-Scottish Rite Blue Lodge member guests, not including many wives, significant others, and children. Dinner was WELL attended. South Denver Lodge had the highest number of Blue Lodge guest members at five. Denver Lodge #5 came in a close 2nd with four present. With one challenge to the count, we had to remind the wood-be Barristers that the number was to include ONLY non-Scottish Rite Masons.

In the Trivia Game, held in the Consistory Cathedral Room, Bill offered 33 (ring a bell?) questions, two of which were offered as prize winners to the first to provide the correct answer. These questions were not answered correctly on the first Brother called, but both were answered correctly on the second attempt.

Brother Douglas Barnert, of St. Vrain Lodge #23 answered the first toss-up question correctly. In 1948 four candidates for the U. S. Presidency - ALL of them Freemasons - account for virtually 100% of both the electoral and popular votes cast for that office. Who were they? (Answer: Truman, Dewey, Thurman, and Wallace)

Brother Guillermo Ortega, of Harmony Lodge #61 answered the second toss-up question. A "Time Immemorial Lodge" is a Craft Lodge deemed "regular" but not operating under warrant or charter from a Grand Lodge.

Due to this Master of Kadosh being sidetracked by a newly acquired teenager in the house forgetting her Cheer shoes, the prizes were not available at the meeting, so this dictates a visit to each of the winning Lodges to make a formal presentation of the recognition gifts. I will be looking forward to each of these visits in the near future.

Have a great summer, my Brethren, one and all.

Tim Lambert, 32° KCCH

Master of Kadosh, Denver Consistory



Bill Achbach, 32° KCCH

Director of Education

(Black is the new Red)

CHOICES AND CHANGES



Trivia Question of the Month (answer in the next *RiteWorks*):

In what (non-U.S.) Masonic rite, or “system,” is a man’s eligibility for membership entirely predicated on his being a professing Christian believer?

Master Craftsman

Over the past year-plus, the monthly Consistory calendar has included a Master Craftsman Study Session, via Zoom, on each third Tuesday. That effort, at least for the time being, has been suspended.

The sessions met with varying degrees of success, as we made our way through the “growing pains” of “what” and “how” (and even “who”) over the course of the pandemic year. We had a couple of evenings with interesting discussions, as well as (unfortunately) too much focus upon problems participants had (and continue to have) with lesson scoring and feedback from Supreme Council.

Southern Colorado Brethren, who joined us early on, made us aware of the difficulties they encountered trying to sustain such a program in their jurisdiction, so we were mindful of the potential pitfalls inherent in what we were attempting. We also knew, via limited feedback from other Valleys, that our effort was a “numbers game”: the struggle being one of gaining a sufficient group of “regulars” to make it self-sustaining.

So, with only a scant handful of participating Brethren joining us with any regularity, we concluded that what was being offered was not “meeting needs” and that a change of direction was in order: hence the suspension of the scheduled sessions.

However, this does not mean that a Master Craftsman group study is off the priority list, as part of Masonic education at Denver Consistory. The situation is, decidedly, quite to the contrary! Our focus, going forward will be to find and offer a more effective approach to help participants get the most from their Master Craftsman enrollment, and, most importantly, to complete their courses!

In the meantime, my priority will be twofold: first, to remain available, on an individual basis, to assist Brethren who wish to enroll or who experience problems with their coursework; second, to work on a “mentoring” approach to provide support (as well as an opportunity for deeper discussion) for those enrolled in each of the three courses. Please watch for coming announcements on both of those priorities and, as always, be aware that I am only an email or phone message away from offering support as needed: wbapm32@gmail.com or 303-775-5727.

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Thanks...and a Reading Suggestion

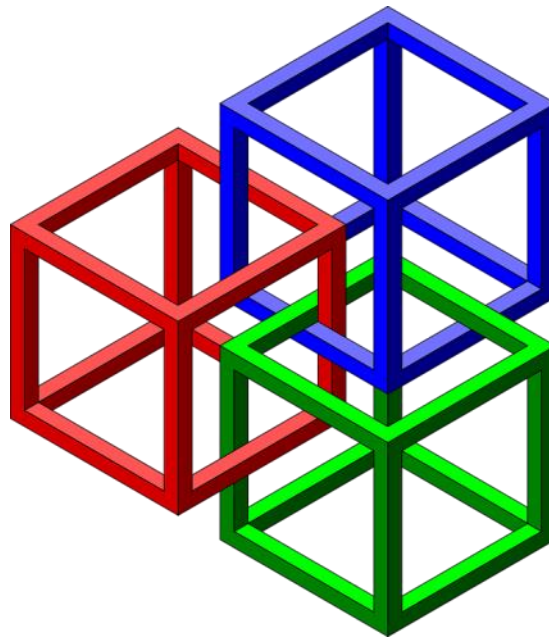
On other education-related news, I again thank the Brethren for the many kind comments, following the trivia presentation at the June meeting. Don't forget that the materials are available from me, if you'd like to have them.

And, finally, I'll take a moment to plug one of the resources used in that trivia presentation: *Freemasonry on the Frontier*, which includes an excellent chapter/essay by W. B. Ben Williams entitled "Freemasonry in Pike's Peak Country." The book is a compilation of research papers presented at the 2020 Conference of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge in the United States. It is available [here](#) from Macoy Publishing...or [here](#) from Amazon. I highly recommend this volume as a worthy addition to your Masonic library.



Each equation below contains the initials of words that will make it complete. Fill it in.

1. 64 = S. on a C.
2. 7 = W. of the A. W.
3. 1001 = A. N.
4. 12 = S. of the Z.
5. 54 = C. in a D. (with the J.)
6. 9 = P. in the S. S.
7. 88 = P. K.
8. 13 = S. in the A. F.
9. 18 = H. on a G. C.
10. 90 = D. in a R. A.
11. 200 = D. for P. G. in M.
12. 8 = S. on a S. S.
13. 3 = B. M. (S. H. T. R.)
14. 4 = Q. in a G.
15. 24 = H. in a D.
16. 1 = W. on a U.
17. 5 = D. in a Z. C.
18. 57 = H. V.
19. 11 = P. on a F. T.
20. 1000 = W. that a P. is W.
21. 29 = D. in F. in a L. Y.
22. 40 = D. and N. of the G. F.
23. 32 = D. F. at which W. F.
24. 128 = C. F. in a C. of W.



Just think about it for a minute.
It will come to you.

ANSWERS NEXT MONTH



KNIGHTS OF SAINT ANDREW

**John Davis, 32°
Venerable Master (2021-2022)**



To all KSA Knights:

I know that we are “officially” dark for the Summer! There are a few events which we have been asked to help with as the Knights of St. Andrew:

- 1) The Annual Summer Dinner - July 31st - ALL KNIGHTS are requested to attend and support the Consistory! Contact person: Dean McConnell (“RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED!”)
- 2) The Ladies Luncheon - August 14th - Transportation and servers are needed. Also, you need to dress formally! Contact Person: TBA
- 3) SRMC Golf Tournament - August 20th - Support staff and players are needed. 7:30 a.m. START TIME. Contact Person: [Randy Penn](#)
- 4) KSA Fall Clean Up - September 18th - 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.
- 5) **Start practicing all parts for the 29th degree!** Contact Person: David Spence for script and parts to be filled by BLACK HATS only. This is part of the FALL REUNION degrees.

Also, for all Officers in the Knighting Ceremonies: now is a great time to practice your parts for the “new” candidates we expect to come in after the reunion.

Have a great summer.

VM John Davis



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Brother Joe Magoffin, 33° Elect



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

Brother Joe Magoffin is a dear and close friend, a fellow “Y Hike” Jeeper, and just an all-around pleasant fellow. The kind of man that you truly enjoy spending time with, whether in Lodge, out wandering the mountains in the Jeeps, or having a beer with him. And, his wife Kim and their daughter Olesya are the nicest ladies you’ll ever meet. A truly wonderful family. It’s an honor for me to be able to share a little more about Brother Joe with you this month.

Brother Joe was born in Los Angeles and grew up in San Diego. He attended the Army & Navy Academy in Carlsbad, California, graduating high school in 1985. He briefly considered applying for an appointment to the U.S. Air Force Academy, but decided to enroll in a traditional college rather than pursue a military career. After graduating from the University of San Diego in 1989 with a degree in business, Joe worked for several companies before becoming a sales manager with Georgia-Pacific. His primary customers were large furniture manufacturers that he sold hardwood to be used in the manufacture of furniture. He lived in the San Diego area until 1996 when his company transferred him to Denver. Joe later earned his MBA degree from the University of Colorado-Denver.

Joe’s father was not a Mason, but was a member of the local Elks Lodge, albeit not an active member. Joe’s grandfather and several uncles on his dad’s side of the family were Masons and a couple were Sir Knights Templar. Joe wears one of his ancestor’s KT swords in his role in Commandery. Joe’s father was a vice-President of the United California Bank as Joe was growing up, and his mother was a secretary at the bank. Joe has no siblings.

In 2014, Joe was seriously considering his career options. He described himself as a “pretty good telegraph operator.” A very good analogy. That is, his skill sets were great, but in a dying industry with limited prospects for the future. He left Georgia Pacific and began his career with State Farm Insurance in 2014. Joe now has his own State Farm agency in the Highlands Ranch area. On a side note, and as an unpaid endorsement, let me mention how helpful Joe has been in obtaining insurance coverage for a couple of the mountain lodges after the Grand Lodge master insurance policy was cancelled several years ago. Thanks, Brother Joe!

Joe and Kim’s first date was a Detroit Red Wings—Colorado Avalanche playoff game. They met at Brooklyn’s Bar at the Pepsi Center. This was in 2000 and they were married in 2001—about to celebrate their 20th Anniversary—Congratulations.

Those of you who know Kim already know that she is an avid baseball fan, especially rooting for the Chicago Cubs. Kim makes an annual pilgrimage to Chicago to attend the Cubs’ opening day game at Wrigley Field. Her love for the Cubs started when she went as a young girl with her dad’s family to a game at Wrigley and she was hooked. Joe, on the other hand, is more of a White Sox fan, but this isn’t a serious problem for them to overcome.

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Kim is a Colorado native and a graduate of the University of Northern Colorado. She is a kindergarten teacher at Asbury Elementary School in Denver. Kim and her class have lots of exotic animals and pets in their classroom and her love for the kids is obvious when she talks about them.

In 2005, Joe and Kim adopted Olesya, then an infant. They traveled to Kazakhstan to complete their family. Olesya, sometimes known as “O” will be a Junior next fall at Highlands Ranch High School. Many of you have met Olesya when she has come to the Consistory with Joe for a meeting or dinner. She’s a beautiful and very personable young woman. And, a Jeoper! She recently turned 16 and got her driver’s license and now has her own Jeep Wrangler. She has been on many trips with the “Y Hike” Jeep Club. She participates in track & field sports, specializing in the shot put and discus throw. In the past, Joe has been able to serve as a youth soccer coach and assistant volleyball coach with Olesya’s teams.

The family’s introduction to 4-wheeling came several years ago when Kim wanted a Jeep as her daily driver. They saw a nice blue metallic 4-door Jeep that was “kind of built” for 4-wheeling and bought it. Joe asked me about Jeeping down at the Consistory one day, and soon after they joined us on trips to the Santiago Mill, Yankee Hill, the Upper Swan River, Geneva Creek, and Geneva city. They were in love with 4—wheeling and the Colorado high country. Two years ago, they got really serious and traded the blue Jeep for a new red Rubicon—an off-road beast! We have had so much fun with the Magoffin’s, with Ill. Brother Karl Hinkle and his wife Gytha and several other Brothers and their wives and families, 4-wheeling the old mining roads of Colorado. It truly is a pleasure to be able to share our beautiful state with people that value and appreciate the wonder of Colorado and its history. Can’t wait for the next trip! We are all proud members of the “Y Hike” Jeep Club—no officers, no dues, no meetings—just folks that enjoy 4-wheeling and sharing the beauty of Colorado with good friends.

Now back to our story. Brother Joe always kind of had in the back of his mind that he would be a Mason, but nobody had ever asked him or encouraged him to become a Mason. In about 2008 or early 2009, Joe happened to meet WB Bill Schwartz, a Past Master of Douglas #153 at a social function. The conversation somehow turned to Masonry and Joe began doing a little research on his own about lodges near where he lived. He called several lodges and left voicemails expressing his interest in getting more information and possibly joining, but unfortunately never received a call back. Has this happened at your lodge? Don’t let this happen! Even though Douglas #153 is located in Castle Rock and is somewhat not “geographically desirable,” Joe petitioned and joined #153 in 2009. He started through the chairs, serving as Treasurer for a couple of years and then was Worshipful Master of Douglas #153 in 2015. Brother Joe joined the Scottish Rite in 2011 and El Jebel Shrine about the same time. Joe and Brothers Lyle Wilkes and Wally Cooley would travel around to different Blue Lodges in Lyle’s “Masonic Bus” - actually a Cadillac Escalade and this friendship resulted in Joe joining the York Rite and becoming very active. He belongs to Highlands #39 Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, Eastlake Council #27 of Cryptic Masons, and Norman L. Hoff Commandery #42, Knights Templar. He has served as the presiding officer in each of his York Rite bodies and is currently the Junior Warden of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Colorado.

Other Masonic affiliations include the Gofannin Chapter of Allied Masonic Degrees, Centennial York Rite College #87, St. Thomas of Acon, Kincora of Knight Masons, and St. Bernard's Commandery #41 of the Knights Templar.

Brother Joe serves as the District Lecturer for District 50 - the "mountain lodges" of Nevada #4, Central #6, Georgetown #12, and Idaho Springs #26. He has served in that role since 2016.

In 2020, Joe served as the Wise Master of the Rocky Mountain Chapter of Rose Croix at our Consistory. He was instrumental in coordinating our Masonic participation in Flags for Fallen Vets at Fort Logan Military Cemetery. Even though the event had to be cancelled in 2020, Joe worked diligently with Brother Scott Olson, Wise Master in 2021 to ensure a hugely successful event last month on Memorial Day weekend. Thanks from all of us Brother Joe for making that event happen!

At the Spring and Fall Reunions, you will see Joe take part in the 14th degree, the 16th degree, the 18th degree, and as the Director of the 19th degree. Joe was recently appointed to the Executive Committee of the Consistory and has served for several years on the Appraisal Committee for Rite Care.

If you're a friend of Joe's on Facebook, you know that he's a car guy, in addition to being a Jeoper. He has a 1968 Pontiac Catalina and has owned a 1968 Mustang GT 390 and several Dodge Challengers. After we spent a couple of hours talking and putting together the notes for this article, Joe and I went to my friend's "garage" and spent another hour and a half looking at Pete's collection of about sixty classic cars—primarily '50's and '60's Ford and GM cars. Heaven!

The men that have been most influential in Joe's Masonic career include WB Bill Schwartz, his first line signer and the man that brought Joe into Masonry. Also, WB's Lyle Wilkes and Wally Cooley (the little short bald guy). He speaks fondly of the many road trips the three of them took while visiting different lodges.

His advice to all Masons, especially the younger men—

- Keep coming back until they know you. Too often, we get comfortable in our close circle of friends and don't reach out to welcome new friends. Let the "old-timers" know that you're interested in them and want to get to know them.
- Never stop learning about Masonry and the history of Masonry.
- Buy a Life Membership and forget about paying annual dues!

Reach out to Brother Joe when you see him at the Consistory or in lodge. He's a great man and a wonderful and interesting man. Spend time with him and it will be time well spent. And, he'll probably invite you to come along on one of our high-country adventures in the Jeeps! Enjoy the pictures of Joe, Kim, and Olesya and their adventures on the next page.

Thanks, Brother Joe, for all you do for Masonry and for the Consistory in particular.

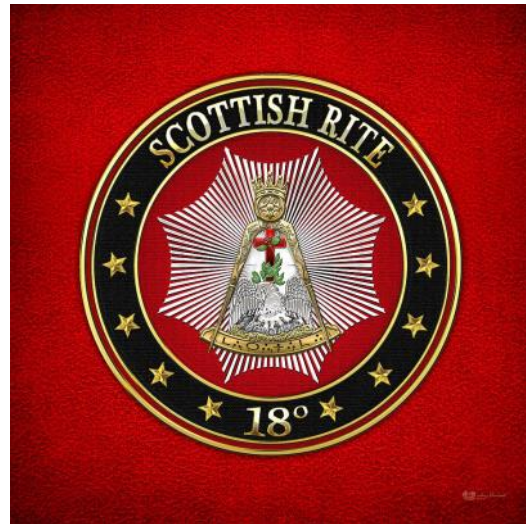


Y HIKE?



Memorial Scroll

Richard Gee Blackham, 32°	05/28/2021
Robert Lee Carne, Jr., 32°	05/11/2021
Ronald Dean Ceretto, 32°	05/27/2021
David Arthur Dodge, 32°	05/21/2021
J. L. Hooper, 32°	03/19/2021
Wallace James Moffett, 32°	05/07/2021
Lowell Bryson Teachout, 32°	09/30/2020



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: Scott E. Olson, 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°; Joseph Magoffin, 32° KCCH; Richard W. Mitchell, 33°; Matthew A. Raia, 33°; Thomas R. Repp, 32° KCCH; 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 Scott Olson, 32° KCCH for more information.



The Prelate's Pulpit

Rev. James H. Harris, 33°

Prelate for All Scottish Rite Bodies



Monday night we had a well attended officers meeting, a delicious meal, and educational talk on masonic history by Bill Achbach, visiting Blue Lodge members, an oration by Pablo Colombar, and a business meeting. It was a great reopening on a stated meeting night. However, through the pandemic, riots, closed schools, people working from their homes, many places shut down, and everything else, we never did close. The Consistory was always open. However, we did some things differently and we are still doing so. The "Shrimp Boil" has been replaced with a barbecue this year, and the ladies luncheon is in the summer, and so on. Life goes on.

I'm glad to see that things are opening up and we can see each other in person. Being a Mason gives us life-long friends. It was good to see Johnny Johnson return to receive his 50 year award. Being a Mason gives us the opportunity to grow, to learn, and to become a better person. It allows us the chance to meet new people and treasure our current Brothers. We have a wonderful opportunity to be the person our Creator intended us to be. I wonder ... are we wasting this opportunity or making the best of it? The lodge room is symbolic of our world and in the center of it is the altar, symbolic of the presence of our Creator.

At the officers meeting in the Red Room I heard that many Scottish Rite Masons do not read the RiteWorks, and then complain about not knowing what is going on. The latest edition of the RiteWorks was packed with information about what is happening at the Consistory. I have asked brothers if they read the Prelate's Pulpit, and they say "I don't read the RiteWorks." Really?

Moving on, this time of the year is a wonderful time to enjoy the beauty of God's creation. I drove to Lair of the Bear, Jeffco open space park, last week. My wife and I enjoyed a picnic at Chatfield State Park, I walked slowly around the lake at Clement Park, and I definitely enjoy sitting outside on cool mornings. A friend recently gave me a copy of the book, "Happiness A-Z" by Louise Harmon. You can buy it at Barnes and Noble. I am re-reading "The Bridge to Light." Our Consistory library is filled with good books and they can be checked out.

Have a great summer

Ill. Br. Rev. James H. Harris, 33°

Happy Birthday!

Smart Thoughts about Stupidity

102 Years Young

Horace Michael Moore

90 Years Young

James Robert Carr
Donald Keith Carroll
Jerral Lee Danford
John Edward Denton
Donald Lee Emarine
Donald Dean Kammerzell
Norman Donald Noe
Donald Clare Saum

80 Years Young

John Larry Lombard
Vernon Robert Oepping

70 Years Young

David Robert Hansen

60 Years Young

Robert Keith Hampe
Justin H. Kirkland

50 Years "OLD"

Thomas Walter Adair
Eric Christopher Driskell
Jason Peper Gisi

40 Years "OLD"

William Raymond Hill
William Arthur Roum

Our JULY "Youngster"

Charles Benson Allen (32)

Irish playwright Sean O'Casey: "All the world's a stage, and most of us are desperately unrehearsed."

Writer Anatole France: "If fifty million people say a foolish thing, it is still a foolish thing."

Writer Rita Mae Brown: "If the world were a logical place, men would ride sidesaddle."

Educator Laurence J. Peters: "Most hierarchies were established by men who now monopolize the upper levels, thus depriving women of their rightful share of opportunities to achieve incompetence."

Attorney Barry LePatner: "Good judgment comes from experience, and experience comes from bad judgment."

Politician Georges Clemenceau: "America is the only nation in history which miraculously has gone directly from barbarism to degeneration without the usual interval of civilization."

Philosopher Georg Hegel: "We learn from history that we do not learn from history."

Scientist J. Robert Oppenheimer: "The optimist thinks that this is the best of all possible worlds. The pessimist knows it."

Writer James Thurber: "You can fool too many of the people too much of the time."

Writer H. L. Mencken: "There's no underestimating the intelligence of the American public."

Benjamin Franklin: "Wise men don't need advice. Fools won't take it."

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Shotgun Start

7:30am

Shotgun Start or Tee Times
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Golf Tournament Volunteers:

As I write this in March, we're digging out from an historic snowstorm and looking at more in the coming weeks. The Vernal Equinox is just past. So, all the focus on the SRMC Children's Hospital Golf Classic is on recruiting sponsorships and golfers. I've heard it said, "since I'm not a golfer it doesn't affect me." NOTHING COULD BE FURTHER FROM THE TRUTH! This is a misconception based on timing!

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! <http://scottishritegolf.org>

Sincerely and Fraternaly, [J. Randy Penn](#), 32° KCCH, SRMC Golf Volunteer Coordinator

We can finally meet again in person! Get out of the house and mingle with your friends, family, and brothers at the

ANNUAL SUMMER DINNER

And Prospect Night

Saturday, July 31, 2021

6:00 p.m.

Denver Consistory Dining Room
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The Ladies of the Denver Consistory members are cordially invited to attend a luncheon on

August 14, 2021 from 11:30am - 1:00pm

at the Denver Consistory located at
1370 Grant Street, Denver, CO 80203

🌸 RSVPs are required by Friday, August 6th 🌸
303-861-4261 or denverconsistory@denverconsistory.org

Menu: Light southern fair, iced tea, peach pie, chocolates

Attire: 'Summer Chic' - church or sundresses, derby hats*



* Derby hats are optional, however the winner of the Best Derby Hat will receive a gift package from Deiter's Chocolates!!



Scottish Rite Golf Classic

Benefiting Children's Hospital of Colorado, Scottish Rite Foundation
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August 20, 2021 - Willis Case Golf Course, Denver, CO



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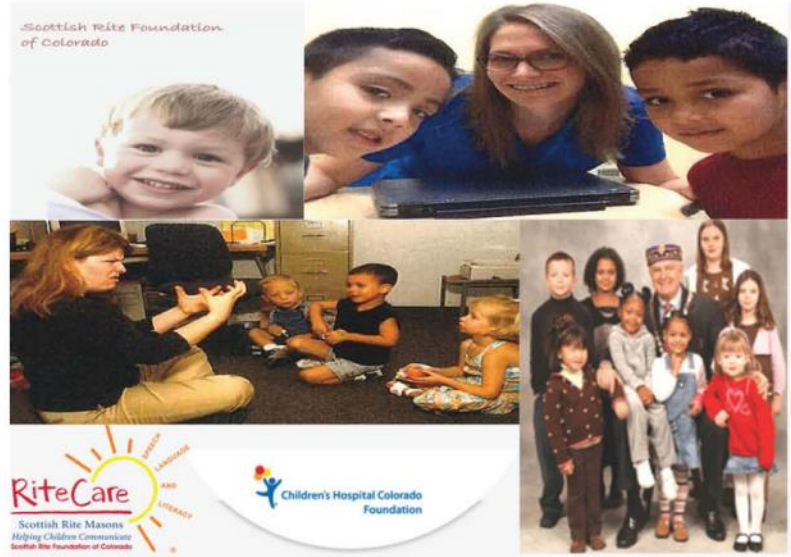
This is an important fundraiser for our organization, so your participation and sponsorship will be much appreciated. Teams are \$500, each.

For registration and sponsorships information visit:

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We expect a full field so register now!

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7:00 p.m. Second Section & Lectures

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