



Denver's RiteWorks

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“Membership is a CONTACT SPORT!”

Membership Report: 2020 1669
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Ill. Brother Matt Raia presented a 50 year pin, hat, and certificate to Brother Melford Dunckley, 32° when he recently came to the office.



PLANNING CALENDAR

December 2021

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| Fri, Dec 3 | 11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (Fried Chicken) |
| Mon, Dec 6 | 7:00 p.m. KSA Meeting in Lodge Room |
| Fri, Dec 10 | 11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (Spaghetti) |
| Fri, Dec 17 | 11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (Fried Chicken) |
| Mon, Dec 20 | Stated Meeting - Election of Officers Parking Garage Available 5:30 p.m. Red Room Business Meeting 6:00 p.m. Dinner (Chicken Wellington) 7:00 p.m. Awards and Announcements; Election of Officers for 2022 |
| Fri, Dec 24 | Consistory Closed for Christmas Holiday |
| Fri, Dec 31 | Consistory Closed for New Year's Holiday |

January 2022

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| Fri, Jan 7 | 11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (Fried Chicken) |
| Sat, Jan 8 | 9:00-11:00 a.m. Consistory UN-decorating Party - ALL ARE INVITED |
| Mon, Jan 10 | 7:00 p.m. KSA Meeting in Lodge Room |
| Fri, Jan 14 | 11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch |
| Sat, Jan 15 | 8:00 a.m.-NOON Officers' Breakfast Meeting & Installation Practice |
| Mon, Jan 17 | Stated Meeting - Parking Garage Available 5:30 p.m. Red Room Business Meeting 6:00 p.m. Dinner 7:00 p.m. Awards and 11163508 Announcements Split Meeting: Annual meetings of Corporations and Installation of Officers for 2022 |
| Fri, Jan 21 | Consistory Closed for Grand Lodge Communication |
| Sat, Jan 29 | 6:00 p.m. Optional Whisky College before Burns Supper 7:00 p.m. KSA Burns Supper |

February 2022

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| Fri, Feb 4 | 11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (Fried Chicken) |
| Mon, Feb 7 | 7:00 p.m. KSA Meeting in Lodge Room |
| Fri, Feb 11 | 11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch |
| Fri, Feb 18 | 11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch |
| Mon, Feb 21 | Stated Meeting (Feast of Kadosh) - Parking Garage Available Colorado Council of Kadosh Ritual Open/Close Entertainment (President's Day/Valentine's Day) Almoner & Life Member Annual reports to CLOP 5 minute oration by CLOP Orator |

Scottish Rite Masonic Center



Holiday Program December 20th, 2021



Please Welcome

Eric McConnell and Jordan Ortman to the
Denver Consistory.
A Holiday celebration of seasonal carols &
entertainment

Eric J. McConnell is quickly garnering acclaim in the American opera community for his distinctive dramatic voice and theatrical interpretations of both comic and tragic characters.

A multifaceted performer, McConnell has made additional forays into the world of musical theater, performing as Rod in *Avenue Q*, Headmistress/Captain Ahab in *Moby Dick! The Musical*, Jean Prouvaire in *Les Misérables*, Molokov in *Chess*, and the title role in *Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street*.

McConnell is a two-time regional finalist in the Rocky Mountain region of the Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions,



Dinner @ 6pm RSVP

Program @ 7pm

Stated Communication Dinners

Join us for a fully catered sit-down meal served before each stated communication for a cost of \$20.00 per person. Advanced reservations are required and must be received by the Friday immediately preceding the stated communication. Dinner reservations can be made by calling (303) 861-4261, or On_line @ <https://centennial-lodge-of-perfection.square.site/product/september-20-stated-dinner/38?cs=true&cst=custom>



By: **BILL HICKEY, 33°**
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A Tale of Two Realities

Most of us (who went to school in the 60's or so) will surely recall having to read a number of "classics" as part of our education. "A Tale of Two Cities" by Charles Dickens was one of those. It begins with the classic line: "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair, we had everything before us, we had nothing before us, we were all going direct to Heaven, we were all going direct the other way—in short, the period was so far like the present period, that some of its noisiest authorities insisted on its being received, for good or for evil, in the superlative degree of comparison only."

Now, let's pause for a moment and reflect on what Dickens wrote in 1859 (over 160 years ago). How many of you have friends or acquaintances who fit both sides of that sentence? Perhaps you fit one side of it as well. Our response to the COVID pandemic we have fits nicely into that one antiquated sentence. There are people who think this COVID is nothing serious, a hoax. But we also have near and dear friends we have lost to this bug along with millions of others around the world - and one Brother not only lost his wife of many years, but his young daughter as well as being hooked up to a ventilator himself for nearly a month—and he is still recovering physically months after his experience. I'd say that definitely qualifies as a legitimate disease, not some hoax promulgated by politicians/pundits for whatever their reasons.

The sentence also gives us, as Masons, the distinct opportunity to reflect on the causality of the human condition—for every positive thing, there is an equal and opposite negative. But, it is what we do with both of them that makes the difference in our lives and attitudes. We can become so enmeshed in negativity that we can't see ANY positive things happening in our lives, yet many things around us are positive—they are "opportunities" for us to excel, not merely trials and 2737732 tribulations.

It has been said that if you sit a monkey down at a typewriter long enough, eventually, the monkey will write a Pulitzer Prize winning novel (of course, it might take a VERY LONG TIME for that to happen). The "key" here is that if you go about life LOOKING for bad things, evil people, and conspiracies all around you, you WILL find them...whether they are real or not.

Light, that wonderful emanation from education and experience, will show you the way out from the darkness that seems to permeate societies all over the globe today. Hang in there ... one candle lit in darkness can show you the way out of the darkness.

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Bill



From the Secretary's Desk

Matt Raia, 33°



A CLOSED MOUTH GATHERS NO FEET

Scottish Rite Masonic Center Endowment Fund Contributions

<https://www.denverconsistorybuildingendowmentfund.org>

The SRMC wishes to acknowledge those who donated to the Endowment Fund this past month and began or added to a *Cathedral Club* membership.

Howard Zoufaly

Meal Price Increase

Effective January 1, 2022

Inflation impacts everything we, as individuals, purchase and Denver Consistory is not immune to the impact of inflation. As a result of food cost increases by suppliers, government mandated wage increases, and the overall cost of conducting business, our caterer has increased the price charged for our lunches and stated meeting dinners. We understand that no one likes a price increase, but you receive a great value for what you pay for our lunches and dinners. It is not food at a fast food restaurant served on paper with plastic eating utensils and paper plates.

Friday Lunch will be \$13 for the three course all-you-can-eat buffet, with beverage.

Stated Meeting dinner will be \$25 for a three course plated, served dinner, with beverage.

Those who have prepaid for stated meeting dinners will not be required to pay the price increase until you renew your prepayment option.

Who reads the RiteWorks Contest – The membership numbers published in the November RiteWorks belong to the following Brothers who were eligible to receive a free dinner for the November Stated Meeting: **Douglas F. Tiller, Christopher L. Womack, R. Alan Magnuson, Jeffry H. Frankhauser, Richard L. Koca, Jr., Anthony A. Dattilo, Manuel Vigo-Torres, Jack R. Infanger, Mark O. Tidwell, and Dennis L. Herboldsheimer**. None of these Brothers called the office to claim their free dinner. Maybe this month's winners will see their membership number and call the office to claim their free dinner for the December Stated Meeting.

Veteran's Recognition Night – Our November 15th Stated meeting was Veteran's Recognition Night. Several members wore their military uniform. **Brother Danny Tomlinson, 32° KCCH**, presented a very informative, interesting, and touching Veteran's Recognition program honoring our 4613790 Military Veterans.

November 15th Stated Meeting – The November Stated Meeting we played "catchup" on awards which we had not been able to present in 2020 and the first half of 2021 due to COVID-19 restrictions on in-person

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meetings. We presented Double Eagle Jewel Awards for achieving a minimum of 500 points, Double Eagle Ribbon Awards for achieving a minimum of 5,000 points, Master Craftsmen Certificates for completion of one of the Master Craftsman courses of study, Scottish Rite Masonic Center Endowment Fund Cathedral Club Certificates of Appreciation to Lodges and organizations making donations and becoming members of the Cathedral Club.

Fall Reunion – The Fall Reunion was held November 18-20, 2021. We had thirty-three candidates in the class, four of which were from Southern Colorado Consistory, netting Denver Consistory twenty-nine new Masters of the Royal Secret.

Reunion Banquet – The Reunion Banquet was Saturday night November 20th recognizing the new members of Denver Consistory and Southern Colorado Consistory and welcoming them to the Scottish Rite Family. During the banquet the twenty-five and fifty year members of Denver Consistory were honored and presented patents and pins.

Dr. Uhler and Brother Bryant Harris, 32° KCCH, Executive Secretary of the Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado, gave a presentation on Rite Care and the Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado and honored **Illustrious Brother Vern Ingraham, 33° GC**, for his years of service as the Executive Secretary of the Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado.

Member Appreciation Dinner December 20th - As a small token of appreciation for your support as a member of Denver Consistory, members attending dinner prior to the Stated meeting will receive a discount on the price of their meal based upon the number of years they have been a member. If you prepaid for your dinner you will receive a refund when you pick-up your dinner ticket. (i.e. a 1 year member receives a 1% discount, 5 year member will receive a 5% discount, a 50 year member a 50% discount etc.) You must make a dinner reservation.

December 20th Stated Meeting will be the election of officers for 2022 and announcement of 2022 appointments. Entertainment will be provided by **Eric McConnell**, son of **Brother Dean McConnell, 32° KCCH**, Preceptor of Denver Consistory. To learn more about Eric visit his web site <https://www.ericjmcconnell.com/biography> or see the flyer in this issue.

2022 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.

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 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.

Life Membership Fee:

75 years old and older – a single payment of \$1,000

62 -74 years old – a single payment of \$1,500

Younger than 62 – a single payment of \$2,500

Extended payment terms may be arranged

Contact the office for details.



SRMC Endowment Fund RiteWorks 2021 Article Recap

Articles have been published throughout 2021 in the RiteWorks drawing your attention to the SRMC Endowment Fund. The below bullet point list of articles is presented to refresh your memory and to encourage you to revisit the articles, and to make a donation to the Endowment Fund.

February – “Write a Check” – A testimonial from a donor about writing a check to the Fund.

April – “Automatic Monthly Credit Card Payment” – A testimonial from a donor about setting up a recurring monthly credit card donation.

May – Establishment of the “Cathedral Club” – An explanation of the Cathedral Club and how to become a member.

June – “What is the Endowment Fund” - An Article explaining what an Endowment Fund is.

August – “Where There’s A Will There’s A Way” – An article about making a bequest to the Endowment Fund.

September – “Two ways to make a contribution to The Scottish Rite Masonic Center Endowment Fund” – An article explaining that a donation to the fund may be made from an IRA, 401k or similar 8137143 retirement fund, and donating investment equities.

October – “What is the purpose of the Endowment Fund” – An article explaining why the Endowment Fund was created.

November – “Year-end financial decisions” – An article suggesting that donating to the Endowment Fund should be considered when making year-end financial decisions.



Bill Achbach, 32° KCCH

Director of Education

Consistory officers undertake new approach to meeting entertainment & education



Brethren, in the aftermath of our first reunion in two years, I have something a bit different to present this month and with it the opportunity for you to become an important part of what you experience at Denver Consistory.

Over the past several months, officers of the Consistory line have begun a process to revise our approach to securing entertainment and related services for stated meetings and, potentially, other events.

It is a long-standing practice for Consistory's Master of Kadosh to arrange entertainment for meetings each year when entertainment is part of the program. Looking at that process, current Chancellor Michael Rudloff, 32° KCCH contacted several other line officers, as well as Secretary III. Matt Raia to suggest a different approach.

What has evolved from that initial suggestion is the Consistory Line Entertainment Project. The group's purpose is to identify entertainment (and educational and other resource) providers and then to organize and compile information for future use. The hope is, with sufficient resources at our disposal as the project evolves, that the Master of Kadosh will find procurement of entertainment less of a burden. 6394555 In addition, the hope is that officers coming up through the line will find it possible to plan around a desired theme as their year as Master approaches.

So far, the group's monthly meetings have seen the development of a master database for these resources (thanks to the work of Master of Ceremonies Greg Koenig, 32°) and the start of coordination of the project with the Consistory Office. Several providers have already been identified and entered into the developing system, and we will see the first actual entertainment provided via the new approach at this month's meeting.

Brethren, what we need now is **your** input to really get the project rolling. Our greatest resource for making the project really work as intended is **you**:

- ⇒ **Your** contacts,
- ⇒ **Your** interests & suggestions,
- ⇒ **Your own** talents & expertise, and
- ⇒ **A few minutes of your time** to give us the information that will make this a success.

ANYTHING you've seen or heard (or even seen or heard promoted, even if you've not witnessed an actual presentation or performance) and, in addition, **ANYTHING** you might yourself be able to present to the Brethren at a stated meeting is a potential addition to our developing resource.

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Consistory officers undertake new approach to meeting entertainment & education—Continued

- Music or dramatic performances?
- Historical or cultural talks?
- Comedy?
- Magic?
- Visual arts?
- Technology?
- Investment or financial?

...and that's only scratching the surface of possibilities: you probably thought of several more just in reading that short list! If you've ever thought or said, "Why don't they...?" or "Gee, I'd really like to see a program about...!" then here's your chance to make a difference!

You can easily make us aware of any of these or other possible programs, by dropping a note via our dedicated email account: Consistory.Entertainment.Group@gmail.com. Please provide as much information as possible (especially contact info), so that we can follow up on your suggestion.

Bill

Last Month's Trivia Question:

Masonic legend refers to King Solomon as "...our first, most excellent Grand Master," and there is no doubt that the First Temple, as described in scripture, must have been a wonder to behold. However, Solomon himself had a no less wondrous claim in his own personal lineage. What variation of descent and distinction of lineage occurred in the birth of Solomon, to distinguish his ancestry from that of his father, King David?

Answer:

According to tradition and biblical genealogy, King Solomon was David's son, whose paternal lineage could be traced back to Israel, his father Abraham and mother Sarah. However, Solomon's mother was Bathsheba, and her lineage is also traced back to Abraham...but as a descendent of Ishmael, whose mother was Sarah's maid, Hagar. Thus, in the person of Solomon, we see the reunion of the two great Semitic nations: The Israelite and Ishmaelite (Arab) peoples.

This Month's Trivia Question (answer in next month's *Rite Works*):

What U.S. Masonic jurisdiction recently became the 46th (out of 51) U.S. Grand Lodges to officially recognize a Prince Hall Grand Lodge sharing its jurisdictional territory?



Thomas R. Repp, 32° KCCH

Senior Warden
Rocky Mountain Chapter
Of Rose Croix

Why Are We Here?
What Are We Doing About It?



Before writing this essay, I ran this idea by our Degree Director Brother Phil Haas, 32° KCCH and he supported me in writing about my recent experience to help our Fraternity. This year, I had the opportunity and honor to be selected as the Director of the 23rd Degree. I have been also teaching the small class on Journey to Scottish Rite (J2SR) for this degree. Next April, I will have been a member of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for 20 Years. I am not sure where that time went, and Illustrious Brother Rev. James Harris, 33° asked us recently, "What would you do better in your life, if you could do it all over again?"

This year, I had an epiphany. Before our first practice for the 23rd Degree, I asked myself the following: Why are we here? What are we doing about it? What can I do differently that has not been done before to make this degree better and the practices interesting? Usually, we rush in and make the best use of a one-hour practice and walk through the degree and quickly fast forward through our lines. Then rush home to memorize our lines. This year, I took a half-hour and we had a small informal discussion. The first item was to show our Brethren two resources and highlight several important facts about this degree: *The Scottish Rite Ritual Monitor & Guide, third edition*, by Arturo de Hoyos and *A Bridge to Light, 4th edition*, by Rex Hutchens as resource textbooks obtained in the Master Craftsman Program and as a student. Then, I went through answers to the following questions: What are we teaching the candidates in this degree? What are we learning and what can I learn about this degree in my role? When we are in the degree, we only have a few minutes to look at the set and then it's gone. What symbols should I look for to highlight the lessons in this degree to myself? We were able to answer these questions from my practice pre-lesson and I noticed a sigh of some relief from our actors. Some of the anxiety was reduced and then we walked through the degree the second half-hour. The next homework assignment was for the whole cast to read the entire degree once more at home and review the floor work schematic I made and sent to them via email. 9162157 They were then able to work on their own individual parts. Now we would be ready to refine the degree at our next two practices.

I ended my lesson with the following: Let us look at the Scottish Rite from a thirty thousand foot perspective and try to simplify a few things. If I could develop an elevator pitch of Scottish Rite Masonry in my own words it would sound something like this: Scottish Rite strives to function as the University of Freemasonry to help a Master Mason journey to more light in Masonry. Consider the following: Ancient Craft Masonry (1st-3rd) Degrees are the foundational tools - we have to be a Master Mason to become a Scottish Rite Mason; the Lodge of Perfection (4th-14th) Degrees are the application and addition of more tools to

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assist us in learning the greater mysteries; The Chapter of Rose Croix (15th-18th) Degrees are teaching the consequences of tolerance prior to learning greater mysteries; the Council of Kadosh (19th-30th) Degrees (Kadosh, in Hebrew, means holy or literally “to separate”) are the greater mysteries; and the Consistory (31st-32nd) Degrees are to be learned at that time. All of these degrees need to be learned in order to assist our minds to accept and implement the lessons in context and to reduce the opportunity for our own misinterpretations.

With this technique, we all learn something and our time is valued even more than just rushing to practice, walking through the degree, and rushing home. You learn something new as a teacher and as a student. The class benefits from our understanding. We should certainly expect to increase attendance and retention of our members. Because, we all became members to learn more and we are answering that need! The list goes on — a “Win-Win” for all!

For this article, I found a reproduction of the basic schematic “The Steps of Freemasonry.” I am unsure who originally created this wonderful schematic and it does help to visually demonstrate that thirty-thousand foot view.



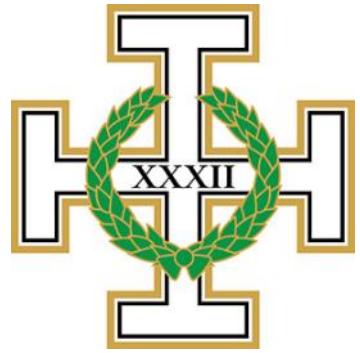
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In conclusion, my hope is that this opportunity will help others! Maybe we can make this technique better?



THE LIGHT OF THE SPIRIT OF THE HOLIDAYS

**Brother Joseph L. Mitchell, 32° KCCH
Prior, Denver Consistory**



As we enter this most wonderful time of the year most people consider Christmas a Christian holiday. I have, however, throughout my life, had several Jewish friends who also celebrated Christmas. We as Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ but there is also a universal message - that of "peace on earth good will to men." Is this not a time when we show a little more kindness a little more patience with others? Perhaps give a little more to charities and those in need? This message is not limited to any one religion or group of people. Jews have an expression "Tikkun Olam" - it's a concept defined by acts of kindness performed to perfect or repair the world. This is a time of celebration, but it is also a time of deeper reflection - a reflection of who we are and what we stand for.

For many, the Christmas season is more than family gatherings, wrapping presents, and decorating a Christmas tree. There are other traditions - for me, since I was a child, Christmas wasn't Christmas without watching "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens. Although it is considered by many "a Christmas story," I have always considered it more than that. While Christmas should be a time for the celebration of love, warmth, hope, and generosity - we find a man who is devoid of all of these. Cast out from home by his father to a boarding school. The woman he loved unable to love him anymore because the curliness he experienced in his life turns him inward and cold and the only comfort he gets is 10002608 the accumulation of wealth that he refuses to share with anyone including the poor. When asked to give to the needy Scrooge answers with "Bah! Humbug" showing callous indifference to his fellow man. When asked to give a donation to the poor he replies that the prisons and workhouse should provide for such people and if they should die, they would simply decrease the surplus population.

This is, however, a story of greed and callousness turned into generosity and forgiveness through the efforts of three spirits bringing him the light of insight - showing Scrooge his past life where his coldness originated from. The world he now lives in with so many hungry children, two of whom represent want and ignorance, ignorance being the worst. Then finally how he is treated after his death with the same disregard for his life that he showed to others. Through these visitations Scrooge is shown the damaging effects of isolation and greed and through light, the spirits show him the importance of generosity and caring and his road to redemption as he asked his nephew Fred for his forgiveness and becomes like a "second father" to Tiny Tim.

This story reminds me of the light we talk about in Masonry. Although Scrooge, in his original state, could never have become a Mason because ... we don't make bad men into good men - we do make good men better through giving them the light of insight through knowledge. Hopefully we transform them by the light of our degrees, meeting and talking to other good men and seeing the example they set for all of us making us better men. How lucky we are to belong to this great craft where we can enjoy the great joy of the holiday season all year long. Each time we see a First Degree we are reminded of the need and our obligation to charity which lies at the heart of masonry. We don't need Christmas to remind us. We have the third degree to remind us of the immortality of the soul. So, live by the light of the spirit of this holiday season all year round, for you will be judged by it in the next. Let us always pray for "peace on earth and good will to all".

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays, Everyone



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Robert Wayne (Bob) Applegate, 33°



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

Most of you know our member that is being spotlighted this month, Ill. Brother Bob Applegate. You'll remember seeing him work out of the Properties Room, setting up for our monthly stated communication or last week, busily preparing the floor and stage for the different degrees at the Fall Reunion. Or you may know him from the York Rite, where he has been an extremely active member and currently serves as the Secretary of the Centennial #87 York Rite College. Or maybe you know him from Liberty Lodge #150, now New Frontier #134 where he served the Craft as Secretary for 28 years after serving as Worshipful Master in 1975.

If you were at the Reunion Banquet on November 20, you saw Ill. Brother Bob proudly receive his 50-year certificate and pin from Ill. Brothers Steve Munsinger, Karl Hinkle and Ron Birely. All of which is to say that Bob has been a good and faithful Mason for many years. He has been a Master Mason for more than 54 years and a Scottish Rite Mason for more than 51 years, having been raised at Liberty #150 in March 1967 and then joining Denver Consistory in 1970.

Brother Bob was born in Kingsley, Iowa which is located about 20 miles east of Sioux City. The house he was born and raised in is still standing in Kingsley. He and Kay spent six weeks during the summer of 2021 in Iowa, visiting old friends and many relatives and seeing familiar places and faces. They lived in their fifth-wheel RV during those six weeks and were able to really relax and enjoy themselves. Camping is their hobby and has been for many years.

Bob and his siblings, a brother now retired from Xcel Energy and living in Sterling and his sister, also retired and living in Canon City all graduated high school in Kingsley. Their dad was a Mason, having joined Cosmos Lodge #470 in Kingsley in about 1952. As was usually the case back in the day, Bob's dad never talked to him about joining the Lodge, even though Bob kind of expected his dad to ask him to petition. His dad was a regular at the Cosmos Lodge meetings, but never went through the chairs.

After graduating high school, Brother Bob went to work for a small local dairy for about two years, when he received a letter from his Uncle Sam requesting (actually demanding! - LOL) his presence at Fort Carson, Colorado and then at Fort Gordon, Georgia. After Crypto School at Fort Gordon, Bob was sent to Germany for his two-year active-duty commitment. He was an E-3 Private First Class and because of the manpower shortage, he was doing the job of an E-6 Staff Sergeant. In May 1960 he and a fellow soldier were able to take a full month of leave and did an extended car tour of Europe. 10002160 They visited Paris and London and nearly a dozen countries all over Europe. Bob mentions this as a real highlight of his time in the Army. He describes his experience in the Army as being "something he wouldn't take a million dollars for, but he never wants to do it again!".

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After his military service he moved back to Iowa and started working in northwest Iowa. His folks had by then moved to southeast Iowa where his dad was working on a dairy farm. Bob drove down to his parents' home to see his younger brother graduate from high school. His brother was good friends with a couple of brothers that had an older sister that they thought should meet Bob. Bob and Kay met at the high school graduation and soon started dating and before long, Bob had quit his job and moved to York, Iowa to be closer to Kay. They will celebrate their 58-year anniversary on November 30 – just a few days before you read this article.

Bob then went to work for a subsidiary of American Cyanamid, a manufacturer of agricultural chemicals. They moved to Denver, and he expected to retire from the company many years later. However, with mergers and downsizing, his job in Denver was eliminated and they had the option to go to Chicago or Dallas. Neither city appealed to the couple, so they stayed in Denver. Bob found work as an outside parts representative with Lakewood Fordland out on West Colfax and he retired there after 28 years of service. Kay worked for several large insurance companies during this time – New York Life and later Great West Life. Bob and Kay have no children.

For several years, Bob wasn't very active in the Consistory. He did serve on the Membership Committee, but as often happens, the "old timers" kind of ignored the "new kid". At one of the Membership Committee meetings, Bob sat next to Ill. Brother Otto Moore, 33°, a retired Chief Justice of the Colorado Supreme Court. Judge Moore and Bob hit it off and became very good friends. About the same time, Ill. Brother Mike Hessel, 33° got Ill. Brother Bob involved with the Consistory. Bob served as the Master of Kadosh in 1995. Bob began working on the Properties Committee with Mike as Chairman and he really enjoyed the work. One day Bob got a call from a Brother saying that he should report to the Consistory as quickly as possible to meet with Brother Mike.

Thinking he was in trouble for something he either had failed to do or something he shouldn't have done, he hurried down to the Consistory to find Ill. Brother Mike. Bob was really nervous about the "summons" but when he saw Mike with a big grin on his face and his hand of friendship extended, Bob was greatly relieved. Mike told Bob that he was now the Chairman of the Properties Committee, replacing Ill. Brother Mike who had been "bumped up" to the job of Director General. Bob served in that role for 15 years, retiring as the Chairman about five years ago, but still remains very active with Properties. He is especially proud of his work in designing the new Properties Room after the merger with Rocky Mountain Consistory and the remodeling of the Denver Consistory.

Ill. Brother Mike also got Bob heavily involved in the York Rite – Triad Chapter #42, Denver Council #1 and Coronal-Ascolon Commandery #31. He has served in the east in each of the bodies as well as a number of other York Rite Masonic bodies. He describes his experience in Centennial #87 York Rite College, where he serves as Secretary as being his most enjoyable York Rite body.

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When we discussed those men that had been most influential in Brother Bob's Masonic journey, he mentioned the following:

- Brother Wayne Herbert, a colleague of Kay's at New York Life. He and Kay decided that Bob should be a Mason, even though Bob's dad had properly (for then) not asked his son to petition the Blue Lodge. Brother Wayne got Bob started in early 1967.
- Ill. Brother Mike Hessel – for all the reasons and examples previously mentioned. Brother Mike is living north of Fort Collins but is not in good health and rarely gets to the Consistory.
- Ill. Brother Rand Hendrickson, Executive Secretary of the Consistory at the time of the re-model and a strong supporter of Ill. Brother Bob's efforts in that area.

Ill. Brother Bob left us with these few words of advice – "If you join, GET INVOLVED! The more effort you put into an organization or a project or a Lodge, the more you will get out of it. And the men you meet are each outstanding and will be your life-long friends. Masonry is a class act".

It was really a pleasure to spend some time with Brother Bob preparing this Member Spotlight. We thought we might be able to spend an hour or so together last week during the Fall Reunion, but it seemed like we were both going 90 miles an hour for the full three days. What a great and interesting Brother he is. Look him up next time you're at the Consistory – he's probably there someplace. And congratulations, Ill. Brother Bob on your 51 years in the Scottish Rite and to you and Kay on your 58-year wedding anniversary!



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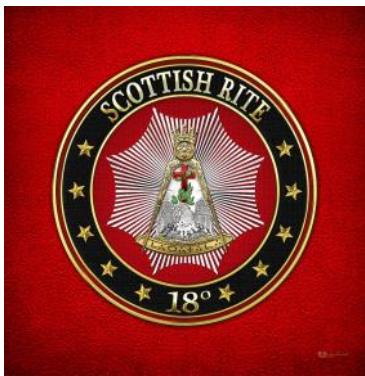
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The Prelate's Pulpit

Rev. James H. Harris, 33°

Prelate for All Scottish Rite Bodies



The holiday/Christmas season is not so much about opening presents as it is opening our hearts. Yes, the holiday season is here. During this time, some will celebrate Christmas, some will celebrate Hanukkah, some will celebrate Kwanza, and for some it will be just another day. However, for everyone it should be a season of giving, loving, and caring. It is also a time to look forward to a new year. Many will reflect on 2021 and prepare for 2022. I will send Christmas cards, wrap presents, attend Christmas Eve Candle Light service, decorate the house, enjoy Christmas day with family, attend a Christmas concert, drop some old coats off at a coat collection place, and give gifts. During December we will have the shortest daylight time of the year. After December 21, the time of daylight increases—it is a time of “more light.” Masons seek light, and more light.

At the Consistory, unfortunately we had to cancel our annual Christmas party for the children due to COVID concerns. We will elect new officers and enjoy a special program at our December stated meeting. We also will make plans for another year. Time marches on. I will look at a new year, get a new calendar and set some goals for myself. A new year gives us the opportunity to begin again, the old has gone and the new is here. What about you? Will you look for ways to improve yourself?

Bob Hope said, “My idea of Christmas, whether old fashioned or modern, is very simple: loving others. Come to think of it, why do we have to wait for Christmas to do that?”

At Year's End

As every year draws to a close,
It's good to count the ways
That God has blessed us and led us
Through our nights and days.
For seldom can we understand
Until some time as passed,
How everything placed in His hand,
Worked for our good at last.
It warms and reassures us
To look back year after year
For since He's led us in the past,
The future holds no fear.

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I pray for health, peace, and grace in 2022. I thank all of you for being my brothers and helping me when I have needed help. I have some challenges in 2022, but I am confident that the GOATU will take care of me, my angel will watch over me, and you will be there for me. Thank you.

Brothers:

You have probably noticed that I have been having trouble walking. My brain and legs do not connect properly. My neurologist ordered five tests for me, four of which revealed very little. The last one involved drawing fluid from my spine. This test showed that I have the early stages of Alzheimer's. If I did nothing, within a year I would not remember anything. However, a new drug recently received conditional approval from the FDA and Medicare has approved paying for it (about \$54,000 a year). He chose three of his patients to receive it and I was one of them. I will begin the infusions on December 6th, once a month. Prayerfully, this will improve my walking and my memory, giving longer than a year of quality time. He did not know how long the medication will work, as it is fairly new.

I want to thank you all for your concern, well wishes, friendship, brotherhood, and prayers. I'm keeping a positive mental attitude about the coming year and the prospects it holds.

- III. Br. Rev. James H. Harris, 33°





90 Years "OLD"

Marvin Peter DeHeus

Samuel Petroff

Michael Henry Wallen

80 Years "OLD"

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50 Years "OLD"

Scott Christopher Stephenson

40 Years "OLD"

Bart David Wegner

30 Years "OLD"

Colin Nickolas Hause

Our December Youngster

Robert Wade Thrash (29)



December

20, 2019

(2 years)

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Fun Facts About December

Symbols of December

Birthstone: Turquoise, zircon, or tanzanite

Flower: Narcissus or Holly

Zodiac signs: Sagittarius or Capricorn

History: December was originally the tenth month of the year in the Roman calendar. It gets its name from the Latin word "decem" which means tenth. However, when the Romans added January and February to the calendar, it became the twelfth month. They still kept the name, though.

December in Other Languages

Chinese (Mandarin) - shí'èryuè

Danish - december

French - décembre

Italian - dicembre

Latin - December

Spanish - diciembre

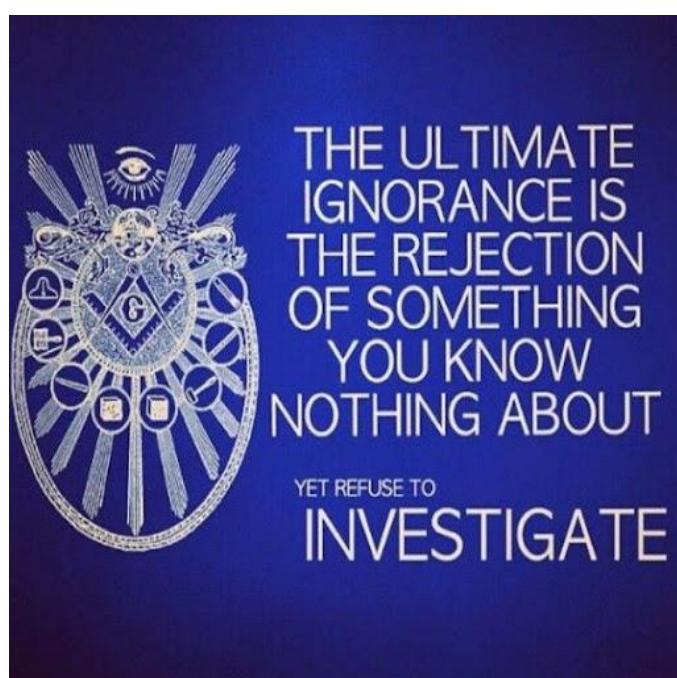
Russian - Декабрь (Dekabr')

Historical Names:

Roman: December

Saxon: Giuli

Germanic: Heil-mond (Holy month)





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Whisky College: 6:00pm

\$25 - Adult (21 and over)

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