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Recognize the "May Pole"? More inside.

Of all crafts, to be an honest man is the Master Craft.

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The "May Pole"

Maypole dancing is a tradition on May Day. It is believed to have started in Roman Britain around 2,000 years ago, when soldiers celebrated the arrival of spring by dancing around decorated trees thanking their goddess Flora. These days dancers weave ribbons around a pole rather than a tree.

The British May Day tradition of dancing around a maypole is around 600 years old and the activity often brings communities together.

Traditionally the dancers position themselves in pairs of boys and girls before beginning their routine. The dance creates a multi-colored pattern which creeps steadily down the pole. The dancers then reverse their steps to undo the ribbons. This is said to represent the lengthening of the days as summer approaches, but the actual significance of the pole itself is not really known. Some communities have a permanent maypole up all year round on village greens and in squares.

PLANNING CALENDAR

May	<i>1</i> 2	022
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Mon, May 2	7:00 p.m.	KSA Meeting in Lodge Room
Fri, May 6	11:30 a.m.	Consistory Lunch (Fried Chicken)
Mon, May 9	5:30 p.m.	Special Officers Meeting to read Petitions
Thu-Sat, May 12-14	7:00 a.m.	Spring Reunion (57 th) Parking Garage Available
Sat, May 14	5:30 p.m.	Banquet, 25 & 50 Year Membership presentations
Mon, May 16		Stated Meeting—Parking Garage Available
	5:30 p.m.	Red Room Business Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Dinner
	7:00 p.m.	Awards and Announcements, Entertainment, Memorial Day
	7:30 p.m.	Split Meeting. Denver Consistory Ritual Open/Close
Fri, May 20	11:30 a.m.	Consistory Lunch (Fried Chicken)
Fri, May 27 NO LUNCH	8:00 a.m.	SRMC Sporting Clays Competition
Sun, May 29	9:00 a.m.	Flags for Vets (Fort Logan)
Mon, May 30		CONSISTORY CLOSED FOR MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY

June 2022

Fri, June 3	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (Fried Chicken)
Mon, June 6	7:00 p.m. KSA Meeting in Lodge Room
Fri, June 10	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch
Sat, Jun 11	11:30 a.m. Ladies Luncheon
Fri, June 17	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch
	Eastern Star Golf Tournament
Mon, Jun 20	Stated Meeting: Hawaiian Shirt night Parking Garage Avail.
	5:30 p.m. Red Room Business Meeting
	6:00 p.m. Dinner
	7:00 p.m. Entertainment, Blue Lodge Recognition Night
	5-minute oration by Orator, Colorado Council of Kadosh
	7:30 p.m. Split Meeting
Fri, June 24	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch

July 2022

Fri, July 1	NO LUNCH
Mon, July 4	Consistory CLOSED for Independence Day Holiday
Fri, July 8, 15,22,29	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch
Sat, July 30	6:00 p.m. Annual Summer Dinner (see flyer)
	Parking Garage Available.

Statement of Principles

Issued by: Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction; Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction; Shriners International

The Southern Jurisdiction and Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, along with Shriners International, were founded as appendant bodies of symbolic Masonic Lodges. These Lodges are chartered and governed by their applicable Grand Lodge. Each of our members are and must remain, members in good standing in a Lodge existing within a recognized Grand Lodge. Our organizations believe that Masonic principles as identified through Grand Lodges are foundational, not merely optional, principles upon which we build to provide further light.

As appendant bodies of the Grand Lodge system, our organizations operate in a manner consistent with the basic principles of Freemasonry. Inherent in these principles is that our members should be seen as good men, continually striving to improve themselves, their character, and their actions, so that we can collectively extend a positive and benevolent influence on the world at large.

We believe the Masonic principles that guide our members' lives have been proven, over centuries, to improve their character and perspectives. As Masons or Masonic organizations, our failure to meet the exceptionally high standards of conduct expected of us is almost always the result of our failure to understand or apply the Masonic principles we have been taught. When we fail to meet the standards of conduct required of Masons, our response is to correct and remedy that failure, not to lower our standards.

We recognize that all humans are fallible and at times, the actions of a member may fall below the high expectations of our Fraternity. We further recognize that, in those cases, Lodges, Grand Lodges, and our own organizations may, of necessity, be required to investigate, and, within established practices, take appropriate disciplinary actions against individual Brothers. We support these actions, in the longstanding belief that such efforts will result in an improvement both within the individual and within our Fraternity at large.

Our interest in adhering to Masonic principles relates not only to improving our members but also specifically to continuing to enjoy an outstanding reputation for integrity and service within our communities.

Teter J. Samue

So Stated and Decreed by the Undersigned in April 2022

James D. Cole, 33°

Sovereign Grand Commander Supreme Council, 33° Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, S.J.

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Peter J. Samiec, 33°

Sovereign Grand Commander Supreme Council, 33° Ancient Accepted Scottish

Rite, N.M.J.

William S. "Bill" Bailey, 33°

Imperial Potentate Shriners International

57th Reunion Spring 2022 May 12 - 14, 2022

Thursday May 12, 2022

7:30am Registration/ Welcome/Class Instruction

8:35am Prolog to 4° 8:39am Exemplify 4° 9:19am Summary of 4°

9:22am Photography Committee

9:32am Class Instruction 9:48am Prolog to 5° 9:50am Exemplify 5° 10:25am Summary of 5° 10:29am Break

10:29am Break
10:44am Prolog to 6°
10:46am Exemplify 6°
11:01am Summary of 6°
11:06am Prolog to 7°
11:08am Exemplify 7°
11:28am Summary of 7°
11:31am Class Instruction
11:46am Prolog to 8°
11:48am Exemplify 8°
12:13pm Summary of 8°

12:17pm Grand Master's Address

12:32pm Lunch

1:17 pm Class Instruction 1:22 pm Communicate 9° & 10° 1:32 pm Communicate 11° 1:37 pm Prolog to 12° 1:39 pm Exemplify 12°

2:04pm Summary of 12°

2:09pm Committee Presentations & tour

2:39pm Break

2:49pm Communicate 13° 2:59pm Exemplify 14° 3:54pm Summary of 14° 3:59pm 14°Ring Ceremony

4:14pm Break

4:24pm Communicate 15°
4:34pm Communicate 16°
4:44pm Class Instruction
5:09pm Prolog to 17°
5:11pm Exemplify 17°
5:51pm Summary of 17°
5:54pm Adjourn

Friday May 13, 2022 8:00am Class Convenes

8:30am Exemplify 18° First & Second Section

9:05am Class Instruction

9:15am Exemplify 18° Third Section

9:50am Summary of 18°

9:55am Knights of St. Andrew Presentation

10:05am Class Instruction

10:10am Break

10:25am Prolog to 19° 10:29am Exemplify 19° 11:04am Summary of 19°

11:07am Communicate 20°

11:15am Communicate 21°

11:23am Lunch

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12:13pm Class Instruction 12:17pm Prolog to 22° 12:19pm Exemplify 22° 1:04pm Summary of 22° 1:07pm Communicate 23° 1:12pm Communicate 24° 1:17pm Class Instruction 1:37pm Prolog to 25° 1:39pm Exemplify 25° 1:59pm Summary of 25° 2:02pm Prolog to 26° 2:04pm Exemplify 26° 2:29pmSummary of 26° 2:32pm Class Instruction 2:47pm Prolog to 27° 2:49pm Exemplify 27° 3:44pm Summary of 27° 3:47pm Class Instruction

4:02pm Break 4:17pm Prolog to 28° 4:19pm Exemplify 28° 5:19pm Summary of 28°

5:22pm Break

5:32pm Communicate 29°

5:42pm Adjourn

Saturday May 14, 2022 8:00am Class Convenes

8:10am S.G.I.G./Deputy Address & Class Photo

9:05am Class Instruction

9:15am Exemplify 30°/1st Apartment 9:33am Exemplify 30°/2nd Apartment 9:48am Exemplify 30°/3rd Apartment

10:03am Break

10:20am Class Instruction

10:35am Exemplify 30°/4th Apartment

11:00am Summary of 30°

11:03am Lunch
12:03 Prolog to 31°
12:05pm Exemplify 31°
12:55pm Summary of 31°
12:58pm Class Instruction
1:33pm Prolog to 32°

1:35pm Exemplify 32° First Section

2:24pm Class Instruction

2:34pm Break

2:44pm Exemplify 32° Second Section

3:36pm Patriotic Poem 3:41pm Closing Ceremony

3:56pm Adjourn 5:30pm Banquet

25 & 50 Year Membership Awards

7:40pm Adjourn





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WHAT'S IN A WORD?

While I was still on active duty in the Navy, I was stationed at our headquarters building in the Washington DC area. Working in an engineering R&D directorate, my boss was a Navy Captain (O6) who was very picky about how his subordinates used certain words in their documents. In my case, I had to use a word that is often confused by many people. So, the Captain decided that maybe I didn't know what that word actually meant, or even that there are three different words that look similar but mean very different things. (Fooled him though, I did know the differences.)

Those words are "insure" "assure" and "ensure." Do you know the difference? (Do you care? - You should!)

Without pestering you with the details of the 500 word essay the Captain made me write, I'll try to summarize the differences in a few short words to help you choose the appropriate word should you ever find yourself in need.

Let's start with some dictionary definitions so we have a common ground to work with.

INSURE: 1. to guarantee against loss or harm; 2. to issue/procure an insurance policy.

ENSURE: 1. to secure or guarantee; 2. to make sure or certain.

ASSURE: 1. to declare earnestly or confidently; 2. to render safe or stable.

As you can plainly see, each similar variant of the word means something quite different. Our language is very robust and elaborate - recall having to learn the difference between to, too, and two? This is a similar situation. There are many other "close" words—in some cases a word may SOUND the same, but is spelled differently and thus means something completely different (homonyms/homophones). Some more common examples are: cache/cash; scents/sense; Chile/chili; choir/quire; site/sight; facts/FAX; Finnish/finish; air/heir; lone/loan; bare/bear; and bald/bawled to mention but a few. 93757

So, the next time you use a word in your native tongue, be aware that there may well be other words spelled similarly, sounding similarly, but which carry totally different meanings—and mistakes happen and can lead to misunderstandings at times.



From the Secretary's Desk

Matt Raia, 33°

CONSISTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Thursday 7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Friday 7:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

THERE IS A BIG DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ADVICE AND HELP

Scottish Rite Masonic Center Endowment Fund Contributions

https://www.denverconsistorybuildingendowmentfund.org

The SRMC wishes to acknowledge those who donated to the Endowment Fund these past two months and began a *Cathedral Club* membership.

Illustrious Brother Keith Anderson, 33° Brother Gary Friehauf, 32° Brother Michael Katich, 32° Denver Chapter #2 R.A.M. Brother Keith Huhn, 32° Brother Howard Zoufaly, 32°

WHO READS THE RITEWORKS CONTEST

The membership numbers published in the April RiteWorks belong to the following Brothers who were eligible to receive a free dinner for the April Stated Meeting: Arthur L. Brodin; David J. Rowley; Herbert W. DeLaney, Jr.; Jackie F. Wade; James H. McMaster; Billy J. Benyak; James L. Cole; James L. Martin; Herbert G. Schillereff; Larry E. Erickson. 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 May Stated Meeting? 2377851

BUILDING SECURITY

<u>Building security is EVERYONE'S responsibility</u>. We ask that you be mindful of whom you let into the lobby through the glass doors and cognizant of who follows you into the building. We have many "street people" waiting for an opportunity to slip into the building. Please do not open the door for anyone you do not KNOW is a member of Denver Consistory. <u>Unfortunately, we had an instance where two members, upon exiting after a degree rehearsal, let an obvious "street person" into the building.</u>

OFFICER CHANGES

Changes have been made to the officer line of the Centennial Lodge of Perfection. **Illustrious Brother Bill Skewes, 33°,** has resigned as Junior Warden due to serious health issues he is experiencing. Several years ago, Brother Skewes was diagnosed with a fatal lung disease which has progressively gotten worse, prohibiting him from fulfilling his duties as an officer of the Centennial Lodge of Perfection. The Executive Committee has advanced the officers one

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station thereby creating a vacancy at the position of Captain of the Host. **Brother Tony Clark, 32°,** has been appointed Captain of the Host. The Executive Committee has also appointed Illustrious Brother Bill Skewes, 33°, Honorary Venerable Master of the Centennial Lodge of Perfection for 2022.

April 18th **Stated Meeting** - The Rocky Mountain Chapter Rose Croix conducted the **Remembrance**, **Renewal and Commitment Ceremony**. Thank you, **Brother Tom Repp, 32° KCCH**, Wise Master and the officers of the Chapter of Rose Croix for a beautiful ceremony.

9 Health Fair - was April 23rd. Thank you to all who volunteered to help and thank you to **Brother Randy Penn, 32° KCCH and Brother Greg Harris, 32° KCCH,** for coordinating the event. The community appreciated having the Health Fair return to Denver Consistory.

Spring Reunion May 12-14, 2022 - WE NEED PETITIONS!!! We have only 13 candidates for the Spring Reunion, and one is a holdover from the Fall Reunion. Brothers, turn in the petitions as soon as you receive them. We will have a special officers meeting Monday, May 9th at 5:30 p.m. to read last minute petitions turned in after our April Stated Meeting.

FIRST LINE SIGNER INCENTIVE PROGRAM: THREE petitions in a calendar year will pay your membership for a year. If you are a life member, it entitles you to receive Stated Meeting dinners for a year. Use the Electronic Petition to expedite the process. When the candidate completes the electronic petition, it is automatically sent to the Denver Consistory office.

DENVER CONSISTORY PETITION FOR MEMBERSHIP



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 Denver Scottish Rite Masonic Center.

2022 MEMBERSHIP FEE WAS PAYABLE DECEMBER 31, 2021. If you have not yet paid your 2022 membership fee, please do so and not become delinquent. \$110 is a real bargain for

membership in Denver Consistory. Just \$0.30 per day. WOW! That's less than the cost of one cup of coffee. Isn't your membership in the Scottish Rite worth more to you than a cup of coffee? Please do your part to help sustain the operation of Denver Consistory by paying your membership fee.

<u>If you are experiencing financial difficulty and are unable to pay your membership fee,</u>

<u>PLEASE CONTACT ME</u>! We have programs available to assist you so that you are not suspended for non-payment. But, you MUST contact me. We can't help you if you don't ask.

AUTOMATIC MEMBERSHIP FEE RENEWAL PROGRAM

Supreme Council created and installed an auto-renewal program to pay membership fees. This is a COMPLETELY VOLUNTARY program that gives members the OPTION to have their membership fees automatically deducted using a credit or debit card through the online Membership Portal.

Life Memberships are an ideal way to avoid paying future membership fee increases. A Life Membership guarantees that you will never be suspended for nonpayment 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 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:

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 16th Stated Meeting - There will be a Memorial Day Program and a presentation by Mr. O'Neal Hughes, from Fort Logan National Cemetery. The Denver Consistory Line Officers will open and close in ritual form.

SRMC Sporting Clays Tournament May 27th 8:00 a.m. This tournament is a fundraising event for the Scottish Rite Masonic Center and the Scottish Rite Foundation. Invite your family and friends to join you for a fun tournament. Go to the tournament website at:

www.scottishritesportingclays.com to sign up (See flyer in this issue for details.)

NO LUNCH Friday May 27th - This is the Friday before a holiday and attendance at lunch is very poor on these Fridays. 7892656

OFFICE CLOSED - May 30th in observance of Memorial Day.

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Flags for Fallen Vets May 29th 9:00 a.m. Denver Consistory will participate in this community involvement project at Fort Logan National Cemetery by placing American Flags on the graves. You, your family, and friends, are all invited to join us. (See flyer for details.)

KSA Meeting - June 6th at 7:00 p.m. in the Lodge Room. All Scottish Rite members are invited to attend.

Ladies Lunch - June 11th at 11:30 a.m.

Second Annual Scottish Rite Golf Classic. The Scottish Rite Masonic Center Golf Tournament will be August 19th at Willis Case Golf Course to benefit the Scottish Rite Masonic Center and the Scottish Rite Foundation. Go to the tournament website www.scottishritegolf.org to sign up.

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

May 2021 1,598

May 2022 1,528

Net: -70

HELP ENSURE THE FUTURE OF THE DENVER CONSISTORY SCOTTISH RITE MASONIC CENTER

A Consistory Member has offered each person who contributes \$1000 or more to the Scottish Rite Masonic Center Endowment Fund a \$50.00 gift card from either King's Supermarkets or Outback Steakhouse. The Outback card is also good at Bonefish Grill. 8939456

All you need to do is make your new contribution by May 27th ... and look forward to receiving your gift card by June 15th. Call the office at 303-861-4261 to make a credit card payment or send a check to the office, 1370 Grant Street, Denver, CO 80203, made payable to the Scottish Rite Masonic Center—indicate "Endowment Fund" on the memo line.

The "small print:? There is none. Your contribution is tax-deductible and the gift YOU receive is paid for by a Member, so your entire gift goes to ensure the future of the Denver Consistory Scottish Rite Masonic Center.

Please contact Matt Raia if you need more information.



From the Denver Consistory East

Brother Joseph L. Mitchell, 32° KCCH

Master of Kadosh



SPRING AND THE REUNION

Spring is considered a time of an awakening, renewal, and rebirth. Flowers begin to bloom; temperatures begin to moderate from the harshness of Winter and the days get longer and we receive more light during the daylight hours. With Spring also comes the Easter season when Christians celebrate Jesus Christ coming back to life and Jews celebrate their freedom from Egypt.

As Scottish Rite Masons, we have the opportunity of also gaining more light through our attendance and participation in our Reunions. Scottish Rite Freemasonry is a way for Masons to build upon the ethical and philosophical teachings that are presented in the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd degrees. The degrees of the Reunion, 4th through the 32nd, reveal a wealth of knowledge about Masonry and life not found in the other degrees. Through these degrees, we become more aware of some of our core values such as: reverence for God, devotion to our country, integrity, justice, tolerance, and service.

Albert Pike first published Morals and Dogma in 1871 and revised it in 1884. Many of the lessons we learn in these degrees are as relevant today as they were then. Especially in this time of so much turbulence in the world, these lessons can help guide us through our lives. There are too many to completely cover here, but I'll give you a few that I find most timely.

In the 6th Degree, we learn to be zealous, faithful, benevolent, and always act the peacemaker. In the 7th Degree, we learn to let justice be the guide of our actions. All actions have consequences, so be just in judging the motives of others.

In the 8th Degree, we learn to be benevolent and charitable.

The 9th teaches that ignorance is the principal enemy of human freedom. A free press is indispensable to true liberty.

The 10th teaches us to be tolerant and liberal. War against fanatism and persecution with education and enlightenment. Ambition creates tyranny and despotism. Fanaticism creates intolerants and persecution. 11147118

In the 13th, we learn to seek knowledge and be motivated by duty and honor.

In the 18th, we should be tolerant of the faith and creed of others. We should have faith in God, mankind, and ourselves.

The 24th Degree strengthens our faith in the immortality of the soul and that there is one true God.

The 26th Degree teaches us to practice mercy and forgiveness.

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In the 29th Degree we learn to be reverent and obedient to Deity and to defend the people against tyranny.

The 31st Degree teaches us to judge yourself the same as we judge others.

The 32nd Degree teaches us to be soldiers of the light who seek truth and knowledge. A soldier of the Scottish Rite is zealous and ardent in the performance of his duties to God, his country, his family, his brethren, and himself.

So, as we receive more light each day during this season, let us also remember the light we receive from the degrees in this Reunion.



The Degrees and Bodies of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite

4th Degree: Builder

5th Degree: Perfect Master

6th Degree: Master of the Brazen Serpent

7th Degree: Provost and Judge

8th Degree: Intendant of the Building 9th Degree: Master of the Temple

10th **Degree: Master Elect** Lodge of Perfection: 4° - 14°

11th Degree: Sublime Master Elected

13th Degree: Master of Marcy

Council of Princes of Jerusalem: 15° - 16°

12th Degree: Master of Mercy

13th Degree: Master of the Ninth Arch Chapter of Rose Croix: 17° - 18°

Consistory: 19° - 32°

14th Degree: Grand Elect Mason 15th Degree: Knight of the East

16th Degree: Prince of Jerusalem

17th Degree: Knight of the East and West

18th Degree: Knight of the Rose Croix of H.R.D.M.

19th Degree: Brother of the Trail 20th Degree: Master ad Vitam 21st Degree: Patriarch Noachite 22nd Degree: Prince of Libanus 23rd Degree: Knight of Valor

24th Degree: Brother of the Forest 25th Degree: Master of Achievement

26th Degree: Friend and Brother Eternal

27th Degree: Knight of Jerusalem 28th Degree: Knight of the Sun

29th Degree: Knight of Saint Andrew

30th Degree: Grand Inspector

31st Degree: My Brother's Keeper

32nd Degree: Sublime Prnce of the Royal Secret 33rd Degree: Sovereign Grand Inspector General



Bill Achbach, 32° KCCH

Director of Education

Furthering Our Masonic Education



Thank You!

Before getting onto my main theme for this month, I want to thank the Brethren who made contact, after April's *RiteWorks* was posted, to comment on last month's article. I received a couple of trivia answers and one comment on "Answering the Challenge" (in re: addressing criticism of the Craft), appreciate your making the effort to get in touch and certainly invite more of the same! The article that follows, as a matter of fact, is mainly a solicitation of interest in stepping up our Masonic Education effort.

One other "housekeeping" matter, also...

What Happened to J2SR?

I was very disappointed, back in February, when the decision was taken to cancel scheduling of *Journey to the Scottish Rite*, as a run up to our Spring Reunion. There unfortunately must be a practical limit on how many new petitions justify all of the time and effort put into organizing the sessions, producing the presentations and then offering them to members of the upcoming class, so it was a decision of necessity: there just wasn't enough interest expressed (in the form of petitions that reached Matt's desk) to set the program in motion. We'll hope for a better result for Fall and plan on also inviting the members of the Spring Class to participate.

That's something to keep in mind, Brethren, even now (but absolutely following our May 12-14 Reunion). We now have enough candidates in that class to have offered J2SR...had the petitions been turned in sooner! It wouldn't take a whole lot of extra effort to make the program a "go" for the Fall Class. Ask members of last November's class what the experience meant to them! For this Fall's Reunion, we'll probably make that call around the first week in August. 8218372

Next Steps

What's on tap for education for Denver Consistory? Back several months ago, I suggested that Brethren contact me with ideas for programs they thought would be interesting or informative: themes, topics, formats, etc. to serve as a starting point both for Stated Meeting presentations and, possibly, more involved projects. That request netted...

NOTHING!

Now that's okay, Brethren! After all, Ill. Matt's offer of a free meal, in exchange for spotting your membership number in *RiteWorks*, hasn't borne fruit yet either, and I'm certainly not making as generous an offer as that! The lack of response, so far, won't be a deterent in continuing to make the effort. What follows are several ideas I want to share with you and, yes, once again solicit input.

Each of these three ideas are put forth as BOTH a specific proposal for a program AND as an example of a TYPE of project we could undertake together. What I'm asking from you, if you could share your thoughts, is BOTH your reaction to the specific idea and to the general approach.

A Book Group...maybe several book groups?

There are LOTS of worthwhile Masonically-themed books out there and more coming out all the time. Publications like our own *Scottish Rite Journal*, *The Rocky Mountain Mason*, and *The Journal of the Masonic Society* have reviews and write-ups about these in each issue. I've never read a good Masonic book and not wanted to share something with my Brothers, so a book group seems a natural to me.

Specifically, I propose a new publication about history's most famous American Freemason. Titled *A Deserving Brother: George Washington and Freemasonry*, it's just a few months in print and published by The University of Virginia Press. The author, Mark A. Tabbert, is the Director of Archives and Exhibits at the George Washington National Masonic Memorial in Alexandria, VA, so one might say he had access to just about the cream of GW resources in doing the work. More info can be found here or here.

What say ye, Brethren? A good concept? A book that sounds interesting to take on? Remember, I'm looking for either/both your reaction to the general idea AND to the specific book. Let me know if you'd like to join the group.

A discussion or class on topics from our Scottish Rite ritual?

Our ritual offers a wealth of topics to study and discuss, and, of course, we've had a number of presentations at Stated Meetings, focusing on the themes, symbols and lessons of specific degrees. What I'm suggesting, however, is something that digs a bit deeper than what is covered in *A Bridge to Light*. We could tackle a theme that cuts across several degrees (patriotism? self-discipline?) or, as I'm suggesting here, we could take a more detailed look at a theme from a single degree.

What I propose is a study of the lawgivers (Zoroaster, Manu, Confucius, etc.) who appear so prominently in the Twentieth Degree. Who were they? What did their law codes really say, and what did they accomplish for the people of their time and place? What did their efforts add to our common experience and to modern civil society?

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What do you think, Brethren? Does delving deeper into themes and topics from our degree work interest you as a general idea? How about the specific proposal to look closer at the law-givers who appear as characters in the 20th Degree?

A comparative look at the degree work of the Northern & Southern Jurisdictions?

We are looking at the possibility of accessing available presentations of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction's degree work, from their virtual reunions, and comparing that work to our own. We'd find many similarities, of course, but also significant differences in the focus of the work and its treatment of themes and symbols.

I believe that a study like this would be especially interesting and meaningful, if we can involve some of Denver Consistory's more knowledgeable and involved ritualists and perhaps some of the degree directors also. There are lots of details to work out on this one, to bring all of the pieces together, and I thank III. Bill Hickey for the suggestion and the contacts that could make it possible. 5858717

So, how does such a study sound to you, Brethren? Does that specific education program appeal to you? What about the general idea of programs rooted in the Scottish Rite ritual, but encompassing more that the study of single degrees? Please drop me a line in response!

That's about it for this month, Brethren. As always, my opportunities to interact with you always leave me energized for the work to be done, and humbled in the realization of how much there is to learn. I hope to hear from you, as we work together to build a vibrant educational program for Denver Consistory.



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Last Month's Trivia Question: What was the 1843 Baltimore Convention, and what was its significance to American Free Masonry?

Answer: It was "[a] Masonic Congress which met in the city of Baltimore, May 8th, 1843. It consisted of delegates from thirteen states and the District of Columbia, for the purpose of establishing a uniformity in the work. It continued in session for nine days in an effort to perfect the ritual and form a national Grand Lodge to meet every three years. Too much bitterness entered into the controversy however, and it is doubtful that a national Grand Lodge will ever be established." BTW, it was only one (although perhaps the best known) of five such gatherings of American Masons: all with much the same agenda. The others: Washington, D.C. (in 1822), a second in Baltimore, MD. (1847), Lexington, Ky. (1853) and the last in Chicago (1859), which was a "volunteer assemblage," rather than of delegates sent by their jurisdictions, as the previous ones had been. (Peterson, William O.. Masonic Quiz Book: Ask Me Another Brother . Book Tree. Kindle Edition)

This Month's Trivia Question (answer in next month's *RiteWorks*): How long has the Supreme Council of the A. & A.S.R., S.J. been "now sitting in Washington, D.C.", rather than at its "See," in Charleston, SC? Why did that move take place?



From the Denver Consistory Archivist

MWB Michael Moore, 33°





ARCHIVES UPDATES!

I have been recently working to catch up on a few things in our archives. The last eight years has not had much done in that time (I have been busy doing a few other things) but the archives are now being revamped and caught up on. My Scottish Rite Brother might find some of what has been done recently very interesting.

 The master set of our class pictures which are not in frames or are hanging on the walls of our building has been reorganized and now has a new place to keep them safe.

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Archives Update from the Consistory Archivist - Continued from previous page

- This last go-through, I handled two-hundred-and-twelve class pictures, starting in 1908 and going through 2018.
- The number of candidates initiated in those class pictures total fourteen-thousand-four-hundred-fifty men! This includes those from all three Consistories: Rocky Mountain, Colorado, and Denver.
- The four largest class sizes in this set are: May 1970 (316), May 1964 (261), May 1963 (223), and November 1948 (192). I can't imagine numbers like those! And, the planning it would take to have a successful Reunion with a class size anything close to those numbers.
- The most recent, smallest class of this period was in 2012 (we had 12 in it). But that class was not the smallest in this set, you can see it in the picture on the previous page of the Fall 1924 class. If you want to know how many candidates were in it, count those wearing lapel badges and who are not wearing a Scottish Rite cap.
- We now have the largest number of Rocky Mountain Consistory class photos since I started working with our history, with fifteen. 11162565
- When you crunch the numbers from these pictures, our average class size through the years is now sixty-eight candidates.

You may see a few more of the framed pictures around—our history is important—not just to us, who like to see these pictures; but also to all the Brothers who are in these pictures and their families. It is good for us to keep their legacy and memory alive and known to posterity.



WHO'S YOUR BENEFICIARY?

L. William Schmidt, Jr.—Attorney at Law Advisor to the Denver Scottish Rite Masonic Center Endowment Fund

We are often reluctant to consider large charitable gifts due to fear of complications or cost. We might also be willing to make a larger gift at death rather than deplete our lifetime resources. So, this article will mention several easy ways to make a gift at death without incurring legal fees or probate.

LIFE INSURANCE

It is easy to forget a life insurance policy we may have acquired to safeguard our family in the event of premature death. Or, it might be a policy acquired through employment that was almost forgotten. Now, the full face-value of these policies may no longer be necessary. It is a simple matter to change the beneficiary, in total or in part, naming the Endowment Fund as a beneficiary.

RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS

Your IRA, Roth IRA, and 401(k) are some of the most taxed assets you own. Although contributions during your lifetime are tax-deductible and grow tax-free, they are taxed at ordinary income tax rates when withdrawn by you at retirement or by your heirs at death. By naming the Endowment Fund as a beneficiary, your heirs escape taxation and your estate receives a charitable income tax deduction for the amount paid to the Endowment Fund. You might also split the beneficiary with part going to your heirs and a part to the Endowment Fund. The income tax deduction for the amount passing to the Endowment Fund may offset part or all of the income tax on the amount paid to your heirs. 10355423

BENEFICIARY DEED

Your personal residence may be one of the most significant assets you own. Colorado allows you to deed the residence to the Endowment Fund, but the transfer is not effective until your death. The Endowment Fund receives the residence without the need to employ an attorney or go through probate. You are in total control of the residence during your lifetime and can always change your mind and revoke the deed during your lifetime.

POD DESIGNATION

You can add a POD (Pay On Death) beneficiary designation to your bank account or securities account. This can be a complete or partial beneficiary designation. The Endowment Fund would have no right to the account during your lifetime, but can collect the balance in the account at death without legal fees or probate. Your banker or investment advisor can assist you to make this designation.

Memorial Scroll

There were no notifications of Deaths since our last Stated Meeting.







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: Thomas R. Repp, 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° (emeritus); Richard W. Mitchell, 33°; Scott E. Olson, 32° KCCH; Matthew A. Raia, 33°; 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 Tom Repp, 32° KCCH for more information.



The Prelate's Pulpit

Rev. James H. Harris, 33° Prelate for All Scottish Rite Bodies



Greetings my Brothers, the Easter season continues until June 5th, the Day of Pentecost. Pentecost is considered to be the birthday of the church. The Denver Consistory did a wonderful job hosting the Easter Sunrise service sponsored by the Knights Templar Association. It is the oldest continuous sunrise service in the state. It was well attended by many Masonic groups and the only time when so many Masonic groups come together.

The Remembrance, Renewal, and Commitment service was very moving. The Rose Croix Line did an excellent job in conducting the service in the Cathedral Room. Brother Tom Repp is the Wise Master of the Rose Croix line this year. Our departed brothers were remembered and the current brothers were asked to make a commitment to live a life dedicated to the ideals of our fraternity. 9592163

I pray all of you have a wonderful Spring and in this season of renewal find time to recharge your life. Of all the symbols of Easter, the Easter Lily is probably the most meaningful.

Its sheer white petals symbolize life, purity, innocence, joy, and peace. The beautiful white flowers of the lilies were connected with these traits well before Jesus Christ. Many ancient allegories connect the flower with motherhood. It is said that beautiful white lilies sprang up where the drops of Christ's sweat fell to the ground in his final hours of sorrow.

The lilies in Jesus' area were wild lilies of the valleys and fields. Easter Lilies are a symbol of new life.

My brothers, I suggest we use this time to look at our lives and see some ways we can become better men. Have a great Spring and enjoy the beauty of this season. I do appreciate all of you and all you do for the Masonic Fraternity. We walk the road of life together.

III. Br. Rev. James H. Harris,





Dear God, Grand Architect of the Universe:

Our hearts break as Ukraine suffers in the face of violence and hatred. We are humbled by the profound loss felt by so many. The horrors of war leave us breathless. God, we pray for all human beings, all animals and plant life that are victims of this war in Ukraine. We pray for those in Russia whose hearts are with Ukraine and are risking their lives as they raise their voices in protest against their government. We pray for the entire world community. May your love and compassion bring protection, especially to the weakest and most vulnerable. May your wisdom turn the hearts of those who seek to destroy, to a place of peace.

AMEN.



"A new commandment I give unto you. That you love one another." These are the words spoken by the Master of Nazareth as he broke bread with his disciples at the Last Supper. These are simple words. Yet, they express the most sublime truth: all men are brothers. We share one origin and one common obligation. This commandment summarizes the highest wisdom of all ages.

The code of statutes adopted in 1866 lists Maundy Thursday as a feast day, and in 1878, it is listed as an obligatory observance. In 1994, it was deemed in the Scottish Rite that a celebration of "Remembrance and Renewal" should replace the traditional Maundy Thursday observance and be held near the Vernal Equinox. In this service, we commemorate the lives of those who have gone before us and seek to renew our lives.

Submitted by III. Brother Reverend James Harris, 33°

2022 KTA Easter Sunrise Service



AFTER A TWO-YEAR COVID HIATUS - 9 HEALTH FAIR RETURNS TO THE DENVER CONSISTORY





90 Years "OLD"

James Edward Ficke
Robert Leroy Keefer
Edward Allen Robinson

80 Years "OLD"

Claud Edward Dutro
Douglas Lee Gordon
William Joseph Viner
James Brian Warburton

70 Years "OLD"

Daniel Gene Anderson Robert Warder Atkinson II James Edward Gates Curtis Arthur Lipkie

60 Years "OLD"

William Jay Feldman Mark George Hope Anthony Scott Mohr

50 Years "OLD"

Eric Dwain Frohlick William James Walton

Our May 2022 "Youngster"
Nicholas Miller (28)

RULES OF "THUMB"

As a rule of thumb, one ostrich egg will serve 24 people for brunch.

A submarine will move through the water most efficiently if it is 10 to 13 times as long as it is wide.

People will eat one and half to two times the number of potatoes mashed that they would eat baked.

To estimate the temperature outdoors in degrees Fahrenheit, count the number of times a lone cricket chirps in fifteen seconds and add thirty-seven.

Sailing into port: If the wind is strong, the tide can be wrong; if the wind is light, the tide must be right.

The diameter of a tree trunk in inches is the radius of the root system in feet.

One minute of longitude (at the equator) is one nautical mile.

Making a design change to a computer system when it is nearly complete will cost about ten times as much as making the change before the work has started.

Red sky at sunset means that wind is on the way. (Red sky at night, sailor's delight; red sky in the morning, sailor's take warning.)



Take me out to the ball park on April 8th at 2:10 p.m. COLORADO ROCKIES OPENING HOME GAME

Brother Dick Williams, 32°, will be at Coors Field on opening day (April 8th) in one of the Colorado Rockies Shops. This will be his 4th season working at the Rockies and contributing to our Scottish Rite Masonic Center. **LET IT BE KNOWN THAT** Dick Williams attended 85 home Rockies games last year! His efforts rewarded our Scottish Rite Masonic Center to the tune of over \$10,000!!! How have we recognized Brother Williams? He has received a Double Eagle Jewel Collar, certificates of recognition, articles in the *RiteWorks*, citing his efforts at the Colorado Rockies games, and he has been acknowledged at multiple Stated Meetings.

SO ... WHAT IS MISSING? As a Scottish Rite Mason, YOU are part of Dick's family. Each one of us should personally thank Dick and recognize his efforts by a **matching contribution** for one or more games he has worked or will work this year. How much is that? Dick earned \$110 for each of the 85 games he worked in 2021.

Recognize Brother Dick by a contribution in his name to the Scottish Rite Masonic Center. You can do this by sending in a check to the attention of either Matt Raia or Cathy Anderson. You can also call the office and give them your Credit Card number.

Scottish Rite Masonic Center 1370 Grant Street Denver, Colorado 80203 (303) 861-4261

Thank you for your contribution and GO ROCKIES!



SCOTTISH RITE SPRING REUNION

Denver Consistory

May 12, 13, 14, 2022

AN OPPORTUNITY TO REUNITE WITH YOUR BROTHERS REVISIT THE TEACHINGS









Preparation

Organization

Having Fun

<u>First Line Signer Incentive Program:</u> THREE petitions in a calendar year will pay your membership for a year. If you are a life member it entitles you to receive stated meeting dinners for a year



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Join us for a fun time and a great cause!
Registration is now open for the first annual
Scottish Rite Sporting Clays Classic on
May 27th, 2022

The event is to support the Scottish Rite Foundation and the Scottish Rite Masonic Center.

Colorado Clays

13600 Lanewood St, Brighton, CO 80603

Single Shooter Registration - \$150

Sponsorship opportunies include:

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Register online at:

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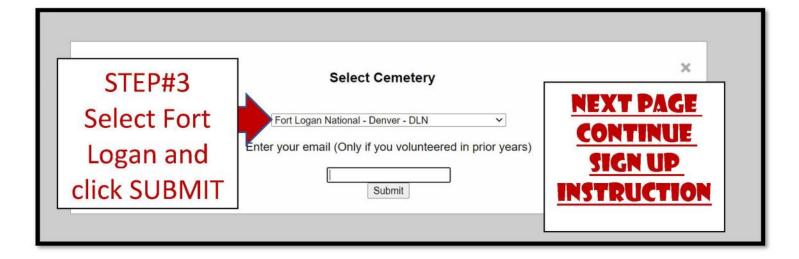


ROCKY MOUNTAIN CHAPTER OF ROSE CROIX WE NEED VOLUNTEERS - DO NOT DELAY!

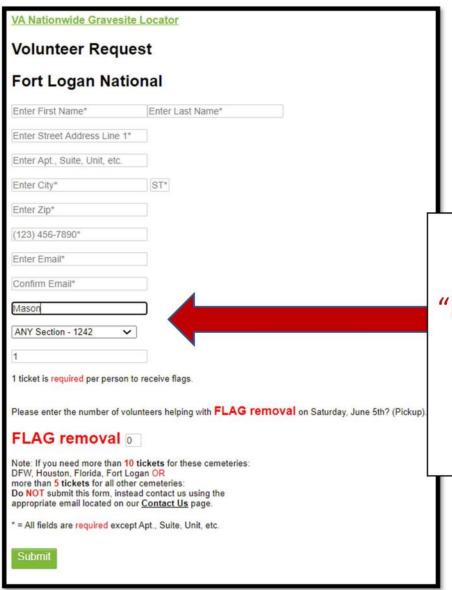
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#4 Fill in personal information and add "Mason" to Group, Select "Any" for Section, and enter 1 ticket for 40 flags.

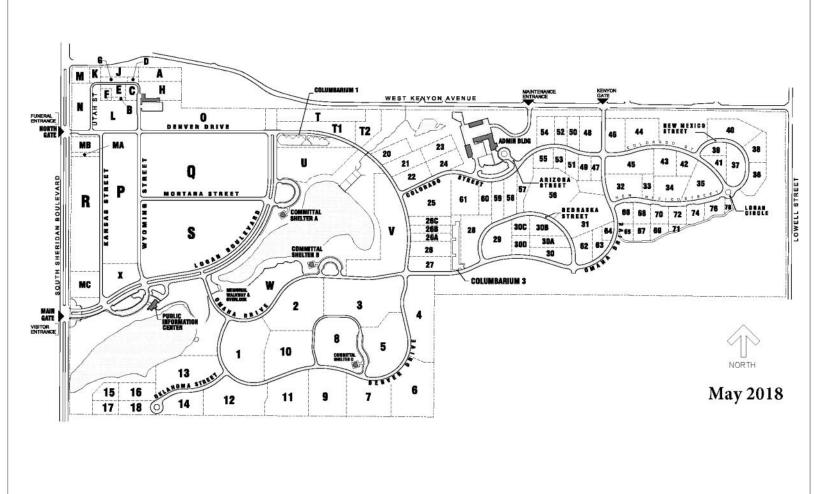
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#5 Get assignment section, show up, and participate.
Address: 4400 W. Kenyon Ave. Denver, CO 80236
If kneeling is difficult, come and help others.
Bring a screw driver, mallet, and optional knee pad
to help install flags.
Dress for "Colorado" weather (rain or shine)
and bring water.
Enjoy time with Mason Friends and Family!
Support those who sacrificed for our Freedoms!

Cemetery Map Attached.

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SUMMER LADIES LUNCHEON

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VENERABLE MASTER, CENTENNIAL LODGE OF PERFECTION

DENVER CONSISTORY

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SAVE THE DATE: June 11, 2022, beginning at 11:30 in the morning.

THE FARE: Scrumptious, delectable, authentic Maryland horse racing fare.

Ladies, you are invited to wear your cheeriest summer outfits and fanciest hats. This will be, after all, a summer horse racing party! SEE YOU IN JUNE!

Saturday July 30th, 2022 6 pm—9 pm





DENVER CONSISTORY

ANNUAL SUMMER DINNER

OLD COLORADO THE EARLY YEARS, MYTH & LEGEND





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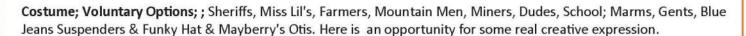


Dinner; Southwest Fiesta Style Buffet Dinner, Coffee, Tea, Water.

Cost: Adults, \$30 _ Youths; 7-12, \$15; _ Kids 6 - 0 Donation

Promotions; An ALL Call for All to pass the word. It's our party lets get the word out.

Dining Room; Attendants & Servers by Amaranth Ladies & Guys



Awards; Homemade Trophy for the best Guy and Best Gal.

Guest Speaker; TBD,

Live entertainment; Pending on Budget perhaps or I Consistory Volunteer, Acoustic Guitar for background music.



Donation: Fifty Cents Sarsaparilla shots for Rite Care.

Doc's: will be available for stronger libations.







Mount Zion #133 Pancake Breakfast

4th Sunday, every Month, 8am – 11am



all the Pancakes you can eat!

With potatoes, eggs, sausage, coffee, tea, cocoa, milk & orange juice

Donations:

Adults & Children over 12yrs - \$7.00 ea.

Children 8-12yrs - \$5.00 ea.

Children 5yrs & under - Free!

And check out the "Make - an - Offer" Table!!!



Golden Masonic Center

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Order of the Eastern Star



Baby Shower to Benefit Denver Health Medical Center "Newborns in Need"



Denver Assembly No. 1, Social Order of the Beauceant is having a Baby Shower!

Who doesn't love shopping for baby items?

Specific Needs:
Layette items 0-6 months
Baby blankets – not larger than 24 x 36 inches
Sleepers, outfits, onesies
Items must be new

Did you know that Denver Health delivers on average 10 babies per day? And, more boys than girls!

You may donate items to any SOOB member, or drop them off at the Consistory any time since items are collected all year.

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