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JUNE 14 = FLAG DAY = U. S. ARMY BIRTHDAY



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One day a man was walking along the beach when he noticed a boy picking something up and gently throwing it into the ocean.

Approaching the boy, he asked, "What are you doing?"

The youth replied,

"Throwing starfish back into the ocean.

The surf is up and the tide is going out. If I don't throw them back, they'll die."

"Son", the man said, "Don't you realize there are miles and miles of beach and hundreds of starfish?

You can't make a difference!"

After listening politely, the boy bent down, picked up another starfish, and threw it back into the surf.

Then, smiling at the man, he said, "I made a difference for that one."

~Loren Easley

June 2022

Fri, JUN 3	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (Fried Chicken)
Mon, JUN 6	7:00 p.m. KSA Meeting in Lodge Room
Fri, JUN 10	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch
Sat, JUN 11	11:30 a.m. Ladies Luncheon
Fri, JUN 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, JUN 24	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch

July 2022

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

August 2022

Fri, AUG 5, 12, 26	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch
Wed, AUG 17	6:00-7:30 p.m. Officers' Midyear Planning Dinner Meeting
Fri, AUG 19	NO LUNCH— CONSISTORY CLOSED FOR SRMC GOLF TOURNAMENT
Wed, AUG 24	7:00 p.m. Degree Council Meeting

September 2022

Fri, SEP 2	NO LUNCH (Labor Day Holiday Weekend)
Mon, SEP 5	CONSISTORY CLOSED for Labor Day Holiday
Fri, SEP 9, 16, 23, 30	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (Fried Chicken on 9th)
Wed SEP 14	6:30-8:00 p.m. Friend of the Scottish Rite (Prospect Night)
Mon SEP 19	Stated Meeting Parking Garage Available 5:30 p.m. Red Room Business Meeting 6:00 p.m. Dinner 3296175 7:00 p.m. Awards and Patents—Entertainment 7:30 p.m. Split Meeting 5 min oration—Minister of State Denver Consistory

EDITOR'S WRESTLEBOARD



BY: **BILL HICKEY, 33°**

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EXTREMIS

As I write this, I'm sitting in the Marriott North Charleston (South Carolina) attending my last annual reunion as the Executive Director of the Naval Cryptologic Veterans Association. I've held that job for 10 years and it was time to step aside and let someone else do that job. I'm in the process of handing off my projects and plans to a retired Force Master Chief who should be in a fine position to carry on the important work. People typically ask what a "cryptologist" is or does. We like to say "we study crypts." But, that's really a deflection. Our heritage comes from the WWII "On The Roof Gang" - a small, select group of Navy Radiomen who were trained to copy Japanese Katakana Morse code signals and break the code systems used by the Japanese in the Pacific theater. They were single-handedly responsible for the intelligence that allowed the Navy to win the Battle of Midway, and they also produced the intelligence that let U. S. forces intercept and shoot down the plane carrying Japanese Admiral Yamamoto—the architect of the attack on Pearl Harbor. 7503907

What has that to do with the Scottish Rite? Well, like any other organization, you NEED change—of leadership, of goals, and even some processes to retain your edge. As one Brother said long ago, the absence of change is ... death. That's true here as well. The tendency of most people is to set back and let someone else do the job because they don't believe they could do the job as well, so we'll just leave things as they are. That leads to burn-out, it leads to stagnation, and in the end, it leads to member defections—feeling that their presence isn't all that important to the organization.

Remember, I've shown you all the TREND in membership of US/Canadian Lodges—and it's uniform and consistent over the last 50 years. It's on a 5% downward trend everywhere. That simply means...we are not even replacing our losses due to death (which we can't stop), never mind our losses to NPD, moves out of area, or other causes.

In the Navy, when we are driving ships, there is a situation called "in extremis." What that means is, you have put yourself into a situation where a COLLISION is inevitable, no matter what you do. It means you waited too long to make a change or decision and now the result is inevitable.

Let's not get our lodges and consistory into "extremis" Brothers. Find your niche and make a contribution and help distribute the load that we all have.

Bill



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.

PEOPLE ARE SELDOM TOO BUSY TO STOP AND TELL YOU HOW BUSY THEY ARE

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 a *Cathedral Club* membership.

Illustrious Brother Keith Anderson, 33°

Brother Scott Bates, 32° KCCH

Brother Tim Lambert, 32° KCCH

Brother Howard Zoufaly, 32°

Centennial York Rite College #87

WHO READS THE RITEWORKS CONTEST

The membership numbers published in the May RiteWorks belong to the following Brothers who were eligible to receive a free dinner for the May Stated Meeting: **Stephen Altman, Clement Hackethal, Forrest Curtis, John Timmerman, Thomas Repp, John Annan, John Sturgeon, Charles Allen, Shaun Case, and Robert Arnett.** **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 June Stated Meeting? 157800

BUILDING SECURITY

Building security is EVERYONE'S responsibility. 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. **Unfortunately, we had an instance where two members, upon exiting after a degree rehearsal, let an obvious "street person" into the building.**

TRANSPORTATION AVAILABLE

Brethren, if you need a ride to a stated meeting, the reunion, or one of our events, CALL THE OFFICE and LET US KNOW! We will send a ride-share service (Lyft or Uber) to pick you up and take you back home **at no expense to you.** The Consistory will pay the bill. You do not have to miss out on participating in Denver Consistory events because you need a ride.

From the Secretary's Desk - Continued from previous page

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.

Spring Reunion May 12-14, 2022 - Thank you to all the degree directors and cast members, and all the committee members who made the Reunion a success. Welcome to the following new Masters of the Royal Secret: **Devon Campbell, Joseph Dowling, Sterling Field, Stephan Grenier, Kevin Hintz, Wesley Hoffer, Bryan Kemper, Thomas Kerlee, Lee Monsebroten, Jose Ortega-Roldan, William Robertson III, Roman Romero, Michael Schleis, and Bruce Stewart.** The class members contributed \$535 to the Scottish Rite Masonic Center Endowment Fund. Thank you, Brothers for your support of the SRMC.

Fifty Year Members - Three fifty-year members were honored during the Reunion banquet. **Illustrious Brother Don Emarine, 33°; Brother Martin Forey, 32°; and Brother Jon Robison, 32° KCCH.** A fifty-year membership certificate was also presented to **Brother Robert Hurrell, 32° KCCH,** who was not able to attend the banquet.



May 16th Stated Meeting - We had a wonderful Memorial Day Program and a presentation by Mr. Theo Hunczak from Fort Logan National Cemetery. The Denver Consistory Line Officers opened and closed in ritual form.

SRMC Sporting Clays Tournament was held May 27th - this tournament was a fund-raising event for the Scottish Rite Masonic Center and the Scottish Rite Foundation. Thank you, **Brother Pablo Colombar, 32° KCCH,** and **Brother Michael Rotert, 32°,** for planning and organizing this event. We look forward to next year's tournament.

Flags for Fallen Vets May 29th - Denver Consistory participated at Fort Logan National Cemetery by placing American Flags on the graves. This community outreach is sponsored by the Rocky Mountain Chapter of Rose Croix. Thank you to all those who participated.

Honorary Venerable Master Presentation - On May 18th **Illustrious Brothers Ron Birely, 33°**, **Personal Representative, Bart Corfee, 33°**, **Brother Danny Will, 32° KCCH**, and I visited **Illustrious Brother Bill Skewes, 33°**, at his home and presented him a plaque designating him Honorary Venerable Master, Centennial Lodge of Perfection, 2022, and a green Past Presiding Officer name badge, in recognition of his exemplary service to Denver Consistory. Congratulations Illustrious Brother Skewes on being named Honorary Venerable Master.

2022 Membership fee was payable January 1, 2022. We currently have 85 members who have not yet paid their 2022 membership fee. Please do your part to help sustain the operation of Denver Consistory by paying your membership fee.

If you are experiencing financial difficulty and are unable to pay your membership fee, PLEASE CONTACT ME. We have programs available to assist you so that you are not suspended for nonpayment, but you MUST contact me. We can't help you if you don't ask.

Monthly membership fee payment is available - Are you tired of paying fees at the end of the year to all the Masonic bodies of which you are a member? You may pay your annual Denver Consistory membership fee in eleven easy monthly payments rather than one lump sum, eliminating one more year-end bill to pay. By authorizing an automatic credit card payment each month, at the end of eleven months your membership fee for the ensuing year will be paid. Contact the office to set up a payment plan.

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.

2023 Membership Fee Increase - The Denver Consistory membership fee will be \$130 effective January 1, 2023. Denver Consistory is not immune from the effects of inflation and the increased costs of doing business, which has necessitated the decision to increase the membership fee. The Supreme Council will mail the 2023 membership fee notices in August of 2022. Please pay your membership fee when you receive the notice, and not lay it aside and forget about it and then become delinquent.

COMING EVENTS

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

Ladies Lunch - June 11th 11:30 a.m. (See flyer in this issue.)

Stated Meeting June 20th 7:00 p.m. - Will be ***Wear Your Hawaiian Shirt Night*** and ***Blue Lodge Recognition Night***. We will have an oration by **Brother Jeremy DeBard, 32°**, Orator of the Colorado Council of Kadosh. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m., prior to the meeting. **Reservations are required at:** <https://squareup.com/store/centennial-lodge-of-perfection> or by calling the office at 303-861-4261. Those of you on the "Standing Reservation list" **MUST** call the office to cancel your reservation if you will not attend dinner on June 20th. If you do not cancel your reservation, you will be billed for dinner.

Annual Summer Dinner July 30th - This year it will be a Southwest Fiesta Style Buffet dinner. See the enclosed flyer for details. Thank you Brother Michael Rudloff, 32° KCCH, Preceptor of Denver Consistory for planning this event.

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 <http://www.scottishritegolf.org> to sign up.

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

June 2021 1,597

June 2022 1,536

Net: **-61**



Bill Achbach, 32° KCCH

Director of Education

“More especially, this of ours”



During every opening and closing of a Lodge, the “paymaster” (aka “Senior Warden”) explains his duty to see that the Brethren depart, at the end of their work, satisfied with what they receive for their efforts. In the Scottish Rite, we venture perhaps a step further, during a ritual closing, by tendering the floor to any Brother who might want to bring an issue before the body. In either case, placing that special emphasis upon a Brother’s sense of satisfaction with his role in the body has the same purpose: to promote harmony within the institution.

Throughout ritual, whether in the work associated with the conferral of the degrees or in the every-meeting tasks of opening and closing, we are reminded of the importance of harmony in the workings of the Craft. Selected scripture prompts us to remember “How good and how pleasant it is...” Each closing recalls equality, rectitude of conduct, and honest dealings as the bulwarks of our relationships, one with another, as we “meet, act, and part.”

The Scottish Rite picks up the focus on harmony, starting immediately in the 4th Degree and then throughout the work, with even the Royal Secret having harmony as an indispensable underpinning.

But did you ever think about just the final words in that familiar recitation: “...harmony being the strength and support of all institutions, **more especially this of ours.**”? Why does Freemasonry have greater need of harmony, within its ranks, than other institutions? Looking for an answer led me to consider the Craft’s operative origins and the roots of the modern, speculative fraternity. Here are some thoughts on three possible explanations.

I like to imagine that some part of the origin of our focus on harmony may harken back to the days of the operative Lodges and the actual daily toil of the Craft. Perhaps modern ritualists sought to retain something of the thinking of quarrymen and builders, when they wrote for the speculative mind. 11143347

A construction site is an inherently dangerous place and only marginally less so for today’s hard hats, steel-toed work boots and OSHA regulations! So, perhaps the special concern for harmony among the Brethren has some connection to the need for workmen, as a matter of safety, to cooperate and not bring private matters to the job site. Certainly, that moment when a couple of tons of stone is swinging through space, at the end of ropes controlled by a single craftsman, is an awkward time for another, walking beneath, to concern himself with memories of last evening’s argument at the tavern! In our modern context, such a thought becomes a reminder to lay aside personal, profane concerns — especially those which might

estrangle us from another Brother—when entering the consecrated space of the Lodge: our speculative workplace.

It’s possible too that a source of the special concern for harmony among the Brethren may have arisen during the time historians refer to as the *Cathedral Crusade*: the time in the 12th and 13th Centuries that so greatly elevated the importance of the operative Craft and which laid the foundation for the speculative. It was during this period that the Craft came to truly understand its power and place in society that foretold the rise of the speculative art.

As what was referred to then as the “Modern (and came to be known as the Gothic) Style” developed and spread, the movement that became the *Cathedral Crusade* rapidly evolved from a spiritual into a secular phenomenon.¹ Bishops and abbots competed for the recognition and power that accompanied having their dioceses and abbeys established as pilgrimage sites. They built churches that touted their rising ecclesiastical and secular influence. Eventually, the “Modern Style” came to dominate civic and commercial work also, and towns, cities and districts poured their time, energy, and treasure into projects as much (or more) as a matter of civic pride as of piety.

In that environment, demand for the services of the most skilled masters and craftsmen skyrocketed! Lodges, traditionally established as short-term shelters and social organizations, suddenly found themselves in existence for extended periods: sometimes for a century or more and under a succession of Masters. Work interruptions were common, as church and state vied for control and budgets waxed and waned. The Craft found that it could play a decisive role in the project, employing threats to withhold their services or impact the quality of the work: matters of grave concern to civil and ecclesiastical authority. Now not just their work mattered, as their organization became a factor as well, and, yes, there were “work stoppages” (during the construction of Amiens Cathedral, for example) on a number of occasions!

So, not unlike the situation with modern labor unions, the medieval Craft found that harmony among the workers meant that it was in a better “bargaining position,” when wage & working condition issues arose. The better they got along, the less chance of malcontents working in the absence of a favorable agreement or (worse still) their organizing a group of cowans to work the site. “Peace and harmony prevailing” meant “labor solidarity” and more certain employment...even 900 years ago!

Finally, for a third possible origin of this plea for harmony, let’s take a quick look at the beginnings of the speculative Craft. Britain in the 17th ² and 18th centuries was a place heavily divided along lines of hereditary class, profession, education and religion. In the religious realm alone, the growth of Freemasonry coincides with the final “constitutional” quarrels over religious rights and toleration: So called “non-conforming” Protestant 1719350 sects gained “tolerated” status only in 1689, and Roman Catholics didn’t gain full equal legal status until 1829. England was a diverse, but woefully intolerant place as Freemasonry came on the scene!

What we know today as “special interest politics” is nothing new. In a society so divided along so many fracture lines and with Lodges becoming increasingly speculative (therefore

unable to depend upon the older bonds of the operative craft), the issue of one’s associations outside the Lodge were bound to become a concern within its doors. Indeed, the division between Masonic “factions,” that delayed the unity of the Craft in England until 1813, had some of its roots in accusations and counteraccusations of “elitism,” on the one hand (the Antients’ position) and “insufficient selectiveness” (the Moderns’ point-of-view) on the other.

Even before the Grand Lodge Era, Lodges sought out successful and, if possible, wealthy speculative members. Their ability to maintain charitable obligations depended upon a steady flow of revenue, and this was a prime incentive for the creation of Speculative Masons! These Lodges (and later Grand Lodges) sought out royal & noble patronage and membership, as a means of increasing both the wealth and the prestige of the Fraternity.

As counterpoint to this seeking of wealth and social standing were the principles of Enlightenment thought: equality, natural rights, and the worth of the individual. Putting such notions into practice was a “harder sell” on the eastern than on the western side of the Atlantic, though we fought (and still fight) significant battles on this side of the pond too! Generally, the new, more enlightened views came to dominate social & political thought, and the Craft came to offer its Light to those “worthy and well qualified” in their own right. From this are derived many hallmarks of the Craft, and many of those are embodied in our ritual: “the internal and not the external qualifications of a man...,” “Freemasonry regards no man for his worldly wealth or honors,” and, of course, the reminder that we should always “meet upon the level.” In the Scottish Rite, we need look no further 21st and 22nd Degrees to see the emphasis put upon triumph over corrupt elitist rule and respect for the working man.

So, given that context, what’s the special importance of harmony?

An institution that places such a premium upon the equal worth of all its members, while at the same time inviting and accepting within its circle such diverse and arguably unequal individuals, is in constant danger of reaping a not unpredictable harvest: factionalism: discord, dissonance & disunity! To be an institution that brings together those who would otherwise truly have remained at a perpetual distance, Freemasonry calls upon its members to place such an overarching emphasis upon harmony, that the concept becomes the “cement of Brotherly Love and Affection,” without which the Fraternity could not exist. 1912773

Friendships, business associations, religious affiliations...even marriages...can and do survive when there is but little harmony among the parties. Other forms of common cause may preserve them, even when true harmony is absent. But for us, harmony has itself become not just a means to an end but a fundamental purpose, in and of itself, for our association within the Lodge. In this, we have a great lesson to teach and, by example, demonstrate to society. Our focus upon harmony should display to the world what may be achieved, when a disparate collection of men relies upon rationality and the Great Architect’s plan to guide them!

Our Operative Brethren sought to construct edifices that represented a complete and harmonious whole. To accomplish that end, they needed to rely upon the willing and dedicated efforts of fellow craftsmen. So it is that we undertake to set this example for the world: a vision of what may be accomplished by laying aside what are ultimately petty differences to

accomplish noble and glorious goals.

So mote it be!

Bill

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1. The traditional beginning of the Gothic Period was the construction of the Abby Church at St. Denis:1135-1144.

2. See **This Month’s Trivia Question** below!

Last Month’s Trivia Question: 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?

Answer: Since 1869: 153 years! The “when” is easy and a matter of clear historical record; the “why” is quite unclear (at least in terms of official record) and a matter of debate, according to William L. Fox, in *Lodge of the Double Headed-Eagle* (University of Arkansas Press, 1997). According to Ill. Brother Fox, the former Historian & Archivist of the Supreme Council, two explanations seem most likely: both illustrating the dominance of the Rite by Sovereign Grand Commander Pike.

The first is simple, straightforward, totally practical ... and not at all mysterious or romantic. Ill. Brother Pike established a law practice in the nation’s capital, following the Civil War, and wished to be near the center of action for much of the firm’s business, including cases before the Supreme Court.

The other explanation arises from Pike’s frustration with what he viewed as the inadequate administrative practices of Secretary General Albert G. Mackey. The Grand Commander and the General Secretary saw any number of “masonic matters” rather differently, and this was especially the case (considering the prodigious amount of work that Pike had done to grow the organization) in terms of Mackey’s somewhat “loose” recordkeeping. So, the move to D.C., Ill. Bro. Fox suggests, allowed a separation from influence of the Secretary General. There’s also the argument that concerns over the Northern Jurisdiction’s interest in influencing affairs of the Rite in Maryland & D.C. may have been a factor in the move. Generally, correct terminology would have it that the Supreme Council’s “See” (Latin: sedes = chair) is in Charleston, but that its “residence” is in Washington, D.C. The verb that we use, ritualistically (i.e. “now sitting” is BTW a direct reference to the Latin term...as is the practice of referring to the current presiding officer in any 7791833 organization as the “sitting Master...president... etc.). That person literally “has the chair (sedes).”

In any case, what is clear is that the Rite’s headquarters was not, in some nebulous sense, moved “because of the Civil War” any more than was the Rite separated into Northern & Southern Jurisdictions due to that conflict: the latter having been accomplished in 1813! Nor was it a move to “escape” the former Confederacy, although the economic and political decline of the South, after the war, may have been a contributing factor.

“More especially, this of ours” - Continued from previous page

As our Brother Will Rogers put it so well, “It ain’t so much what we don’t know that’s a problem. It’s more what we do know...that ain’t so!”

This Month’s Trivia Question (answer in next month’s *Rite Works*): When and where was the first purely Speculative Mason admitted into membership in a Lodge?



Flags for Fallen Vets

Flags for Fallen Vets was a great success with the support of our volunteers! A huge thank you to our guests and Scottish Rite Masons of Denver who participated in the Flags for Fallen Vets at Fort Logan on May 29th. We had 47 brethren and guests attend plus many Shriners who may or may not also be Scottish Rite Brethren!

Rounding, I am going to say we had over 50! How proud we should be to double last year's participation! Weather was wonderful without rain and may have played a role.

We finished in record time from last year. Many hands make light work!

At the will and pleasure of the 2023 Wise Master, maybe we can add 25 more next year with other Lodges! Thank you on behalf of the Rocky Mountain Chapter of Rose Croix Officers!

Tom Repp, Wise Master



THANK YOU



CLAYS FOR A CAUSE



Memorial Scroll

Gerald Robert Blevins, 32°	03/09/2022
Jerry Don Davis, 32°	07/01/2020
Walter Thornton Denny, 32°	11/01/2021
William Alan Emry, 32°	03/18/2022
William Henry Greene, 32°	01/12/2022
Harold Udell Littrell, 32°	10/08/2021
Robert H. Plummer, Jr., 32°	12/16/2021
Robert Frederic Reid, Sr., 32°	08/14/2021
Jack Dale Seever, 32°	04/04/2022
Jackie Frank Wade, 32°	11/04/2021
Dee Wayne Wallis, 32°	04/06/2021



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



I am blessed to be a member of the Denver Consistory. We had a great Spring Reunion and Celebration Dinner. It was a wonderful night. At our stated meeting on Monday, the Denver Consistory Line opened and closed the meeting. They did a good job. The world has turned upside down and it is so refreshing to come to Consistory meetings as they are always positive. We all need a break from what is happening in our world. At our meeting, it was announced how many of our brothers are hurting. We should be sensitive to the feelings of each other. My neurologist's waiting room was full when I went for my appointment last week. One person was crying and told the receptionist, "I need a hug."

Jesus taught us to love one another as he loved you. I go on a walk, take a drive in the mountains, read a book, do some writing or clean a closet. What I do NOT do is stay in the house and watch TV news. I have to stay active.

Life is brief and goes very quickly. Let me suggest if you have always wanted to write a book—do it NOW.

Keep going and make the best of every day.

Reach out and touch someone, connect with people. Sometimes I need help and I let people assist me.

Find closure, don't let things drag on and on.

Embrace change. I have found that I had to make changes in my life. Change is going to happen whether you're ready for it or want it - so make the best of that change. 4480281

Blessings to you all,
Ill. Br. Rev. James H. Harris, 33°





100+ Years YOUNG

Donald Edward Gallup (100)
Charles A. Harrison (100)

90 Years "OLD"

Howard Albert Rusk

80 Years "OLD"

Stephen Arthur Hiller
Frank Henry Stapleton, Jr.
Samuel Lee Wittner

50 Years "OLD"

Jarrod Nathaniel Abel

30 Years "OLD"

Hunter Matthew McCallum

Our May 2022 "Youngster"

Steven Madonia (26)



June 14, 1775 (247 years)

TOASTS TO ABSENT BRETHREN

Architect for thy protection, now we humbly pray,
Guard and comfort all our Brethren far away.

Grant that we, in true remembrance may not be remiss,
Let them know that in this hour 'tis them we miss.

If their absence be through wand'ring, or through grief or pain,
Bless them, heal them, bring them to us, safe again.

SO MOTE IT BE.

I would like to propose a toast to absent friends. Some have left us in death, and others in their travels, but all are missed. Though you are not here with us tonight, we raise our glasses to you and hope you are toasting us the same wherever you are.

"Remember those not here today, And those unwell or far away, And those who never lived to see the end of the War & Victory, And every friend who've lost [or: passed] our way, Remember as of yesterday, It's absent friends we miss the most, To ALL, Let's drink a loving toast."

Here's to the friends we can trust When the storms of adversity blow; may they live in our song and be nearest our hearts nor depart like the year that's awa'. 6864821

Dinna' forget: Auld Lang Syne.



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 11160590 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
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Thank you for your contribution and **GO ROCKIES!**



The Denver Consistory

Presents their;

Dress:
Sunday
Finery with
Bonnets or Hats

Menu:
Hot Crab Dip
Maryland Crab
Cakes
Crab Soup
Oysters
Steamed Spiced
Shrimp
Maryland
Beaten Biscuits
Smith Island
Cake
Lady Baltimore
Cake

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Annual Ladies Luncheon
June 11, 2022
11:30 am to 1:00pm

Saturday July 30th, 2022

6 pm—9 pm



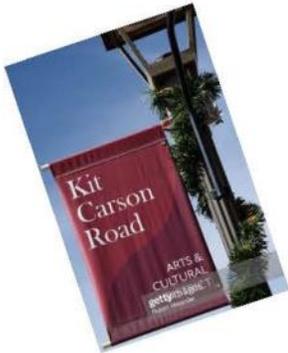
DENVER CONSISTORY

ANNUAL SUMMER DINNER

OLD COLORADO THE EARLY YEARS, MYTH & LEGEND



**PARKING GARAGE
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CONSISTORY ENTERTAINMENT GROUP PRESENTS



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

Costume; Voluntary Options; ; Sheriffs, Miss Lil's, Farmers, Mountain Men, Miners, Dudes, School; Marms, Gents, Blue Jeans Suspenders & Funky Hat & Mayberry's Otis. Here is an opportunity for some real creative expression.

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

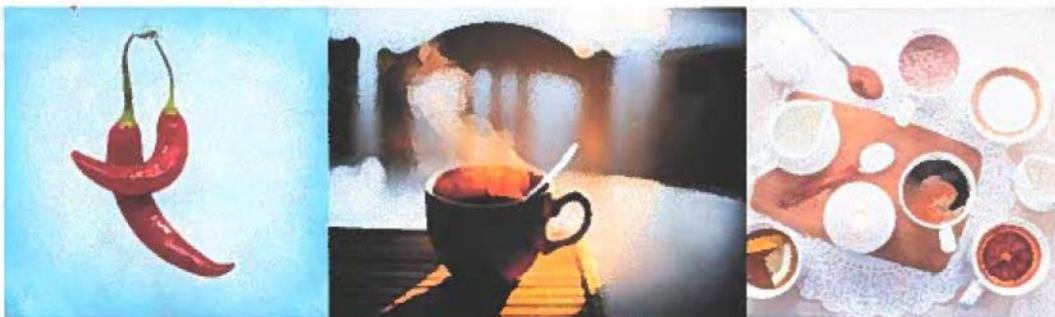
Donations:

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

400 10th Street

Golden, Colorado, 80401



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
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