



Denver's RiteWorks

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BUILDING SECURITY IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY! We ask that you be mindful of who 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 the Consistory.

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A Fourth of July Prayer

**We lift up our hearts, O God, on this day of celebration
In gratitude for the gift of being Americans.**

**We rejoice with all those who share
In the great dream of freedom and dignity for all.**

**With flags and feasting, with family and friends,
We salute those who have sacrificed that we
Might have the opportunity to bring to
Fulfillment our many God-given gifts.**

**Come, O gracious God,
Who led your children Israel from slavery,
Keep us free from all that might hold us in bondage**

**Bless our country and join our simple celebration,
That we may raise you, our Source of freedom,
The One in whom we place our trust.**

AMEN

Ill. Bro. Rev Jim Harris

DENVER CONSISTORY PETITION FOR MEMBERSHIP



PLANNING CALENDAR

July 2022

Fri, JUL 1	NO LUNCH
Mon, JUL 4	Consistory CLOSED for Independence Day Holiday
Fri, JUL 8	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (Fried Chicken - \$13)
Fri, JUL 15	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (Build Your Own Sandwich - \$13)
Fri, JUL 22	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (Chicken Fried Steak - \$13)
Fri, JUL 29	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (Hamburgers - \$13)
Sat, JUL 30	6:00 p.m. Annual Summer Dinner (see flyer) Parking Garage Available.

August 2022

Fri, AUG 5	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (Fried Chicken - \$13)
Fri, AUG 12, 19, 26	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (\$13)
Wed, AUG 17	6:00-7:30 p.m. Officers' Midyear Planning Dinner Meeting
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	NO LUNCH CONSISTORY CLOSED FOR GRAND YORK RITE SESSION
Fri, SEP 16, 23, 30	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (\$13)
Wed SEP 14	6:30-8:00 p.m. Friends 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 7:00 p.m. Scottish Rite Foundation Program 7:30 p.m. Split Meeting

October 2022

Mon, OCT 3	7:00 p.m. KSA Meeting in the Lodge Room
Fri, OCT 7, 14, 21, 28	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (\$13)
Sat, OCT 8	9:00-11:00 a.m. KSA Fall Cleanup
Mon, OCT 17	Stated Meeting - (Feast of Tishri) Parking Garage Available Ritual Open/Close: Centennial Lodge of Perfection 5:30 p.m. Red Room Business Meeting 6:00 p.m. Dinner 7:00 p.m. Awards and Patents - Entertainment 7:30 p.m. Split Meeting; 5 min oration: Minister of State (Consistory)

EDITOR'S RESTLEBOARD



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Sometimes, you just need a good laugh.

And, I freely admit, I "stole" the below from a recent Facebook posting.

1. When one door closes and another door opens, you are probably in prison.
2. To me, "drink responsibly" means don't spill it.
3. Age 60 might be the new 40, but 9:00 p.m. is the new midnight.
4. It's the start of a brand new day, and I'm off like a herd of turtles.
5. The older I get, the earlier it gets late.
6. When I say "The other day," I could be referring to any time between yesterday and 15 years ago.
7. I remember being able to get up without making sound effects.
8. I had my patience tested. I'm negative.
9. Remember, if you lose a sock in the dryer, it comes back as a Tupperware lid that doesn't fit any of your containers.
10. If you're sitting in public and a stranger takes the seat next to you, just stare straight ahead and say, "Did you bring the money?"
11. When you ask me what I am doing today, and I say "nothing," it does not mean I am free. It means I am doing nothing.
12. I finally got eight hours of sleep. It took me three days, but whatever.
13. I run like the winded.
14. I hate when a couple argues in public, and I missed the beginning and don't know whose side I'm on.
15. When someone asks what I did over the weekend, I squint and ask, "Why, what did you hear?"
16. When you do squats, are your knees supposed to sound like a goat chewing on an aluminum can stuffed with celery?
17. I don't mean to interrupt people, I just randomly remember things and get really excited.
18. When I ask for directions, please don't use words like "east."
19. Don't bother walking a mile in my shoes. That would be boring. Spend 30 seconds in my head. That'll freak you right out.
20. Sometimes, someone unexpected comes into your life out of nowhere, makes your heart race, and changes you forever. We call those people cops.
21. My luck is like a bald guy who just won a comb.



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 ARE FEW THINGS MORE DIFFICULT THAN THE ART OF MAKING ADVICE AGREEABLE

FRIDAY LUNCHESES - Our Friday lunches will continue during the summer. Come and enjoy lunch with your Brothers. Bring your family and friends with you. The billiards room is open for your use, so you can play a game or two prior to lunch. There will be NO LUNCH on Friday, September 2nd, prior to the Labor Day Holiday.

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.

Brother Howard Zoufaly, 32°

SRMC May Endowment Fund Challenge Winners

During the month of May, the Endowment Fund offered a \$50 gift card to King Soopers, Outback Steakhouse, or BoneFish Grill, to anyone making a contribution of \$1,000 or more. The gift cards were provided by a Brother who wished to remain anonymous. Congratulations to **Brother Scott Bates, 32° KCCH** and **Brother Tim Lambert, 32° KCCH**, who made qualifying donations. Each received a \$50 gift card. Thank you Brothers for your support of the SRMC Endowment Fund.

WHO READS THE RITEWORKS CONTEST

The membership numbers published in the June RiteWorks belong to the following Brothers who were eligible to receive a free dinner for the June Stated Meeting: **Malcolm D. Thomas III; Duane R. Armstrong; Andrew J. Houpt; Dean S. Ehan; Robert L. Fitzwater; Robert L. Thomas; Gary Y. Okimoto; Charles E. Schumacher; Kelly D. Fields; Elmer E. King.** **NONE of these Brothers called the office to claim their free dinner!** Numbers will NOT be published in the July and August RiteWorks because we do not have a Stated Meeting. Membership number publication will resume with the September issue of RiteWorks.

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Fifty Year Membership Award - I had the honor of presenting a 50-year membership patent, pin, and blue cap to **Brother Orville Roy Wright, 32°**. Brother Wright is a retired Colorado State Patrol Trooper from the Broomfield office. Congratulations and THANK YOU Brother Wright for 50 years as a member of the Scottish Rite.

Stated Meeting - Our June 20th Stated Meeting was “*Hawaiian Shirt Night*” and “*Blue Lodge Recognition Night*.” Thank you to all who wore a Hawaiian shirt and brightened up the room. We had 25 different lodges represented for “*Blue Lodge Recognition Night*” this year - with Denver Lodge #5 having the most members present.



Brother Joe Magoffin, 33°, presented a \$5,000 check from State Farm to **Brother Gene Hardy, 33°**, President of the SRMC on behalf of the State Farm Good Neighbor Grant Program.



Brother Pablo Colomban, 32° KCCH and Brother Michael Rotert, 32°, presented a check for \$11,000 to Brother Gene Hardy, 33°, President of the SRMC, from the proceeds of the "Clays For A Cause" Sporting Clays Tournament, which was held May 27.th The tournament next year will be May 26, 2023.

Knights of St. Andrew News: Monday, June 6, 2022, the KSA knighted seven new members from the Spring Reunion Class. Congratulations to the new Sir Knights and welcome to the Denver Consistory Chapter of the Knights of St. Andrew.



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. **MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW** so you do not miss out on the great food, fun, and socializing with your friends. **TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE BY RESERVATION ONLY**, at:

<https://squareup.com/store/centennial-lodge-of-perfection>

TICKETS WILL NOT BE SOLD AT THE DOOR !

From the Secretary's Desk - Continued from previous page

TRANSPORTATION IS 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 bring 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.

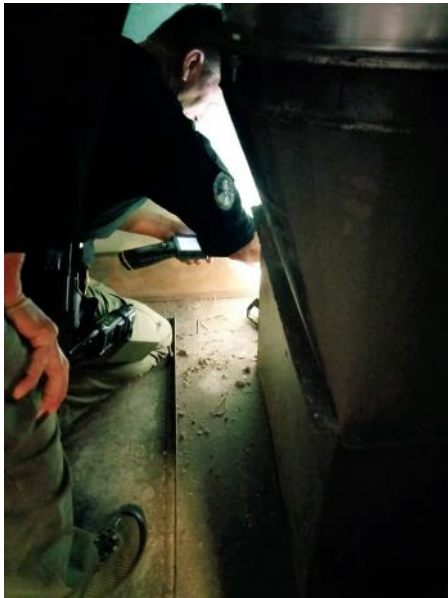
Ladies Lunch – The Annual Denver Consistory Ladies lunch was held June 11th. A wonderful lunch was enjoyed by the sixty ladies who attended. Thank you to **Brother Larry Tygart, 32° KCCH**, Venerable Master of the Centennial Lodge of Perfection, who planned the event, and to all the Brothers who helped setup, serve, and cleanup after the event, and to the Brothers who provided transportation to the ladies in need of a ride to the Consistory. Thank you, also, to the Knights of St. Andrew who were greeters, and escorted the ladies to the dining room.



DeMolay News: Denver Consistory extends a hearty congratulations to **Brother Jon Sellars, 32° KCCH**, who has been elected Grand Master of DeMolay International, and **Brother Michael Foster, 32°**, who has been appointed Colorado DeMolay State Executive officer.

Second Annual Scottish Rite Golf Classic August 19th has been cancelled. Circumstances beyond our control has necessitated the cancellation of the 2022 golf tournament. **The tournament will return August 18, 2023.**

In Search of the Time Capsule – Monday June 10th the Denver Police Department Bomb Squad came to Denver Consistory to search for the time capsule which we believe may be behind the corner stone, which was laid in 1924. The Bomb Squad used portable x-ray equipment to look through the corner stone, and fiber optic cameras to search a cavity behind the corner stone. After four hours of searching, they were unable to locate the time capsule.



A newspaper article about the corner stone ceremony in 1924 mentions a time capsule and a photograph from the ceremony shows a Brother holding what is believed to be the time capsule. Unfortunately, we are unable to locate any records indicating where the time capsule was placed.

Why the interest in locating the time capsule? On July 20, 2024, Denver Consistory will hold a corner stone rededication ceremony to mark the 100th anniversary of the laying of the corner stone. If the original time capsule can be located, artifacts from it will be displayed.

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 non-payment, but you **MUST** contact me. We can't help you if you don't ask.

2023 Membership Fee Increase - The Denver Consistory membership fee will be \$130 effective January 1, 2023. Denver Consistory is not immune to the effects of inflation and the increased cost of doing business, which has necessitated the membership fee increase. 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.**

Monthly membership fee payment is available - Are you tired of paying fees at the end of the year to all the Masonic bodies to which you belong? 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.

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: <http://www.carsforcharity.net> to donate for the benefit of the Denver Scottish Rite Masonic Center.

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

July 2021 1,596

July 2022 1,528

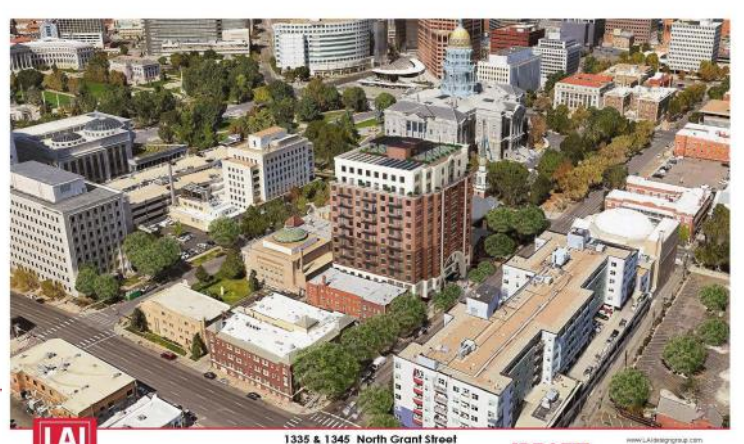
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New Neighbors - New neighbors will be moving in across the street from Denver Consistory. "Grant Street Apartments," a twelve-floor building with 196 units, roof top deck, and parking garage, is planned for the parking lot owned by the church across Grant Street.



Grant Street
East Elevation / Grant Street

Grant Street
Bird's Eye View





Rocky Mountain Chapter

Rose Croix

Brother Gregory F. Harris, 32° KCCH
Junior Warden

Unity - Pride Divides, the Spirit Unites

I would like to speak today about unity. It's definitely part of Freemasonry. We know God is the foundation, so I naturally see unity as one of our cornerstones. Our strength and love of one another gives us the ability to accomplish such great things. History shows us that by our unity as a people is what makes America so strong. Our dear Brother Albert Pike said, "Above all things let us never forget that mankind constitutes one great brotherhood; all born to encounter suffering and sorrow, and therefore bound to sympathize with each other."

Today America has some problems, but I believe these all stem from division. I know from history, that if we can pull together we can be that noble and charitable union once more. Uniting us again in wisdom and fortitude to which this country is famous for, beginning with the Revolutionary War. The United States beat the greatest navy at the time by uniting a group of farmers, entrepreneurs, families, slaves, and children. We put aside all our differences to create the great experiment: America. I've carried the joy of knowing these things all my life.

In my middle years, I started to research Freemasonry since my family, as well as many of yours, was steeped in it. We all have relatives who were Masons. When I learned of mine and who they were, I asked the one question we all ask. Of course, I asked three times! But once asked, I began the great Journey of Unity with the most wonderful men I have ever known. The Spirit unites us with God. Every lodge, every appendant body, all share something with the Grand Architect Unity.

I do not know if the creation of this country makes us so great or that the creation of Freemasonry made the United States of America so great. I doubt not, that many of you will tell me what you think, and I relish having your opinions. Because on this subject, our Unity in God, friendship, and brotherhood can only bring us closer; notwithstanding forces trying to divide our families and loved ones in so many directions. Heck, Unity is so important to Freemasonry. We put it in the beginning of the name of our country. It is in our Rituals, as well as our hearts thanks to the Eternal Mighty One. Pike also said, "What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us; what we have done for others and the world remains and is immortal." I hope and pray I have not divided any of us with these words. It was absolutely not my intention, actually just the opposite. I wished to show just how much we are a united front and that no one and no thing can come between us. We are such a force for good. I am not a wordsmith like so many of you that have come before me. I did not have the opportunity to attend college. So I truly hope that I conveyed my feelings of Unity and Freemasonry in this composition, without dismissing anyone else's beliefs on this subject. Otherwise, I failed miserably and am sincerely apologetic. Behold how Good and how pleasant it is for Brethren to dwell together in Unity.

Y.I.B. Gregory F.P. Harris KCCH



Bill Achbach, 32° KCCH

Director of Education

Permission to Nag



First, this month, a bit of news & information...and a reprised appeal:

On Friday, June 3, as a couple of weeks of so much bad news drew to a close, my morning run-through of news & commentary turned up a report, on Illustrious Brother Chris Hodapp's [Freemasons for Dummies blogspot](#), about the violence recently done to our beautiful House of the Temple headquarters in Washington, DC. Of course, my mind turned to my own visit there (reported in this space a couple of months ago) and to all that this incredible edifice means to Masons—especially Scottish Rite, SJ Brothers—all over America.

Right on the heels of that, I was told that our own Scottish Rite Masonic Center had been hit once again by vandals. So, as I've recommended before, and if you're inclined to do a bit extra, consider a gift to our [Building Endowment Fund](#), set up to maintain and perpetuate our own building, and/or to the [Acacia Guild](#), with a gift that will benefit both the House of the Temple and Rite Care.

Anyway, in both cases, a combination of anger, sadness and frustration (all components of grief, now that I think about it) rolled over me. "Why do people commit such senseless acts?" One friend and Brother asked a relevant question that applies, unfortunately, to so much of what we see and hear reported every day. Who, truly, can assign a rational cause, when we know—even as we ask the question—that words like "irrational" and "senseless" apply? We'd all probably observe that there is much in our society today that seems broken or out of control.

Brethren, I believe I've heard (and used) the word "barbaric" more in the past several years than at any time since I taught Ancient History! Frankly, I'm increasingly coming to agree with author and philosopher/novelist Ayn Rand's observation that there are fundamentally two sorts of people in the world: "producers" and "looters" ... with the latter seemingly bent on controlling events. But, when we also toss mental illness into today's mix and simultaneously remove the influence of traditional institutions that develop consciences and provide restraint on animal passions, what we get (and why should we be surprised?) is the vandals ... the shooters ... the destroyers ... the all-too-common stuff of each day's news.

So, no further platitudes, from me. Just two observations: The first is that our purpose as Masons is still to provide, in a society that's lost its compass and apparently thrown the tiller over the side, a voice of reason and humanity which is so desperately needed today. We must continue to offer that, no matter how frustrating or hopeless the effort may seem, we cannot be who we are and do otherwise.

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Next, we must do—however and wherever we can—to mitigate and repair the damage done by the destroyers. Brothers, I implore you to find a way to build in the wake of destruction and, always and especially, to make the effort to build each other up for the struggle that goes on!

On to the “main event:”

“Once a man says he’ll do something, it isn’t necessary to nag him about it every six months!”

I’ve seen this tongue-in-cheek tribute to our capacity for procrastination (and for frustrating our “significant others”) on a couple of t-shirts and, very recently in abbreviated form, on a coffee mug. Can any of us pretend that the sentiment doesn’t bring to mind unfulfilled “honey-do list” commitments...long-overdue intentions...or repeated resolutions?

Anything ... ANYTHING capable of being prioritized is, seemingly, fair game for delay. In contradiction of Bro. Ben’s and “Poor Richard’s” admonition, what we actually practice seems to be “Never do today what may be put off until tomorrow!” It may (and does) become a life-style.

Mea culpa! (Just ask Jana!)

This isn’t exclusively a male trait, of course, and as an occasional foible it may even be somewhat endearing (so I’m told). In common practice it is undoubtedly aggravating. But when “putting off ‘til tomorrow” becomes hardwired and synced with our moral compass, the result can be deadly and morally destructive!

I’ve recently begun reading a book by Matt Gallagher entitled *Practical Freemasonry: Accessible Philosophy for Working Class Schlubs* (2021, Kindle Edition, ISBN 978-0-578-99386-7). Can’t say that I’m quite ready to endorse/recommend it yet, but I ran into a “nugget,” early on, that definitely got my attention:

The simple fact is that we are not very good at being good. We’re good at being self-interested, and when it’s in our interests to act good, we do, and we think that’s good enough. This isn’t because we’re secretly all terrible people. It’s because being self-interested is the thing in which we have the most practice.

I taught economics for a long time, so that “self-interested” thing rang a bell. When you consider Bro. Gallagher’s comment in the context of the Fraternity’s long-standing “making good men better” slogan, an interesting truism emerges. It’s clear that we (ALL of us!) need to be reminded to “be good,” and the only things that vary greatly, from one individual to another, are (a) how far off-course we get and (b) how often the course corrections need to happen.

Bottom line: The question isn’t how “good” or how “bad” we are, fundamentally. The question really is “How good navigators are we in between and, more critically, how much do we welcome those needed ‘course corrections?’”

Short answer to the latter: usually not very much! We often seem to resent the reminders much more than welcome them. Hey, no one appreciates having hypocrisy pointed out, right? But, as Masons, we ARE admonished to “whisper good counsel,” are we not? ... and, in that

admonition, there's no caveat to do it "only when solicited!"

I'd argue that when we accept the standards that the Craft sets for us, by obligating ourselves to observe them in our own lives, that we *ipso facto* invite our Brothers to help us keep our promises: yes, and even to do what we might call "nag" us about it when we need it! Once again, "Can we really be who we are and do otherwise?" We may question the motives of friends, or even family—being human, after all—who undertake to point out our shortcomings.

But, within the Fraternity, we're in a situation where our most fundamental relationship with one another is predicated upon living up to higher standards. Indeed, you are my Brother, and I am yours precisely *because* we have both dedicated ourselves to that standard.

So, speaking for myself, "permission granted to nag when needed!" Maybe we ought to get some t-shirts made! Wouldn't want to wear 'em at home though!

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Last Month's Trivia Question: When and where was the first purely Speculative Mason admitted into membership in a Lodge?

Answer: The traditional Masonic Trivia answer is that Elias Ashmole's initiation, in 1646 in Warrington, Lancashire, was the first for a speculative Brother. However, that answer makes a couple of assumptions about what qualifies as a speculative initiation, which I don't find convincing as qualifiers for the honor.

The more likely answer, it seems to me (predating the Ashmole initiation by more than twelve years), is that three men "...William, Lord Alexander, his brother Anthony Alexander (the King's Maister o' Wark – Master of Works) and Sir Alexander Strachan of Thornton..." deserve the distinction. "They were Initiated on 3rd July 1634, in the Lodge of Edinburgh, (a stonemasons' Lodge)...," according to The Grand Lodge of Antient Free and Accepted Masons of Scotland. This from our Scottish Brethren's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/GrandLodgeScotland/posts/the-first-speculative-freemasonelias-ashmole-1617-1692-was-not-the-first-specula/1011093335642914/>

If you check out the background, you'll note that the Ashmole tradition is based upon several assumptions, which seem to me rather arbitrary "qualifiers," especially when there were so many other "gentleman Masons" initiated in that earlier period. I also would observe that the traditional answer is one put forth by English Masons, who may have also had a nationalistic interest in the answer...or, at least in only allowing their research to go so far! That, in a nutshell, is my argument for updating the traditional answer with this one. I believe that it's also interesting that another speculative Brother, whose initiation predates that of Elias Ashmole, was the very noteworthy William Schaw!

Congratulations and thanks to WB Juan Carlos Millan for his initiative in providing the basic response only about 30 minutes after the June issue link was posted!

This Month's Trivia Question (answer in the August *RiteWorks*): Under what circumstances is a Lodge said to be opened, closed, or operating "in ample form?"



Rocky Mountain Chapter of Rose Croix

Brother Pablo Colombari, 32° KCCH
Senior Warden



That *other* Masonic American Revolutionary

The rebel general stood and watched the enemy disembark at sunrise. Records show that he, a Freemason, had gathered only days earlier with other Lodge members to discuss the upcoming battle. He mounted his horse on the field, gave a short speech to his troops, and headed to the front line. The rebel cavalry was to divide into two columns and trap the royalist army.

As the royalists began their march, their trumpets blared, marking the beginning of the battle. The general's horse was killed during the fight, and the general's leg became pinned under the dead animal. He was almost killed, but his men quickly intervened. After only 15 minutes, the battle came to an end. Forty royalists were killed and many more injured. Only 14 patriots died. Even though they were outnumbered two to one, the rebels defeated the royalist army.

That general was José de San Martín. In present-day Argentina, the Battle of San Lorenzo took place on February 3rd, 1813, and was the "baptism by fire" for San Martín in the Spanish-American Wars of Independence.

The Spanish American Wars of Independence were numerous wars taking place from September 1808 to September 1833. Latin American independence occurred in the intellectual environment that emerged from the Age of Enlightenment. That same environment influenced the earlier revolutions in the United States and France. As in both the US and French Revolutions, in Latin America, Masons were highly involved.

The Peninsular War (1807-1814) was the catalyst for wars in Spanish America. Napoleon's capture of the Bourbon monarchs caused the Peninsular provinces to form "Juntas," local governing administrative councils, due to a lack of a legitimate king. As a result, Spanish America also began to create its own regional Juntas.

There were many Masons involved, but the most notable were the *Libertadores*, or Liberators: Bernardo O'Higgins in Chile, Francisco de Miranda and Simón Bolívar in Venezuela, and of course General José de San Martín in Argentina.

San Martín had left South America in 1783 to begin a military career in Spain. He was initiated into the *Logia Sociedad de los Caballeros Racionales* (Lodge of Rational Knights) in Cádiz in 1811. There, he and other expatriates learned of the ideas of the Enlightenment and the emancipation of the South American colonies.

In 1812, many members of the Lodge of Rational Knights left Spain for Buenos Aires and there formed another Lodge of Rational Knights that was also known as the Lautaro Lodge. It is believed that San Martín named it after the Mapuche leader, Lautaro.

Other Lodges were already based in Buenos Aires with English influence, notably *Hiram Sons Lodge* and *Southern Star Lodge*, which took its name from a British newspaper established in Montevideo in 1807 while under British rule. The Lodges were politically motivated and

influential in the power struggles after the May Revolution. *Patriotic Society Lodge*, for instance, was formed by former supporters of Mariano Moreno, the Secretary of War and Government during the first Junta, and were opposed to the English Lodges. It later merged with the Lautaro Lodge.

San Martín and the Lautaro Lodge wanted to remove the First Junta because they saw it as authoritarian and reluctant to embrace the ideals of independence. They achieved this during the Revolution of October 8th, 1812, and formed the Second Triumvirate.

The Second Triumvirate created the General Constituent Assembly as the first national congress in January 1813. It was seen as an instrument of "The Lodge," as Lautaro Lodge was now simply known. Future President and historian Bartolomé Mitre concluded that The Lodge was the "exclusive decider of policy." The founding members of Lautaro Lodge were considered "an exclusive society providing the brains and the organization of the revolution."

During its tenure, the assembly established the national anthem, put an end to slavery, voided all titles of nobility, ordered the creation of the national currency, abolished the Spanish Inquisition, gave executive powers to a *Supreme Directorship*, and gave San Martín a promotion.

After the Battle of San Lorenzo, San Martín began to distance himself from the new Supreme Director, Brother Carlos María de Alvear, who controlled the Assembly and the Lodge. San Martín wanted to focus more on the war efforts across the continent. In 1817, he and Brother Bernardo O'Higgins achieved the famed Crossing of the Andes to win control over Chile. While in Chile, San Martín formed a navy and sailed forward to Peru and in July of 1821 proclaimed its independence and was appointed Protector of Peru.

By this time, another Masonic Liberator was fighting the Spanish in the northern part of the continent, Simón Bolívar. Bolívar and San Martín agreed to meet and discuss plans to push out the Viceroyalty for good. On July 26th, 1822, they met in Guayaquil, Ecuador, in what became known as the Guayaquil Conference. It was a private meeting with no minutes or witnesses. The next day San Martín quietly left, returning to Peru. Neither ever spoke of the conversation again, and historians have been speculating as to what exactly happened during the meeting ever since. Numerous books and essays have been published, even a fictional account by Jorge Luis Borges, *Guayaquil*, which explores the psychological relationship between the two men.

San Martín soon resigned his powers in Peru and returned to Argentina. However, he didn't stay there long because of the political climate upon his arrival and fearing persecution. He left South America and retired to Europe, where he died on August 17th, 1850. According to his wishes, his remains were returned to Argentina in 1880 and laid to rest at the Buenos Aires Metropolitan Cathedral. However, because he was a Freemason, the mausoleum was built outside the church.

In correspondence from San Martín to Bartolomé Mitre, when asked about Lautaro Lodge, San Martín stated, "I do not think it is desirable that I should say the slightest thing to you about the Lodge in Buenos Aires. These are entirely private matters and although they have had and have a great influence on the events of the Revolution in that part of America, they cannot be revealed without my failing in a most sacred obligation."

Sources:

Galasso, Norberto: *Seamos Libres y lo demás no importa nada* (in Spanish). (2009)

Lynch, John: *San Martín: Argentine Soldier, American Hero* (2009)

KNIGHTS OF SAINT ANDREW

Sir Knight Brothers,

The Longs Peak Scottish Irish Highland Festival is in its 48th year of celebration. <https://www.scotfest.com/>

We have space number 16 in tent number 1 <https://www.scotfest.com/clan.html>

That puts us in the heart of the clans!

My wife and I will be there for the weekend and it would be nice for other brothers to come up and enjoy the festivities with us as well as man the space for a bit so we may get away and enjoy the activities as well.

This event is full of people with traditional values and seeking connections to the past. Men are seeking meaning by understanding their past and freemasonry has been in Scotland since at least the 1400s.

Indeed it was once said that aside from tartan and whiskey there is nothing more Scottish than freemasonry. <http://www.kilwinning.org/motherlodge/default.htm>

As they come out of the Covid shutdown they are in need of a lot of help. Several organizations are involved and doing what they can to assist and it would be great if we can too.

These are the various activities and times as well as the number of people needed to do them. This is just a list of opportunities to help promote the history and culture of the Scots and Irish. I and my wife have been attending this event for at least 15 years and it is always loads of fun.

Also if you have never been to a Scottish Military Tattoo you have got to attend one. Loads of pomp as well as horses, cannon fire and naturally bag pipes.

This is what they are asking for:

Set up façade Saturday 9/3 9am – 1pm (10 to 15 people)

Set up tables and chairs Wednesday 9/7 9am to 5pm (10 – 15 people)

Tattoo rehearsal Thursday 9/8 (5 people)

Folk Concert Friday 9/9 take tickets, usher VIPs 6 to 10 pm (5 people)

Tattoo ushers Friday 9/9 take tickets usher VIPs 6 to 10 (5 people)

Tattoo ushers Saturday 9/10 take tickets usher VIPs 6 to 10 (5 people)

Rock Concert Saturday 9/10 take tickets, user VIPs 6 to 10 pm (5 people)

Honored Guest Reception Saturday 9/10 5 to 6:30pm (set up tent and prepare and serve guests)

Gate help Thursday to Sunday for ticket booth (10 people)

Take down façade Sunday 9/11 – 5pm (10 to 15 people)

Please let me know soon if you can help and when you can help.

This can be anyone helping, so family as well as other members of the Consistory, lodges or your neighbors can participate.

I will coordinate with the organization.

Thanks,

David Spence papaspence@gmail.com

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Memorial Scroll

Andrew August Anderson, 33°	06/06/2022
Donald Dean Kammerzell, 32° KCCH	05/19/2022
Norman Donald Noe, 32°	04/10/2022



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 enjoyed our June Stated Meeting. It was good to see many of the Blue Lodges in attendance and watch the members of those lodges proudly stand with a sense of pride as the lodge names were read. It was also our last meeting until September. June 21st was the first official day of summer. Summertime fills my mind with many wonderful memories. Some of those memories are fishing in a Kansas creek with my father and grandfather, playing a game of pick-up baseball on a summer morning at the local school baseball field, going to a drive-in movie with my family, having a family picnic, going to the local amusement park, and so on.

Summer is also a time of rest. Matthew 11:28 is one of my favorite Bible verses. Jesus says, "Come to me, all of you that are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your weary souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." Summer can be a time for appraising life. It is a time for us to take a break and look at ourselves. This summer, do something for yourself that you would enjoy and bring you happiness. I have not been to a Rockies baseball game in several years. I am going this year with a group from Foothill's seniors. I am looking forward to being with my friends at one of "American's games."

Albert Einstein said, "There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle."

This summer, why not do something you have put off, do something for someone else, write some poems, start a journal, be a shining light, read a book, or finish a project?

Have a blessed Summer,

Ill. Br. Rev. James H. Harris, 33°





100+ Years YOUNG

Horace Michael Moore (103)

Gerald Robert Blevins (100)

80 Years "OLD"

James Hayden Stewart

Dale Albert Swartz

70 Years "OLD"

Ira Leland Shwartz

60 Years "OLD"

Russell William Mason

40 Years "OLD"

Stephan Grenier

30 Years "OLD"

Tommy Thammavongkeo

Our July 2022 "Youngster"

Nicholaus Elio Sprovieri (26)



JULY 4, 1776 (246 Years)

Children who watch television night and day will go down in history—not to mention mathematics, geography, and grammar.

The early fish gets hooked by the same thing the early bird gets credit for.

Virus is a Latin word used by doctors to mean, "Your guess is as good as mine."

The best way to be "somebody" is just to be yourself.

Character is what you are when no one is watching.

You can easily judge the character of a man by how he treats those who can do nothing for him.

A bad reputation is the easiest thing to get, but the most difficult to get rid of.

Reputation is precious—character is priceless.

A bad disposition has lost many a good position.

Character is revealed by your actions in an unguarded moment.

No man's character is better than his word.

THREE ESSENTIALS IN LIFE: a faith to live by, a self to live with, and a purpose to live for.

Your words may hide your thoughts, but your actions will reveal them.

A good test of a person's character is seen in his behavior when he is wrong.



Brother Dick Williams, 32°, was at Coors Field on opening day (April 8th) in one of the Colorado Rockies Shops. This is 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.

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1370 Grant Street
Denver, Colorado 80203
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Thank you for your contribution and **GO ROCKIES!**

“Get on board”, we’re heading up to Nevadaville for another Historic Colorado Miners Breakfast July 10th from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



COME UP TO THE MOUNTAIN; WE WILL BE WAITING!

Come to the mountain for a delicious Colorado Miners Breakfast at the Nevada 4 Lodge.
We will be waiting tables from 7:00 am to 1:00 pm on Sunday, July 10th 2022

Our Breakfast Fund Raiser was a big success in 2021 and we would like to thank all of our guests for supporting our beloved mountain lodge. The DeMolay Boys will be waiting on tables for our guests and our professional cook will offer personalized service, cooking your choice of Eggs served 5 different ways, Sausage, Bacon, Pancakes, Hash Browns, Chilled Mixed Berries, Coffee, Milk, Juice and Non-Alcohol Mimosa. Yes, seconds are legal.

While you are at the Lodge, please plan to check out our latest renovations and remodeling projects. We will also be showcasing some interesting historical items related to our Lodge and the Gold Mining in our area. The original Nevadaville City Hall and Jail along with the old Kramer Saloon (Antiques) will be open for tours. It is very quiet up in Nevadaville except when the “Wild Bunch” comes into town, talking a bit of history, talking a bit of trash and staging gun fights at 10:00 am, 11:00 am and High Noon. We will also have a visit from a number of Historical Re-enactors to bring a bit of our history to life in the our Ghost Town.

We will be giving free Hay Wagon rides to the Lodge and back, from the parking lot near our Masonic Cemetery, which is located at the base of the hill, below our Masonic Lodge Building. (valet parking is also available at the Lodge)

Thank you so much for your on-going support.
The breakfast donation is \$10.00 and \$5.00 for children
All proceeds will be used to support our building renovation

**The Locomotive at the top of this page is the Shay No. 3 from the Elgin Tramway that serviced Quartz Hill during the peak mining days
Nevada Masonic Lodge No.4 is located at 1043 Nevadaville Road, Central City, CO 80427**

First Responders and their family dine for free



Pulled from the pages of History

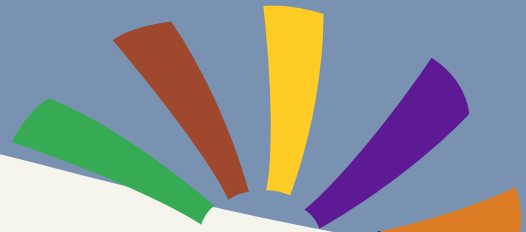
Troopers from Company C, of the 4th US Calvary Regiment will be in Nevadaville for our Mountain Miners Breakfast event.



Saturday July 30th, 2022

@ 6pm by Reservation Only

(NO SALES AT THE DOOR)



DENVER CONSISTORY ANNUAL SUMMER DINNER

OLD COLORADO THE EARLY YEARS, MYTH & LEGEND



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FOR THIS EVENT

CONSISTORY LINE ENTERTAINMENT GROUP PRESENTS



Dinner: Southwest Fiesta Style Buffet Dinner w/Gluten Free Options, Coffee, Tea, Water.

Cost: \$30 - Adults; \$15 - Kids 6-11; Under 6 - Donation

Promotions: An ALL-CALL for All to pass the word! It's our party: lets get the word out!

Dining Room: Attendants & Support by Amaranth Ladies & Guys, KSA at the door and serving Sarsaparilla.

Costume & Voluntary Options: Sheriffs, Miss Lil's, Farmers, Mountain Men, Miners, Dudes, School Marms, Gents, Blue Jeans Suspenders & Funky Hat & Mayberry's Otis. More! Be creative & have fun!

Awards: Store-bought eatable trophy's for the most Stylish, Unique or Original costume, Best Guy and Best Gal.

Guest Speaker: Bro. Jerry Lau and the Historic and unique Masonic

Donation: 50¢ Sarsaparilla bottle **Tickets are Pre-Sale (Reservation) ONLY:**
shots for Rite Care (& by the bottle for the big spenders)

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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!!!



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