



# Denver's RiteWorks

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**DENVER CONSISTORY**  
**PETITION FOR**  
**MEMBERSHIP**



**REMEMBER**  
**MEMBERSHIP IS A CONTACT SPORT!**

**Membership Report**  
**September 2021: 1578**  
**September 2022: 1512**  
**NET LOSS: 66**

**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.

# PLANNING CALENDAR

## 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**  
Wed, SEP 14 6:30-8:00 p.m. Friends of the Scottish Rite (Prospect Night)  
Fri, SEP 16, 23, 30 11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (\$13)  
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 (Fried Chicken on 7<sup>th</sup> - \$13)  
Sat, OCT 8 NOON Endowment Fund Lunch and Seminar (Invitation only)  
Sat, OCT 15 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)  
5 min oration: Orator, Centennial Lodge of Perfection

## November 2022

Fri, NOV 4 11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (Fried Chicken - \$13)  
Mon, NOV 7 7:00 p.m. KSA Meeting in the Lodge Room  
Fri, NOV 11 11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (\$13)  
Mon, NOV 14 5:30 p.m. Special Officers Meeting to read Petitions  
Thu-Sat, NOV 17-19 **FALL REUNION (58<sup>th</sup>) Parking Garage Available**  
Mon, NOV 21 Stated Meeting - **Parking Garage Available**  
5:30 p.m. Red Room Business Meeting  
6:00 p.m. Dinner  
7:00 p.m. Entertainment - Veterans Recognition Program  
7:30 p.m. Split Meeting  
**Thu-Fri, NOV 24-25** **CONSISTORY CLOSED (Thanksgiving Holiday)**

# EDITOR'S WRESTLEBOARD



**BY: BILL HICKEY, 33°**

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## **The Past May Have Brought You Here, But It Won't Necessarily Be What Will Take You To Your Future**

A little over two years ago, the world was introduced to its latest villain—COVID-19. In a remarkably short time, we went from a relatively secure and healthy environment to one that carried with it serious illness and death, political controversy and division, and just plain bad behavior. Not surprisingly, governments all over the world clamped down on in-person activities, mandated lockdowns, shut down businesses, schools, and pretty much all social activities. This, of course, exacerbated some of the divisiveness in the process. (11116411)

During that time, we had to come up with new coping skills—either living alone in isolation, or sheltering our families in the hope that they could be spared from this deadly invader. Schools stopped in-person teaching. Kids learned to use virtual technology to continue their education. In the process, we discovered that they didn't learn as much - PROBABLY because your mind gets bored and dulled by 6+ hours sitting in front of a computer screen in a ZOOM session. Wouldn't YOU? We are not all Vulcans with logical, disciplined, and trained minds.

As well, most civic, professional, and hobby interest meetings shut down and began to pick up a virtual aspect as well. What happened? Well, they collectively discovered that some of their long-lost members began showing up. They had stopped coming for a variety of reasons. Some were personal—illness, not able to drive at night, too far away, and so on. Some stopped coming because the meetings themselves were boring, repetitive, predictable, and frankly a waste of time. People found that the time they used to spend sitting in boring meetings or travelling to them was now productive time at home doing other things that had been long neglected out of HABIT more than anything else.

Now, as we come OUT of the COVID virtual era, many organizations are hurting for in-person attendance precisely BECAUSE their members found out they could be more productive with their time by staying at home. Guess what? Workers found out that they could be as productive, if not moreso, from home than in an office environment. Businesses found out they didn't need as much office space as before, so there was cost saving there. The problem? Management clinged to the old fashioned idea of in-person "face time" with employees rather than focusing on the future and productivity of the company. In other words, they valued that past that got them where they are today rather than looking to what would be needed to take them to the future. "Parts" are not necessarily "parts" when it comes to workers, especially key workers. You can't simply discard seasoned and experienced talent because

they're expensive or don't want to work 9-5 in an office environment. You might get younger and less expensive talent, but they lack the experience and insights that your experienced workers bring to your business. Somewhere along the line, you have to learn what it takes to keep them on the job producing and taking you to the future.

Likewise, in any organization like Masonry, there are just SOME things that MUST be done in person. Things that require a "personal touch" as it were. But, if we are honest with ourselves, there are a LOT of things we do routinely that are just as easily (and probably more effectively) done in a virtual environment without the need to sit through repetitive and boring things that are more habit than anything else. Those groups that have figured out how to hybridize their meeting habits are the ones that are finding growth because that attitude resonates with the younger generation—and after all, aren't we all looking for younger new blood to regenerate and reinvigorate our organizations?

I worked in a classified environment all my adult life. There is NO WAY that I could have, or would have been allowed to, work from home. Oh, maybe 5-10% of my time was spent on unclassified and non-sensitive tasks. So, yes, there are some exceptions to the idea that you don't necessarily need "face time" in person to get the job done. The key is understanding which parts of your processes can indeed be managed and addressed virtually while retaining the essential parts for in-person activities and effectively controlling those.

I didn't say this would be easy. I didn't say this would be 100% successful. And, I didn't say it wouldn't be painful—because it will be. Change is usually pretty painful, especially when it is a drastic or fundamental change - change that is forced on you by things or entities beyond your control.

Isn't it better to be on the leading edge of positive change rather than clinging to the trailing edge and bleeding profusely as you slowly lose members and die from apathy?

Every year in January, I examine the numbers associated with Masonry in the USA and Canada—I get the numbers from the Masonic Service Association—and they go back much more than 50 years. The numbers tell you a story—one that apparently no one wants to believe or hear - but the numbers don't lie. If you don't ADAPT and CHANGE to be relevant to a younger generation, you will fade away, slowly but surely. History won't help you out with this one. The big membership bulge just after WWII is not likely to be repeated in our lifetime, if ever. At best, you might be able to arrest the hemorrhage of losing members at a constant rate ... slow it down and hopefully try to reverse it somehow. Pretending it's not real (the Ostrich syndrome) won't save you either. MEANINGFUL change will give you a fighting chance.

The important thing to remember is that you do not have to change "core values" - but you probably DO have to change your delivery methods. How you approach that will determine whether you close your doors in a generation or two, or whether you manage to beat the odds and continue to "take good men and make them better" in the process.

This is not a "pessimistic" view of the state of things - it's a realistic assessment of where we are today, where we are currently headed if we do not change. In the final analysis, whether we change or not is really up to us—not our fathers and grandfathers..

*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.

**OVERCONFIDENCE IS THAT COCKY FEELING YOU GET JUST BEFORE YOU KNOW BETTER**

### 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 Tom Repp, 32° KCCH

Brother Brian Kirby, 32°

Brother Howard Zoufaly, 32°

## Estate Planning Seminar

Wayne G. Arner, 33°

Have you thought about what impact your individual membership has made so far at the Denver Consistory, or what a difference it could make in the future years to come? Are you concerned about the future of the Denver Consistory Cathedral Building at 14<sup>th</sup> and Grant Street, next to the Colorado State Capitol building and near Downtown Denver? Have you pondered what you can do about perpetuating it? We all know of the demise of other Masonic facilities in the Denver Metropolitan area, and don't want apathy to take away what our Brothers built in 1925 and which has continued to this day.

For these reasons, the Endowment Fund Committee of the Scottish Rite Masonic Center, will present an **ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR on Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022**, to help you understand and learn more about charitable giving in today's turbulent financial times. This will be presented by our Estate Planning Expert, **Mr. L. William Schmidt**, (Fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Council). There will be a light lunch served before the presentation, so a **reservation is required**. Please call the Consistory and secure a reservation for you and any family member concerned with your finances and estate planning.

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**Receive a free stated meeting dinner** - Prepay for an entire years' worth of stated meeting dinners and **receive one dinner free**. Prepay for nine dinners and receive the tenth dinner free. To receive the free dinner, you must prepay for all nine dinners at one time. It does not matter when during the year you decide to prepay. The time frame will run consecutively and not on a calendar year basis. No refunds or credit will be given for prepaid dinners not utilized during the twelve-month period.

**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 June Stated Meeting: **Elmer E. King, Kelly D. Fields, Charles E. Schumacher, Robert L. Thomas, Dean S. Ehn, Robert L. Fitzwater, Gary Y. Okimo, Andrew J. Houpt, Duane R. Armstrong, Malcolm D. Thomas II**. 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 September Stated meeting? (10369259)

**RSVP Needed** - Now that the Summer supper break is over, it is time once again to remind you to make a reservation when requested. **PLEASE HELP US PLAN PROPERLY** for our events and dinners. We do not want to waste money by over-ordering the amount of food we will need, and we don't want to run out by not ordering enough. The only way we will know how much to order is if you do your part and let us know if you will attend.

**Annual Summer Dinner** - The theme for the event this year was "Old Colorado, the early years, myth and legend." Those who attended the Annual Summer Dinner July 30<sup>th</sup> enjoyed a Southwest Fiesta and great fellowship. THANK YOU **Brother Michael Rudloff, 32° KCCH**, Preceptor of Denver Consistory, for planning this enjoyable event. Several of the guests dressed up in old west costumes. It was wonderful to see all of you. Thank you for supporting Denver Consistory.

**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](http://www.carsforcharity.net) to donate for the benefit of the Scottish Rite Masonic Center.

**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. \$130 is a real bargain for membership in Denver Consistory. Just \$0.35 per day. WOW! That's a LOT less than the cost of one cup of coffee. Isn't your Scottish Rite membership worth more to you than a cup of coffee? 2023 membership fee notices have been mailed by the Supreme Council. **Please pay your membership fee when you receive the notice, and not lay it aside and forget about it and then become delinquent.** Please do your part to help sustain the operation of Denver Consistory by paying your membership fee.

**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 fees will increase effective January 1, 2023.** If you have been considering purchasing a Life membership, do it now before the increased fee goes into effect.

**2022 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

**2023 Life Membership Fee:**

75 years old and older – a single payment of \$1,250

62-74 years old – a single payment of \$1,750

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

**Extended payment terms may be arranged. Contact the office for details.**

**Fall Reunion** - The Fall Reunion will be held November 17-19. We need YOU to do your part to facilitate the Fall Reunion. **We need candidates!** As of August 31<sup>st</sup> we have TWO candidates for the Fall class. Get those petitions turned into the office. **DO NOT WAIT until November.** (Flyer in this issue)

**Friends of the Scottish Rite (Prospect Night)** - The Fall Reunion "Friends of the Scottish Rite—Prospect Night" will be September 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Invite your Blue Lodge members to attend, and PLEASE REMEMBER TO RSVP SO WE KNOW HOW MANY TO EXPECT.



# 2022 Consistory Summer Dinner Party





## L. Bryant Harris, 32° KCCH

**Executive Secretary  
Scottish Rite Foundation  
Of Colorado**



This year, as every year, the Scholarship review team had a tough time deciding on the award-ees. Both the University of Northern Colorado and University of Colorado – Boulder turn out so many outstanding graduate students in Speech-Language Pathology. We lamented the loss of one of our team, Norm O’Kelly, 32° KCCH. Norm served with us for several years and was always a joy to work with. Ellis Miller, 32°, joined us this year. (11122736) Ellis is a new brother to the Scottish Rite; having gone through his reunion in April at the Grand Junction reunion. His extensive background in social work and working at one of our partner sites, The Pinon Project in Cortez, makes him a perfect fit. Dr Uhler, Ellis, and I are excited to introduce you to the 2022 Dwight A. Hamilton Graduate Scholarship in Speech-Language Pathology Winners.



### **Emma Jo Wiley - University of Northern Colorado**

Ms. Wiley was born and raised in Fort Collins. She obtained her *Bachelor of Science in Health Science* at Whitworth University in Spokane, Washington. She worked in an emergency room, at a foster care company, and a preschool before determining to study speech-language pathology. She is looking forward to a career working with children in Colorado to provide those with communication needs with a voice or creative way to be understood.



### **Rachel Binder - University of Colorado, Boulder**

Ms. Binder is from Centennial Colorado. She completed her Bachelor of Arts in Communication Studies at Chapman University in Orange, California. Rachel currently resides in Erie with her husband and two sons. She became interested in speech-language pathology after working with foster care youth during her term with AmeriCorps. Rachel wants to continue working with youth in underserved communities upon graduation.



### **Shaylee Bunkers - University of Colorado, Boulder**

Ms. Bunkers was born in Sioux City, Iowa and moved to Colorado in 2009. She graduated with her Bachelor of Arts from Metropolitan State University of Denver in December of 2020. She is particularly enthusiastic about family-centered care and is looking forward to her first study being published. She is honored to be part of such a distinguished foundation that aligns with her personal interests and values.

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**Courtney Jenson - University of Colorado, Boulder**

Ms. Jenson earned a Bachelor of Arts in both Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences and Psychology at the University of Colorado, Boulder. As a first-generation college student and Colorado native, she is excited to serve underprivileged populations in her home state. She is fascinated with all areas of the field, but has a particular interest in cognition. She believes in holistic treatment and installing resilience in clients and their families.



**Alexis Smith - University of Colorado, Boulder**

Ms. Smith completed her undergraduate degree with distinction, majoring in Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences with a minor in Education at the University of Colorado, Boulder in 2020. She has had invaluable exposure to interdisciplinary teams in various settings, including as a teaching assistant at the Rise School of Denver and as a paraprofessional educator at Brighton High School. As a sixth generation Colorado native, she is committed to staying in Colorado and working with children in underserved populations and those with health disparities.



**Aichel Campos Suarez - University of Colorado, Boulder**

Ms. Campos Suarez has worked with linguistically and culturally diverse children and families as a registered behavior technician and Spanish medical interpreter. While at the University of Colorado, Boulder, she participated in the Augmentative and Alternative Communication Community Outreach Grant Project as a bilingual graduate clinician and volunteer translator. She looks forward to providing speech and language therapy to the Denver Metro areas diverse communities.





## Bill Achbach, 32° KCCH

Director of Education

**Coming Soon...Actually NOW**

**To a Computer Near You**



### **As usual, a bit of housekeeping first...**

So, here we are at the end of another Colorado summer! By the time you read this, Labor Day may have come & gone; the kids (or grand-kids) will be back to school; football season will be underway or right on the horizon; (10268985) our Lodges (if they were “dark” over the summer) will be getting geared up for fall & winter work ... and, not too far in the future, the transitions will come that mark the end of the Masonic Year.

For Denver Consistory, of course, that includes the Fall Reunion (Nov.17-19), and so this is a good time to remind everyone of the looming deadline for proficient Master Masons to submit petitions. You’ll find the QR code for an online petition elsewhere in *Rite Works*, or you can journey [here](#) to access that document and then send the link to an interested Brother. If you have Brethren, in your Lodge or of other acquaintance, who might be interested in affiliating with Denver Consistory (i.e., those who originally joined in another jurisdiction and are carrying demits), you can find that petition [here](#).

### **A complete revamping of the Master Craftsman<sup>®</sup> Program is underway!**

None of us needs reminding that there were many frustrations and disappointments, over the past couple of years, associated with the pandemic and responses thereto. We were forced apart (physically at least) for months at a stretch and found many of our habitual routines seriously disrupted. Master Craftsman<sup>®</sup> was both a beneficiary and a victim of all that upheaval.

The beneficial part? Isolation and separation resulted in many Brethren, who perhaps had courses sitting & gathering dust on shelves for years, saying, “Hey, I’ve got some forced free time! Let’s get to it!” And many did...or at least tried!

Unfortunately, the staff at the House of the Temple was also torn away from their accustomed routines (aka “work”), in support of the program—at least that requiring in-person & hands-on effort—and also for weeks or months at a time. So, at precisely the same moment when many Scottish Rite Brethren undertook or renewed their studies in Master Craftsman<sup>®</sup>, support for the program became sporadic, slow, and frustrating all around!

One response, early in 2020, was the forced, early rollout of a planned, but not completely ready, online (email-based) approach to the first two courses: a “band aid,” as Bro. Maynard Edwards calls it. That helped a little. But the approach still had some serious shortcomings, and, of course, MC #3 (Scottish Rite Philosophy) got no digital update at all.

What the pandemic did do, at the end of the day, was to force our Brethren and the staff at

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Supreme Council HQ to redouble their efforts to fix the problems...including those that only became apparent during the long pandemic months. On August 17, I was given the opportunity to attend a meeting, via Zoom, moderated by Bro. Maynard, the Manager for Member Engagement, along with Brothers from Valleys all over the S.J. The purpose was a public rollout of the fruits of many, many hours of effort, resulting in a major revamp of the program...and the changes are only beginning. I believe you're going to like the result **and** the direction we're headed!

**Master Craftsman<sup>®</sup> is now [Master Craftsman Online College & Leadership Academy<sup>®</sup>](#)!**

If you log onto the SC website and click on the Master Craftsman<sup>®</sup> dashboard item, you'll read this about how Master Craftsman<sup>®</sup> is evolving:

*This is a complete, online, multimedia learning system designed by Masons for Masons, and is similar to online learning platforms used by colleges and universities around the world. Master Craftsman Online College & Leadership Academy students will be able to select from numerous Masonic Education & Leadership courses and track their learning progress through a fun and interactive learning system. Best of all, the online learning system is available on any device, so you can improve yourself in Masonry anytime, anywhere.*

*New courses will be released regularly, providing the modern Freemason with a constant source of more light in Freemasonry.*

The first, new offering (and very much a "trial" of the new format & new features) is called **"Why 33?"** It is a single-session, multimedia course, designed to give you the feel of the new academy approach & environment, as well as a taste of what's on the horizon for Masonic learners as new courses are developed. Everything you'll need for **Why 33?** will be found on that same page, including a "Learn More" link that will take you to an overview of the course and the registration process. **Why 33?** is a completely self-contained course (no additional materials to obtain) and the cost is only \$5.

An important thing to understand about **Why 33?** is that what you'll experience is the future of the entire Master Craftsman<sup>®</sup> program...and more! So, that said, let me touch on just a few FAQs about where these changes are taking us:

**Q:** What about the courses in which I'm already enrolled?

**A:** You may complete the coursework you've already begun **and in the format you already have**. But there are two things to know, going forward:

There will be no new enrollments for any of the paper-based courses (MC #1, #2, or #3) or the online/email-based format begun in 2020, and

You may convert your enrollment to the new, digital format, but this may necessitate redoing already completed lessons. Bottom line: I suggest that you finish the work you already have underway ASAP.

**Q:** How will the new content and the required work compare with the original courses?

**A:** Both will be very similar, with some formatting changes to accommodate the new approach. There will also be video and audio resources added to the courses (as you will see in **Why 33?**) designed to enhance your learning and overall experience.

**Q:** Will all three current Master Craftsman<sup>®</sup> courses be available via the Academy?

**A:** Eventually, yes. MC #1 (Symbolic Lodge) & MC #2 (Ritual and History) are available now, in addition to the new **Why 33?** session (a GREAT way to experience the new format and get a feel for the entire program). MC #3 (Scottish Rite Philosophy) is still in digital development... but will be available soon.

**Q:** Are any of the text/reading materials now available in digital format?

**A: YES!** In fact, **all** the reading materials...

*Esoterika,*

*Scottish Rite Ritual & Monitor,*

*A Bridge to Light,* and

*Pike's Morals & Dogma* (DeHoyos annotated edition)

...are now available from Amazon, in digital (Kindle<sup>®</sup>) format. The Kindle<sup>®</sup> reader app is a free download (for both PC/Mac & mobile devices), **and** the digital editions are priced at a considerable savings over the print editions. What's not to like about that?!?

**Q:** Are the course materials usable on mobile devices as well as desktop or laptop computers?

**A:** Yes! In fact, when you combine the fact that the coursework itself will be usable on any device and that all the reading materials are available digitally, what you have is a study program with a maximum of convenience and portability.

**Q:** Can the lessons (quizzes) be printed, either for my own use or to make study group work easier?

**A:** Yes. Actually, it's recommended by program developers that you print the questions to make their use easier both for your own learning and for use in a group setting. When you're satisfied with your work's quality & correctness, transfer your responses to the digital format and submit it for evaluation. Also, BTW, a "save and resume later" function is built into all Academy courses, so you won't be forced to either sacrifice partially completed work or to continue working when you're ready for a break!

Brethren, I'm excited about the potential of the new approach, and I believe that we're going to see a virtual (yeah, okay, pun intended) (11162272) explosion of new courses, studies & workshops using the new format. I'll predict that the limitations and irritations of traditional formats will fade away as the advantages of the Master Craftsman Online College & Leadership Academy<sup>®</sup> become apparent.

I hope you'll explore the new offerings and decide to begin or complete your studies soon. I'm sure that there are those reading these words, who will become developers of future offerings of the Academy: the latest manifestation of the *University of Freemasonry!*

**Bill**

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**July's Trivia Question:** Under what circumstances is a Lodge said to be opened, closed, or operating "in ample form?"

**Answer:** "Ample form" is most simply explained not with reference to "what or how" but, rather, as a function of "when or by whom." According to Mackey's Encyclopedia: "*When the Grand Master is present at the opening or closing of the Grand Lodge, it is said to be opened or closed 'in ample form.'* **Any** [emphasis mine] ceremony performed by the Grand Master is said to be done 'in ample form'; when performed by the Deputy, it is said to be 'in due form,' and by any other temporarily presiding officer, it is 'in form.'"

So (interpreting the term "any ceremony" to include the meeting of a constituent Lodge within his jurisdiction), when the MWGM visits your Lodge **anything** he does in the way of presiding—e.g., presenting 50-year awards or (as he often does) closing the Lodge when the business of the evening is concluded—is said to be accomplished in "ample form." If the MWGM does it, it's "ample," and technically that's true no matter how he does it. However, as SGD Dean McConnell pointed out to me in addressing the question, "There is a specific format that is to be followed in Colorado," and that is doubtless the case in every jurisdiction. "Ample form" does **not** therefore mean that the MWGM (3825973) may or should do anything to depart from the prescribed ritual (for example, in closing the Lodge) or that any sort of "shortcut" in procedure is what is meant by "ample" ...probably a most common misunderstanding of the term. Once again, it's not a matter of "what or how" but of "when or by whom." Bottom line: it's the person & presence of the MWGM that makes it "ample form."

**Congratulations and thanks to Bro. Dean McConnell, 32° KCCH,** for jumping on the question very shortly after the July issue link was posted!

**This Month's Trivia Question (answer in next month's *Rite Works*):** What is V.M.A.P. and why is it important to the Scottish Rite, S.J. and to the Valley of Denver?



## Masonic Lodges on the Air Event to Take Place on September 24



Masonic Lodges on the Air (MLotA), an amateur radio special event, will be on the air Saturday, September 24, 2022, from locations across the county. The event is open to all amateur radio operators, and the idea for the event grew out of the realization that many Freemasons also have a love for amateur radio.

The Fulton County Amateur Radio Club (FCARC) and the Fulton Lodge #248 in Ohio first hosted the event in 2021. Because of its success, the event has now been scheduled for the next 3 years.

The event will be operating K8BXQ from 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM ET, using SSB only on 80, 40, 20, 15, and 10 meters. Please honor all band plans. All contacts must be in the phone portion of the bands. Stations may be contacted once on each band.

Full contest rules and information can be found at [cqmorelight.com/rules](http://cqmorelight.com/rules).

Bob Holstrom, KD2BKD, said that masons in New York and New Jersey will be setting up stations at the historic museum grounds of The DeWint House, George Washington's Headquarters in Tappan, New York. The property is owned and operated by the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York. The special event call sign for that location will be W2QX, operating from 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM ET.

"Everyone is welcome to visit the historic DeWint house," said Holstrom. "The home has been restored and admission is free."

More information about Masonic Lodges on the Air can be found at their website, [cqmorelight.com](http://cqmorelight.com).



# Memorial Scroll

James Franklin Austin, 32°	08/01/2022
Walter Joe Cooley, 32°	07/09/2022
Gary Lynn Gosage, 32°	08/27/2022
Jurgen Hartman, 32°	7/29/2022
James W. Johnston, 32°	05/18/2022
Gordon Allen Ledford, 32° KCCH	07/22/2022
Cecil Jay Phelps, 32°	07/12/2022
John Stuart Poulos, 32°	11/10/2021
Ernest Clem Purling, 32°	03/20/2022
Edward Paul Singleton, 32°	06/21/2022
Junius Neil Stuhlmiller, 32°	07/30/2022
Ralph Tompkins Warehime, 32°	06/23/2022
Robert Winchell Raines, 32°	06/15/2022



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



Greetings my Brothers:

It is "back-to-school" time and time to be thinking about Fall. I have noticed that the nights are getting cooler, and daylight hours shorter, and Denver is buzzing with Bronco mania. The month of August was named after the first Roman emperor Augustus Caesar. The question I have is, "Why is summer like the letter N?" Because it makes "ice" "nice." August is my birthday month, which makes me think about getting older. I have come to accept birthdays with not much fanfare, but just as another day in my life. However, birthdays are special, and in my family we always made them extra special. (3825973) I still receive cards from members of the churches I have served over the years. I recently received a card from the Consistory. It was nice to receive the card. However, every person is special and we should always treat each other as such. I am so grateful to all of you. In our country today we need more kindness. Our country is full of bitterness and anger. WE see it every day in the halls of Congress. The early church grew because those outside the church saw the love Christians held for each other and they wanted to be a part of it. Meanness seems to be the norm almost everywhere today. However, NOT in the Masonic fraternity and not in most of our churches. I attend a church that is loving and caring.

My Brothers, have a great Fall, and as we return to our lodges and meetings, let us remember to be kind to each other. Yes, even those with whom we don't agree.

Blessings, Ill Br. Rev. James H. Harris, 33°





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### 90 Years YOUNG

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### 60 Years "OLD"

Kelly Dwight Fields

### 50 Years "OLD"

Brian Lee Corn

### 40 Years "OLD"

Grant Michael Birely

### September 2022 "Youngster"

Miguel Angel Lazalde (37)



## STUPID SCIENCE

The U.S. space program spent \$18 million on the Mariner I spacecraft to get a close look at the planet Venus. Never made it. A few minutes into its flight, the unmanned Mariner I crashed into the Atlantic Ocean. What went wrong? NOTHING. The computer controlling the ship's takeoff did EXACTLY what it was programmed to do. The programmer had left a minus sign off one of the directions and that made all the difference between success and failure.

Air pollution isn't a modern phenomenon. The air in London was already so bad in the year 1306 that burning coal within city limits was punishable by death. (11155769)

In 2000, two computer drives turned up missing at Los Alamos National Laboratories. Call security—the drives contained vital secrets about our nuclear weapons program. Never mind, call off security. Just found the drives. Someone dropped them behind a copy machine. OOPS.

Before he saved Britain in World War II, Prime Minister Winston Churchill took time out from his political career to make this farsighted prediction in Popular Mechanics magazine: Before the year 2000, Churchill claimed, farmers would stop raising complete chickens. Churchill saw this old-fashioned approach to poultry farming as a waste of time. Instead, he predicted, farmers would grow chicken breasts and chicken wings without the rest of the bird.

Ever wonder why football coaches don't recruit at MENSA meetings? You don't want your linebackers thinking twice about going up against players like Jim Taylor of the Green Bay Packers, who explained his approach to running the ball: I love to hear the sounds of breaking bones.

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