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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 also be aware of who follows you into the building. [11142027] 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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DENVER CONSISTORY PETITION FOR MEMBERSHIP



MEMBERSHIP IS A CONTACT SPORT!

Membership Report

October 2021:	1573
October 2022:	1507
NET LOSS:	68

PLANNING CALENDAR

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 th - \$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 [10583640] 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 (58th) Parking Garage Available
Sat, NOV 19	6:00 p.m. Reunion Banquet; 25 & 50 year Presentations
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; Rocky Mountain Rose Croix Ritual Open/Close
Thu-Fri, NOV 24-25	CONSISTORY CLOSED (Thanksgiving Holiday)
Sat, NOV 26	9:00-11:00 a.m. Consistory Holiday Decorating Party (ALL members, Officers, and wives are invited)

December 2022

Fri, DEC 2, 9, 16	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (\$13; Fried Chicken on DEC 2)
Sat, DEC 3	10:00 a.m.-NOON SR Foundation & Consistory Children's Christmas Party
Mon, DEC 5	7:00 p.m. KSA Meeting in Lodge Room
Mon, DEC 19	Stated Meeting - Parking Garage Available 5:30 p.m. Red Room Business Meeting 6:00 p.m. Dinner - Member Appreciation Night , Masonic Education 7:00 p.m. Entertainment 7:30 p.m. Split Meeting - Annual Election of Officers
Fri, DEC 23, 30	NO CONSISTORY LUNCH over long weekend.

EDITOR'S RESTLEBOARD



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STRESS MANAGEMENT

A lecturer, when explaining stress management to an audience, raised a glass of water and asked, "how heavy is this glass of water?" Answers called out ranged from 20 grams to 500 grams. The lecturer replied, "The absolute weight doesn't matter. It depends on how long you try to hold it."

"If I hold it for a minute, that's not a problem. If I hold it for an hour, I'll have an ache in my right arm. If I hold it for a day, you'll have to call an ambulance. In each case, it's the same weight, but the longer I hold it, the 'heavier' it becomes."

He continued, "And that's the way it is with stress management. If we carry our burdens all the time, sooner or later, as the burden becomes increasingly heavy, we won't be able to carry on. As with the glass of water, you have to put it down for a while and rest before holding it again. When we're refreshed, we can carry on with the burden." [7569627]

"So, before you return home tonight, put the burden of work down. Don't carry it home. You can pick it up tomorrow. Whatever burdens you're carrying now, let them down for a moment if you can. Relax - pick them up later after you've rested. Life is short, so enjoy it."

And then he shared some ways of dealing with the burdens of life:

- Accept that some days you're the pigeon, and some days you're the statue.
- Always keep your words soft and sweet, just in case you have to eat them later.
- Always read stuff that will make you look good if you die in the middle of it.
- Drive carefully. It's not only cars that can be recalled by their maker.
- If you can't be kind, at least have the decency to be vague.
- If you lend someone \$20 and never see that person again, it was probably worth it.
- Never buy a car you can't push.
- Never put both feet in your mouth at the same time, because then you won't have a leg to stand on.
- Nobody cares if you can't dance well. Just get up and dance.
- Since it's the early worm that gets eaten by the bird, sleep late.
- The second mouse gets the cheese.
- When everything's coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.
- Birthdays are good for you. The more you have, the longer you live.

YOU MAY BE ONLY ONE PERSON IN THE WORLD, BUT YOU MAY BE THE WORLD TO ONE PERSON



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.

CHANCE NEVER HELPS THOSE WHO DO NOT HELP THEMSELVES

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 Howard Zoufaly, 32°

WHO READS THE RITWORKS CONTEST – The membership numbers published in the September RiteWorks belong to the following Brothers who were eligible to receive a free dinner for the September Stated Meeting: **Samuel Howard, Alex Ragulsky Jr., John Gardner II, Lawrence Whitehurst, Myron Smith, Joey Martinez, Robert Mason, Robert Jones, Corey Clerkin, and Richard Crabb.** 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 October Stated Meeting. [8939480]

Receive a discount on your Stated Meeting dinners – Prepay for a years' worth of Stated meeting dinners and **receive one dinner free.** Prepay for nine dinners and receive the tenth Dinner free. To receive the discount, 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.

Security Reminder – With the start of degree rehearsals for the Fall Reunion, please remember to be aware of who follows you into the building. Do not let anyone in who you do not know to be a member of Denver Consistory.

Scottish Rite Foundation Scholarships. During the September 19th Stated Meeting, six graduate students were recognized as the 2022 recipients of the \$5,000 Dwight A. Hamilton Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado Graduate Scholarship in Speech-Language Pathology. Short biographical highlights for the winners were included in the September RiteWorks.

Fall Reunion – November 17, 18, 19, 2022. We need volunteers to take part in the degrees. We also need volunteers to be part of one of the committees supporting the Reunion. Come out and watch the degrees and enjoy the fellowship with your Brothers. The Reunion is for you too, not just the candidates.

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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 still a real bargain for membership in Denver Consistory. Just \$0.35 per day. WOW! That's 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 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.

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.

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 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.

A Capitol Hill church wants to become a developer — and build homes on its parking lot



First Baptist wants to exceed the city's new, tougher requirements for affordable housing.

The lots next to the historic First Baptist Church of Denver have served many functions.

For years, apartment buildings stood there. Then in the early '60s, the church tore down the apartments to make way for parking. In 2020, the parking lot served as the pilot Safe Outdoors Site, sanctioned camping spots for unhoused residents.

Now, decades after the parking lot was built, church members have decided they want apartments there. They are proposing to develop those same lots into a mix of income-restricted and market-rate housing. [3461266]

How did the church find itself acting as a developer?

"We have been charging people to park in our lots for the last several years," said the church's minister, Brian Henderson.

Running a parking lot proved to be financially unwise. Taxes kept rising, and the church council decided to look into developing the land instead.

After exploring how to find a developer to buy the property, the church decided to become a developer itself, working in partnership with other companies. That was a first for the congregation, and the past year has been a learning opportunity, said Henderson.

In early September, the church, along with LAI Design Group, filed concept plans with the city for a 12-story 216-unit residential complex to be built at 1335 and 1345 North Grant

Street, near the Colorado Statehouse.

The recently submitted application is one of the first for a large-scale residential project under the new Expanding Housing Affordability rules, which went into effect on July 1.

Expanding Housing Affordability is the plan Mayor Michael Hancock signed into law earlier this year that forces developers to do more to solve the affordable housing crisis by either building income-restricted units or funding them.

While some developers helped draft those rules, many in the business argued they would slow down new construction and make it too expensive to build new apartments and condos in Denver. Advocates, like Drew Hamrick of the Colorado Apartment Association, recently said multi-family residential development proposals have basically stopped.

Yet First Baptist Church's proposed project at 1335 and 1345 Grant Street could be the sign that some developers are pushing forward, enthusiastic about the new rules, and keeping affordability front and center as they proceed.

The church plans to build more than the required amount of income-restricted housing. If 12 stories is approved, 20% of the units will be dedicated to people making 60% of the area median income.

Area median income is currently \$82,100 for a single person or \$105,500 for a family of three.

"Because we're a church, that's an important component for us is to be able to help people," Henderson said.

"This privately funded project will be the first of its kind where 20% or more of the units will be affordable and set the standard for all the work that has occurred with the Expanding Housing Affordability policy," LAI Design Group explained in the application.

Here's what the project will look like.

LAI wrote: "The proposed project is a 12-story multi-family residential building that will strive to be energy efficient, produce a reduced carbon footprint, and provide 20% or more affordable dwelling units all within a building that respects key historic features, simplified interpretation of historic design, details of color, texture, and finished materials."

The ground floor would potentially include amenities for residents, retail, restaurants and coworking space. New landscaping, bike racks, sidewalks and ideally a bus stop would line the street.

There would be 121 stackable parking spaces for the structure that would be dug into the ground, pending approval — one of the first of its kind in Denver.

On the roof would be both areas for leisure and solar panels.

The project would be constructed in the Civic Center Landmark Historic District, and while it would be a new building, it would attempt to reflect the aesthetic of the area.

Design mattered to the church, whose members did not want yet another blocky monstrosity.

"Our congregation felt very strongly from the beginning that they did not want a box," said Kenton Kuhn, the church's volunteer property chairman. "Even if they have to spend a little bit more money to make it look like something that fits the neighborhood and something that we can be proud of, that's what we all want to do."

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What are the next steps?

The concept plan submitted is generally the first step in any new development and could go through multiple drafts or be entirely shut down by the city.

After the plan was turned in, Denver's planning department, Community Planning and Development, quickly flagged the application to ensure it complied with the rules of the area.

The project will be reviewed by the Landmark Preservation Commission.

If the city approves, the design then has to be fleshed out, permitted and built.

The Wit ... and/or Wisdom ... of Brother Will Rogers

BIG WORDS: "I never try to fog the issue by using any big words in any of my sermons or speeches, no matter what type the audience is," explained Will Rogers. He also preferred to avoid big words, he said, because he didn't know many. "Course with a speech you can use some big words, and it comes in handy sometimes. Your audience will be confused over it and that will give you a chance to think of something. Big words in speeches, you see, are just used for about the same reason as a speaker stopping and taking a drink. He ain't thirsty."

BIRTH CERTIFICATE: When Will Rogers applied for a passport to go abroad in 1926 he stumbled into an unexpected bureaucratic barrier: he had no birth certificate. "You see, in the early days of the Indian Territory where I was born," the Native American wrote to President Coolidge, "there was no such thing as birth certificates. You being there was "certificate" enough. We generally took for granted if you were there, you must have at some time been born. Having a certificate of being born was like wearing a raincoat in the water over a bathing suit." The requirement was waived. The passport was granted.

NATIONAL BUDGET: Congress is eternally debating the national debt, arguing over whether to allocate a few billion (now maybe trillion) here or a few billion there or to spread out a few fewer billion everywhere. Will Rogers felt there was an air of unreality about the whole process of deciding the national budget: "The budget is a mythical beanbag. Congress votes mythical beans into it, and then tries to reach in and pull real beans out." Rogers offered a common-sense solution to the nation's never-ending budgetary crisis: "We will never get anywhere with our finances till we pass a law saying that every time we appropriate something, we got to pass another bill along with it stating where the money is coming from." Political leaders have not been inclined to take Will Rogers' advice, regarding it as impractical.

POLITICAL CANDIDATES: "History has proven that there is nothing in the world as alike as two candidates. They LOOK different till they get in, and then they all act the same," Will observed. "You know it don't take near as good a man to be a candidate as it does to hold the office, that's why we wisely defeat more than we elect."

Brother Larry Tygart's Challenge

Brother Larry Tygart, 32° KCCH, Venerable Master of the Centennial Lodge of Perfection, has issued a "challenge" to all members. He has created a ciphertext message and offered something "special" to anyone that solves it and provides the cleartext to him. Larry has specifically excluded your editor from the competition because of my prior experience as a navy cryptologic officer. The cleartext will be provided in the November RiteWorks along with a list of those who correctly solved it. Good Luck.

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LEFOOFV>E OO LOLOWFJ>GE O.
VO OOOJ JLK EC CF VOVUOFV
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Michael W. Rudloff, 32° KCCH

Preceptor, Denver Consistory

Consistory Preceptor and His Ramblings

It has been quite the year.

Planning the Summer Party with the newly created Consistory Entertainment Group was a lot of fun and made for a seamless event. Just look at the September RiteWorks or ask those that were there if you missed the celebration.

What you missed: Fraternal bonding, a date with your spouse or significant other, costumes, great food and drink, period background music, sarsaparilla for the Old West theme, an historic lecture by Ill. Brother Jerry Lau that mesmerized Dudes and Dames with his story and historic items (soon to be displayed at the Consistory we are told), the Best Costume competition, and an extremely lively auction. The summer event (Party) was the effort of the Consistory Entertainment Group Sub-Committee. I am very proud of the result that started with a simple idea and framework that the Sub-Committee continued to grow during the planning stages, adding depth and creating the value we all enjoyed as a result.

Perhaps more importantly than creating a great event, by involving all the Consistory line, the Brothers in the ZOOM planning meetings spurred valuable creativity and generated enthusiasm among the Officers. As a result, the line grew closer than if the Preceptor would have stressed and grabbed at the quickest option. The Sub-Committee is prepared to support Brother Joe Mitchell, 32° KCCH, with the remaining 2022 requests for assistance and the Officers for the coming year in 2023. The current Prior, Brother Dean McConnell, 32° KCCH, has started work on his ideas for 2023 and has been in contact with Brother Bill Achbach, 32° KCCH, and Brother Greg Koenig, 32°, along with the Sub-Committee already. I can feel the creative wheels in the Sub-Committee turning as we speak. [11153883]

To review: the Consistory Entertainment Committee was born out of an original idea to create more involvement of the newest Brothers to the Consistory Line while freshening the Entertainment and Education offerings and aiding the Master of Kadosh, Prior, and Preceptor in the planning of their years in the East. The COVID period, for me, slowed my world enough for some original thought as people and Brothers I was so used to seeing and talking to became less focused and seemed to be adrift. After some discussion with the Consistory Officer Line, I found that they also had a desire to participate more in the work of Entertainment and Education programs. The concept of a Sub-Committee was presented to Illustrious Brothers Ron and

Matt and received a warm reception.

So, from a few phone calls and a group lunch, the Consistory Entertainment Group was born. Along with group participation in planning events, a database has been created from the efforts of the Committee and the input of the Brothers of the Consistory. The work continues the journey of assisting the Consistory Line with entertainment and educational ideas and connections. We still need YOUR help in bringing in new talent ideas in order to broaden the selections and continue to improve and enhance the Consistory and the Members' experience by having quality choices in Entertainment and Education. The resources are available for all Officers, regardless of the Line you represent. It is my hope that the list will be available in one form or another so that every Scottish Rite member can benefit from the work done.

Our job is more than the show, it is to give our members a reason to show up because they would rather be at the Consistory meeting than any other place on the planet, be it in person or virtually. It is also important to provide the Ladies a social and educational outlet with their spouse because they want to attend the program as well. Just imagine if the profane were to see what we do and the quality we provide. We could feed the Blue Lodges with prospects so they can offer those Blue Lodge members back to us. I know, it takes some effort and imagination, yet this is fun and rewarding to see the joy in people's faces when we help give the audience what they want to see and learn. The best part is to know you had a part in the joy they have. In short, we are all in this together and your individual support in our efforts will stimulate all of what the Consistory can offer in all the many facets the Masonic experience has to offer. We welcome your input and ideas: **HELP US TO HELP YOU!** We are also willing to share in the joy if you would like to participate on the Committee. You never know ... you might find it fun just being a part. Just a thought.



As Scottish Rite Masons we need to remember that our belief in the Kingdom of God, our values as Scottish Rite Masons, are supported by such simple things as human kindness, generosity, consideration of others, humility, honesty, courage, unselfishness, and gratitude. Illustrious Brother Albert Pike states: "That if the ties of friendship, affection, and love were annulled, mankind would become a raging multitude of wild and savage beasts." Further, "When we do this, we become grateful of trees, sunlight, color, and sleep. We become contented to know that most of the things we need to make us happy are already ours - friendship, food, families, the changing seasons, the fragrance of flowers, the rain, the stars, and the smell of a loaf of bread."

As Scottish Rite Masons, let us savor the blessings of life and our friendships within our fraternity. [11147399]



Bill Achbach, 32° KCCH

Director of Education

And Best ... Disagree



“Behold, how good and pleasant it is...”

This month, my housekeeping comments have to do with a recent (August 31) message from Sovereign Grand Commander Jim Cole. If you didn't view the Scottish Rite Statement of Unity event (the live-streamed event he invited us to attend), you can still view it [here](#), via our own Scottish Rite, S.J. posting or as a YouTube posted recording [here](#). I heartily recommend that you carve out the time (only about 24 minutes) to do so.

I found this to be a real “did my heart good” experience, as the four U.S. Grand Commanders took a sincere “next step” in expressing a common mission and purpose for the future of the Rite. Brethren, I hope you'll agree that watching the ceremony—seeing & hearing the passion and commitment in these leaders' messages—represents a moment of pride and hope, in a chaotic & too-divided world. [1874460]

When one considers the history of traditional Grand Lodge-affiliated and Prince Hall Affiliated (PHA) Masonic bodies, seeing these men express common ground and acknowledge the need for closer cooperation is truly inspiring. For me, it is also a sterling example of what can be accomplished when Masons realize how much we can do together. Even when we cannot entirely agree, we can still figure out how to “best disagree,” and on that note...

And best...disagree?

At a significant point in his travel through the Third Degree and then throughout our work in Scottish Rite (check out a theme in the 6th Degree, for example), a new Brother has a critical point made to him about Harmony. He learns that he needs to use the skills of his Craft to spread the “cement of Brotherly Love and Affection,” and he's reminded not only to encourage harmony within the institution but to take pains to actively discourage dissension: going even so far as to turn our human inclination toward competition into a contest to determine who can be the least contentious!

Imagine! Life as a contest NOT just to determine who can do the best work (a prideful endeavor, even at best) but more so to ascertain who among us is the most cooperative and agreeable worker! What a world that would be to live in!

I happen to believe that competitive endeavor is a great improver and motivator...generally. Life is (and should be) much more about striving for excellence than collecting “participation trophies!” Nevertheless, addressing tasks...solving problems...should bring out the best and not the worst in us.

It is true that competition can bring strife and discord in a community: and the more so when undertaken for its own sake. Add to that a situation in which high standards and expect-

tations are the norm (as should be the case in the Craft), and the negative side of competition may well take over. In the past, I've used this space to explore a bit about the importance of Harmony in our Fraternity, but now I'd like to spend a little ink looking at a particular implication of that concept...and one especially critical in our world today.

The fact is, even within the Craft, that we cannot always avoid dealing with ideas and themes upon which we may disagree. I believe that it is significant that there isn't the emphasis in Scottish Rite—certainly not to the extent that we find in Craft Lodge—on avoiding such topics. Why so? Perhaps it is because, as students in the *University of Freemasonry*, we are expected to have attained a higher level of maturity: one which allows us to deal with such things while still maintaining a harmonious relationship with others.

The “trick,” it seems to me (and I must thank Bro. Maynard Edwards for putting me in mind of this in one of his postings), is to be able to find a way to “disagree without being disagreeable.”

If that sounds difficult, I can confirm that it certainly can be. However, how can we truly be a place where men come together “who would have otherwise remained at a perpetual distance,” if we do not respectfully accommodate the differences our Brethren bring with them through the West Gate? The Fraternity is not intended to be a place where only those who already agree on everything are welcome! That is not what is meant by “harmony.” Nor is harmony the glossing over of differences or (just as destructive) a demand for some sort of enforced acceptance of a single point of view. Indeed, both of those unacceptable options are a fair summation of what has landed modern society in the divided mess we often see today!

We seem to have ended up at a point where there is no longer an interest in civil discourse. But, in a society based upon democratic institutions—institutions that no one had more a part in creating than Freemasons, there are really only two alternatives to civility and creative compromise: either a single point of view comes to totally control the debate...and tyranny results...or complete gridlock prevails, and the society stagnates and devolves into warring factions.

What have we to offer: we who played such a role in creating these noble and flawed experiments: America and the Masonic Fraternity? It seems to me that we are the ones who still have the primary responsibility to steer both through the rough seas that each is currently facing. We, regardless of our own doubts and flaws, are still those with the clearest vision of what human beings can accomplish, when we find a way to lay aside superficial differences and concentrate on the important things.

That comment brings me full circle to my thoughts on the signing of the Statement of Unity. The four Supreme Councils have periodically engaged in, let's just say, some “considerably less than Brotherly” rhetoric directed at one another. And yet, with patience, forbearance and goodwill, they arrived at a level of agreement that reaches even beyond mere amity, and which bodes well for the future of the Rite.

And so, Brothers, it comes down (as it always does) to the issue of whether we are willing to be true to the tenets of our profession, putting the principles we espouse “in theory” into practice “where the rubber meets the road.” Four Supreme Commanders managed to find that common ground and publicly declare it to the entirety of Scottish Rite Masonry. They

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were motivated by necessity, by a love for the Fraternity, and, ultimately, by respect for one another. Isn't that the key, really?

It simply isn't possible to always agree, when it comes to "dotting all the i's and crossing all the t's" on every issue. But we've all probably had the experience of disagreeing with someone and coming out of the encounter with a realization of how little substance there really was to the disagreement! To disagree, without the need to be disagreeable, is a talent worth the time, effort, and energy to cultivate, and it is a skill that goes further to promote harmony than about any other. It takes two willing parties, ultimately, to "agree to disagree," but I would venture to say that the harmony so achieved is worth as much (and often much more) than that among those who already saw eye to eye on things.

When it's all said and done, the real test of harmony isn't how well we get along with those with whom we already agree. Rather, the ultimate test of this core Masonic principle is whether we can find common ground and even make common cause with those whose opinions differ from our own...and find a way to "best disagree."

Bill

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September's Trivia Question: What is V.M.A.P. and why is it important to the Scottish Rite, S.J. and to the Valley of Denver?

Answer: First of all, V.M.A.P. is FAR from a trivial topic. In fact, it's about as far from being a "matter of little consequence," as one can get, when it comes to the long-term success of how we organize and execute our work! The purpose of the Valley Membership Achievement Project, according to the Supreme Council, is "... to help each Valley carry out its service to the Scottish Rite by providing the **very best experience for its members** (*emphasis mine*). V.M.A.P. is essentially a working checklist for Valleys to use to make sure that all aspects of Scottish Rite requirements are broken into the following 6 specific subject areas which cover the full scope of the Scottish Rite experience:

- Membership Retention & Engagement
- Member Restoration & Reinstatement
- Membership Recruitment
- Reunion Experience

That "working checklist" part is of primary importance, because rather than making V.M.A.P. a static, after-the-fact assessment of "what we've done," it is a program through which we may constantly judge "how we're doing," in terms of what we offer our members and how we provide for the future of the institution. The experience that our members have, in their participation in the Rite and in the activities of the Valley, is absolutely the most important factor in determining their continued participation and, therefore, the growth of the Rite.

Thanks, once again, to Brother Juan Carlos Milan, for taking the time to correctly respond to the question.

This Month's Trivia Question (answer in next month's *Rite Works*): How long has a gold ring been associated with the 14th Degree?

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°	07/29/2022
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Edward Paul Singleton, 32°	06/21/2022
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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 was really a joy for us to present scholarships to the young ladies from CU Boulder and UNC in Greeley at our September meeting. I believe I heard it mentioned that our association with Children's Hospital has been 70 years. Our Scottish Rite has also supported the Health Fair for over 30 years, providing low cost and free medical screenings to people who live in the downtown Denver area.

These are only two ways we are involved in making the world a better place. In the New Testament, Jesus calls us the "Lights of the World." We are called to bring light into an often dark and confusing world. Our stated meetings give us a chance to dine together, to be in fellowship with each other, and to grow through the various programs provided. I hope our gatherings also bring some light into our lives. We do need each other. Your presence is needed at our dinners, meetings, and special events. YOU are very important. [11118927]

The Fall season brings a return to many of our Masonic gatherings. We have an approaching Reunion which needs candidates. The Scottish Rite gives a man a chance to grow intellectually, to find fellowship with other men, and to belong to something which lasts far beyond their days. We exalt the worth of every person, maximize our service to community, and make good men even better men.

In his book, *Seeds of Thought*, Melvyn Freed writes, "When a life is built on a foundation of goodness, held together with the mortar of wisdom, and is a model of charity, it enshrines the essence of life's purpose. Do you have the right building materials for your life's shrine?"

Fall can be a busy time for Masons. We can be busy every night, but let us not forget to slow down. Are we committing our lives to something ... rather than nothing? Let us never forget our families need us as well as the Craft.

Blessings,

Ill Br. Rev. James H. Harris, 33°



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40 Years "OLD"

Timothy Charles Sanks

October 2022 "Youngster"

Matthew Lee Shamburger (31)

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58th Reunion
Fall 2022
Nov. 17-19, 2022

Thursday Nov. 17, 2022

7:30 AM Registration/ Welcome/Class Instruction

8:37 AM Prolog to 4°

8:41 AM Exemplify 4°

9:24 AM Communicate 5°

9:32 AM Communicate 6°

9:40 AM Communicate 7°

9:48 AM Communicate 8°

9:58 AM Prolog to 9° & 10°

10:02 AM Exemplify 9° & 10°

10:43 AM Break

10:58 AM Class Instruction

11:20 AM Prolog to 11°

11:24 AM Exemplify 11°

11:47 AM Class Instruction

12:02 PM Communicate 12°

12:12 PM Prolog to 13°

12:16 PM Exemplify 13°

12:49 PM Lunch

1:41 PM Prolog to 14°

1:45 PM Exemplify 14°

2:43 PM 14° Ring Ceremony

2:58 PM Class Instruction

3:30 PM Prolog to 15°

3:32 PM Exemplify 15°

4:41 PM Break

4:56 PM Class Instruction

5:13 PM Prolog to 16°

5:15 PM Exemplify 16°

5:58 PM Adjourn

Friday Nov. 18, 2022

7:30 AM Class Convenes

8:00 AM Communicate 17°

8:10 AM Class Instruction

8:32 AM Prolog to 18°

8:36 AM Exemplify 18° First & Second Section

9:11 AM Class Instruction

9:21 AM Exemplify 18° Third Section

10:06 AM Class Instruction

10:16 AM Communicate 19°

10:26 AM Prolog to 20°

10:30 AM Exemplify 20° First Section

10:56 AM Class Instruction

11:08 AM Break

11:25 AM Prolog to 20° Second section

11:29 AM Exemplify 20° Second Section

12:03 PM Grand Master Address

12:18 PM Lunch

1:10 PM Prolog to 21°

1:14 PM Exemplify 21°

1:53 PM Communicate 22°

2:03 PM Class Instruction

2:13 PM Break

Friday Nov. 18 (Cont.)

2:30 PM Prolog to 23°

2:34 PM Exemplify 23°

3:03 PM Class Instruction

3:30 PM Prolog to 24°

3:34 PM Exemplify 24°

4:13 PM Communicate 25°

4:21 PM Communicate 26°

4:29 PM Communicate 27°

4:37 PM Communicate 28°

4:45 PM Break

5:02 PM Prolog to 29°

5:06 PM Exemplify 29°

5:50 PM Adjourn

Saturday November 19, 2022

8:15 AM Class Convenes

8:30 AM S.G.I.G./Deputy Address & Class Photo

9:40 AM Class Instruction

9:52 AM Exemplify 30°/1st Apartment

10:10 AM Exemplify 30°/2nd Apartment

10:25 AM Exemplify 30°/3rd Apartment

10:40 AM Break

10:57 AM Class Instruction

11:14 AM Exemplify 30°/4th Apartment

11:42 AM Lunch

12:32 PM Secretary's Presentation

12:59 PM Committee Presentations

1:29 PM Knights of St. Andrew Presentation

1:39 PM El Jebel Shrine Presentation

1:49 PM Communicate 31°

2:04 PM Class Instruction

2:16 PM Prolog to 32°

2:20 PM Exemplify 32° First Section

3:08 PM Class Instruction

3:18 PM Break

3:35 PM Exemplify 32° Second Section

4:27 PM Rite Care Film

4:37 PM Patriotic Poem

4:42 PM Closing Ceremony

4:57 PM Adjourn

6:00 PM Banquet

25 & 50 Year Membership Awards

8:00 PM Adjourn



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