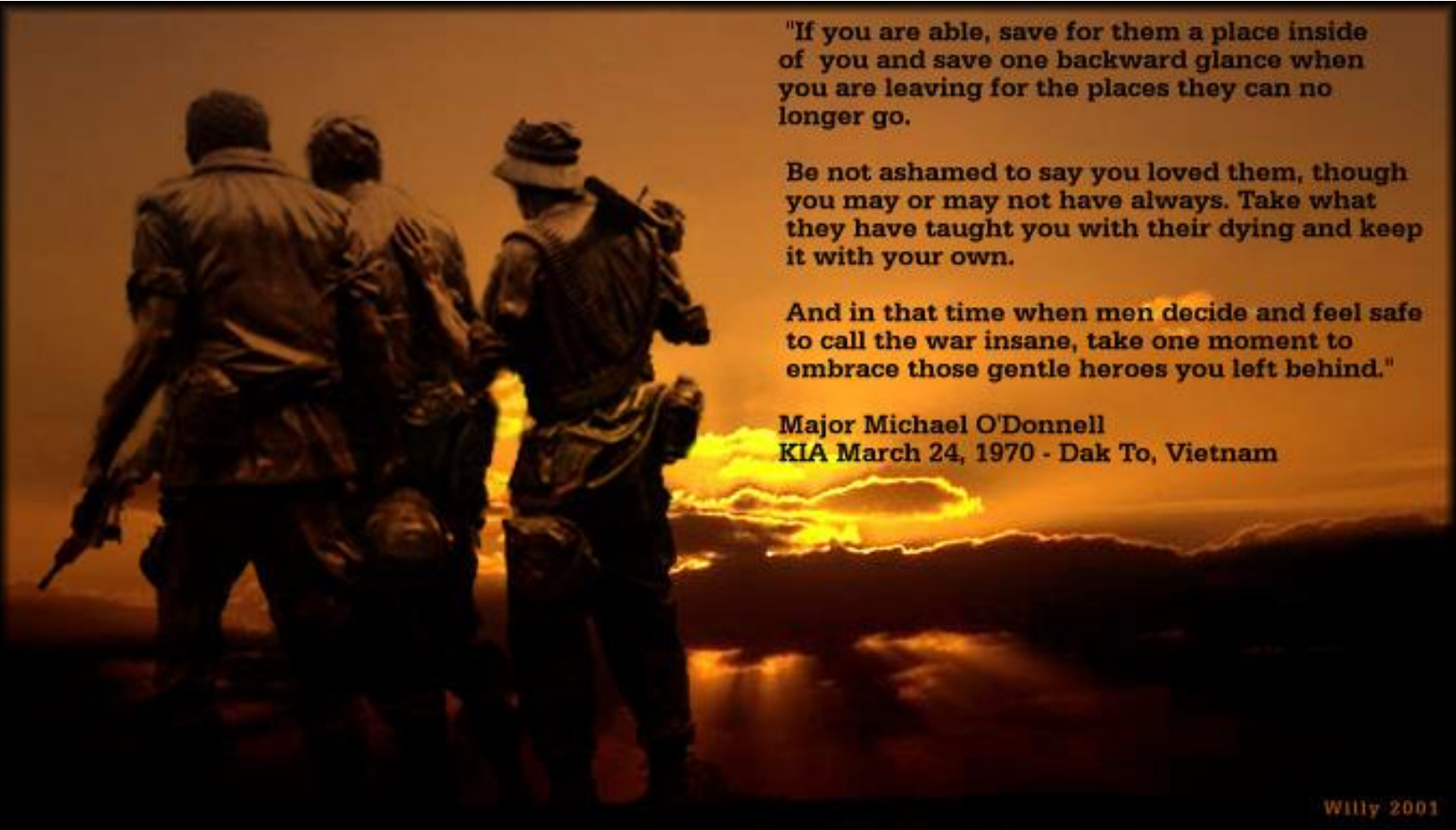




Denver's RiteWorks

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"If you are able, save for them a place inside of you and save one backward glance when you are leaving for the places they can no longer go.

Be not ashamed to say you loved them, though you may or may not have always. Take what they have taught you with their dying and keep it with your own.

And in that time when men decide and feel safe to call the war insane, take one moment to embrace those gentle heroes you left behind."

Major Michael O'Donnell
KIA March 24, 1970 - Dak To, Vietnam

Willy 2001

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. We have many "street people" waiting for an opportunity to slip into the building. **With the degree rehearsals and the Fall Reunion, please remember to be aware of who follows you [10386704] into the building. Do not let anyone in who you do not know to be a member of Denver Consistory.**

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**DENVER CONSISTORY
PETITION FOR
MEMBERSHIP**



MEMBERSHIP IS A CONTACT SPORT!

Membership Report

November 2021: 1566

November 2022: 1501

NET LOSS: 65

The Consistory Line Entertainment Group welcomes...



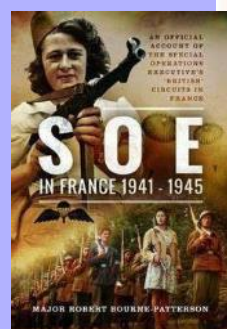
On Monday, November 21,
our Stated Meeting, Public
Session Program will be a
presentation by Anne
Skewes. Her topic is

Daring Warriors of WWII: Women in the SOE and OSS.

On the Home Front? Sure...we all know about Rosie
the Rivetter and the thousands who worked in the
Arsenal of Democracy!

In all Theaters of Action? Women served in every
branch as drivers, flyers, mechanics, nurses, admin-
istration...in every support role needed to bring victo-
ry in 1945!

But did you know that nearly 8000 women served in
the UK's Special Operations Executive (SOE) and in
the American Office of Strategic Services
(OSS)...including in the most dangerous jobs behind
enemy lines?



Please join us, as we honor all Veterans!

PLANNING CALENDAR

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.

January 2023

Mon, JAN 2	CONSISTORY CLOSED (New Year Holiday)
Fri, JAN 6	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (Fried Chicken)
Sat, JAN 7	9:00-11:00 a.m. Un-decorating Party—All members, officers, wives invited
Fri, JAN 13	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch
Sat, JAN 14	8:00 a.m.-NOON Officers' Breakfast, Meeting, and Installation Practice
Mon, JAN 16	Stated Meeting - Parking Garage Available
	5:30 p.m. Red Room Business Meeting
	6:00 p.m. Dinner
	7:00 p.m. Entertainment
	7:30 p.m. Split Meeting—Corporate Reports, Officer Installations

EDITOR'S WRESTLEBOARD



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The Military and Freemasonry

I have excerpted some salient information from an article written in 2004 by our late Illustrrious Brother Jim Tresner for the MSA "Short Talk Bulletin" in May 2004.

Brother George Washington was the first Commander-in-Chief of the American forces. Thirty-three of the men Washington picked to serve as General Officers under him were Freemasons, as were such Founding Fathers as Alexander Hamilton, Benjamin Franklin, Paul Revere, and John Hancock. And the military connection is especially strong—each of the Armed Services was either founded or profoundly shaped by a Mason.

Commodore John Paul Jones - the father of the United States Navy, was a Freemason.

Baron Friedrich von Steuben—a Prussian Freemason who joined Washington at Valley Forge, is considered by many [11157740] to be the founder of the U. S. Army as an effective and disciplined fighting force.

Samuel Nicholas—who created the U. S. Marine Corps, was a Freemason.

General Henry "Hap" Arnold—who was with the Air Force from its infancy and developed it into a separate branch of the Armed Services, was a Freemason.

William F. Reynolds—the first officer of the U. S. Coast Guard to become an Admiral, was a Freemason.

Many Masons have had outstanding military records. To list only a few:

General of the Army Omar Bradley, Admiral Richard Byrd, General Mark Wayne Clark, General Jimmy Doolittle, General George C. Marshall, General Douglas MacArthur, Audie Murphy-the most decorated soldier in WWII, Eddie Rickenbacker-leading American Ace of WWI, General John J. Pershing; John Glenn, Buzz Aldrin (and 11 other astronauts), General Walter Boomer.

It is worth noting that two-hundred-twenty-four of the men who have been awarded the Con-

gressional Medal of Honor were members of the Fraternity.

Other notable Freemasons who were also “men at arms” include: the Marquis de Lafayette, Field-Marshal the Duke of Wellington, and Colonel Charles Lindbergh.

Many of the world's great civilian leaders have also been members of the Fraternity: Sir Winston Churchill, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, President Harry S. Truman, President Gerald R. Ford. During the height of WWII, President Truman made a special appearance in the news-reels being shown in movie theaters all over America. He said, in part:

“At this very moment, in foxholes and on shipboard, beneath the sea and in the air, countless hands are being clasped in fraternal recognition of each other in the darkness as well as in the daylight. And countless fathers, bravely wishing God-speed to their departing sons, are saying “Boy, when your hour of darkness and loneliness comes, find a Freemason, and tell him you are the son of a Freemason, and you'll find a friend.”

General Douglas MacArthur once said: *“Freemasonry embraces the highest moral laws and will bear the test of any system of ethics or philosophy ever promulgated for the uplift of man.”*

During WWII so many young men wanted to join the Fraternity before going overseas that Lodges in the larger cities often worked 24 hours a day, six days a week conferring the three Degrees of Freemasonry.

Why was it so important to these men to join before they went into battle? For one thing, they knew if they didn't come back, there would be help for their widows and children. Masons take care of their wives, widows, and orphans. [11118925] But, they also knew it was just as Harry Truman said—anywhere in the world they might be, even in a hostile country, they would find friends and Brothers.

Often those Lodges, those friends and Brothers, were on the battlefield as well. Masonic tradition says there was a military Lodge at Valley Forge.

Throughout the Civil War, we have records—in the diaries and letters of soldiers—of Masonry binding brother to brother in spite of blue or gray. National Zouave Lodge, U.D., a Union military Lodge, included captured Southern soldiers as equals in their meetings. After the siege at Vicksburg, the Union Officers who were Masons invited the Masonic confederate officers to a meal about a Union gunship, treating them as honored guests. The Masonic monument on the battlefield of Gettysburg commemorates another fraternal moment in the midst of strife.

It's also true that something else is found in Freemasonry that's found in the military - men you can trust — men who will back you no matter what—men who won't leave you in the face of the enemy, or the world, by yourself.



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.

A SENSE OF HUMOR IS WHAT MAKES YOU LAUGH AT SOMETHING WHICH WOULD MAKE YOU MAD IF IT HAPPENED TO YOU.

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°

Scottish Rite Masonic Center Endowment Fund

What is the purpose of the fund?

www.denverconsistorybuildingendowmentfund.org

The purpose of the Scottish Rite Masonic Center Endowment Fund is to provide perpetual funding for the preservation and maintenance of the historic Denver Consistory Cathedral Building, the symbol of Scottish Rite Masonry in Denver.

Many of us have witnessed Masonic buildings being torn down or repurposed because the Masonic organization which was the owner of the building could no longer afford the maintenance, forcing them to sell the building, resulting in the loss of the Masonic identity of the groups that met in the building. The Endowment Fund was created to prevent this from happening to Denver Consistory.

The governing documents of the Endowment Fund [4484010] stipulate that only the earnings from the investment of the fund may be utilized. The corpus of the fund cannot be spent and must be maintained in order to provide perpetual income for the maintenance of the building. They also stipulate that only a certain percentage of the earnings may be withdrawn each year, thus guaranteeing the continued growth of the corpus of the fund. The larger the fund grows, the larger the income from the investments and the larger the amount of funds available to be used for the maintenance of the building.

Please consider making a donation to the Endowment Fund for the preservation of our historic Denver Consistory Cathedral Building, the symbol of Scottish Rite Masonry in Denver.

**Scottish Rite Masonic Center
Building Endowment Fund
Cathedral Club**

The Scottish Rite Masonic Center Endowment Fund is established to provide a permanent source of funds to support the preservation and maintenance of the historic Cathedral Building.

Donations build the principle in the endowment. Once the Endowment Fund becomes substantially funded, the returns within the Endowment Fund - Capital Gains, Dividends and Interest will provide financial support into perpetuity. Thus, guaranteeing building maintenance and preservation.

The Endowment Fund Trustees established the "*Cathedral Club*" to recognize those who donate to the fund. The Cathedral Club recognition levels are:

- Platinum – \$50,000 and above
- Gold – \$25,000 - \$49,999
- Silver – \$10,000 - \$24,999
- Bronze – \$5,000 – \$9,999

To become a member of the Cathedral Club, make a onetime donation corresponding to a particular level, or make on-going donations to the fund. To start a Cathedral Club membership at the Bronze level, make a donation in any amount and pledge to make on-going donations until \$5,000 has been donated. Movement between the levels is based upon cumulative donations.

Membership in the Cathedral Club is not limited to just individuals. Businesses and organizations (Masonic and non-Masonic) are also invited to join the Club.

WHO READS THE RITWORKS CONTEST – The membership numbers published in the October RiteWorks belong to the following Brothers who were eligible to receive a free dinner for the September Stated Meeting: **Robert Samuel, Clarence Guckert, Robert Trezise, Calvin Lapuyade, Christopher Scheer, Michael Carrington, Sheldon Fretman, Swen Hoffman, and John Culp.** 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 November Stated Meeting.

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.

KSA Fall Consistory Cleanup - The Fall cleanup was held October 15th. Thank you to the following individuals who came out and "shined up" the building and cleaned up the grounds in preparation for our Fall Reunion: **Brother Jim Thomas, 32°; Brother Josh Ruegsegger, 32°;**

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Brother Brian Kemper, 32°; Brother Bart Corfee, 33° and his wife Toni; Brother Kelly Fields 32°; Brother Jeremy DeBard, 32° and his son, Cub Scout Jacob DeBard; Brother Michael Rudloff, 32° KCCH; and Brother Trey Perrin, 32° KCCH.



The Search Continues - The search for the cornerstone time capsule continues. **Brother Tom Adair, 32°**, brought a couple of individuals to the Consistory to search for the time capsule utilizing ground penetrating radar. They discovered the metal frame holding the cornerstone, but not a vessel which could be the time capsule itself.



From the Secretary's Desk - Continued from previous page

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

October Stated Meeting - The October Stated Meeting was a busy meeting. We received and recognized **Brother Jon Sellars, 32° KCCH**, Grand Master of DeMolay International. Patents and class photos were presented to the members of the Spring Reunion class. Double Eagle jewels, pins, and ribbons, and passport pins were also presented. The Scottish Rite Masonic Center presented Cathedral Club membership plaques to Lodges and businesses that obtained membership in the Cathedral Club. The Centennial Lodge of Perfection opened in ritual form, and orations were given by **Brother Jered Minter, 32° KCCH**, and **Brother Greg Koenig, 32°**.

November Stated Meeting - November 21, 2022, will be a Ritual Opening by the Rocky Mountain Chapter of Rose Croix. We will have a Veterans Recognition Program, and a very special presentation by **Anne Skewes** on the *"Daring Warriors of WWII. Women in the SOE and OSS."*

Christmas Decorating Party - Saturday, November 26, 9:00—11:00 a.m. is the Consistory Christmas Decorating Party. All members and their families are invited to help put up Christmas decorations.

Antique Bottle Display - Denver Consistory received a beautiful display of Masonic bottles donated by **Illustrious Brother Jerry Lau, 33°**. The collection is on display in our museum. The collectors value of these unique and rare bottles is estimated to be \$10,000. Thank you, Illustrious Brother Lau, for donating the bottles and building the display.



A Message from the AV Chairman -

To: All officers and others who wish to use Consistory AV equipment

From: Your ever-helpful AV staff

We are in the process of upgrading our ability to connect Consistory AV equipment to newer laptops. However, we have never guaranteed compatibility with outside computers. The adapters we keep on hand are specifically ones that we use with OUR computers. We absolutely DO NOT support Apple computers, as the AV department does not use Apple, and the cost of maintaining a variety of seldom-used adapters is prohibitive. The same applies to any connection to a phone of any variety. It has always been our policy to request that outside presenters provide their media presentations to us on a thumb drive or by other suitable means IN ADVANCE so they can be loaded onto our computers. These computers are set up and tested to work smoothly with our projectors, sound systems, etc. Any presenter who wishes to use their own computer (Especially Apple users! - see above.) with any of our equipment must provide their own adapters and be ready to make time for whatever setup is required on their computer. We have found that setting up a 'foreign' computer can take as much as 30 minutes. We therefore do not allow outside computers to be delivered at the last minute before a meeting. Presenters should contact AV for adapter requirements, as all of our projectors have different input requirements, many based on age.

Thank you for your understanding. AV always tries to support all Consistory activities to the best of our (practical) abilities.

"I have the greatest enthusiasm for our mission ..." HAL, 2001 A Space Odyssey

Donald T. Marshall, PM, 33° IGH

Audio-Visual Chairman

Denver Consistory

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.

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.

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.

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.



AROUND THE CONSISTORY



OCTOBER 2022

Brother Larry Tygart's Challenge

As you may recall, Brother Larry Tygart, 32° KCCH, Venerable Master of the Centennial Lodge of Perfection, issued a "challenge" to all members. He created a ciphertext message and offered something "special" as recognition for providing the cleartext to him. He asked me, as a retired navy cryptologist, to receive the entries with a time-tag [11159020] so he could determine who was FIRST to correctly decode the message. Well, we had a number of entries provided, and there were TWO that even indicated there were errors in the ciphertext (which is correct). But, the one that correctly interpreted the signature line did not identify WHERE the errors were and provided the text that Larry THOUGHT he encoded correctly (but didn't). The one that indicated where the errors were didn't get the signature line correct. So, Larry was going to announce the winner at our October meeting, but things were rather hectic that night, so he decided that he would announce the winner at our November meeting. Remember, in cryptology, you can't just "interpret" what you THINK the word should be (which is what almost everyone did), because you never know FOR SURE whether the encryptor INTENDED those errors as a hidden message or not. So, that said, here is what Larry INTENDED the plaintext to be:

"As we move forward with our efforts to prepare for the cornerstone celebration, we need all of our members to participate to the extent that they can. I am asking that all of you join us in making this event our legacy for the future. Please contact one of the committee members to give us assistance in whatever fashion that you can. This is our Consistory and our obligation to show our support and pride in this effort. H.I.S. Larry

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P. G. V.
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If I can find the time between now and the next RiteWorks, I will give a more elaborate explanation of the letter frequency in use and how Brother Larry might have made this a more "challenging" event.

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Loren W. Kohler, 32° KCCH

**1st Lieutenant Commander
Colorado Council of Kadosh**

Hooray! It's Reunion Season



It's that time of the year when the Denver Consistory becomes a honeycomb of activity. Busy bees are hurriedly buzzing to and fro. The cast members have been studying their lines, the Men In Black have been testing their equipment. Properties and Stage have been working the technical practices all with the goal of having another fantastic Reunion. A discussion of the Reunion would be incomplete without mentioning the dedication of the Office. Illustrious Brothers Matt Raia and Tommy Thompson, along with the first lady of the Office, Ms. Cathy Anderson, along with our Executive Committee. We are truly blessed to have their outstanding level of support.

Reunions, to me, are a time of year that we get to work, practice for degrees, clean up the Consistory building, and meet with our Brothers. What a great time of year to introduce yourself to the new Brothers and share old stories with others. [3308244] The amount of work that's done is phenomenal. Then, we get to cap off the whole thing with a banquet. Doc's is open, and surely there are cigars to be had ... somewhere.

In the mornings you can typically find breakfast burritos in Properties. There are donuts in the dining room and candies at the Tyler's table. The Director General calls the class for the 4th degree and the Reunion is off and running. As the day progresses, what a great time to have lunch with your Brothers. The last degree of the first day ends with the 16th degree, and Properties reconfigures the floor for the next day's opening act, the 17th degree.

Day two starts off with the Knight of the East and West and the Reunion starts another day. The Costumes Committee starts pulling costumes for the degrees of the day. The Makeup Committee are bearding up cast members who don't grow their own. The Men In Black are juggling the batteries in the microphones. Properties and Stage are working their magic on the floor and stage. All of this under the watchful eye of the Director General and his assistants. The day ends with the highly anticipated Knights of St. Andrew in the 29th degree.

Day three kicks off with Illustrious Brother Karl Hinkle's address to the Class and the four apartments of the 30th degree. Illustrious Brother Matt Raia gives the Class his Secretary's presentation. The two apartments of the 32nd degree finishes the ritual ceremonies for the day. The newly-made 32° Brothers get to try on their new caps for the first time. Properties stows all of the props and reconfigures the floor for the next Stated Meeting.

The Reunion's banquet is the grand finale where all of the Brothers and their guests assemble in the dining room for more camaraderie and words of wisdom. Plans are made for the next Reunion, and goodbyes are said with Peace and Harmony prevailing. God, what a great time is had at Reunions!

Not convinced or looking to get into some of this action? Seek me out! The Consistory is for YOU, its members. Brothers, the opportunity is yours. Seek out any degree director, cast member, the Director General, any committee member that you would like to participate with, Classroom staff, Costumes, Degree work, the Men in Black, Properties and Stae—all are always open to new and old Brothers to join them. We have Brothers who fly in from out of state to participate in the Reunions. Hooray! It's Reunion time. The time to join together with Brothers and support the Craft.



Bill Achbach, 32° KCCH

Director of Education

Free or Bound?



Listening to the Lodge of Perfection ritualistic opening at the October Stated Meeting, I'm sure I was mostly marking time for the "substance" of the evening. I do remember wondering how many petitions Matt's update would add to the November class, but I know I was paying minimal attention...as we often do when we haven't a specific part to play.

Then the Venerable Master asked a question of the Sr. Warden: "Are the Perfect Elus bound or free?"

Haven't we all had the experience of hearing a piece of ritual, heard many times before... even performed...without paying any particular attention to the words, when suddenly a point of significance occurs to us? At the very least, we've all observed that "we come away with something different," which had never occurred to us before. Happens to me at every Reunion, certainly...and I celebrate the feeling!

Without quoting the ritual, the gist of the Sr. Warden's answer is that we are both free and bound and that there is a special sense in which this is true, if we are true Masons. In fact, this seeming paradox must be true, if we are to live out the true meaning of our Masonic experience.

In what sense are we bound? "Bound" by what...or for what purpose? Far from signifying that we are "immobilized" or "under the control of another"—which is, perhaps, where the mind tends to jump on hearing the word—we understand that our "binding" is a solemn, voluntary obligation to moral and ethical principle. The ties of fraternity and brotherhood, which arise from our common acceptance of these principles (no matter how our own spiritual or religious connections may interpret them) bind us both to one another and to lives dedicated to our beliefs.

To me, the most critical component of this "bondage" is the fact that it is voluntary. That the Great Architect does not seek to compel a man to obedience & service is a key principle in all major religious traditions: as Deity demands our respect for His Law, so also does He desire a willing, rather than a grudging, forced obedience.

In what sense, then, are we free...even while so bound? Once again, the key is not "the thing itself" (i.e., the "freedom," in some abstract sense): just like the real point was not that we are bound! The critical point is rather "freed from...or for...what?" To what purpose?"

The world today is a place that seemingly places a premium upon "freedom." The object of almost every political or social cause seems to be "freeing someone from some real or perceived restriction." We're often encouraged to vote for or against this or that candidate or cause, in order to "be more free to..." or to "prevent the loss of" some desired freedom.

What we may fail to recognize—though our dedication to principle should remind us—is that the mere removal of restriction, often to further individual preferences or preferred lifestyle choices, may only serve to empower us to indulge our desires and passions. Is this truly freedom? Is such a condition really desirable for either an individual or, by extension, for a society?

It is tempting to address such a question, arising from a seeming paradox (free & bound), with another: liberty and responsibility...two inseparable requirements in civil society. Here too there is an essential dilemma. Responsibility implies some sort of “enforcement” to limit extremes of behavior. Such enforcement implies the use of coercive force: the antithesis of freedom. We seem back where we began!

But there is a logical question...an essentially Masonic perspective...which resolves the contradiction. Is a person really “free” who merely sheds restrictions imposed by others for bondage to the oppression of his own desires and passions? [8825135] Doesn't a person who insists on having his own way, even to the detriment of his own best interest, simply delude himself with an illusion of “liberty?” Any desire or passion capable of human expression is capable of either enriching our experience...or of destroying it!

When we learn the Entered Apprentice's lesson of the “Point within a circle,” we are admonished to “keep our passions within due bounds” and encouraged impose that standard in our relationships “with all mankind. If we learn that lesson well, we begin to prepare ourselves for the lesson of the 14th Degree and, ultimately, for the completion of our Scottish Rite experience. We realize that the ability to meet upon the level with our Brothers (and, by extension, with all humanity) is only possible if authority and liberty are in equilibrium in our lives.

Bound by principle; free from bondage to superficial desires & passions! This is an idea expressed by the most excellent teachers of all ages, and it is profoundly (and, to our ear, quite “masonically”) stated by our Brother, great statesman, economist, and philosopher Edmund Burke:

“Men are qualified for civil liberty in exact proportion to their disposition to put moral chains upon their own appetites, — in proportion as their love to justice is above their rapacity,—in proportion as their soundness and sobriety of understanding is above their vanity and presumption,—in proportion as they are more disposed to listen to the counsels of the wise and good, in preference to the flattery of knaves. Society cannot exist, unless a controlling power upon will and appetite [9239955] be placed somewhere; and the less of it there is within, the more there must be without. It is ordained in the eternal constitution of things, that men of intemperate minds cannot be free. Their passions forge their fetters.”

Bill

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Last Month's Question: How long has a gold ring been associated with the 14th Degree?

Answer: The answer allows me to shamelessly promote the Supreme Council's new Master Craftsman format (The Master Craftsman Online College & Leadership Academy[©]) and its newest course, *Why 33?* (highlighted here a couple of months ago). Ill. Dr. S. Brent Morris & Ill. Arturo De Hoyos, in their article of that same title (the first published by the Scottish Rite Research Society in Volume 1 of *Heredom*), establish that the Degree of Perfection, **even in ritualistic work predating the establishment of the Mother Supreme Council in 1801 and harkening back to itinerant Masonic lecturers of the 18th century**, specified that "[t]he jewels appertaining to this degree [include]...a gold ring with this motto, 'Virtue unites what death cannot separate.'" It is clear that the rituals of those earlier systems were available and were used and quoted in developing the earliest rituals of the Scottish Rite.

Short answer? ALWAYS!.

This Month's Trivia Question (answer in next month's *Rite Works*): The Supreme Council did not assume control of the entire system of degrees, from 4th through 32nd, until after which significant event?



Some Notable Masonic Dates

A.D. 298	Date traditionally ascribed to the Martydom of Quatuor Coronati
C.1230	London regulation regarding Apprentices
1350	Statute of Labourers
1376	Earliest known use of the word "freemason"
C.1390	<i>Regius Poem</i>
C.1425	<i>Cooke MS</i>
1462	Torgau Statutes
1475	Edinburgh Seal of Cause
1583	<i>Grand Lodge No. 1 MS</i>
1598	Oldest surviving Minute of Aitchison's Haven Lodge (now extinct)
1598	<i>Schaw Statutes, No. 1</i>
1599	Earliest (Edinburgh) lodge minutes
1601 & 1628	St. Clair Charters
1619	Earliest known books of London Masons' Company
1641	Initiation of Sir Robert Moray
1642	Earliest surviving minute of Lodge Mother Kilwinning
1646	Initiation of Elias Ashmole
1663	Date traditionally ascribed to General Assembly of Masons

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Rev. James H. Harris, 33°

Prelate for All Scottish Rite Bodies

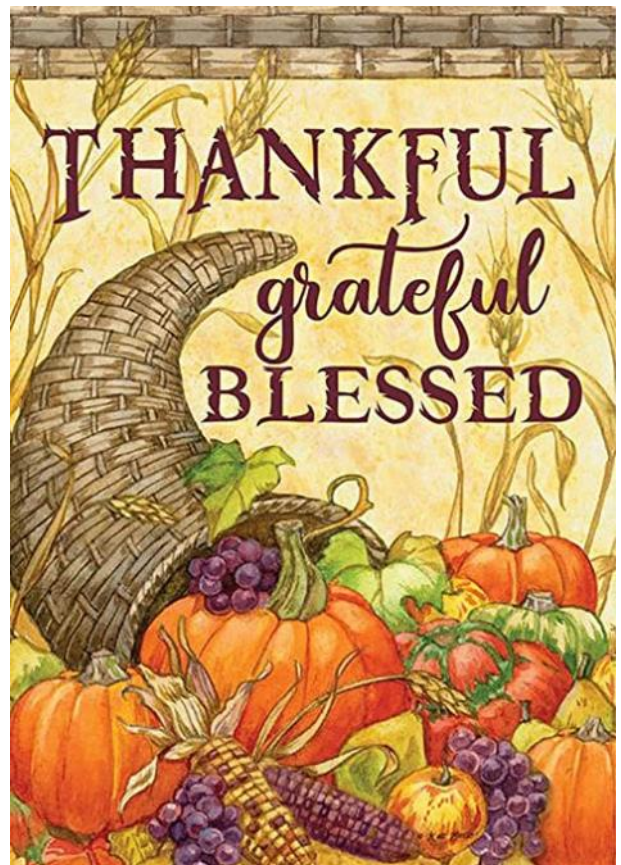


Greetings my Brothers:

It is hard to imagine that Thanksgiving is around the corner, November 24. We have had a lovely Fall and now the days grow shorter, the nights cooler, and snow is coming. I enjoyed our October Stated Meeting with a yummy dinner, two orations, and the Centennial Lodge of Perfection conducting the meeting. [11127145] Their officers did a great job. During the month of November, our thoughts turn to Thanksgiving and giving thanks for our many blessings. Thanksgiving is but ONE DAY, however we should be giving thanks EVERY DAY! I have so many reasons to thank God for blessing me in many ways.

A Thanksgiving Prayer

As Autumn ends with bursting bins of grain,
And Winter starts its reign,
We put the harvest plows away,
And humbly pause to bow our heads and pray.
We thank God for crops ripened in the sun,
And for land founded on thy blessing.
We thank Thee for the vintage of the plains,
For sun and soil and fields of golden grain.
For men who braved the dangers of the sea,
For the valiant of peace and liberty.
We, born with the faith of sturdy pioneers,
Must face and vanquish modern nuclear fears.
We thank Thee for thy strong, protecting hand.
And humbly pray, "God bless our land."
"We turn to Thee in prayer, lest we forget
We need your help ... we are but pilgrims yet!
We pray, "Let there be a world Thanksgiving,
And lasting peace, and bread for all the living!"



May we give thanks for all our blessings, and remember to give thanks every day.

Peace,

Ill Br. Rev. James H. Harris, 33°



80 Years "OLD"

Stephen Michael Munsinger
Jerold Norman Ruxton, Jr.
Charles Eugene Schumacher

50 Years "OLD"

Matthew Bryce Liming
Van-Troi Perozo

November 2022 "Youngster"

Richard Maxton Murray (41)



November 10, 1775 (247 years old)



"That two battalions of Marines be raised consisting of one colonel, two lieutenant colonels, two majors and officers as usual in other regiments, that they consist of an equal number of privates with other battalions; that particular care be taken that no person be appointed to office or enlisted into said battalions, but such as are good seamen, or so acquainted with maritime affairs as to be able to serve to advantage by sea." - (Resolution of the Continental Congress, 10 November 1775.)

"A ship without Marines is like a garment without buttons."

(Admiral David D. Porter, USN, 1863.)

"Retreat Hell! We've just got here!"

(Attributed to several World War I Marine Corps officers, Belleau Wood, June 1918.)

"Once a Marine, always a Marine!"

(MSgt Paul Woyshner, a 40-year Marine, is credited with originating this expression during a taproom argument with a discharged Marine.)

"They (Women Marines) don't have a nickname, and they don't need one. They get their basic training in a Marine atmosphere, at a Marine Post. They inherit the traditions of the Marines. They are Marines."

(Lieutenant General Thomas Holcomb, USMC, 1943.)

"I can't say enough about the two Marine divisions. If I use words like brilliant, it would really be an under-description of the absolutely superb job they did in breaching the so-called impenetrable barrier. Absolutely superb operation, a textbook, and I think it'll be studied for many, many years to come as the way to do it."

(General H. Norman Schwarzkopf, USA, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, 27 February 1991.) [8937609]



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Fall 2022
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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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