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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. We have many "street people" waiting for an opportunity to slip into the building. **Do not let anyone in who you do not know to be a member of Denver Consistory.**

CORNERSTONE COMMITTEE

MONTHLY COORDINATION ZOOM MEETINGS

ZOOM Meetings of the Cornerstone Planning Committee are held MONTHLY on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Next meeting: **07 MAY 2024**. Zoom credentials:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87214402525?pwd=VkdGVjBpaW9EMUdtN1ZSWXNoMW5MQT09>

PLANNING CALENDAR

May 2024

Fri, MAY 3, 10, 31	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (\$13—Fried Chicken on MAY 3)
Sat, MAY 4	5:00 p.m. Dinner at Ted's Montana Grill and movie. Contact Brother Mike McMinimee to RSVP mmcminimee@gmail.com
Mon, MAY 6	7:00 p.m. KSA Meeting in Lodge Room
Mon, MAY 13	5:30 p.m. Special Officers' Meeting to read last minute Petitions
Thu-Sat, MAY 16-18	8:00 a.m. Spring Reunion (61 st) Parking Garage Available
Sat, MAY 18	5:30 p.m. Banquet - 25 and 50 Year Presentations
Mon, MAY 20	Stated Meeting: - Parking Garage Available
	5:30 p.m. Red Room Business Meeting
	6:00 p.m. Dinner
	7:00 p.m. Awards and Announcements, Entertainment, Memorial Day
	7:30 p.m. Split Meeting 5 minute oration by Colorado Council of Kadosh
Fri, MAY 24	NO LUNCH
	8:00 a.m. SRMC Sporting Clays Competition
Sun, MAY 26	9:00 a.m. Flags for Vets - Fort Logan National Cemetery
Mon, MAY 27	Consistory Closed for Memorial Day

June 2024

Mon, JUN 3	7:00 p.m. KSA Meeting in Lodge Room
Fri, JUN 7, 14, 21, 28	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (\$13—Fried Chicken on JUNE 7)
Sat, JUN 8	Morning 4 Wheeling at Rainbow Falls. Contact Brother Dave Spence To RSVP papaspence@gmail.com
Sat, JUN 15	11:30 a.m. Ladies Luncheon Parking Garage Available
Mon, JUN 17	Stated Meeting Parking Garage Available <i>Hawaiian Shirt Night</i>
	5:30 p.m. Red Room Business Meeting
	6:00 p.m. Dinner
	7:00 p.m. Entertainment; Blue Lodge Recognition Night

July 2024

Thu, JUL 4	Consistory CLOSED for Independence Day observance
Fri, JUL 5	NO LUNCH
Fri, JUL 12, 19, 26	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (\$13—Fried Chicken on JULY 12)
Sat, JUL 20	2:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Cornerstone Rededication Ceremony and Banquet

**61st Reunion
Spring 2024
May 16 - 18, 2024**

Thursday May 16, 2024

7:30 AM Registration/Welcome
8:17 AM Exemplify 4°
9:17 AM Exemplify 5°
10:16 AM Exemplify 6°
10:44 AM Exemplify 7°
11:26 AM Exemplify 8°
11:59 AM Lunch
12:50 PM Committee Tours
1:35 PM Communicate 9° & 10°
1:42 PM Communicate 11°
1:49 PM Exemplify 12°
2:33 PM Communicate 13°
2:40 PM Exemplify 14°
3:41 PM Communicate 15°
3:48 PM Exemplify 16°
4:47 PM Exemplify 17°
5:36 PM Adjourn

Friday May 17, 2024

8:00 AM Class Convenes
8:10 AM Exemplify 18° First & Second
 Apartments
9:06 AM Exemplify 18° Third
 Apartment
9:50 AM Knights of St. Andrew
 Presentation
10:07 AM Exemplify 19°
11:02 AM Communicate 20°
11:09 AM Communicate 21°
11:16 AM Exemplify 22°
12:08 PM Grand Master's Address
12:28 PM Lunch
1:28 PM Communicate 23°
1:35 PM Communicate 24°
1:42 PM Exemplify 25°
2:10 PM Exemplify 26°

Friday May 17, 2024, cont'd

2:42 PM Shrine Presentation
2:57 PM Exemplify 27°
4:16 PM Exemplify 28°
5:26 PM Communicate 29°
5:33 PM Adjourn

Saturday May 18, 2024

8:00 AM Class Convenes
8:10 AM Exemplify 30°/1st, 2nd, 3rd
 Apartments
9:17 AM Exemplify 30°/ 4th Apartment
9:49 AM Class Photos
10:34 AM Deputy Address to Class
10:51 AM Exemplify 31°
11:56 AM Lunch
12:46 PM Secretary's Presentation
1:01 PM Exemplify 32° First Section
2:03 PM Exemplify 32° Second Section
3:00 PM Closing Ceremony
3:30 PM Adjourn
5:30 PM Ring Ceremony (Dining Room)
6:00 PM Banquet
 25 & 50-Year Membership Awards
8:30 PM Adjourn



EDITOR'S NESTLEBOARD



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TECHNOLOGY

In 1973, my wife bought me a Hewlett-Packard 45 scientific calculator (cost then: \$500) because I was sent to the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey to earn a Master's degree in Electronics Engineering. She figured the time I could save using a calculator instead of pencil and paper was worth it, and the accuracy was infinitely better than a slide rule. Her stance was that this technology would save me time, time that I could then spend with her.

These calculators (HP45, TI-51, etc.) were so new that MOST of my fellow graduate students carried a slide rule with them to exams—as an emergency backup [5457437] in case our batteries failed. Some professors even gave you the benefit of the doubt if you only had 3 significant figures (slide rule) instead of 6, 8, or more figures from a calculator. Why? If you used a slide rule, you only had to get “into the ballpark” of the answer. If you used a calculator, your answer had better be dead-on!

It wasn't that we shunned technology, it was just so new at the time, we wanted to have a “backup plan” - after all, the Navy was paying us to go to school and get these degrees instead of us having to impoverish ourselves in civilian life to get the same degrees. It was our JOB.

Let's fast-forward many decades to today. We're seeing Electric cars, hybrid vehicles, improvements pretty much across the board in energy production leading to improvements in efficiency. But, are these things leading to lower prices? NOPE. That's because technology improvements aren't cheap, and the cost has to be borne by the consumer. We now have phones that are smarter than we are, that have prodigious amounts of data storage—especially when you realize that the Apollo program took us to the moon with a computer that only had 64K of memory and was programmed with a hexadecimal keypad!

Today, we have smart watches, tablets, laptops, and desktops that have more power than the super-computers of only a couple of decades ago.

BUT...our grandchildren are being exposed to this technology and taking it for granted. We, on the other hand, may well be somewhat skeptical about bringing it into our lives. I can remember avoiding FACEBOOK for years (mostly because I had a security clearance I didn't want to jeopardize). Today, kids hardly look at Facebook—that's for old fogies (including their parents) who are in their 30's—my daughter is 38 this year and laments that the music of her teen years is now considered “oldies” on the radio. Welcome to the club kid!

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One truism is that if your candidate is bored, or feels unwelcome, or ... isn't getting whatever it is he thought he would get when he joined your lodge (or other Masonic body), then you can safely bet he won't be coming back. And, if they're not coming back, they're not bringing any of their friends with them either. If you are in the predominant age demographic we have in the consistory (meaning, half of our members are 65 or older), chances are you don't have any friends that are in their 20's or maybe 30's ... because they would be in your children's generation. You MIGHT have a few friends in their 40's, but likely most of your friends and contemporaries are in their 50's, 60's and maybe into their 70's. If all you do is reach out to your own peers, you won't make any headway to longer term growth and stability ... that's just an inconvenient fact.

So, given that you don't have either an insight into what the younger folks want or are looking for, then you probably aren't going to be able to incentivize younger prospects to join your group. You need to DO something that helps you bridge the age and philosophical gap. That is TECHNOLOGY. But, unfortunately, it's really easier and more productive for you to use the technology that the younger prospects use than it will be for you to expect them to regress to your comfort zone (email, texting, that sort of thing). So, you may well need to get with your own grandkids and have them bring you "up to speed" so you won't seem like an old codger (geezer) that is still living back in the 60's/70's/80's with that technology that is outmoded and outdated.

Does that mean we need to change the way we present ourselves to the public? You bet. Maybe TV (see the SMP on "Television" elsewhere in this issue) exposure isn't exactly what will be needed, but it can't hurt as a first step. But make no mistake, it would only be a FIRST step—and we all know that in our degrees there are THREE steps before you get to the Master Mason degree. Think of your growth and education as a real world example of needing to take those three regular steps in order to perpetuate the craft for the next generation. After all, none of us is getting out of this life alive. If we can't even keep up with our losses due to death, then the handwriting is definitely on the wall.

And, if your lodge is one of the "exceptions" to the rule, and you're actually growing members and some of them are actually younger than your demographic, consider yourself lucky BUT ... do not get overconfident ... things can go from good to worse in literally a heartbeat.

Remember, "membership is a contact sport" - but contact doesn't mean exclusively "in person" - it means using technology to interact with your prospects—show them you actually know how to use it and aren't afraid of it—don't let the weeds grow under your feet.

I know it's not comfortable. I built my first microcomputer in 1977 at the age of 30. So, maybe I'm a bit of an exception having been using technology for nearly 50 years now. But, I still find myself learning something new pretty much every day. The mantra I tell my daughters is, "you NEVER stop going to school" (learning something new). It's a lifelong journey. Enjoy it, welcome it, and USE it to your advantage in helping the craft prosper and grow.

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.

*They Call It “Take-Home Pay” Because ...
There Is No Other Place You Can Afford To Go With It.*

Scottish Rite Masonic Center Endowment Fund Contributions

The SRMC wishes to acknowledge those who donated to the Endowment fund this past month and began or added to a Cathedral Club membership.

Brother Bill Achbach, 32° KCCH

Illustrious Brother Keith Anderson, 33°

Brother Jerry Edwards, 32° KCCH

Illustrious Brother Darren Klinefelter, 33°

Brother Kevin Trabert

Transportation Available – Brethren, if you need a ride to a stated meeting, the reunion, or one of our events, call the office and let us know. We will send a ride-share service (Lyft or Uber) to pick you up and bring you back home, at no expense to you. The Consistory will pay the bill. You do not have to miss out on participating in Denver Consistory events because you need a ride.

Who reads the RiteWorks Contest – The membership numbers published in the April RiteWorks belong to the following Brothers who were eligible to receive a free dinner for the April Stated Meeting: **Benjamin D. Briggs, Roy Halpern, Rhoades R. Cannon, Richard A. Harrison, Ronald C. Dendorfer, Wayne G. Arner, Charles C. Robinson II, Thomas J. Murray, James H. Forsyth, and Jimmy G. Norris.** 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 May Stated Meeting.

Administrative Assistant—**Illustrious Brother Alex McIntosh, 33°**, has been hired for the position of Administrative Assistant. He will work alongside **Illustrious Brother Tommy Thompson, 33°**, learning the position. Illustrious Brother Thompson will retire July 1, 2024.

Easter Sunrise Service—The Colorado Knights Templar Association held their 99th Annual Easter Sunrise Service at Denver Consistory, March 31, 2024. It is the oldest Easter Sunrise Service in Colorado. It was a gorgeous morning, which resulted in a very large attendance.

April 15th Stated Meeting—The Rocky Mountain Chapter of Rose Croix conducted the Remembrance, Renewal, and Commitment Ceremony. Thank you, **Brother Greg Harris, 32° KCCH**, Wise Master and his officers of the Chapter of Rose Croix for a beautiful ceremony. Thank you also to the costumes, properties/stage, and AV committees. [4795779]

Spring Reunion May 16-18, 2024 - WE NEED PETITIONS! We have only 16 candidates for the Spring Reunion. Brothers, turn in the petitions as soon as you receive them. We will have a special officers' meeting Monday May 13th at 5:30 p.m. to read petitions turned in after our April Stated Meeting. Petitions turned in after 4:00 p.m. May 13th will be held over to the Fall Reunion.

First Line Signer Incentive Program: **THREE** petitions in a calendar year will pay your membership for a year. If you are a life member, it entitles you to receive Stated Meeting dinners for a year. Use the Electronic Petition to expedite the process. When the candidate completes the electronic petition, it is automatically sent to the Denver Consistory office.



**DENVER CONSISTORY
PETITION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

Donate Your Car - We have a donation plan in place to give you a receipt for a tax-deductible donation to the Scottish Rite Masonic Center. Donate your car, truck, RV, or boat. Go to www.carsforcharity.net to donate for the benefit of the Denver Scottish Rite Masonic Center.

Scottish Rite Cathedral Association News — It has been a very busy eighteen months for the SRCA in the ongoing process of maintaining our building. Below is a list of non-maintenance items:

- ◆ Sections of the garden fence were pulled out of the ground and stolen. The entire fence was replaced with stronger material and installed so that it would be extremely difficult to dismantle and steal.
- ◆ Replaced air compressor which operates the numeric thermostats throughout the building.
- ◆ Replaced push button door lock on entry door from garage.
- ◆ Replaced outside lights in alley and North side of the building with LED fixtures and lights.
- ◆ Replaced intercom/camera which was stolen off front sliding glass doors.
- ◆ Replaced domestic hot water tank which was showing signs of a leak.
- ◆ Replaced boiler system condensate recirculating pump which was more than 50 years old and leaking badly.
- ◆ Replaced dining room heating coil which was leaking.
- ◆ Replaced two sections of galvanized hot water line which began leaking.
- ◆ Replaced both heating boilers which were more than 50 years old, one of them leaking.
- ◆ Replaced section of galvanized condensate return line which was leaking.
- ◆ Repaired fire sprinkler system.
- ◆ Replaced broken floor tile by garage entry door. (Will need to be replaced again.)
- ◆ Repaired roof leaks in office side of building.
- ◆ Replaced downspouts which were stolen off of the building.
- ◆ Replaced exit sensors on front sliding glass doors.

TOTAL COST of non-maintenance items: \$199,056

2024 Membership fee was payable December 31, 2023. If you have not yet paid your 2024 membership fee, please do so and do not become delinquent. Please do your part to help sustain the operation of Denver Consistory by paying your membership fee. Supreme Council Statutes require that your membership fee MUST be current to be admitted to Stated Meetings and the Reunion (this includes cast members, directors, and committee members). Each Stated Meeting we have several brothers who approach the Tyler's Desk to sign in and are informed that their membership fee is not current.

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

Monthly membership fee payment plan is available - are you tired of paying fees at the end of the year to all the Masonic bodies of which you are a member? You may pay your annual Denver Consistory membership in eleven easy monthly payments rather than one lump sum at the end of the year, 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 non-payment of membership fees 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.

2024 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.

SPECIAL EVENTS

May 16-18, 2024 - Spring Reunion

Monday, May 20th Stated Meeting - Mother's Day and Memorial Day Program

Friday, May 24th 8:00 a.m. SRMC Sporting Clays Tournament - This tournament is a fund-raising event for the Scottish Rite Masonic Center and Judi's House. Invite your family and friends to join you for a fun tournament. See the flyer in this issue.

Go to the tournament website at www.scottishritesportingclays.com to sign up.

Friday, May 24th NO LUNCH This is the Friday before the Memorial Day Holiday and attendance at lunch is very poor on the Friday before a holiday. It is also the day of the Sporting Clays Tournament.

Sunday May 26th 9:00 a.m.—Flags for Fallen Vets - Denver Consistory will participate in this community project at Fort Logan National Cemetery by placing American Flags on the graves. You, your family, and your friends, are invited to join us. Contact **Brother Danny Tomlinson, 32° KCCH**, to sign up and get details. dtomlinson@msn.com

Monday, May 27th Office CLOSED in observance of Memorial Day Holiday

Monday, June 3rd 7:00 p.m. KSA Meeting - All Scottish Rite members are invited to attend.

Saturday, June 8th 4 Wheeling at Rainbow Falls - Contact [Brother David Spence, 32° KCCH](#) to RSVP.

Saturday, June 15th 11:30 a.m. - Ladies Lunch

Monday, August 12th Annual Scottish Rite Golf Classic - The Scottish Rite Masonic Center golf tournament to benefit the Scottish Rite Masonic Center and the Scottish Rite Foundation will be held at **Hiwan Golf Club (Evergreen, CO)**. Go to www.scottishritegolf.org (the tournament website) to sign up.

Membership Statistics

May 2023: 1,426

May 2024: 1,365

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Bill Achbach, 32° KCCH

Director of Education

Saggezza! Force! Belleza!*



* Wisdom (Italian), Strength (French) and Beauty (Spanish)

For most of the month of April and right past Editor-in-Chief Bill's submission deadline, I'm traveling with Jana and our daughter Heather to Italy, Spain, and France (mostly Italy). Preparation for the journey got me to thinking about Freemasonry in those areas of Europe, so I'm devoting three months' of this space to a very brief look at the Fraternity there. My comments will necessarily be general and not focused upon American Masons visiting Lodges. Unfortunately, I won't be doing that on this trip anyway, but I will lead with a couple of comments on that subject.

One of the most important things to remember, if you do plan to visit Lodges while traveling, is that "regularity" is a huge issue for American Masons in Continental Europe. There are so many Masonic and quasi-Masonic jurisdictions on the continent (over a dozen in France alone, for example) that we literally need a scorecard to keep them straight. I can warn you at least so far as to say that Lodges considered irregular by the MWGL of Colorado will be considerably less concerned about your status in visiting them than you need to be regarding theirs! So, be sure that you clearly understand a Lodge's affiliation and the standing of their grand body with ours. Recognition by the United Grand Lodge of England (U.G.L.E.) used to be a slam-dunk vis-à-vis regularity ... not so much anymore, however, so exercise your due diligence in making arrangements.

The other thing, of course, is to make advance arrangements. It's never a good idea to try to visit by just walking in on a meeting night. That approach is a breach of protocol, and it's asking a lot of the host Brethren to get you in without prior "lawful information." In 2022, we hosted a visitor up at #26, who just dropped in unexpectedly. He was very apologetic for the inconvenience to us ("I know I'm not supposed to do this but..."), and ultimately it was a pleasure to host the then-Deputy Grand Master of New Zealand! Nevertheless, he rolled the dice [11137300] by dropping in like that, and it could have turned out badly. He actually didn't even know he was going to be in Idaho Springs that evening, as he headed back to Arizona on a solo motorcycle tour, so we're glad he saw the light from our open door! Normally, arrangements for visits in non-U.S. jurisdictions should first be Grand Lodge to Grand Lodge, and then follow the guidance of our own GL to pursue the details.

Italy

I'm sitting, as I write this, looking out over the harbor at La Spazia along the west coast of Italy. It's a beautiful view and only marred a little by the cargo vessels and a somewhat hazy morning. This is the only one of the three articles I'll actually finish on the trip, so it makes sense to begin with some observations on Masonry where we're actually located at the moment.

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As is the case in many jurisdictions, Freemasonry in Italy predates the political entity we know today ... just like our history here in Colorado. That hardly seems possible doesn't it, given what we think of as the antiquity of Italy ... Roman Empire ... Renaissance ... etc.? But, Italy, as a unified nation, actually did not exist until 1861, when a movement led by Brother Giuseppe Garibaldi succeeded in bringing together several (but not all) of the traditionally separate (and often warring) principalities, republics, and political factions, to form the Kingdom of Italy. It was a constitutional monarchy (think Great Britain), with Victor Emanuel II of Sardinia as the sovereign. Garibaldi, although not particularly steeped in the philosophy of the Craft, was a very active Mason, and he found the network of Lodges which had developed since the introduction of the Fraternity in the first half of the 18th century, to be a convenient and efficient way to communicate his message of unification. It's therefore safe to say that Freemasonry played an important role in the formation of modern Italy ... and one not so very different than that of the Lodge in Colonial America.

There certainly were Lodges in a number of the pre-unification Italian states by the early to mid-1720s: a number of them founded by ex-pat English and Scots Masons. As in France, the Lodge was often associated, among these exiles, with the Jacobite cause. It is also significant to note that the first Papal Bull opposing Freemasonry followed close on the heels of the establishment of Lodges in the then-independent Papal States. The Craft was banned there in 1738, although Lodges continued to meet in secret. That uneasy and occasionally outright hostile relationship continues to the present day, of course, with a proclamation opposing Catholic membership in the Craft as recently as 2023. Especially in the 19th century, many Italian states banned ... then allowed ... then banned the Lodge again, as political sentiments and associations with the Church fluctuated. It's all a bit confusing ... especially considering that the Jacobite cause was intimately associated with the movement to return a Catholic king to the English throne!

It's probably safe to say that the Lodge's association with revolutionary (or, at least, anti-monarchist and anti-clerical sentiments) served both to slow (among the general population) and to accelerate (among intellectual elements) interest in the Craft. Officially, Freemasonry made its debut in 1733, with the formation of the Gran Loggia d'Italia (GOL). A governing body with the same name (although a completely different organization) is the current official grand body. It is also known as the Grande Orient d'Italia and was organized in 1805. There are currently about 800 Lodges and an estimated 22,000 members associated with GOL.

As was the case in other Continental nations, Freemasonry grew and spread quickly in the 18th and 19th centuries. One interesting comment I found, in researching this article, was that "[The Grande Oriente] works closely with **other Masonic Lodges across Italy** and abroad too." Apparently, the existence of multiple Masonic jurisdictions and governing bodies does not serve as quite the impediment to cooperation that we find in the U.S.

I'll also mention that there are myriad Masonic and quasi-Masonic organizations in Italy and much debate internationally over regularity. As in much of Continental Europe, organizations with Masonic roots but with "differences," with which U.G.L.E. and most U.S. Grand Lodges would take exception, are common. A number of these, for example, are purely humanistic/rationalistic in philosophy and do not require belief in a divine Architect. *Le Droit Humain* ("Human Rights"), probably the world's best

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known co-Masonic body, has been active in Italy since 1904.

The toughest period in Italian Masonic history was certainly the repression of the Craft by Italian fascism. Benito Mussolini succeeded in making an anti-Masonic statement as early as 1914, when he got a motion passed by Italian socialists (his political organ at the time) stating that Masonic ideas were incompatible with party membership. Just a year after his 1922 rise to power, the Lodge was likewise declared “incompatible” with fascism, and Freemasonry was banned outright in 1925. During the Fascist Era, many (exact numbers are murky) Italian Freemasons were jailed, harassed, and even killed for their affiliation. One case in point is that of General Luigi Capello, who was expelled from the Fascist Party in 1923 for refusing to leave his Lodge. In 1924, he was accused of conspiracy in a plot to assassinate Mussolini and sentenced to 30 years imprisonment. The Grand Master of the Grand Orient and 44 other Masons were implicated as well, and (without trial) were exiled. Italian Freemasonry functioned in exile, throughout the Fascist Era, and even gave assistance to the Republican (anti-fascist) cause in Spain during the Spanish Civil War. [9594276] Although persecuted, the Italian Lodge suffered not nearly so extensively as in Nazi Germany or in Franco’s Spain (on which topic, more in June).

In post-war Italy, Freemasonry has enjoyed a resurgence, with an impressive growth in both the number of Lodges and in membership. The Scottish Rite was re-constituted in late 1943, less than six months after the fall of Mussolini. There has been frequent jockeying for advantage between the Grand Orient and the Regular Grand Lodge of Italy, with U.G.L.E. and many U.S. jurisdictions (both GL and PHA) recognizing both.

Finally, I’ll say a few words about a scandal impacting Italian Masonry, which has also served to somewhat sully the Fraternity’s reputation internationally. In 1877, The Grand Orient formed a Lodge known as Propaganda Massonica, whose purpose was to “ensure privacy for Masons of national importance, both within and outside the organization” [Note: I read that as ‘allow them to function outside the rule of civil and fraternal law.’ It is not clear that such was the intent of the Grande Orient, at that time, but this was the eventual effect.] The Lodge was re-founded after WWII (hence the informal designation “P2”) under the direct authority of the Grand Master. Ultimately, P2 came to operate under the leadership of Venerable Master Licio Gelli. Gelli led the organization in the commission of a variety of criminal and subversive activities, as determined by the Grand Orient’s own central court as well as by an Italian Parliamentary Commission. The most public of these scandals (and one of the worst in Italian political history) involved activities of the Banco Ambrosiano Veneto. Gelli, who died in 2015, was expelled from the Grand Orient in 1981 and P2 was legally dissolved in 1982. So great was the negative impact of the scandal on the reputation of Italian Freemasonry, following a further judicial inquiry in 1993, that the Grand Master of the Grand Orient, Giuliano Di Bernardo founded the “Regular Grand Lodge of Italy,” which gained and still holds recognition of the U.G.L.E.

Not a happy narrative, at the end of my story for this month, but the Craft has regained much of its lost reputation in intervening years, and there is every reason to expect that Freemasonry will continue to grow and flourish in the future.

Next month: Spain!

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Last Month's Trivia Question: For 73 years (from 1919 until 1992), there were two Scottish Rite organizations in Denver: Colorado Consistory and Rocky Mountain Consistory. How did the two come to be merged into our current Valley of Denver?

Answer: To quote the title of Mike Rowe's popular book and podcast, "the way I heard it" makes the question of "Why were there two?" almost as interesting as "Why did they merge?"... and the two narratives are so inextricably intertwined as to require one as background for the other.

One quick caveat, however. There's always a bit of risk in telling a story that lies within the memory of people you know and can ask about a subject. There are bound to be different and even conflicting points of view, especially regarding an issue that was so emotionally charged at the time. "Time heals all wounds," says the adage, but, even if true (and that's debatable), it doesn't reduce the passion and the pain of the experience. So, in telling this story, I absolutely preface by saying that all information presented here is done with all due respect to opposing viewpoints.

The necessary context of those times, I've been told, is that boomtown Denver (especially after the railroad arrived in 1870) was deeply divided along economic lines ... and that included Masonry in the city. Colorado Consistory (CC) was chartered in 1877: just a year after statehood. Four decades later, Rocky Mountain Consistory was the creation of blue-collar elements, because of that community's perception that it was being snubbed by the professional and political upper crust ... at least when it came to Scottish Rite affiliation. I can't speak to whether that was an accurate perception (obviously, we'd all prefer to think that it was not), but perception was reality for those working class Brothers, and such did, apparently, drive their decision to form their own Scottish Rite body. RMC became, in the main, the Masonic home of Brethren who were craftsmen, tradesmen and such, while CC remained the Masonic home of the Mile High elite ... self-styled or otherwise. The location of the SRMC, whose cornerstone laying we commemorate this year, is indicative of that affiliation with the powerful and well-to-do.

Fast forward to 1992! It probably isn't possible to ever know why the Supreme Council, SJ was driven to order the merger of the Consistories, since we don't know much about the factors they actually considered in the 1980's and up to 1992. Speculating? Perhaps it was the fact that class division is Masonically unhealthy. Maybe it was a demographic decision, with a realization that Denver could never support two Consistories long term. Certainly, declining numbers had begun to make that clear by 1990. Possibly there were administrative reasons that had less to do with any of that and more to do with SJ administrative concerns. One of the things I'd posit as a factor is the question (given the power and influence issues in the community) of how the SC could elect Inspectors General Honorary in such a setting, without fostering deeper divides and resentments in the Masonic community as a whole. Again, all of that is, to some degree, speculation ... though I'd like to think that the wisdom of the Masonically unhealthy argument played a role.

One of the things that I've been told is that, so far as the SJ was concerned, "no one" was ever reported deceased by either Consistory! The two were allegedly so jealous of their relative standing in the community that they kept departed members on the roster and unreported to the SC, as much and for as long as possible! Be that as it may, the merger was entirely dictated by the Supreme Council, and the "us

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versus them" mentality lasted until leadership and to some extent membership at both Consistories had changed to a sufficient degree to change the mentality and foster cooperation. I find it interesting to speculate on what my attitude would have been, had I been affiliated in those days. I came to Colorado in 1980 - in plenty of time to have been in the thick of the whole thing -- but demitted from the NMJ in about 1984 or so, and didn't affiliate with Denver Consistory until about 2016. So I "missed out" on having any personal knowledge or perspective on all of that history!

This Month's Trivia Question (Answer in next month's *Rite Works*): Unfortunately, the P2 scandal in Italy was not the first time that the Lodge was implicated in criminal collaboration in that country. Can you discover when that earlier scandal occurred and describe the details?

THINGS YOU DIDN'T KNOW YOU NEEDED TO KNOW

- ◆ The most common birthday in the United States is October 5.
- ◆ **A duodecillion** has 39 zeroes.
- ◆ Of the total population in Hawai'i, 75% live on the island of Oahu.
- ◆ **Monaco** is the country with the biggest percentage of elderly people. Over 20% of the country's population is over the age of 65.
- ◆ The country of **Andorra** has the highest life expectancy rate: the average is 83.5 years.
- ◆ The country with the most internet users is the United States, followed by Japan.
- ◆ **Julius Caesar** was assassinated on March 15, 44 BC (hence: Beware the Ides of March.)
- ◆ The **Liberty Bell** (cast in Philadelphia) is said to have cracked on July 8, 1835 when it was tolling the death of Chief Justice John Marshall.
- ◆ Englishwoman Florence Nightingale was nicknamed "Lady with the Lamp," because of her day-and-night care of [11143342] British soldiers in the Crimean War.
- ◆ The empress **Catherine the Great's** (1729-1796) name was Sophie Auguste Fredericke von Anhalt-Zerbst.
- ◆ **Leonardo da Vinci** produced designs for the following inventions: Submarine, Tank, Cluster bomb, Glider, Calculator, Car.
- ◆ George de Mestral invented **VELCRO®** in 1948.
- ◆ Hydrophobia: fear of water
Gephyrophobia: fear of crossing bridges
Mysophobia: fear of germs
Ophidiophobia: fear of snakes



Member in the Spotlight

By Lee Miller, 32° KCCH

1st Lieutenant Commander
Colorado Council of Kadosh

Grady Carter, 32°

**Guardian of the Temple
Rocky Mountain Chapter of Rose Croix**



One of my favorite things in Masonry is that I can meet a Brother, then later see him in one, two, or even more Masonic bodies.

That's how I first met Brother Grady Carter, 32°. I'd seen him on the Divan at El Jebel, and then last year as he was introduced each month at the Consistory as the sitting Potentate. But it wasn't until Brother Danny Tomlinson, 32° KCCH, proposed Brother Grady for membership in the National Sojourners that I first really met him. Now I see him at least three or four times every month and I'm privileged to count him as a friend.

Brother Grady originally came to Colorado to attend college at Regis in 1979. Life intervened, and he ended up serving our country with "an unnamed civilian defense agency" for eight and a half years, spending time on the ground in Grenada, Panama, and the Persian Gulf. When he came back to Denver, Brother Grady returned to Regis, earning his bachelor's in finance and an MBA in managerial leadership.

He has a distinguished career in law enforcement spanning 31 years, beginning with a job with the Mountain View, CO police department who sent him to the academy. He was hired away by Englewood PD, then later joined the Denver PD where he spent 27 years, retiring as a sergeant. Although Brother Grady neglected to tell me in his usual modest way, he was awarded a Denver Police Department Medal of Honor in 2014 for his part in the 2012 hostage situation at a Radio Shack on Colfax. He also spent a number of years as the head of the urban bike patrol, which tied in with his love of bicycling and bike racing.

When I asked Brother Grady how he got into Masonry, he laughed. "When I was 16, my grandmother gave me my Grandfather's Masonic ring. I had it put away in a box." One day he noticed a co-worker's Masonic ring. That was Brother Nate Alton, who is a member in Byers Lodge No. 152. But it was Brother Nate's now deceased father, Brother Don Alton, who actually pushed Brother Grady to petition Byers Lodge. [10268845] He was raised there in May of 2015 and is a life member. In addition, Brother Grady is a member of Black Hawk Lodge No. 11 where he is the current Junior Warden, and also a member of Central Lodge No. 6. I believe I see Brother Danny Tomlinson's powers of persuasion at work in those plural memberships.

As mentioned earlier, Brother Grady is the Past Potentate of El Jebel Shrine. He told me he was originally approached by the Drovers inner body to help with the horses – one of Brother Grady's and Lady Kim's passions. As we all know, if you say yes to anything in Masonry, the requests keep coming. He served as an aide in 2019, was appointed to the Divan in

2020, and elected Potentate in 2023. His theme was “All About the WE in 23”, which appeared on his Potentate’s appropriately police badge-shaped pin. He is a member of the Drivers and of the Sport Car Club inner bodies and also the Shrine’s Legion of Honor, where I’m happy to see him every month. As the junior Past Potentate, he remains extremely involved in representing El Jebel.

Brother Grady received his black hat at the Spring Reunion in 2016. He was appointed to the Rose Croix line by Bro. Greg Harris, 32° KCCH for 2024, and was recently appointed to the Reunion class committee. In 2023, he attended the three York Rite festivals to become a Companion and Sir Knight. Both Brother Grady and Lady Kim were previously active in Eastern Star - Brother Grady is a Past Worthy Patron. Lady Kim was also recently elected into the Social Order of the Beauceant. I had the pleasure of being part of his initiation into the Sword of Bunker Hill this year.

Outside of Masonry, the Carters are even busier. They own and run the Carter Cattle Company on their ranch in Bennett, along with their horses, dogs, and chickens. Riding and training horses are more than just fun; Brother Grady also competes in team roping and is a heeler. Heeling requires precision horsemanship because you can’t get there too early or too late. You have to hit your mark exactly and rope those two hind feet every time to win. He even qualified for the World Series of team roping. If that wasn’t enough, Brother Grady recently became interested in cowboy mounted shooting. Besides the horsemanship and shooting skills needed to compete in mounted shooting, Brother Grady is training his horse to be comfortable with the sound of pistol and rifle gunshots. Mounted shooting is insanely fun but requires a whole new level of shooting skills even for the accomplished marksman.

Brother Grady rides more than horses. He is an avid motorcyclist, with his primary bike being a Harley-Davidson Road Glide Ultra. He and Lady Kim ride frequently, and have taken trips to Texas and Washington DC. Some years ago, he and friend took a 5 week trip across the US. Like many bikers, he owns multiple bikes. “I inherited a few that didn’t run”, he said, and works on his own bikes. In addition to motorcycles, Brother Grady is an accomplished bicycle racer, and tells me he still rides bicycles.

How many more hobbies does Brother Grady have? He’s a hunter, and got his first buck on a hunt in Texas last year; he’s waiting on his trophy to be returned from the taxidermist. He also went duck hunting and dove hunting last year for the first time. He’s not the only shooter in the family; Lady Kim is a very accomplished shotgunner. “She’s a much better shotgunner than me,” Grady said when we were talking guns, shooting, and hunting. “She didn’t compete in last year’s event [the Scottish Rite Sporting Clays Classic] because she didn’t know it was open to women, but she is this year”. Watch out everyone, because you have some tough competition in Lady Kim. Brother Grady is also an amateur radio (ham) operator; listen for him as KFØDZY. The Carters are also very involved in their church.

If there is something going on in Masonry, it’s almost certain one or both of the Carters are going to be involved. We are all better off for having them in our Masonic family.



C.L.O.P. ORATION

**S. Todd Warburton, 32°
Captain of the Host**

CHARITY



Brethren, I stand before you to reflect on a concept that transcends mere generosity—it is the essence of humanity's better angels, the embodiment of selflessness, and the cornerstone of a compassionate society. I speak of none other than the noble virtue of charity.

Charity is not merely a monetary transaction; it is a manifestation of empathy, a testament to our shared humanity. It is a force that binds us together, weaving a tapestry of kindness that spans across communities, nations, and the entire human family.

In a world often marked by strife and inequality, charity serves as a beacon of hope. It is the outstretched hand reaching into the darkness, offering comfort to those who find themselves in the depths of despair. It is a reminder that, in our shared journey through life, we are not alone. For if men had goodwill in their hearts towards one another, peace would be the result everywhere. The Great Commandment, according to the Master, is to “love God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength: and like unto it, the second greatest is to love thy neighbor as yourself.” The Kingdom of which he spoke so often is an idyllic realm in which Charity is the law of the land. A Kingdom in which “Peace on Earth, Goodwill to Men” would be the motto for all.

The act of giving, be it time, resources, or compassion, is an affirmation of our interconnectedness as Masons. It is an acknowledgment that the well-being of one is intrinsically tied to the well-being of all. When we engage in acts of charity, we not only alleviate immediate suffering but also contribute to the creation of a more just and harmonious world. As St Thomas Aquinas said, Charity is a choice.

Charity, in its purest form, extends beyond the material realm. It encompasses the sharing of knowledge, the offering of the attentive ear, and the cultivation of understanding. It is about building bridges of empathy that span the gaps of ignorance and misunderstanding, fostering a sense of unity in our diverse global community.

Moreover, charity is not reserved for the affluent or the privileged; [3110897] it is a call to action for every man and Mason, regardless of their station in life. It reminds us that, regardless of our circumstances, we all possess the capacity to make a positive impact. As the saying goes, "No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted."

Charity is a force that transforms not only the lives of those who receive but also the hearts of those who give. It is a profound realization that true wealth lies not in the accumulation of possessions but in the enrichment of the human spirit. The joy that comes from giving, from making a difference in someone else's life, is a testament to the boundless potential for goodness within each of us as Masons.

Along with the other working tools we have been given, we must put our trowel to ceaseless use if the Temple we're building as Masons, is ever to be completed. The Temple of humanity will not build itself. Craftsmen are required. The blueprint on the trestleboard has been drawn by the Great Architect, but it is up to Craftsmen to begin the work and see it through to its completion. Paraphrasing what St. Augustine rightly said, “without God we cannot, without us, God will not”.

Finally, let us embrace the spirit of charity as a guiding principle in our lives. Let us recognize that, in lifting others, we uplift ourselves. As we navigate the intricate web of existence, may we be inspired to be beacons of kindness, sources of support, and agents of positive change. For in charity, we discover the transformative power of love, compassion, and the enduring legacy of a truly benevolent brotherhood. As alluded to in the 18th degree, in the spirit of good Faith and undaunted Hope, may we begin the work and devote our time to the building of the Temple of Humanity; the cornerstone of which is Charity.

The Importance of Television

By J. R. Martin, MPS

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Worshipful Master, Wardens, grand lodge representatives, Brethren:

GOOD MORNING, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN OF THE JURY. MY NAME IS J. R. MARTIN OF GERTZ, KASTANES, MOORE AND MARTIN IN BEAUTIFUL, SUNNY, DOWNTOWN NORTH MYRTLE BEACH, SOUTH CAROLINA, AND I AM HERE TO REPRESENT THE DEFENDANT IN THIS CASE. I AM HERE TO TELL YOU THAT MY CLIENT IS HAPPY, PROUD AND PLEASED TO BE HERE IN COURT TODAY BECAUSE THIS IS HIS CHANCE TO FINALLY TELL HIS SIDE OF THE STORY. OH, YOU MAY HEAR AN AWFUL LOT OF AWFUL STUFF ABOUT MY CLIENT FROM THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY BUT YOU AND I BOTH KNOW THAT YOU ARE SWORN TO LISTEN TO ALL OF THE EVIDENCE IN THIS CASE. AND I KNOW THAT YOU WILL DO THAT DUTY BECAUSE AFTER YOU HEAR ALL OF THE THINGS THAT THE PLAINTIFF'S LAWYER WILL PRESENT, YOU WILL THEN HEAR "THE REST OF THE STORY." AND IT WILL BE THERE, AFTER ALL OF THE STUFF THAT THE PLAINTIFF'S LAWYER HAS SAID THAT YOU MAY HEAR TODAY, I WANT YOU TO BE LISTENING FOR AND I KNOW THAT YOU WILL BE WATCHING AND LISTENING FOR "THE REST OF THE STORY"!

This was how I used to begin my opening arguments to the jury in trials when I was still a trial lawyer. I present it now not only to impress you with my theatrical talent. No, this is to show two points: One, that you must catch and hold the attention of your intended audience in trying to promote anything, and two even if you have the best product and great presentation, you cannot promote anything unless you are there, where the audience is, to promote it. I could not have done all of those brilliant theatrics if I had not been in a courtroom with the credentials of a lawyer.

Tonight I will address the importance of television, but for those who might wish to hear more about the case that inspired my opening statement and hear some other ideas about what to do to renew freemasonry, I will be speaking at one of our "Third Monday" meetings soon. I think.

These days, we hear a lot of discussion concerning one-day classes versus the need to take time to learn the work of the craft, and we often get so worked up over how to make masons that we miss an important point. [10355463] If we are trying to get masonry back on its feet, whether we give one-day classes or one degree per year is almost irrelevant! Why? Because, as one wise old past master used to say, "You may not be able to make a horse drink if you lead him to the water, but first you first must lead him to the water!" In other words, a man cannot be brought to masonic light unless we can get him to the lodge in the first place.

Here is our answer: Television!

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We know that we can sell masonry and the initiation system in whatever form it takes, we have done it before! What we often cannot do, and have historically been prevented from doing, is to tell the good man that we want him. Such recruiting is NOT what is proposed here! That, too, can be counterproductive! If a good man comes to us, "of his free will and accord", you and I you can get him initiated, passed and raised one way or another. But, if he is asked to join, the good man is just as likely not to value the experience no matter how it is conducted. Here is the crux of the matter! He must come to us and ask in order to truly value what we have to give.

So...how do we get him to come? Easy! Advertise! Do "public relations" activities. Get a higher profile in the press. But MOST important, get on television! Television is the key, one way or the other. Television is the common denominator for all of our "brave new world".

The Shriners are already beginning to see this, and their excellent shrine hospital public service announcements are an example. If we are willing to see this, then we, the blue lodges, can blossom into this new era of electronics.

How do we know this? Great examples abound! The Navy gets large PERCENTAGE increases in recruits every time there is a new television series about the Navy (like "JAG", or even "McHale's Navy"). And we do not have to get into the television series business: Every time a "good guy" on TV is identified with an organization or cause during a show, the calls and public interest go up dramatically.

In Oklahoma, the Grand Lodge vigorously supports the Public Broadcasting System (PBS), and actively urges the constituent lodges to do the same, so the viewers see the Square and Compasses before and after many of the fine educational programs on PBS. Also, every TV station needs public service announcements, get in there and push.

An independent television producer, Jackson Polk, now living in El Paso, has produced a number of excellent videos that are available for use, and at one point the Scottish Rite was distributing them to encourage valleys to get them run on public access channels. Furthermore, according to Mr. Polk (who is not a mason, by the way) all of those who have run his Masonic Television Forum tapes on public access channels have had positive results, and a few wrote to tell him that they got new members as a result. Also, both the Southern Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite in Washington, D.C., and the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia have fine videos for sale.

These are just a few ideas to start the creativity rolling. Most, if not all, grand lodges have public relations committees. If you, as a mason, are really concerned with doing more than you are to encourage new petitions, or to prevent the loss of membership, put some time into this grand lodge committee. They probably need your help.

Some may say that the reason for sagging numbers and lost members is that so many good men are watching television instead of coming to lodge, but as long as these men are in front of the tube, let's show them the craft as a worthwhile alternative. Of course we need to find ways to retain members, but we are most vulnerable at the application level. We must keep looking to television as a tool because we cannot bring a man to masonic light unless we can lead him to the lodge. And these days, you may not be able to lead a man to a lodge unless you show it to him on television, first!



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Mason Monroe Sellars

FRANKLY MY DEAR ...

Gone With The Wind was the only book Margaret Mitchell had published in her lifetime. Another manuscript was found by an old lover's son and published as the novella *Lost Laysen* in 1996. Mitchell had written it when she was fifteen. Margaret Mitchell originally wanted the title of *Gone With The Wind* to be *Tomorrow Is Another Day* OR *Tote the Weary Load*. Scarlett was originally named Pansy.

MOST PRECOCIOUS ...

The youngest published author is Dorothy Straight of Virginia, who wrote *How the World Began* (Pantheon, 1964) when she was just four years old.

OLDIES BUT GOODIES ...

1. The oldest continuously published newspaper is the Dutch paper *Haarlems Dagblad*, which debuted in 1656.
2. *Scientific American* has been published since 1845, longer than any other American magazine.

UPSTANDING Writers...

Lewis Carroll, Winston Churchill, Charles Dickens, Ernest Hemingway, Thomas Jefferson, and George Sand all wrote STANDING UP!

BEST SELLERS ...

Less than 1 percent of all books published sell fifty thousand or more copies. The best selling novel of all time is Charles Dickens's *Tale of Two Cities*, which sold roughly [2620193] 200 million copies. *The Lord of the Rings*, by J.R.R. Tolkien, has sold some 150 million.

Catch-22 never appeared on a bestseller list.

Moby Dick sold less than ten thousand copies in Herman Melville's lifetime.





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If you are interested in joining the Rose Croix Funeral Team and helping them, contact the office or Brother Greg Harris, 32° KCCH for more information.





The Prelate's Pulpit

When is a man a Mason?

By: Rev. James Harris, 33°



A MAN is a Mason when he can look over the hills and the far horizon with a sense of his own littleness. And, when he has hope and courage which is the root of every virtue, when he honors that down in his heart every man is as noble and as lonely as himself and seeks to know how to forgive and to love his fellow man. When he knows no voice, no distress reaches his ears. When he knows how to repay how to love and how to hope.

When a man is a Mason, he lives his faith. How about you? When do you think you are a Mason?

I love all of you. In my time of distress you have been there for me. And I thank you for that.

Sincerely,
Illustrious Brother Reverend Jim Harris, 33°

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- ◆ Bibles were first placed in hotel rooms in 1908 in the Superior Hotel in Iron Mountain, Montana
 - ◆ Shakespeare's longest play is *Hamlet* (3901 lines). His sonnets consist of 154 poems.

The Greeks and Romans had different names for the same Gods and Goddesses:

GREEK	ROMAN	ATTRIBUTE
Aphrodite	Venus	Goddess of love
Apollo	Apollo	God of the sun
Artemis	Diana	Goddess of the moon
Ares	Mars	God of war
Athena	Minerva	Goddess of wisdom
Dionysus	Bacchus	God of wine
Eros	Cupid	God of love
Hermes	Mercury	Messenger of the Gods
Hades	Pluto	God of the underworld
Poseidon	Neptune	God of the sea
Persephone	Proserpina	Goddess of the underworld
Zeus	Jupiter	King of the Gods



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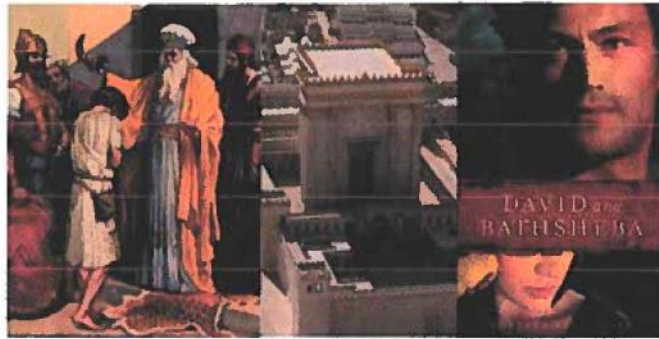
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Steely Dead has gained a dedicated following with their electrifying performances and soulful interpretations of classic tunes.

**PLEASE TELL YOUR
LODGE!**

Open to all Brothers Families and Friends. Guests are encouraged!!

HARMONY Lodge N°. 61 A.F. & A.M. Honoring St.
John the Baptist with a Table Lodge

To all Masons,
Greetings:

Harmony Lodge N°. 61 cordially invites you to a Table Lodge honoring
Saint John the Baptist.

Come join us for some education and enjoyment, celebrating Saint John the Baptist at a Table Lodge Meeting. This is a great way to start the summer season and meet new Masons, make new friends, and enjoy the evening with great food and drink.

June 22nd, 2024, beginning at the hour of 6:00 p.m.
350 S. Broadway, Denver Colorado
South Denver Masonic Temple

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED - AT: 303-733-6036

Reservations accepted until 8:00 p.m. on June 1st. No further reservations will be accepted after the above deadline.

The Members and Officers of Harmony Lodge N°. 61 hope to see you
then.

Take Me Out TO THE BALLGAME!



El Mejdal Temple No. 47, Daughters of the Nile
Invites you to join us for a "Day at the Rockies!"

Colorado Rockies vs Washington Nationals



Date: Sunday, June 23, 2024

Time: 1:10 PM

Cost per Ticket: \$17.00

Seat Section: 116

Please complete the form below and make your check payable to:

El Mejdal Temple No. 47

Mail to:

Kris MacPherson

4030 E. 94th Avenue Apt. F

Thornton CO 80229



Deadline Date: May 29, 2024

Tickets will be mailed to you unless other arrangements are made.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone No: _____ Email Address: _____

No. of tickets: _____ @ \$17.00/each \$ _____ Check number: _____

Special Request (Handicap Seating, etc.): _____

This will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

Proceeds to benefit the Operating Budget of El Mejdal Temple No. 47

100TH ANNIVERSARY CORNERSTONE

Location: 1370 Grant St
Date: July 20, 2024
Time: 2:30 PM – 7:00 PM
Host: Thomas Gaffney 32° KCCH

2:30PM – 3:30PM	Grand Lodge Cornerstone Ceremony,	NE Corner Consistory
3:00PM – 4:00 PM	Consistory doors open for attendees to tour building and to see displays.	Foyer/Cathedral
4:00PM – 5:00PM	Presentation of The Traitor	Cathedral Room
5:00PM – 5:30PM	Comments from Dignitaries	Cathedral Room
5:30PM – 7:00PM	Transition to Social/Dinner	Doc's/Dining Hall

You MUST make reservations for the dinner NO LATER than 08JULY.

Additional information

The event is open to all that want to attend. Dinner will be restricted to the first 200 paid reservations. All attendees will receive a commemorative pin and those RSVPs to the dinner will receive a commemorative collector's challenge coin. Web link to payment will open in March.



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One! Sponsor and Play for the kids! Proceeds will benefit the Scottish Rite Foundation and RiteCare. RiteCare provides:

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- Treatment for Child Language Disorders
- Literacy Training for Pre-School Age Children
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Two: We will be playing at Hiwan Golf Club! This is a rare opportunity to play a truly exclusive area private club.

Three: This truly unique event features exciting hole in one contests and a post-event Shootout for \$1,000,000. Hole in One contests include a trip to the 2025 Ryder Cup, Broncos-Raiders Away Game package in Las Vegas, Pebble Beach golf trip for two and a Family Ski Vacation.

In addition to exciting contests, the days will includes box lunch, awards luncheon and player gift package..

We expect a full field so register now.

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Please drop items off in the bin located in the building.
Supplies they need will be listed on a flyer above the bin.

They need things like art supplies, toys, non-perishable snacks, and
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Any questions? Contact Pablo Colomban
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Scan the QR code for a
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