



Denver's RiteWorks

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BUILDING SECURITY IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY! We ask that you be mindful of who you let into the lobby through the glass doors and 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.**



PLANNING CALENDAR

October 2024

Fri, OCT 18	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (\$13—Meatloaf)
Mon, OCT 21	Stated Meeting (Feast of Tishri) (Parking Garage Available) 5:30 p.m. Red Room Business Meeting 6:00 p.m. Dinner 7:00 p.m. Awards and Patents; Entertainment 7:30 p.m. Split Meeting; 5 min oration— Orator, Rocky Mountain Chapter of Rose Croix
Fri, OCT 25	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (\$13—Baked Fish Filets)

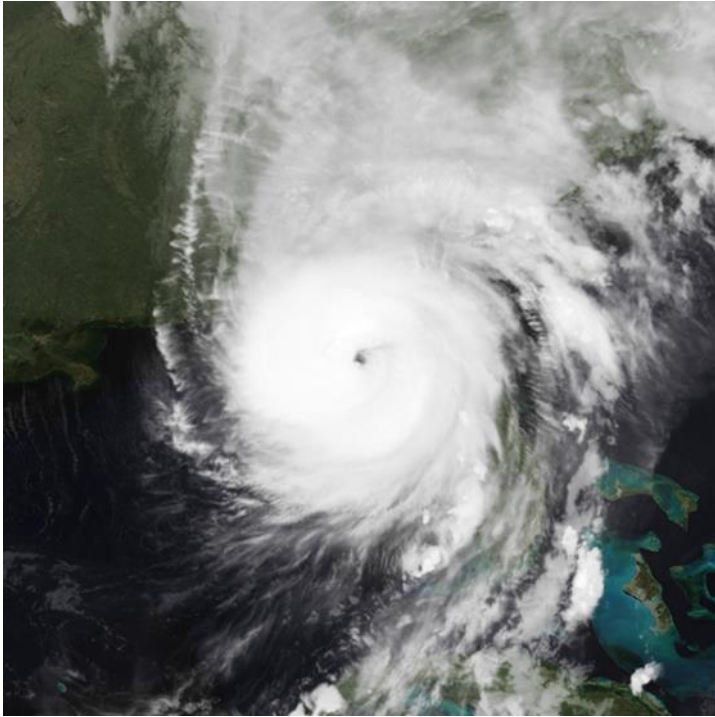
November 2024

Fri, NOV 1	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (\$13—Fried Chicken)
Mon, NOV 4	7:00 p.m. KSA Meeting in Lodge Room
Fri, NOV 8	11:30 p.m. Consistory Lunch
Mon, NOV 11	5:30 p.m. Special Officers' Meeting to read last minute Petitions
Thu-Sat, NOV 14-16	7:00 a.m. Fall Reunion (62 nd) (Parking Garage Available)
Sat, NOV 16	5:30 p.m. Reunion Banquet; 25 and 50 Year Presentations
Mon, NOV 18	Stated Meeting (Parking Garage Available) 5:30 p.m. Red Room Business Meeting 6:00 p.m. Dinner 7:00 p.m. Entertainment; Veterans Recognition Program 7:30 p.m. Split Meeting
Thu-Fri, NOV 28-29	CONSISTORY CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY
Sat, NOV 30	9:00-11:00 a.m. Consistory Decorating Party (All members & wives invited)

December 2024

Mon, DEC 2	7:00 p.m. KSA Meeting in Lodge Room
Fri, DEC 6, 13, 20	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (\$13—Fried Chicken on DEC 6)
Sat, DEC 7	10:00 a.m. - noon SR Foundation & Consistory Children's Christmas Party Parking Garage Available
Mon, DEC 16	Stated Meeting - Parking Garage Available 5:30 p.m. Red Room Business Meeting 6:00 p.m. Dinner - Member Appreciation Night; Ugly Sweater Night, Masonic Education 7:00 p.m. Entertainment 7:30 p.m. Split Meeting: Annual Election of Officers
Sat, DEC 21	10:00 a.m. Wreaths Across America - Ft. Logan National Cemetery
Mon, DEC 25	Consistory CLOSED for Christmas Holiday
Fri, DEC 27	NO CONSISTORY LUNCH (Long Holiday Weekend)

Hurricane Helene Relief



The Scottish Rite, SJ, is committed to assisting our Brethren, family, and friends recently impacted by major hurricanes. Helene, a massive Category 4 hurricane, traveled up the West Coast of Florida, making landfall in the Big Bend area. The devastating storm caused serious damage up the Eastern portion of the United States, including, but not limited to, Florida, Georgia, Tennessee, South Carolina, North Carolina, and Virginia. Before recovery could be completed, Milton, a Category 3 hurricane, traveled across the middle of Florida causing even more damage.

You can join us in our relief efforts by making a gift right [11155598] away via the “Donate” button below.

[DONATE](#)

On the donation form, please be sure to select the “Scottish Rite Foundation, Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A., Inc.,” and choose “**National Disaster Relief – Hurricanes.**”

If you would prefer to give by mail, please make checks payable to the “Scottish Rite Foundation, SJ, USA, Inc.,” and include “Disaster Relief – Hurricanes” in the memo line.

Mailing Address:

Development Office

Attn.: Disaster Relief

1733 16th Street NW

Washington, DC 20009

100% of all donations will go to the relief of deserving families in the affected areas.

Thank you!

Image: Hurricane Helene Approaching Florida. Source: ABI imagery from NOAA’S GOES-16 Satellite via Wikimedia Commons (Public Domain)

EDITOR'S RESTLEBOARD



BY: **BILL HICKEY, 33°**

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The Best Laid Plans 'O Mice and Men ...

As you all know, I typically take July/August off so I can make a trip up to see my daughter in Montana without worrying about deadlines and such. This year was no different in that respect. HOWEVER, my younger daughter (lives in Thornton) pressed me about the wear and tear keeping a 4000 sqft home on 1.25 acres was having on me at 77 years old. At some point, I began to agree with her and we decided that I should sell my home of 35 years and look for something a bit more manageable. Now, there was no "timetable" for all this, so I rather casually began looking around. Well, as you now should know, I put my home on the market and within 10 days it sold. Suddenly, I was faced with a very real possibility that I needed to be completely out of the house within a short period of time.

Thinking ahead, and getting a one month lease-back on the house was a smart move, BUT ... it still put me into the throes of trying to figure out how to stuff 10 pounds into a 5 pound sack since I was now moving to a 55+ community out in Thornton (Heritage Todd Creek) a lot closer to my younger daughter and her family.

This is turning out to be more of a challenge than you might think. [878413] One month isn't really all that long in the big scheme of things when you're trying to move belongings, sort them into 3 piles: (1) keep; (2) donate; and (3) throw away. You begin to look at family heirlooms in a completely different way. And, you start looking at clothing you haven't worn in a couple of years and wonder why (a) you bought it in the first place, and (b) why you keep it if you aren't going to wear it.

Anyway, all this came at the same time as my main computer crashed (with extreme prejudice) forcing me to rely completely on a laptop to do everything (and today, you really do a lot of the closing activities on line and not in person at a desk in a title office). Oh, you still go to the office, but what used to take hours and stacks of paper is now a few signatures, and maybe half-an-hour of your time.

So, yes, I missed getting Rite Works out on time this month—seriously—and although I will be "moved in" by the end of October, I still won't be settled in comfortably until maybe November and possibly into December. But, the GOOD NEWS is ... I now have air conditioning and forced air heat (the old home had no A/C and circulating baseboard hot water heat...so life will definitely be different this winter. Hopefully, November's Rite Works will be on time.

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.

An Authority Is Someone Who Can Tell You More About Something Than You Really Care To Know.

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.

Parking Permit Required - A Denver Consistory parking permit **MUST** be displayed on the lower left of your vehicle windshield. (Where the emission certificate is located) Do not place the permit in a location other than the lower left of the windshield. If you park in the garage without a properly displayed parking permit you will receive a ticket. Denver Consistory cannot dismiss the ticket and we will not pay it. We do not own the garage; we do not control the parking, and we do not issue the tickets. Parking permits are available in the Consistory office.

Thank You to Our Scottish Rite Masonic Center Endowment Fund Donors: A Call to Action

As we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the cornerstone dedication of the Scottish Rite Masonic Center, we are reminded of the importance of preserving our historic building for future generations. This milestone is not only a time to reflect on the past, but also an opportunity to ensure that the legacy of the Scottish Rite Masonic Center continues to thrive for the next century.

We would like to extend our deepest gratitude to all who have contributed to the Scottish Rite Masonic Center Endowment Fund. Your generous donations have been instrumental in maintaining and enhancing the Scottish Rite Masonic Center, allowing us to continue our work and serve our community with pride. [11121576] Thanks to your support, we are closer to our short term goal of raising \$1 million for the preservation and upkeep of our beloved building. (Fund balance as of August 31, 2024 was \$855,203)

However, our work is not yet done. We ask for your continued support to help us reach our short term goal of \$1 million. Every contribution, no matter the size, makes a difference. Your donations ensure that the Scottish Rite Masonic Center remains a beacon of Masonic tradition and community service in Denver.

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If you have not yet become a donor, we invite you to consider joining us in this important endeavor. By contributing to the Scottish Rite Masonic Center Endowment Fund, you are playing a crucial role in safeguarding our history and ensuring the future of our Masonic Center. If you have already contributed to the fund, we ask that you consider adding to your contribution if you can.

How to contribute:

1. Write a check payable to the Scottish Rite Masonic Center, on the memo line enter "Endowment Fund."
2. Online at www.denverconsistory.org - scroll down to Endowment Fund, enter an amount, and click "donate."
3. Call the office, 303-861-4261, to make a credit card payment by phone.

Your generosity will help preserve the Scottish Rite Masonic Center for future generations, ensuring that it remains a vibrant part of our community for the next 100 years. Together, we can reach our goal and continue to honor the legacy of those who came before us.

Thank you once again for your unwavering support. We look forward to celebrating this historic milestone with you and are excited about what the future holds for the Scottish Rite Masonic Center. Let's make history together by achieving our short term goal of \$1 million and securing the future of the Scottish Rite Masonic Center.

Sincerely,
Scottish Right Masonic Center



Endowment Fund Trustees

Cornerstone Celebration Commemorative Coin and Pin Set - we have some "Limited Edition" commemorative coins and pins from the 100th Anniversary Cornerstone Celebration. The coin and pin set are for sale for \$49.95. All proceeds from the sales will be placed in the Scottish Rite Masonic Center Endowment Fund. Contact the office to purchase your coin and pin set while supplies last.

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.

Illustrious Brother Keith Anderson, 33°
 Brother Bill Achbach, 32° KCCH
 Brother Paul Chamberlin, 32°
 Brother Mike McMinimee, 32°

Illustrious Brother Jay Bobick, 33°
 Brother Tom Adair, 32°
 Brother Ernie Edwards, 32°
 Harmony Lodge #61

From the Secretary's Desk - Continued from previous page

Who reads the RiteWorks Contest - WE HAVE TWO WINNERS! Congratulations to Brother Paul Harrison, 32° KCCH and Brother Lance Rommerdahl, 32°. The membership numbers published in the September RiteWorks belong to the following Brothers who were eligible to receive a free dinner for the September Stated Meeting: **Michael Oldham, Perry Mittler, Paul Harrison, Jack Witkin, Donnie Duff, Aaron Codiga, Ronald Tanski, Sr., Lance Rommerdahl, Lloyd Wentworth, Jr., and Manuel Covarrubias**. Only two of these brothers called the office to claim their free dinner. Maybe this month's winners [6022867] will see their membership number and call the office to claim their free dinner for the October Stated Meeting.

Mail Chimp Notifications - If you notice that you are not consistently receiving Mail Chimp messages from Denver Consistory, check your spam or junk mail folders. Occasionally the Mail Chimp messages are going to the spam or junk mail folder (depends on your ISP and your email client settings sometimes).

October 21st Stated Meeting - We will celebrate the Feast of Tishri. We will present awards and Patents and class photos to the members of the Spring Reunion Class in attendance. Brother Levi Darrell, 32°, Orator of the Rocky Mountain Chapter of Rose Croix will present an oration.

Fall Reunion - November 14, 15, 16, 2024 is dedicated to **Illustrious Brother Mike Hessel, 33°**. **We need volunteers to take part in the degrees!** We also need volunteers to be part of one of the committees supporting the Reunion. Come out and watch the degrees and enjoy the fellowship with your Brothers. The Reunion is for YOU, not just the candidates.

**DENVER CONSISTORY
PETITION FOR MEMBERSHIP**



2025 MEMBERSHIP FEE INCREASE - The Denver Consistory membership fee will be \$140 effective January 1, 2025. Denver Consistory is not immune from the effects of inflation and increased costs of doing business. This has necessitated an increase in the membership fee. \$140 is STILL a real bargain for your membership in the Denver Consistory. This is just \$0.38 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? 2025 membership fee notices have already been mailed by the Supreme Council. Please pay your membership fee when you receive this notice and not lay it aside and forget about it and then become delinquent. Please do your part to help sustain the operations of the Denver Consistory by paying your membership fee in a timely manner.

Monthly membership fee payment is available - Are you tired of paying fees at the end of the year to all the Masonic bodies for which you are a member? You may pay your annual Denver Consistory membership fee in eleven easy monthly payments rather than one lump sum, eliminating one more year-end bill to pay. By authorizing an automatic credit card payment each month, at the end of eleven months, your membership fee for the ensuing year will be paid. Contact the office to set up a payment plan.

Automatic Membership Fee Renewal Program

Supreme Council created and installed an auto-renewal program to pay membership fees. This program gives members the option to have their membership fees automatically deducted using a credit or debit card through the online Membership Portal at www.scottishrite.org

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.

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.



Bill Achbach, 32° KCCH

Director of Education

Unfinished Work



A couple of quick housekeeping items...

First, for Brethren looking for a place to fit into the work of our semi-annual Reunions, don't forget that Brother Jeremy DeBard is adept at finding a place for your efforts to be used and appreciated. Whether you're looking for a ritual part (Directors are still in need!) or want to fill a behind-the-scenes role, [406801] a call or email to Jeremy can still get you on the way to a good fit for November.

Next, a reminder to all Brethren to check out the promotional flyers posted toward the end of each issue of *Rite Works*. These include worthwhile, upcoming activities organized or promoted by Denver Consistory, by other Masonic bodies, and also those endorsed by the Consistory Education and Entertainment Group.

Second, I'll devote a few words to again recommend that Brothers, as they are able, consider regular contributions to our many worthwhile charitable causes. All are worthy of your consideration and most offer the opportunity to make monthly donations (contact the Consistory office to make those arrangements). A few suggestions include our own [Almoner's Fund](#) (VERY MUCH in need of support right now) or the [SRMC Building Endowment Fund](#). Others, among many, to consider are the [Scottish Rite Foundation/Rite Care](#) and the SJ's [Acacia Guild](#). Also, as annual dues time is upon us, remember that it's possible to arrange for incremental pre-payment of that obligation (again, contact the office for that process).

Unfinished Work

Lately I've been thinking a lot about "stone."

Reading a couple of "rough ashlar/perfect ashlar" essays that I hadn't seen before may have turned my mind in that direction. However much of the credit, ultimately, must go to our April trip to Italy. Of course, a lot of that focus was on sculpture... stone in art... stone AS art. But seeing all those ancient edifices (Now THAT was undoubtedly some good stone!) really did set my mind off in that direction too, and, Brethren, you all know how my mind can take off on a tangent!

Anyway, one of the things that got me thinking about and appreciating stone was our visit to the [Accademia Gallery](#) in Florence. We'd been to the [Uffizi Gallery](#), a couple of days before, and it was spectacular...exhausting, but spectacular. The Accademia though...that's Michaelangelo's *DAVID*! I'd expected to be impressed—blown away even—by what is arguably the most superb work in the history of sculpture, and, yeah, it's definitely "all that." When it was all said and done, however, it wasn't *David* that launched my mind on that tangent.

In the exhibit hall leading to the stunning rotunda housing *David* stand four unfinished statues, often called *The Prisoners* or *The Slaves*, begun by the artist as part of a commission for the tomb of Pope Julius II. Plans for that structure were drastically changed, and these works (along with several others) eventually became part of the



exhibit at the Accademia. Although unfinished, they are among Michaelangelo's best known works.

The figures have been described for centuries as “seeming to emerge” or “struggling to emerge” from their blocks of marble, and Michaelangelo said of his work that his task was to help the form that was always within the marble escape. The symbolism of that, as a metaphor for our journey from rough to perfect ashlar, is worthy of note...especially considering our reliance on The Artist's Plan to guide us on the way. But as I reflected on the unfinished works—and especially as I considered them in contrast to the stunning masterpiece standing just steps away—there was something significant underlying it all that I couldn't quite understand...until later. It was the stone itself!

Michaelangelo had a reputation as an unequalled judge of stone. He frequented the quarries and knew the quarrymen personally. What he was looking for, in those trips to the quarries, was at a level common to both the artist and to the master builder. We simplistically characterize that carefully selected, meticulously studied and chosen stone as being “in its rude and natural state.” Masonically, we focus our Craft and its legends upon the perfection which the stone attains, by application of skilled and carefully applied effort, to make it ready for the builder's use. But what of that stone BEFORE it begins the journey toward perfection? What may we learn from that?

What does the Master Craftsman (or the sculptor) look for, in selecting a stone? He needs one that will fit a position in the plan, of course, so it must have the outward characteristics to fulfill its role...dimension, color, texture. But no matter what it is destined to become, it must also have internal integrity. Both artist and builder look for stone as free from defects as a rough stone may be determined to be. Both know, as do we in the Speculative Art, that it's no good attempting to “adjust” a stone—no matter how precise our tools or skilled our art—if the stone itself is fundamentally flawed: incapable of being prepared for a spot in the building. Too often that reality is only discovered after great effort has been expended in the attempt or, regrettably, after the plan and the structure of the building have already suffered from our lack of care in the quarry.

We know from the lessons of the 5th Degree, that what we mean Masonically by the word “perfection” is something both basic and profound. The “perfect” ashlar is not produced as an artistic masterpiece or to spotlight the work of a Craftsman...to heap praise upon him for his work. The stone is produced—“perfected”—in order to assume its rightful place in the structure upon which we all have been laboring. The perfect ashlar's only purpose for being is to be USED by the Builder, and that is our first great purpose. But, our Fraternity also sends us to the quarries to find stone capable of being perfected, and so our equally vital job is to become “judges of stone”

that the Craft may use.

Brethren, when we knock at the door of Freemasonry for the first time, rough ash-lars that we are, we are fortunate enough to have “made the first cut” as stones worthy of the effort of the Craft. The men we find to follow after us... for whom we sign petitions and cast ballots... are still in the quarries, and there are great works still to be raised in the hearts of men.

Bill

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September’s Trivia Question: November 30 marks the sesquicentennial of what 20th century statesman and Brother?

Answer: Brother Winston Leonard Spencer Churchill (11/30/1874 – 1/24/1965) was raised in Studholme Lodge #1591 on March 5, 1905. He loathed (and refused to use) the name “Leonard,” and the “Spencer” family connection (which he abbreviated in use to “S.”) makes him a distant cousin of Lady Diana Spencer (Princess Diana). He was the son of a distinguished English father (Lord Randolph Churchill) and an American heiress mother (Jennie Jerome), that heritage being his point in [this](#) remark, made during a speech to a Joint Session of Congress in Dec. 1941. In 1963, he became the first person [named an Honorary Citizen of the United States](#) (others include Lafayette and—also purportedly a member of the Craft—Casimir Pulaski).

Brother Winston is widely considered one of the greatest Prime Ministers in Britain’s long history and one of (if not the) greatest Englishmen of the 20th century. His confident and determined leadership of Britain, during WWII, is seen by many historians as an indispensable factor in the defeat of the Axis. On that subject, Sir Winston modestly had [this](#) to say, on the occasion of his 80th birthday in 1954. He was a master of the English language and of the spoken word, it being said of his stirring speeches [4617031] in the House of Commons and via radio, that “He mobilized the English language and sent it into battle!” [Here](#) are a few excerpts, in one of my favorite tributes.

Our Brother’s long life in public affairs make it easy to forget that he was a man of many talents and interests. He was a soldier by training, an author (winning the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1953), athlete, inventor, and artist. He was also a self-taught brick mason who, beginning in 1927, personally built many of the walls on the grounds of [Chartwell](#), his home in Kent (now part of the U.K.’s National Trust). In 1928 he joined Amalgamated Union of Building Trade Workers as a bricklayer, proudly claiming that he could “lay 200 bricks and 2000 words in a day.”



This Month’s Trivia Question (answer in next month’s Rite Works):

This one is less distinctly Masonic in origin. I came across it in digging into KSA origins and the 29th Degree, after a weekend at the Scottish and Irish Festival in Estes Park: Why is a Scottish pipe, drum, brass, drill and performance festival called a “tattoo?”



Member in the Spotlight
By Lee Miller, 32° KCCH
1st Lieutenant Commander
Colorado Council of Kadosh



Brother James A. Warner, 32°

I recently looked back at all the members who have been featured since the first Member Spotlight in 2019. Brother James Warner, 32° came to the Consistory about the same time as that first article was published. When I let him know a few days before the Masonic Symposium last month that he was going to be featured in the Member Spotlight, we decided to get together sometime during the Symposium. We ended up spending the day together, and miraculously found time to sit on the couches in the lobby for a question-and-answer session.

I'm not exactly sure when Brother James and I began getting acquainted, but we found ourselves first talking about York Rite Masonry, then about other shared interests every time we saw each other at different Masonic venues. Within a short time, we had become friends. Brother James told me once that he feels a bit socially awkward, but you'd never know it. He seems to talk effortlessly to everyone, especially when the subject is Masonry.

Brother James didn't have a family link to Masonry until he moved to Charlotte, NC in 1996 to attend UNC, and soon got married. His (now ex) father-in-law was a Shriner, and loved being in the parades and talking about being a Shriner. [6990428] Brother James was fascinated by it all, and asked how he could become a Shriner as well. Everything seemed on track for him to become a Mason until he questioned what "free born" actually meant. It was North Carolina in the late 1990s, yet he was told that free born was synonymous with "white." That turned him off Masonry completely. He didn't grow up exposed to racism and it was obviously still lurking under the civilized veneer of modern day Charlotte.

He grew up in a small Pennsylvania farming community – Chambersburg – whose claim to fame is the events occurring there during the Civil War. It was occupied three times by the Confederates; General Robert E. Lee made that fateful decision to leave Chambersburg in 1863 to march east towards Gettysburg and into the bloodiest battle of the war. A year later, Confederate General John McCausland marched his troops into this south central Pennsylvania during the hot summer of 1864, and demanded the town pay him either \$100,000 in gold or \$500,000 in cash. When the residents were unable to comply, he burned the small town. One of the few surviving buildings was the Masonic Temple, which was protected by a Confederate soldier who refused to let his fellow troops harm the building.

It wasn't long until Bro. James found himself selling Gateway Computers (does anyone else remember the ubiquitous black and white "cow" design on their boxes?), but also teaching network design. That gave him a lot more pleasure than hawking computers and he turned

his efforts fully into network security and design. Soon he made the decision to drop his political science major at UNC and left before graduation. Brother James accumulated an impressive number of the most coveted network certifications, and in 2003 found his expertise was needed by the federal government.

His first post was in Maryland, but there were lots of foreign temporary duty stations (which all veterans know as "TDY"). While he was travelling the world, bringing his increasing expertise wherever it was needed, there wasn't much time for romance. He'd been divorced for a while. Finally in November of 2012, he met a brilliant young woman named Elyssa, who has a PhD in biomedical sciences. They hit it off right away, and were married a year later. Elyssa was working for the NIH and had published a number of highly specialized scientific papers. She continued on at NIH while Brother James was TDY in Germany. Unfortunately, she was diagnosed with cancer, and spent a miserable year here in Denver getting treatment.

So how did Brother James finally come to Masonry? He was in a hotel room in Baltimore in 2019, idly looking at Masonic lodges in Maryland, curiosity about the Craft having gradually settled in his mind again despite his first poor experience. By chance, he saw a picture of his former neighbor back in Elkridge, MD. A phone call to his neighbor led to several talks about Masonry, with a petition and an investigation committee following. Brother James was initiated, passed, and raised in Howard Lodge No. 101 in Elkridge. Because Elyssa was in Denver, he spent as much time as possible with her, and flew back and forth to Maryland on his own dime to continue in his journey towards becoming a Master Mason.

"I almost missed becoming a proficient Master Mason," he laughed. "For some reason, I thought I only had to do proficiencies on the first two degrees." He'd booked an entire week in Elkridge after his raising so he could visit old friends. [10362442] When his mentor let him know about the requirements of his final proficiency, he had to come up with a plan. After many impassioned calls between Howard Lodge and the Grand Lodge of Maryland, he was granted a special dispensation to cram, study, and complete his proficiency that week. With his constant travel for work and wanting to spend as much time as possible at home in Denver with Elyssa, he barely made it. But he pursued Masonry with the same enthusiasm that marks everything he does.

Back in Denver, Brother James finally noticed that Elyssa's apartment was across the street from the Welton Street Masonic building. His first visit was to Denver Lodge No. 5 as a newly proficient Master Mason, where he's currently the Junior Warden. He eventually found and joined Central Lodge No. 6, Black Hawk Lodge No. 11, and Georgetown Lodge No. 12, and maintains his membership in his mother Lodge in Maryland.

That fall, Brother James petitioned and was accepted into the 2019 Reunion class. He is now in the Centennial Lodge of Perfection line, is assistant director in the 11° degree, and has parts in the 4°, 29°, and 30° degrees. He serves on the classroom committee, and is working on providing guidelines to help streamline the flow of the reunions. He's also an active member in the Knights of St. Andrew. Last summer, he petitioned the Welton Street York Rite bodies, and went through the summer festival degrees. He's now in the officer line of all three York Rite bodies at Welton Street. In the fall of 2023, he became a Shriner, and is the outer guard. I had the honor of Initiating him into the Sword of Bunker Hill, watched him take his

degrees in Kincorra Council, Knight Masons, and was proud to see him initiated as an honorary member of the National Sojourners last month.

As if all that wasn't enough, Brother James had heard about a program available to federal employees a few years ago; it funds educational programs that are pertinent to the applicant's job. The young couple put their heads together, and Elyssa came up with the idea of attending law school. She wanted to eventually practice in a very specialized field that writes zoning laws to prevent "cancer clusters" from forming in certain areas, particularly those outside many military bases. Brother James also decided to attend law school, so they started applying. Elyssa ended up with a full scholarship to St. Louis University. In typical government fashion, the federal bean counters [9860289] inexplicably decided that business and dispute resolution law – Brother James's specialty in his current government job -- had nothing to do with his job, and denied him funding. Despite that, he applied to and was accepted at a mostly on-line law program while continuing to work full-time. Elyssa's program is a traditional program, so she spends the semesters living in St. Louis and holidays in Denver. I had the good fortune to meet her earlier this summer at the Miner's breakfast at Nevadaville, and a few weeks later shared a table with the Warners at Kincorra Council's summer outing.

Brother James is about to start his second year of law school (Elyssa is already a "2L") while he maintains his full-time federal job. His Masonic calendar is as full as any of our calendars. Yet even with the barely controlled chaos in his life, he seems to always have a smile on his face, and is always ready to talk about Masonry.



Special Birthdays

90 Years "YOUNG"

John Bertram Cain
Ronald Eugene Neill

80 Years "YOUNG"

Clarence William Guckert III

70 Years "YOUNG"

Michael David Dasovich
Philip Walter Hause
Jeffrey Michael Mayer
Michael Doyle Mills

60 Years "OLD"

William Roger Cusick

50 Years "OLD"

Heath Bradford Firestone

40 Years "OLD"

William C. Biggs

Our October Youngster

Matthew Lee Shamburger (33)



United States Navy

October 13, 2024 marks the 249th birthday of the U.S. Navy, which traces its roots back to the early days of the American Revolution. On October 13, 1775, the Continental Congress established a naval force, hoping that a small fleet of privateers could attack British commerce and offset British sea power.



MEMORIAL SCROLL

Lance Russell Barron, 32°	04/15/2024
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Thursday Nov. 14, 2024

7:30 AM Registration
8:00 AM Welcome/Class Instruction
8:18 AM Exemplify 4°
9:04 AM Communicate 5°
9:11 AM Communicate 6°
9:18 AM Communicate 7°
9:25 AM Communicate 8°
9:32 AM Exemplify 9° & 10°
10:38 AM Exemplify 11°
11:36 AM Exemplify 12°
12:16 PM Lunch
1:06 PM Committee Tours
1:51 PM Exemplify 13°
2:50 PM Exemplify 14°
4:04 PM Exemplify 15°
5:15 PM Communicate 16°
5:22 PM Communicate 17°
5:29 PM Adjourn

Friday Nov. 15, 2024

8:00 AM Class Convenes
8:15 AM Exemplify 18° First & Second Apartment
9:14 AM Exemplify 18° Third Apartment
10:05 AM KSA Presentation
10:28 AM Communicate 19°
10:35 AM Exemplify 20° First Apartment
11:21 AM Exemplify 20° Second Apartment
11:56 AM Grand Master Address
12:16 PM Lunch
1:11 PM Exemplify 21°
1:52 PM Communicate 22°
1:59 PM Shrine Presentation
2:19 PM Exemplify 23°
3:09 PM Exemplify 24°
4:16 PM Communicate 25°
4:23 PM Communicate 26°
4:30 PM Communicate 27°
4:37 PM Communicate 28°
4:44 PM Exemplify 29°
5:33 PM Adjourn

Saturday Nov. 16, 2024

8:00 AM Class Convenes
8:15 AM Deputy Address
8:35 AM Class Photos
9:45 AM Exemplify 30° 1st Apartment
10:07 AM Exemplify 30° 2nd Apartment
10:23 AM Exemplify 30° 3rd Apartment
10:40 AM Secretary's Presentation
11:00 AM Exemplify 30° 4th Apartment
11:32 AM Lunch
12:30 PM Communicate 31°
12:47 PM Exemplify 32° First Section
1:44 PM Exemplify 32° Second Section
2:36 PM Closing Ceremony
3:16 PM Adjourn
5:30 PM Ring Ceremony
6:00 PM Banquet
25 & 50 Year Membership Awards
8:00 PM Adjourn



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