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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

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 a.m. Consistory Lunch (\$13 - 5-way Chili)
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 (Pot Roast of Beef) 7:00 p.m. Entertainment; Veterans Recognition Program 7:30 p.m. Split Meeting
Fri, NOV 22	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (\$13 - Pesto Parmesan Chicken & Pasta)
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
Tues & Wed, DEC 24-25	Consistory CLOSED for Christmas Holiday
Fri, DEC 27	NO CONSISTORY LUNCH (Long Holiday Weekend)

January 2025

Wed, JAN 01	Consistory CLOSED for New Year's Holiday
Fri, JAN 03, 10, 17	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (\$13 - Fried Chicken on JAN 3)
Sat, JAN 04	9:00-11:00 a.m. Consistory UN-Decorating Party (all members, officers, and wives are invited)
Sat, JAN 18	8:00 a.m.-noon Officers' Breakfast and Installation Practice 6:00 p.m. KSA Burns Dinner (Whisky College @ 5:00 p.m.)
Mon, JAN 20	Stated Meeting (Installation of Officers)
Fri, JAN 24	NO CONSISTORY LUNCH—Grand Lodge

EDITOR'S RESTLEBOARD



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The More Things Change, The More They Stay the Same

If you have watched this column for the past few years, I have documented with facts and numbers that we (Denver Consistory) as well as Masonry in North America, have been losing members to the tune of 5 to 5.5% PER YEAR for FIFTY YEARS! I'm not sure what I—or "we" in the Consistory have to do to get your attention, but we are now sitting at well under 1500 members in the Denver Consistory.

What does this REALLY mean? Well, for starters, you're already seeing committees and degree casts supporting the reunions having some pretty serious trouble getting bodies to help out. A few committees and casts seem to be doing "OK" but many are hurting pretty badly.

For years, we held "tech practices" for almost two weeks before each reunion. We no longer do that because (1) casts simply do not show up ready for a "dress rehearsal"; (2) they are not off script; (3) they don't know where their marks are, and (4) if they are lucky on any given rehearsal night, HALF of the cast will actually show up. We usually outnumber the cast.

Just learning your part is only a small fraction of your responsibility when you agree to take a part in a degree—or serve on a committee to support the reunion. You need to SHOW UP!

What is the impact of all this? Simply put, when I went through my reunion in 2003, my class was nearly 40 Brothers. Today, we are lucky [10355461] to get 10, 12, or maybe 15 candidates. Oh, and it's nothing to be "proud of" but of my 40-ish member class, last I checked only TWO of us were still active members. What's with that?

We did all 29 degrees in 4 days (and it was literally like drinking from a firehose). At some point, it became obvious that our members could no longer sustain a full 29 degree reunion, so we switched to doing the mandatory 5 degrees plus half of the other degrees in Spring and the other half in the Fall. We are seeing and feeling the result of membership decline in our ability to fully staff and support even these "half" reunion productions.

I've posited in the past that, "at some point" we simply will not be able to conduct reunions in this manner any longer. How will we adjust? I certainly don't know, but I've watched other Consistories cut down on the number of exemplified degrees, and I've watched (Missouri) basically communicate the degrees in costumes virtually to allow Brothers to partake of the "experience" (so to speak) from the comfort of their homes, at a time of their choosing. As others have so eloquently said: "If you keep doing things the same old way, why on Earth should you expect the outcome(s) to be different?" (Insanity) CAVEAT EMPTOR!

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.

People Who Tell You What Kind of People They Are Usually Aren't

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.

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 Jerry Edwards, 32° KCCH; Brother Bernhard Eggel, 32°; Brother Michael Katich, 32°; Brother Theodore Rinker, 32° KCCH; Brother Ronald Tanski, 32°; Brother Paul West, 32°; Brother Kenneth Johnson, 32°; Brother Terry McAninch, 32°; Brother Russell Zingelman, 32°; Brother John Hellen, 32°; Brother Richard Mammenga, 32° KCCH; Brother Dale Pierce, 32°; Brother Danny Tomlinson, 32° KCCH; Illustrious Brother Bart Corfee, 33°; Brother Michael Swartz, 32°; Brother Richard Surroz, 32°; Brother Ray Abbott, 32°; Brother Thomas Abbott, 32°; Brother Manuel Covarrubias, 32°; Brother Randel Drake, 32°; Brother Jay Siegal, 32°; Brother John Ballard, 32°; Brother Jeffrey Gowin, 32°; Brother Ronald Soule, 32°; Brother Perry Carter, 32°; Brother Steven Tygart, 32°; Brother Bill Achbach, 32° KCCH; Brother Mike McMinimee, 32°; Brother Robert Hoyle, 32°; Brother Douglas Hamilton, 32°; Brother Charles Hicks, 32°; Brother William Cromwell, 32°; Brother C. David Tuck, 32°; Illustrious Brother Tom Thompson, 33°; Brother John Wallingford, 32°; Brother R. Scott Goeing, 32°; Brother Harry Peterson, 32°; Susan Boles (in memory of Illustrious Brother Don Cox, 33° and Illustrious Brother Steve Hubbard, 33°); Denver Lodge #5; and Black Hawk Lodge #11.

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.

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Who reads the RiteWorks Contest - WE HAVE A WINNER! Brother Jimmy D. Marshall, 32°, found his membership number and notified the office and received a free dinner for the October Stated Meeting. The membership numbers published in the October RiteWorks belong to the following Brothers who were eligible to receive a free dinner for the October Stated Meeting: **Matthew Shamburger, Gordon Calahan, Jered Minter, Patrick Thompson, Horace Benbow, Jr., Robert Paustian, Jr., Daniel Danford, Thomas Rentzios, Jimmy Marshall, and Michael Zeff.** Only one of these brothers called to the office to claim their free dinner. Maybe this month's winners will see their membership number and call the office to claim their free dinner for the November Stated Meeting.

2025 MEMBERSHIP FEE INCREASE - The Denver Consistory membership fee will be \$140 effective January 1, 2025. Denver Consistory is not immune to the effects of inflation and the increased cost of doing business, which has necessitated the membership fee increase. \$140 is a real bargain for membership in Denver Consistory. Just \$0.38 per day. WOW! That's less than the cost of one cup of coffee. [11118941] Isn't your Scottish Rite membership worth more to you than a cup of coffee? 2025 membership fee notices have been mailed by the Supreme council. Please pay your membership fee when you receive the notice, and not lay it aside and forget about it and then become delinquent. Please do your part to help sustain the operation of Denver Consistory by paying your membership fee. 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 that you are not suspended for nonpayment. BUT, you MUST contact me. We can't help you if you don't ask.

Automatic Membership Renewal Program

Supreme Council created and installed an auto-renewal program to pay annual membership fees. This is a completely voluntary program that gives our Members the option to have their membership fee automatically deducted using a credit or debit card through the online Membership Portal.

The automatic payment will occur in August annually for those who sign up for the program, and the payment will be applied to the following year. Members who sign up for the program will receive an email reminder a few days prior to the debiting of their credit or debit card. Supreme Council staff will mail a membership card to all enrollees directly from the House of the Temple approximately three weeks after the annual payments are processed. This program will give Members the option to avoid the end-of-the-year Masonic membership fee crunch as well as help ensure Members are always in good standing.

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.

October 21st Stated Meeting - WOW, what a night! The Scottish Rite Masonic Center presented a check to Emily Himes, from Judi's House for their share of the proceeds from the SRMC Clays for a Cause fundraiser. The SRMC presented a plaque to Harmony Lodge for achieving Bronze membership in the Endowment Fund Cathedral Club. Double Eagle Ribbons, Jewels, and Eagle pins were presented to Brothers in recognition for the points they have earned supporting Denver Consistory. Patents and class photos were presented to members of the Spring Reunion Class. Brother Levi Darrell, 32°, Orator of the Rocky Mountain Chapter of Rose Croix delivered an oration which he titled "Our Masonic Responsibility." Brother Bill Achbach, 32° KCCH, spoke about the Feast of Tishri and why it is significant to the Scottish Rite.

Fall Reunion - November 14, 15, and 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



DO YOU REMEMBER?

1. Who was Red Ryder's Indian companion?
2. Name the FOUR Marx Brothers (common names).
3. Who played Sir Guy of Gisbourne opposite Errol Flynn's Robin Hood?
4. What was the name of Hopalong Cassidy's ranch?
5. In what flick did the famous "Grapefruit jammed in the face" scene occur?
6. Who was Captain Gallant of the Foreign Legion?
7. Who was his son? (HINT: real life son too).
8. Who played "Sky King"?
9. Who was his TV daughter?
10. Where did the comic book hero "FLASH" hide his uniform? (Pages 9 & 11 for answers)



Bill Achbach, 32° KCCH

Director of Education

Freedom of...? From...? To...?



By the time the November issue of *Rite Works* is “in the can” we’ll have passed our annual observance of the Feast of Tishri and stand on the edge of the 2024 general election. It occurred to me, while preparing remarks for the October Stated Meeting...and while my ballot lay on the desk nearby... that there’s a vital connection between the two for Scottish Rite Masons, and I’ll make that my theme for a few thoughts this month.

The Scottish Rite Ritual, Monitor and Guide (DeHoyos) includes a template for the annual Tishri observance, and part of that narrative includes this commentary on the Feast, from the perspective of our Rite...

The Deity has given us life, the strength to live it fully, and the joy of sharing the beauty and goodness of His creation with our fellow men. Most of all, He has given us freedom. The Feast of Tishri celebrates this freedom which the Israelites won with the guidance of Providence, despite the shackles of Egypt and the armies of the Philistines.

This ancient victory celebrated in the dedication of Solomon’s Temple is kept forever fresh through our keeping of the Feast of Tishri. It promises to all men that the burdens of tyranny are temporary, that the darkness will yield to light, that knowledge will conquer ignorance, and that the Creator intended men to be free.

For me, this is a profound idea: that, while The Great Architect’s greatest gift to us is freedom, what He gives us is not, on a purely human level, the **guarantee** of freedom but rather His assured **intention** that we should be free. We may have the real thing...if we are willing to work to make His intention a reality! [5754999] This then becomes the age-old dilemma: the desire to be free versus the potential safety of control by others. Puts me in mind of the September 1787 exchange between Elizabeth Willing Powel and Bro. Ben: “Well, Doctor, what have we got, a republic or a monarchy?” His reply: “A republic, Madame, if you can keep it.”

Even for Israel, this was a problem...and very early on in their history. It was clearly the intent of Deity that His presence and His law be sufficient for His people. But we read in 2 Samuel 8:20 (NKJV) that the people instead demanded that a king be put over them “...that we also may be *like all the nations*, and that our king may judge us and go out before us and fight our battles.”

I would suggest to you that this is not so very different from the situation we face as Scottish Rite Masons. We subscribe to a philosophical and moral system which, when guided by the compass of our own conscience as well as personal Faith, should make and keep us and our society free AND inclined toward “liberty” in our approach to all things. Yet, our human weakness often inclines us as much to the comfort of authority as were our ancient brethren!

How then are we to regard the intended gift of Freedom? In what sense is it most important that we be “free?” If you’ve never thought about the question of how liberty is especially important to you, Brethren, I’d invite you to give it some consideration. I’d propose, if we don’t have a sense of what’s important to us, that the process of taking it away becomes immensely easier for those who might be so inclined! The chances become very great that we don’t even notice when our “pockets are picked!”

Brethren, this month I’ll bring my ramblings to a close with questions instead of commentary. As you examine your own life and circumstances (and then put all of that within the framework of your Masonic experience) ...

What, to you, is the most important thing to be free **to** do or be?

What, to you, is the most important thing to be free **from** doing or being?

Considering the legal context of liberty (Bill of Rights...The Constitution...etc.), what, to you, is the most important civil liberty (Freedom **of** ___) and why? I’d love to hear your thoughts!

That’s about it for this month. Now it’s back to that mail-in ballot. The issue of preserving liberty certainly brings the voting process into sharp focus, but somehow, these days, it doesn’t seem to make many of the actual choices much easier!

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October’s Trivia Question: Why is a Scottish pipe, drum, brass, drill and performance festival called a “tattoo?”

Answer: According to the British “Our So Called Life” [website](#), “The term ‘tattoo’ is derived from the 17th-century Dutch phrase “doe den tap toe”, which translates to “turn off the tap”, used to signal drinking houses to close their taps and send soldiers back [11144462] to their barracks. Over time, the practice evolved, and the military evening drum or bugle signal became a show of military music, which is what we now recognize as a tattoo.”

This Month’s Trivia Question (answer in next month’s Rite Works): What is the Scottish Rite’s association with ROTC and JROTC programs in the U.S.?

DO YOU REMEMBER (Answers—Part 1 of 2)

1. Little Beaver
2. Groucho, Harpo, Chico, Zeppo
3. Basil Rathbone
4. Bar-20
5. James Cagney’s “Public Enemy”



Member in the Spotlight

By Lee Miller, 32° KCCH

1st Lieutenant Commander
Colorado Council of Kadosh



Illustrious Brother Scott Bates, 33°

In our Craft, there are Brothers who are always there, and then there are Brothers who make things happen. Illustrious Brother Scott Bates, 33°, is both. He's probably best known at the Denver Consistory where he has been in so many degrees that the Brothers in costume and makeup jokingly call him "You again," as in "What? You're here again?" He also makes things happen in his role as Assistant Director General for the reunions, as the President of the Scottish Rite Properties, and in his job as Executive Secretary for the Scottish Rite Foundation.

Scott considers himself a Boulder native. Although he was born in San Diego on an Air Force base, his father was transferred to Boulder when he was less than a year old. He grew up in Boulder, and after high school enrolled at CU. "I didn't do so great there," he said, "so I enlisted in the Navy." [2514313] He had real regret in his voice when telling me he was medically discharged before finishing his nuclear training program. After returning home, he soon enrolled in night classes at Regis, where he earned a BS in Business Administration. He later went back to Regis, earning his MBA in Marketing Strategy.

He has a great story about proposing to his wife, Sonia. They had met in 1998 when Sonia was working for an advertising agency his company brought in. Scott devised an elaborate scheme when their relationship had progressed to the next level. He told her they were going on a camping trip but had actually made very different plans. They were in the car, headed for the what Sonia believed was their camp site when he abruptly turned the car around and headed for the airport and New York City, much to her puzzlement. He proposed to her on Valentine's Day, on the top of the Empire State Building at sunset. It doesn't get much more romantic than that! They have two children. Sophia graduated in 2022, and Scott Jr. is going to college and works at the library.

I asked Illustrious Brother Scott how he decided to become a Mason. He told me, "An unknown source seemed to pull me towards Masonry. I used to drive up Santa Fe almost every day and passed Weston Lodge No. 22 without actually seeing it. One day, I made a phone call on a fluke. I felt like it was something I needed to look into." That was in 2008. He credits the late WB Robin Knox as having a "huge impact" on him, as well as WB John Buchanan, of whom Illustrious Brother Scott said was very influential on him. He said it was like WB John "had been waiting on a protégé". The two of them remain close today.

Like many of us, it wasn't long before Ill. Bro. Scott was asked to sit in as an officer. He said he started out learning the charges, and worked his way up learning ritual while progressing

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through the chairs. He served Weston Lodge No. 22 as their Worshipful Master in 2012. Last year he took on the job as Secretary for Weston. He's also a member of Memorial Lodge No. 1, Nevada Lodge No. 4, Union Lodge No. 7, and Research Lodge No. 999. He has been the District Lecturer for District 54 since 2018.

I asked when he got involved in the Scottish Rite. "I joined almost right away; I'm not sure why. I was out of town, maybe in Santa Fe, when I saw a Consistory, and thought I should join." After getting his black hat back home at the Denver Consistory, he first joined the lighting crew because he had done some of that in college, and thought that "getting back on the lighting board would be fun." He was also given a role in a degree. That grew into two degrees, and so on until he was in so many degrees that he earned the nickname of "You again." Illustrious Brother Scott was selected early on for the Rose Croix line and completed that. He earned his red hat in 2013, and then received his white hat in 2023.

With the same mysterious force that drives so many of us to further explore Masonry, Illustrious Brother Scott decided to join the York Rite. He went through all three York Rite Festivals, and was in the last group to receive his Commandery orders at the Angel of Shavano. He'd petitioned the York Rite bodies at Weston Lodge, but is now part of the Welton Street York Rite bodies. This year, he's Principal Conductor of the Work at Denver Council No. 1.

He had also joined the Shrine, and worked several ceremonials, but eventually demitted. He's currently a member of the SRICF, the York Rite College, the Red Cross of Constantine, the Royal Order of Scotland, [11151958] and I was happy to be with him recently as we both received the Order of Bath.

So what else does such a busy guy do in his free time? Scott tells me he loves things "on two wheels." He was a competitive bicyclist until he was hit by a car while cycling in Evergreen, resulting in a long and painful recovery. He still loves to mountain bike, which he does frequently. When he told me he loves motorcycles, I wasn't surprised until he told me he has 10 motorcycles. "I like to ride my Goldwing for pleasure" he said, "but I also raced superbikes." I love fast things and have done my share of driving fast things, but superbikes are in a class by themselves. I was even more impressed when Scott sent me a professional picture of himself leaning into a turn on his bike with his knee almost on the track. That's about as far away as you can get from a leisurely ride on the highway on a full bagger!

If you ever wonder if there's anything else you can do in the Consistory, just ask Ill. Bro. Scott. I KNOW he will find a job for you.

DO YOU REMEMBER ANSWERS (Part 2)

- 6. Buster Crabbe**
- 7. Cullen "Cuffy" Crabbe**
- 8. Kirby Grant**
- 9. "Penny"**
- 10. In his ring.**



The Rose Croix Degrees - Our Masonic Responsibility

by Brother Levi S. Darrell, 32°
Orator, Rocky Mountain Chapter of Rose Croix



The Feast of Tishri, which we celebrate today, coincides with the Jewish Holiday of Sukkot. It is a joyous, 7-day occasion. At the evening meal of each of the first six nights, the patriarchs and foundational prophets of the Jewish people are symbolically welcomed as guests. Each morning, a "Hoshana" (salvation) prayer is added to the liturgy. The seventh day begins by welcoming in such a manner King David, the archetypal ancestor of the Moshiach (Messiah). This day is Hoshana Raba, the day of limitless salvation, in which the Jewish liturgy is concentrated upon the theme of redemption.

As this year's orator for the Rocky Mountain Chapter of Rose Croix, it seems fitting on this occasion that I attempt a brief analysis of the archetype of the redeemer in the Rose Croix Degrees.

The archetype of the Moshiach appears in all four of the Rose Croix degrees. In the 15th Degree, Hananiah and Zerubabel engage in the building of the temple. Zerubabel presents to us the archetype of Moshiach in the form of a drama, in which he recovers the lost vessels of the Temple at Jerusalem in his quest to rebuild it. In the Sukkot liturgical "Hoshanot", the Temple, the resting place of the Ark of the covenant, is referred to as the Foundation stone.

The 16th degree is succinctly described by the following prophesy from the Book of Zechariah (3:8-10): Listen, now, o, Joshua, the Kohen Gadol: you and your companions who are sitting before you, for they are men worthy of a miracle—for behold, I am bringing My servant, Tzemach (the flourishing one). For behold, the (foundation) stone that I have placed before Joshua—seven eyes toward one stone; behold I am engraving its adornment—the word of Hashem, Master of Legions—and I will remove the iniquity of the land on one day. On that day the word of Hashem, Master of Legions—each man will invite his fellow beneath the vine and beneath the fig tree.

The Jewish scholar Onkelos, who translated the Biblical canon into Aramaic, interpreted "Tzemach" (flourishing) to mean the Moshiach. Other sages said the word referred to Zerubabel. Here again we see the symbolism of the foundation stone, and we see a strange reference to the number seven, and possibly to the Sabbath Day, [5517792] so prominently featured in the 18th degree, where we are presented with the "temple of true philosophy" and the philosopher's stone, and prompted to investigate for ourselves the religious significance of the number 7.

The 17th degree begins with the scene at which King Herod orders the execution of the John the Baptist. The incident is recorded by the historian Josephus, but the greater spiritual context is somewhat abridged by the opening scene of the degree. Herod's father was among many who had been forced by Hyrcanus the Hasmonean to convert to Judaism. Thus, Herod's

confusion about his own beliefs as presented in the opening scene of the 17th degree is one which undoubtedly owed to his historical circumstances, and which casts the Messianic implications of his order to execute John the Baptist in a far broader light; it is not merely a depiction of a soul corrupted by vice and power, but of a clash of civilizations and of an overall obfuscation, or constriction, of what could possibly be thought in the collective consciousness of that society. This confusion is the impetus for the apocalyptic vision which drives the rest of the degree, and it lies at the heart of the philosophical discussion that begins the 18th degree.

In the 28th Chapter of Morals and Dogma, Illustrious Brother Albert Pike begins a lengthy survey of the whole history of philosophical approaches to religion, with the following observation: "God made man in His own likeness ... He communicated to him a knowledge of the nature of his creator, and of the pure, primitive, undefiled religion. The peculiar and distinctive excellence and real essence of the primitive man, and his true nature and destiny, consisted in his likeness to God. He stamped His own image upon man's soul. That image has been, in the breast of every individual man and of mankind in general, greatly altered, impaired, and defaced; but its old, half-obliterated characters are still to be found on all the pages of primitive history; and the impress, not entirely effaced, every reflecting mind may discover in its own interior (pg. 598 original pagination, 713 in the De Hoyos Annotated version).

Pike continues, "Science with her many instruments, Astronomy particularly, with her telescope, Physics with the microscope, and Chemistry with its analyses and combinations, have greatly enlarged our ideas of the Deity, by discovering to us the vast extent of the Universe in both directions, its star systems and its invisible swarms of minutest animal life; by acquainting us with the new and wonderful Force or Substance we call Electricity, apparently a link between Matter and Spirit: and still the Deity only becomes more incomprehensible to us than ever, and we find that in our speculations we but reproduce over and over again the Ancient Thought" (pg. 697, 811 in De Hoyos).

While it may seem that there is a sentiment of futility expressed here, I suggest that it is nothing of the sort. Rather, it is a hint that the nature and importance of our thought and discovery can be much more powerful than we are conditioned to realize. It is only the profane context within which we habitually experience our own lives that causes us to believe that our knowledge is futile. In his blog post, "Adam and the Mashiach Within" (April 11, 2024, <https://www.mayimachronim.com/page/11/>), Rabbi Efraim Palvanov argues that the Kabbalistic "universes" of creation-production, formation, creation, and emanation parallel the stages of development of the redemption of the human being.

At the level of production is the sacrifice of one's automatic beliefs and habits.

At the level of formation is ostracism. When a person begins to individuate and access transcendental parts of his personality, he will necessarily meet with resistance from those who surround him, who do not want to make the same sacrifices that he has made, and who will therefore seek to marginalize his work.

At the level of creation is death. This is the concept of a renaissance. One is freed from the baggage of falsehood and error that defined his previous self, and becomes a new person

living a meaningful life, where every action is considered purposefully.

At the level of emanation, one becomes connected to God in such a way that every thought and action he has carries spiritual force. Beyond these is the level of Adam Kadmon at which the soul transcends time and space and realizes eternity.

This development, which is presented in copious detail and challenging language in the 27th degree and in the 28th Chapter of Morals and Dogma, is acted out in dramatic fashion in the Rose Croix degrees, and its symbolism is set forth most completely in the 1st degree, accompanied only by brief hints as to the true depth of their intended impact. The allusion of the sign of recognition of the 18th degree to the hermetic saying, "As above, so below" most nearly approximates the point I want to make here, which is that the Moshiach is not simply back there, on the faded pages of an old book, nor is He out there, at some distant, unimaginable point in the future; he is in here, in the hearts of all of the men in this room and in our great fraternity.

I'd like to close with a reminder that we are the heirs and guardians of a body of incredibly powerful and important knowledge for humankind. We have been fortunate, you and I, to have found ourselves now living in the heart of one of the most powerful States in the history of civilizations, at the heights of undoubtedly the most economically just and prosperous era ever known to mankind. We may take this for granted, or even disparage it as worthless if we proceed under the illusion that, if we have not earned it for ourselves, it is of limited value to us. This would be a catastrophic error. With great power comes great responsibility. We have been born on third base. We must get home. Let us not be discouraged or confused by the projection and lies which accompany the many crimes we see perpetrated in our midst. The truth is closer to us than it may seem. For each other, for the brotherhood of man, let us complete our mission now!



On Saturday, October 19, Brother Danny Tomlinson, 32° KCCH was the recipient of a "Quilt of Valor" awarded to him and others at a special ceremony for their tireless efforts and support of our country and its military veterans. [5395983] Brother Danny has also begun a close relationship as a guardian with the Rocky Mountain Honor Flight organization that provides trips for WWII, Korea, and Vietnam veterans to Washington DC to visit the various memorials for the military. There is no cost to the veteran for these trips.



Seek, and Ye Shall Find

By

Tom Adair, 32°

Junior Warden, Rocky Mountain

Chapter of Rose Croix

If that which is lost cannot be found, we must endeavor to replace. Such has been the consequence of the journey I and others have recently completed in our search for the 1924 time capsule at the Denver Consistory. In my case, the journey began more than two years ago when I was asked to serve as Secretary for the 100th Anniversary Cornerstone Committee. It was a wonderful and humbling opportunity to partake in a once-in-a-lifetime experience with some truly remarkable brethren. In addition to my officer duties I was tasked to the Time Capsule sub-committee with Illustrious Brother Wayne Arner. That collaboration would reveal its own remarkable Masonic connection we shared in a faraway time and place; and, while it is a story best kept for another day, it is yet another example of hidden treasures one might discover through the folds of time. [9098831]

The task of the sub-committee was two-fold. Find the 1924 time capsule believed to be buried behind the building cornerstone and install a new time capsule for our brethren to open in 2124. MWB Mike Moore had photographs of the original cornerstone ceremony in 1924. In one of those photographs a Brother can clearly be seen holding a small metal box believed to be the time capsule (See Fig. 1). Additionally, a local newspaper article of the time describe a small copper box containing a Bible, recent copies of newspapers, coins, and numerous lodge papers being placed “in a hollow” of the cornerstone. We knew the time capsule existed, the trick now was to find it.

In retrospect, I would suggest that IB Wayne and I were ideal candidates for this task. IB Wayne has dedicated his life to, among other worthy endeavors, historical research. As such, he dove into the records and archives in the pursuit of details pertinent to our charge. I, on the other hand, once lived a life dedicated to finding that which had been concealed. For many years I worked as a forensic scientist and as it so happens was quite well trained in searching for hidden things. Things that had been purposefully concealed by man or innocently lost to time.

So, while IB Wayne scoured the dusty books and darkened shelves of the archives I called upon my old skills in penetrating the hidden chamber behind the time capsule. I decided to approach this search like a real crime scene! The general rule in evidence recovery is to begin with the least destructive methods. In this case I enlisted the help of Brother Russ Olin of the Denver Police Department Bomb Squad. He and his colleagues set up a portable X-ray scanner to penetrate the dense granite cornerstone in the hopes of detecting the small metal shoe box seen in the historic photographs of the original cornerstone ceremony in 1924.

The portable X-ray unit resembled a small metal tube atop a tripod. We got more than a few

side-eyes from passersby on Fourteenth street. The unit showered the granite surface with invisible pulses as we waited for the cycle to complete and feed the image to a portable screen in the bomb tech's truck. Examining the image like an emergency room doctor, the Sgt. made some adjustments and fired off another series of pulses. After three attempts we saw something that caught our eye. There on the screen, like a derelict ship in the fog, was a dark shadowy block (See Fig. 2). My heart leapt as my mind tried calculating the size and wondered about the physical condition of the items inside. Those thoughts would have to wait with patience as I planned the next phase of the search; the "eyes on" phase. I follow the *trust but verify* philosophy so before smashing through the Consistory walls I would need to visualize the box and surrounding structures via fiber-optic camera.

From the street, the task seems straightforward but, I couldn't just punch a hole through the exterior face of our beautiful building. Ideally, I would enter through the same location deemed best to make a larger recovery hole. That would be somewhere on the inside. This is where my challenge took an interesting turn. The cavity behind the Cornerstone is situated at the northeast corner of our building about six feet above street level. However, on the *inside* of the building the access points were anything but simple. Below the cavity area is our kitchen with a twenty-foot ceiling layered with ducting and water pipes. Definitely not ideal. The Cathedral level floor is actually above the cavity and the closest adjacent room is behind the Stage Director's office. The tiny closet houses a massive HVAC fan and duct work making it extremely difficult to work around. The ducting seems to go directly into the cavity area behind the cornerstone.

I wanted to know more about this construction which was clearly an add-on. IB Wayne and IB Matt researched our records and discovered that one of the boilers had exploded in the 1960s and blew out a massive portion of the east wall! Could this have damaged the time capsule or caused its relocation? IB Wayne searched the vaults and found no evidence of the time capsule or contents, so the search pushed forward. He also searched for the minutes of the meetings surrounding the placement of the time capsule and boiler explosion but, unfortunately was unable to locate any records that might reveal a clue as to the fate of the time capsule. So, it was back to the scene for me!

The small utility room off the stage manager's office provided barely enough room to move around the massive ducting. I hit my head several times on a motor and most of my work was done cramped up on the floor. Tracing along the baseboards I discovered a small gap in the corner of the floor and wall. The type of small opening you might expect a mouse to poke its head through. This time I had brought with me two different fiber-optic camera systems not unlike those you see in the movies. I fired up the camera and slowly fed the lighted wand into the darkness. If you've never conducted this type of search I can assure you it's exhilarating. I felt as if I were part of a PBS Special! As the tiny camera probed the darkness I tried to make sense of the inverted structure. Dust particles reflected the light with great intensity like a swarm of fireflies. I could see metal framing, a few items of trash, insulation, and most importantly a brick wall. The brick appeared to block off the cavity area. I searched all along the perimeter, even drilling a few new holes without ever finding a way to get through it sufficiently to access the cavity I needed. One consideration with drilling towards the cornerstone

is the risk of actually hitting it and causing damage. This possibility made for very slow and cautious movements and, ultimately, abandoning this method of approach.

I had to find a new way to get at the cavity area with the camera system. Coming in from below wasn't an option, neither was coming in from behind, so my last option was to access the longer route through the side wall on the street. For those unfamiliar, there exists a winding stairwell leading from the street to the hallway behind the kitchen. At the top of the stairs is a small area near the ground where the original stone had been excised and replaced with cinderblock. My guess is that someone accessed a water pipe or similar structure and covered the hole with the more modern material. This was great news for me because I wouldn't be damaging original stonework by drilling a small hole through it. After getting the necessary approvals I punched a small 3/8" hole through the cinderblock and inserted the camera.

I fed several feet of fiber-optic cable through the hole, adjusting my course upward as traced along the interior wall. I ran into several structural obstructions but with a little practice and even more patience I was able to steer the camera into the proper area. From the photographs taken during the 1924 cornerstone placement we knew there was a concrete "shelf" upon which the copper box would likely be found. We were able to locate this shelf and discovered some noteworthy findings (See Fig.3).

First, after scanning 360 degrees we could verify the copper box was not present. Second, we were able to see evidence of construction that seemed to be related to the HVAC ducting that traversed into the cavity area. These findings presented some interesting questions. Was the copper box discovered during the construction work done while mounting the "new" ducting? Was the box damaged during the boiler explosion, given to someone at the Consistory or, was it absconded by a construction worker? Sadly, we may never know.

Regrettably the copper box and contents were never located, nor could we find any record which might point us in a new direction. Along the journey, several of us had wondered aloud about the ultimate condition of some items like the written records and bible. I had found numerous news articles describing time capsule horror stories wherein the content had been waterlogged or degraded to dust and were unrecognizable. These stories ultimately served to focus our attention on what items we would include and how best to preserve them. We were determined to avoid the current situation.

The Executive Committee purchased a state-of-the-art time capsule (See Fig. 4). Various committee members took great care to select items of significance to our time. Of course, we had obligatory lapel pins and challenge coins from various Blue Lodges, US coins and cash featuring Freemasons, masonic magazines and programs sealed in vacuum tight bags, digital documents, scripts, news articles, and hundreds of photographs placed on very expensive archive quality DVDs (as well as a player) rated to last over 2,000 years! We also included items we hope our brethren a century from now will put to good use. We included a 14th Degree ring for a worthy brother to cherish, a Scottish Quaich recently brought back by the author from Portree, Scotland that perhaps can be used during certain dinners or special events. Perhaps it may even find a home in Doc's! We even included seed packets of Red Poppy and Forget-Me-Not we hope can be planted at the Consistory or masonic cemetery (See Fig.5).

The Cornerstone committee selected a new home for the time capsule to ensure it won't be

lost. It will be encased in a wall above the doorway leading to the Blue Lodge north of the Cathedral. I've thought often about the brothers reaction when they open the time capsule in 2124. What kind of ceremony will it be? Who will be there? Will Scottish Rite Freemasonry have weathered the various cultural and political changes a century of time often presents? Will we practice our craft as we do today or will we be truly clandestine? Would this time capsule survive and would the contents be accepted in that time? Afterall, papers can be burned, jewels can be melted, flesh and bone can be crushed. It wouldn't be the first time in human history that the signs and symbols of our craft were criminalized.

It was during this contemplation I came to an important personal revelation. *We*, as Scottish Rite Masons, are the real time capsule. The Cathedral serves as the vessel of generational learning but, our faithful adherence to ritual is the vessel of the fraternity. It is within our faithful breast that we maintain the mysteries of the craft and from that well, pour forth that knowledge to the next generation. Further, isn't this gift of ritual and fellowship we enjoy today the product of the treasures left to us from our brethren of 1924 and beyond? Of course it is!

Perhaps it is the Rose Croix officer in me but, we are fundamentally a fraternity of renewal and remembrance. The seasons will change but the roots will spring anew. I will therefore continue with my obligations. I will be the dedicated student and devoted teacher. I will act as if the success of the fraternity rests entirely upon my shoulders. I won't be alone though, will I? Thousands of brethren will shoulder the work alongside me and inspire the next generation to carry on the work so the Cardinal Principles of Masonry remain *unchanged* until time shall be no more. May our brethren of 2124 enjoy the fruits of our labors as they tender the garden for those yet to come.

¹ The Rocky Mountain News, Vol. 65, No. 81, March 21, 1924 "2,000 Masons Attend Cornerstone Laying of Colorado Consistory Temple"

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Fig. 1: 1924 Time Capsule

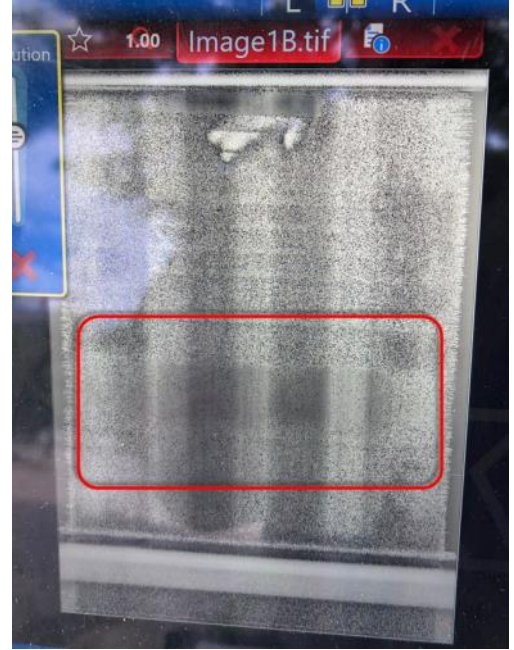


Fig. 2



Fig 3: Time Capsule Shelf

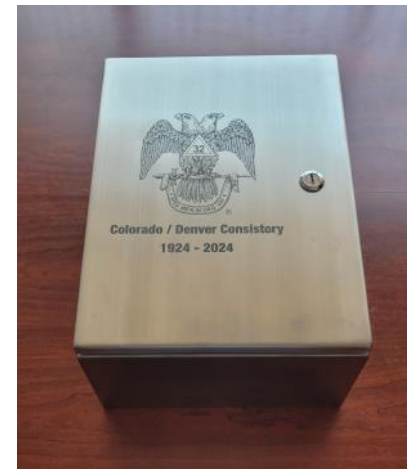


Fig 4



Fig 5: Contents of New Time Capsule



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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
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