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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.**

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PLANNING CALENDAR

March 2025

Mon, MAR 03	7:00 p.m. KSA Meeting in Lodge Room
Fri, MAR 07	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (\$13 - Fried Chicken)
Thu, MAR 13	7:00 p.m. Degree Council Meeting
Fri, MAR 14	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (\$13 - Chicken Patty Sandwiches)
Mon, MAR 17	Stated Meeting: <u>Sports Team Shirt Night</u> Past Presiding Officers Recognition night Parking Garage Available
	5:30 p.m. Red Room Business Meeting
	6:00 p.m. Dinner (RSVP only: \$25—Corned Beef & Cabbage)
	7:00 p.m. Awards & Announcements
	7:30 p.m. Split Meeting; 5 min oration by Orator, Rose Croix
Fri, MAR 21	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (\$13 - Beef Stroganoff)
Fri, MAR 28	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (\$13 - Bangers and Mash)
Sat, MAR 29	9:00-11:00 a.m. KSA Spring Cleanup

April 2025

Fri, APR 04, 11, 18, 25	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (\$13 - Fried Chicken on APR 04)
Mon, APR 07	7:00 p.m. KSA Meeting in Lodge Room
Sun, APR 20	5:30 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service (Knights Templar Association)
	Parking Garage Available
Mon, APR 21	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
	Celebration of Remembrance and Renewal
Thu-Sat, APR 24-26	Southern Colorado Consistory Spring Reunion

MAY 2025

Thu-Sat, MAY 1-3	Grand Junction Consistory Reunion
Fri, MAY 2, 16, 30	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (\$13 - Fried Chicken on MAY 2)
Mon, MAY 5	5:30 p.m. Special Officers Meeting to read Petitions
Wed, MAY 7	7:00 p.m. Children's Hospital Rie Care Presentation (invitation only)
Thu-Sat, MAY 8-10	7:00 a.m. Spring Reunion (63 rd) Parking Garage Available
Sat, MAY 10	5:30 p.m. Banquet; 25 and 50 year membership presentations
Mon, MAY 19	Stated Meeting - Parking Garage Available
Fri, MAY 23	NO CONSISTORY LUNCH (Holiday Weekend)
Afternoon time TBD	SRMC Sporting Clays Competition
Sun, MAY 25	9:00 a.m. Flags for Vets - Fort Logan National Cemetery
Mon, MAY 26	Consistory CLOSED for Memorial Day Observance

EDITOR'S RESTLEBOARD



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Membership is a CONTACT Sport?



How many times have long-time members of the Consistory heard our late Brother Jerry Screws come to the microphone and forcefully state that “Membership is a Contact Sport?” It’s true. Oh, your organization MAY get a few folks asking to join out of curiosity or by accidentally discovering who you are, when you meet, and what you do. No guarantees though.

Years ago, Colorado Job’s Daughters Bethel 18 was one of the strongest and most active and popular Bethels to join. At some point, their membership dwindled to three 18-year old girls. When the Grand Line went to talk with the girls to find out what happened, what they told us was, in a sense surprising, but in a completely different sense quite understandable AND predictable.

They said that they all joined Job’s at 12 or 13, made so many friends and had so much fun that they lost track of time. Before they knew it, they were 18, on the cusp of adulthood and only 2 years away from mandatory departure as a Majority Member of Job’s Daughter at 20. They turned around and looked behind them ... and they saw ... NO ONE THERE! By this time, these 18 year old ladies didn’t know any 12-13 year old girls to encourage, they really didn’t know many 14 or perhaps 15 year old girls either.

So, the Bethel, as strong as it was in its “hey day” - was now weak, feeble, and unable to continue. You see, Job’s Daughters originally was for girls 12-20, eventually they lowered the age to 11 and now to 10 in a failing effort to bolster membership. Let’s take a look at the demographics of girls in that organization. Girls from 10-13 or maybe 14 are your “long term” growth and stability in the Bethel. If they like what they see and do, they stay. Girls from 15-17 that join are typically coming in to support a close friend of theirs who is in the line to become Honored Queen. Once that friend has finished her term, chances are you won’t see these older girls back in the bethel after that. Finally, the 18-20 year olds—you simply aren’t going to get any of these young women to join as “first timers” in the organization. If you somehow manage to beat the odds and find one that is interested, she’s only with you for a couple of years max, and then “Majorities Out” (at 20 years old, Job’s Daughters receive a “Majority Ceremony” to celebrate their time in the order and to say “good bye” as she is now considered an “adult” and no longer eligible to be a “Job’s Daughter” but is now a “Majority Member” of Job’s Daughters.)

Now, let’s translate the above paragraph into the LODGE membership - which is the founda-

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tion of all other Masonic Family organizations. If the lodge isn't strong membership-wise, then all the other bodies won't be either.

Every Grand Lodge, and thus the associated daughter Lodges, has the right to define the criteria for membership in their jurisdiction. That said, since there are so many jurisdictions with differing rules and interpretations, let me simply state that I will use my Mother Grand Lodge (Scotland) as my source of information—if it agrees with your Grand Lodge great; if it doesn't, so be it. I'm not challenging or arguing for or against any GL's criteria.

At one time, in order to petition for membership in a lodge, a man must have been 21 years old. After my initiation in 1977, a question was propounded to me as part of my proficiency examination: "Who are fit and proper persons to be made Freemasons?" The answer expected of the candidate is "Just, upright, and free men, of mature age, sound judgment, and strict morals." Note, they do not define what "mature age" is, and the other criteria are all subjective rather than "objective" - meaning, it depends on what the definition of the day might be. In the ancient guilds, "mature" age was considered 25. More contemporarily, mature age was (sort of) defined as 21. Then it became 18. Then we decided that for SOME THINGS, 18 wasn't "mature enough" (alcohol consumption, purchasing firearms, etc.). For example, when I got married in 1967, I had to have my father's permission because ... I was only 20 years old—and the state of Oklahoma expected MEN to be 21 (adult) but women were considered adult at 18 and did not need parental permission to marry. Go figure.

Anyway, the "ancient charges" that we so often bandy about casually, did have a few words in them to help guide us in deciding on a potential member. Anderson's Constitutions had this to say: "The persons admitted Members of a Lodge must be good an (sic) true Men, free-born, and of mature and discreet Age, no Bondmen no Women, no immoral or scandalous men, but of good Report." Again, no specific NUMBER to define "mature age" and I'm not sure to what "discreet age" might refer (remember, Masons sometimes use words differently than contemporary use). Later, a little more "illumination" is provided: "Only Candidates may know that no Master should take an Apprentice unless he has Sufficient Employment (sic) for him, and unless he be a perfect Youth having no Maim or Defects in his Body that may render him incapable of learning the Art of serving his Master's Lord, and of being made a Brother, and then a Fellow-Craft in due Time..." Now this (clearly?) refers to OPERATIVE Masonry, but our Speculative masonry derives from the operative and we frequently refer to those operative guidelines as measures by which we, as speculative Masons, are similarly bound. Every single Masonic constitution, law, statute, rule, Grand Lodge By-Law, Blue Lodge By-Law, regulation, as well as each of our current Masonic Charters in some way contains what is written in these Old Constitutions.

Back to age brackets in Masonry. 18-21: these are typically years when a young man will be in college—many of whom study rather difficult disciplines—thus they have little, if any, spare time and money to seek out Freemasonry. Are there exceptions? Certainly. But, overall, the TIME and FUNDS these younger men have available are definitely limiting factors.

21-30: This is a time when a man might be pursuing a new trade or career after graduating from college or a trade school. Also, if they choose a profession like law, medicine, veterinary, or dentistry, they have 4 or more years beyond that first degree before they actually begin the

Serious use of their degree or profession ... so they are generally more interested in developing a work ethic and reputation amongst peers than they are in joining something. Now, many (but by no means a majority) college students join a fraternity—usually for housing and social activities—it's a part of the "Greek Life" on campus. Occasionally, you might get some of these individuals who might be interested in Freemasonry, but don't expect it to be many. Just take a look at the Consistory's demographics and you'll see that the number of our members under the ages of 40 and even 30 is quite small—usually in the single digits.

Next, we look at 31-50 years of age. This is where a man has established his professional reputation and is working on upward mobility within his employer's organization. If he did not marry between 21 and 30, this is the prime time when marriage might enter into the equation of his commitments. Now you are confronted with not just professional obligations, but social and marital obligations that come into play. Children also complicate the situation at this stage. Time and Money continue to be limiting factors.

By the time a man enters the 51-65 year old block, his children are mostly on their own—or close to it. They have a stable marriage (or perhaps it has dissolved for other reasons). Their careers are relatively stable as well, although upward mobility and promotion are always in the back of their minds. So, THIS is your primary age range of new members that might well help your long-term survivability.

They say 70 is the new 40. Yeah, right. 70 is 70. While you may well have retired between 65 and 70, my favorite mantra since I retired at 65 is "I'm so busy now that I've retired, I don't know how I had any time for work." Of course, that "busy" is not just Masonry, it's hobbies, grandkids, family obligations, and taking trips that I wasn't able to take when I worked for a living ... so while I tend to be available and more active fraternally in this age range, I might also have those times when I'm really "not available" for a given event.

Simply put, your PRIMARY age range to gain new members in your lodge is probably 40-65, with the bulk being closer to the 65 end than the 40 end.

BUT ... and here's the kicker that we all nod our heads about, generally agree with, but rarely if ever DO anything about it ... Masonic meetings, as a general rule, are typically boring, repetitive, and predictable. This is understandable when you realize how much we rely on "ritualistic" procedures to open, operate, and close a lodge meeting. In our country's expansion era, lodges were the focal point of the town, and they also provided an opportunity for like-minded men to work together for the betterment of the town (and maybe the territory or state at that time). Today, our large cities have allowed us to diverge from the "local" feeling of the lodge and surrounding population. And, today, our men have many more opportunities for the use of their spare time—WHY would you expect anyone to willingly, knowingly, and with malice aforethought—join a group that wastes his time? You wouldn't.

So, the next time you wonder WHERE are the new Masters of the Royal Secret (or our newly made Master Masons)? Just remember, they are telling you with their feet. They are looking for something else that we just aren't providing. Maybe because we're stuck in the "we've never done it that way before" or "we can't do it that way, our regulations won't permit it." OK, whatever the problem is, shrugging it off won't solve it for you.

Bill



From the Secretary's Desk

[Matt Raia, 33°](#)



CONSISTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Thursday 7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

IF AT FIRST YOU DON'T SUCCEED, YOU'LL GET A LOT OF ADVICE.

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.

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 Jerry Edwards, 32° KCCH; Brother Joe Mitchell, 32° KCCH; Brother Mike Tims, 32° KCCH; Brother Mike McMinimee, 32°; Brother Greg Tabberer, 32°; Brother Peter Thomas, 32°; and Kay Applegate.

FREE LUNCH???

Are you aware that every Friday there is a wonderful buffet lunch at the Consistory from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.? It's open to Members AND friends, so why not come and share food and friendship?

If you haven't joined us in six months or more, a Consistory Member has invited you to be his guest any Friday in March, ... so, you can try us and see if you like breaking bread together. Just bring a copy of this notice.

If you arrive prior to 11:30 a.m., please come to the office on the 3rd floor to chat before we proceed to the dining room. Looking forward to seeing you!

February 17th Stated Meeting - Brother Bill Achbach, 32° KCCH, gave an interesting presentation about United States Presidents who are (or were) members of the Masonic Fraternity and some who may or may not have been members of the fraternity.

The annual report of the Almoner was given by **Illustrious Brother Joe Kier, 33°**; the annual report of the Life Membership Memorial Fund was given by **Illustrious Brother Bob Gregory, 33°**; and the annual report of the SRMC Endowment Fund was given by **Illustrious Brother Ron Birely, 33°**.

Brother Tony Clark, 32° KCCH, Orator of the Centennial Lodge of Perfection, delivered his oration.

Degree Council Meeting - March 13th at 7:00 p.m. for all degree directors, assistant directors, and committee chairmen, to plan the Spring Reunion.

March 18th Stated Meeting - Will be Past Presiding Officer Recognition and “*Wear Your Favorite Sports Team Shirt*” night. We will present Patents and class photos to the members of the Fall 2024 Reunion class, Double Eagle Jewels, pins, and passport pins. **Brother Michael Foster, 32°**, Orator of the Rocky Mountain Chapter of Rose Croix, will deliver his oration.

KSA Spring Cleanup - Saturday, March 29th from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. is the Knights of St. Andrew Denver Consistory Spring Cleanup. Come out and help the KSA spruce up our building in preparation for the Easter Sunrise Service and the Spring Reunion.

Easter Sunrise Service - April 20th 6:00 a.m. - the Knight Templar Association of Colorado will hold the 100th Consecutive Easter Sunrise Service at Denver Consistory.

Spring Reunion May 8-10, 2025 - **WE NEED PETITIONS!** Turn in the petitions as soon as you receive them, do not wait until the April 21st stated meeting. Encourage your candidates to use the electronic petition. When completed, the petition is sent electronically to the Denver Consistory office. **1:00 p.m. May 5th is the deadline for receipt of petitions.**

First Line Signer Incentive Program: **THREE** petitions in a calendar year will pay your membership fee for a year. If you are a life member, it entitles you to receive free stated meeting dinners for a year.

DENVER CONSISTORY PETITION FOR MEMBERSHIP



Membership Profile Update - You may update your contact information in your Supreme Council Membership record by logging onto the Supreme Council web site at: www.scottishrite.org then click on Member Login, click on Other Member Resources & Content, then Member Resources, then Update Your Information. It is VERY important that we have the most current contact information for you so that you do not become “lost.”

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.

Calling Committee - The officers of the Kadosh line, and a group of volunteers, make calls to our members each quarter. The Calling Committee members are not required to come to the office on a specific day to make the calls. Instead, they make the calls at their leisure. Every quarter the committee is given a new list of members to call, and a list of "talking points." The goal is for every Denver Consistory member to receive at least one phone call during the year. The purpose of the call is to let the member know that we have not forgotten about them, that they are important to us, to find out how they are doing, and to offer assistance if needed.

I want to express my gratitude and thanks to the Calling Committee members for reaching out to our Brothers. The recipients of the calls really appreciate the call. You are a vital link between Denver Consistory and our members. As a result of the calls, we have discovered some Brothers who are in poor health, some who are experiencing financial difficulties and need assistance (and have been referred to our Almoner) and, unfortunately, some who have passed on and we were not notified by the family of their passing.

If you would like to be a Calling Committee member, let me know and I will add you to the list of volunteers and send you a list of Brothers to call.

2025 Membership fee was payable December 31, 2024. If you have not yet paid your 2025 membership fee, please do so and do not become delinquent. \$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. Isn't your membership in the Scottish Rite worth more to you than a cup of coffee? 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.

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 fee in eleven easy monthly payments rather than in 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 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.

Life Memberships are an ideal way to avoid paying future dues increases. A Life Membership guarantees that you will never be suspended for nonpayment of dues 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 of dues because your Scottish Rite Membership is of little or no significance to the individual handling your finances. By purchasing a Life Membership you leave a continuing legacy to Denver Consistory after your death.

2025 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

Master of Kadosh
Director of Education

A Couple of Cups of Coffee



One quick piece of housekeeping:

Once again, I need to take a moment and a few words to encourage readers to check out the promotional flyer posted toward the end of this issue of Rite Works, advertising June's special Stated Meeting event at Denver Consistory. Illustrious Brother Chris Hodapp, 33° (NMJ), author of *Freemasons for Dummies*, *Solomon's Builders*, and other best-selling Masonic titles and founder/blogger-in-chief of the *Freemasons for Dummies* blog will visit and present a program on June 16th. Please mention the event in your Lodges and other affiliated bodies, and drop me a text or email, if you'd like a digital copy of the flyer to use in helping with the effort.

A Couple Cups of Coffee

Over the past few years, Editor-in-Chief Bill Hickey, 33°, has made an excellent case for the justifiable concern we have (or should have) over declining membership and participation numbers in our Fraternity. Usually, the numbers clearly speak for themselves. On the rare occasions when they do not, Bill has provided excellent analysis and drawn useful conclusions. Situations I have been in recently have gotten me thinking about the same issues (albeit maybe from a different angle), and, this month, I'd like to share a few thoughts.

A day or two ago I drove past a billboard advertising the usual beginning-of-the year membership special from a national chain of fitness centers: \$15 per month for a full range of services and access to locations just about everywhere. \$15 a month ... a couple of cups of over-priced coffee from another national chain. Thinking of the coffee ... Why so expensive? Thinking of the gym membership ... How is it so cheap?

In both cases, the answer is very much the same, and there are lessons we might want to learn that apply to Freemasonry in general and our Rite in particular.

Now, you have to understand (or, at least, it would help if you did) that I spent the second half of my career as an educator teaching economics...a.k.a. "the dismal science." It's both a necessity and one of the curses of that line of work that one learns to "think like an economist." One of my mentors in the discipline, Dr. Paul Ballentyne, was fond of pointing out that economists are "people who know the cost of everything...and the value of nothing." I discovered two things about Paul's tongue-in-cheek observation: (1) it wasn't true, and (2) what he really meant was that "cost" (once one understands what it means to an economist) is ultimately an objective and not so very difficult concept, whereas "value" is an exceedingly slippery notion...and one loaded with subjectivity and emotion. Value is very much like beauty, being largely (and uniquely) in the eye of the beholder!

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Whenever the subject of a dues increase comes up in discussion, three reactions are predictable. The first is that someone will respond (and others usually agree ...or disagree... vehemently), "Oh, no! We'll lose members, if we do that!" The second reaction is something like, "We have to be sure that we're producing something of value for our members, to justify what they pay to be members." The third comment will usually be along the lines of, "Well, you know, Lodge dues really aren't that expensive. You're only laying out what a couple of cups of coffee a week would cost you. Isn't your Lodge membership worth a couple of cups of coffee?"

Please indulge, for a moment, my reaction to those responses:

1. We'll lose members? No ... no, we probably won't! Not unless our dues increase is a whole lot more than I've ever seen a Lodge (or other body) actually approve! There is probably only rarely a Brother who doesn't understand (even though he doesn't like it) that it's not only his own costs of living that are rising.

2. The need to produce something of value, to justify membership cost? Well, of course! I can't argue where that argument comes from at all, fundamentally. My problem is with the notion that Masons are somehow justified in being passive "consumers" of what the Lodge (or other body) produces for them! Does leadership have a special obligation to plan a program that makes membership worthwhile? Absolutely! Does the responsibility to produce that value rest exclusively (or necessarily even originate) with leadership? Not if we're really "on the level" and take our obligations to one another seriously.

3. The cost of membership is really pretty low? Well ... that's true ... maybe! If we're only talking about the credit card transaction that places us in "good standing" for another year (or the perpetual membership that we purchased twenty years ago, so we'd never have to think about it again), then okay, I get that. But there's a trap set by that line of thinking, so watch where you step! It's time to go back and talk about that \$15 gym membership!

My question about the gym membership was, "How is it so cheap?" How is it that a huge company, with month-to-month capital expenses, investment in many millions of dollars of fitness infrastructure, and payroll for thousands of employees, is able to offer a \$15/month membership? There are several answers to that question ... ones that apply to any business, but the one factor most applicable here is to remember when that "limited time offer" is made: usually it's for a matter of several months - the one I saw expired on Feb. 28 - toward the end of one year and the start of the next. New Year's Resolution time!

Call me naive, but I really believe that most people who resolve to "lose weight and get in shape" are serious ... on some level. They see the opportunity to access a gym facility and knowledgeable personnel as a real chance to improve their lives: maybe sort of like petitioning a Lodge or our Rite ... especially if their limited familiarity with what they're getting into has been positive (and we usually do a great job of seeing to that). Most people, I'd argue, really intend to turn their commitments, once made, into meaningful action. However, in the case of "fitness centers," the companies are absolutely aware that a VERY high percentage of those new members will rarely, if ever, cross the threshold of a gym. Offering that \$15/month membership is largely a very cynical act on their part. They already know (1) that relatively few will follow through on their resolution and, (2) that if they were to do so, the facilities

would likely be overwhelmed by the influx of customers...and they bet on there being little chance of that. The \$15 will rarely be used to pay the cost of providing anything to the member. How does that apply to us? Read on!

Two questions, to bring us back to fraternal involvement: Why do people pay for a membership (fitness ... ? Masonic ...?) and then not use it? There are as many answers as there are members, ranging from simple laziness, to “the best of intentions” (and we know about those), to complex personal problems. But bluntly, **THAT’S THE WRONG QUESTION!** The right question (and, yeah, this is totally from my warped “think like an economist” point-of-view) is this ... the “flip side” of the fitness center companies’ business model: How is it that people are able to rationalize paying for something that they don’t use?

The answer - or, at least, a considerable part of it - seems to me to be the reality of the price of continuing membership. I challenge you to do a bit of research into what your Lodge charges for annual dues. Here’s the assignment:

1. Pick a year sometime in the past. It could be any year, but to make it fun, maybe one with some significance to you: the year you were born ... the year your father was raised ... the year of a significant historical event. Regardless, it’s your choice.
2. Search the records of your Lodge and find out what the annual dues were in that year. If you can’t discover that, you’re free to pick another year, but hit it as close as you can.
3. Take that number, and plug it into [this calculator](#), which will convert that dollar amount into 2025 dollars (i.e., tell you what that amount of “past money” would be worth today),
4. When you’ve let the calculator “do its thing,” compare that amount with your actual dues for 2025.

Now, I don’t know what you’ll find out, specifically, about your Lodge’s dues. But I predict (I’d be willing to ‘bet you lunch”) that you paid less ... and probably significantly less ... in 2025 dues than the inflation-adjusted dues from your calculation. So what? So this ...

Think about what that says to your members, in terms of what their membership and (again, “reality check”) what their decision to be absent or inactive actually costs them.

If most of us buy a \$15/month gym membership (or a \$150 Lodge membership) and then don’t participate, the impact on us is negligible ... a lost “couple of cups of coffee!” We can rationalize that we can start going whenever we choose and that we’re not losing much in the meantime. It’s much the same rationale we apply when we buy insurance, really. If that’s the way we look at the value of what we pay for (and, if I’m an inactive member, I can almost guarantee you that I DO look at it that way), then, whether I admit it or not, “it’s no big deal” to me that I don’t attend ... don’t participate ... don’t really think about the fact that I’m paying for something that I don’t use.

The conclusion, for me, is to ask, “Why are we so surprised that we don’t have a higher level of participation among our dues-paying Brethren?” Their financial commitment to us is WELL within their ability to rack up to “I’m not losing that much...and it’s always there if I want it.” ...just like the fitness center down the street! Would that be different, if our affiliation cost us more? Maybe. At least there is a dues level that might make us see our membership as a more valuable commodity. Lodges are not inclined to press too hard, however, so the difficult

question eventually becomes, “What’s more important to us ...their involvement or their dues dollars?”

Brethren, I am neither suggesting that Masonic bodies raise the levy on their members, in the effort to force them to value their affiliation, nor that increasing the price of membership would, in itself, solve any of the problems facing the Fraternity. What I am saying, in pointing out that Lodge and other affiliations cost us very little compared to the many trivialities on which we spend our dollars, is that this way of looking at our Masonic involvement completely misses the point! If the only way we see the value of our Brotherhood is in terms of a “couple of cups of coffee” and carrying a dues card, then that’s a problem well beyond the scope of a discussion about active membership!

Bill

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Last Month’s Trivia Question: What is the function of Memorial Lodges (currently four in number) under the jurisdiction of the MW Grand Lodge of Colorado, A.F.&A.M.?

Answer: A special 🎩 to Brother Grover Sardeson, for his quick answer to this question! The Grand Lodge’s mandate to Memorial Lodges is to provide the Masonic Funeral Service for **so-journing** Brethren ... i.e., Brethren visiting or living here, whose home Lodge is **not** in Colorado and who are **not** dual members in this jurisdiction. With some Lodges unable to provide sufficient Brethren proficient in the work to perform the service, Memorial Lodges also find themselves called upon to fill in or even take on the duty *in toto*, which is an unfortunate circumstance.

Memorial Lodges can also assist Lodges in developing the necessary proficiency and in preparing to do the service. All Lodges should have a “funeral kit,” standing ready to provide the service as required.

Membership in Memorial Lodges is open to all Master Masons, and all officers are normally Past Masters. Membership, as with any Lodge in this jurisdiction, is obtained via the Petition for Plural Membership by Affiliation (Form 54). The four Lodges (styled #1 through #4) are located in Denver, Colorado Springs, Grand Junction, and Loveland, respectively. They do not do degree work, and (in addition to the performance of services, as needed) #1 & #4 meet quarterly and #2 & #3 annually.

This Month’s Trivia Question (answer in next month’s Rite Works): What is the official name of the governing body of the Scottish Rite, SJ?



Member in the Spotlight

By Jeremy DeBard, 32° KCCH

1st Lieutenant Commander
Colorado Council of Kadosh

Ms. Lelia Emry



Ms. Lelia Emry was born on March 21, 1936, in Arapahoe, Colorado, in a modest two-room sod house. Her early life was shaped by the simplicity and hard work of rural living. She was the eldest of four children, with two sisters and a brother. The family lived without electricity, relying on kerosene lanterns for light and using wood for cooking and heating. Indoor plumbing and running water were not available; the family relied on a well for water. The wind charger on the property provided the family's electricity, which was used primarily for a shop above the house. These early experiences instilled in Ms. Lelia a sense of resilience, self-sufficiency, and an appreciation for the basic necessities of life.

When Ms. Lelia was still young, the family moved to LaSalle, Colorado, where her father found work with the Union Pacific Railroad. This move brought new opportunities, and Ms. Lelia completed her early schooling in LaSalle, attending grade school there from 2nd through 9th grade. Before that, she attended kindergarten and 1st grade in Arapahoe. After graduating from LaSalle's local school, she attended College High School at Colorado State College of Education (now the University of Northern Colorado) in Greeley, where she earned her high school diploma.

Ms. Lelia continued her education at Hastings College in Hastings, Nebraska, before enrolling in the Mary Lanning Memorial Hospital School of Nursing in 1954. It was during this time that Ms. Lelia dedicated herself to her passion for healthcare, and in 1957, she became a Registered Nurse (RN) after completing her studies at Mary Lanning. Over the next 50 years, Ms. Lelia worked tirelessly as a nurse, specializing in a range of medical areas, from bedside care in hospitals to social work for the community.

Her professional career also included five years as a medical social worker for the Weld County Welfare Department, where she took on the responsibility of managing all medical needs in the county. She worked with the medically underserved, overseeing tuberculosis, blindness, and other critical health-related needs, as well as coordinating care in nursing homes and boarding homes across the region. Her work during this period had a lasting impact on the community, helping to improve the lives of many vulnerable individuals.

In 1965, Ms. Lelia married William Emry, and the couple had two children. They moved to Sioux Falls, South Dakota, where they spent five years. During this time, Ms. Lelia faced a challenge that would become a defining moment in her life. Her daughter, Betsy, had significant speech difficulties, struggling to produce letter sounds. Ms. Lelia worked closely with

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with Betsy, teaching her to speak. This dedication to her daughter's development became a central focus of their lives for several years. Eventually, the family returned to Colorado in 1976 when the Sioux Falls school district, SD refused to accept Betsy into school, citing her speech delay. After working closely with speech therapists from "For a Child's Sake," Ms. Lelia discovered that there was no physical or mental reason why Betsy could not speak, a realization that led to her advocating for special education services in Jefferson County, Colorado, which she felt was the best for Betsy's needs.

Throughout the years, Ms. Lelia worked in various healthcare settings, including nursing homes and rehabilitation facilities, where she continued to care for patients and develop her expertise in nursing. She also worked in medical, surgical, and oncology nursing at Mercy Hospital before transitioning into rehab and home health nursing, where she found great fulfillment in helping patients recover and return to their daily lives.

In 1992, Ms. Lelia continued her education, earning a Bachelor of Science in Professional Arts from St. Joseph's College in Portland, Maine. She completed the degree through a combination of correspondence courses and one semester on campus. Her coursework covered a wide variety of subjects, from politics and religion to history, astronomy, and music. Throughout her life, Ms. Lelia has remained committed to the idea that learning never ends, and she has made it a priority to expand her knowledge and explore new fields of study, no matter her age.

Ms. Lelia currently lives in her own home in Arvada, Colorado, with her daughter, Elizabeth. Her son, who served in the U.S. Navy for 20 years, now resides in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where he earned a Master's degree in computer science. Family has always been central to Ms. Lelia's life, and she has continued to support and nurture her children as they pursued their dreams.

Beyond her professional career, Ms. Lelia has been deeply involved in Masonic organizations for many years. Her commitment to these groups and their philanthropic work has been a major part of her life, and she has held numerous leadership positions in several organizations.

- Joined Bethel #10, Greeley as a Job's Daughter during high school
- 1959: Joined Garden City Chapter #3 OES in Greeley. Her father, Henry Hockady, served as Worthy Patron
- 1960: Charter member of Mahi #18 Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem. Served as Worthy High Priestess in 1964. Worthy High Priestess 4 times for Messiah Shrine #12. Worthy High Priestess 5 time for Damascus Shrine #1.
- 1963: Joined Faith Court #18, Order of the Amaranth
- 1966: Mother Advisor for LaSalle Assembly of Rainbow for Girls
- 1979: Great Uncle Carl H. Powell was Grand Master of Colorado. His daughter, Pauline, was Worthy Advisor of Rainbow for Girls (2002-2004). Ms. Lelia served as Supreme Mother Advisor for one day at the Supreme Session in Colorado Springs
- 1990: Dual membership with Ada Court #3
- 1991: Royal Matron with Glenn Kralicek
- 1991: Worthy Matron of Ada Court #3 (6 times)
- 1995: Grand Lecturer
- 2000: Served in the W of G Line
- 2000: Merged Ada Court with Friendship Court
- 2003: Grand Royal Matron with Jim Lewis as Grand Royal Patron
- 2006, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2015, 2019, 2023: Royal Matron of Friendship Court #18
- 2001: Joined El Mejdal Temple #47, Daughters of the Nile; Served as officer for 19 years and Director of Singers for 7 years
- Father and two brothers-in-law served as Worshipful Masters of Occidental Lodge #20, Greeley

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Throughout her life, Ms. Lelia has also been an active volunteer, starting at a young age. She served meals to the Lions Club in LaSalle as a Brownie and later continued her charitable work by serving Friday lunches at the Denver Consistory, beginning in 1992. Her love of cooking began when she was a child, standing on a chair to stir gravy or pudding. By the age of 10, she was already cooking dinner for her family. Though she jokes that she never learned to make a decent pie crust, she has continued to enjoy cooking throughout her life.

In her spare time, Ms. Lelia enjoys reading, knitting, crocheting, embroidery, needlepoint, and latch hook. These hobbies have provided her with comfort and creativity over the years.

As she approaches her 89th birthday on March 21, 2025, Ms. Lelia looks back on a life full of accomplishments, both in her professional career and her personal endeavors. She remains an inspiration to all who know her, a testament to the power of hard work, resilience, and the importance of lifelong learning and service to others.



4 Principles of Craft-Driven Lodges

1. Everyone has a Voice

What are 3 things you can do to give your members a voice in determining the direction of the Lodge?
How can they know they are being heard?
How do you deal with disagreements?

2. Everyone see the Vision

How do you develop a vision?
What is your “Why”?
How do you make this understandable?
How do you communicate this to everyone?

3. Everyone has a Job

What tasks are essential to your functioning?
What talents do you have within your group?
How do you develop the talents of others?
How do you make room for EVERYONE to be able to contribute?

4. Leaders let the Workers Work?

How do you structure the task(s) so it (they) can be done by others?
How do you prepare those who are actually going to be working?
How do you create depth/back-ups for tasks?
How do you step aside to let others shine?

NOTE: This outline was used during a Denver Scottish Rite Leadership Program on May 4, 2024. Use this “template” to generate discussions within your own lodges or organizations.

A Little History of our Denver Consistory Building

With all the recent hubbub concerning AI (Artificial Intelligence) that we see today, it was interesting that Illustrious Brother Bart Coffee, 33°, would use ChatGPT to look for an article about our Denver Consistory building (Scottish Rite Masonic Center). Take a look at this article and decide for yourself whether AI can indeed be a useful tool or whether it is just a “fad” that will disappear of its own in due time.—Editor

https://denverarchitecture.org/site/scottish-rite-masonic-center/?utm_source=chatgpt.com

SCOTTISH RITE MASONIC CENTER - FAST FACTS

Architect: [William Norman Bowman](#)

Architectural Style: [Neoclassical](#)

Year Built: [1925](#)

Designation: [Denver Landmark](#)

Neighborhood: [Capitol Hill](#)

The question asked of the ChatGPT engine was: Why do you think the Neo-Classical style was used so frequently in Masonic architecture?

The response was:

The Scottish Rite Masonic Center has been a part of Colorado history from its earliest period up to the present day. In 1891, the Scottish Rite bodies raised \$50,000 to purchase a church at 19th and Welton Streets, but the economic panic of 1893-94 cost many of the members their fortunes and the heavily mortgaged building was lost to foreclosure. In 1909, the lots at East 14th Avenue and Grant Street were purchased, but construction was not authorized until 1922. The Neo-Classical building was completed May 14, 1925, and designed by William Norman Bowman. It is located in Capitol Hill.

Structure

This structure was built of buff-colored glazed terra cotta with a mottled finish, similar to the appearance of limestone or buff sandstone. It also has a pink-granite base and a white, membrane-covered dome that was recently repaired. Bowman originally designed a larger, more ornately-decorated building for the site, but redesigned the building to be the current three-story structure. There have been very few changes made to the building. It appears that the dome was originally clad with slate shingles or perhaps flat, interlocking clay tile, but otherwise the exterior remains quite similar to its original construction (Scottish Rite).

Several masonic symbols are present on the exterior of the Scottish Rite temple, including a double-headed eagle at the crest of the western pediment. The metal eagles carry a pyramid with the number 32 on their heads. According to Colorado Consistory No. 1, the double-headed eagle is meant to “symbolize the double jurisdiction of the Council - one which

looked both to the East and to the West.” The triangle is a symbol of the divinity, and 32 refers to the 32nd degree, the highest degree a member may attain (except the 33rd degree, which is honorary).

Today, the building serves as not only the home of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Denver metropolitan area, but as a community resource and is available for corporate and private functions.

Architect

Prominent architect William Norman Bowman was selected to design the new home for the Denver Scottish Rite. Born in New York in 1868, Bowman had studied under Elijah E. Meyers (the architect who designed the Colorado State Capitol Building) and settled in Denver in 1910. Bowman was a member of the Consistory before his death in 1944. He won numerous commissions to design such structures as the Mountain States Telephone building, Park Hill Methodist Church, the Colburn and Cosmopolitan hotels and Cole and Byers junior high schools.

Freemasons

The Scottish Rite of Freemasonry was organized in the United States in 1801 and traces its lineage to Masons in 18th century France as well as to Frederick the Great of Prussia. Scottish Rite bodies are located on every continent and share the common values and goals of helping men become better individuals, husbands, fathers and citizens of their respective countries.

As indicated by the name, the Scottish Rite is a part of the Masonic Fraternity, advancing the principles of Freemasonry through the ritualistic teachings of the 4th through the 32nd degrees. Freemasons and Scottish Rite Masons hold the philosophical and practiced principles of brotherhood, equality, religious toleration, political freedom and charity as important guiding principles in their lives and conduct.

This nearly 100-year-old institution, built in the Neo-Classical style, reflects Thomas Jefferson’s ideas about classical design in public architecture. He felt that “this kind of architecture was not just beautiful, but could ‘excite ideas’ - and was therefore reflective of the new, free society that Americans hoped to build. After the Revolution, through Jefferson’s efforts and those of George Washington, Neo-Classical architecture would become the style of the new Federal city and the distinctive architecture of the American Republic.”

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Interesting Facts about March

The month is named after Mars, the Roman god of war.

In Old English, **March** was called “Hlyd monath” meaning “Stormy month.”

The Ides of **March** (March 15) was famously the date of Julius Caesar’s assassination in 44 BCE. Made famous by Shakespeare’s play Julius Caesar, this fateful day saw the assassination of the Roman emperor and forever cemented its place in history as a warning against betrayal. So, watch your back, and don’t trust anyone because, on the Ides of March, ANYTHING can happen.

March 44 B.C. saw a major power play by Julius Caesar, as he took control of time by changing the Roman calendar. He added ten days to the year and shifted the start of the year from the end of March to January 1st, cementing his place in history as a ruler who not only conquered lands but also manipulated the very fabric of time.

The first United States Postage stamps were issued on **March 3**, 1847.

The first day of March is celebrated as National Pig Day in the United States.

Pi Day is in March (first 3 digits of Pi = 3.14)

The birthstone for March is the Aquamarine.

March 1 is a celebration of Welsh heritage - Saint David’s Day. From dragon parades to traditional Welsh meals, the country honors its patron saint with a fervor that is as fiery as the red dragons on their flag.

Special Birthdays

100+ Years “YOUNG”

Stacy Lamark Sitton (103)

90 Years “YOUNG”

Theodore Paul Rinker

80 Years “YOUNG”

Jerold Dennis Kent

70 Years “YOUNG”

Rolf Oland Brustad II

Fred John Ells

Richard Carson Foster

Thomas Gene Frerichs

Michael Leroy Terry

50 Years “OLD”

John Joseph Crow

Our March Youngster

Jordan Kolby Kemp (32)



MEMORIAL SCROLL

Rene Edward Crothers, Jr., 32°
Marvin Peter DeHeus, 32°
Winfried George Schendel, 32°
Cecil Edward Souders, 32° KCCH

12/26/2024
10/16/2024
11/23/2024
02/07/2025



All Scottish Rite Masons in good standing are entitled to have a Rose Croix Funeral Service at the time of their passing. Members should advise their families of their wishes to have this beautiful service. It is a very dignified service intended to help bring comfort to the family.

The current members of the Denver Consistory Rose Croix Funeral Team are: Keith M. Anderson, 33° - Chairman; Thomas W. Adair, 32°; Scott A. Bates, 33°; John H. Buchanan, 33°; Pablo Columban, 32° KCCH; Jerry L. Fenimore, 33° GC; Gregory F. Harris, 32° KCCH; M. Edward Johnson, 33° (emeritus); Richard W. Mitchell, 33°; Scott E. Olson, 32° KCCH; Matthew A. Raia, 33°; John A. Warren, 33°; Richard M. Wenzel III, 32° KCCH; and Benjamin F. Williams, 32° KCCH.

If you are interested in joining the Rose Croix Funeral Team and helping them, contact the office or Illustrious Brother Keith Anderson, 33° for more information.



2025 Easter Sunrise Service

100th Annual and oldest in Colorado

Presented by the Knights Templar Association of the
Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Colorado

Sunday April 20, 2025 at 0630

Doors open at 0530

Denver Consistory – 1370 Grant Street

Rev. Dr. A.J. Bush, Pastor

Parking Garage available

Breakfast to follow service

Breakfast tickets available at www.coloradokta.org – limited and always sells out



For further information please visit www.coloradokta.org

Or Joe Magoffin joe@milehighsf.com 720.371.7224

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Please **DO NOT** park in the PERA lot directly behind the Consistory. The church across the street has exclusive use of that lot on Easter Sunday and we could damage what relationships we have in getting occasional use of the lot if we abuse that privilege.

PAUL REVERE LODGE #130

INVITES YOU TO OUR

3rd Annual Crawfish Boil



When:

Saturday, April 26, 2025

11:00 am to 2:00 pm

Where:

Highlands Masonic Center

3550 Federal Boulevard

Denver, Colorado 80211

Cost:

\$25.00 One Pound of Louisiana Crawfish with Potatoes, Corn, Andouille Sausage and a Drink

\$20.00 Two Fried Catfish Filets, French Fries, Hushpuppies, and a Drink.

\$5.00 Slice of Pepperoni or Cheese Pizza and a Drink

Purchase tickets by Wednesday April 16th

<https://www.paulreveremasons.org/category/crawfish-boil>



SCOTTISH RITE SPRING REUNION

Denver Consistory
May 8, 9, 10, 2025

AN OPPORTUNITY TO REUNITE WITH YOUR BROTHERS
REVISIT THE TEACHINGS



Preparation



Organization



Having Fun

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.



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Registration is now open for the 4th annual Scottish Rite Sporting Clays Classic on
May 23rd, 2025

Join us for a fun time and a great cause in support of the Scottish Rite Masonic Center and benefiting



at **Colorado Clays**
 13600 Lanewood St, Brighton, CO 80603

Door Prizes, Lunch, Awards and More!!



Scan the QR code or
 Register online at:

www.scottishriteclays.com

Single Shooter - \$150
Team of 4 - \$600

Sponsorship opportunities include:

Ammunition Sponsor - \$4,000
 Dinner Sponsor - \$1,500
 Station Sponsors - \$250
 Golf Cart Sponsor - \$160

Premium Sponsorship Packages

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 includes 12 shooters

Gold - \$5,000
 includes 8 shooters

Silver - \$2,500
 includes 4 shooters

Trophies for

1st Place- 2nd Place - 3rd Place
 Best Woman - Best Team - Worst Shot

FLAGS FOR FALLEN VETS

SUNDAY – 25MAY2025 – 0900 HOURS (9AM)

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!



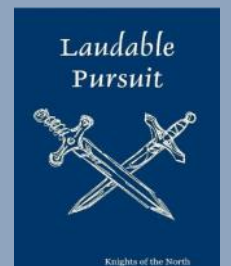
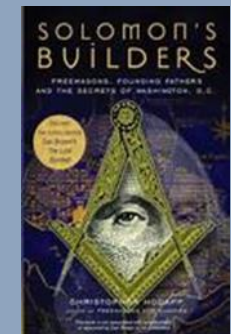
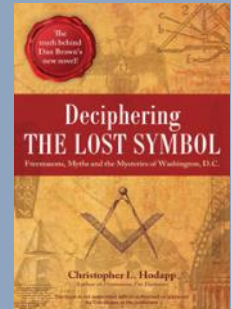
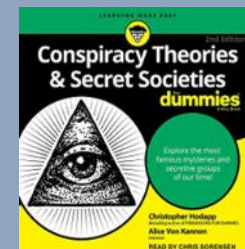
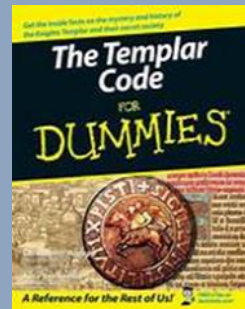
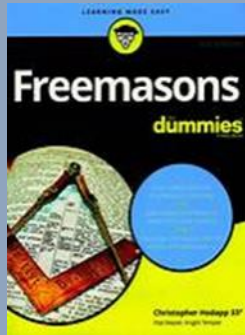
Flags for Fallen Vets is a national program that annually takes place at a number of national, or military cemeteries across the country. The Rocky Mountain Chapter of Rose Croix of the Scottish Rite and Masons throughout Colorado have proudly supported and participated in the event for the past several years. The mission is to ensure that an American flag is placed at the grave of every veteran resting in these cemeteries.

This year's family-oriented event will take place on Sunday, May 25 at 9am at Fort Logan National Cemetery in Denver. We need volunteers to assist with placing the flags on May 25 and then with the retrieval of the flags on Saturday, May 31. Volunteering is very easy - just follow these steps:

- Go to <https://flagsforfallenvets.com/> and click on 2025 Volunteer Form
- Select Fort Logan National Cemetery - Denver in the drop-down menu and then enter your email address
- In the "Group" menu, select "Mason" or "Masonic" and Section "S"
- Add the number of volunteers you will be bringing with you that day
- **Plan to arrive by 8 am on Sunday, May 25, 2025**

**June 16, 2025, 7PM
@ Denver Consistory**

Christopher Hodapp, 33°



**Acclaimed Masonic author, editor, blogger and
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All Masons and Their Guests Are Welcome!**

Scottish Rite Masonic Center

1370 Grant St, Denver

Dinner Reservations (6PM) required

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4th Annual Scottish Rite Golf Classic

At the exclusive Hiwan Golf Club
In Evergreen, Colorado



Monday, August 11, 2025—shotgun start at 1:30 pm

Check-in at noon

Format will be 4-golfer scramble

Golfer fees are All-inclusive –

- lunch at 12:30
- Awards Reception
- Player “goodie bag”

Proceeds will benefit the Scottish Rite Masonic Center, the Scottish Rite Foundation and RiteCare (juvenile speech and hearing therapy and treatment)

Register now at www.scottishritegolf.com



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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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