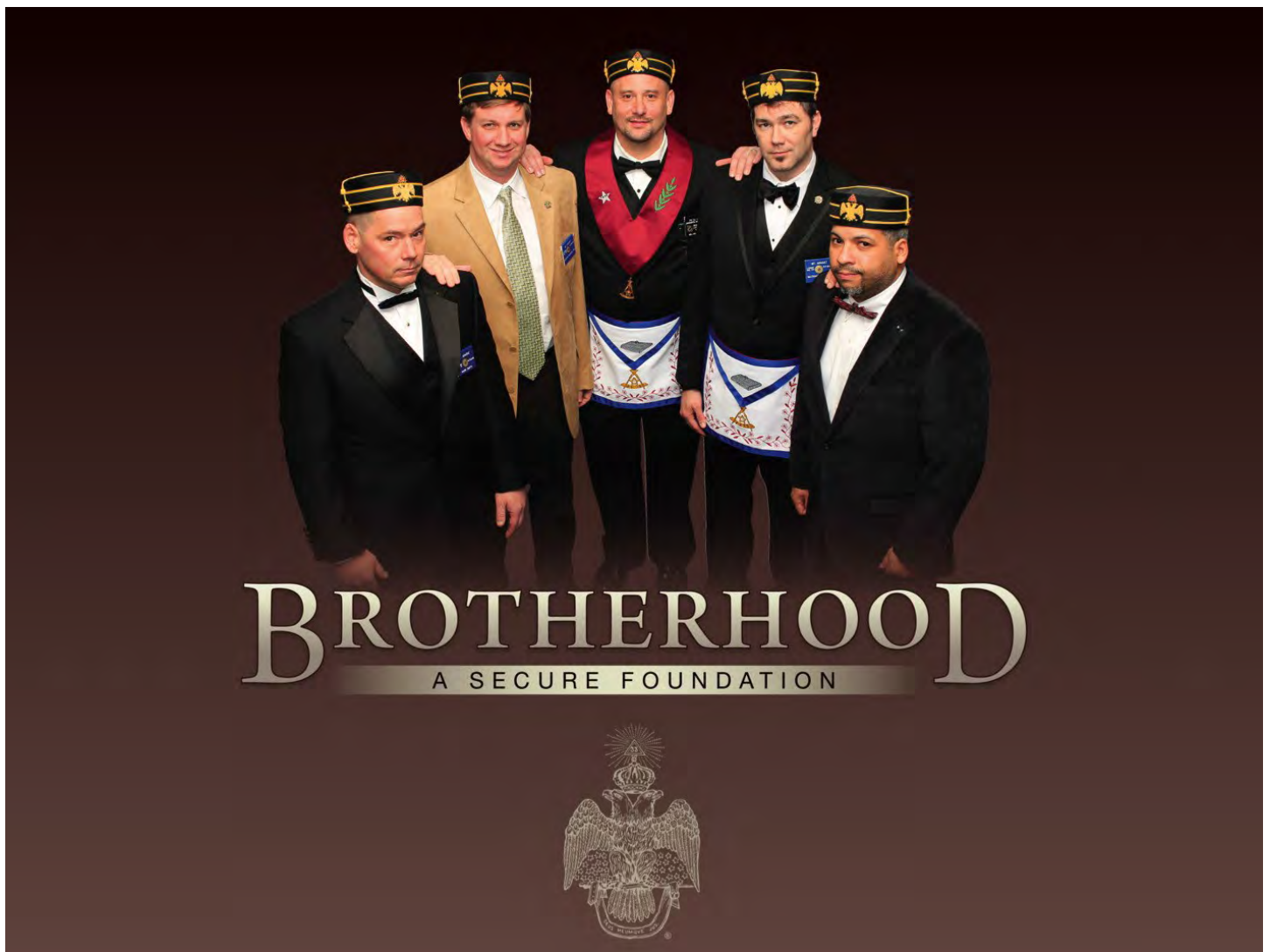


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Don't Forget ... "Let There Be Light" ... Activities Room

Saturday, 19 April at 8:30 am - Small Business oriented topics

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APRIL

Saturday APR 5	9:00am	EA Degree Posting Session Hosted at Denver Consistory (See Flyer)
Monday APR 7	6:30pm	KSA stated meeting in lodge room - Tim Hogan speaker
Saturday APR 12	8:00am	KSA Cathedral Cleanup Working Party - All are welcome
Thursday APR 17	7:00pm	Lodge Ambassador Meeting
Friday APR 18	12:30pm	Finance Committee
	2:30pm	Executive Committee meetings
Saturday APR 19	8:30am - 10a	Let There Be Light (Small Business Oriented sessions)
Saturday APR 19	10:00am	Calling Committee at Consistory - Rick Wenzel coordinator
Sunday APR 20	6:30am (start)	Easter Sunrise Service at El Jebel (probably the last at that building)
Monday APR 21		STATED MEETING - Parking Garage Available
	5:30pm	Red Room Business Meeting
	6:00pm	Dinner - Pork Chops with Coconut Cream Pie
	7:00pm	Past Presiding Officers Recognition Night
	7:30pm	Split Meeting - 5 Minute Oration by Orator, CLOP
Saturday APR 26	7:00am-noon	9 Health Fair at Consistory - Parking Garage Available

MAY

Monday MAY 5	6:30pm	KSA stated meeting in lodge room
Wednesday MAY 7	6:30pm	Spring Reunion (44th consecutive) - Children's Hospital Colorado (BY INVITATION ONLY)
Thursday MAY 8	7:30am	Spring Reunion (44th consecutive) - Parking Garage Available
Fri-Sat MAY 9 & 10	8:00am	Spring Reunion (44th consecutive) - Parking Garage Available
Saturday MAY 17	11:30am	Ladies Luncheon - Parking Garage Available
Monday MAY 19		STATED MEETING - Parking Garage Available
	5:30pm	Red Room Business Meeting
	6:00pm	Dinner - Beef Pot Roast
	7:00pm	Split Meeting - 5 Minute Oration by Orator, Rocky Mountain Chapter Rose Croix; Exemplification of 21°
Monday MAY 26		CONSISTORY CLOSED FOR MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY

JUNE

Monday JUN 2	6:30pm	KSA stated meeting in lodge room
Monday JUN 16		STATED MEETING (Hawaiian Shirt Night) - Parking Garage Available
	5:30pm	Red Room Business Meeting
	6:00pm	Dinner - Teriyaki Chicken
	7:00pm	Entertainment
	7:30pm	Split Meeting - 5 Minute Oration by Orator, Colorado Council of Kadosh

Schiller Lodge #41 and Rob Morris lodge #92 host a breakfast the 1st Saturday of each month in the apartment across from the Consistory Library. Masons, their friends and families are invited to join for friendship and fellowship. There is no charge but if you plan to attend, please notify one of the Masters (Lincoln Soule lincsoule@hotmail.com or Jason Wright jlwright73@comcast.net) and let us know. Donations of food items (coffee, juice, butter, eggs, etc.) are always appreciated.

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FROM THE COLORADO COUNCIL OF KADOSH EAST

Michael D. Moore, 32° KCCH, Commander, Colorado Council of Kadosh

Where have all our Past Masters Gone?

I sit in many lodges with the various responsibilities I have, and a common thing is seen - or I should say - "not seen" – where are the Past Masters who usually sit in the North? Truly, they have become a "missing link" or another "lost word" among Freemasons.

Having been through my year in the East in an active and busy lodge that had more than enough items come up during the year besides usual initiations and business, I know and even relished the time off when my time came to sit in the "place of darkness".

But when an experienced and trained officer suddenly drops out of sight and is not active in their lodge, the lodge as a whole feels it. It affects all they do, sets a standard on how they train new officers (they leave when they have done their time), takes away from the people who could comment on past experiences and give quality advice to general questions and procedures. It also is a sad commentary for new members coming in who sit around in their lodge chairs, look around at the few numbers most lodges have and wonder why it is so.

So, what does all this have to do with the Scottish Rite? We suffer from the same thing. We run the men through the lines, give them responsibilities, places to sit, directions on how to act and what the minimum requirements are to get them through their time there, and yet they still seem to do the same thing that is found in our Blue Lodges – they become "lost words".

Our past presiding officers become another part of our silent and missing members and have little or no input into our current status or our future. They continue to be members, but I wonder if it is not the start of the decline in interest and participation that eventually leads to the end of our relationship with our brothers.

I can understand the relief that comes when time in yet another line is completed and a plaque is handed to them with a hearty handshake and a round of applause; but should more be given at that time? Maybe some instruction or encouragement to continue?

In our Blue Lodges, the lack of participation by an outgoing Master is more readily seen, the meetings being much smaller. It is not that way in our regular monthly meetings. Yes, we are seeing a small surge in the number of officers who attend our early business meeting before dinner. It shows that more younger officers and other sideliners are comfortable coming and are interested in what is going on behind the scenes. Yet the number of top dogs who have just become another "Past Master" and are attending is low.

I know this is a problem throughout Masonry and not just a Blue Lodge, Scottish Rite, or York Rite problem, and it has been going on for years, if not generations. Yet, no one seems to be tackling the problem head-on.

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In Colonial Masonry, the Past Master drew the “tracing board” on the floor of the lodge room during initiations in chalk that was later mopped up by the newest Entered Apprentice. What do we do for those who step out of the East and have to make decisions on what to do and where to spend their time now that they are not required to be sitting in a chair?

As a current sitting Master of Kadosh, I wonder what I will be doing in a year’s time. What will my responsibilities be, if any, and where will I fit in after all is done? Where will I sit among the members and what will my rate of attendance be? I have not come to any conclusions yet on any of these questions. And, I figure my counterparts wonder the same thing.

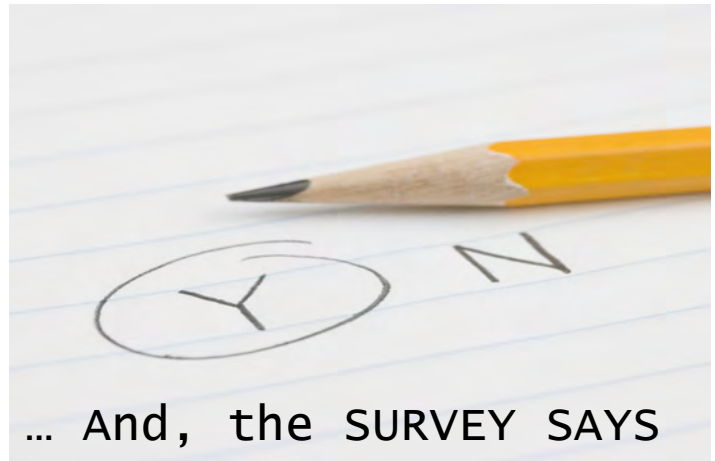
To keep our membership level steady or increasing requires that we keep our existing members happy and involved. We need to bring in new members, but the largest portion of our numbers is still made up of the current dues paying members. I see good things happening at the Denver Consistory that makes me think we just might be changing for the better. The February meeting (the most recent at the time of the writing of this) was a great one that left brothers standing around afterwards talking with smiles on their faces. We need to see that happening more. And among those faces under the hats, an increasing number of Past Masters who are involved; who know what the present generation wants and what it will take to keep them interested and involved, and feels engaged and involved themselves.

We don’t need any more “lost words” added to the number we have already.



Consistory Calling Committee

The next Calling Committee event will occur on Saturday, April 19th, 2014 from 10:00 am until noon. We will meet in the Activities Room at the Consistory just after the conclusion of the “Let There Be Light” session. Please plan to arrive early - and maybe even participate in the “Let There Be Light” session beforehand. Refreshments will be provided.

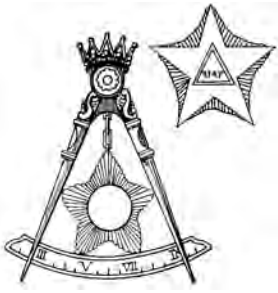


We have prepared a second survey that we hope will help us understand our members’ perspectives. This one talks about reunions, participation, and activities. It should take you no longer than 5 minutes to complete the quick 8 question survey.

Click on the below link, or enter it into your browser window:

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The link will take you to the survey and automatically start your session which is **ANONYMOUS**.



DEGREE PROFILE: 14° – PERFECT ELU

By: John Warren, 33°



Many of you have witnessed the exemplification of the 14° several times over the years and most likely think that you know it pretty well. But, do you? Do you really know any of the history of the Degree? Read on and perhaps you will be enlightened a bit.

According to the Masonic Dictionary, “The 14° is the final degree in the Lodge of Perfection and teaches the Scottish Rite Mason how to prepare his own Lodge of Perfection within himself. The Lodge Room represents the secret vault under the Sanctum Sanctorum where the pillar of beauty is found and on which was inscribed the four letter name of God. The Degree reveals and explains the Tetragrammaton.

(Writer’s Note: Yes, I actually looked this word up in the Merriam-Webster Dictionary where it states that the TETRAGRAMMATON is “the four Hebrew letters usually transliterated YHWH or JHVH that form a biblical proper name of God.”)

Other Scottish Rite Southern Jurisdiction Orients have slightly different descriptions of this degree. Both of the descriptions in the next two paragraphs are being used with the permission of the respective Valley’s.

The Valley of Washington, Orient of the District of Columbia and written by Charles David Hall, 33°, says that “this degree is the point where each Mason must discover the secret of Masonry for himself. This can be done only upon reflection of its symbols and a wise consideration and analysis of what is said and done in the work. Perfect Truth is unattainable, yet we must ever press on, more nearly approaching it.”

The Valley of Guthrie, Orient of Oklahoma says that “...this Degree is the most mysterious of all. In it, the Mason finds the meaning of the concept of Deity in his own conscience, and thus opens for himself the gate to true knowledge. Knowledge has two sources. One is human and is obtained by intelligence and labor. The other is divine and revealed only to those who have prepared themselves well. Until these two sources are united, one cannot be perfect. But, to the Mason who truly becomes a Perfect Elu, he will recognize no frontiers in this life.”

At Denver Consistory, the class is told that in this degree, the most profound philosophical truths are presented as axioms, without being discussed, intending for the Candidate to pursue studies on their own to discover the meanings of those truths. The Degree of Perfection is both a celebration of the revelation received in the 13°, as well as an examination of your worthiness to possess it.

The 14° is one of the five mandatory degrees and is also one of the longer ones, so it is important that the cast keeps things rolling along, while, at the same time keeping the exemplification as full of meaning as possible. This is accomplished by the props being used, the lighting and the music.

During the exemplification of the Degree, the Class is reminded of the Ten Commandments. The candidate is then questioned twice as to his dedication and sincerity to Masonry.



BETWEEN THE COLUMNS

By Mike Moore, 32° KCCH

Longevity

With all the waves of information we now have to review and analyze, one stands out: the period of activity and longevity for the average Scottish Rite Masons is dropping.

We still see a generation or two of our members that sit along the sidelines and contribute to our meetings and our banter when we talk afterwards; they have within them a characteristic the more recent generations do not have – longevity. I am not just talking about a long life (in years) but a “sticktoitiveness” that we in subsequent generations don’t seem to have.

Why is this? Why have the more recent men not been found with this? And how does it affect our Scottish Rite? I cannot answer many of these questions just posed, but think it is something that needs to be talked about. Is it the fast-paced life style that gives a “been there, done that” and “now it is time to move on to something else” attitude? Could be. I know each generation has its own labels given to them with a set of observed characteristics because of their environment and culture. The question then is how do we bring in and keep modern, active, and good moral young men and use them to establish a future for us? One possible way might be to promote all we do as a lifestyle for what it actually is.

We take moldable and teachable individuals and instruct them in ways that are not found anywhere else in the world; encourage them to use what they have been taught and apply it to their lives; and then, as a natural flow of all this, change the world around them for the better. I know of no better way of stating it or presenting it.

These individuals then adopt a lifestyle that stays with them throughout the rest of their lives and can be seen by other like-minded people they associate with. In a world where more and more groups are divided on thought, actions, philosophy, and religion, let these men stand out and stay with us in whatever form for all the rest of their lives.

Most, if not all Masons will agree that the events that happened just after their knocks at the outer door of a Masonic lodge changed them forever. Why not state the plain fact that once more, when they begin to sit down and see their first degree in the Scottish Rite, that the same thing happens? Let this sink in and longevity will not be a problem.

So many drop out after a few years when they see not much action or encouragement from the meetings they attend. Life’s pressures and the ease of making more time in their life by reducing the number of meetings they go to or reducing finances makes choices like this a real “no-brainer.”

If they see for themselves, or have the thought presented to them for consideration, maybe we will not see such a drop in retention. Just a thought. So much of what we do (those who stay around and find a niche within structure) is found because of this lifestyle. Yet, I have not seen it presented or considered like this before. We need men to join. We need men to stay when they do join. How do we increase the number of years they stay active and feel they are a valuable part of all we do? Let them know all they do here, translates easily into the outside world.

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44th Reunion Class
The Daniel G Taylor, 33° Memorial Class
May 7th – 10th, 2014

Weds., May 7, 2014 – Children’s Hospital Colorado

Candidates and invited guests only

6:30 PM – Welcome
6:35 PM – Dr. Deborah Hayes
6:45 PM – Rite Care Film
6:55 PM – Tours
7:15 PM - Dinner
7:45 PM – Introductions/Prologue

Thurs., May 8, 2014 – Denver Consistory

7:30 AM – Registration
8:00 AM – Welcome and Introductions
8:15 AM – **Exemplify 4°** – James C Bobick, 33°
8:55 AM – Introduce Grand Master and his officers
GRAND MASTER’S ADDRESS
9:15 AM – Classroom Instruction
9:35 AM – **Exemplify 5°** – E Michael Connely, 33°
10:10 AM – **BREAK**
10:25 AM – **Exemplify 6°** – L Bryant Harris, 32°
KCCH
10:40 AM – **Exemplify 7°** – Bruce A Evans, 32° KCCH
11:00 AM – Classroom Instruction
11:15 AM - **Exemplify 8°** – Robbie Leach, 32°
11:40 AM – **LUNCH**
12: 35 PM –Class Reconvenes
12:40 PM – Communicate 9° & 10°
Michael Tims, 32° KCCH
12:50 PM – Communicate 11°
David Peterson, 32° KCCH
12:55 PM – **Exemplify 12°**
Bobby Juchem, 32° KCCH
1:20 PM – Secretary’s Presentation
COMMITTEE PRESENTATIONS
1:50 PM – Doc Powell, 33°, Costumes
Wes Campbell, 33°, Makeup
Don Marshall, 33°, Audio/Video
Walt Martin, 33°, Stage/Properties
2:20 PM – **BREAK**
2:30 PM – Shrine Presentation
Phil Hause, Illustrious Potentate
2:35 PM – Communicate 13°, Randy Penn, 32° KCCH
2:40 PM – **Exemplify 14°** – Helmut Fritz, 32° KCCH
3:40 PM – Communicate 15°
Robin Knox, 32° KCCH

Thurs., May 8, 2014 (continued)

3:50 PM – Communicate 16° – Karl Koenig, 32° KCCH
3:55 PM – Classroom Instruction
4:20 PM – **Exemplify 17°** – Thomas Gaffney, 32°
5:00 PM – **ADJOURN**

Fri., May 9, 2014 – Denver Consistory

8:30 AM – Class Convenes
9:00 AM – **Exemplify 18°** – 1st & 2nd Sections,
Danny D. Will, 32°
9:35 AM – Classroom Instruction
9:45 AM – **Exemplify 18°** – 3rd Section
Danny D. Will, 32°
10:20 AM – Knights of St Andrew Presentation
Darren Klinefelter, 32°
10:30 AM – Classroom Instruction
10:40 AM – **BREAK**
10:50 AM – **Exemplify 19°** - DJ Cox, 33°
11:25 AM - Communicate 20° - Jerral Danford, 32°
KCCH
11:35 AM – Communicate 21° - Wayne G. Arner, 33°
11:45 AM – **LUNCH**
12:40 PM – Class reconvenes
12:45 PM – **Exemplify 25°** – Ricky Haskell, 32°
1:05 PM – **Exemplify 26°** – Duke O’Neil, 32°
1:30 PM – Mentor Program – Danny D Will, 32°
1:35 PM – Communicate 23° - Theo Jones, 32°
1:40 PM – Communicate 24°
Aaron J. Klostermeyer, 32° KCCH
1:45 PM – **Exemplify 27°** - Norman Wright, 33°
2:40 PM – Classroom Instruction
2:55 PM – **BREAK**
3:10 PM – **Exemplify 28°** - Grover Sardeson, 33°
4:10 PM – **22° Obligation and Instruction**
Scott Anderson, 32° KCCH
4:20 PM – **BREAK**
6:00 PM – **DINNER**
6:50 PM – Awards – 50 Year Presentations
7:15 PM – **Exemplify 22° (Open to Public)**
John Buchanan, 33° and Marv Feldman, 33°
8:15 PM - **ADJOURN**

We should clearly state that all we show them is universal and timely; ideas and principles that will not only change them, but all who come in contact with them afterwards. What they learn (and all we have to give them) is not just “head knowledge” or a higher plain of Masonic thought - it is what will make them and their life better.

One part of me clearly says, if a Mason comes in, learns our life lessons, applies them to his changed life and then leaves after a few years, I feel our mission is done. But the rest of me sees that together, we can do so much more.

Our Scottish Rite is a way of life. It includes charity, brotherly love, knowledge, philosophy, service. Once started, it will never leave the Brother the same.

44th REUNION SCHEDULE - continued

Saturday, May 10, 2014 – Denver Consistory

- 8:30 AM – Class Convenes
- 8:40 AM – **Class Address by SGIG and Class Picture**
- 9:40 AM – Classroom Instruction
- 9:50 AM – Communicate 29° - Kent B Burns, 32°
- 10:00 AM – **Exemplify 30°, 1st Apartment**
Bruce Lawlor, 32°
- 10:18 AM – **Exemplify 30°, 2nd Apartment**
Dave King, 32°
- 10:33 AM – **Exemplify 30°, 3rd Apartment**
Jack White, 32° KCCH
- 10:48 AM – **BREAK**
- 11:05 AM – Classroom Instruction
- 11:20 AM – **Exemplify 30°, 4th Apartment**
M. Ed Johnson, 33°
- 11:45 AM – **LUNCH**
- 12:40 PM – Class Reconvenes
- 12:45 PM – **Exemplify 31°** - Joe E Kier, 33°
- 1:35 PM – Classroom Instruction
- 2:00 PM – **Exemplify 32°, 1st Section**
John H Buchanan, 33°
- 2:48 PM – Classroom Instruction
- 2:58 PM – **BREAK**
- 3:15 PM – **Exemplify 32°, 2nd Section**
John H Buchanan, 33°
- 4:12 PM – Closing Ceremony
- 4:30 PM - **ADJOURN**

The lessons the class is to learn soon follow, beginning with the obligation and ending with them being declared Perfect Elu’s.

Now we have a one paragraph synopsis of this degree ... a synopsis that just scratches the surface of what the 14° is about. In that paragraph, you do not see the actors and all the memory work and practices; in that synopsis, you do not see the elaborate costuming and props and audio visual or the music, - all of which is used to make this exemplification a memorable and learning experience.

It is interesting to note that in the Northern Jurisdiction, this Degree is called “14° Grand Elect Mason.” In the Scottish Rite, this degree is the summit of Ancient Craft Masonry. As the crowning degree of the Lodge of Perfection, its essence is the Holiness of God and reverence for his Holy name. “God will not hold him guiltless that taketh His name in vain.”

I would challenge you all to come to the Reunions and see if your assumptions and perceptions have changed. You’ll be glad you did.

Adlai Ewing Stevenson once said: “We travel together, passengers on a little space ship, dependent on its vulnerable reserves of air and soil; all committed for our safety to its security and peace; preserved from annihilation only by the care, the work, and, I will say, the love we give our fragile craft.”

Our fragile craft, Indeed!

(Writer’s Note: This is the second Degree to be profiled in the Rite Works and Newsletter where Information has come from a variety of sources. Please let RiteWorks Editor Bill Hickey, 32° KCCH or myself know if we are on the right track with these profiles



From the Secretary's
Desk ...

Bill Klatil, 33°

What you might have missed this month at the Consistory:



Knights of Saint Andrews Presentation – The KSA presented a most generous monetary gift to the Scottish Rite Masonic Center and the Scottish Rite Foundation at Monday's stated meeting. Illustrious Brother Jay Bobick and Illustrious Brother Vern Ingraham, GC, were both in attendance to receive these donations as presented by the Venerable Master of the KSA, Darren Klinefelter on behalf of the Knights.



Remembrance and Renewal – The March stated meeting was our annual Remembrance and Renewal celebration. Our Rose Croix officer line did a wonderful job with this year's ceremony. We lost 151 members to the Grand Architect in 2013. It always gives us pause to think about the brothers that have gone before us and how special each one was.

Blue Lodge Posting – Saturday, April 5th at 9:00 am will begin a program of assisting the Blue Lodges with a posting session. We hope to be able to format a training package to teach Entered Apprentices, Fellows of Craft, and Master Masons their degree work. If you have never been through the teaching part of posting, we would like to invite you to attend and participate to gain experience through this process. If you know an Entered Apprentice standing on this degree, encourage him to attend. It is important to support our Blue Lodges and our newest Masons.



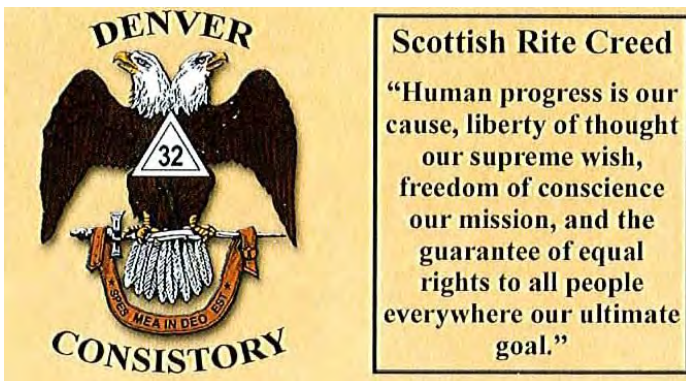
Calling Committee – Saturday, April 19th at 9:00 am at the Consistory. Be part of a dedicated group of brothers gathering to reach out to our membership to see how "they are doing". Many great stories are obtained by this process. When was the last time someone asked how you were doing and meant it?

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9Health Fair - Saturday, April 26th will be our turn to host the 9Health Fair in our area of Denver. If you have not previously attended, this event has plenty of stuff to do. Any and all help is solicited. Please contact the Consistory Office at 303-861-4261 or Brother Bill Hickey at wa3h@hotmail.com for details. Just another way that Scottish Rite Masons give back to the community. Also a great way to check your own health. Be a participant, volunteer, or both.

Past Presiding Officers Recognition – Monday, April 21st will be our next stated communication. At this meeting we will honor our past presiding officers. Pork Chops are on the menu. Also, this will be the last stated meeting before our Spring Reunion. If you know brothers that have an interest in our degrees, now is the time to acquire a petition.

As you can see, there is a lot of activity at your Consistory. Be a part of it! If we are missing the mark, let us hear from you.



I’ve learned that people will forget what you SAID, people will forget what you DID, but people will never forget how you made them FEEL.

- Maya Angelou

Not all stones are building stones.

- Lebanese proverb



KNIGHTS OF SAINT ANDREW

DARREN R. KLINEFELTER 32°
VENERABLE MASTER

Greetings from the Scottish East!

Brethren, as the newly installed Venerable Master of the Denver Chapter of the Society of the Knights of Saint Andrew I wish you well! Brethren, the Knights of Saint Andrew have an exciting year planned and we sincerely hope that you can be a part of it.

We plan to do things a bit differently this year, by adding a bit more substance to our meetings and featuring some education at each of them. Our stated meeting in April (April 7th, 6:30pm) will feature WB Tim Hogan presenting a lecture on Templar Connections to Freemasonry. While this is certainly apropos to the Knights of Saint Andrew, we welcome Masons of all degrees, and prospects, to join us during our meetings, which are held on the first Monday of each month, at 6:30pm. Our meetings are always open to the public, so if you want to give someone a wee taste of the Scottish Rite, then bring them down to one of our stated meetings.

In addition to the focus of Masonic Education this year, we will also resume our semi-annual Cathedral Preservation work days at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center. Our beautiful Cathedral is in need of constant care, so please donate a few hours of your valuable time to help us keep it beautiful. Our next Work Day is on April 12th, at 8am (RSVP to Darren.Klinefelter@gmail.com). We hope to see you there.

Brethren, we have a lot of excitement developing around the Consistory this year and we want you to be a part of it. Pitch in anywhere that you can and feel good about being a Scottish Rite Mason.



2014 SUPREME COUNCIL REGIONAL WORKSHOP MARCH 14 & 15 - PORTLAND, OR

Denver Consistory was represented at the recent Regional Workshop in Portland by the Senior and Junior Wardens of each line, our two Fellows for this year - Brother Darren Klinefelter, 32° (current Venerable Master of the Knights of St. Andrew), and Brother Keith Anderson, 32° (current Minister of State for the Denver Consistory Line). As you can see from the photographs, we were also accompanied by our senior leadership - our SGIG Steve Munsinger, Doc Powell, Steve Hubbard, and Bill Klátil as well.

Unlike previous years, when the Supreme Council representatives would bring “solutions” to the conference for our problems, this year they decided to present the attendees with the problems, some questions to deliberate, and then break it down into about 10 focus groups where we could discuss our local situations and collaborate on potential solutions.

Because there are THREE regional workshops, we will not get a comprehensive report from Supreme until the final workshop in Williamsburg, VA is concluded on April 12th. They will be taking all the best ideas from the three workshops and distilling them into recommendations for all the valleys and orients to review.

They realize that there is NO “one size fits all” solution to our membership retention and acquisition problems - because size matters, and we have many geographic distribution issues that impact on which methods you can use to approach the problem and how successful they will be.

SGC Ron Seale intentionally did NOT moderate these sessions - preferring instead to mingle in the various groups at random to LISTEN. The sessions were overseen by Grand LCDR Jim Cole - who introduced the various keynote speakers and summarized the results in a group discussion after each session.

The first forum focused on how to make members FEEL like part of the fraternity and making the reunion “experience” a memorable one. The second forum examined Membership retention, using effective communications to prevent NPD’s, and how to find our “lost sheep”. The final forum asked the question: Mandatory degrees - A good idea then, Good Now? We also addressed how to properly put on the degrees, Masonic Education, and what tools we need for continuing the extended engagement of brothers.

At the very end, before we were dismissed to return home, SGC Seale spoke eloquently about the need for us to get down to the grass roots level to address this membership and retention problem to strengthen the Scottish Rite for the future.

He summarized what we need to do in a very short and succinct statement saying: “EVERY one of our Brothers needs to be LOVED. They need to be WANTED. And, they want to be NEEDED.

It is no more difficult than that philosophy there brothers. If we can find a way to make sure that those three essential aspects of our craft are met, we will succeed in our endeavors to bring new brothers into the Scottish Rite AND we will also bring back those brothers we have lost over the years for whatever reasons.



“Brotherhood is the very price and condition of man’s survival.”

General Carlos P. Romulo, President of the 4th Session of the U.N. General Assembly (1949-1950)



LOOKING FOR HELP

By John Warren, 33°



When RiteWorks Editor Bill Hickey, 32° KCCH initially talked to me about the Degree Profiles for the two Consistory publications and indicated a need for someone to write them, I said I would, knowing that I had already researched and downloaded information on the 14° and 18° some time ago. I hope they have been interesting and informative to the Consistory members.

All of us have busy lives. We are all active in several Masonic groups, have jobs and families, and sometimes have personal and medical situations, all of which takes a big bite out of our day.

Frankly put, *I need some help*, most likely from the Degree Directors. If you will do some of the research on your Degree and get it to me, I can continue writing the articles, giving YOU the byline. I do have some very early morning time free for this. Of course, you have the option of writing the article yourself.

Please understand that the Rite Works is published twelve times a year and the Newsletter only four times a year, so it will be a while before all of the Degrees have been profiled.

I would hate for these profiles to cease because none of us has time to do the necessary research. I am not going anywhere, but just need some help with this program. Contact me at the Consistory (I seem to be there a lot) or call me and let's talk.

Pierre Teilhard de Chardin said: "It is our duty as men and women to proceed as though the limits of our abilities do not exist."

CONSISTORY's Health Fair: Saturday, April 26, 2014

Volunteers please arrive from 6am to 6:30am to register and get breakfast before the fair opens at 7am. We'll be having lunch for volunteers afterward, so we'll need a head count if you plan to stay.

This is 9HealthFair's 35th year and the Consistory's 20th year providing free and low-cost health screenings to the public.

During those twenty years, we have provided screenings for over 3200 participants, serving a high of 320 in 1997 and a low of 112 in 1994 - our first year offering a fair. For a number of years, another fair was also hosted down at St. John's Cathedral just a few blocks away, usually on the same weekend. A couple of years ago, Saint John's Cathedral decided to stop participating in the fairs which leaves the Consistory and the Visiting Nurses Association down the road on Grant as the remaining neighborhood sites for a fair. This year, the Visiting Nurses Association will be helping us with medical personnel, and they will hold their own small fair after the main fair period to pick up stragglers.

Thanks to each and every one of our members and their friends and families who have supported the 9 Health Fairs over the years. It's fair to say that the Denver Consistory has made a significant impact on the community by hosting these fairs over the years.

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APRIL 2014

Special Birthdays

90 years old

Mark W. King, Jr.
Lewis H. Seago
Robert L. Ullery

80 years old

Victor N. Adelgren
Wayne R. Bray
Charles T. Brown
John S. Carlisle
Joseph E. Ross
Jimmie Stewart
Jackie F. Wade
James B. Warner

70 years old

Robert N. Boehmer
Donald E. Kneebone

60 years old

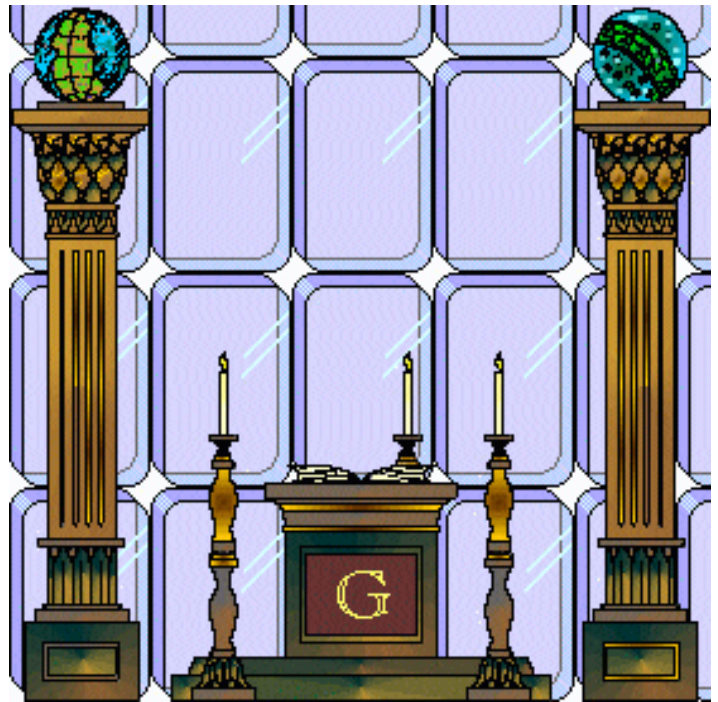
Robby L. Clapper
Jay A. Siegel
Victor L. Turner

50 years old

Dooley J. Gehr
Robert R. P. Jones
Mark A. Short

40 years old

Jaymie L. Vaughn



THE PRELATE'S PULPIT

By James H. Harris, 32° KCCH

I am ready for a new season, especially Spring. Flowers are peeking up from the ground and the grass is greening. I was watching two sparrows playing fly 'n' seek. They are either madly in love or really ticked off at each other. They built a tiny nest in my aspen tree. God's private urban renewal program is happening. God pushes back the gate and in marches March to the cadence of the Conductor's command. Happens every year. Enter: renewal. Exit: doubt. Hello hope, goodbye despair. This spring, another reunion will bring new life to men seeking more light. We will bring the chance for better health to many persons with our Health Fair. Supreme Architect, we need a gracious nudging! Stir us from our slumber. Bring back the color. Add a little shower now and then to clean things up. Blow away those threatening clouds with your sweet, gentle breezes so we can see the mountains of challenge that make us want to climb higher.

"O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever."

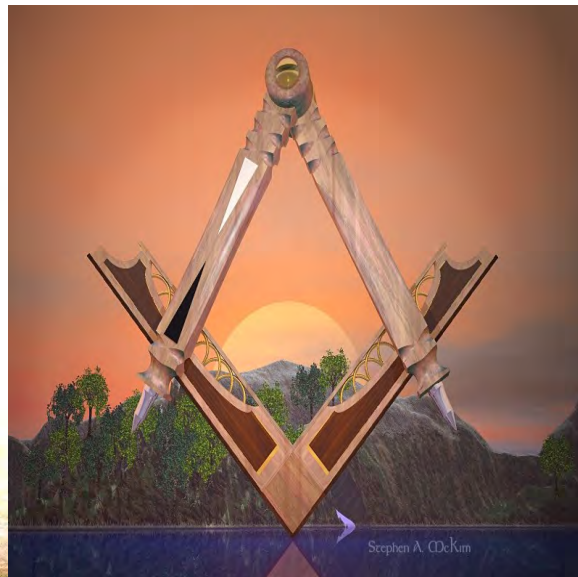
- Psalm 136:1



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Robert Joseph Maxwell, 32°	12/17/2013
Reuben Fred Miller, 32°	03/08/2014
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APRIL 5, 2014
9:00 AM

BLUE LODGE POSTING

ENTERED APPRENTICE DEGREE

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Special points of interest:

- Posting on the Entered Apprentice Degree
- Insight into the catechisms of the degree
- Instruction on different posting methods
- Central meeting place
- Invitation to all Lodges to attend
- Masons standing on all degrees encouraged to attend

The Scottish Rite in Denver is here to help

At the last Grand Lodge Session it was pointed out that many new masons are not progressing in their work. We are not sure of the reason but we are offering a possible solution. Our plan is to set up posting sessions at the Consistory, three sessions throughout the year on Saturday mornings. Our thinking is that most lodges meet on different weeknights. Tim Hogan and others will review the posting catechism, and explain possible meanings behind each line. Each session will be designated to address a different degree. The goals are to assist with memorizing, retention, and understanding the significance behind why we memorize. We are offering an alternative to the approach of saying "because that is always the way we have done it!". We encourage any Master Mason to attend these sessions, that it may provide an avenue to gain tools to go back to your lodges and help post newer brothers. We anticipate that these sessions will each last two to three hours in length. This will give us plenty of time to get through the catechism of the

particular degree, explain possible theories as to why the answers are the way they are, and also answer any questions regarding it. This can be done either in the classroom or the auditorium, depending on the number of attendees. We would like everyone to know about this program to make sure it is widely advertised to all lodges at least a month in advance for each session. Brothers who are EA's or above are encouraged to come to the EA session, FC's or above could come to the FC session, and MM's or above could come to the MM session. As was previously stated, Master Masons are encouraged to come, but especially those who are in charge of posting from their respective lodges. It is hoped that they can take notes and return to their lodges to implement positive changes in their approach. We are exploring the idea to gather a general printed response explanation that we may provide to Master Masons in attendance, with the approval of Grand Lodge. The goal is that the new brothers will understand the



education behind it and want to commit it to memory, thereby investing themselves further, and consequently aid in retention. Of course we are open to ideas related to the process. We think it best that rather than putting together a team of Scottish Rite Masons who are willing to visit lodges and do posting in them, that we instead have training sessions at the Consistory. This will give new brothers exposure to the Scottish Rite and will hopefully inspire them to be fully engage in Masonry.





"Let There Be Light"

Saturday, April 19, 2014

"Let There Be Light"

Denver Consistory
1370 Grant Street
Denver, CO 80203
Parking at Logan and 14th
Behind the Consistory

Four 15 Minute Presentations

Selected speakers communicating their passions!

For Details
Phone: 303-861-4261
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The program begins at 8:30 am in the dining room (on the lower level) with coffee and bagels.

At 9:00 am the speakers begin their presentations.

Four fifteen minute thought provoking talks with the goal of providing information to enrich your

life. After the presentations, we will have a question and answer period.



Who is invited?
The Masonic Family,
friends and neighbors.



SCOTTISH RITE REUNIONS 2014

PETITIONS NEEDED

SPRING REUNION

May 8, 9, 10

The 46th Reunion is coming, the exemplified degrees are:

4	5	6	7	8
12	14	17	18	19
22	25	26	27	28
30	31	32		



2013 FALL REUNION CLASS



I JUST WANTED A LITTLE OFF THE TOP!



18° CAST GETTING READY FOR THE FINISH

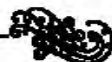
FALL REUNION NOVEMBER 13, 14, 15

THE DEGREES TO BE EXEMPLIFIED ARE:

TBD

**BE PART OF THE EXCITEMENT
THAT COMES TO THE CONSISTORY
TWICE A YEAR!**

First line signer incentive program. Each new petition, with the candidates completion of the degrees, will enable the first line signer to be eligible for dues payment for a year or stated meeting dinners for a year. **But wait, there's more!** Each qualified first line signer will be eligible for free meals during the reunion.





The Denver Consistory Choirs Presents a Musical Play

The Carpenter's Workshop

A one-act play based on the carpenters on Mount Lebanon,
who furnished the timbers and fine wood work for
King Solomon's Temple.

Friday May 9, 2014 at 7:00 pm

Denver Consistory Auditorium

1370 Grant St.

Denver, CO.

Open to invited guests – Free Admission

The action is set in a carpenter's shop on the slopes of Mount Lebanon. A highborn Prussian Knight enters and seeks the title of Prince of Libanus. He supported his petition with a tale of noble birth and of high rank. But the claim on these grounds is rejected. He is told that he must first forego his title and rank and personally earn the reward he seeks through work in the carpenter shop.

There will be a dinner at 6:00pm. Guest \$15.00. Free to Candidates and First Line Signers.

Reservations for dinner are required to insure adequate servings no later than Monday, May 5th (Checks payable to the Denver Consistory) at denverconsistory@denverconsistory.org or call 303-861-4261.



Celebrating THE Craft

OFFICIAL NAME: Celebrating the Craft or CTC for short
DATE: Saturday, May 17, 2014 || **EVENT RUNTIME:** 6 p.m.–Midnight (EDT)

DONATION SHARING

1. 50% to Scottish Rite Philanthropies in the donor's Orient as decided by his SGIG/Deputy
2. 50% will go to the House of the Temple Historic Preservation Foundation, Inc.

Donations can be collected and/or made for CTC 2014 in advance, but we encourage participants to call in or make their donation online the night of the live program.

PURPOSE OF CTC

1. To support the Rebuilding the Temple Campaign
2. To unite Brethren across the Southern Jurisdiction, highlight their vast talents and accomplishments, and to celebrate our membership and how this Fraternity has enriched their lives

WHAT THE SHOW WILL FEATURE

- Video footage from the House of the Temple
- Masonic scholars, leaders, and celebrities
- 18 Winners from our Scottish Rite Has Talent Contest
- Content featuring local Valleys and their members

WHO TO CONTACT WITH QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS

Development Office
developmentoffice@scottishrite.org
1-866-448-3773

WAYS FOR MEMBERS TO GET INVOLVED

- Watch the live show which will broadcast through a link on our website.
- Spread the word and talk about the show with Brothers, family, and friends.
- Submit a video to us that says, "I love the Scottish Rite because..." (less than 30 sec.)
- Participate in Scottish Rite Has Talent (Details Below).
- Hold a party or other event coinciding with CTC.
 - Use CTC as part of your Valley's programming, as a new member tool, as a way to garner interest for the Scottish Rite with potential members, or as a way to showcase the Fraternity.
 - Pair food with watching the show and host a BBQ, potluck dinner, buffet, or other meal while enjoying CTC.
- Plan to have your Valley Skype in LIVE during CTC (contact the Development Office).

MORE ABOUT SCOTTISH RITE HAS TALENT

We started this contest last year to support CTC. Last year, we only accepted video submissions featuring musical talents. We chose twelve winners. The winners performed live during CTC and were featured online and in the Scottish Rite Journal

- **THIS YEAR** we are hosting the contest again but this time, we will be accepting video submissions featuring musical talents and other appropriate talents including, but not limited to, comedic routines, magical acts, or live art.
 - Talents must be able to be performed in a small space as the live set and space for performers for CTC is limited in size.
- Video submission details can be found at [insert webpage here]
- Videos must be no longer than 5-minutes.
- Twelve musical talent entries will be chosen as winners. Six other talent entries will also be chosen as winners. There will be a total of **eighteen chosen winners**.
- **The eighteen winners** will be invited to the House of the Temple to perform live during CTC 2014. They will provide their transportation to DC, but the Supreme Council will cover their lodging and dining expenses.
- DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS MARCH 1, 2013, 11:59 EST.

WHERE TO GO ONLINE FOR INFORMATION

General Information about CTC <http://scottishrite.org/development/giving/celebrate/>
Scottish Rite Has Talent <http://scottishrite.org/development/giving/celebrate/talent/>
Video Entry/Submission <http://scottishrite.org/development/giving/celebrate/enter-a-video-submission-for-scottish-rite-has-talent/>