



A Vision for 2007

by Darrell L. Tygart Sr. 33°, Secretary of the Denver Consistory Bodies



I thought I would take the opportunity for this newsletter to outline our plans and “vision” for 2007 at the Denver Consistory. I would first like to commend and recognize the work of our various Consistory Committees who labor tirelessly and diligently throughout the year, for the good of the

fraternity as well as the good of each and every one of its members. You cannot appreciate all of the work that they do! I could simply not do my job without them and I profoundly thank them.

The physical appearance of the facility will look and feel differently in 2007. The north room has been renovated with new carpet and paint and returned to its originally designed purpose of a Lodge Room. This renovation was financed by the brethren of East Denver Lodge #160, who will now call this room and this facility “home.” We welcome them and invite you to look at the room itself. We have adorned it with period furniture and the room is beautiful and functioning now as it was originally intended then.

The south room is now completed and will serve as the Ladies Activity Room; the Classroom during Reunions; and the Community Room for the 9 Health Fair and similar functions. The various musical groups of the Denver Consistory will also use this room for their practices. There is a large and modern Women’s Restroom in this space and it is our hope that the Ladies will see these improvements as our sincere gesture of appreciation for all that they do.

The installation of air conditioning for the older parts of the facility will begin after the first of the year. The goal at this time is to have this on line and working by the middle of April. This will allow for functional testing and adjustments to the system prior to our hosting of the Scottish Rite Regional Reunion in May. A thorough cleaning of the building and the carpets will happen after these projects are done. The yard repairs and rock garden projects are completed and we are all anxious to see the new plants come up in the spring!

We have our schedule in place for 2007 and you can review this entire document on our website, which is being upgraded and improved as I write this article. You can access this website by entering <http://www.denverconsistory.org> and selecting “Schedule.” My thanks to Brother and friend Bob Omer for his newly volunteered labor to upgrade this site. Look for continued improvements throughout the year!

I would like to highlight but a few of these events and give you some history and logic as to their planning. January 6th will be the day for our mandatory officers’ breakfast meeting and practice for Installation. This is a week earlier than in the past and is intended to avoid a conflict with El Jebel who has their similar mandatory function on the 13th. There has been a sincere effort to make these plans after communicating with various other organizations and to avoid conflict where possible. This has been a source of continued concern of our members and we are attempting to answer those concerns.

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2007 Denver Consistory Schedule

January

Mon. - January 1st Consistory closed

observance of New Year's Day

Sat. - January 6th

8:00 AM - All Officers

Breakfast and Installation practice

Mon. - January 15th

Stated Meeting

Mezzanine business meeting

5:30PM

Dinner

6:00PM

Chicken Marsala

with Fettuccini

Mixed Vegetables

Tossed green salad

Cheese Cake w/Strawberry sauce

Rolls-Coffee-Tea-etc.

Annual Installation of Officers 7:00PM

Parking garage available

RESERVATIONS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY

at 303-861-4261 before 12:00 P.M., Wed., January 10, 2007

Sat. - January 20th

8:00 AM - Masonic

Information Meeting

Fri./ Sat. January 26th & 27th

Grand Lodge Sessions

(January 26th Consistory closed)

February

Sat. - February 3rd

Robert Burns Dinner at

El Jebel Shrine Center

Mon. - February 19

Stated Meeting

Mezzanine business meeting

5:30PM

Dinner

6:00PM

London Broil

Roasted Red Potatoes

Buttered Baby Carrots

Mixed green salad

Cherry Pie

Rolls - Coffee--Tea--etc.

RESERVATIONS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY

at 303-861-4261 before 12:00 P.M., Wednesday, February 14, 2007

Entertainment

7:00 PM

Parking garage available

March

Mon. - March 19th

Stated Meeting

Mezzanine business meeting

5:30PM

Dinner

6:00PM

Past Presiding Officers recognition 7:00 PM

Celebration of Remembrance and Renewal

5-Minute oration by Rocky Mountain Chapter of Rose Croix

Orator

Parking garage available

May

Wed./Thurs./Fri./Sat.

Scottish Rite Regional

May 16th - 19th

Reunion

Parking garage available

Calendar of Events

At all Consistory functions, children 12 and under are complimentary.

Vegetarian plates available at all functions upon request with reservations.

All lunches are \$10.00 donation per plate

All Dinners are \$15.00 donation per plate

**LUNCH SERVED EVERY FRIDAY AT NOON
WITH THE 1ST FRIDAY RESERVED FOR FRIED
CHICKEN**



Denver Consistory Ladies

by Angel Tygart

Happy New Year to you all! I hope your holidays were filled with joy and that you enjoyed good food, family and friends. I am proud to report that the Widow's Luncheon was a complete success with 70 Ladies in attendance, who were excited to have the Honormen serve them their meal! December was a very busy month at the Denver Consistory which included decorating the building, finishing and wrapping presents and the children's Christmas party, which was well attended in spite of the bad weather! Over 400 toys were given to the children!

The upcoming year will be a busy one, focusing on events that will be sure to improve the ladies interest and participation. This will include the creation of new sewing projects that the Hospital Staff has asked us for. It would be great to see all of you at the public installation of the Consistory Officers for 2007 to be held on Monday, January 15, 2007. As always, Heidi and I appreciate your comments and suggestions. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Angel Tygart

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Membership

By Jim Preston, 33°

It isn't too early to think of new members for the upcoming special six state reunion. Let's set a recruitment example that will be unsurpassed for years to come. Let your imagination inspire you to reach out to a brother and share this part of the Masonic family.

Now a word about "vision". Vision is the best manifestation of creative imagination and primary motivation of human action. It's the ability to see beyond our present reality, to

create, to invent what does not yet exist, to become what we not yet are! It gives us capacity to live out our imagination instead of memory. Masons tend to live on a memory! As we live, love and learn with great meaning in our lives, we begin to realize that perhaps the most important legacy we can leave is vision.

Contribute to the next class and envision what a great success it can be. Share the experience with a worthy brother.

Make the phone calls, get together with your prospects and ask the question one on one. Will you come get your "Masters Degree" in Masonry?

After all "Membership is a contact support."

~ In Memoriam ~

Brother	Died
Donald E Amidon Sr, 32°	9/28/2006
Joseph B Boyd, 32°	9/1/2006
Howard C Brown, 32°	11/5/2006
Frank E Bruso, 32°	11/9/2006
Charles J Burtner, 32°	3/1/1999
Jack G. Chaet, 32°	11/9/2006
A B Chapman, 32°	/21/2006
Kenneth E Doran, 32°	7/6/2006
Eric C Driskell, 32°	10/2/2006
Brice C Driskill, 32°	10/2/2006
Thomas A Easterling, 32°	2/14/2005
Sherman G Finesilver, 33°	10/12/2006
Thomas J Florea, 32°	10/23/2006
Phillip P Franssen, 32°	11/28/2006
Albert J Gilker Jr, 32°	/24/2006
Lloyd I Gray, 32°	10/14/2006
Merlin D Howard, 32°	6/28/2006
Harold M. Husted, Jr, 32°	10/27/2006
Raymond H Kahler, 32°	6/1/2006
Oliver G Kofoed, 32°	8/29/2006
Clarence J Krieger, 32°	11/1/2006
Melvin R Krumtum, 32°	10/6/2006
George D Landers, 32°	8/5/2006
Alton W Moore, 32°	9/24/2006
Donald G Morrison, 32°	8/5/2006
Leonard S Phelps, 32°	10/1/2005
Roberts B Pond, 33°	10/20/2006
Paul W Ratz, 32°	11/27/2006
George W Raymer, 32°	9/23/2006
Fred J Runyan Jr, 32°	10/7/2006
Victor L Sacks, 32°	10/22/2006
Richard Q Scott, 32°	6/15/2006
William H Senior, 32°	6/13/2006
Gerald O Shoemaker, 32°	8/11/2006
William R Snyder, 32°	8/1/2006
Wayne V Steele, 32°	6/5/2006
Kenneth G Thomason, 32°	5/19/2005
Wallace A Uphouse, 32°	10/24/2005
Duane Q Webb, 32°	10/10/2006
Ben L Wilburn, 32°	9/25/2006
Glenn D Zuege, 32°	10/1/2006

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On January 20th, the Denver Consistory will host a breakfast and informative meeting for Symbolic Lodge Officers and Members. This meeting is specifically directed to assisting Blue Lodges with membership recruitment, retention and mentoring. This is an informal presentation hosted specifically by our Membership Committee and will be very informative. Breakfast will be served in the Dining Room at 8:30 a.m. followed by the presentation; and all are invited to attend. Please call the Consistory office at 303-861-4261 for reservations.

In our own work to ensure membership retention, we have learned that a number of the brethren are unable to attend meetings because they don't drive at night. Our April Stated Communication is going to be moved to Saturday, April 14th, and will be an open "Family Meeting" that will begin with a dinner/lunch served at 12:00 noon. What will follow are those brief parts of our normal meetings that don't require a "tiled lodge" followed by a Fashion Show. This is not your typical fashion show however. We are going to make a presentation of the costumes used in each of the degrees of the Reunion followed by the "Forest Scene" of the 22nd degree. None of the actual degree or esoteric work will be presented but rather an informal presentation of each of our degrees that would be suitable for your families and prospective members alike. It will not be a long afternoon and the members can enjoy the entire meeting with their families rather than separating to different parts of the building. It is my sincere hope that we will get as many of our brethren who cannot travel at night to attend as possible.

The big news for May is obviously our Regional Reunion which is set to kick off on Wednesday evening, May 16th. The plans for now call on us to be done with degree work at around 5:30 p.m. with a Reunion Banquet planned for Saturday, May 19th at 6:00 p.m.

We have planned the Shrimp Boil for June 23rd in hope of attracting more participation. You will recall that we had to cancel the event for September 2006 as there was only minimal participation by the members. I hope that by moving it from the busy month of September to June will tempt more members to attend.

The historic Joint Biennial Session with the Southern and Northern Jurisdictions meeting concurrently will occur from August 26th through August 28th in Washington, D.C. Because of the earlier dates of the Biennial Sessions we will hold our Honors Conferrals and Investitures on Saturday, September 29th. The Ceremonies will be conducted at the Denver Consistory with the Banquet being held at the Red Lion Hotel Denver Central located at 4040 Quebec Street. This venue has been chosen as the brethren who would like to leave earlier or stay later can all be accommodated as there is no necessity to move everyone as a group on busses. We have also reserved a block of rooms for those who may have traveled from outside the metro area and would not like to drive home late in the evening.

The 2006 Joint Oktoberfest held at El Jebel was entirely successful and we will repeat this event on October 13th. We have already reserved the upstairs Ballroom and the German Band for the 2007 celebration. This will be a bigger and better event than even last year's party!

Big change for our Fall Reunion! The event will be a four day Reunion occurring on Friday, November 9th; Saturday, November 10th; Friday November 16th; and Saturday November 17th. This comes from several specific recommendations received from members of our last couple of Reunions and will help with the "stretched resources" we endure with a three and a half day event. The degree work for this Reunion will also end at 5:30 p.m. The benefits are shortened days without shortened work (adding the fourth day) and by not preparing evening meals we can save some budget resources.

This is but an overview of only a few of our events and we will keep the brethren updated with any adjustments or changes that may occur throughout the year. Some of these ideas are new and are being tried for the first time to see if we can stimulate some new interest and participation. If they are not successful then we will continue to try and improve to the satisfaction of our membership, to the extent that it is possible. I am personally very excited by the new members we have added to our fraternity, the new found enthusiasm, and particularly the labors of such wonderful committees, councils, actors, workers, volunteers, and members alike!

As always, if you have any comment or concern, please feel free to call or stop by the Consistory Offices and discuss them. Or just stop by to say Hi and to enjoy a cup of coffee! Happy New Year to you and to those close to you.

Officer Karl Dinkel

by Darrell L. Tygart Sr. 33°



Police Officer Karl Dinkel of the Henderson, Nevada Police Department was recently recognized by Crime Stoppers of Nevada for his actions on the job. Karl is the son of proud parents Bob and Peggy Dinkel and both father and son are members of the Denver Consistory.

Karl received credible information that several students were planning on bringing guns to school and were going to "shoot up the school." Karl conducted an investigation, identified the students and forwarded his information to Detectives. His commendation reads "Due to Officer Dinkel's quick response he was able to stop the incident from occurring and gave some relief to concerned parents."

We congratulate this fine young officer and Scottish Rite Mason! We are all certainly in good company.

Kids and Their Speech Therapists

- A Partnership of Caring and Learning

By Vernon B. Ingraham, 33°

Kids have for making us loved. helping through our clinics, our hospitals, the Daughters Impaired Endowment Fund), or assistance, love in the meaningful of never fail to cease to give those professional care givers who make it all happen.



a keen ability feel needed and Whether we're children Scottish Rite Shriner's Job's Hearing Kids Fund (HIKE other forms of we return this most ways. And we remember or them praise -

The accompanying photo is of Brian and his sister, Lore. On December 2, 2006, Brian gave us a card which says "Dear Scottish Rite Foundation, I want to thank you for making it possible for me to have therapy at Children's Hospital. Speech therapy when I was little and the learning therapy that I am doing now have helped me so much. My little sister also took speech therapy. Thank you so much!"

A mom wrote us saying, "Allison, our daughter's speech and language pathologist, is just wonderful. She is dedicated, energetic, and resourceful. Our daughter was often resistant because she was ashamed that she was considered to be in need of speech therapy. If Allison had not been so gentle, positive, compassionate, and tactful we seriously doubt that our daughter would have worked so hard at speech therapy."

Dale, a 13-year-old in speech therapy said, "My speech therapy is going really well. I think my speech therapist deserves a raise."

These are just samples of the many expressions of thanks and support which we receive all the time. And we at the Foundation want to say thank you to all our many supporters and friends, both within the fraternity and outside in the community, for your generosity and support. It's all "For a Child's Sake."

There will be a meeting of the Scottish Rite Research Society on Friday, February 2, 2007. The meeting will be held in the library at the Consistory at 7:00 pm.



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This note from **Jim Lear, 32° KCCH**: Wanted to make you aware that I have been elected and installed as Worshipful Master of Ivanhoe Lodge, #446 A.F. & A.M. in Kansas City, MO. I have been a member of Ivanhoe for 52 years. I consider it a privilege to serve as Worshipful Master for the ensuing Masonic year. I continue to miss attending the Denver Consistory....*if it ain't broke, don't fix it: if it is broke, blame the person closest to you....* **Wally Moffett, 32°** attended his Navy ship reunion in Nevada, during September....a note from **Dennis Harris, 33°**"still in Texas, waiting for December 7, when we will take a cruise down the west coast of Mexico, then thru the Panama Canal"*If you must choose between two evils, pick the one you've never tried before....* **Glen Smiley, 32°**, his wife Joyce, son Boyd and his fiancée, returned from an eight day trip to China. They saw the terra-cotta warriors, Forbidden Palace, the Great Wall....*if you look like your Passport photo, you probably need the trip badly....* **John Johnson, 33°** reports all is well with him....following a climb of two 14teeners, to support the Freemasons helping people, **Del Militaire, 33°**, and **Bill Carpenter, 32°** had a 21 day trip down the Grand Canyon in a wooden dory....(not in some distant foreign place as was reported in the last issue)....**LeRoy Van Auken, 32°** (who can still wear his WWII Army uniform) fell on slippery ice recently and broke a bone in his back....**Rick Frohlick, 32° KCCH**, and Linda recently bought a motor home, and tried it out on a cross country excursion. All went well, and was enjoyable. His report was, 8mpg. Tank holds 100 gal....*thought for the day.. "never be afraid to try something new. Remember that one amateur built the Ark. A large group of professionals built the Titanic"*.... **Marvin Feldman, 33°** reports that he really enjoyed his walk all over England during the Masonic trip recently.

We need your "happenings" for this column. Your Brethren are interested. Send to the addresses listed at the start of this column.

THE LONE RANGER, FREEMASONRY, and TEXAS RANGER ETHICS

By James A. Marples,
Life Member, Nebraska College, M.S.R.I.C.F.

In this technological age of the 21st Century, it is difficult for young people to relate to the fewer communication and entertainment avenues of the early 20th Century. Back then, it was Radio which provided news, programming and entertainment. Before television made it possible to convey images, radio-listeners had to create their own mental picture to blend-in and enhance the messages that they heard. Successful radio programs had to use correct language, as well as clear & vivid depictions to keep listeners spellbound. In Detroit, Michigan, a man named George W. Trendle, in 1933, over radio station WXYZ, created a radio program. He wanted it to appeal to youth, yet be interesting and exciting for adults, too. The setting of the Old West in America provided an interesting theme in which to portray the hardships of the pioneers. Those hardships were deepened by burdens imposed by bad luck, bad choices, and bad men. As with any big problem, everyone looks for 'something' or 'someone' to help lift that burden and help make things right. As you might suppose, the hero would rescue the situation and happiness would prevail.

The program, which began on radio, was eventually brought to television. That is where my first recollections of it began.

The character would exhibit genuine virtue, honor, valor, wisdom, compassion and respect for Law. The person in this leading role would be a true gentleman, who sets a good example of clean living and clean speech. He would walk uprightly and promote Justice without regard for personal gain. He would come to the rescue when needed, and he wouldn't be afraid to enlist the help of his faithful companion or a group of citizens to work in concert with him in bringing order out of chaos. Restoring the community's peace and harmony was his overriding concern.

This character had a past history as a lawman ...as a Texas Ranger. He was shot down in an ambush, along with five other Texas Rangers. As he lay near death, an American Indian named "Tonto" comes across the scene and observes that one Ranger was still breathing, and brings him water and nurses him back to health. Around the Ranger's neck was a necklace bearing an symbol that Tonto had given a young white boy years earlier. Tonto says: "You are kemo-sabe." (a Pottawatomie Indian word meaning "trustworthy scout" or "faithful friend"). The Ranger vaguely remembers his childhood nickname. He remembers Tonto and their memories of youth. The Ranger, John Reid sees his brother (a fellow Texas Ranger) Dan Reid among the five dead Rangers. Together, Tonto and the Ranger dig six graves to make it appear to the outlaws that there were no survivors. As the sole

survivor, Tonto makes the astute pronouncement to his friend: "You the Lone Ranger, now."

Before burying his fellow Texas Rangers, the surviving Ranger cut a strip of black fabric from his brother Dan's vest and fashioned it into a mask to put across his face to conceal his identity. As "The Lone Ranger", he vowed: First, to bring to Justice the members of the Cavendish Gang who did the dastardly deed. And Second, to help bring Law and Order to the rugged American Frontier as well as a level of stability to its citizenry. The Lone Ranger had his trusty horse, Silver ... and Tonto had a beautiful paint horse named Scout.

I can almost hear the sounds of the 'Cavalry Charge' finale of Gioacchino Rossini's William Tell Overture ... and the booming baritone voice of the announcer, who said:

"A fiery horse with the speed of light, a cloud of dust, and a hearty 'Heigh-Yo, Silver !!' The Lone Ranger. 'Heigh-Yo, Silver, away!!' With his faithful Indian companion Tonto, the daring and resourceful masked rider of the plains led the fight for law and order in the early West. Return with us now to those thrilling days of yesteryear. The Lone Ranger rides again."

Like many people, I would classify "The Lone Ranger" as a true American hero a larger-than-life personality, worthy of emulation. Growing up, I knew several men who, if wrapped-up-together, would embody most of The Lone Ranger's admirable traits. Upon reaching adulthood and soon thereafter joining Masonry, I can see many of those desirable virtues inculcated in the various Masonic degrees.

It is no co-incidence that Freemasonry helped influence the law enforcement agency, the Texas Rangers. It was Bro. Stephen F. Austin, a Mason, who had the fervent wish to organize a group of hardy men to protect his new colony (which later became Texas). In 1823, Bro. Austin referred to that group as Rangers, because of their duties compelling them to 'range' over the entire vast area.. This select group gave rise to what is called now "Texas Rangers". Furthermore, many notable early Texas Rangers were Masons, including Jack Hays, John B. Jones, (who later became the presiding officer of Royal Arch Masonry in Texas) L.H. McNelly, James Gillett, and George W. Baylor (among many others). One of the most dynamic Texas Rangers of the 20th Century was Manuel Trazazas Gonzauillas. His career as a Texas Ranger was notable for his patrolling of the East Texas Oil Fields, near Kilgore, Texas. He was known by the nickname "Lone Wolf Gonzauillas", and he was the only Texas Ranger then of Spanish descent. He was also a Mason. Bro. Gonzauillas was involved in the control of gambling, bootlegging, bank robbery, riots, prostitution, narcotic trafficking, and general lawlessness from the Red River to the Rio Grande and from El Paso to the Sabine River during the 1920s and 1930s.

In September 2006, I was pleased to have Barry K. Caver, Captain of Texas Rangers - Company "E" tell me: "There was a time that most, if not all Texas Rangers, were Masons; however, I do not know their level of involvement."

The battle of "Good" winning over "Evil"; and the struggle from 'adversity and despair' to 'triumph and joy' is a hallmark of real-life adventures that have been memorialized by both works of fiction and non-fiction. In pioneer days, horses were the principal means of transportation. Having a good horse often meant the difference between life and death for not only Texas Rangers, but ordinary citizens as well.

Animals, as well as humans, sometimes experienced adversity. The Lone Ranger and Tonto saved a big white horse from being gored to death by a buffalo. The Lone Ranger and Tonto nursed it back to health, and eventually set it free. The horse later followed them back to camp and The Lone Ranger adopted it, and it became his trusty steed "Silver".

The Lone Ranger's bullets were made by a retired Texas Ranger in an old silver mine. The silver bullets were to remind the Ranger of how expensive it is to shoot at a man. And, conversely, how valuable every person's life is. The Lone Ranger would always shoot to wound --- never to kill.

As a Masonic Rosicrucian, I am reminded of the virtues of the element SILVER. It is not only a precious metal used in monetary exchanges as currency ---- it also has healing properties. I am reminded that pioneers moving west often put silver coins in their water barrels to keep them clean as a bactericide and algacide. Silver is also used today in pharmaceuticals.

The Lone Ranger put on the mask so he could not be identified. This served a two-fold purpose: So he could not be easily recognized by the outlaws who sought to kill him initially. Secondly, any good deeds he would perform later would be done purely for the love of country and the pursuit of justice. Anonymity gives a person a stronger backbone of self-discipline if it is apparent the donor will receive nothing in return. Many Masonic Halls in olden days would have wooden boxes placed in aisles, lobbies, hallways or in rooms adjacent to the Lodge room for members to donate Alms and other money to be directed to the poor. Any selfish person will make a donation if they can brag & boast about it, but it takes a truly selfless person who really cares to contribute in private.

The Lone Ranger rode over a vast amount of territory which included the Great Plains and several rivers, streams, distant mountains and the occasional canyon. When I was growing up in Kansas, I was amazed to learn that parts of the current States of KANSAS, COLORADO, NEW MEXICO, OKLAHOMA, and even a bit of WYOMING were once part of the Republic of Texas. In that context, it is easy to envision a former Texas Ranger riding the diverse types of terrain which what was then ONE REGION. And, Kansas has a Pottawatomie Indian Reservation. Sometimes works of fiction are based on more reality than a person might imagine.

For The Lone Ranger and Tonto, friendships were solid and life-long. Masonry likewise inspires solid, lifelong friendships. Fr. Christian Rosenkreutz, the founder of the Rosicrucian Society had members go out in the world in pairs. He felt that by going out in the world Two-by-two would

provide more safety and security than a sole individual dealing with life's struggles alone. Furthermore, life's lessons are often better understood when you have someone by your side to help you see how it has affected them, too. Courage doesn't develop instantly. Moral courage goes beyond personal courage or bravery. Moral courage must be cultivated and re-enforced. Freemasonry instills an honorable Code of Conduct. Many early Texas Rangers being Masons themselves adopted a code of ethics or integrity that lives on today. The white lambskin apron is an emblem of innocence and the badge of a Mason. The 5-pointed Star-within-a-wheel design is the badge of a Texas Ranger, and the badges are generally made from old Mexican five-peso silver coins. Early Rangers sometimes lacked an "official" badge for various reasons: insufficient salary, no real need to display it to Indians or Mexicans, or no need of displaying such a tempting target on one's chest. However, the Masonic influence on the 5-pointed Lone Star has been evident from the beginning. In 1844, George K. Teulon, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the Republic of Texas, addressing a gathering of Masons in Portland, Maine, said: "*Texas is emphatically a Masonic Country. Our national emblem, the 'Lone Star' was chosen from the emblems selected by Freemasonry, to illustrate the moral virtues--- it is a five-pointed star, and alludes to the five points of fellowship.*" Badges are nice to have, but we all must strive to aspire to the duties and qualifications that our 'badge' represents.

Along with personal courage comes personal sacrifice. The Lone Ranger had his own blood spilled during the ambush in the pursuit of Justice. His brother (a fellow Ranger) died in the same pursuit of Justice. Having already taken an Oath as a Ranger, he vowed another promise: to continue acting in the interests of Justice. All of us (as Master Masons) have taken an honorable obligation in the Lodge. And as Masonic Rosicrucians, we have made additional promises to seek further knowledge and continue our honorable and laudable work in the interests of the betterment of all mankind. By making our additional obligations, we have shown that we are willing to personally sacrifice a little more, in order that our Society make a positive difference in this world.

By remembering those thrilling days of yesteryear and learning from this grand old story of The Lone Ranger..... may we all be inspired to "carry-on" and base our actions on the same degree of excellence in ethics. Retaining and displaying a high level of ethics is often difficult to do in today's world. Moral courage often comes via emulation of the honorable men who have gone before us. We may not hear the 'Cavalry Charge' from 'The William Tell Overture' ... but each of us need to respond to the call to people in need. And, we should do so in a manner worthy of the next generation wanting to emulate us!!!!

<p>Correction to the Number 0 article in last issue: The concept of "0" was not introduced into Europe in the 19th (nineteenth) Century, but in the 9th (ninth) Century.</p>

Mile versus Kilometer

by Brian House, 32°

Most of us were taught in school that English linear measurement is based upon custom or tradition. That is to say a “yard” was based on the distance between Henry the First’s nose and his thumb at the end of his outstretched arm, etc. The kilometer, we were told, is much more rational and scientific because it is based on the unit “10”. But the real science may lie with the mile.

If we represent the earth’s surface as a circle and then place a cross in the middle, we have four quadrants. If each quadrant is then divided into 10,000,000 units, each one of those lengths equals a meter. This is how a meter was established in the late 18th Century during the “Age of Reason” by French scientists. 1/10,000,000 of a quadrant of the earth’s surface measured at the poles equals a meter (the equator is slightly larger).

Now take the English measurement, the Pole, which is 198 inches. We were told this was the length of a certain wooden pole. This is one of many units of measure not much used these days, such as rod, furlong, doomsday league, etc. There are 320 Poles in a mile.

If we take a circle with a circumference (or distance around) of one Pole (198”) and measure its diameter (or distance across) we have 63”. Now take a circle (representing the circumference of the earth) and place a sacred 5-point star (pentacle) in the center so that we have 5 equal divisions of the earth’s surface. Next, place 5,000,000 Pole diameters (63”) in each of the 5 units.

With the metric system we multiply 10,000,000 times the 4 quadrants and we arrive at a circumference of the earth equal to 40,000,000 meters. With the English system, we multiply the 5,000,000 Pole diameters by 5 units to arrive at 40,003,905 meters. NASA calculates the circumference of the earth at 40,007,476 meters. The English system, based upon a “folk tradition” has half the margin of error of the “scientific” meter. This cannot be a random measurement based upon an arbitrary “folk” system.

The English system was used in Medieval France and Denmark in establishing sacred building sites. It is also based on the same unit used in the Jewish Sacred Cubit and the Ancient Egyptian Royal Cubit.

In conclusion, the English mile is based upon an ancient system of measurement used by Master Masons (the initiated). The Ancient Master Masons must also have known the earth was round, not flat. Their measurement turned out to be more accurate than the “Age of Reason” scientists’ calculations.

The Pole does not in all probability mean a certain wooden pole, but instead the measurement of the circumference of the earth at the pole.

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