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Section I ORGANIZATION

ALLEGIANCE

The bodies of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, sitting in the Valley of Denver, Orient of Colorado, acknowledge and Yield allegiance to the **Supreme Council** (Mother Council of the World) of the Inspector General, Knights Commander of the House of the Temple of Solomon of the Thirty-third degree of the Ancient Scottish Rite of Freemasonry For the Southern Jurisdiction of The United States of America.



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Section II CALENDAR

2008 Denver Consistory Schedule

March

Mon - March 17 Stated Meeting 5:30 PM – Red Room Business Meeting

6:00 PM – Dinner

Corned Beef & Cabbage Boiled Potatoes & Carrots

Spinach Salad w/Balsamic Vinegar Dressing

Rolls and butter Cheesecake

RESERVATIONS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY

at 303-861-4261 before12:00 p.m. , Friday, March 14, 2008

7:00 PM – Past Presiding Officers recognition and Celebration of Remembrance and Renewal

- 5 minute oration by Centennial Lodge of Perfection Orator

PARKING GARAGE AVAILABLE

Fri - March 21 Consistory closed for Good Friday

<u>April</u>

Sat - April 19 9 Health Fair 7 AM – Noon

Mon – April 21 Stated Meeting 5:30 PM – Red Room Business Meeting

6:00 PM - Dinner

Sliced Ham

Scalloped Potatoes

Asparagus Fruit Salad Rolls and butter Chocolate Mouse

RESERVATIONS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY

at 303-861-4261 before12:00 p.m., Friday, April 18, 2008

7:00 PM – Entertainment
PARKING GARAGE AVAILABLE

Scottish Rite Regional Reunion III - Santa Fe, NM

Fri - Sat - SunApril 25 - 27

<u>May</u>

Fri – Sat, Leadership Conference – Seattle May 2 & 3 Spring Reunion – 32nd consecutive Thurs –Fri – Sat May 8 - 10PARKING GARAGE AVAILABLE Sat – May 17 Ladies & Widows Lunch 11:30 - 1:00PM PARKING GARAGE AVAILABLE Mon - May 19**Stated Meeting** 5:30 PM – Red Room Business Meeting 6:00 PM – Dinner 7:00 PM – Entertainment: 5 minute oration by Rocky Mountain Chapter of Rose Croix Orator PARKING GARAGE AVAILABLE Mon - May 26Consistory closed for Memorial Day June Sat – June 7 6:00 PM – Shrimp Boil PARKING GARAGE AVAILABLE Mon – June 16 **Stated Meeting** 5:30 PM – Red Room Business Meeting 6:00 PM – Dinner 7:00 PM – Entertainment: <u>Hawaiian Shirt Night</u> 5 minute oration by Colorado Council of **Kadosh Orator** PARKING GARAGE AVAILABLE July Fri – July 4 Consistory closed for observance of Independence Day Committee Chairmen, Officers and Wives Picnic Sat – July 12 <u>August</u> Wed – Aug 20 Officers Meeting 6:00 PM

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Consistory closed for Labor Day

Mon – Sept 1

September

Mon – Sept 15	Stated Meeting Parking	5:30 PM – Red Room Business Meeting 6:00 PM – Dinner 7:00 PM – Entertainment: Sports Team Shirt Night Scottish Rite Foundation Program and 5 minute oration by Denver Consistory Minister of State		
<u>October</u>				
Sat – Oct 18	5:00 PM – Oktoberfest at El Jebel Shrine Center			
Mon – Oct 20	Stated Meeting PARKIN	5:30 PM – Red Room Business Meeting 6:00 PM – Dinner 7:00 PM – Entertainment: Feast of Tishri Observance IG GARAGE AVAILABLE		
		November		
Fri- Sat Nov 14 – 15	Fall Reunion - 33 rd consecutive PARKING GARAGE AVAILABLE			
Mon – Nov 17	Stated Meeting PARKIN	5:30 PM – Red Room Business Meeting 6:00 PM – Dinner 7:00 PM – Entertainment: Veterans Recognition Program IG GARAGE AVAILABLE		
Sat – Nov 22	Consistory Decorating Party 9:00 AM – ? All members, officers and wives are invited			
Thurs – Fri Nov 27 & 28	Consistory closed for Thanksgiving Day			
NOV 27 & 28		<u>December</u>		
Sat – Dec 6	Scottish Rite Foundation 10:00 AM – ? & Consistory Children's Christmas Party PARKING GARAGE AVAILABLE			
Mon – Dec 15	Stated Meeting Parking	5:30 PM – Red Room Business Meeting 6:00 PM – Dinner 7:00 PM – Entertainment Annual Election of Officers GGARAGE AVAILABLE		
Thurs – Fri Dec 25 & 26	Consistory closed for Christi	mas observance		

Section III REMEMBRANCE

~In Memoriam~

Kermit Franklyn Borst, 32° February 10, 2008

Ralph Curtis Ellis, 32° KCCH January 4, 2008

Robert Alan Flick, 32° January 5, 2008

Burdette James Gleason, 32° December 18, 2007

Robert Julian Holland, 32° January 4, 2008

Robert Blaine Holt, 32° December 16, 2007

George William Jackson, 32° December 11, 2007

Harold Lloyd Johnson, 32° December 27, 2007

John Hatting Mc Cusker, 32° January 2, 2008

George Earl Murphy, 32° January 10, 2008

Coyle Harris O'Neal, 32° December 13, 2007

Eugene Esrey Petersen, 32° January 6, 2008

Edward Leroy Peterson, 32° January 6, 2008

William Leslie Simpson, 32° December 18, 2007

Richard Follett Spear, 32° January 2, 2008

Averill Lee Turner, 32° KCCH January 1, 2008

Section IV

AROUND THE CONSISTORY

From the Secretary's Desk



by Darrell L. Tygart Sr. 33°

We are now well into the 2008 Scottish Rite Masonic Year and find ourselves hard at work. We are currently restructuring the Membership Committee which finds itself with a whole new host of responsibilities. Improvements and additional duties are being assigned to the Blue Lodge Ambassadors Program and to the Mentors Program. It is important to remember that mentoring of a newly made Scottish Rite Mason begins the day his petition is turned in for processing. Retention is one of the biggest problems facing all of Masonry today and we need to seriously address how we interact with our brethren. We can never stop the biological clock that takes our members from us but if we had simply held on to those brothers who were suspended or demitted in the past twenty years, our Bodies would be twice the number we are today. Look for a lot of emphasis to be given to both retention and mentoring this year.

Under the broad responsibilities of the Membership Committee are two additional areas of labor that should help with retention. We are researching the history of the Scottish Rite, both in the world and in Colorado. We are also writing a brief synopsis of the meaning and purpose of each of our twenty nine degrees and both of these efforts will be combined to educate the Blue Lodge Ambassadors, who, along with help from additional volunteers, will become a Speakers Bureau available to give presentations to various groups.

Another project that was begun last year continues this year with even greater motivation. We are attempting to display as many historical artifacts and pictures around the Consistory that we can find. What we are missing are pictures of events from the Rocky Mountain Consistory located at 18th and Sherman. We are asking all of the brethren that if you have old photographs, class pictures, or artifacts from either of the Consistories' and would like to donate them for their historical value, we would very much welcome this gift!

We would like to welcome Ron Birely as the Assistant Director General who replaces Matt Raia. Matt has assumed some major responsibilities with the F.B.I. National Academy Alumni Association that necessitated his retirement from the Degree Council. Matt did a phenomenal job and his labors will be missed.

For those who attended the February Stated meeting you enjoyed a historical presentation of the Symbolic Lodge Chamber of Reflection as is commonly used in Europe. This next month's talk will be a presentation on a part of Albert Pike's life. It is our goal to have some piece of education and history at each of our stated communications. We want to make these meetings as interesting as we can and welcome any suggestions or input you might have regarding any subject you might have an interest in.

A good thought for today is that "The world is too dangerous for anything but truth and too small for anything but love." We live for brotherly love, relief, and truth! It is who we are.

Burns Night 2008



by John W. Gay II, 32°, KCCH

Hope you didn't miss February 2nd, 6:00 p.m. at the Shrine. What a spectacular party event! Fun, fun and more fun was had by all.

Lots of WOW's! Why? A wonderful evening of fellowship with guests and brothers of Masonry. Good food by the Celtic Caterer, Eric McBride, 32°; superb scotch whiskey acquired by Trey Perrin, 32°, KCCH and donated by Stranahan's Colorado Whiskey; great music during dinner by violinist John Trainor, 32°, KCCH; excellent toast to the Haggis, Lads and especially to the Lasses by William Hickey, 32°; exceptional vocal entertainment by Derek Evilsizor, comments made by many that Derek's performance alone was well worth the price of the dinner; uplifting Consistory and Shrine Pipes and Drums lead by Alex MacIntosh, 32° KCCH; Golden Comments by L. Bryant Harris, 32°, David Swift, 32°, KCCH, Rick Haskell, 32° and Host, John Gay, 32°, KCCH. A special thank you went to Shannon and the Shrine Oasis for their generous assistance and also to Darrell Tygart, 33° of the Consistory.

In summary – an exciting and delightful night was had by all! Looking forward to seeing you at the next WOW and FUN party; Burns Night 2009!



KNIGHTS of ST. ANDREW

by William Hickey 32°, Secretary, Denver Knights of St. Andrew

So, you didn't make it to the annual Burns' Night Supper this year. Too bad. You really missed a great evening. In addition to the normal ceremonies, we had a Sinatra impersonator singing during our meal, and most people not only understood the words but remembered most of the songs. The traditional toasts to the lassies and lads were fun and actually humorous (they're supposed to be), and you didn't even HAVE to eat Haggis...but you could. We had a little over 100 people at this year's event, and all of them seemed to enjoy themselves. We were even treated to a complimentary sampling of some Colorado Whiskey - made right in Downtown Denver by Stranahan's Distillery ... and, it was a pleasant surprise for those who tried it.

So, WHY do we have a Burns' Night in the first place? Well, Robert Burns is not just known as Scotland's Bard, but also as the Poet Laureate of Freemasonry. Many of his poems have masonic connections. Thus, following in the longstanding Scottish tradition, the Knights of St. Andrew celebrate the anniversary of the birth of this great Mason and poet with a dinner, entertainment, and ceremony that reminds us all of our rich and longstanding tradition.

Up next on the calendar for the Knights - and for the Consistory in general - is the 9Health Fair on Saturday, April 19th. If you would like to participate as a non-medical volunteer at this year's fair, please contact Bill Hickey, who will coordinate our general volunteers. If you are a medical professional and would like to participate, you can give Bill your name and he'll make sure that you get sent to the correct person as soon as possible. Bill's home phone is (303) 494-0384 (leave a voice mail). If you prefer, you can drop an email at wahickey@earthlink.net. There are plenty of jobs to go around.

Hope to see you all at the health fair.

Denver Consistory Ladies

March Newsletter



Here comes March with Daylight Savings Time beginning March 9th (Spring Forward); St. Patrick's Day and the Denver Consistory Meeting on March 17th; and Easter on March 23rd. At the Denver Consistory Ladies (DCL) Meeting on the 17th we will launch our new project for Rite Care. Our plan is to provide a small tote bag or knapsack with a gift inside to give to a child when they attend their first therapy session with an audiologist at Children's Hospital or one of its clinics. Although the Audiology Department works with children of all ages, and we want to furnish some bags for each age group, the majority of children are in the 3-year old range. We'd appreciate your suggestions on items to put in a bag for a 3-year old.

Another event you might want to include in your March calendar is the 82nd annual Easter Sunrise Service at the El Jebel Shrine on Sunday, March 23rd. The service starts at 6:25 a.m. After the service and the El Jebel Shrine Band's rendition of the "Easter Parade", breakfast will be served. Tickets for the breakfast are \$8.00. So get up early, put on your Easter bonnet and come—you can always sneak a nap later in the day.

April brings Passover on the 19th, Denver Consistory Meeting on the 21st, and Administrative Professional Day on the 23rd (formerly known as Secretary's Day). It's a good day to recognize the people who work in the Denver Consistory Office and thank them for answering our calls and coordinating all the Consistory's activities.

At our April meeting we will plan a program for your enjoyment. We have had someone respond to our request to help with a "Sunshine Committee" to send cards to ladies who are ill or need our thoughts and prayers. If you know someone that we should send a card to, please contact the Consistory Office with the information. Please note in the newsletter schedule that the Ladies Luncheon will be held Saturday, May 17th. We are going to honor the Widows at the Ladies Luncheon this year.

Enjoy the spring sunshine and snow! See you at Consistory.



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Jack Stubbs, 32° KCCH, and Anita will celebrate their 65th Anniversary on May 9, 2008....life is simpler when you plow around the stump....Zebulon Montgomery Pike, 32°, former Shrine Band member and great, to the 3rd power, grandson of the famous explorer Pike, was spotted at the funeral of **Harold Johnson**, 32°, former Drum Major of the Shrine Band...you cannot UNSAY a cruel word....among the ill, Barry Watson, 32°, Charlie Crow, 32°, Tom Keffler, 33°, LeRoy Van Auken, 32°, Harvey Bowser, 33°, and Charlie Shaeffer, (no "c") 33°, the Consistory Organist, and Dave Schweitzer, 32°....words that soak into your ears are whispered - not yelled....the Credentials Committee for the culmination of the 2007 Masonic year, was Bill Lloyd, 32°, Glen Smiley, 32°, Paul McCabe, 33°, Bob Beeson, 33°, Gerald Teter, 33°, Jerry Baker, 32°, KCCH, Harry Lindstrom, 33°, and Bill Klatil, 33°....good judgment comes from experience, and a lot that comes from bad judgment....Marvin Feldman, 33°, has retired as Grand Musician, after many years.... live a good, honorable life. Then when you get older, and think back, you'll enjoy it a second time....also, John Buchanan, 33°, has retired as Grand Lecturer....John Trainer, 32°, KCCH, has been appointed Grand Musician...the biggest troublemaker you'll ever have to deal with, watches you from the mirror every morning....Don Phelps, 32°, KCCH, sang the vocals with the True Blue Band, at the Potentate's Ball in February...if you think you are a person of some influence, try ordering somebody else's dog to obey...has anyone heard from Jim Lear, 33°, John Johnson, 33°, or Mike Kelly, 33°?....The 2008 Masonic Band Camp is now taking applications of students, and donations for their schooling. Contact Marvin Feldman, 33°, 303-771-2889 for additional information.

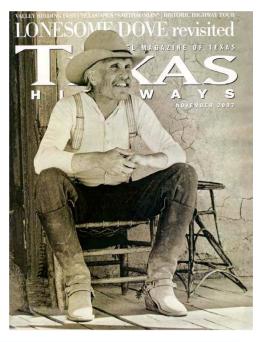
we need your "happenings" for this column. Your Brethren are interested. Send to the addresses listed at the start of this column.

Section V FEATURE ARTICLE

Who was the real Augustus McCrae?

Augustus McCrae, one of the main characters in the Pulitzer Prize winning novel <u>Lonesome Dove</u> by Larry McMurtry, was, according to the author, a fictional character. In his book and the movie by the same name, McMurtry follows the adventures of Captain Augustus "Gus" McCrae (played by Robert Duval) and Captain Woodrow F. Call (played by Tommy Lee Jones), two famous ex-Texas Rangers who run the *Hat Creek Cattle Company and Livery Emporium* in the small dusty Texas border town of Lonesome Dove.

While McMurtry states that McCrae and Call were not modeled after historical characters, there are quite a few similarities between them and real-life Texas cattlemen Oliver Loving and Charles Goodnight. For example, Goodnight was a Texas Ranger, and there are several close parallels between the fictional partners of McCrae and Call,



and the real-life partners of Loving and Goodnight. But the most striking similarity is the death and burial of the fictional Gus, and the actual last days of Oliver Loving. Both died on a cattle drive from gangrene brought on by a wound inflicted by an Indian. Before they died, both requested of their best friend to be buried in Texas, and both Goodnight and Call made good on a difficult promise to return their bodies to their home, Texas.

Oliver Loving (December 4, 1812 – September 25, 1867) was born in Hopkins County, Kentucky. When he was a boy, his family moved to Muhlenburg County where he farmed until he, his brother, and his brother-in-law moved their families to the Republic of Texas. In Texas, Loving received 639.3 acres of land in three patents spread through Collin, Dallas, and Parker county.

By 1857, Loving owned 1,000 acres of land and was raising cattle. The need for cattle was elsewhere, so to market his large herd, Loving drove them out of Texas. In that same year he entrusted his



nineteen-year-old son, William, to drive his and his neighbors' cattle to Illinois up the Shawnee Trail. The drives made a profit of \$36 per head and encouraged Loving to repeat the trek the next year.

In 1866 Loving heard about the need for cattle at Fort Sumner, New Mexico, Loving gathered a herd of cattle and combined it with that of Charles Goodnight. Together they began a long drive to the fort. Their route later became known as the Goodnight-Loving Trail, and the project proved very profitable to them.

In the spring of 1867, Loving and Goodnight started a new cattle drive, again to Ft. Sumner. This drive was "snake bit" from the start; it was slowed by days of heavy rains, and threats from

Indians all along the way kept the cattlemen on constant guard. Several days out of Ft. Sumner, Loving went ahead of the herd, taking with him Bill Wilson, a trusted scout. Although he told Goodnight that he would travel only at night through Indian country, Loving became impatient and pushed ahead during the day. His actions brought a Comanche attack, and during the first few minutes of the attack, Loving was seriously wounded.

Loving and Wilson took refuge under a small dirt embankment, and killed several Indians who tried to charge their location. Understanding that their best chance for survival was for one of them to get help, Loving sent Wilson back to the herd for the others.

Loving spent the next several days fighting off Indian attacks with a repeating rifle and five pistols. Hungry, almost out of ammo, and facing exhaustion from loss of blood, Loving decided to come out and take his chances. He found that the Indians had moved on, either giving up on him, or thinking he was dead. He started walking, and was found by a Mexican family and taken to Fort Sumner. The doctor at Ft. Sumner was inexperienced, and although the wound to Loving's arm was infected, he chose not to amputate until it was too late. Gangrene set in and Loving was dying.

Goodnight learned of Loving's plight and hurried to Ft. Sumner. Before Loving died, Goodnight assured him that his wish to be buried in Texas would be carried out. Oliver Loving was buried at Fort Sumner while Goodnight drove the herd on to Colorado, and upon Goodnight's returned, Loving's body was exhumed and carried back to Texas. Stories differ as to who accompanied the body back to Weatherford, but likely it was escorted by both Goodnight and Loving's son, Joseph.

Oliver Loving was reburied in Greenwood Cemetery in Weatherford, Texas, on March 4, 1868. As a member of Phoenix Masonic Lodge No. 275, it is said that he was "buried with Masonic Honors". Likely, he received a Masonic funeral. Surely, it was attended by his Masonic brother, Charles Goodnight, who was also a member of Phoenix Lodge #275.

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An article on Charles Goodnight, by Bro.

Dexter Sammons, published in the Transactions of the Texas Lodge of Research, states: "Even though Goodnight and Loving were partners and brother Masons, there is no record that hey ever had the opportunity to attend lodge together."

Oliver Loving was honest, very well liked, and considered by all to be the "Dean of the cattle drive in Texas". He was inducted into the National Cowboy Hall of Fame in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Loving County, Texas and Loving, New Mexico, are named in his honor.

There are simply too many parallels in the lives of Oliver Loving and Charles Goodnight, and the fictional lives of Gus and Woodrow, to write it off as coincidence. If the character of Gus

wasn't based on the life of Loving, and the character of Woodrow wasn't based on Goodnight, then those pigs can fly.

- Compiled from The Handbook of Texas Online, Wikipedia, and with assistance from the Grand Lodge of Texas Library and Museum, Waco Texas. Written by Dick Brown, Chairman, Grand Lodge of Texas History Committee and Lonesome Dove fan.

Masonic Tidbits

Why Blue?

All know that fundamental Masonry, properly known as Symbolic Masonry, consists of three degrees: Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason. Collectively they are called the Blue Lodge. The question asked is why. Symbolically the one answer is short. Blue represents the dome of heaven from which comes that which is sought truth. To a Mason it means friendship and benevolence. It was held a sacred color among the Jews and it bordered the garments of the priesthood. To the Chinese it represented the union of the sexes and thus the fatherhood of God. With the Egyptians it was the distinguishing color of their principal god. The Hindus garbed their deity in this color. Even the Druids revered it as a symbol of truth. To the midage Christians it meant immortality. With this background in practice and tradition it was but natural that early Masons adopted it as the first appropriate color for their ceremonial garments. Hence the "Blue Lodge."

This was taken from the December 1946 issue of the Rocky Mountain Consistory bulletin and was written by E.R.M. whoever he was.

Section VI SCOTTISH RITE FOUNDATION

Pint's Pub

is proud to present as part of the Scottish Tartan Day Celebration a benefit fundraiser for

The Masonic Scottish Rite Foundation's Children's Hospital Program for Speech Therapy

the 6th Annual Single Malt Scotch Whisky Tasting and Dinner

WHERE: Pint's Pub

221 West 13th Avenue, Denver

(On 13th Avenue between Bannock and Cherokee Streets)

WHEN: Sunday, April 6, 2008

TIME: 4:00

COST: \$50.00 per person

Includes several great single malt Scotch whiskies, a delicious light buffet, the best haggis sampling in town, and an authentic and outstanding bangers and mash dinner!

Because of limited space, designated drivers and non-whisky drinkers are welcome to participate for the full \$50.00 cost. This will entitle them to soft drinks and/or any other standard bar drinks and the entire food and door prize offering. There will be a charge for any other alcoholic beverages.

Several great door prizes will be awarded including a stay at Glen Eyrie Castle!

Reservations are required and seating is limited. Send your check to Ken McIntosh, 8989 W. 14th Avenue, #405-South, Lakewood, CO 80215

made out to Pint's Pub by March 31st

Call 303-234-0469 with any questions.



Exploring a tradition one dram at a time!





WHAT WE DID IN 2007

Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado 1370 Grant Street Denver, Colorado 80203-2347 303-861-2410 www.scottishritefoundation.org

The Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado completed 54 years of service in 2007

- \$25.4 million was spent on speech-language services between 1953 and 2007 \$1.4 million in 2007.
- 21 Colorado communities were served by RiteCare Clinics/Centers operated by 11 RiteCare partners - University of Colorado at Boulder becoming a new partner in 2007.
- ▶ 13,113 children have been served to date.



RECORD NUMBER OF CHILDREN SERVED IN 2007

1,133 children received speech-language help

Denver & North/Northeast 652 Children

Colorado Springs & South/Southeast 118 Children

Grand Junction & West/Southwest 363 Children

Donors are making this work possible - Helping Children Communicate

- Gifts in 2007 totaled \$937,000.
- Eight external agency organizations gave more than \$135,000 in 2007.
- ▶ 170 individuals gave more than \$26,000 during the SGIG's 2007 Annual Appeal.
- Legacy Partners bequeathed \$556,000 in 2007 through estate planning 40% of Foundation support over the past 8 years (\$2.6 million) has come from loving friends who, following their passing, want to continue to help future generations of children succeed in life.

1.7% OVERHEAD RATE 2007 Program Administration The Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado is a 501(c)(3) public charity, managed by a 7-member Board of Trustees. The Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Colorado - Honorable Stephen M. Munsinger, 33° - serves as its President and Chief Executive Officer.

