

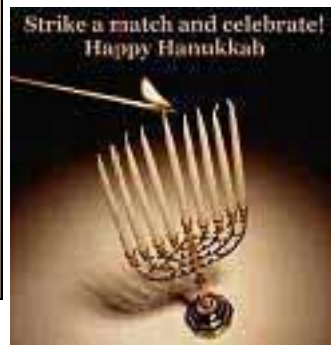
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Wishing You A Very Merry Christmas

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REMEMBRANCE

live with intention.
walk to the edge.
listen hard.
practice wellness.
play with abandon.
laugh.
choose with no regret.
continue to learn.
appreciate your friends.
do what you love.
live as if this is all there is.

-mary anne radmacher

~In Memoriam~

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FEATURE ARTICLE



It's Later Than You Think ...

by Bill Hickey, 32° KCCH

A number of years ago, when my children were young and my late wife was alive but battling chronic progressive Multiple Sclerosis, I came across an article in the paper about how we all celebrate the “firsts” in our lives and those of our children, and it struck a particularly sensitive chord with me then.

I took that theme and wrote a paper which apparently struck a similar chord with many of the people to whom I sent it. Obviously, it's been a number of years since that time, so perhaps an update is due.

Last Christmas (figuratively speaking of course), my 30 year old daughter was bouncing down the stairs to the tree expecting to see what Santa had left her during the night. My 23 year old daughter wasn't even a gleam in her parents' eyes. And, my wife and soul mate was healthy. What happened to the time? When I look back over their early years, I remember so well that we couldn't wait for them to take that first step, say that first word, and finally become independent toddlers. However, now

As parents, we are usually so focused on the “firsts” because they are so exciting while the “last times” are so bittersweet. We celebrate the “firsts,” but we wish that we could have only foreseen the coming of those “lasts” so we could indulge ourselves just a little longer. I wish someone would have secretly whispered to me, “this is the last time your one-year old will let you feed her a bottle.” I know I so looked forward to the time she would hold the bottle on her own that I missed the opportunity to say goodbye to that moment before it was too late. Likewise, no one told me to when to expect the last time my children REALLY believed

I wish that the young hurried and over-tasked families of today could have the benefit of our collective wisdom on just how fast children grow up and begin families of their own.

in Santa Claus, the Easter Bunny, or the Tooth Fairy; the last time I was asked for a piggyback ride up to bed; the last time I dressed my preschoolers; the last time I tied their shoes; and the last time they let me hold their hands in the parking lot from the car to the store.

For some reason, this time of year seems to bring this realization back to me in full force. My days of caring for pre-schoolers is over. Likewise, my days of shepherding young children through school and into adulthood is also over. Instead, I am reveling in watching my eldest practice her profession as a pharmacist, and my youngest embarking on married life and a profession in the medical field. I am also lamenting the loss of the love of my life to a steady and relentless decline of her health. This was due to a disease which robbed her children of a mother's ability to hold and comfort them when they most

needed it and to witness just how wonderful those children she bore have turned out.

I wish I could freeze time for myself and all of you. Years from now, we'll all look back and we'll wish we could turn back the clock if

only for a brief moment. That house, so cluttered with toys, socks, and clothing filled with crackers and cookies will be silent, except perhaps for the occasional visit by our grandchildren. The “quiet time” we so craved in those years will now be much too plentiful as we wait for the children to call or visit.

I wish for all of you the time to truly enjoy your children and families. We should count ourselves fortunate to enjoy those things with them that will no longer be there next year. Let's take a few minutes this year to stop the hustle and bustle, stop the yearning for more time to ourselves, and watch VERY CLOSELY and LISTEN CAREFULLY ... someone may well be whispering in our ears, “This is the last time...”

Meet our New Honormen

Greet these gentlemen who have worked hard for the Fraternity and have received their reward on October 31, 2009 going through the Conferral for the Thirty-Third Degree and the Investiture of the Knight Commander of the Court of Honour.



Ronald DeWayne Birely – Ron is the Director General of the Degree work and has participated in several degrees over the years always giving an outstanding performance. Past Master of Jacques DeMolay Lodge #171 and Past Presiding officer of all three York Rite Bodies. He is serving as Grand Master of the Second Veil for the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Colorado. He is a Past Worthy Patron of Eastern Star and has served as an Elder in his church.

Burney William Brandel – Burney is a Past Commander of Kadosh and a former degree director. He works on the Costume Committee during the reunions and participates in the 29°. A Charter member of the Knights of St Andrew. He is the Ambassador Chairman for the Membership Council. A Past Master of South Denver Lodge # 93 and current Secretary. A member of KYCH and currently holding the office of the Grand Standard Bearer for the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Colorado. Also a member of Royal Order of Scotland and Kincora Council. He served his country and retired from the US Marine Corp.



Richard George Frohlick – Rick is a very active participant in the Music program in the Scottish Rite and El Jebel Shrine along with several outside music groups. A long time Trustee for the Scottish Rite Foundation and is on their Finance Committee. Has played the trumpet for the 32° for many years. Served his country in the US Navy.

Jack Adair Harlan – Jack is a member of the Rose Croix Funeral Team. The assistant Chairman of Makeup for the reunions and director of the 23°. He is an excellent ritualist. He is Past Master of his lodge, Member of KYCH,



Past Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Colorado. Member of the York Rite College, El Jebel Shrine and National Sojourners. Active in his church and Retired from the US Army.



Thomas Robert Magnuson – Tom is a four time Past Master. Twice in Montana and twice in Colorado for Elk Mountain #118. A member of the Finance Committee and Board of Trustees for the Scottish Rite Foundation. Active participant in The Mariners for El Jebel Shrine and a Past commodore in the International Association of Shrine Yacht Clubs. He is also a member of the York Rite and Eastern Star. Outside of Masonry he is a life member of the National Ski Patrol and was a teacher/trainer in avalanche rescue.

John Albert Moreno – John is a Past Master of Liberty Lodge #134 and still very active in the lodge. He is a Past Commander of Kadosh and a degree director and works diligently on the Ambassador Committee for the Membership Council. He is “THE” Photographer for all of Masonry – giving freely of his time and talents. Has participated on his City Council working hard for the Charter Committee. He Co-authored the “The Sunshine Law” for Colorado.



Richard Lee Rosenbaum – Richard is a Past Master and Past Secretary of Revelation #180 and remains active with them. He is a Past Wise Master of the Rocky Mountain Chapter of Rose Croix. He is an Assistant Director and cast member in the Fourth Apartment of the 30°. He belongs to El Jebel Shrine and the Texas Lodge of Research.

David Dale Swift - David is the Senior Warden for Lodge of Perfection and as such holds a seat on the Finance Committee. He participates in the 29°, is a Charter member of Knights of St Andrew, and a member of the Costume Committee. A former member of the Scottish Rite Foundation Appraisal Committee and a current member of the Scottish Rite Cathedral Association Board of Directors. He is a Past Master of Georgetown Lodge #12 and a member of El Jebel Shrine.





Mel Whiting Thompson – Mel is an active member of his lodge and has helped raise 2 of his sons as Master Masons. A member of the Tiling committee and a participant in the Third Apartment of the 30°. He is a Past Worthy Patron and member of Order of Amaranth. Active member

of the York Rite Bodies serving as High Priest of his Royal Arch Chapter and Past President of the Temple Guard and the Aurora Shrine Club. Served as Deacon in his church and in the US Air Force.

Milton Elwood Bonham – Milt has been involved in his lodge for many years. He is a Past presiding officer in the York Rite Bodies and participates in the degree work of the Scottish Rite. He has been active at El Jebel Shrine and the National Sojourners.



Sean James Carey – Sean has worked hard as an assistant degree director and director of the 9° and 10°. A former Membership chairman who worked diligently for the fraternity. He is active with his family in Job's Daughters.

Victor Earl Carlock – Vic is a Past Master of his lodge and active in the York Rite Bodies being a Past Commander, Past High Priest and Past Thrice Illustrious Master. He is President of the Mobil Nobles for El Jebel Shrine and member of the Temple Guard and Jewel of Honor. A long time actor in the 3rd Apartment of the 30° and a member of the Tiling Committee being here for all stated meetings and reunions.



Earl C. Craddock, Jr. – Earl is a Past Master of his lodge and Past Thrice Illustrious Master and line officer in the other York Rite Bodies. He works tirelessly on the Stage Committee during the reunions. A member of El Jebel Shrine and the NE Colorado Shrine

Club and helped establish the Scottish Rite Outpost #1 Club. Helps organize the Halloween Haunted House and Pumpkin Carving with over 350 participants last year. Won 1st place in the Community Chili Cook-off with his secret Texas recipe. Has helped with the Band Camp

fund raiser and the Child ID program in the NE area of the state.



David Junior Day – David is a very faithful performer with the chorus for all of the degrees. In the community he sings with a very popular Barbershop Quartet.

Charles Frederick Fraley – Chuck is the Master of Ceremonies in the Council of Kadosh line of officers. A former Building Manager for the Scottish Rite Masonic Center and facilitated the recent repairs to the building. He makes the best homemade ice cream with his antique ice cream maker for our annual picnic. He is a Past Master of his lodge.



Jaime Franklin Gatseos – Jaime is a Past Master of his lodge and a line officer in all three York Rite Bodies. He works on our Audio/Visual Committee and is in the degrees. He is very involved with Job's Daughters in Colorado.

William Alexander Hickey, III – Bill is a member and Past Secretary of the Knights of St Andrew. He has coordinated with El Jebel Shrine for our combined Oktoberfest the last several years. He was the Chairman of the 9 Health Fair this year with great results. He is a Past Associate Grand Guardian for Colorado, International Order of Job's Daughters and remains involved with them.



Timothy Alan Johansson – Tim plays the tuba for the Brass Band of the Scottish Rite and Band of El Jebel Shrine. An accomplished musician, he also plays with the Jefferson County Brass Band. Involved with his family in Job's

Daughters.

Alan Lee Langfeldt – Alan is a Past Master of his lodge and active in the El Jebel Shrine. He is a Member of the Class Committee for the reunions.





John Henry Mai – John has been instrumental in renovating our old plumbing and with the installation of our new projection screen in the auditorium. He is a successful businessman and is generous with his time and talents. He assists his elderly parents in all their needs.

Norman Leroy O’Kelly – Norm is a Past Master and Past Secretary of his lodge. He is active in the Brass Band of the Scottish Rite along with the Civil War Band. He participates in the Band of El Jebel Shrine.



Kenneth Warren Pearce – Ken plays the drum for the Brass Band of the Scottish Rite and the El Jebel Shrine Band where he is the Secretary for the band.

John Hudson Peck – John works on our Audio/Visual Committee and participates in the degrees for the reunions. Faithful in his attendance of our events especially for the Scottish Rite Foundation. He is currently Treasurer of his lodge.



James Terry Preston Jr – Jim is a Past Master of his lodge and a member of the Stage Committee where his father has mentored him through the years.

Michael Patrick Rowan – Michael participates in the degrees, is a member of the Costume Committee, Chairman of the Sojourner Contact committee for the Membership Council, a member of Knights of St Andrew, the Junior Warden in the Chapter of Rose Croix, our Flag Team Drill Leader, a former Fellow of the Scottish Rite and he was one of the first to complete the Master Craftsman Program. He is a line officer in his lodge and all three York Rite Bodies. A member of El Jebel Shrine, Royal Order of Scotland, and Knight Masons. Retired



from the US Air Force Reserves and civil service and is an Eagle Scout.



James William Schneider – Jim is Master of his lodge this year and Secretary of another lodge. He works on the Audio/Visual Committee and is a tireless worker in the degrees.

Ted Marvin Snook (picture not available) – Ted is a Master Mason for over 50 years. He is the Assistant director of the 31°. A devoted supporter of Rainbow for Girls as Rainbow Dad and on the Advisory Board and participates in the Grand Cross of Colors. He has traveled to Egypt 7 times, and donates his time giving lectures for the Egyptian Society of Denver.

Richard William Spoor (picture not available) – Rick is a Trustee on the King Wheeler Fund for the Scottish Rite. A Past Master of his lodge. An active member of El Jebel being the # 1 salesman for advertising for the annual circus program in the past. He has provided temporary housing in his rental units for needy brothers on occasion along with donating time and money to help an elderly brother mason.

George Van Trump, Jr. – George participates in the degrees. He is active in the York Rite Bodies and is President of the Computer Club for El Jebel Shrine.



William Scott Webster – Scott is the Chancellor in the Council of Kadosh, a member of the Stage Committee, the Mentor Chairman on the Membership Council, and a member of the Knights of St Andrew. He is a Past Master and current Secretary of his lodge.



The Knight Templar Association invites all its Masonic friends and their families to celebrate the 2009 Christmas Season with them, at a Religious Service at 2 PM Sunday, December 27th, at the El Jebel Shrine Center, 4625 W. 50th Ave., Denver. Refreshments will be served following the service.

Wayne G. Arner
President KTA





'Tis A Season

by D.J. Cox, 32° KCCH

December is one of the most interesting months of the year from my point of view. Please understand that I come from a military background with strong Masonic roots. Therefore, history, patriotism, family, kids --- all these things are very important to me. I'm not much different than anyone else; I just have some stronger feelings in some areas. December is the one month when I can put all this together.

Pearl Harbor Day is the beginning of my transformation from history buff and patriot to big kid enjoying the holidays. When you stop to envision what it means to study the significance of Pearl Harbor Day, it takes on various degrees of importance. Consider the following, extracted from Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia:

The attack on Pearl Harbor (or *Hawaii Operation*, *Operation Z*, as it was called by the Japanese

Belligerents	
 United States	 Empire of Japan
Casualties and losses	
4 battleships sunk, 4 battleships damaged including 1 run aground 2 destroyers sunk, 1 damaged 1 other ship sunk, 3 damaged 3 cruisers damaged	4 midget submarines sunk, 1 midget submarine run aground, 27 aircraft destroyed, 55 airmen, 9 submariners killed and 1 captured
188 aircraft destroyed, 155 aircraft damaged, 2,345 military and 57 civilians killed, 1,247 military and 35 civilians wounded	

Imperial General headquarters) was an unannounced military strike conducted by the Japanese navy against the United States' naval base at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, on the morning of Sunday, December 7, 1941 (Hawaiian time, December 8 by Japan Standard time), later resulting in the United States becoming militarily involved in World War II. It was intended as a preventive action to keep the U.S. Pacific Fleet from influencing the war the Empire of Japan was planning to wage in Southeast Asia against Britain, the Netherlands, and the United States. The attack consisted of two aerial attack waves totaling 353 aircraft, launched from six Japanese aircraft carriers. The attack sank four U.S. Navy battleships (two of which were raised and returned to service later in the war) and damaged four more. The Japanese also sank or damaged three cruisers, three destroyers, and one

minelayer, destroyed 188 aircraft, and caused personnel losses of 2,402 killed and 1,282 wounded. The power station, shipyard, maintenance, and fuel and torpedo storage facilities, as well as the submarine piers and headquarters building (also home of the intelligence section) were not hit. Japanese losses were minimal, at 29 aircraft and five midget submarines, with 65 servicemen killed or wounded.

The attack was a major engagement of World War II. It occurred before a formal declaration of war and before the last part of a 14-part message was delivered to the State Department in Washington D.C. The Japanese Embassy in Washington had been instructed to deliver it immediately prior to the scheduled time of the attack in Hawaii. The attack, and especially the surprise nature of it, were both factors in changing U.S. public opinion from an isolationist position to support for direct participation in the war. Germany's prompt declaration of war, unforced by any treaty commitment to Japan, quickly brought the United States into the European Theater as well. Despite numerous historical precedents of unannounced military action, the lack of any formal declaration prior to the attack led President Franklin D. Roosevelt to proclaim "*December 7th, 1941 --- a date which will live in infamy*". Unfortunately, we have a second date --- September 11th, 2001 --- that reaches that stature and for startlingly similar reasons.

While I was not born at this time, I read about it as often as I can. When I am fortunate enough to meet someone who experienced this heinous event, I run out of time discussing it --- never the energy. We are quickly losing, and soon will have lost, all direct contact with people who experienced or witnessed this event. An important piece of American history will be confined to history books. My fear is that it will be forgotten or some form of revisionist history will be foisted upon the generations growing up now and in the future. We have seen it happen before.

Jumping from the serious to the joyous, the holidays are soon upon us. Joy and good cheer overcomes us for a short period of time. To fully appreciate the holidays, it is helpful to have some knowledge of three main perspectives enjoyed by Americans --- Christian (Christmas), Jewish (Chanukkah), and African-American (Kwanzaa). We must also understand that this time is very religious for some, but for others this is a festive time of year. For the festive folks, it is a time of Santa Claus, parties and a period for gatherings of family and friends. It is a time of gift-giving and great joy.

The Christmas biblical account of the



story gives a events surrounding

the birth of Jesus Christ. The Christmas story is paraphrased from the New Testament Books of Matthew and Luke in the Bible.

While Mary was still engaged to Joseph, she miraculously became pregnant through the Holy Spirit, as foretold to her by the angel. When Mary told Joseph she was pregnant, he had every right to feel disgraced. He knew the child was not his own, and Mary's apparent unfaithfulness carried a grave social stigma. Joseph not only had the right to divorce Mary, under Jewish law she could be put to death by stoning.

Although Joseph's initial reaction was to break the engagement, the appropriate thing for a righteous man to do, he treated Mary with extreme kindness. He did not want to cause her further shame, so he decided to act quietly. But God sent an angel to explain that the child within Mary was conceived by the Holy Spirit, that his name would be Jesus and that he was the Messiah, God with us.

At that time, Caesar Augustus decreed that a census be taken, and every person in the entire Roman world had to go to his own town to register. Joseph, being of the line of David, was required to go to Bethlehem to register with Mary. While in Bethlehem, Mary gave birth to Jesus. Probably due to the census, the inn was too crowded, and Mary gave birth in a crude stable. She wrapped the baby in cloths and placed him in a manger. It must have been beyond her ability to grasp, that sleeping in her arms—the tender child she had just borne—was the Savior of the world.

At Hanukkah, Jewish families around the world delight in the story of the miracle lamp that remained lit for nine days and the wealth of festive traditions that surround the lighting of the menorah.

This is not a major religious holiday, but it is the favorite of many children. It is a time when Latkes, dreidels, special blessings and songs go hand in hand with gifts, candy and Hanukkah Gelt to add a bit of holiday fun to the celebration.

Chanukkah, the Jewish festival of rededication, also known as the festival of lights, is an eight-day festival beginning on the 25th day of the Jewish month of Kislev. Whether you celebrate *Hanukkah*, *Chanukah*, *Chanukkak* or any other Western spelling, the festival of lights begins this year at sunset on December 11, 2009 - and is celebrated until December 19, 2009.

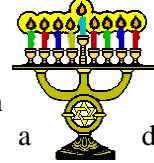
Ironically, Chanukkah is probably one of the best known Jewish holidays, not because of any great religious significance, but because of its proximity to Christmas. Many non-Jews (and even many assimilated Jews!) think of this holiday as the Jewish Christmas, adopting many of the Christmas customs, such as elaborate gift-giving and decoration. It is bitterly ironic that this holiday, which has its roots in a revolution

against assimilation and suppression of Jewish religion, has become the most assimilated, secular holiday on our calendar.

The story of Chanukkah begins in the reign of Alexander the Great. Alexander conquered Syria, Egypt, and the Land of Israel, but allowed the lands under his control to continue observing their own religions and retain a certain degree of autonomy. Under this relatively benevolent rule, many Jews assimilated much of Hellenistic culture, adopting the language, the customs, the dress, etc., in much the same way that Jews in the West today blend into the secular Western society.

The main religious observance related to the holiday is the lighting of candles.

The candles are arranged in a candelabrum called a menorah that holds nine candles: one for each night, plus a shammus (servant) at a different height.



On the first night, one candle is placed at the far right. The shammus candle is lit and three berakhot (blessings) are recited: l'hadlik neir (a general prayer over candles), she-asah nisim (a prayer thanking God for performing miracles for our ancestors at this time), and she-hekhanu (a general prayer thanking God for allowing us to reach this time of year). The first candle is then lit using the shammus candle, and the shammus candle is placed in its holder. The candles are allowed to burn out on their own after a minimum of 1/2 hour. Each night, another candle is added from right to left (like the Hebrew language). Candles are lit from left to right (because you pay honor to the newer thing first).

Why the shammus candle? The Chanukkah candles are for pleasure only; we are not allowed to use them for any productive purpose. We keep an extra one around (the shammus), so that if we need to do something useful with a candle, we do not accidentally use the Chanukkah candles. The shammus candle is at a different height so that it is easily identified as the shammus.

It is traditional to eat fried foods on this holiday, because of the significance of oil to the holiday. Among Ashkenazic Jews, this usually includes latkes (pronounced "lot-kuhs" or "lot-keys" depending on where your grandmother comes from; whatever they are called, they are potato pancakes).

Gift-giving is not a traditional part of the holiday, but has been added in places where Jews have a lot of contact with Christians, as a way of dealing with our children's jealousy of their Christian friends. The only traditional gift of the holiday is "gelt", small amounts of money.

Kwanzaa is a unique African American celebration with focus on the traditional African values of family, community responsibility, commerce, and self-improvement. Kwanzaa is neither political nor religious

and despite some misconceptions, is not a substitute for Christmas. It is simply a time of reaffirming African-American people, their ancestors and culture. Kwanzaa, which means "first fruits of the harvest" in the African language Kiswahili, has gained tremendous acceptance. Since its founding in 1966 by Dr. Maulana Karenga, Kwanzaa has come to be observed by more than 18 million people worldwide, as reported by the *New York Times*. When establishing Kwanzaa in 1966, Dr. Karenga included an additional "a" to the end of the spelling to reflect the difference between the African American celebration (kwanzaa) and the Motherland spelling (kwanza).

Kwanzaa is based on the Nguzo Saba (seven guiding principles), one for each day of the observance, and is celebrated from December 26th to January 1st.

- Umoja (**oo-MO-jah**) Unity stresses the importance of togetherness for the family and the community, which is reflected in the African saying, "I am We," or "I am because We are."
- Kujichagulia (**koo-gee-cha-goo-LEE-yah**) Self-Determination requires that we define our common interests and make decisions that are in the best interest of our family and community.
- Ujima (**oo-GEE-mah**) Collective Work and Responsibility reminds us of our obligation to the past, present and future, and that we have a role to play in the community, society, and world.
- Ujamaa (**oo-JAH-mah**) Cooperative economics emphasizes our collective economic strength and encourages us to meet common needs through mutual support.
- Nia (**NEE-yah**) Purpose encourages us to look within ourselves and to set personal goals that are beneficial to the community.
- Kuumba (**koo-OOM-bah**) Creativity makes use of our creative energies to build and maintain a strong and vibrant community.
- Imani (**ee-MAH-nee**) Faith focuses on honoring the best of our traditions, draws upon the best in ourselves, and helps us strive for a higher level of life for humankind, by affirming our self-worth and confidence in our ability to succeed and triumph in righteous struggle.

It is Kinara not be menorah.* seven candles principles foundation of



important that the confused with the The Kinara holds to reflect the seven which are the Kwanzaa. The other symbols are easy to come by and warrant no further discussion other than to caution against placing the Mazao (crops) in a cornucopia which is Western. A plain straw basket or a bowl will do just fine. One last note,

even households without any children should place an ear of corn on the place mat to symbolize the African concept of social parenthood. All seven symbols are creatively placed on top of the place mat, i.e., the symbols should be attractively arranged as they form the Kwanzaa centerpiece.

*The "menorah" is a Jewish symbol that holds seven candles. The "Hanukkia" used for the Hanukkah celebration holds nine candles.

Whatever your feelings or background, please take some time during December to remember the past, enjoy the present and look forward to the future. During these holidays and into the New Year, do something to help someone in need. The greatest gift of the holidays is giving --- of your time, your resources, yourself. The gifts you are receiving from helping others will last a lifetime!



Knights of St. Andrew

by Rich Silver, 32°

The Knights of St. Andrew will be taking a more active role in the Stated Meetings as we move into 2010. Our role will be expanded to escorting members and guests during meetings. This will be in addition to our current responsibility of providing security for the Consistory during Stated Meetings.

Looking forward to the New Year, we will be scheduling a Knighting for those that have submitted applications recently, we are planning a dinner for the KSA members and family, we will be involved in the Robert Burns dinner and the 9 News Health Fair.

The Knights of St. Andrew are planning to create a Denver Chapter website. What would you like to see in this website? We are seeking feedback from all current members and alumni of the KSA towards that goal.

Please send your ideas to Venerable Master Greg Dominguez (gbd_aurco@pcisys.net) so that we can make the web site meaningful and useful to all current and past members of our Chapter.

May three ghosts visit us:

- in our past, which we may not change, but still holds lessons if we look;
- in the present, which travels with us like a ship's wake, ever receding but prone to offering opportunities;
- and in the future, where Tim Cratchit awaits - and where we can yet do much good.

Bill Hickey, 32° KCCH

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THE GRAND LODGE OF COLORADO, AF&AM,

In Cooperation with

Denver Lodge No. 5, AF&AM

Will present a reenactment of the first Entered Apprentice Degree that was held in Auraria Lodge, UD, in the territory that would later become Colorado on **Thursday, December 10, 2009**, the evening that is exactly 150 years after the event,

The cast for the reenactment will include the Grand Master, Grand Lodge Officers and Past Masters in period costume and make-up representing the original cast of the Entered Apprentice Degree.

The meeting will be held at **1614 Welton Street, Denver**, a location that also has an historic connection to that meeting.

A dinner of beef stew and biscuits, such as might have been their meal at that period of history, will be served at 6:30 pm for the modest cost of \$15, **providing that reservations are made in advance**. Phone the Denver 5 office at 303-534-0939 and leave a message or send an email to denver5@coloradofreemasons.org. The capacity of the Lodge room is 150 people, so make your reservations as soon as possible.

Family, friends and prospects are invited to attend the dinner, share in the historic program/entertainment that will precede the tiled Lodge meeting and share in the open reception of the
Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Colorado.

From the Secretary's Desk

by Claud E. Dutro, 33°, Secretary



Congratulations to those

newly honored as Knight Commanders of the Court of Honor and those newly honored as Honorary Inspectors General of the 33° Degree. These honors are in recognition of many years of dedicated service to the family of Freemasonry and are not lightly awarded. A special congratulations also to Vern Ingraham, Executive Secretary of the Scottish Rite Foundation, who was one of only four 33° Masons in the United States selected to be honored with the Grand Cross Court of Honor at the recent Biennial Session of the Supreme Council. The only other living recipient of the Grand Cross in the State of Colorado is Lee Schlessman, 33° GC who received the award in 2001.

New Members from the November 2009 class were welcomed to membership by Stephen Munsinger, the Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Colorado, at the conclusion of the reunion on Saturday, November 14. These twenty new Masters of the Royal Secret include many talented brothers who will become valuable members of the casts and committees for future reunions. The degree casts performed well; costumes/makeup were appropriate and the properties were all in place at the right time. The only thing that would have made the reunion better would have been if we had more attendance from the membership. If you haven't attended for awhile, plan to come back during the May 20-22, 2010 reunion to see the revised degrees and to renew old friendships.

The Traitor received rave reviews from the audience (estimated to have been over 200), but the cast had the most fun. Our auditorium, with its professional lighting and sound, was the perfect venue for this theater-



in-the-round production on Friday night during the Reunion. Several members brought their families/guests and enjoyed a tour of the building that same evening.

Doors Open Denver notified us that our historic building has been selected to participate in their popular tour program on April 17 and 18, 2010. We are developing scheduled tours for that weekend which will

feature short concerts on our newly-restored historic Kimball pipe organ and the beautiful architecture of our domed auditorium. This will be the first time this building has participated, but the history of the event indicates that we should expect over a thousand visitors. Plan to be among those visitors, or better yet, phone the office to volunteer for a two-hour shift as a guide. Training and brochures will be provided.



Holiday decorations

were put into place by approximately twenty volunteers on Saturday, November 21, and will stay in place from the Scottish Rite

Foundation's Children's Christmas Party on Saturday, December 5th through the New Year's holiday. Bring your young children or grandchildren to the party and help the Foundation celebrate with its students. The kids take great pride in the progress they have made and the parents like to help them participate mainstream. Refreshments and presents for all children from Santa.

Veterans, policemen and firefighters were honored at our November stated meeting. Following a traditional turkey dinner with all of the trimmings, right down to the pumpkin pie, members and wives adjourned to the auditorium where they were entertained by our restored historic organ playing the theme songs of the United States military branches. A color guard from Denver Police Explorer Post #83 presented and posted flags, followed by the audience singing "God Bless America". The Denver Consistory Chorus in civil war uniforms then sang "The Vacant Chair", after which the Missing Man table present in the center of the auditorium floor was explained. An honor team of servicemen, policemen and firefighters then ceremoniously folded the American flag and placed it on the vacant Missing Man table. Trumpets from the lofts of the auditorium played "Echoing Taps" and Brother Alex McIntosh led the pipe band in "Amazing Grace" to retire the participants as the evening ended in a somber mood.

The **December Stated Meeting** will begin with a southern holiday dinner featuring ham, sweet potatoes, pecan pie and a large portion of social friendship. Following holiday musical entertainment, the ladies and guests will adjourn for even more musical entertainment, while the members will conduct normal business and elect officers for 2010. This will be your last opportunity this year to share an evening with your friends and brothers and to keep last year's resolution to become more involved.



Ron Birely
Director General
The Valley of Denver



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November 15, 2009

To: All Committee Chairs,

It is the Sunday morning after the 35th Reunion of the Denver Consistory. It is snowing hard and Broncos have the early game today, so after I watch the game, Elaine tells me there is some snow blowing in my future.

I want to thank each and every one of you for making the last three days absolutely tremendous. What we have at the Denver Consistory, in the spirit of cooperation and brotherhood, is unique and something that we should be very proud of.

As you all know, we have embarked on a twelve month schedule of Degree presentation. We have just completed Phase One of that twelve month plan. During the Reunion I collected some feedback on the schedule that we just executed from some of you. Any other suggestions or comments you have about the schedule, please forward them to me. I will certainly consider your comments in the next iteration of schedules.

I am of the opinion that Friday night's open house was successful. Based on that assumption of last Friday night, I am planning a similar event in the spring Reunion. The focus again will be family and non Scottish Rite Masons. If you have any comments regarding this activity, please forward them along as well.

Again THANK YOU!!! It is your hard work that makes the Reunion meaningful for the class.

It was truly a beautiful three days!!

Ron Birely
Director General
Denver Consistory



The 35th Reunion Class
November 12 – 14, 2009



Between the Columns

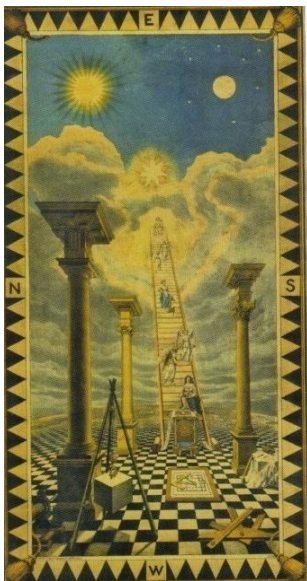
by Michael D. Moore, 32°



The oldest examples of B. & J., carved of stone, from about 1047 A.D.

What are the shortest representatives of columns in our lodges and temples? The rough and smooth ashlar. Yes, the ashlar are actually short columns. They parallel what their larger cousins teach us and are a very visual teaching aid. Most of the time, the ashlar are kept out of the way so people don't trip over them and are dusty; but they remind us at every glance of where we have been

and where we are heading in our journey here on earth. And just like the columns have a part in a building.



A ladder, last month's quiz answer, is another building tool. And while they are not considered as a "working tool" in the degrees, they are and have a lot in common with them. Ladders help us reach the

upper or higher sections, teach us at each level a different aspect on life and connect the physical earth with spiritual heavens.

Many old ladders are portrayed as having three, five or seven steps. Each with an different attribute connected to the step. This climbing up of the ladder is recognizing the advancement of the person through or having obtained suitable proficiency in the previous level to go to the next higher one.

A ladder is found in our 30th degree and has seven steps. It is one of the unseen tools around the building site, but an important one. This tool, stairs (or stairways) show the upward ascension of individual's inner being and their life, which we are all about. We may claim that Masonry is about making good men better, but how do you tell it? By examining where we are on the steps. Something for you to think about.



For those who finished the first Master Craftsman program, the second is now available in the Consistory office. It is a continuation of the study of the degrees with a practical and esoteric slant to it.

Next month's quiz? What old symbol found in nature is representative of activity and industry?

(answer elsewhere in this publication)



Colorado Job's Daughters

By Megan Fritts
Grand Guardian

Since Sept. 2009, we have grown by 14 new members statewide, and 3 Bethels will initiate more by the end of December. This is some very exciting growth for our jurisdiction!

The officers of the Model Bethel of Colorado will conduct an Open Meeting at the Castle Rock Masonic Lodge, 300 Wilcox Street, on Friday, December 4th at 7p.m. to promote Job's Daughters in that area. We anticipate having a Bethel established there within the next year.

The Grand Bethel of Colorado will meet on Sat. December 12 at 10a.m. at the Greeley Masonic Center, 829 10th Avenue. This "pajama meeting" will include a gift exchange of new socks and will be followed by lunch at the Temple.

The Charter of Bethel #37, formerly of Eastlake, has been moved to Longmont. Several girls will be initiated at the Longmont Lodge, 312 Main Street, on Thursday, January 7, 2010 at 7p.m. The Bethel will then meet there on the first and third Thursday of each month at 7p.m.

All Master Masons and adult women with Masonic relationship may attend Bethel meetings. For a complete listing of Colorado Bethels, their meeting date/time and location, see www.coloradojdi.org. You are welcome anytime!

Questions? Email or call me at (970) 278-1503.
THANKS!

Job's Daughters International is a [Masonic](#) sponsored youth organization for girls aged 10 to 20. The organization is commonly referred to as simply **Job's Daughters**, and sometimes abbreviated as **JDI** (or **IOJD**, referring to its longtime former name). Job's Daughters focuses on the Holy Bible but celebrates and welcomes many religions and cultures.



Rainbow Hero

Former Rainbow girl Kimberly Munley is being hailed as a hero for bringing down the Fort Hood shooter while taking three bullets herself, and her former partner isn't a bit surprised. Shaun Appler, who worked with her years ago in North Carolina, says that he began calling her "Mighty Mouse" after she leaped through the air to free him from an assailant choking him and trying to grab his gun.

"She saved my life that night," Appler says. "When I found out the female officer at Fort Hood was Kim, I wasn't surprised. Kim not only has the training, I know she was mentally prepared to know what to do when you get into that situation." He spoke to her by phone yesterday. "She is in good spirits, although she is obviously saddled with the loss of life that occurred there."

All of us were horrified by the terrorist attack at Ft. Hood last week. We were equally thankful for the heroic actions taken by the civilian policewoman who ended the attack by shooting the terrorist and bringing him down.

Officer Kimberly Barbour Munley was a member of North Carolina Wilmington Assembly 29, now Goldenrod Assembly 29, where she served as Worthy Advisor, and also as the North Carolina Rainbow Grand Musician. She was also a member of the Grand Cross of Color.

I know that each of you join me in praying for the family of Mrs. Munley as she recovers from her injuries, and for all of the families of Ft. Hood.

Kay Letterman, Supreme Inspector in North Carolina, said, "We are very proud of the courage that this young lady displayed to save so many lives."



Denver Consistory's 9HealthFair for 2010

Last month, I mentioned that we are having our next fair on 10 APRIL 2010. This allows us to not only avoid a conflict with the Shrine circus, avoid a conflict with St. John's 9HealthFair, but right now we are the ONLY fair in Colorado scheduled for that weekend. We may well see a number of the "early-birds" who want to avoid a huge crowd come see us. The other thing we get to do is avail ourselves of any special equipment that is needed for any screenings we offer. There are going to be two new screenings offered – one for memory (early diagnosis for dementia and Alzheimer's) and one for Spinal Health.

Now, to let you know how the 9HealthFairs (and our fair in particular) did last year:

- 85,810 participated in the fairs at 170 sites in CO, NE, and WY (~505 average at each fair)
- 19,000 volunteers (donated \$3.1 MILLION worth of time and talent)
- 83,107 Blood Chemistry Screenings
- 42,270 Blood Cell Count Screenings
- 22,823 PSA Screenings
- 13,129 Finger-Stick glucose screenings
- 2,113 free Pap smears
- 12,183 Colon Cancer Screening take-home kits sold
- 1,370 personal follow-up calls from RNs and Doctors within 72 hours
- 3,125 free blood work vouchers used by underserved communities

We had:

- 158 attend our fair
- 142 blood chemistry screens
- 51 Blood Cell Count Screens, and
- 38 PSA Screens.

Weather and competition from other fairs on the final weekend combined to give us a slightly lower than normal attendance last year. But, more importantly, we heard MANY of our attending participants remark about how nice it was not to have to stand in long lines for everything.

Because of physical limitations at our facility, we cannot offer ALL the screenings available, but we will be adding some screenings - including trying to get the lung function screening – and with our schedule BEFORE all the other fairs in the state, we could easily see our numbers double this year. This means your help will definitely be needed to make the fair successful and run smoothly.

Brother Jim Berardino, 33°, has agreed to help me coordinate the medical volunteers, and Brother Jack White, 32°/KSA has agreed to help coordinate the non-medical volunteers this year. As we define what screenings will be offered and work on a layout and traffic flow, we'll be coming to you and letting you know what numbers and functions we're going to be needing ... so keep your eyes and ears peeled.

Of particular interest this past year were the demographics regarding our participants' insurance status.

- 67 (45%) had employer sponsored insurance
- 15 (10%) were on Medicare/Medicaid
- 27 (18%) were self-insured
- 36 (24%) had NO INSURANCE !
- 4 (3%) indicated "OTHER" (whatever that means)
- 8 did not answer the question on the registration form.

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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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*"Human progress is our
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our supreme wish,
freedom of conscience our
mission, and the
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to all people everywhere
our ultimate goal."*



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CALENDAR

2009 Denver Consistory Schedule

December

Sat – Dec 5 Scottish Rite Foundation & Consistory Children’s Christmas Party 10:00 AM

PARKING GARAGE AVAILABLE

Mon – Dec 21

Stated Meeting

5:30 PM – Red Room Business Meeting

6:00 PM – Dinner

Honey Ham

Mashed Sweet Potatoes

Pecan Pie

7:00 PM – Entertainment

Annual Election of Officers

PARKING GARAGE AVAILABLE

Fri - Dec 25

Consistory closed for Christmas observance

Fri - Jan 1

Consistory closed for New Year’s observance

Note: all menus are listed on our web page at www.denverconsistory.org



The Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit public charity dedicated to funding speech-language therapy for children in Colorado. The Foundation's Tax ID is 84-6034299.

You are welcome to contact the foundation about services or making a gift by calling 303-861-2410 or e-mailing ritecare@scottishritefoundation.org. You may write the Foundation at 1370 Grant Street, Denver, CO 80203. Visit the foundation website at www.scottishritefoundation.org.

[The answer to the quiz in the *Between the Columns* article is **the beehive.**]

The Thompsons



Oldest Son, Thomas M. Thompson, 32° KCCH, joined the Scottish Rite in April, 1987 and signed his fathers' petition in May, 1988, Mel W. Thompson, 33° who then signed his youngest son's petition for the last reunion, November, 2009, John E. Thompson, 32°. This is quite an accomplishment for one family.

