

Rite Works



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George Washington

First U.S. President
Historic Figure and Mentor

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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~

<u>BROTHER</u>	<u>CALLED HOME</u>
Marion Lee Carter, 32°	12/31/2009
Dean Loy Crouch, 32°	1/30/2010
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FEATURE ARTICLE



Washington – Our Mentor

By D.J. Cox, 32° KCCH

Masons should pause a moment this month, as we celebrate President's Day, to reflect upon the contributions of one of our most famous members --- George Washington. His commitment to masonry cannot, and should not, be minimized or trivialized. A short trip through history provides several insights into the commitment to the fraternity of this esteemed Brother.

George Washington took his oath of office as the first President of the United States on April 30, 1789. The Oath of office as President of the United States was administered by Brother Robert R. Livingston, Chancellor of the State of New York, and who was also the Grand Master of Free and Accepted Masons.¹

He wrote the following to James Madison a short time after installation, "As the first of every thing, in our situation will serve to establish a Precedent, it is devoutly wished on my part, that these precedents may be fixed on true principles."² In his Farewell Address after his second term as President, he urged his countrymen to forswear excessive party spirit and geographical distinctions. In those two (2) pronouncements he demonstrated great insight that would serve us well today.

The name of Washington occupies a prominent place in Masonic biography. We do not honor him necessarily because of any services he has done to or for our fraternity, but because the fact of his connection with the Craft permits each of us to call the "Father of his Country" a Brother.

On numerous occasions Brother Washington, in addressing various Masonic Bodies, declares his earnest esteem for the character and appreciation of the principles of that Institution into which he had been admitted. He availed himself at every

opportunity during his arduous and demanding life to pronounce his esteem for the Institution.

One example often cited is a letter addressed in November, 1798 to the Grand Lodge of Maryland, only thirteen months before his death. In that letter, he made this explicit declaration of his opinion of the Institution: "So far as I am acquainted with the doctrines and principles of Freemasonry, I conceive them to be founded in benevolence, and to be exercised only for the good of mankind. I cannot, therefore, upon this ground, withdraw my approbation from it." The complete rationale for this writing is a topic of much discussion, but the foundation of his belief in the fraternity is rock solid.

Many people, historians and common citizens alike, freely the Masonic career and opinions of Washington. Freemasons love to dwell on the fact that this distinguished and historic patriot, whose memory is so revered, was not only a Brother of the Craft, but frequently expressed his strong and prominent opinion of the newly created society. We, as masons and citizens, feel that under the legacy of his great name, no better reply can be given to adversarial charges than to say, "Washington would not have encouraged an Institution hostile to morality, religion, good order, and the public welfare."

Brother Washington, not unlike like so many of his famous brethren following him, would face the trials and tribulations of today in a forthright and honest manner. These patriotic brethren would not shrink from their responsibilities, nor withhold their good names from the necessary involvement in controversial and contentious issues. Masonry has always demonstrated strong leadership in its dealings with society in general. Washington did and we should do no less! He serves as a strong mentor from the past to show us the way for the future.

¹ Mackey's Encyclopedia of Freemasonry

² <http://www.whitehouse.gov/about/presidents/georgewashington>



From the Secretary's Desk

by Claud E. Dutro, 33°, Secretary

Bobby Burns 251st Birthday Party, sponsored by the Knights of St. Andrew, El Jebel Shrine and Denver Consistory, was celebrated at the El Jebel Mosque on Saturday, January 30. The haggis was presented in the traditional manner with David Swift, 33°, leading the procession with the Claymore sword, accompanied by bagpipers Alex McIntosh, 32° KCCH, and Trey Perrin, 32° KCCH, and Gordon Bell, who delivered from memory Robert Burns' "Toast to the Haggis" in a delightful Scottish brogue. The gourmet Scottish feast was prepared by Eric McBride, 32°. A respectable crowd of over 70 attended, but there was room for more. Plan now to participate in this adventure next year near the end of January.



The Grand Lodge of Colorado Annual Communication was recently held at the Convention Center in Pueblo. Installed as Most Worshipful Grand Master was our own Charles G. Johnson, 33°, and our own John V. Egan, 33°, as Deputy Grand Master. Congratulations and best wishes for success to these dedicated Masons.



Denver Consistory anticipates that a large crowd will take advantage of our open house participation in Doors Open Denver on April 17 and 18. Jay Bobick, 33°, has agreed to chair this event, but will need many volunteers to serve as greeters and tour guides. This weekend event organized by the City and County of Denver Office of Cultural Affairs, recognizes the architecture and renovation of historically significant buildings in the downtown Denver area and will be heavily publicized with a special insert in the Denver Post on the Sunday before the event. Preliminary plans

include a limited tour of the building, organ concerts on our newly restored historic Kimbal organ and displays of our costumes, properties and auditorium. Previous experience from participation by the Masonic Temple at 16th and Welton Streets leads us to expect that most questions will be about Scottish Rite Freemasonry. Would you like to help answer these questions?

The Biennial Leadership Conference of the Supreme Council will be held in New Orleans on April 15-17. Designated officers from the Consistory lines, Fellows and members of the Executive Committee will be attending to receive training on membership retention programs.

Lodge Ambassadors are a key ingredient in implementing our goal of increased communication among the Colorado Masonic Family. These volunteers are active members in their Masonic Lodge and communicate information about Denver Consistory programs to support and enhance those local Lodges. If your local Lodge could benefit from this free support, let us know how we can help.



Knights of St. Andrew

by Greg Dominguez, 32°

The 9 Health Fair is scheduled for Saturday April 10th at the Denver Consistory. Please Plan on supporting this event as it is one of the major activities where the Knights can help make a difference. Assistance will be needed on the day of the event and in the weeks prior to distribute posters and fliers in the greater neighborhood around the Consistory. More details will follow in the March Newsletter.

Also, mark your calendars for the Spring Reunion! The Reunion will take place May 20 - 22. The Knights are encouraged to assist and participate in the reunions. If you have never been part of degree work there are many opportunities for our Brother Knights to take non-speaking and some speaking parts. There are also several teams that function behind the scenes that appreciate your support. This is a great opportunity to truly enjoy getting to know individual degrees and spend quality time with your brothers in the Consistory.

Please plan on attending the KSA annual business meeting, tentatively scheduled for March 26th. We will be having elections of officers and a Knighting. More details will be provided in the March Newsletter and we will be sending out an email to the Knights.



DAVID DALE SWIFT, 33°
 VENERABLE MASTER,
 CENTENNIAL LODGE OF
 PERFECTION

Dave is a member and Past Master of Georgetown Lodge #12 and a member of El Jebel Shrine. A member of the Knights of Saint Andrew, the Costume Committee and the 29°. He has worked on the Appraisal Committee for the Scottish Rite Foundation and is currently a board member for both the Finance Committee and the Scottish Rite Cathedral Association.



RICHARD WILLIAM MITCHELL, 33°
 WISE MASTER,
 ROCKY MOUNTAIN
 CHAPTER OF ROSE CROIX

Dick is a three time Past Master of George Washington Lodge #161 and a dedicated worker for the Masonic Officer's Association and Memorial Lodge #1. He is also a member of the Rose Croix Funeral Team, Makeup Committee and also the York Rite Bodies.



ASHLEY SPENCER BUSS, 32° KCCH
 COMMANDER,
 COLORADO COUNCIL OF
 KADOSH

Ashley is a three time Past Master in 2003, 2005, and 2009. He belongs to Nevada Lodge #4, Denver Lodge #5, Black Hawk Lodge #11, Georgetown Lodge #12, and Centennial Lodge #84 along with Minneapolis #19 in Minnesota and Rathcreendan #8690 in England. He is Secretary to a couple of these lodges along with several of the York Rite Bodies. He is the Tech Support Extraordinaire for Denver Consistory and The Grand Lodge of Colorado.



JAMES DENNIS BRIGMAN, 32° KCCH
 MASTER OF KADOSH,
 DENVER CONSISTORY

Jim is a member and Past Master of Revelation Lodge #180 and is a member of Knights of Saint Andrew. He participates in the degrees and is a member of the Consistory Choir. He is also a member of the Scottish Rite Research Society, York Rite Bodies, and El Jebel Shrine.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Installation of officers was held at the Stated Meeting, January 18th with David W. Powell, 33°, Personal Representative doing the honors. Just



prior to the installation, brief financial information was shared with the membership for the Scottish Rite Masonic Center, SRP Inc., and the Scottish Rite Cathedral Association along with voting for the Board of Directors for each entity.

HELP WANTED

Individuals interested in assisting with the collection, editing and production of the Consistory newsletters. Little or no experience required; just a sincere interest in generating a quality publication for the benefit of our members. Interested parties please contact D.J. Cox via email at David.Cox@unco.edu or by phone at (970) 980-4340.



Between the Columns

by Michael D. Moore, 32°



B & J at the 2010 Grand Lodge

importantly, according to Masonic tradition it is the “stone of foundation”.

If you ever seek a study of lesser-known or partially understood symbols, this may be the one for you. The stone of foundation is not written on very often and when it is, it is cleverly disguised as being of no consequence. In our degrees we see it connected with the Tetragrammaton. But, it is much older than King Solomon’s time, if you believe the ancient stories linked to it. Most are symbolic and allegorical and include the idea that whoever found the stone and read the name would be master of the world. It was taken into the Holy of Holies. Adam, Noah and Abraham all offered sacrifices on it. It was the stone used by Jacob for a pillow when he dreamed of the ladder. It was what kept the Ark of the Covenant off the ground in the tabernacle. And I hear it is found in the Royal Arch degrees, but not having been initiated into that group, I cannot speak on that aspect. The most modern legend attached to the rock says it is the stone which the kings of Scotland were crowned on, and it can be seen even today in Westminster Abby.

Brother Mackey writes more on this topic; the five-plus pages is much more space than most of the other subjects in his two volume set. It is an ancient symbol of Deity, yet still is around in different forms today. It is a form of the grail, the ark or any other ultimate mystical symbol that one searches for when thinking of the meaning of life and the most important things pertaining to it.

We need to ask ourselves what drives or guides us? What is our goal here on this plane? Do we live to work? Or just survive to live another day? Are you laboring just for some reward? Could an unhewn agate stone and what is found on it be the ultimate physical end and purpose of life? Some consider it to be a cubical form, simply an allegorical symbol or a magnificent ideal. But whichever way you take this, it has lessons to teach us. The search for truth and purpose of life is not easy, but worthwhile. The search is full of obstacles, yet I believe it is what we were meant for in our creation.

The agate, according to Albert Mackey, is a *stone varying in color, but of great hardness, being a variety of flint....* From my wanderings in the mountains and seeing many pieces of agate, I can tell you that this stone is so hard that it will throw off sparks when soft metal is knocked against it. The sparks you see are not the rock, but tiny metal pieces being thrown off. It’s one of the many ways light or fire can be made by man.

The agate is a symbol of strength and beauty.

The agate is a symbol of strength and beauty. It is given prominence in the 13th & 14th degrees. Also found as the center stone on the third row in the breastplate of the high priest and can be seen in collections of antiquaries having mystical interpretations engraved on them. Lastly, and most



by Bill Hickey, 32° KCCH

Denver Consistory's 9HealthFair for 2010

Things are getting active at the 9Health Fair site now. You can volunteer for our fair (or any others, for that matter) by going to the 9HealthFair web site (<http://www.9healthfair.org>) and selecting "Community Fairs" and then "Volunteer". You may also contact Jack White (Jacques611@msn.com) or Bill Hickey (wa3h@hotmail.com) if you are a non-medical volunteer and Fred Runyan (Fred.Runyan@kiewit.com) or Bill Hickey if you have a medical background. Please remember, verbal indications at a meeting are nice (we call those "drive by shootings") but everyone is busy and can't always remember who volunteered and for what - so we need to get all this confirmed in the data base so we know what we can expect.



National Sojourners

by Bill Hickey, 32° KCCH

The application packages for the Youth Leadership Conferences this summer are now available. Please contact Bill Hickey (wa3h@hotmail.com) if you have a deserving and qualified young person interested in either the Valley Forge or Rocky Mountain Youth Leadership Conference in Pueblo. Eligible kids are this year's sophomores and juniors (juniors and seniors starting in fall 2010).

Interested in joining the Publications Committee? Assistance is needed to direct the future look and content of Consistory publications. Standards, methodology, frequency and appearance are major concerns for this group. We want to get a cross-section of interests and experiences on this committee.

Contact the Chair, D.J. Cox, via email at David.Cox@unco.edu or by phone at (970) 980-4340 if this interests you.

TEN MASTER MASONS

Author unknown

*Ten Master Masons, happy, doing fine;
One listened to a rumor, then there were nine.*

*Nine Master Masons, faithful, never late;
One didn't like the "Master," then there were eight.*

*Eight Master Masons, on their way to heaven;
One joined too many clubs, then there were seven.*

*Seven Master Masons, life dealt some hard licks;
One grew discouraged, then there were six.*

*Six Master Masons, all very much alive;
One lost his interest, then there were five.*

*Five Master Masons, wishing there were more;
Got into a great dispute, then there were four.*

*Four Master Masons, busy as could be;
One didn't like the programs, then there were three.*

*Three Master Masons, was one of them you?
One grew tired of all the work, then there were two*

*Two Master Masons with so much to be done;
One said "What's the use," then there was one.*

*One Master Mason, found a brother -- true!
Brought him to the Lodge, then there were two.*

*Two Master Masons didn't find work a bore;
Each brought another, then there were four.*

*Four Master Masons saved their Lodge's fate;
By showing others kindness, then there were eight.*

*Eight Master Masons, loving their Lodges bright sheen;
Talked so much about it, they soon counted sixteen.*

*Sixteen Master Masons, to their obligations true;
Were pleased when their number went to thirty-two.*

*So we can't put our troubles at the Lodge's door;
It's our fault for harming the Lodge we adore.*

*Don't fuss about the programs or the "Master" in the
East;*

Keep your obligation by serving even the very least.

LEADERSHIP

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.*



Ronald A. Seale, 33°
Sovereign Grand Commander
Supreme Council, 33°, Washington, D.C.



Stephen M. Munsinger, 33°
Sovereign Grand Inspector General
of The Supreme Council



David W. Powell, 33°
Personal Representative of the SGIG in Colorado
for Denver Consistory



David D. Swift, 33°
Venerable Master
Centennial Lodge of Perfection

Scottish Rite Creed

*"Human progress is our
cause, liberty of thought
our supreme wish,
freedom of conscience our
mission, and the
guarantee of equal rights
to all people everywhere
our ultimate goal."*



Richard W. Mitchell, 33°
Wise Master
Rocky Mountain Chapter of Rose Croix



James D. Brigman, 32° KCCH
Master of Kadosh
Denver Consistory



Ashley S. Buss, 32° KCCH,
Commander
Colorado Council of Kadosh



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Almoner



Donald L. Emarine, 33°
Treasurer



Claud E. Dutro, 33°
Secretary-Recorder-Registrar



CALENDAR

2010 Denver Consistory Schedule (Tentative)

February

Mon - Feb 15

Stated Meeting - **Parking garage available**

5:30 PM	Red Room Business Meeting
6:00 PM	Dinner (Presidents Day, Valentine Day) <i>Chicken breast w/apricot sauce</i> <i>Wild rice</i> <i>Green peas & carrots</i> <i>Garden salad</i> <i>Roll & butter</i> <i>Cherry pie</i>
7:00 PM	Entertainment - "Art in Masonry" presentation
7:30 PM	Split Meeting-Annual Reports to CLOP

March

Mon - Mar 15

Stated Meeting - **Parking garage available**

5:30 PM	Red Room Business Meeting
6:00 PM	Dinner
7:00 PM	Past Presiding Officers recognition
7:30 PM	Split Meeting- Centennial Lodge of Perfection Orator's 5 minute Oration

April

Sat - Apr 10
7:00 AM

9 Health Fair - **Parking garage available** (Fair closes at noon)

Fri - Apr 16-17

Leadership Conference – New Orleans

Mon - Apr 19

Stated Meeting - **Parking garage available**

5:30 PM	Red Room Business Meeting
6:00 PM	Dinner
7:00 PM	Celebration of Remembrance and Renewal
7:30 PM	Split Meeting – "True Secret of Masonry" presentation

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

RiteCare News

By Vern Ingraham, 33°, Grand Cross
Executive Secretary, Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado

Seth Now Making Real Progress by Seth's Mom



Seth

(In a December 2009 letter to the Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado, Seth's Mom wrote the following and is published here with her permission.)

Our family was unable to make it to the Holiday Open House (December 5, 2009, Holiday Party at Denver Consistory) but I still wanted to take the opportunity to thank you for your generosity in the community and more personally for my son Seth's progress.

Seth receives a Scottish Rite grant for speech therapy given at The Children's Hospital in Westminster, CO (one of Children's satellite clinics). Although Seth has been in group speech therapy since pre-school through Jefferson County, we had not seen real progress in his speech until he started taking private classes with Nancy Thorn at Children's.

Nancy seems very interested in helping Seth improve his pronunciation and also takes great interest in just getting to know him better.

My husband lost his job in June and we would not be able to send Seth to private therapy without the Scottish Rite grant.

I would also like to point out how caring and professional the staff at Scottish Rite is. I have spoken with Valerie Hernandez several times and she is outstanding.

Again, thank you so much for making such a difference in the community and for Seth and our family.

New RiteCare Web Site Launched January 9, 2010

A new and improved website for the Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado is now operational. It presents Foundation and RiteCare Program information in an attractive and user friendly format.

If you haven't visited the new site since it was activated January 9, 2010, please take a moment and do so. Go to www.scottishritefoundation.org. The site is best viewed using Google Chrome as the web browser. Internet Explorer will work, but Google Chrome presents a better display and is downloadable free of charge from Google.

The home page is confined to a menu of main section page titles with links. The emphasis is directed at potential client families and graduate students. Upon opening this page, you will see the following selections:

- Speech Therapy Information**
- Early Language & Literacy Information**
- Graduate Scholarship Information**
- Foundation Information**
- Donations & Gifts**
- Contact Us**

Donors will find the on-line donation capability offered by the website to be most user friendly with PayPal. This is a payment processing organization which provides hundreds of not-for-profits with discounted processing services. It requires no membership for making a donation and provides a secure way to process a credit card payment. The Foundation's bank account is credited by PayPal and the Foundation is not given your credit card number nor does it become involved with your credit card processing.

The RiteCare partner location map is a major improvement on the new site. A map is located in both the Speech Therapy and Early Language web pages. With a click on the map, an interactive Google map is displayed with each RiteCare location highlighted by a blue pin symbol.

Jim Martin III, Ph.D., made the new site a reality and did all the coding and uploading of the web pages. But he did much more than this by adding real value to the utility of the site including a new location mapping strategy for the RiteCare partner location maps, insertion of an e-mail button on various key pages, and enhancing the site's color scheme and ease of navigation just to name several enhancements.

Your Financial Support Enables Children to Receive Speech-Language Services

We sincerely appreciate your financial support in helping children with speech-language disorders. Needs are greater now than they have been in many years, especially with so many parents having lost jobs in the economic downturn. Without exaggeration, if it weren't for the Foundation, many children would go without any therapy. As Executive Secretary I receive telephone calls and e-mails every week from parents seeking help for their children. We ask for your support in helping with this work. With one of the lowest administrative overhead rates in the not-for-profit world – consistently under 5 percent – your gift will be efficiently used. And, please know, that each member of our Board of Trustees and Foundation staff financially support this work every year – a commitment each holds dear to his heart. Go to our website for making an on-line donation or contact us through the website's Contact Us page. Thank you for helping and for your generous support, especially in these times.



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 newly launched website for the Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado may be found at the following url:

www.scottishritefoundation.org

