

Rite Works

The Freemasons' square-and-compasses symbol adorns a wall in Washington, D.C.'s Masonic House of the Temple--the scene of strange rituals in Da Vinci Code author Dan Brown's new book, *The Lost Symbol*.

The symbol-rich House of the Temple, designed by Jefferson Memorial architect John Russell Pope, is one of two national headquarters for the United States' 550,000 Scottish Rite Masons. A decidedly non-secretive attraction, the Masonic temple hosts regular children's concerts, public tours, and the Burl Ives Collection—artifacts of the 20th-century singer, actor, and narrator of the *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer* TV special.

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Happy St. Patrick's Day

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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>
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FEATURE ARTICLE



A View From the East

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

As the newly elected Venerable Master for the Lodge of Perfection, I decided to ask my fellow Brothers what they wanted to see changed in our meetings in order to enrich their participation in Scottish Right Masonry. I was not surprised to hear the usual responses:

1. Less boring meetings.
2. More Masonic education.
3. More social events that involve the families.
4. Do things like we did when I joined.

The one thing I do not hear was to improve the Fraternal Relations. That is odd, because first and foremost we are a fraternity of brothers who gather regularly to improve ourselves and to help others. The whole idea of meeting at lunches, dinners, shrimp boils, reunions and picnics is to participate in events and to meet before and after other meetings with fellow brothers in Fraternal Relations.

I have heard over and over how new brothers do not come back to meetings after they've taken the degrees because they are not asked to do a job and they are seldom approached by the older members. The meetings are boring, but must be held. If you want more excitement, come before the meetings and meet people or stay after the meetings and meet people. That's what a fraternity does - it provides an opportunity to develop relations between members - and that cannot be done during the meetings.

Everything has its start with people who have something in common and what we have in common is the fraternity.

All of the other comments have a similar answer - Fraternal Relations.

1. If you want Masonic education, sit on the sidelines at a reunion before and after your degree instead of just going home.
2. If you want less boring meetings, come early and stay late.
3. If you want more family social events, get some of your brothers together and plan them before or after a meeting.
4. If you want things to get back to the way they used to be done, get a group of brothers together and investigate why they were changed. Do something about it, instead of just complaining. Things have changed. You have changed, the world has changed. Meet with your brothers and discuss the changes before and after the meetings.

But more important than all these are what are we going to do to improve Fraternal Relations?

Here are some suggestions:

1. Make sure all brothers are treated like they are your brother.
2. Bite your tongue about the short comings of your brother.
3. Love the man you do not like.
4. Come early and stay late, seeking out brothers you do not know.
5. Make it a point to shake hands with 20 brothers at every function. Good will starts with you. Talk to them and find out two things about each brother and share two things about yourself.

Most Important: Remember we are a Fraternity first and foremost. Make a difference!



From the Secretary's Desk

by Claud E. Dutro, 33°, Secretary

The February 15 stated meeting was memorable for those members of the November 2009 reunion class that received their patents and class pictures. The after dinner entertainment was



an educational program titled "Art in Masonry" presented by Brother Walt Stewart from the Grand Lodge Speakers' Bureau.

If you missed the February stated meeting, you missed the final reports for the 2009 year. The Almoner, *Ed Johnson, 33°*, reported his activities and the money involved; *Robert Gregory, 33°*, the Trustee of the Life Membership Trust Fund reported on the progress they are making, including a change of financial advisors; and the Secretary reported on our membership numbers. *Jim Stewart, 32° KCCH*, Membership Director, reported on the work of the Committees that comprise the Membership Council, and ended by having *Michael Rowan, 32° KCCH*, Chairman of the Sojourners Committee, introduce one of the brothers that had been contacted and invited to attend and participate. There were other visitors as well.

Congratulations to *Aaron Klostermeyer, 32°*, and *Michael Brewer, 32°*, who were recently appointed by the Sovereign Grand Inspector General as Fellows of Denver Consistory. These Fellows



will serve a two year assignment that begins with a training session personally conducted by *Ronald A. Seale, 33°*, Grand Commander, in New Orleans on April 15. They will remain in New Orleans the following two days to participate in the Leadership Conference that follows. Aaron is currently Senior Warden of Paul Revere Lodge #130, Degree Director of the 24°, has a major role in the 15° and portrayed Col. Hamilton in the last performance of "The Traitor". Mike is a Past Master

of Englewood Lodge #166, Chairman of the Grand Lodge Perpetual Membership Fund and a computer guru who runs his own software company.

Selected members of the choir and casts of both the 22° and the 29° will be flying to Scottsdale, AZ in May to participate in the Southwest Scottish Rite Regional Reunion. Each member will make a one day trip by air to display their talents and then hurry back home to prepare for our own Denver Consistory 36th Reunion the following week, beginning on May 20. Our reunion will not only exemplify the mandatory degrees, but also will exemplify each of the degrees that were not exemplified last November. *Ron Birely, 33°*, Director General, has planned some unusual and exciting activities for this reunion, so turn in your petitions now and plan to be a part of these exciting three days.

The Biennial Leadership Conference will be conducted by the Supreme Council in New Orleans on April 16 and 17. The members of the Executive Committee and two officers from each of the four Denver Consistory bodies will be attending to hear a fresh slate of programs each specifically designed to put real-world tools into the hands of today's Scottish Rite leaders and will support the Scottish Rite Strategic Plan. This year's Scottish Rite Leadership Conference will highlight **Membership** and how **Leadership** directly affects it **RITE NOW!** There will be a report at our stated meeting on Monday, April 19, just a few days after their return.

We will again host the 9Health Fair on April 10, beginning at 7:00 am. This year we will be among the first available sites and expect a large attendance. This is a convenient and cost effective way to get the answers to those health questions and tests that you have been postponing. The parking garage will be available.

The Doors Open Denver Open House is fast approaching. Have you marked April 17-18 on your calendar to bring your family and friends for a guided tour of our magnificent building? The planned events include a series of short concerts on the recently restored historic organ.

The March 15 stated meeting will feature a traditional corned beef and cabbage dinner honoring St. Patrick, followed by recognition of past presiding officers. For the split meeting the ladies will get to see the new festive children's bags sewn by Lula Ellsworth. The members will experience a different educational approach that concludes with the Lodge Orator's speech. As always, this is a great opportunity to visit with old friends and make new ones. I hope to see you there.



National Sojourners

by Bill Hickey, 32° KCCH

As we close in on the date for interviewing candidates to participate in the Rocky Mountain Youth Leadership Conference in Pueblo and the Freedom's Foundation at Valley Forge (both occurring in July), it's important to remember that I need to have the application packages back from the kids no later than 20 March.

Interviews will be conducted on Sunday, 28 March at the Littleton Methodist Church, so you can see the importance of the kids getting those packages in to me by the deadline. I have received several requests for packages to give out, but so far have not received any from the kids themselves. It is not unusual for them to procrastinate and try to wait until the last minute, but I STRONGLY encourage you to let any prospective candidates know that this is not a good idea. There is no preference given to early submissions, and no penalty for coming in at literally the last minute, BUT ... we cannot accept LATE applications.

Don't let your eligible kids miss a great once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to get some valuable leadership skills - all FOR FREE!

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.

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.



Knights of St. Andrew

by Rich Silver, 32°

We had a great turnout for the Robert Burns Dinner on January 30. The food was outstanding and the fellowship was even better. During the evening we knighted four new Brother Knights including our Illustrious Potentate Ed Rendon. We also knighted Paul Danio, Glenn Fishel and Darren Klinefelter. The Burns Dinner is an excellent annual event and you are encouraged to attend next year.

The annual business meeting for the Knights of Saint Andrew will take place on March 15 in conjunction with the Stated Meeting. We will be holding elections of officers that evening and all Knights are encouraged to attend. An email will be sent out in early March with further details.

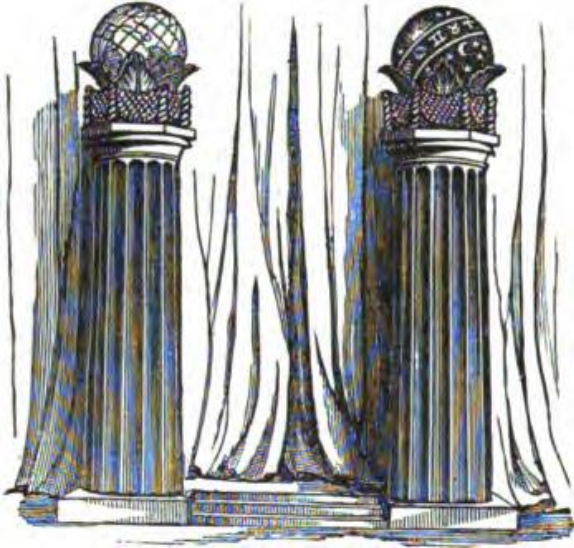
The 9Health Fair will take place at the Consistory on April 10. The Knights have played a big role in this annual event each year and we are looking forward to a strong presence from the KSA again this year. We will be in contact with all Knights shortly by email to let you know what role you can play.

The Spring Reunion, scheduled for May 20 – 22 is another great opportunity for the Knights to get involved. Your help is needed in degree work and behind the scenes. Participating in the Reunion is an excellent way to meet the brothers coming into the Consistory and extend a hand to bring them into the KSA. We look forward to your involvement!



Between the Columns

by Michael D. Moore, 32°



The Small Things

It is easy when viewing the Scottish Rite degrees to pass over the small parts they contain. I mean, who ever thinks of what the batteries, times of starting / closing of each degree or the symbolic age of the candidate means? Or you may even ask yourself – are there ages of the candidates to go with each degree? Yes, there are!

What do the colors, shapes, number of times an item is used and various regalia have to do with anything important? Do I really need to know what the odd letters that are found with the titles in some of the reference translate into?

These are all good questions and ones which so many Masonic scholars pass over. So, if they do not mention these in the core books on the ritual, how important are they?

*Battery = **** denotes life, death, virtue and immortality.
(*denotes hands clapping)*

They actually help reinforce, complete and fully convey the various lessons found within the degree. They may seem of little or no consequence

and are rarely shown in the dramas. But does that prove anything?

No, so much of the less oblivious and philosophical parts of Freemasonry are not written about but left for you to think about and then comprehend at your own level of interest. For most of my readers, these are items not worth the brain cells needed to think about. For others, rewards await for those that compare each of them to what is found in other degrees.

These “small things” can only be understood when we think of them in light of where the degree is in rank of the 29, what section they are associated with and the level or maturity of the candidate who participates in them.

It would be easy to simply say the batteries were just an ancient way of adding sound to each of the degrees when instruments were not common or used within the ritual; that the age of the candidate gives us a clue on the maturity of the initiate or that the hours of each degree should be thought of in comparison with the sun’s travel across the sky. But, to do so is to strip away much of the richness found in these minute features. And to say the time and effort taken to add all this by the brothers who wrote these degrees to be not worth their time.

So, how do I apply all this to my Masonic life? Think of it as leaving salt out of the list of ingredients when cooking. Most foods can be made with a reduced amount of salt than what is called for, but it just does not taste the same. Salt adds flavor. And that is what all these do to our degrees. They are the intricate, layered tastes that you get when digesting each of them.

What is life without flavor? Boring and easily old. If you think you know it all about a degree because you have had a part in one of them for so long, ask yourself why were these parts put in? How can I learn from them? And why after a few revisions and rewritings, they are still found for you to perform?

The richness of our lives and of our degrees are sometimes found in the small stuff. They are not stuff to sweat, as books tell us today. But to use, add to and complete what there is to learn from each of them.



by Bill Hickey, 32° KCCH

Denver Consistory's 9HealthFair for 2010

We're in the "stretch run" now. It's just a little over a month until the 9HealthFair at the Denver Consistory (Saturday, 10 April 0700-1200).

If you've already indicated you want to volunteer, thank you. If you want to volunteer, but just haven't gotten around to letting us know, PLEASE do so as soon as possible. PREFERABLY, use the 9HealthFair web site to enter your information to volunteer (if you don't have access to the internet or are uncomfortable doing this, it's OK to call one of the volunteer coordinators with your information (our contact information is below).

To use the 9HealthFair web site, first open your browser to:

<http://www.9healthfair.org>

- then when you get to that page, in the upper left quadrant, there will be a series of options to choose from. Select "Community Fairs" and then "Volunteer". You will have to click on a link to read the "Volunteer Values" at the bottom of the main frame to continue on.

Once you do that, close the window and then select the link "to volunteer at a 9HealthFair site" which is in the middle of that large frame. Once in that page, just fill in your contact information so we can make sure you're entered into the volunteer list we use to keep track of everything.

Once you start this process, you'll have a number of pages to work with - basically you're going to narrow-down the place(s) where you want to volunteer to work. Denver, then the date April 10 will show up with Denver Consistory, and you'll check that one.

It's not really as hard or complex as it sounds.

Should you need to contact one of the coordinators personally instead of using the web, here's the following information for you:

Bill Hickey - site coordinator - wa3h@hotmail.com 303-369-4410 x4005 (W) or 303-494-0384 (H) (both with voice mail)

Fred Runyan - Medical volunteer coordinator - fred.runyan@kiewit.com 303-979-9330 Ext. 2030 (W) or (303) 204-4307 (cell)

Jack White - Non-medical volunteer coordinator - jacques611@msn.com (970) 295-5435 (W) or (970) 402-3866 (cell)

REMEMBER - if you call a cell number, our folks may or may not be in a position to jot down the needed information, so they may need to return your call after a short while. Regardless of the specific "function" each of our coordinators have in their titles, ANY of us can get your information and process it.

Thanks again for volunteering, and I'll see you on Saturday morning April 10th.

A new feature is coming! A new feature is coming!

We are adding a *Letters to the Editor* feature to this publication. Anyone wishing to post a comment, ask a question, voice an opinion or just wants to speak out on an issue pertinent to this publication or masonry in general may now do so. Simply send an email to editor@denverconsistory.org and you are done. We will look them over and publish those of substance. Let's hope we will all benefit by this new feature.

BY THE WORK YOU DID TODAY

by Charles L. Mead 33°
Boynton Lodge #236

*Can you say tonight in parting
with the day that's slipping past
That you helped a single brother
of the many that you passed?*

*Is a single heart rejoicing
over what you did and said?
Does the man whose hopes were fading,
Now with courage look ahead?*

*Did you waste the day or lose it,
Was it well or poorly spent?
Did you leave a trail of kindness,
Or a scar of discontent?*

*As you close your eyes in slumber,
Do you think God will say,
You have earned one more tomorrow,
By the work you did today.*

A Mason's Wife

*From active Masons, resolute,
Our wives and fam'lies we salute;
We surely know the price you pay,
Who sit alone while we're away;*

*No high degrees on you conferred,
In Lodge, your name is seldom heard;
You serve our cause though out of sight,
While sitting home alone tonight;*

*Masonic papers list our names,
Awards are given, fit to frame;
But yours is absent...you who strive,
To keep our fortitude alive;*

*You're part of every helpful deed,
On your encouragement we feed;
Without your blessings, how could we,
Continue acts of charity?*

*And so, this poem, we dedicate,
To every Master Mason's mate;
And offer our undying love,
Rewards await in Heaven above.*

If You Are,

You Will My Brother Be

*If you believe in
A Great Architect,
And only if;*

*If you are a man
Good and true
And live God's chosen paths;*

*If you weep at a man's woes
And his pain is your pain;
His anguish needs
You carefully soothe:*

*If the moons no more
Your ambition keep
Or at least the direction know;*

*If the hard and stony path
Is but behind
And not ahead of you;*

*If your job, its satisfaction done,
And life's a plateau,
Life its stillness bore:*

*If you have loved
And all the joys of love,
Mellowed to its highest heights;*

*If life's eternal lesson learned
And have been rewarded
With God's gifts of joy and blessings;*

*If you have the heart and soul,
And the precious hours
To share this joy with other fellowmen:*

*If within you, lies a heart
That stirs for more,
And you know not why;*

*If you ask questions
That gives no answers;
Why, what or who am I:*

*If you ask,
Is life a tireless search
With no end?*

*Then, time is right,
My good fellow,
You are
And you will, my brother be.*

-Lalkumar

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.*



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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."



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CALENDAR

2010 Denver Consistory Schedule (Tentative)

March

Mon - Mar 15

Stated Meeting - **Parking garage available**

5:30 PM Red Room Business Meeting
 6:00 PM Dinner – *Corned Beef and Cabbage*
 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

May

Wed - May 12-15

Southwest Regional Reunion (5th consecutive) Scottsdale, Arizona

Mon - May 17

Stated Meeting - **Parking garage available**

5:30 PM Red Room Business Meeting
 6:00 PM Dinner
 7:00 PM Entertainment – “Perceptive vs. Cognitive Thought”
 presentation
 7:30 PM Split Meeting- Rocky Mtn Chapter of Rose Croix
 5 minute Oration by Orator

Thu - May 20
 7:00 AM

Spring Reunion (36th consecutive) - **Parking garage available**

Fri - May 21
 7:00 AM

Spring Reunion (36th consecutive) - **Parking garage available**

Sat - May 22
 7:00 AM

Spring Reunion (36th consecutive) - **Parking garage available**

Mon - May 31

Consistory closed for Memorial Day holiday 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 newly launched website for the Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado may be found at the following url:

www.scottishritefoundation.org

