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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~

BROTHER

CALLED HOME

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FEATURE ARTICLE

Join a Cause Greater Than Yourself Be an *Architect of Care*

by Vernon B. Ingraham, 33°, Grand Cross
Executive Secretary, Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado



The above photo exemplifies the commitment of Scottish Rite Masons in supporting the Colorado RiteCare program and its mission of helping children. In this photo the Secretary of Denver Consistory, Illustrious and Most Worshipful Brother

Claud Dutro, is working with a youngster with Cerebral Palsy and her therapist. This photo needs no further explanation. It exemplifies what we, as Scottish Rite Masons, have as a commitment in life.

Here is what one mother said about RiteCare.

"This was Marianna's second year at TWT (Talking with Technology) camp. She seemed to blossom this year. This year she was more comfortable with her "talking" device, and we could tell she was excited about going to camp. She was positively influenced by the other children having devices. We have seen her using her device with more confidence since coming home. The TWT camp is a great concept. Combining speech therapists, augmentative communication devices with children and counselors at camp is a winning combination. Children have a chance to communicate, using their devices, in a fun environment with other children. They get to be kids at camp like any other kids. We can't say thank you enough. You have given our child the gifts of adventure, fun, and communication. You are truly amazing people."

I want to acknowledge our partner in providing funding for the TWT Camp. The Rollie R. Kelley Family Foundation is helping make communication possible. For those who don't know, Illustrious Brother Rollie Kelley was a trustee of the Foundation and an esteemed Denver Consistory member until his passing in 1999. His three children - Bruce, Kathy, and Barbara - are committed to serving his legacy and the children in Colorado with communication challenges.

Colorado RiteCare is working with heart and mind to generate the financial resources necessary to sustain the RiteCare Childhood Language Program in Colorado. As an Architect of Care, your financial support will help the Foundation to continue its work in helping Colorado's children with language disorders.

Being close to the Foundation and its work, I can only add my heartfelt endorsement. I have a unique opportunity in representing Scottish Rite Masons with clinicians and families and can tell you from my heart that your support means the world to the many children we serve. If it were not for this support, many of these children would not have the opportunity to overcome their speech-language challenges. Having had a speech-language challenge when I was a young boy, I can testify to how critical this support is.

Please consider the Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado in your year-end giving plans (and your year-long plans). It will mean so much to so many. See us on the web at www.scottishritefoundation.org. For questions call me at 303-861-2410 or email at ritecare@scottishritefoundation.org. Thank you for your support.



Saturday, April 9, 2011
0700-1200
Our next Scottish Rite sponsored
9 Health Fair.

by Bill Hickey, 32° KCCH

We've already signed up to be a pilot site to offer a special optional A1C screening (longer term blood sugar). As the 9 Health Fair staff begin planning for the April fairs, we'll be seeing what screenings we'll be able to offer this coming year.

Remember, we can't wait until the last minute to know who our volunteers are - so, if you know you'll be able to volunteer, please contact:

- Fred Runyan (if you are a medical volunteer or if you know a medical volunteer who might be willing to help us out)
- OR -
- Jack White (for any of the support/non-medical volunteer positions).

First priority will go to our own Masonic community volunteers, but if we end up needing additional help, we will have to open up to the community at large. If you can't be available on the date we have set, but you can help with advance publicity (posters, circulars, notices to lodges, etc) that's something that's really just as important as being there on the date. It takes a lot of volunteers to make a successful fair.

As we enter the holiday season in earnest, don't forget, April is really "just around the corner" and time will slip away faster than we realize.

So, go ahead and mark those 2011 calendars with the date and plan on being there with us for the 9Health Fair.



From the Secretary's Desk

by Claud E. Dutro, 33°, Secretary

The Dwight A. Hamilton Class

of the 37th Reunion are now Masters of the Royal Secret and ready to take their places among the Consistory workers. It is each member's responsibility to welcome them into the Scottish Rite and help them find the duties that will help them to become participating members who will support future classes.

The November Stated Meeting was unusual in that we went from dinner directly into our separate meetings. At 8:15 the ladies and guests joined the members in the auditorium for a program recognizing our military services in honor of Veterans Day. Ed Johnson, 33°, spoke



of the history of the oldest service, the U.S. Army, and related some of his experiences there. Randy Penn, 32° KCCH, sang the Army song, accompanied by Charlie Schaeffer, 33°, playing our

renovated organ. Next, Andy Anderson, 32° KCCH, spoke about his part in the proud history of the U.S. Navy, followed by the Navy song. Third to speak was



Burney Brandell, 33°, a proud member of the U.S. Marines (once a Marine, always a Marine), followed by the Marine Hymn.

The newest of the four major services, the U.S. Air Force, was represented by Michael Rowan, 32° KCCH. In our minds, those of us who served in the U.S. Air Force could almost hear the jets fly-by as Randy sang the Air Force song. The audience then closed the evening by joining in singing "God Bless America".

Deck The Halls and trim the trees. On the Saturday morning before Thanksgiving, several of the most reliable volunteers gathered to transform the Consistory into a holiday party room for the upcoming Scottish Rite Children's Party. Dick



Mitchell, 33°, again provided a variety of inflated displays that completed the thousands of lights and scattered trees, which were erected and decorated by the volunteers. With many helping hands, the work was soon completed and everyone was on to additional seasonal activities by 10:30 am. We will need additional people to remove and store the decorations on Saturday, January 8th.



Get Ready for the Kids was the order of the day for the volunteers that gathered in the dining room at 10:00 am on Wednesday, December 1. Under the direction of Dr. Deborah Hayes and Valerie Hernandez, they filled, tied and stored the "goodie bags" for the children that will attend the Scottish Rite Foundation Children's Holiday Party. Many hands made quick work and everyone soon enjoyed lunch together, courtesy of the Foundation staff.

The Scottish Rite Foundation Children's Party will be held at Denver Consistory on Saturday, December 4. Denver Consistory members are encouraged to bring their families to share in this special interaction with the families of children enrolled in the assistance programs of the Foundation. There will be entertainment, games, prizes and gifts for all children and grandchildren, plus great photo opportunities with Santa.

The December Stated Meeting will feature holiday music, great food and fellowship. We will close out a successful year and elect new officers as we prepare to make 2011 even better. Plan to attend on Monday, December 20 (dinner starts at 6:00 pm) and help build the special relationships that define the Scottish Rite experience.

Happy Holidays to all members of the fraternity and their families



Just My Opinion ...

by D. J. Cox, 32° KCCH

December brings to mind thoughts of vigilance, hope and joy. The holidays are upon us and people are beginning to get the festive spirit. Decorations and bright lights are popping up and people *seem* happier. But

On December 7th we are reminded to never let our guard down. There are forces throughout the world who would do us harm if given the chance. We see violence in Europe and the Middle East. North Korea and Iran keep rattling their chains. Famine and destruction are prevalent in Haiti and all around Africa. The weak economy is depressing and frightening for many, especially those suffering in unemployment and poverty. America is not exempt from these fears. Too many of our citizens are caught in this web. For these reasons, and others, we must maintain our vigilance. We must never forget the past and its lessons.

And yet, there is hope. We are a nation of doers and dreamers. Whenever a crisis appears, we step up and chip in to help those in need. No other country does as much as the USA to help when a crisis strikes. Think Haiti; think Pakistan; think masonically of our charities that are not limited to our own citizens. The list is endless. There is hope. But again, we must not let our guard down. There is so much more to do. There is still poverty, illiteracy, hunger and hopelessness in our country.

As we begin to enjoy this holiday season, let us begin by helping others. The Almoner can always use your support. We have the Children's Christmas parties at the Consistory and Shrine on Saturday, December 4th. Consider gifts in the names of our friends to support our charities. After all, do you really need another tie or more underwear?

As we celebrate this most joyous of seasons, let us spread the joy whenever possible. Think of a senior citizen or hospital patient who might like a visit from us. Think of the homeless who are hungry and cold. Is there something you can do to help them? And let's not forget the families of our brave military. They have their loved ones spread around the globe preserving freedom for us all. Can't we spend some time with them and helping them whenever and however possible?

I could go on, but what's the point. You all have the wherewithal to cite many relevant examples. All that is necessary, all that is left to do, is to take action on those circumstances or examples! Let's really spread the meaning of Christmas around. **Let's do something!!**

Vigilance, hope and joy. Anyway, that's my opinion.



Dreams

by Bill Hickey, 32° KCCH

Winter is a time for dreams - when you thankfully lose touch with your calendar years. It's that time of year when we try desperately to cling to our memories and yesterday's warmth.

Holiday lights and falling snow always make you dream - mostly of when you were a kid - and a time when there always seemed to be more snow - drifts over your head - icicles hanging off houses so big you could use them as swords to defend your snow fort from invaders - so big because the insulation wasn't as good in the '40s and '50s - storm windows covered in frost so thick you could write your name.

Those were the days. Our kids can't believe that we really did walk miles in the snow to school when the temperature was below freezing. Days when our parents weren't so quick to offer a ride and there was only one car ... no "free periods" at school ... a bologna sandwich was a real lunch. You didn't hear "there's no food in this house" ... you ate what there was and that was that.

Bread was 15 cents a loaf, a newspaper was five cents. Ed Sullivan on Sunday nights. Little Rickey's first Christmas with Lucy in a Santa suit. Perry Como specials. Alice being sent to the moon by Ralph.

Late in the day there were programs for Mom sponsored by Lux and New Tide. The house became quiet when Dad arrived home to listen to the news broadcast. Very quiet -- or else. Saturday cartoons by the hour on the new television set - black and white on both channels. Snowball fights and making snow forts; lying down in the snow to make Angels.

Remember Bing Crosby, Miracle on 34th Street, Gene Autry, Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer, Liberace, and Miss Brenda Lee? How about actually HOLDING the girl next to you when you danced?

It's our responsibility to give our kids things they will dream about as they sit by the fireplace when they get to be our age and we are the Grandparents who spoil their kids.

Hopefully we'll always be proud to dream with the lights and snow ... and the kids of all ages ... the ones belted up in the backseat of the '96 Sable and the ones wrapped up with a blanket in the back of the '41 Dodge with slush coming up through the holes in the floor. And a dimmer switch you kicked with your left foot.

No, we haven't really changed - we've just grown up and mellowed a little. In our hearts we can have peace, even if the world we live in can't seem to find it.

Dream well. Each today we receive will be the past for our children and grandchildren. When the first flurries of winter are falling, remember as you dream - you can go home again - but ... you can't go back.

Knights of St. Andrew (KSA)

by Rich Silver, 32°



Mark your calendars; the 2011 Robert Burns Dinner has been scheduled for January 29, 2011 at Highlands Masonic Temple. This is the primary fund raising event for the KSA and is always a fun evening with a great meal. Remember, the Burns dinner is not limited to KSA members, so plan on inviting your friends.

The KSA had a strong presence again in the Fall Reunion. Knights participated in all aspects of the Reunion and we will be welcoming several new Knights from the Fall class.

The first Monday of each month is KSA meeting night. We kicked off this new meeting night in October with a knighting and are asking for KSA members and those interested in the KSA to join us each month.

A Freemason's Christmas Wish

by Brother Andrew Bradley

*It is the time of year when the Brethren
rejoice,
and sing carols of praise in resounding voice.
Days of merriment and long nights of cheer,
as we all await the "Happy New Year!".
It is a time of family and life long friends,
a time of happiness and to make amends.
Roast turkey and baubles and the Nutcracker
Suite,
we each have our own way to make Christmas
complete.*

*As we stroll through this happy month of
December
find time to pause and take time to remember
that distinguishing sign of a Freemason's heart*

*-
those acts of Charity. How great they are.
As your family gathers 'round your Christmas
tree,
and the children play with giggles of glee,
spare a thought for the poor, the man with no
shoes,
whose daily meal is less than your dues.*

*Remember also the Grand Lodge above,
and the Supreme Great Architect's act of love.
And practise those virtues we hold so true.
Have some fun! But let Temperance chasten
you.*

*And during this season of peace and joy
look well to our future - the girl and boy.
Then wonder what lessons you may them
teach,
and with your guidance what heights they may
reach.*

*So, to all of my Brethren from far and wide,
whether your Christmas be snow, or hot and
dry,
may the Architect grant his celestial boon
and keep your good health 'til we meet again
soon.*

*Take care of yourself and those you find dear.
Keep this festive spirit throughout the next
year.*

*Look toward your next date with our happy
band.*

*'Til our next merry meeting. Apron, heart, and
hand.*



A Celebration of the Life of Robert Burns

Saturday, January 29, 2011

Happy Hour 6:00 PM, Dinner 7:00 PM

Festivities at Highlands Masonic Temple
3550 Federal Boulevard, Denver, Colorado

Wear your fanciest Scottish
apparel or other civilized
clothing

Send check for \$30.00, Per
Person, which is your
RSVP, not later than
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Brother Robert Burns

Cuisine by The Celtic Caterer

Scottish Green Pea Soup, True
Scottish Sheppard's Pie,
Highland Spiced Beef, Roast
Chicken in Tarragon Sauce,
Kell Kinmy Potatoes, Mixed
Vegetable Medley, Apple -
Oatmeal Pie with Vanilla Ice
Cream



Parade of the Haggis after the Soup Course

*Brought to you by the Knights of Saint Andrew, the Denver Consistory and
the El Jebel Shrine Pipe Band*

**A Special Appeal
from the Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado**



“Architects of Care”

A way you can help
make a difference in
the lives of children

Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado
www.scottishritefoundation.org

These are very challenging times for all of us. The Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado is no exception. This article explains the problem facing the Foundation and what it is doing in response. We ask for your help in this work that means so much for so many families in Colorado.

The Problem

- More families are seeking help than ever before. So many parents are out of work and suffering financially. Families are seeking support so that their children with communication challenges can be treated.
- The Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado is now spending principal to help these children.
- RiteCare donations are now at a near 20-year low.
- Foundation net assets have suffered a dramatic decline since 2008.
- Speech therapy budget cuts are now on the table for serious consideration.
- We don't want to do this. We need your help.

Here's What We're Doing

- In 2009 and early 2010 the Foundation's Board of Trustees made some critical financial decisions regarding our investment portfolio. Our investment posture is slowly improving, but we remain cautious in view of the many economic challenges in the short and intermediate term.
- With donations remaining at near-record lows, The Board of Trustees has authorized a fundraising campaign (Architects of Care) to help our donors and prospective donors understand the issue and what we are doing to address it.
- You can help by making a donation in our upcoming annual appeal drive which will be initiated in mid-November.

Please join with the Board of Trustees and others in supporting this important Masonic Mission of Service to Colorado's children and their families.





Between the Columns

by Michael D. Moore, 32°

Why do we revere the ancients?



For those who have just experienced the 29 degrees in our last Reunion, one point that really stands out. We seek knowledge from those who lived in the past. Now, we are a very advanced civilization. We have visited other planets, are learning more each year about the basic building blocks for our bodies, can build and maintain very advanced and complex systems and structures. What makes this old wisdom so important to us?

It is a question that comes up in my studies all the time, in many different ways. Albert Pike, who revised and wrote the Scottish Rite degrees recognized this and so did many men who preceded him. He saw and used what others knew and built upon their understandings to present many deep topics to us.

We forget or choose not to see, that there were individuals throughout all ages that were ahead of their time in thought and actions. These men could understand and think of principles and

formulas that generations of men who followed them could not. Or did not make the time to do. And the philosophies and principles they came up with or were revealed to them, still stand the test of time.

Is this really true? Yes. The important questions of life have not changed, whether they are asked twenty years ago, a hundred and twenty or over two thousand. What is our Creator like? What is mankind's relationship to this Being? How should man treat each other? What happens when we die? Man has a need to understand and the answers found, are just seen through eyes and ears of people with different surroundings.

No wonder Pike and others well known Masonic writers revered some of these exceptional men, who figured out some very deep philosophical relationships, made advancements in science and geometry with less advanced equipment, without the ease of knowledge or the freedoms we have.

Many wise men, much smarter than ourselves, found the ancients to be their contemporaries in many fields. We should do the same. Not to reject modern thought and knowledge, but to blend this with the ancient knowledge and use both together.

We can still see today, some of the surviving structures that these ancient men built. They far outlast what we build today and we would have a hard time doing the same and at great cost. People who came before us do have a lot to teach us.



ALLEGIANCE

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"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

December

Sat - Dec 4
10:00 AM

SR Foundation & Consistory Children's Christmas Party
Parking garage available

Mon - Dec 20

Stated Meeting - **Parking garage available**

5:30 PM

Red Room Business Meeting

6:00 PM

Dinner

Christmas dinner – Pork Loin with scalloped potatoes

7:00 PM

Entertainment

7:30 PM

Split Meeting- Annual Election of Officers

Thu - Dec 23

Consistory closed at noon for Christmas holiday observance

Fri - Dec 24

Consistory closed for Christmas holiday observance

Thu - Dec 30

Consistory closed at noon for New Year's holiday observance

