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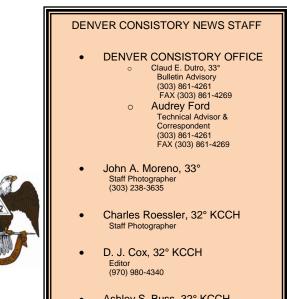
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REMEMBRANCE

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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.

~In Memoriam~			
BROTHER	CALLED HOME		
Albert Leroy Brooks, 32° James D. Dunn, 32° Harold Wendell Glass, 32° James Clifford Kuhlman, 32° Harry Leonard Lindstrom, Jr., 33° John Ernest Montgomery, 32° Don Earl Mosley, 32° Alfred Arthur Oldenettel, 32° James H. Reddish, 32° William Henry Thornley, Jr., 33°	2/23/2007 11/15/2010 11/24/2010 11/29/2010 12/8/2010 12/5/2010 11/9/2010 12/14/2010 11/30/2010 12/21/2010		

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FEATURE ARTICLE



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Happy New Year -Happy Hogmanay by Bill Hickey, 32° KCCH

Since we are the "Scottish Rite" of Freemasonry (even though it came to us via France, not Scotland), it only seems appropriate to include the Scottish New Year greeting.

The month of January is named after the Roman god JANUS, who was the god of gates and doors as well as beginnings and endings. Janus is usually depicted as the two-faced head, each looking in opposite directions. We can make the analogy that Janus says goodbye to the old year and welcome to the new year. He also represents the transition between primitive life and civilization, between the country and city, peace and war, and the transition from youth to adulthood.

New Year's day has traditionally been associated with making "resolutions" - many of which some people just can't seem to keep (lose weight, quit smoking, exercise more, whatever). But, as Masons we are all encouraged to make a continuous step of improvement (think the rough ashlar transformation into the smooth ashlar some call it the "perfect" ashlar, but who among us would ever claim to be a "perfect" person). What is important is not the magnitude of the changes we make in progressing toward that "smooth" ashlar of our person, but rather that we continuously improve upon what we already have. In business, "continuous improvement" is a management mantra designed to encourage their employees to always strive to be better at whatever they do.

Why not make a conscious effort this year to make a resolution that you can keep? Make a commitment to improve yourself in any way, but hopefully in one that has a Masonic connection of some sort. The simple fact is that none of us can be everything to everyone all the time. We all have obligations - those to our God, to our country, to our families, to our professions, and THEN to the craft. Whether it be to attend lodge, consistory,

Shrine, York Rite or any other masonic body more regularly, pursue an educational program, or participate more with your children (or grandchildren) in their activities, each of these activities can be a pathway to improving yourself if you will only let it work for you.

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It is not merely sufficient that we recall our Master Mason obligation, but ALL three of those first obligations to the craft that we swore on the Volume of the Sacred Law. Other obligations are just as binding, regardless of where we made them or when. After all, your word is your bond, and to some people it is all they know about you.

Knights of St. Andrew (KSA) by Rich Silver, 32°



The 2011 Robert Burns Dinner is

returning to its home at the Consistory! After several years of being held at the El Jebel Temple, we believe that the Consistory will now be the permanent home for the Burns Dinner. The dinner will be at 6:30 pm on January 29 and cost \$30 per person, including wine served at the table. Again this year, we will be having a Knighting for all brothers that have submitted applications and those wanting to join the KSA. 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. Please make your reservations by calling the Consistory office at (303) 861-4261.

Brothers remember that the Knights Ladies are now active and will be planning activities in the coming year. This is a great way for our ladies to be part of what we do and build friendships within the KSA.

The KSA meetings take place on the first Monday of each month at 7:00 pm in the Consistory Lodge Room. We are planning another active year for the Knights and attending the meetings will allow you to become more active in the Consistory.





9 Health Fair Status by Bill Hickey, 32° KCCH

With the New Year, planning begins at the 9HealthFair offices in earnest. As we

approach our scheduled fair date, things will only get more and more animated and confusing, so we are asking everyone who plans to participate at this year's fair to contact us as soon as possible with your intention and preferences.

Some of the obvious things we have to do are: set up the area, take down the area after the fair, pick up and return curtains and partitions from El Jebel, parking lot assistance, registration for participants, registration for volunteers, CASHIERS (probably will need 3), greeters, break-room assistance, form check, check out desk, blood draw coordination. There will be some openings for assistance by non-medical personnel for some of the screenings, but not all of them. Obviously, there are only so many slots where we need non-medical volunteers, but we'll also need some "stand-by's" in the event a scheduled volunteer gets sick or has a lastminute conflict that precludes them from attending. It is IMPORTANT that you contact either Jack or Fred (as appropriate) AS SOON AS POSSIBLE so we can plan adquately.

Not everyone will be able to get their first choice - so if you have a couple of places where you might like to serve, let them know that information as well. Remember, the earlier you get your name into the hat with your preference, the higher the likelihood that you'll be able to get your first preference.

IMPORTANT:

You can always contact me if Fred or Jack are unavailable. However, don't expect a "drive-by" (which is grabbing our arms at a meeting and saying "oh by the way...") to be an effective way of getting your name on the list. We need to put it down in writing, and EMAIL is the best way to ensure that we get that information without a hiccup. Leaving a phone message is also a good thing, BUT...make sure we know who you are and what you are signing up for. Don't assume we'll recognize your voice or just a first name.

Thanks, and I'll know more about our screening situation after the first 9HealthFair coordinator meeting in January.

Overall Site Coordinator: Bill Hickey, <u>wa3h@hotmail.com</u>, 303-494-0384 (H) MEDICAL coordinator: Fred Runyan, <u>fred.runyan@kiewit.com</u>, 303-204-4307 (C) NON-MEDICAL coordinator: Jack White, <u>jacques611@msn.com</u>, 970-402-3866 (C)



From the Secretary's Desk by Claud E. Dutro, 33°, Secretary

Highlights of the December

<u>Stated Meeting</u> included (1) a musical concert, (2) a national award for a Colorado DeMolay knight, (3) presentations of pins to two 25 year members, (4) presentation of 50 year hats to two members, and (5) election of new officers for 2011.

Director Marvin Feldman, 33°, and the El Jebel Dance Band performed a great show of nostalgic dance tunes, sprinkled with holiday classics. This special group included several members of Denver Consistory. Can you pick them out in this picture?



The November issue of Rite Works (http://www.denverconsistory.org/pdf/riteWorks0310.pdf) included an article on DeMolay written by Garrett

Lewis. That article turned out to be the Regional winner of a national

contest and went on to be chosen as one of two national grand prize winners. Stephen M. Munsinger, 33°, SGIG in Colorado. presented the award and forwarded information to the Supreme Council



L to R are: Michael Lewis (father), Stephen Munsinger (SGIG), Laura Lewis (mother), Dom Barrera (State Master Counselor), Garrett Lewis and Walt Martin, former Colorado Executive Officer.

for inclusion in their national journal.

Twenty Five year certificates and pins were presented to Matthew A. Raia, 33°, and to Robert L. Thomas, 32°, Stephen M. Munsinger,



L to R are: Lee Techentien, Wallace A. Techentien, 32° KCCH, Shirley Uhrlaub, James A. Uhrlaub and Stephen M. Munsinger, 33°, SGIG.

33°, Sovereign Grand Inspector General then presented a fifty year hat and certificate to Wallace A. Techentien, 32° KCCH, with assistance from his wife Lee, and a fifty year hat and certificate to James A. Uhrlaub with assistance from his wife Shirley.

The following officers were then elected and appointed:

Centennial Lodge of Perfection

Venerable Master – Stephen H. Jaouen, 32° KCCH Senior Warden – Robert F. (Trey) Perrin, III, 32° KCCH Junior Warden – L. Bryant Harris, 32° Orator – John W. Gay, II, 32°, KCCH Prelate-Robert P. Horen, 33° (for all the Bodies) Tiler-Robert L. Sage, 32° KCCH (for all the Bodies) Master of Ceremonies - Peter J. DeLaurier, 32° Expert - Craig L. Thighe, 32° Captain of the Host - Michael A. Brewer, 32°

Rocky Mountain Chapter of Rose Croix

Wise Master- Michael P. Rowan, 32° KCCH Senior Warden- J. Randy Penn, 32° KCCH Junior Warden- John (Jack) I. Burns, 32° Orator- Roy A. Snyder, 32° Master of Ceremonies - Thomas M. Thompson, 32° KCCH Expert - Aaron J. Klostermeyer, 32° Guardian of the Temple - Scott A. Bates, 32°

Colorado Council of Kadosh

Commander - Steven L. Hubbard, 32° KCCH 1st Lieutenant Commander - Scott Webster, 32° KCCH 2nd Lieutenant Commander - Charles F. Fraley, 32° KCCH Chancellor - Michael D. Moore, 32° Orator - Gregory B. Dominguez, 32° Master of Ceremonies - Robert A. Salazar, 32° Lieutenant of the Guard - Robert W. Juchem, 32°

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Master of Kadosh- Robin Knox, 32° KCCH Prior- John A. Warren, 32° KCCH Preceptor- Alexander J. McIntosh, 32° KCCH Chancellor- John P. Trainor, 32° KCCH Minister of State- Timothy W. Hogan, 32° KCCH Master of Ceremonies - William A. Hickey, 32° KCCH Captain of the Guard - Clinton G. Keithline, 32° These Officers will meet for breakfast to plan programs and events for 2011 on Saturday, January 15th at 8:00 am at the Consistory. A practice for the installation ceremony will follow that meeting.

<u>The Holiday Undecorate Party</u> will be on Saturday, January 8, all of the officers, some of their wives and other volunteers are needed to undecorate the Consistory from the holidays and store the decorations. Each officer line is assigned a particular area and works until the job is completed (usually by 10:00 am). It is very important that all officers attend to share the work. Other members and wives/friends are welcome to help. Donuts, coffee and orange juice will be ready at 8:00 am when the work begins.

<u>The Robert Burns Birthday Party</u> will be held at the **Denver Consistory** instead of the previously announced locations. The date of January 29 and the price of \$30 per person remain the same, but the time has been shifted to 6:30 pm, with dinner being served at 7:00 pm. This is one of the major events for the Knights of St. Andrew and promises to be a great evening with a Scottish gourmet meal and entertainment. Contact the Consistory office with reservations by Friday, January 21 and come to support these brethren, many of which have recently become new members.

<u>The Next Stated Meeting</u> will be held on Monday, January 17, with dinner at 6:00 pm as usual. This is an important meeting to attend as it will include the annual meetings of the Scottish Rite Cathedral Association; SRP, Inc. and the Scottish Rite Masonic Center. Come hear the purpose, plans and financial reports for these Colorado corporations that are responsible for the assets controlled by Centennial Lodge of Perfection. The 2011 budget will be presented along with an explanation of reduced operating expenses required to preserve finances for the continued operation of the Consistory. Come learn about the business operations.



A Celebration of the Life of Robert Burns

Saturday, January 29, 2011

Festivities at Denver Consistory

Gathering at 6:30 PM, Supper at 7:00 PM 1370 Grant Street, Denver, Colorado Parking on Logan Street behind Consistory



Wear your fanciest Scottish apparel or other civilized clothing

Send check for \$30.00 , Per Person, which is your RSVP, not later than January 21, 2011, to: Denver Consistory 1370 Grant Street Denver, CO 80203-2347 (303) 861-4261



Brother Robert Burns

Parade of the Haggis after the Soup Course

Cuisine by The Celtic Caterer

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



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

Denver Scottish Rite Membership Development

by James H. Stewart, 32° KCCH Membership Director

I was approached by the Denver Consistory Secretary, Claud Dutro, in October of 2009 and asked to accept the responsibility for membership development for the Denver Consistory following my term as Potentate of El Jebel Shrine.

I was at first hesitant to take on this additional responsibility due to the rigors of the time spent in being advanced to the position of Potentate. However, recalling the Mission Statement of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Southern Jurisdiction which is:

"It is the mission of the Scottish Rite of Free Masonry, Southern Jurisdiction, to improve its members and enhance the community in which they live by teaching and emulating the principles of Brotherly Love, Tolerance, Charity and truth while actively embracing high social, moral and spiritual values including fellowship, compassion and dedication to God, family and Country."

We all have decisions to make regarding our time and passions so after careful consideration of my future Masonic involvement I accepted the responsibility and immediately started attending Membership Council meetings where I was introduced to the membership developmental leaders:

•	Claud Dutro	Denver Consistory Secretary
•	John Moreno	Lodge Ambassador Program and Photography
•	Walt Martin	Youth Groups Programs
•	Scott Webster	Mentorship Programs
•	Randy Penn	Membership Retention
		Programs
•	Michael Rowan	Sojourner Membership
		Programs
•	Michael Moore	Research and Education
		Programs
•	D. J. Cox	Publications Programs
•	Mark Ralston	Knights of Saint Andrews
		Membership Development
		Program
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Your membership council has supported each of you admirably through their development of tools to assist in

the development of membership for our Fraternity. These materials and formal instruction on their use were then provided to geographic area leaders called Zone Coordinators.

We have a total of 10 geographic Zone Coordinators in the following areas, the Mountain, Northern, Eastern, and Boulder, Southern, Metro North, Metro South, Metro West and Metro Central areas. Your Zone Coordinators provide direction and leadership to the Lodge Ambassadors in each of our 60 Blue Lodges within the Denver Scottish Rite area of responsibility.

The development of these resources is a testament to the hard work and dedication of your Denver Scottish Rite Executive and Membership Committees and serves you well in membership development strategies.

Whatever good a Council or Committees may do in developing policy or procedure direction the real work of increasing membership will only be successful if every member of the Denver Scottish Rite use the resources and engage Master Masons to join with us as Scottish Rite Masons.

The strength of many exceeds the strength of the few. Therefore, I implore you to join with your membership council and Executive committee and bring in new members to our fold.

We continue to be your assistants in improving membership and are available to hear your constructive comments to better serve you in increasing membership.



Just My Opinion ... by D. J. Cox, 32° KCCH

A new year is upon us and with it comes new challenges, continued responsibilities and unforetold opportunities.

Personally, I don't put much stock in New Year's resolutions. They rarely yield production or action. I do, however, believe in rededication.

Therefore, I plan to rededicate myself to helping children and senior citizens (perhaps because I act like one or the other most of the time). I encourage each member of the Consistory to dedicate some amount of time to helping others. We all have some free time ---let's use that time and our resources in assisting a friend, neighbor, community member, fellow mason and/or their family. Just about everyone needs a helping hand at one time or another. Let's try to make our world a better place in 2011! Just do it!

Anyway, that's my opinion.



Between the Columns

by Michael D. Moore, 32°

What does the book of nature really teach us?

The Book of Nature is brought to our attention in the Scottish Rite degrees. But when it does, the ritual does not give us any specifics on what this "book" is and what it can do for us.

Nature is something we here in Colorado can view everyday. Just look west and what do you see? This might be the starting point when speaking about this book.



The glorious earth - Rocky Mountain National Park

What you find in nature is the most innocent and purest way to view and realize who Deity is. Without any comment from man or any influence from tradition or culture. For it shows its Creator's handwork and who or what this Deity is. That may sound strange, but critics study an artist's work to learn more about the artist. When we want to understand more about someone like Shakespeare, than just what is written in one of his books, we explore what is behind or between the lines of his works.

So, it is with God. Nature shows us our G.A.O.T.U. His designs also instruct us how to live here on this planet He made. I look around and note order and not chaos. That everything grows or ages, even though we can't quite understand what causes this.



Beautiful water of Washington coast

Every seed has in it, the resources to break out of its shell, work to the surface and grow towards the heavens. All grass, trees and plants point upward toward God, so that might be something for us to duplicate.

I also see regeneration! Without this, no living thing would last more than one life cycle. But, this cycle of life has been going on for thousands of years.



The fiery Boiling Pots at Yellowstone

Individuality and differences between species shows that we are not all the same, and neither are all the planets, solar systems and atoms. Micro and macro matches in design are repeated over and over, yet unique differences are all around us. We are made in the "image" of this Deity - another micro. We are similar, but on a much smaller scale.

His personality, abilities and wisdom comes through on all we see, feel, hear and taste.

Nature can teach us a lot. It is just that we have to view, think on and listen to what it has to say. This natural philosophy, what we call what this entire topic surrounds, was the basis for all the sciences we have today. Whether it is the study of the oceans, the atmosphere, soil conservation or how the earth works within its crust.



The clean air of the Four Corners

So, take the time to stop, look and see what the Great Architect has done and is doing outside your window or in your yard.

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 Inspectors 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.



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



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



M. Edward Johnson, 33° Almoner



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

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."



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



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



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



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



Donald L. Emarine, 33° Treasurer AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE OF FREEL

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2011 Tentative Denver Consistory Schedule

January			
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Sat Sat	Jan 8 Jan 15	8:00 AM 8:00 AM	Undecorating Party - All members, officers and wives are invited Officers Breakfast and Installation Practice
Mon	Jan 13 Jan 17	0.00 AIVI	Stated Meeting - Parking garage available
	Juli 17	5:30 PM	Red Room Business Meeting-Annual Meeting of Corporations
		6:00 PM	Dinner
			Chicken Cordon Bleu
		7:00 PM	Annual Installation of Officers
Fri	Jan 28		Consistory closed for Grand Lodge Annual Communication
Sat	Jan 29	6:00 PM	Robert Burns Birthday Dinner at Denver Consistory
			February
Mon	Feb 21		Stated Meeting - Parking garage available
		5:30 PM	Red Room Business Meeting
		6:00 PM	Dinner
		7:00 PM	Entertainment (Presidents Day, Valentine Day)
		7:30 PM	Split Meeting-Annual Reports to CLOP
			March
Mon	Mar 21		Stated Meeting - Parking garage available
		5:30 PM	Red Room Business Meeting
		6:00 PM	Dinner
		7:00 PM	Split Meeting- 5 minute Oration by Orator of Centennial Lodge of Perf.
		8:15 PM	Celebration of Remembrance and Renewal
			<u>April</u>
Sat	Apr 9	7:00 AM	9 Health Fair - Parking garage available (Fair closes at noon)
Sat	Apr 16	9:00 AM	Doors Open Denver (Not yet confirmed)
Sun	Apr 17	9:00 AM	Doors Open Denver (Not yet confirmed)
Mon	Apr 18		Stated Meeting - Parking garage available
		5:30 PM	Red Room Business Meeting
		6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Dinner Past Presiding Officers recognition
		7:00 PM 7:30 PM	Past Presiding Officers recognition Split Meeting
Sat	Apr 30	11:30 AM	Ladies Lunch - Parking garage available
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May				
Thu Fri Sat Mon Croix	May 13 7:00 May 14 7:00 May 16 5:30	 AM Spring Reunion (38th consecutive) - Parking garage available AM Spring Reunion (38th consecutive) - Parking garage available AM Spring Reunion (38th consecutive) - Parking garage available AM Spring Reunion (38th consecutive) - Parking garage available AM Stated Meeting - Parking garage available PM Red Room Business Meeting PM Dinner PM Entertainment 		
Mon	May 30	Consistory closed for Memorial Day holiday		
		June		
Mon	Jun 20 5:30 6:00 7:00 7:30	PM Dinner PM Entertainment		
		July		
Mon	July 4	Consistory closed for observance of Independence Day holiday		
		August		
Fri invited	Aug 5 5:00	PM Educational Program - Parking garage available Ladies and Guests		
Wed Sun Sun	6:30 Aug 17 6:00 Aug 21 Aug 21-24	1 88 8		
		<u>September</u>		
Mon Mon	6:00 7:00	 Consistory closed for Labor Day holiday Stated Meeting - Parking garage available - Sports Team Shirt Night PM Red Room Business Meeting PM Dinner PM Scottish Rite Foundation Program PM Split Meeting 		
Sat	Sept 24 1:00	1 0		
	October			
Sat Oct 8 Mon	Oct 17 5:30 6:00	 Oktoberfest at El Jebel Shrine Center Stated Meeting - Parking garage available PM Red Room Business Meeting PM Dinner PM Entertainment - Feast of Tishri Observance 12 		

7:30 PM Split Meeting- 5 minute Oration by Minister of State of Denver Consistory

<u>November</u>

ThuNovFriNovSatNovSatNovMonNovThuNovFriNov	11 7:00 AM 12 7:00 AM 19 9:00 AM 21 5:30 PM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM 24	Fall Reunion (39 th consecutive) - Parking garage available Fall Reunion (39 th consecutive) - Parking garage available Fall Reunion (39 th consecutive) - Parking garage available Consistory Decorating Party - All members, officers and wives are invited Stated Meeting - Parking garage available Red Room Business Meeting Dinner Entertainment - Veterans Recognition Program Consistory closed for Thanksgiving holiday Consistory closed for Thanksgiving holiday
		December
Sat Dec	3 10:00 AM	SR Foundation & Consistory Children's Christmas Party Parking garage available
Mon Dec Fri Dec	5:30 PM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:30 PM 23	Stated Meeting - Parking garage available Red Room Business Meeting Dinner Entertainment Split Meeting- Annual Election of Officers Consistory closed at noon for Christmas holiday
Mon Dec Fri Dec		Consistory closed for Christmas holiday Consistory closed at noon for New Year's holiday
		January 2012
Mon Jan 2)	
Sat Jan Sat Jan Mon Jan	7 8:00 AM 14 8:00 AM 16 5:30 PM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Consistory closed for New Year's holiday Undecorating Party - All members, officers and wives are invited Officers Breakfast and Installation Practice Stated Meeting - Parking garage available Red Room Business Meeting Dinner Annual Meetings of Corporations and Installation of Officers
Fri Jan 2 Sat Jan 2		Consistory closed for Grand Lodge Annual Communication Robert Burns Dinner

Note: all menus are listed on our web page at <u>www.denverconsistory.org</u>

How You Can Participate and Be Recognized (Scottish Rite Foundation Recognition Program)

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



At the December stated meeting, we honored 10 members of the Fall 2010 Denver Consistory Reunion Class (James H. Anderson, Keith M. Anderson, Scott C. Haldi, Paul R. Harrison, Edwin T. McKenna, Shawn P. McKenna, Ronnie W. Pitcock and William F. Skewes) who obtained life memberships in the Foundation. Also pictured in the back row are Vernon B. Ingraham, 33° and Stephen M. Munsinger, 33°, SGIG. Sitting at the desk is our Secretary Claud E. Dutro, 33°.

A **Life Membership** title may be bit of a misnomer. What it means is that if one does not have a perpetual membership in the Scottish Rite, a \$100 donation to the Foundation exempts the member from an annual \$4.00 donation from dues which is paid to the Foundation by the Consistory.

This life membership is a designation for a Permanent Contributing Member. At this level the donor receives a life membership certificate signed by the SGIG. Over the years since 1953, members have donated more than \$500,000 in life membership gifts to the Foundation. At \$100 per member this represents donations by more than 5,000 Masons. Many of the current life membership donors continue to contribute generously to the Foundation helping to sustain our program of speech therapy for thousands of children in Colorado.

Three other levels of giving are worth mentioning: Founders' Club, SGIG Club, and Foundation Fellow.

The **Founders'** Club is the honorable mention level of donors. The first time donor at the \$1,000 level will receive a special certificate signed by the SGIG, presented on a Consistory stated meeting night. The donor is placed on the mailing list for the Foundation's newsletter, *The Eagle's Voice*.

The **SGIG Club** is the level honoring those who make a gift of \$5,000. The first time donor at this level will receive a special gift from the Board of Trustees and a special certificate signed by the SGIG and presented on a Consistory stated meeting night. The donor is placed on the mailing list for the Foundation's newsletter, *The Eagle's Voice*.

The **Foundation Fellow** designation is bestowed on an individual who contributes \$10,000 or more to the Foundation. A Fellow is recognized with a personalized plaque presented to him or her. In addition, his or her name is inscribed on a fellowship plaque which is displayed at the Foundation's administrative office. Periodically, all Fellows are invited to attend a complimentary luncheon with the Kelley Family/Schlessman Family Scottish Rite Masons Chair in Childhood Language Disorders to learn about current programs and plans in the RiteCare Program. Also, the donor is placed on the mailing list for the Foundation's newsletter, *The Eagle's Voice*.

One other recognition program for donors of time and service is worthy of mention. This is the **RiteCare Society**. Established in 2007, this society is an association of former and current volunteers who support the work of the Foundation. Society membership is earned by volunteering the equivalent of 30 hours in service to the Foundation. The seventy plus members of this society are listed on the Foundation website at www.scottishritefoundation.org. Click on "The Foundation" and then on the "RiteCare Society."

To all our donors, we sincerely appreciate your joining with us in supporting the Foundation. It is truly an act of compassion, are, and Masonic charity in this work of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry.

