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REMEMBRANCE

~ In Memoriam ~

BROTHER

CALLED HOME

August Louis Ahlf, 32°	12/29/2009
Charles Ernest Bair, 32°	1/20/2007
Donald Robert Bentley, 32°	5/21/2009
Leonard Ray Bonsall, 32°	4/28/2000
Lloyd H. Bracksieck, 32°	8/25/2010
George Alfred Brown, 32°	5/15/2005
John Richard Burkett, 32°	12/7/2004
John Wesley Carey, 32°	12/12/2010
Robert Van Carnahan, 32°	1/23/2010
Robert Beckner Carruth, 32°	2/4/2002
Everette Llewellyn Carter, 32° KCCH	5/29/2010
Floyd Gerald De Poy, 32°	4/5/2005
Thomas Foster Farley, 32°	8/24/2006
Warren Howard Flagle, 32°	6/21/2006
Jon Roger Geer, 32°	2/12/2010
Noah Harold Hurst, 32°	3/20/2007
Clarence Howard Jonson, 32°	4/9/2007
George Kenichi Kawakami, 32°	4/18/2010
Richard Stanley Lee, 32°	6/29/2010
Raymond Lippert, 32°	12/2/2010
Jack Robson Lloyd, 32°	5/23/2008
Leroy Lockwood, 32°	6/2/2007
Donald Long, 32°	6/6/2009
Lawrence Lynn Lowery, 32°	5/14/2010
Ralph E. Lukensmeyer, 32°	11/5/1989
William Paul Manning, 32°	1/3/2009
James Louis Owens, 32°	12/25/2010
John Erich Randall, 32°	8/13/1999
Durward Lee Reyman, 32°	5/9/2010
William Junior Walker, 32°	12/9/2010
Harlan Joseph Whitmer, 32°	8/29/2010
George Charles Wilson, 32°	4/6/2006

FEATURE ARTICLE



Learning From Others

by Bill Hickey, 32° KCCH

My father was a Tennessee Master Mason in the 1930's when money and jobs were tight for everyone. He was a manufacturing jeweler and engraver - an artisan in a craft without a high demand. I remember seeing him do complex monograms on sterling silver trays for customers that took him the better part of an entire day and only charge them \$4-5 (back in the 60's). One mistake and he had to buy a replacement tray and eat the cost. Needless to say, I didn't see him make many mistakes.

I remember watching him work at his bench with perhaps 70-80 pairs of pliers, probably 300 or more cutting awls, and an assortment of other indescribable and unique tools. I once asked him *how* he knew which tool to use. His answer? "Boy, after nearly 50 years of doing this, don't you think I'd *know* which tool to use?" It was his way of saying that he learned it over a long period of time, not just from his apprenticeship and formal training in school as a teenager.

Think not of your FC and MM degrees as the end of a relatively short Masonic "apprenticeship," but more appropriately its beginning. You were given the BASIC tools to start the job of improving yourself. You are now in that period of your life where you learn to start USING those tools perhaps before you really understand which ones are best, when to use them, and how to use them. This is where Scottish Rite Freemasonry can help you break through the confusion and uncertainty.

I learned much from my father (not anything to do with his art) - and I'm not sure he ever knew just how closely I listened to him when I was younger. My own daughter told me she listened more than I thought when she took the office of Honored Queen in her Bethel and again later when she took her Majority (Adult) degree in Job's Daughters. I suspect it's one of those ageless things with us all. Why should we expect it to be different with the new generations today?

Why do I relate these stories from my past? I tell you this because they tell us a lot about our craft if we are willing to stretch our minds and see the allegories hidden therein.

The craft may be struggling today in some respects because men are less willing to make their families Masonic widows and orphans while participating in meetings and on committees that seem to lack purpose and direction. They are willing to spend the effort to learn something new - they just want to see a closer horizon for some of their goals. We all know that some things will simply take a lifetime to learn, no matter how anxious or qualified we are.

The current generation of Master Masons WANTS education and expects to be tested and have that knowledge used productively. Our failure to do so on *any* account is why they drop out. They need and want an education and solid leadership. We collectively short-change them in the "post-graduate" education for which they hunger in lodge and we certainly define "leadership" in a different manner than they do. Again, this is where the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry can make a huge difference.

You can't take a high school graduate and dump them directly into a PhD program in nuclear physics and expect them to understand or succeed. Why do you think the Supreme Council has developed multiple courses and entitled them "Master Craftsman"? It takes time and effort to study and complete those courses to gain an appreciation not only about the lessons in Scottish Rite degrees, but also how the fundamental CRAFT Masonry degrees formed the basis for those degrees.

Education/learning – *keys to transforming our rough ashlar into a smooth one* – is something that NEVER stops until we lay down our working tools for the last time.

Take advantage of EVERY opportunity to learn something new every day.

Take the time to improve your own Masonic education **AND**, don't forget to be a TEACHER and help those that follow you in the craft.

What is the difference between school and life?

- **In school**, you are taught lessons and then given a test.
- **In life**, you are given tests that teach you a lesson.



9 Health Fair Status

by Bill Hickey, 32° KCCH

OK, it's time to get serious about our 9HealthFair. I've put the date (Saturday, 09April2011, 0700-1200) into these articles a number of times, yet people still come up and ask me when our fair is happening. Please, if you plan to volunteer, MARK YOUR CALENDARS now.

For the record, we have the parking lot attendants covered now (thanks to Rosie Rosenbaum and his crew). We will be having NON-medical volunteers working in various places - some of them assisting medical screeners and some doing administrative chores.

It's VERY important that you not rely on our memory that you want to volunteer - email us, or make sure whomever you talk with (me, Jack White, or Fred Runyan) writes down your name and contact information. We have to put your information into a database to make sure we have our stations covered with some spares.

Some areas we KNOW we'll need some support are: check-in for the volunteers, check-in for the participants, cashiers (probably 3-4), form check, checkout station, nutrition (outside the blood draw), monitor for the blood draw line, eye check, height/weight, colon screening kit sales.

We plan to have some of our standard medical screenings (dental, hearing, diabetic stick, BP/heart rate, First Aid) and are trying to arrange for the bone density check again, the women's breast exam again, perhaps the spinal health, and some educational materials on the main floor. If you are medically qualified and interested in helping with any of those screenings, please let Fred Runyan or myself know as soon as possible so we can make sure you have the opportunity to work where you're best suited.

Additionally, we will be one of the prototype sites for A1C (long term blood sugar information) blood draw (extra charge, but cheaper than at the hospital or doctor's office) AND we MIGHT be a site for Rheumatoid Arthritis screening (which is totally free) - but that one is currently being evaluated by the medical folks to determine where they will actually conduct the screenings during the statewide fairs.

Remember, MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW, please. SATURDAY, 09APRIL2011, 0700-1200

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From the Secretary's Desk

by Claud E. Dutro, 33°, Secretary

Bobby Burns 252nd

BirthDay Party, sponsored by the Knights of St.

Andrew, El Jebel Shrine Pipe Band and Denver Consistory, was celebrated at Denver Consistory on Saturday, January 29th.



The haggis was presented in the traditional manner with Bill Hickey, 32° KCCH, leading the procession with the Claymore sword, accompanied by bagpipers Alex McIntosh, 32° KCCH, Daniel McCune, 32°, and Trey Perrin, 32° KCCH, and Robert Neave, who delivered



Robert Burns' "Toast to the Haggis" in a delightful Scottish brogue. The gourmet Scottish feast had been prepared by Eric McBride, 32°. A respectable crowd of over 100 attended, but

there was room for more. Plan now to participate in this traditional adventure next year near the end of January.

Our own John V. Egan, 33°, was installed as Most Worshipful

Grand Master at the Grand Lodge of Colorado Annual Communication recently held at the Doubletree Hotel in Denver by a team of



Denver Consistory members. Karl J. Hinkle, 33° (Southern Colorado) was installed as Deputy Grand Master and our own Dana A. Speaks, 32° KCCH, was installed as Senior Grand Warden. Congratulations and best wishes for success to these dedicated Masons. The Grand Lodge officers have committed to presenting the 4th degree at the upcoming Denver Consistory Reunion on Thursday, May 12. The excitement of the reunion is starting to build and we have already approved some

petitions. Contact your candidates and get the paperwork submitted as soon as possible.

Disappointing News came from the City and County of Denver Office of Cultural Affairs, who confirms that Denver Consistory was not selected as one of the featured buildings for the 2011 Doors Open Denver program. The selected theme for



2011 will be "Modern Architecture" and sites were selected which would work within that theme. Last year during this weekend event, Denver Consistory was open to the public and 745 registered visitors enjoyed guided tours of our historic building. Many gave rave reviews of the organ concert that Charles Shaeffer provided on our newly restored historic Kimbal organ. We hope to participate again in the future when the theme is more compatible.

The Conference of Grand Masters and Conference of Grand Secretaries will be held in Denver at the Sheraton Denver Hotel on February 19-22. The Colorado Grand Lodge will host a 150th celebration in the Brown Palace ballroom on Saturday night, but reservations from the Conference attendees have filled all available space. We are making plans to repeat that Colorado celebration at Denver Consistory with a more reasonably priced dinner so that Colorado Masons can join in this celebration of our history. On Sunday, Feb 20, the Conference of Grand Secretaries will be having lunch at Denver Consistory, a tour of our historic building and an organ concert. On Tuesday, the wives of the attendees for both Conferences will have lunch at Denver Consistory, a visit from a Molly Brown apparition and a trip to the Molly Brown house. If you would like to help with either of the Consistory functions, contact Jay Bobick, 33°, who is organizing our support.

Denver Consistory's Celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Colorado will be held at Denver Consistory on Friday, March 25, with dinner at 6:00 pm for a price of \$30 per person. Each paid attendee at the dinner will receive a gourmet meal with salad, entrée, beverage and dessert, plus a complimentary copy of the commemorative poster (\$20 value) that was distributed

to attendees at the Brown Palace event, plus preferred seating for the program. **Dinner reservations are required at 303-861-4261** for the dinner and will be limited to the capacity of the dining room (about 200). The program which follows at 7:00 pm will be a repeat of the program prepared for the Conference of Grand Masters with presentation enhancements that were not possible in the hotel ballroom. Admission to the program is free, including anyone who was unable or chose not to attend the dinner. Invite your friends and family to attend both (or either) the dinner and program.

The 2011 Biennial Session of our Supreme Council will be held in Washington D.C. on August 21-23, at which time newly selected 33° and 32° KCCH honorees will be announced. Members and wives are invited to attend most functions during those days, however, the Consistory will not be able to subsidize any of the travel or events. Contact the Consistory office for more information.



Knights of St. Andrew (KSA)

by Rich Silver, 32°

The 2011 Robert Burns Dinner held at the Consistory was a great success! We had over 100 attend and everyone seemed to enjoy an evening filled with great fellowship, Scottish dancers, bagpipes, and a wonderful buffet. Again this year, we had a Knighting, with three new Knights added to the KSA. As this is our primary fund raising event, the KSA will be making a donation to Rite Care out of the proceeds. We look forward to this event in 2012.

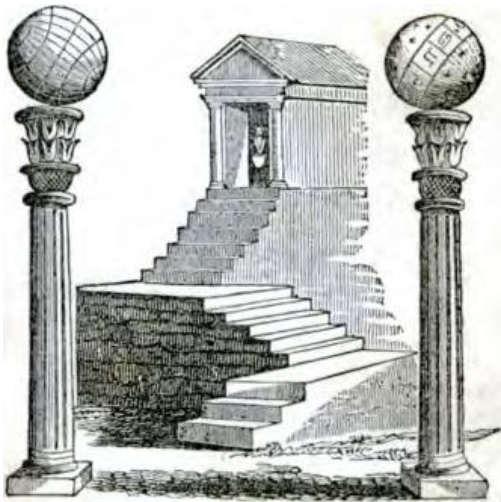
Remember, the KSA meetings take place on the first Monday of each month at 7:00 pm in the Consistory Lodge Room. There will not be a meeting in February, but the meetings will resume in March. The election of officers for the KSA will be held at the March meeting. We are planning another active year for the KSA and attending our meetings will help you to become more active in the Consistory.

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.



Between the Columns

by Michael D. Moore, 32°



"Masonry is a system of morality veiled in allegory and illustrated with symbols"

What is a Veil?

We hear about them, exactly what are veils, what do they do and how do they apply to Scottish rite Masonry?

It is easy to see that much of what is revealed in our teachings is not plainly laid out for you to see and understand; they are hid in symbols and under mists of time. I don't knock this approach or say anything bad about it. For it might be the best way to gather and pass on knowledge and light. Each generation must see and understand within their own surroundings and with their own level of knowledge all that is encased in our degrees. Symbols seal up thoughts in a way that can be easily transported through time. Yet keep much of it from the unworthy and for all who actively seek it – reveal all it contains.

Veils are not used much today. They were used in the tabernacle and temples. Solomon's Temple had fine linen vails (or veils) of blue, purple and red. The

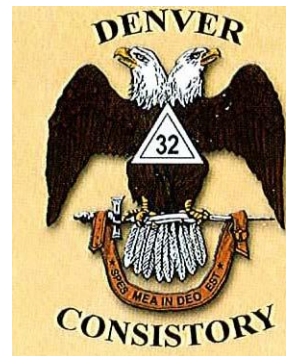
tabernacle had ten thicker twined linen curtains with embroidered cherubim on them, which were about 42 feet by 6 feet. These coverings had hooks and loops on them to keep them together for use in the inside and eleven of the same of goat hair for the exterior, that were 45 feet by 6 feet. (One was doubled for the front.) The inner veils were also used to separate the holy place in the tabernacle from the most Holy Place. The scarlet red, blue and purple veils were hung from acacia pillars and separated the people from the ark and that special place of darkness it abided in.

Albert Mackey in his *Lexicon of Freemasonry* notes that the Jews, according to Josephus, gave to the four colors of veils an astronomical slant. White linen one was symbol of the earth, blue (the color of the sky) = air, purple (for the sea) = water and scarlet = fire.

A veil, according to our Brother Pike can be a sacred covering. But do they really hide things? Or do they cover partially and let us not see what is behind fully and makes us want to investigate then? Veils let diffused light in. The Hebrew and Greek words used in the Bible are ones that denote to separate, cover or a screen and their root words can be very complex.

Our Scottish Rite veils tend to be invisible. And we only know they are there by what they do – partially hide what we seek. They conceal, but not as a barrier that is impenetrable, but when touched or noticed falls away.

I encourage you not to think negatively of veils. They have a job to do and they do it well. Veils don't hinder us while we travel this journey towards light – they only hide the next step.



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."

A free concert, *Flags Over America*, will be performed by the 101st National Guard Band at 2pm on February 13, 2011 at the Denver Consistory.

This concert is open to all comers.

For more information, contact Marvin Feldman, 33°.

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.

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CALENDAR

2011 Tentative Denver Consistory Schedule

February

Mon	Feb 21		Stated Meeting - Parking garage available
		5:30 PM	Red Room Business Meeting
		6:00 PM	Dinner (<i>Lasagna</i>)
		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

April

Sat	Apr 9	7:00 AM	9 Health Fair - Parking garage available (Fair closes at noon)
Mon	Apr 18		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
Sat	Apr 30	11:30 AM	Ladies Lunch - Parking garage available

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

