

Rite Works

IRISH FRIENDSHIP WISH



May there always be work for your hands to do;

May your purse always hold a coin or two;

May the sun always shine on your windowpane;

May a rainbow be certain to follow each rain;

May the hand of a friend always be near you;

**May God fill your heart with gladness to cheer
you.**

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REMEMBRANCE

~ In Memoriam ~

BROTHER

CALLED HOME

Dean Elton Blackburn, 32°	2/6/2011
John Richard Burkett, 32°	12/7/2004
Floyd Henry Clark, 32°	2/17/2011
Lee Roy Conner, 32°	1/24/2011
William Elmer Fawcett, 32°	1/26/2011
William Lewis Finnie, 32°	1/20/2011
Vincent Clark Fisk, 32° KCCH	2/6/2011
Roy Wilsher Jones, 32°	1/15/2011
Willard Earl Lisle, 32°	1/12/2011
David Allen Mann, 32°	1/16/2011
Ray Edward Robinson, 33°	2/15/2011
Robert Lee Wesson, 32°	2/3/2011
Beryl Adrian Wallace, 32°	1/14/2011

FEATURE ARTICLE



PERSPECTIVE

by Steven L. Hubbard, 32° KCCH
Commander, Colorado Council of Kadosh

I have always found it interesting that two people sitting next to each other, each observing the same event, will give two different explanations of the event. I have found this to be especially true in Freemasonry. We each go through the same degrees, which are conferred in the same basic manner, yet each of us has a different explanation of our experience.

It is interesting to talk to our members and potential members about the cost of joining and belonging to each of our Masonic bodies. Some will tell you that it is excessive and others will tell you that it is too cheap. The person that tells you the cost is excessive will spend as much or more for a day of skiing at Aspen or Vail. I wonder if this difference is due our perception of what we are receiving as a member and what each of us feels this membership is worth.

There are those among us who complain about the high cost of meals at our meetings and refuse to eat at our functions. There are those who are willing to pay several hundred dollars a year in dues to belong to bodies that have only three or four meetings a year, but each has a nice meal. In addition, there are stories of our members in earlier times paying significantly more than what a meal was worth to support their Masonic bodies and enjoy the fellowship of their Brethren.

I have heard members talk about how many “cliques” there are at the Consistory. The complaint appears to be that these “cliques” don’t readily associate with the new members who recently joined the consistory. The term is used frequently to describe Honors recipients (“Red Hats” or “White Hats”). On the other hand, members of these “cliques” have been regularly attending functions for years and, during those years of service, have established friendships with others who have shared many of the same experiences. Many of these members only see their friends at these functions and therefore want to socialize with these friends.

More recently, many of our bodies have taken in new members and immediately put the new member in the officer line telling him that there is not much work required to be an officer. The new member interprets this to mean that there is not much involved with being

an officer and that it will not interfere with his other duties and obligations. What was really meant is that the officer’s station the new member was appointed to will not require a lot of work; but, responsibilities increase as you progress through line as does the work required. This creates a problem in that the new member may not be able to devote the time and effort to perform the duties required as he progresses through line. In addition, due to the difference in understanding of the requirements, the new member may not feel committed to staying in line or he may not perform the duties of the office as expected.

The difference in perspectives is very prevalent in how we are perceived by those who are members and those who are not members of our fraternity. Those who are members know that we are the greatest fraternity to ever exist. We point out the number of great men in history and the historical achievements our fraternity has accomplished. Members of society look at us today and do not believe that we contribute much to society. What are we doing to create a positive public image today? We don’t participate much in public activities and we have allowed many of our properties to become eyesores in our neighborhoods.

Knowing that the same event can be viewed differently, we have an opportunity to promote the perspective we want. In my experience, people respond better to positive experiences than negative. Therefore, we should be trying to find the positive perspective in all that we do. Rather than talk about the meal being too expensive, we should talk about how we enjoyed having a meal with a friend. Rather than complaining about how expensive our initiation fees or dues are, we should talk about how much we enjoy the friendships we have developed by joining the Fraternity and participating. Instead of telling the new member that there is not much work to being an officer, we should tell him that it is work and an opportunity to develop leadership skills. Do not assume that a group is a “clique”, view them as friends you have yet to meet. Look at our current membership decrease not as a problem, but an opportunity to strengthen our Fraternity through membership and public awareness. I encourage each of you to look for the positives in our Fraternity and our activities and to promote these positives.

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ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS
OF COLORADO**

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- Hear from the movers and shakers of that time about the start and growth of Freemasonry in the Kansas territory and their leadership as the territory then became the State of Colorado.
- Learn about the issues they faced and the problems they had to overcome in a rough and hostile environment.
- Enjoy the stories of individual dedication, success and failure of nationally famous Freemasons.

Friday, March 25, 2011

6:00 pm – Gourmet dinner (reservations required) Price \$30 per person
In the dining room of the historic Scottish Rite Masonic Center
East 14th Avenue and Grant Street, near downtown Denver
Dinner guests each receive a full color 11x17 personal poster
commemorating the 150th Anniversary of the Grand Lodge
Dinner guests also receive reserved seating for the show
7:00 pm - Program by Historical Personalities (No admission charge)

Space is limited to 200, for dinner. Masons, their families and prospects, who are unable to attend the dinner, are invited to share in the program in the auditorium at 7:00 pm without charge

Reservations and advance payment to:

Denver Consistory – (303)-861-4261
1370 Grant Street
Denver, CO 80203



and we certainly can't keep all the information we need in our heads long enough to put it into the volunteer data base.

Thanks to everyone in advance for your support of the Denver Consistory's 9Health Fair.

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9 Health Fair Status

by Bill Hickey, 32° KCCH

For those of you who were at the stated meeting last month, I must apologize. VM Steve Jaouen caught me off-guard when he asked me to speak and although I know when the fair is for this year (the weekend before Shrine Circus) I forgot whether it was the first or second weekend when put on the spot. It is **SATURDAY-09 April 2011** from 0700-1200. We're asking volunteers to report to the Consistory by 0630 so we can get you registered, assigned, and into the area before we start letting participants downstairs (for those of you who remember the confusion from last year, we're processing VOLUNTEERS in the GREEN ROOM this year to keep from getting confused as to who is a volunteer and who is not. Participants will register in the activities room like last year).

While there is still one more issue of the RiteWorks before our fair, next month will really be a last-gasp last-minute recap of things that we're planning because if you haven't signed up for the fair by then, chances are we'll already be fully booked for volunteers (but check with us anyway).

As in previous years, we need folks to help SETUP the fair on Friday, April 8th, after the normal Friday lunch (figure starting around 1300 and ending no later than 1600 and probably earlier). We'll also need some help AFTER the fair on Saturday and before we serve the volunteers lunch at 1300.

When you contact Jack White (non-medical coordinator), Fred Runyan (medical coordinator), or me (site coordinator), we'll be asking you for your tee-shirt size and whether you will be staying for lunch on Saturday. Once we turn in the head count for lunch, the number we can serve is frozen, so make sure you let us know for sure when you sign up.

LAST – it is VERY important that you make SURE that whoever you notify about your volunteer status WRITES IT DOWN. None of us has a great memory,



From the Secretary's Desk

by Claud E. Dutro, 33°, Secretary

Highlights of the January Meeting

We varied the format of the joint part of the split meeting so that the ladies and guests heard announcements, awards, the Memorial Roll and reports of illness and distress. Roy Snyder, 32°, received a certificate and pin for completing the Master Craftsman course and Denver Consistory received a laser-engraved wooden plaque for supporting the 101st Army Band.



Alex McIntosh, 32° KCCH, narrated for a troupe of Scottish dancers who taught us a lesson about rhythm, while

making us wonder how they could keep moving so fast for so long.

The Stated Meeting included three unique features. The Secretary presented the 2010 Membership Report showing that we still have over three thousand members, but need to improve our efforts to gain new petitions and retain current members. The Almoner, Ed Johnson, 33°, gave his annual report showing that contributions are down and requests for assistance are more numerous. Robert Gregory, 33°, the Trustee of the Life Membership/Memorial Trust reported that the Fund increased by over \$7,700 as we seek to rebuild the fund that had been depleted over the years. The icing on the cake was watching the 2011 officers (their first meeting) close their respective bodies in the absence of the SGIG and Personal Representative, who were otherwise occupied.

The Grand Lodge of Colorado, AF&AM celebrated their 150th birthday at a gala celebration at the historic Brown Palace Hotel. Entertainment was a skit by Consistory members who trace characters and events from the 1850's to the present, from mountain men to our 2011 Grand Master. The 420 seat ballroom was sold out to the Conference of Grand Masters, precluding the event from being open to Colorado Masons and their families. Not to worry, the show is being enhanced and will be repeated on **Friday, March 25** in the Denver Consistory auditorium. Mark the date on your calendar as one not to miss and watch for details.

The Conference of Grand Secretaries of North America met at Denver Consistory on Sunday, February 20. They enjoyed a Chef Michael luncheon, served by volunteers from our membership, a guided tour of our building with new brochures (again with member volunteers) and a concert on the newly restored



historic organ by the incomparable Charley Shaeffer. Thanks to the many volunteers who reported a great meal and a good time.

The Conference of Grand Masters of North America met from Sunday, Feb 20th through the 22nd at the Sheraton Hotel in downtown Denver, but on



Tuesday, 180 of their wives and guests had lunch in the Denver Consistory dining room, enjoyed a personal appearance from the "Unsinkable Molly Brown" in the auditorium and then toured either the Molly Brown House or the Denver Art Museum. The weather was fantastic and all reported a great time. Again thanks to the many volunteer who made this event possible.

The Next Stated Meeting will be held on Monday, March 21, with dinner at 6:00 pm as usual. This is an impressive meeting to attend as it will conclude with the mandatory Renewal and Remembrance Ceremony presented by the Rose Croix officer line. The dinner will be the traditional corned beef and cabbage as only Chef Michael can do it justice.



"Around the Table"

by Wayne G. Arner 33°

"Around the Table," is a topical conversation about the members of the Denver Consistory, with a long history within the Scottish Rite, in the Denver Area. It was first published within the Monthly bulletin of Rocky Mountain Consistory, which met at 18th & Sherman St. until 1992, when the two Consistories merged and became The Denver Consistory. It's original author was the late **SAM BEERY, 32° KCCH**. After his passing, **HARRY LINDSTROM 33°** continued the column in the Denver Consistory Bulletin, "Rite Works". Harry Lindstrom passed away earlier this year, and it was decided that the column should be continued in his memory. It has, and will be in the future, of and about the members of Denver Consistory.

JACK DENTON 33° was seen sporting a new head of hair, furnished by **Eddy McGrady 33°**, at the Friday lunch recently. Unfortunately, it was recalled as Eddy needed it keep his own head warm! **JERRY FENIMORE 33°** continues to rule the pool tables in the 3rd floor lounge before the Friday lunch. Perhaps some of our newer members should come down and challenge him! **MIKE ROWAN 32° KCCH** recently returned from *All Masonic Week*, in Alexandria VA. While there he was initiated into a mystic Masonic group, "The Orders", which apparently originated in England. This group is based on the original "Guilds", which made up Operative Masonry. Two new Scottish Rite members, **RON PITCOCK 32°** and **VIC TURNER 32°**, were recently drafted onto the Sound and Lighting Committee by Chairman, **DON MARSHALL 32° KCCH**. The Consistory "*1st. Colorado Brass Band*", under the direction of **MARV FELDMAN 33°**, recently entertained at the National Conference of Grand Masters held in Denver; they were well received.

Did you know that one of our members, **TOM REDDITT 33°**, donated a large gift in the 1990's. This gift resulted in the land south of the Consistory? The Consistory will benefit for many years from this generous donation. Any Consistory member who donates to the **SCOTTISH RITE MASONIC CENTER** will also enjoy the same tax benefits. Contact our Secretary, **MWB CLAUD DUTRO 33°**, if you have any questions.

Until next month, I'll see you, "AROUND THE TABLE".

Degree Council meeting

March 10th at 7PM

Degree Director attendance and input is important. I look forward to seeing you there.

Ron Birely, 33°
Director General



Between the Columns

by Michael D. Moore, 32°



It's a Puzzle!

Usually between Christmas day and New Year's day, Denise and I put together puzzles. This year while sorting puzzle pieces and trying to force (...or arrange) pieces into their proper positions, I kept saying – this is a lot like our Rituals!

I repeatedly said “I have no idea where this fits in at”; “It looks like it should fit here.” And “The colors and shape makes me think it should go in this area...” And just like in our degrees, I can pretty easily connect the outside or peripheral pieces; but getting all of it to look the way it is supposed to in a well rounded, organized way is not as easy as we would think it should be.

Maybe you are the same way. The easy areas go together first. Then the rest are all shades of color/texture and random shapes that somehow fit together, very slowly and with much effort.

Just like with the ritual, I can go over and over a section of it, walk away and then later return and pick up a piece and put it ever so easily into where it goes. Now, I am sure some say that a few individuals spend hours and hours putting puzzles together are like those who delve into the mysteries of our fraternity; that they are a little crazy and that they can find a much better use of their time. Me, I find both enjoyable.

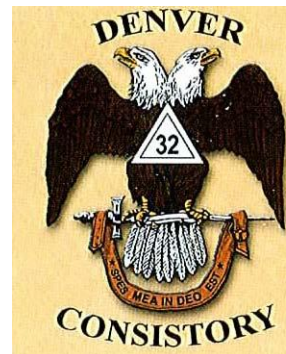
Maybe you are like me, one of those in both accounts. I like to do puzzles when it is cold and snowy and it reminds me of spending time with my parents, who have now passed on, doing this. With our rituals, it is the shades of brown and blue and white that are veiled with symbolism that intrigue me.



Trestleboard at Paul Revere Lodge

Our philosophies and rituals can be hard to understand and grasp, but just like a good challenging puzzle, you must stick with it. Not to just do what you can and then put it away unfinished until next time you get it out; the goal is a complete picture that is beautiful, useable and workable.

Each person has their own puzzle to fit together. It may be one of morality, philosophy, duty, service or charity. Each fits together in a unique and special way. This year, we did a set of four holiday ones with a Christmas theme. They can be done in a few days each, but with our ritual, my thoughts and applying what I learn from our degrees will take a lifetime. No worries. What else is the purpose of life?



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.”



High Plains Chapter, Order of DeMolay installs spring officers

High Plains Chapter, Order of DeMolay has a new Master Councilor! This semi-annual installation of officers was held Saturday, January 15th at Douglas Masonic Lodge in Castle Rock.

In this position, the Master Councilor is the presiding officer and head of the DeMolay Chapter. The title of "Master Councilor," instead of "President," reflects the Masonic/DeMolay tradition of using ceremonies and titles from the stonemasons of the Middle Ages. When the great cathedrals of Europe were being built, the Mason in charge of a building site was referred to as a "master of the work."

The DeMolay fraternity is the premier and most widely prestigious youth organization in the world dedicated to teaching young men between 12 to 21 years of age to be better persons and leaders. DeMolay members learn leadership skills, public speaking, time management and financial management. In addition to these skills, DeMolay also offers an expansive social and athletic program with the opportunity for civic awareness, responsibility and character development through a variety of self-directed, real world applications and activities.

Numerous young men in the United States actively participate in DeMolay chapters today and well over one million men have benefited from the DeMolay program and experience since it was founded in 1919. There have been Senior DeMolays that have achieved greatness and fame as Astronauts, Presidents, U.S. Senators, Governors, business leaders and successful community minded citizens.

The Douglas County community is fortunate to have an active DeMolay Chapter with many members that work with the officers and members of Douglas Masonic Lodge and families in Castle Rock, CO to build a better and promising future for mankind.



General information is available at:

- www.demolay.org
- www.coloradodemolay.org

For further information, please contact: "Dad" Chris Putman (720) 295-6079.

THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR ASSOCIATION PRESENTS
THE 86TH ANNUAL EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE
APRIL 24, 2011, 6:30 AM

“How Do We Know?”

Pastor Randy Kittelson

**El Jebel Shrine
4265 West 50th Avenue
Denver, Colorado**

Brunch to follow in
Grand Ballroom
\$10.00 per Person

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CALENDAR

2011 Tentative Denver Consistory Schedule

March

Thurs	Mar 10	7:00PM	Degree Council
Mon	Mar 21		Stated Meeting - Parking garage available
		5:30 PM	Red Room Business Meeting
		6:00 PM	Dinner (<i>Corned Beef and Cabbage</i>)
		7:00 PM	Split Meeting- 5 minute Oration by Orator of Centennial Lodge of Perfection

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

May

Sat	May 7	11:30 AM	Ladies Lunch - Parking garage available
Thu	May 12	7:00 AM	Spring Reunion (38 th consecutive) - Parking garage available
Fri	May 13	7:00 AM	Spring Reunion (38 th consecutive) - Parking garage available
Sat	May 14	7:00 AM	Spring Reunion (38 th consecutive) - Parking garage available
Mon	May 16		Stated Meeting - Parking garage available
		5:30 PM	Red Room Business Meeting
		6:00 PM	Dinner
		7:00 PM	Entertainment
		7:30 PM	Split Meeting- 5 minute Oration by Orator of Rocky Mountain Chapter of Rose Croix
Mon	May 30		Consistory closed for Memorial Day holiday

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