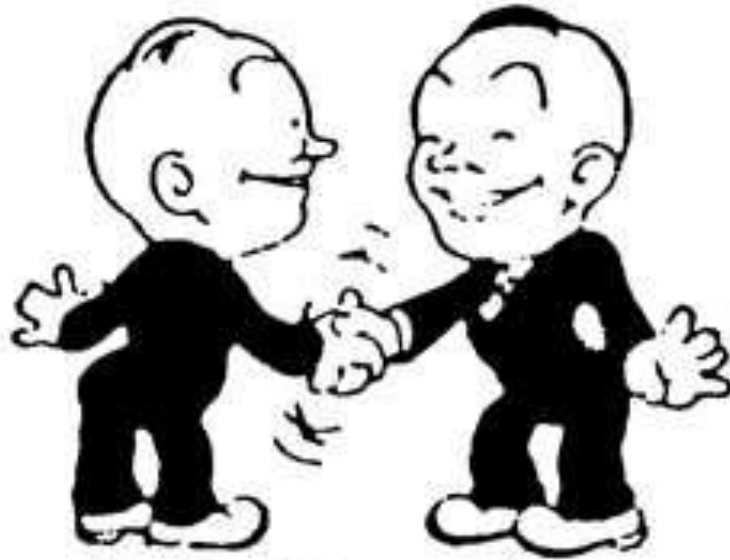


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# REMEMBRANCE

*~ In Memoriam ~*

BROTHER

CALLED HOME

Otis Robert Askren, 32°	3/27/2011
Ruben Ace Avakian, 32°	2/18/2011
Jerry Eugene Brown, 32°	10/12/2010
Floyd Henry Clark, 32°	2/17/2011
John Leroy Geist, 32°	12/14/2010
Chester Charles Gore, 32°	3/19/2011
George Wallace Hedrick, 32°	2/11/2011
Jerome Edward Jahnke, 32°	3/10/2011
James Marian Kirkpatrick, 32°	3/19/2011
Francis A Nelson, 32°	2/27/2010
John Lewis Nilson, 32°	2/9/2011
Newell Wallace O'Dell, 32°	3/3/2011
Charles Robert Starks, 32° KCCH	3/16/2011
William Frederick Truitt, 32°	2/2/2011

## FEATURE ARTICLE



### The Rites of Spring

By Michael P. Rowan, 32° KCCH

Few people in contemporary society know the significance of vernal equinox, but it holds considerable importance on the solar calendar. It is the day when the sun crosses the equator and marks the beginning of spring, when new life springs from the long sleep of winter. This special day occurred on March 20, 2011. Many cultures celebrate the renewal of life in the Spring of the year and from the times of the very early civilizations, mankind rejoiced in the movement from the dark of Winter to the light of Spring. There is no shortage of rituals and traditions surrounding the coming of spring. Many early peoples celebrated for the basic reason that their food supplies would soon be restored. Archaeologists estimate that the two equinoxes and two solstices that quarter our solar year were first celebrated in tribal and clan communities as religious festivals as long as 12,000 years ago. These "earthy" festivals were oftentimes called Ostara or Eostre in nature spiritualities today and is one of the most primitive and "earthy" in character of these solar festivals. Many Ostara traditions come from Europe, where they are known by a variety of names, including Eostre's Day, vernal equinox, Alban Eiber, Bacchanalia, Lady Day, and Jack in the Green Day and has also been celebrated around the world honoring other deities of spring.

It is also probably no coincidence that early Egyptians built the Great Sphinx so that it points directly toward the rising sun on the day of the vernal equinox. Higan, or Higan-e, is a week of Buddhist services observed in Japan during both the spring and autumn equinoxes when day and night are equal at length. Before World War II, they were known as koreisai, or festivals of the Imperial ancestors. Mesopotamia, Sumeria, Babylonia, Elam (5000 years ago) celebrated the start of their new year at the time of the spring equinox. The Iranian start of the new Year (*Nowruz*, No-Ruz, No-Rooz or *No Ruz*) occurs during the time of the March equinox, in accordance with the Persian astronomical calendar. The No-Ruz celebration of spring lasts for about 12 days and dates back to pre-Islamic times. Zoroastrianism was the religion of Ancient Persia until the advent of Islam 1400

years ago. In the Baha'i faith the coming of Spring also marks the nineteenth day of a fast which begins March 2nd. Baha'i abstain from food and drink during the day as a reminder that man's true nature is spiritual rather than material. In Judaism, the Passover dinner was the spring fertility festival. It records the escape of the ancient Hebrews from slavery in Egypt and its main meal was of unleavened bread and of lamb. The date is significant in Christianity because Easter always falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the vernal equinox. In the New Testament of the Bible, Jesus' death and resurrection occurred around the time of the Jewish Passover, which was celebrated on the first full moon following the vernal equinox. The German fertility Goddess was Ostara, who was associated with fertility of both humans and crops. Ostara mated with the solar god on the Spring Equinox and nine months later she gave birth to a child around the Winter Solstice at the 21st or 22nd of December, Yule. The Saxon name for the Germanic lunar goddess Ostara was Eostre. Her festival was held at the full moon after the Spring Equinox and the Catholics adopted this determination for their Easter. The Romans also celebrated the Festival of Janus around the spring equinox. Janus is the two-faced god who looks both to the past and future at the same time. He stands at the portal of time when past and present meet and sees into both. Today Janus appropriately gives his name to the new year's month, January. In ancient India the festival of Vaisakhi, celebrated on the new moon closest to the spring equinox, marked the beginning of their new year, as did the festival of Kalacharka in Tibet, which is now fixed on March 15. Many other celebrations fall on or near the vernal equinox are still known today. Some are celebrated as local folk festivals, and others have all the style of their original practices. The month of the vernal equinox was important in ancient Rome and was named for Mars, the Roman God of War, and March was adopted as the first month of the year, according to the old Roman calendar. Until a new calendar was adopted in the Middle Ages, much of Europe, which had been heavily influenced by the Roman Empire, still acknowledged the month of March as the start of the new year. The Julian calendar, which began in 45 BC, used 1 January as the first day of the new year. The civil year always displayed its

months in the order January through December from the Roman Republican period until the present. The Gregorian calendar was introduced by Pope Gregory XIII on 24 February 1582 by a Papal Bull. It continued the previous year-numbering system (*Anno Domini*), which counts years from the traditional Incarnation of Jesus, and which had spread throughout Europe during the Middle Ages. This year-numbering system is the predominant international standard today.

The Spring Equinox represents more than just the first day of Spring. This is a time to celebrate renewal, an age-old theme and one that the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry takes very seriously. Throughout the Degrees of the Royal Secret, the theme is readily displayed. The ceremony is a Masonic ceremony celebrated in the spring at a time that does not conflict with the celebration of Easter. On March 21, 2011, The Rocky Mountain Chapter of Rose Croix presented the Ceremony of Remembrance, Renewal and Commitment at the Denver Consistory's stated Meeting. This program recognized the passing of our Brothers in the past year, the renewal of life and the commitment to the tenets of the Scottish Rite. In the Tenebrae, or the extinguishing of the Seven Symbolic Lights we witnessed each light, one by one, fade into the darkness. As the darkness gathers in the world, hope fades, and fear assumes its place. Fear of no salvation and no rekindling of life, fear of death. Then Fiat Lux, one light appears, followed by another, then another until the light pushes back the darkness. Faith and hope returns, life is again rekindled and the freedom from bondage of the people enslaved by the evils of persecution, hatred, intolerance, tyranny and despotism is celebrated. The "Relighting the Lights" symbolizes the restoration of the Light of God's Love, the hope of immortality and the triumph of truth and justice over the evils of malice, intolerance and ignorance. As George R. Adams, 33°, wrote in the Scottish Rite Journal, the final words of the ceremony: "I give to you all the hope of spring renewed with its attendant bounty. May Brotherly Love prevail and may we ever be united in every social and moral virtue, cemented in the mystic and universal bond of Masonic Brotherhood." I hope that everyone enjoyed the Ceremony.



## What Do I Do with my Husband's/Father's Masonic Items After He is Gone?

This is one of the most frequently asked questions we get from Masonic widows and heirs of our deceased brothers. As all of us know, being a Mason is a way of life. It is not unusual for most of us to join more than one Masonic organization during our life. Many of us belong to one or more lodges, as well as the Scottish Rite, York Rite and the Shrine. Those of us who belong to the York Rite can also belong to a host of smaller Masonic Bodies that have being a Royal Arch Mason as a requisite for membership.

The bottom line is that we can accumulate a lot of Masonic aprons, jewels, regalia, uniforms and swords. We can also amass a large collection of Masonic books and literature. Those of us who become Masonic collectors can accumulate a house full of antiques and collectibles. A 400 year old fraternity can amass a lot of interesting items.

If you are the widow or heir of a Mason and you find you have Masonic items you don't know what to do with, please remember one most important thing: The fraternity does not want these items to end up in garage sales, estate sales, or antique shops. These items are still considered fraternal property and should continue to benefit those who are members of our fraternity in some way, even after we pass on.

If you would like assistance in this area, please contact the Consistory staff at (303) 861-4261, or email us at [denverconsistory@denverconsistory.org](mailto:denverconsistory@denverconsistory.org). We have the resources and connections to direct that your husband's, father's or grandfather's Masonic items will be given to the proper organization, museum or place. We can also help you properly dispose of Masonic items that are too worn out to be of more use or value.



### Just My Opinion . . .

by D. J. Cox, 32° KCCH

Much is said and alluded to in the articles presented in this newsletter. Now is the best time to look at our responsibilities toward charity and service. Opportunities abound in serving our communities. This month we are active with the 9Health Fair. Other opportunities will be supported. All of this is worthy of support, but more important are the ongoing activities needing help.

I specifically reference our schools. They have needs that are ongoing and important to our children. Our state/national economic situation makes it more imperative that we become active *participants* in our schools. Anyway, that's my opinion.



## Building Fund Raiser Announced

The Scottish Rite Masonic Center (SRMC) is a Colorado corporation that is tax exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal



Revenue Code for the purpose of maintaining the historic structure at 1370 Grant Street. In practical terms this means that people can make tax deductible contributions to that corporation and those contributions can be used to maintain, repair and restore the historical building. Any building expenses not covered by donations must be paid from other Denver Consistory funds much of which comes from members' dues which are not tax deductible.

Several current projects must be completed to preserve the building and reduce operating expenses. One project is installing a water treatment system to extend the life of our HVAC boiler and pipes. A second is replacing all of the interior lighting with energy efficient fixtures and bulbs. Other smaller projects will preserve the exterior appearance and improve public safety.

Scottish Rite Masonic Center (SRMC) is preparing a fund raising campaign to help pay for these projects and to build up the endowment fund for future requirements. SRMC has established an investment account with Wedbush Morgan Securities to receive contributions of stocks and fund shares that might help some contributors obtain even more tax advantages. An anonymous donor has offered to match all contributions up to a total of \$30,000 so that contributions received prior to June 30 are even more valuable.

A letter will be mailed to all members and widows on April 25 with more details, a building brochure and a return envelope. Watch for yours in the mail. If you don't get one or would like to have more information about the program, phone the Secretary, Claud Dutro, at (303) 861-4261.



### 9 Health Fair Status

by Bill Hickey, 32° KCCH

By the time you are able to read this edition of the newsletter, we'll be staring at the 9HealthFair on the upcoming Saturday.

I want to thank each and every one of you that volunteered to support the fair this year. We're hoping for good weather, and obviously a successful fair.

Please WEAR YOUR SCOTTISH RITE caps to the fair. If you forget them, don't worry about it.

If you are a volunteer, your registration area will be in the RED ROOM this year. Please go there FIRST when you arrive at the fair. You should be able to pick up your tee-shirt (if you asked for one) and a ticket for lunch (if you're staying). Check with Jack White for your assignments...I should have a copy of them, but may not be readily available for the entire time in the Red Room.

If you did not volunteer with Jack White (or Fred Runyan or myself) or didn't get a confirmation email or telephone call, please understand that we're full up and may well not be able to put you to work productively. I will leave the last minute decisions on deployment of our volunteers to Fred and Jack, as I'm supposed to interact with the 9HealthFair folks and deal with the outside organizations that will be supporting us. I think everyone knows who all three of us are, so you shouldn't have any problem finding the correct person for information/help.

PLEASE, if you can, after the fair closes at noon and before the lunch is served, help tear down so we can make short work of shutting down so everyone can get home or to other events as soon as possible.

See you at the 9 Health Fair.

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## From the Secretary's Desk

by Claud E. Dutro, 33°, Secretary

### Highlights of the March Meeting

Petitions and reinstatements were read at the Officers Meeting prior to dinner so that a split meeting was not necessary. In the auditorium after dinner ladies and guests were present to hear announcements and witness awards. Paul Harrison, 32°, a member from the last reunion class received a certificate and pin for completing the Master Craftsman course. Several others have completed the course and have not attended a stated meeting to receive their pin and certificate. If that describes you, contact the Consistory office to pick up your award.

Double Eagle jewels were presented to Michael Moore, 32°, and Jack Burns, 32°, to recognize their support and volunteer work. The following brothers have also qualified for the jewel and can make arrangements to receive them through the Consistory office:



- *Stephen L. Cummins*
- *David C. Pierce Jr.*
- *Thomas E. Rainbolt*
- *Christopher R. Runyan*
- *Richard D. Silver*
- *Robert E. Walker*

Speaking about awards, a long list of brothers have qualified for the indicated number of Eagle pins to be added to their jewels and can pick them up at the Consistory office. Please check the list at the back of this newsletter.

Knights of St Andrew presented a check for \$1,000 to the Scottish Rite Foundation at the March 21 meeting. They have become very active and provide a great pathway for new members to become involved with



Consistory affairs. Watch for their distinctive sash at each meeting where they volunteer as ushers and let them know they are appreciated.

Celebrating the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Colorado was the reason for the dinner



and entertainment on Friday, March 25. Following the salmon and filet mignon dinner prepared by Chef Michael, attendees were exposed to interesting stories from the stellar cast of celebrities. Mountain men Ramrod (John Russell) and Snakebite (Lonny Farmer) harassed guests during dinner and opened the show with a conversation about Masonry in Colorado before the gold rush in 1858. Andrew Sagendorf (John Buchanan), Henry Allen (Bill Klatil), William Byers (Ed Zorn), Henry Teller (Wayne Arner), Abraham Jacobs (Tom Shotts) and Richard Sopris (Jay Bobick) picked up the story from the founding of Auraria/Denver and formation of the Colorado Territory through the Civil War and Statehood. Lawrence Greenleaf (David Kintz) and Alphonse Burnand (John Harrington) continued the story through the next fifty years, punctuated by appropriate period music from the 1<sup>st</sup> Colorado Volunteers Band under the leadership of Marvin Feldman. A highlight of the program was the delivery from memory of the Lawrence Greenleaf poem "The Lodge Room Over Simpkins Store" by David Kintz, Worshipful Master of Doric Lodge #25. The program concluded after about 90 minutes with an address by the Grand Master John V. Egan, III who reported on the many accomplishments of the last twenty-five years. The program was videotaped and the DVD will be made available to Lodges and other groups who would enjoy hearing Colorado historical highlights in a storybook form.



## Between the Columns

by Michael D. Moore, 32°



### Numbers

When it comes to our ritual and how we think of it, numbers are a part of it. The study of numbers, or numerology, can be complicated or simple. For our purposes, starting out easy is the best way to begin. I

must warn you from the start, that this study is open to your own interpretation and thinking. Just as each of the previous topics I have written about has different views on it; this one will be more noticeable. For there is not one set thinking on what each of them mean, but you are left for yourself to set the meaning to the symbol and use it as you see best.

We know this study of numbers is very old and can be seen in ancient religions, including Old Testament theology. If this sounds strange, check into the temples and the New Jerusalem; you will find a most interesting connection there between the sizes and its numbers.

Most associate the beginning of number symbolism with Pythagoras; but he said himself that much of his knowledge come from the Egyptians and Jambilchus wrote that Pythagoras himself admitted he received it from Orphenus; who taught that numbers were the beginning of all things in heaven, earth and the intermediate space.

Albert Mackey has some good thoughts on this subject: *The respect paid by Freemasons to certain numbers, all of which is odd, is founded not on the belief of any magical virtue, but because they are assumed to be the representatives of certain ideas. That is to say, a number in Masonry is a symbol and no more. It is*

*venerated, not because it has any supernatural efficacy, but because it has concealed within some allusion to a sacred object or holy thought, which it symbolizes.*

This divine science is the primary cause of which the whole system of the universe rests. It all sounds very deep, hard to understand, but we only need to consider the basic single digit numbers and their symbolism when we study our Scottish Rite degrees.

The numbers 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9 turn up a lot in the twenty nine dramas we portray at our reunions. Each has a unique teaching associated with it and will help anyone who seeks understanding to realize a good deal more about what the lesson has to teach us. Combinations of these numbers (added, multiplied or compounded) also figure into this. Odd numbers seem to be of interest to older thinkers, which some considered to be very “male” while the even ones were “female”, squares of numbers were studied too.

So, let’s get on to what each of these symbols can mean:

- 1 = Deity, the point within a circle
- 2= opposites, balance, man and God
- 3= harmony, God (in the form of a trinity), considered by some to be the perfect number, found many times in a Blue Lodge setting
- 5= light, a combination of 2 and 3
- 7= combination of 3 and 4, very special in all religions and is found to represent Deity, creation and completion.
- 9= a number we use a lot, including when we give honor by clapping, perfection (3 x 3 or cubed), a number very special because of its unique status (see a earlier column on 9s and what makes it unusual).

This is a very basic start to numbers and what they mean. If you find all this something you may want to learn more about; look up each of the numbers individually in a good Masonic encyclopedia, lexicon, dictionary or reference book or Brother Pike in his *Morals and Dogma*, gives hints on this on pages 5 and 87.

The study of numbers will help lift veils on the infinite intelligence of the Great Architect, His plan for the world, what we can understand and lead us into a life that well on the path (or ladder) of understanding, truth and enlightenment. But know that what you find there will not be set in stone, but open to use and your interpretation.



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## 38<sup>th</sup> Reunion Schedule May 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011

### Thursday, May 12, 2011

7:30 AM Registration  
 8:00 AM Introduce Dignitaries by Class Director  
 8:20 AM Prologue and Introduction to Degrees by Director General  
 8:35 AM Class Directors / Classroom Instruction  
 8:45 AM **Exemplify 4°** - Jay Bobick, 33°, Director  
 9:20 AM Introduce Grand Master and Grand Lodge Officers  
 Grand Masters Address  
 9:45 AM Class Directors / Classroom Instruction  
 10:05 AM **Exemplify 5°** - Wallace A Techentien, 32° KCCH, Director  
 10:40 AM Break  
 10:55 AM Colorado Historical Presentation  
 11:00 AM **Exemplify 6°** - L Bryant Harris, 32°, Director  
 11:20 AM **Exemplify 7°** - Bruce A Evans, 32°, Director  
 11:45 AM Class Directors / Classroom Instruction  
 11:55 AM **Exemplify 8°** - Mike Moore, 32°, Director  
 12:20 PM 8° instruction – Mike Moore, 32°, Director  
 12:30 PM Lunch  
 1:25 PM Class reconvenes  
 1:30 PM Colorado Historical Presentation  
 1:35 PM Doc Powell and the Costume Committee  
 1:50 PM Communicate – 9° and 10°  
 2:03 PM Communicate – 11°  
 2:08 PM Secretary's Presentation  
 2:40 PM Communicate – 12°  
 2:45 PM **Exemplify 14°** - Tim Hogan, 32° KCCH, Director  
 3:35 PM Communicate – 13°  
 3:40 PM Break  
 3:55 PM Communicate – 15°  
 4:00 PM Communicate – 16°  
 4:05 PM **Exemplify 17°** - Doug Pew, 32°, Director  
 4:45 PM Walt Martin, 33° / Jim Preston, 33° and the Stage/Properties Committee  
 4:55 PM Classroom closing instructions and adjourn

### Friday, May 13, 2011

7:30 AM Class Convenes / Class Instruction  
 8:00 AM **Exemplify 18° - First Section** – Chris Staton, 32°, Director  
 8:30 AM Class Directors / Classroom Instruction  
 8:40 AM **Exemplify 18° - Second Section** – Chris Staton, 32°, Director  
 9:15 AM 18° Discussion – Chris Staton, 32°, Director  
 9:25 AM Colorado Historical Presentation  
 9:30 AM Break  
 9:50 AM Class Directors / Classroom Instruction  
 10:20 AM **Exemplify 19°** - DJ Cox, 32° KCCH, Director  
 10:55 AM Donald T Marshall, 32° KCCH and the Audio/Visual Committee  
 11:05 AM Communicate – 20°  
 11:15 AM Communicate – 21°  
 11:20 AM Colorado Historical Presentation  
 11:25 AM Class Directors / Classroom Instruction  
 11:35 AM Lunch  
 12:30 PM Class Reconvenes  
 12:35 PM **Exemplify 22°** - John Buchanan, 33° and Marv Feldman, 33° Co-Directors  
 1:25 PM Class Directors / Classroom Instruction  
 1:35 PM Wes Campbell and the Makeup Committee  
 1:45 PM Communicate – 23°  
 1:50 PM Communicate – 24°  
 1:55 PM Break  
 2:10 PM **Exemplify 27°** - Norman C Wright, 33°, Director  
 3:05 PM Communicate – 25°  
 3:10 PM Communicate – 26°  
 3:15 PM Class Directors / Classroom Instruction  
 3:35 PM **Exemplify 28°** - Grover L Sardeson, 33°, Director  
 4:45 PM 28° discussion – Grover Sardeson, 33° Director  
 4:55 PM Break  
 6:30 PM Dinner honoring the 38<sup>th</sup> Class  
 7:20 PM Scottish Rite Foundation  
 8:00 PM Knights of St Andrew – Public Knighting  
 8:45 PM Adjourn

Saturday, May 14, 2011

7:30 AM Class Convenes / Class Instruction  
8:00 AM Communicate – 29°  
8:10 AM Class Address by SGIG and  
Class Picture/break  
9:20 AM **Exemplify 30° - 1<sup>st</sup> Apartment** –  
Charles G Johnson, 33°, Director  
9:38 AM **Exemplify 30° - 2<sup>nd</sup> Apartment** –  
Heath Firestone, 32°, Director  
9:53 AM **Exemplify 30° - 3<sup>rd</sup> Apartment** –  
Jack White, 32°, Director  
10:08 AM Break  
10:18 AM Class Directors / Classroom Instruction  
10:33 AM Colorado Historical Presentation  
10:40 AM **Exemplify 30° - 4<sup>th</sup> Apartment** –  
Ed Johnson, 33° Director  
11:05 AM Lunch  
12:00 PM Class Reconvenes  
12:05 PM **Exemplify 31°** -  
Joe Kier, 33°, Director  
1:05 PM Class Directors /  
Classroom Instruction / Break  
1:30 PM **Exemplify 32° - 1<sup>st</sup> Section** –  
John H Buchanan, 33°, Director  
2:18 PM Class Directors / Classroom Instruction  
2:45 PM **Exemplify 32° - 2<sup>nd</sup> Section** –  
John H Buchanan, 33°, Director  
3:37 PM Patriotic Poem  
3:42 PM Closing Ceremony

- Introduce the SGIG
- SGIG introduces the Presiding Officers
- Show the Closing Video (Grand Commander)
- Sing Farewell

4:20 PM Adjourn



## Masonic Mentor Program

by Jack D. White, 32°

Each new candidate in masonry is a glimpse into its future. Everyone in masonry has a vested interest in insuring that the candidate remains interested and enthusiastic. But, this also extends to existing members. To ignore existing members is self-defeating.

What is a Mentor? Why is mentoring important? Who should be a mentor? When should mentoring begin? When should mentoring cease? Who should be a mentor? All members, new and old, should be assigned a mentor to take them by the hand and guide them through the basics of our fraternity, answer questions, and teach Masonic etiquette, history and Symbols. This begins by understanding who, what and how a mentor functions. The original mentor is a character in Homer's epic poem The Odyssey. When Odysseus, King of Ithaca went to fight in the Trojan War, he entrusted the care of his kingdom to **Mentor**. **Mentor** served as the teacher and overseer of Odysseus's' son, Telemachus. The Merriam-Webster Dictionary defines a mentor as "*a trusted counselor or guide.*"

A mentor is an individual, usually older, always more experienced, who helps and guides another individual's development. This guidance is not done for personal gain. When you completed your petition to become a Mason, you started your Masonic career and hopefully, you had a mentor to guide you through your travels of each degree.

Have you ever been the first line signer of a petition? If so, you should have been a mentor to that candidate. Being a mentor should never stop. Making sure a new Brother feels welcome in a Masonic Lodge or at any Masonic function, taking the time to answer his questions, to introduce him to all the people you meet, to make him feel comfortable, helping him to learn a part in a degree for the first time; these are all the tasks of being a mentor. This continues as the Brother decides to join another Masonic organization, like the Scottish Rite. This is another journey for the Brother in which a mentor would be most helpful. There is no greater love than that of a Masonic Brother. Being his mentor will show that love.

The function of a mentor goes beyond this basic and generic definition. A mentor serves as a confidant, conscience, supporter and leader to his Brother. The mentor should be the first person contacted when an issue comes up. An important duty of a mentor is to keep the Brother involved in Masonic activities specifically attuned to the interests of the mentored Brother. Attempt to get the new member to participate



in the degree work, assign him to a committee, or give him a simple responsibility. Find the activities which interest both the newer and older members and encourage/assist them in participating. Step-by-step instruction may give the mentored Brother a sense of belonging and the feeling that he has a purpose. The success of the new member's quest for light and knowledge lie in the hands of the Masonic Mentor.

A friend of mine called the other day to tell me he had been promoted to Engineering Manager for a large, national, environmental services and consulting firm. I shared his good news and thought to myself about the years we had worked together. I remembered the day I hired him as a field engineer, his first professional job.

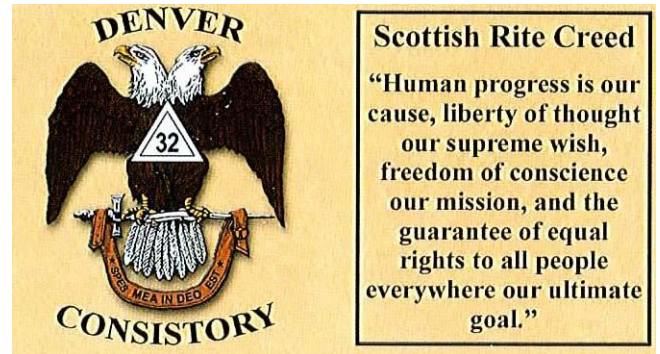
He has worked hard to get where he is. He is intelligent and good with people. He was a quick study and I enjoyed sharing my experience and knowledge with him. I may have been his first mentor, but I wasn't his last. Yet it got me to thinking about the importance of mentors.

Masonry's many facets of ritual, Lodge/Rite etiquette, Freemason Symbols, Operative history, Speculative history, etc. are not learned overnight and are practically impossible for a new member to grasp all at once. What is even worse is the absence of support for the ongoing member. Nourished gradually, the members will, in all probability, wish to become involved in more activities. Make the member feel as comfortable and as welcome as possible; begin establishing a sound foundation of knowledge for this member and constantly encourage his development and participation.

A mentor should make the time to ask each Brother in his care to explain how they, personally, interpret the meaning of their Masonic obligation in the basic degrees: the Entered Apprentice degree, the Fellow Craft degree and the Master Mason degree as well as their further degrees. You may be surprised at the answers you receive. The Masonic oaths which have come down to us through the centuries are somewhat "rigid" and the candidate may very easily have obtained a quite literal interpretation of them. The masonic journey should not be based on a "fear factor". After each mentored Brother has explained his interpretation of each obligation, the mentor should take the time to quell any fears or misinformation / misinterpretation and explain that the ancient oral penalties have been retained in our Masonic ritual to impress upon each Brother's mind how seriously a violation of the Oath will be regarded by members of the Fraternity. The Masonic Obligation in each degree is voluntarily assumed. It is used to impress upon the Mason the solemnity and necessity of his faithful performance of them. Hopefully, a Brother has a mentor at the Blue Lodge level and one or more additional mentors as the mason

steps into other areas such as the Scottish Rite, York Rite, Shrine, etc.

So, the next time you see a Brother standing by himself at a lodge or Scottish Rite meeting/event, possibly looking as if he is confused or out of place, take the time to be his mentor. If only for that moment when he needs some direction or assistance, be his friend and mentor. Someday, you may find yourself in need of for that kind of assistance. Perhaps you might find a Brother who will come to you with his hand held out to you and asking, "How can I help you, my Brother?" This Brother has become a mentor!



## Colorado Night Honoring Our Veterans

Date: Saturday – June 11, 2011

Location: Denver Consistory

Dinner hosted by *Columbine Masonic Lodge*  
and  
*The Grand Lodge of Colorado*

### Guest Speaker:

Major General H. Michael Edwards  
Director, Colorado Department of Military and  
Veterans Affairs

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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

## 2011 Tentative Denver Consistory Schedule

### April

Sat	Apr 9	7:00 AM	9 Health Fair - <b>Parking garage available</b> (Fair closes at noon)
Mon	Apr 18		Stated Meeting - <b>Parking garage available</b>
		5:30 PM	Red Room Business Meeting
		6:00 PM	Dinner ( <i>Pork Chops</i> )
		7:00 PM	Past Presiding Officers recognition
		7:30 PM	Split Meeting

### May

Sat	May 7	11:30 AM	Ladies Lunch - <b>Parking garage available</b>
Thu	May 12	7:00 AM	Spring Reunion (38 <sup>th</sup> consecutive) - <b>Parking garage available</b>
Fri	May 13	7:00 AM	Spring Reunion (38 <sup>th</sup> consecutive) - <b>Parking garage available</b>
Sat	May 14	7:00 AM	Spring Reunion (38 <sup>th</sup> consecutive) - <b>Parking garage available</b>
Mon	May 16		Stated Meeting - <b>Parking garage available</b>
		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

### June

Mon	Jun 20		Stated Meeting - <b>Parking garage available</b> - <i>Hawaiian Shirt Night</i>
		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 Colorado Council of Kadosh

**Note:** all menus are listed on our web page at [www.denverconsistory.org](http://www.denverconsistory.org)

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