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REMEMBRANCE

The heart hath its own memory, like the mind. And in it are enshrined the precious keepsakes, into which is wrought the giver's loving thought. ~ H.W. Longfellow

~ In Memoriam ~

BROTHER

CALLED HOME

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| William Lee Allen, 32° | 1/26/2013 |
| Edmund Robert Benefiel, 32° | 2/15/2013 |
| Harold William Blecha, 32° | 2/15/2013 |
| Gerard Joseph Bolduc, 32° | 2/3/2013 |
| George James Brujok, 32° | 3/11/2013 |
| Galen Lucian Callender, 32° | 2/7/2013 |
| Douglas Frank Cline, 32° | 3/2/2013 |
| William Henry Dowe, 32° | 3/19/2013 |
| Leonard Dale Fahrni, 32° | 2/4/2013 |
| Enos Stephen Gokey, 32° | 2/27/2013 |
| Raymond Chandler Koernig, 32° | 2/25/2013 |
| James William Lindsey, 32° | 2/16/2013 |
| Charles Gustav Linqvist, 32° | 1/29/2013 |
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| Jack Victor Scholz, 32° | 2/17/2013 |
| William Mercer Shotts, 32° | 3/14/2013 |
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CALENDAR

2013 Denver Consistory Schedule

April

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|-----|--------|----------|--|
| Sat | Apr 13 | 7:00 AM | 9Health Fair - Parking garage available (Fair closes at noon) |
| Mon | Apr 15 | | Stated Meeting - Parking garage available |
| | | 5:30 PM | Red Room Business Meeting |
| | | 6:00 PM | Dinner (<i>Lasagna and Tiramisu</i>) |
| | | 7:00 PM | Past Presiding Officers Recognition |
| | | 7:30 PM | Split meeting-5 minute Oration by Orator of CLOP |
| Sat | Apr 27 | 11:30 AM | Ladies Luncheon - Parking garage available |

May

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|---------|----------|---------|---|
| Wed-Sat | May 8-11 | | Spring Reunion (42 nd Consecutive) |
| Mon | May 20 | | Stated Meeting - Parking garage available |
| | | 5:30 PM | Red Room Business Meeting |
| | | 6:00 PM | Dinner (<i>Pork Chops and Cheesecake w/fresh fruit</i>) |
| | | 7:00 PM | Entertainment |
| | | 7:30 PM | Split meeting-5 minute Oration by Orator of RMCRC |
| Mon | May 2 | | Denver Consistory closed for Memorial Day holiday |

June

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|-----|--------|---------|---|
| Mon | Jun 17 | | Stated Meeting - Parking garage available |
| | | | Hawaiian Shirt night |
| | | 5:30 PM | Red Room Business Meeting |
| | | 6:00 PM | Dinner (<i>Barbequed Salmon and Strawberry Shortcake</i>) |
| | | 7:00 PM | Entertainment |
| | | 7:30 PM | Split meeting-5 minute Oration by Orator of CCK |

July

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|----------|---------|---------|---|
| Thur-Fri | Jul 4-5 | | Denver Consistory closed for Independence Day holiday |
| Sat | Jul 20 | 5:00 PM | Educational Program - Parking garage available |
| | | | Ladies and guests invited |
| | | 6:30 PM | Shrimp Boil |

August

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|---------|-----------|---------|--|
| Sat | Aug 17 | | All Masonic Picnic in cooperation with Grand Lodge, Shrine and ESMRC |
| Wed | Aug 21 | 6:00 PM | Officers' Mid-year Planning Dinner Meeting |
| Sat-Wed | Aug 24-28 | | Supreme Council Biennial Session, Washington D.C. |

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

FEATURE ARTICLE

WORKING WITH GOALS

by Allen E. Roberts

Not long ago I was a participant in a weeklong management seminar, which was opened by one of the instructors merely chatting for a few minutes. Then he asked the group to split in two. Some stood. Some continued sitting. Some walked toward the door. All were confused. Why?

All had complete freedom to act. We weren't told who should do what. We were free to sit, stand, or walk. But, although there was freedom, there was no direction. We learned that freedom, something we all proclaim as a right, must have limitations or it will not work. Freedom without direction becomes frustrating permissiveness. With permissiveness come problems, problems that often end in chaos.

Many of us were disturbed by the apparent waste of valuable time. We were going around in circles, ending up where we started. For eight (8) hours nothing was accomplished that could even remotely be considered constructive. It appeared that we were in for a hair-tearing week.

After dinner the session continued. My frustration became acute. *"How much more time are we going to waste?"* I asked, not too gently.

"Ah!" gleefully said one of the instructors; *"One of us is disturbed. Says we're wasting time. What do the rest of you think of that?"*

Fortunately, several of the others agreed. And there was more confusion while we tried to determine just how and why the time was being wasted.

"Isn't this how each of you manages his department? Don't you let each person decide for himself what he's going to do during the day? When questions are asked, don't all of you discuss them freely and openly?" asked the instructor.

"You must be kidding!" snapped one of the participants. *"You know my boss, and you know darn well who brings up the questions and answers them!"*

"I'm not sure that I do. Do you mean that the boss tells all of you what you will do and not do?"

It turned out that that was the situation. Few, if any, discussed anything freely and openly with the boss. What he said was the law. When he met with his staff, he told each man what to do, when, and how. *"But I'd rather have it that way,"* countered one of the men, *"than the way it has been going here for the past eight hours."*

The instructor grinned: *"You don't like all this freedom" Can't say that I blame you. Unlimited freedom has its drawbacks. But if we are to accomplish what we ought to, there must be freedom within limits. Those limits will be determined by laws, budgets, capabilities, and the other resources at our command. Now what do you think we ought to do so that you will feel that we've stopped wasting time?"*

"We had better set a goal for this seminar or we'll be here for a month instead of a week!" For the next hour there was an open and free discussion as to what the goal should be. And during the discussion we found that we had learned a valuable lesson. Actually, the time had not been wasted. None of us would ever again forget that many hours are lost forever because goals are not determined early.

We also learned, although not that evening, that setting goals must be done through teamwork. For a goal to be reached there must be commitment. But commitment is an individual thing. No person can commit another to anything. When one person sets a goal, only one person, himself, is committed to try to achieve that goal.

Goals, to be meaningful and to have a chance of being reached fully, must be set through participation. Participation means that the members of the team and/or the lodge have complete trust in each other. With trust there will be free and open discussion. Each member will state his approval or objections without fear of ridicule, reprisal, or of losing a friend.

The discussion to set the goals will keep the purposes clear to all. Clarity will aid in establishing the methods to reach the goals. An open and free discussion will bring about a desire to share in achieving the objectives that have been set. No attempt is made to persuade a majority, nor is a vote taken. The team will reach a consensus of opinion.

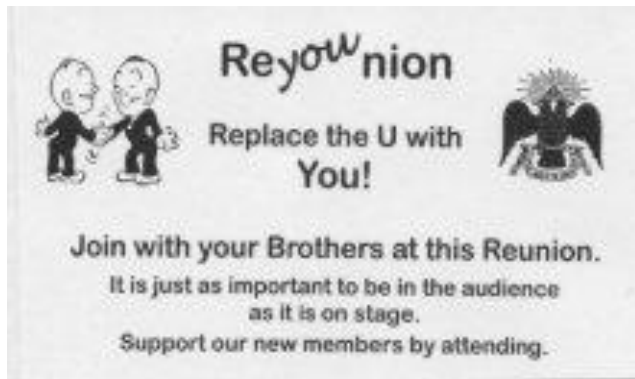
Consensus is reached when all agree to work toward a given goal. It doesn't mean that all agree completely. One or two may have reservations, but not strong enough to oppose their teammates. This will be possible only if there is complete trust.

With trust will come freedom to express our opinions openly. It makes us understand that feelings are facts. This causes us to practice empathy - the art of putting ourselves in the other fellow's shoes.

To reach the best goals possible, we must learn to listen - really listen. This has been judged the most difficult part of communicating meaningfully. But we cannot possibly reach the best solution to our problems unless we listen to all sides. When we listen, we learn what the other fellow is thinking. What he thinks may be exactly what we need to reach a successful conclusion.

Somewhere I have read: *"The fellow who says he's too old to learn new things probably always was!"* The same phrase fits the man who claims he's too old to try something new.

Editor Note: This article was written some time ago and posted on the internet. It is still relevant today, especially in masonic circles.



FROM THE EAST

Responsibility, Membership, Masonic

by Charles F. Fraley, 32° KCCH
Commander, Colorado Council of Kadosh

Does the word responsibility apply to leaders only? Of course not! It applies to everyone.

We as men have had responsibilities since we were young boys. We all remember mother shouting – take that trash out – put your dishes in the sink – clean your room. Basically we had it all the same and we learned from these responsibilities. City kids had it one way and as in my case the farm kids had it another. Did you fill the hog water tank? Did you give the cows their corn? Did the horse get his oats? Didn't leave that south gate open again did you?

Nothing changes as we get older. Except the consequences for failure to meet our responsibilities are greater. Now we have to buy the items that generate that trash, sink to put those dishes in, and the room to clean. Nothing new, men and women have been meeting these responsibilities for generations.

We can't deny the fact the younger generations have new responsibilities in addition to the ones we seniors are familiar with. Prices have increased to the point that it takes both husband and wife working to maintain a household. Seems that we now must also have and support a cell phone, internet, cable television, dance classes, soccer, hockey, etc. A new house must have an open floor plan, hardwood floors, stainless steel appliances, granite counter tops and a master bedroom with an on suite bathroom. Cars must have a killer stereo, tires and wheels that cost a grand a piece.

And at some point these folks need to work in a little entertainment and a family vacation. We all know what that can cost.

Where does it end? Your guess is as good as mine. And where am I going with this?

Let me tell you. These are the same fine folks that we must draw from to support our Masonic organizations. Quite simply put they are not coming into the fraternity "Blue Lodge, York Rite, Scottish

Rite, Shrine”, that we so dearly love, like in the days past.

What do we do? Well, we need to add one more item to the list and make it the responsibility of each and every one of us to help address the issue of “Membership.”

For us down at The Denver Consistory we have heard the cuts were coming for several years. Each and every one of us now is feeling them. Is it fun - of course not. Do the Powers that Be enjoy what they have had to do – absolutely not. These cuts are contributed directly to Membership.

It is not just The Consistory. Blue Lodges are dropping like flies, every issue of the Red Fez discusses the issues at the Mosque, i.e. no longer able to print The Red Fez without additional cost to each member. That is if they wish to continue to receive it. This very cut was made some time ago at The Consistory. We receive it now electronically. This is just a small example of the cuts to date and I would only guess of those to come.

Please don't take these cut backs personally and blame the Powers that be. It is our responsibility more so than anyone to replace the members we lose and at the same time try to increase the numbers.

No one has a clear answer for this, if so it would already be in the works. This I can guarantee you. It is going to take good old fashioned hard work on the part of each and every one of the members of our Masonic Organizations. We must support our leaders and their ideas and help them come up with new ones.

The responsibility of filling the seats with new members is ours!

When I stand before God at the end of my life, I would hope that I would not have a single bit of talent left and could say, "I used everything you gave me."

Erma Louise Bombeck



Just My Opinion ...

by D. J. Cox, 33°

The theme for this month's publication is RESPONSIBILITY, as in

CHALLENGES FOR THE TRUE MASON

Author Unknown

*I will do more than belong - I will participate.
I will do more than care - I will help.
I will do more than believe - I will practice.
I will do more than be fair - I will be kind.
I will do more than forgive - I will forget.
I will do more than dream - I will work.
I will do more than teach - I will inspire
I will be more than earn - I will enrich.
I will do more than give - I will serve.
I will do more than live - I will grow.
I will do more than be friendly - I will be a friend.
I will do more than be a citizen - I will be a patriot.*

Other brethren (e.g., Bro. Fraley, Warren and Hickey) pose some interesting perspectives on responsibility in this issue. I wonder if they get to the root of personal masonic responsibility however. H. Dwight McAlister, PGM and Grand Secretary in South Carolina wrote “*We have the responsibility of living our Masonry before the world. Every Master Mason is charged with the practice of Masonic ideals and principles as taught in Masonry's degrees.*”

Freemasons believe in honor and that a man has a responsibility to behave honorably in everything he does. Freemasonry teaches its members the principles of personal decency and personal responsibility. It hopes to inspire them to have charity and good will toward all mankind, and to translate principles and convictions into action.

The mission statement espoused by the Grand Lodge of Colorado exhorts “... *to create an observable way of life through Education, Moral Standards, Charity, and Community Involvement.*” That's where our responsibilities lie! It means we must be involved and participatory. We must all do the work.

Anyway, that's my opinion!



DENVER, DO WE HAVE A PROBLEM?

by John Warren, 3°2 KCCH

Let's see if I've got it right! It costs more for gasoline these days. It costs more every time we visit the supermarket. It costs more for lease and/or mortgage payments. It costs more for utilities, newspapers and on and on and on.

What will come as a complete surprise to no one is that income seldom matches the increased cost of living. So, what do we do about it? We pare expenses and change lifestyles. But cuts to a budget only work to a certain point.

Fraternal organizations are certainly not immune to this situation of increased costs and declining revenue. Some think that cutting items from a budget is the only way to go while others seem to have a more moderate approach towards balancing a budget.

So all this begs the question: What is the true cost of budget cutting? Ask a Brother and you will have as many answers as there are Masons!

There are Brothers out there who feel strongly that new members are the only answer. Others feel equally as strong that keeping Brothers who are already members is equally as important. Both sides are correct, of course.

The Consistory has two Reunions a year where hundreds of Brothers put in thousands of hours before, during and after those few days, just so new Brothers can have a meaningful experience. They do this knowing they have volunteered their best and have a few months to rest up before doing it all over again.

In addition to Reunions, many Brothers donate literally thousands of hours to the Consistory throughout the year, simply doing whatever needs to be done. Sometimes they become weary, but keep coming back for more.

One thought that is universal for everyone comes from a quote made by Edmond Burke: "Nobody makes a greater mistake than he who did nothing because he could only do a little."

Many have employment conflicts or family conflicts or even obligations to other organizations that often keep you from doing a whole lot at the Consistory. My mother used to have a pretty earthy comment about the water levels in a lake, but her message certainly applies here: every little bit helps. You do not have to do a lot here, but doing just a little bit adds up and helps everyone.

Having come into Masonry as late in life as I did gives me a slightly different perspective from Brothers who have many years in the Fraternity or even those with a short time in the Fraternity. It took a while for me to find the passion for Masonry that drives me today.

Henri Amiel once said that "A man without passion is only a latent force, only a possibility, like a stone waiting for the blow from the iron to give forth sparks."

How do we solve this problem? I have no magical answer, but thinking only of cutting items from a budget is not necessarily what the true cost of doing so is!

Of course, we have some areas of concern here and many dedicated Brothers are working very diligently to solve those problems. Theodore Rubin said it best when he commented, "The problem is not that there are problems. The problem is expecting otherwise and thinking that having problems is a problem."

So, where does all this leave us? In this writer's opinion, it leaves Denver Consistory with a membership of dedicated, hardworking Brothers willing to do whatever it takes, whether that means sweeping the floor, shoveling snow from the sidewalks or whatever, to make this Consistory successful.

It also leaves Denver Consistory with this same dedicated membership sometimes being in danger of burnout.

Think about it!

[L]eadership urges people to take responsibility, to take the initiative, to do the right thing, and thereby to excel.

Laurence S. Lyons



RESPONSIBILITY – A PERSONAL “Contract” with yourself

by Bill Hickey, 32° KCCH

Years ago, while still serving on active duty in the navy, we had a mandatory general military training program called “Rights and Responsibilities.” That was actually a misnomer, because the sessions covered FOUR, not two, subjects: *Rights, Responsibilities, Privileges, and Authority*. “Accountability” was also discussed, but it usually went for the ride with “Responsibility.”

The first session usually talked about the differences between “rights” and “privileges. What it boiled down to was that a “right” is something God-given, it cannot be taken away by individuals or governments. That list, as you might imagine, is pretty short. Privileges, on the other hand, are given to you by someone else – either an individual, agency, or the government, and are always subject to revision or revocation by someone in authority. That list can be quite long. Issues arise when people think that a privilege is actually a right – or that a right is nothing but a privilege.

A more detailed discussion of “Responsibilities” and “Authority” was reserved for a follow up session.

First of all, you can NOT delegate “responsibility” – it’s a PERSONAL thing – you own it. You can delegate the “authority” for someone else to do something for you, and for which you are responsible, but then YOU are held accountable for making sure that the person actually does the job properly – as you are responsible for getting the job done – not necessarily for doing the job yourself.

The act of delegating the authority to do something, and your acceptance of that authority from someone else, automatically implies your agreement to accept the responsibility for your actions stemming from the use of that authority. In other words, you have entered into a contract between yourself and the other person where you accept the RESPONSIBILITY for carrying out the actions that caused you to get the authority from them in the first place – but you are not ultimately responsible for the overall mission (job) – only your piece of it. You cannot delegate

your responsibility further. Your accountability is to the person who gave you the authority to do your job. You can delegate authority beneath you to get PART of your job done; however, the delegated person or persons become responsible to YOU, not to the person who gave you YOUR authority, for getting their part of the job done. You are held accountable for making sure your part of the job gets done – whether you do it personally, or have someone else do it for you, makes no difference to the ultimate authority.

When the craft – whether it be the WM of your lodge, the head of your Consistory officer line, or any individual of another body – assigns you to undertake a task – or assigns a job associated with your position in that body, YOU effectively sign (speculatively, to be sure) a contract between YOURSELF and that person to be ultimately responsible for YOUR actions and those of any other person below you in the hierarchy over whom you have “authority” when you accept the position.

While we all meet upon the level, we also know that some must lead, others must follow – by definition, a leader MUST have followers. That’s why we have elections and it’s why we periodically change our leadership in the craft.

In the final analysis, WE are a team – and we all need to pull in the same direction if we are to make progress (however you might want to define that). Once a decision by those in “authority” is made, it is the RESPONSIBILITY of the followers to execute that decision to the best of their ability – and not make excuses for why they didn’t follow through. We don’t necessarily have to “like” a decision, but we do have to honor our responsibility to follow the authority that made it ... or, step aside and let someone else do it instead.

It is no crime to use the grand Masonic word “no” when it comes to deciding whether to accept additional responsibilities and authorities in our pursuit of the craft. After all, this IS a volunteer organization. It is, however, a grave injustice to the craft and our brothers to agree to take on a responsibility (with its commensurate authority) and not follow through or try to blame it on someone else when the responsibility was OURS and ours alone.



Between the Columns

by Michael D. Moore, 32°



Small lodge room's West in Ft Collins.

Brother Pike ends his thoughts on the 26th degree with these words:

While all these faiths assert their claims to the exclusive possession of the Truth, Masonry inculcates its old doctrine, and no more... That God is One; that His Thought uttered in His Word, created the Universe, and preserves it by those Eternal Laws which are the expression of that Thought; that the Soul of man, breathed into him by God, is immortal as His Thoughts are; that he is free to do evil or to choose to do good, responsible of his acts and punishable for his sins; that all evil and wrong and suffering are but temporary, the discords of one great Harmony, and that in His good time they

will lead by infinite modulations to the great, harmonic final chord of cadence of Truth, Love, Peace and Happiness, that will ring forever and ever under the Arches of Heaven, among the Stars and Worlds, and in the souls of men and Angels.

This long discourse gives his thoughts on individual responsibility and how it fits into the larger scheme of things.

We as Scottish Rite Freemasons have a lot of really neat aspects and benefits which we enjoy every time we meet our brothers or in our individual lives. The flip side of this is we also have responsibilities to go with this. Brother Pike does well in his treatment of a sensitive area – who owns truth and how does it apply to us. I take from this that one simple thing will help each of us fulfill this requirement – respect.

Respect for each other and one's self goes along way in changing the world we are in and all who are around us. We can disagree, respectfully, and still think however we want on religious, spiritual or even esoteric matters.

Respect for our Creator sets the ground work for all in this area. If we honor, seek after and listen to all this Deity has to say to us, respect will be found in everything. I feel it is the golden rule (*do unto others as you would have them do unto you...*) fulfilled but with a dose of love thrown in.



MWGM Speaks presenting 50 year pins at Englewood 166

Openness, tolerance, love and care for each other all are based on this simple theme. We may be different in many ways, but we are not enemies because we

believe, act or live differently than those who we see on a bimonthly basis (the timing of most lodge meetings). If that sounds strange to you, ask yourself this simple question: How can others who seem so balanced, sane and level headed when sitting in a Masonic meeting beside you be so wrong when they do not think just like you do?

That is a tough one to answer, but when you consider the theme of this article – respect – with that question, we realize that being different is not necessarily wrong.

Respect gives each individual rights, benefits, their own individual path to enlightenment, and truth. That is what we are all about as Scottish Rite Masons. Not personal needs, personal agendas, wants or self promotion; it is respect for all created things, knowing Him who made all.

Society in general has a hard time with this. Labels, divisions, sects and religious titles can be easy non-friendly titles placed on peoples and groups. Respect wipes that all away and gives just one title or label to those we see around us – brother.

Respect each other and fulfill the main responsibility we have. That seven letter word encompasses a lot of good and is much needed today.

A BAG OF TOOLS

by R. L. Sharpe

*Isn't it strange That princes and kings,
And clowns that caper In sawdust rings,
And common people Like you and me
Are builders for eternity?
Each is given a bag of tools,
A shapeless mass, A book of rules;
And each must make - Ere life is flown -
A stumbling block Or a steppingstone.*

DO YOU JUST BELONG?

Author Unknown

*Are you an active member
the kind that would be missed
or are you just contented
that your name is on the list?*

*Do you attend the meetings
and mingle with the flock
or do you stay at home
and criticize and knock?*

*Do you take an active part
to help the work along
are you satisfied to be
the kind that "JUST BELONG"?*

*Do you ever go and visit
a member that is sick
or leave the work to a few
and talk about the clique?*

*Think this over, member,
you know right from wrong
are you an active member
or do you "JUST BELONG"?*

IS IT MASONRY?

By Bro. F.G. Oliver

*Is it Masonry
To dare to take God's name in vain,
Or be careful of our speech;
From evil thoughts and words refrain,
And practice what we preach?
Is it Masonry
To boast of your fine jewels,
Or purify your heart;
To be a man and Mason
And act a Mason's part?
Is it Masonry
To fail to help your brothers,
Or your obligations fill?
To leave it for the others,
Or mean and say "I will"?*



Scottish Rite & Children's Hospital in Their 60th Year of Partnership

by
Vernon B. Ingraham, 33° Grand Cross

On Wednesday, May 15, 2013, a 60th anniversary will be held at Children's Hospital Colorado celebrating the Scottish Rite Foundation's 60th year of partnership with Children's Hospital. Although program details will be announced in the May newsletter and at stated meetings in each of the three Consistories, preliminary planning includes an afternoon Open House format with light refreshments, a brief program, and entertainment. All are welcome to participate in this special celebratory event.

In 1953 the Foundation was incorporated and began its mission of service in helping families obtain speech therapy at Children's Hospital. In the mid-1980s this work began expanding throughout the state. Today, we provide financial support for early childhood speech therapy and related services at 20 locations in 18 Colorado cities.

With support of Scottish Rite families and friends, we have served nearly 17,000 children in Colorado between 1953 and 2012. Nearly 11,000 of these children received therapy through Children's Hospital. Over this period, the Foundation has expended nearly \$33 million (\$22 million for Children's Hospital) in providing these services including \$130,000 in the graduate scholarship program.

This record of accomplishment is something we are all proud of as it illustrates in a very dynamic way the Masonic tenet of charity and of helping those in need – with special focus on the youngest among us. We hope you will be able to join with us at Children's to express our thanks to our flagship partner for the caring and dedicated work by the many speech pathologists, audiologists, and learning specialists who are helping children with speech-language disorders.



Children's Hospital Colorado

DENVER CONSISTORY POINT SYSTEM

Effective January 1, 2013

The following revised point system to recognize workers and volunteers has been established for Denver Consistory as approved by the Executive Committee:

| <u>Membership:</u> | <u>Points</u> |
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| Petition for the Degrees - 1 st line signer | 150 |
| Petition for Reinstatement - 1 st line signer | 100 |
| Petition for Affiliation - 1 st line signer..... | 50 |
| | |
| <u>Meetings and Events:</u> | |
| Stated Meetings member attendance | 10 |
| Stated Meetings officer attendance..... | 20 |
| Stated Meeting Assistant Tilers | 10 |
| Chairman - per Committee or Event meeting | 20 |
| Member - per Committee or Event meeting..... | 10 |
| 9 Health Fair volunteers | 30 |
| Authorized Volunteer Work – per hour..... | 10 |
| Authorized Committee Work – per hour..... | 5 |
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| <u>Reunions:</u> | |
| Degree Council meeting | 10 |
| Degree Rehearsal..... | 10 |
| Music Rehearsal..... | 10 |
| Degree Cast Member (if exemplified) | 10 |
| Degree Director (if exemplified)..... | 20 |
| Degree Communication..... | 10 |
| Attendance (per day)..... | 10 |
| Committee Chairman (per half day, max. 40) | 20 |
| Committee Workers: (per half day, max. 20) | 10 |
| | |
| <u>Visitation:</u> | |
| Assigned Phone Call to Inactive or Ill Member..... | 5 |
| Visit to ill or disabled member or widow | 10 |
| Transportation to meeting for ill or disabled member or widow | 10 |
| Ambassador presentation to Lodge on SR activities | 10 |
| Ambassador Coordinator (per written report per active Ambassador)..... | 10 |
| Mentor Visit with New Member..... | 10 |
| | |
| <u>Rose Croix Funeral Team:</u> per service (plus 1 coin) | 30 |

All point requests must be submitted promptly to the Consistory office by the Directors/Chairmen.

All questions regarding the point system and requests to receive points for other activities are to be addressed to the Consistory Secretary.

Award Levels:

Double eagle medal will be awarded for the first 500 points that a member earns.

Double eagle pin to affix to the medal will be awarded for each subsequent 500 points earned, maximum of nine pins.

Double eagle medallions on a neck ribbon will be awarded to members for their first 5,000 points.

Larger double eagle pins to affix to the neck ribbon will be awarded for subsequent 5,000 points, maximum of four larger double eagle pins.



From the Secretary's Desk

by Claud E. Dutro, 33rd, Secretary

At the March stated meeting

our SGIG received two presentations. First, he was presented the Gold Honor Award from the York Rite Sovereign College of North America by its national Governor General, our own member, Gerald A. Ford, 33rd.



Next our SGIG accepted a \$1,000 contribution to the Scottish Rite Masonic Center from the Knights of St Andrew. The evening concluded with an impressive



Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal, presented by the officers and Past Wise Masters of Rocky Mountain Chapter of Rose Croix. All that



were in attendance agreed that this program, which was well organized and presented from memory by each officer, was a fitting tribute to our departed brethren and recommitted our members to their obligations to Scottish Rite Freemasonry. *Pictures courtesy of our ever faithful staff photographer John Moreno.*

Change of Secretaries. The Sovereign Grand Inspector General, the Personal

Representative and I have reached the mutual decision that this is an appropriate time to begin the transition to a new Executive Secretary for Denver Consistory. While we have improved the financial position and condition of the building during the past four and one half years, membership growth and participation have continued to be challenging issues. We believe that a new face and fresh approach might inspire the Consistory to continue on its path toward excellence. I will continue as Executive Secretary to keep current operations on schedule and to help my successor understand his duties and responsibilities until such time as he is prepared to assume the full position. I have enjoyed the opportunity to work with some excellent team members and look forward to my next opportunity to serve and support the Masonic family.



On Monday March 4th

Thirty-five masons, prospects, and interested members of the public gathered to listen to Masonic Author and Lecturer Tim Hogan give a presentation on the links between the Alchemists of Antiquity and Freemasonry. Tim showed link after link of Alchemical procedure and symbolism that translated directly into current Masonic ritual and practice. It was a fascinating view into the esoteric reasoning behind many of the things that we are taught in the first three degrees, and reintroduced to in the 4th to 32nd degrees of the Scottish Rite.

A Masonic Journey Into Light was the name of the York Rite Masonic Festival that took place at Denver Consistory on Friday, March 8 and Saturday, March 9. During those two days, a class of thirty-two Master Masons experienced all of the York Rite degrees and orders, from Blue Lodge through Knights Templar, presented in chronological order. Several of our members participated in both presenting the work and as members of the class. This was a great opportunity to demonstrate how we work together within the Masonic Family.



Picture courtesy of Ron Birely.

The theme of next month's newsletter is *Renewal (concentrate on Reunion)*. Anyone wishing to contribute an article on this subject, and we most heartily encourage participation by all members, should have their input to the office by April 26, 2013.



SATURDAY – APRIL 13, 2013 – 7am-noon

by Bill Hickey, 32° KCCH

Some of you know that I've been "out of pocket" for a while – I'm up in Great Falls, MT watching over my daughter after her abdominal surgery. She's doing fine, and presuming Mother Nature holds true, I should be back home sometime the last week of March or first week in April. So, there's not much else for me to do at the moment except remind those of you who have already volunteered that we need you to arrive between 6:00-6:30 am to get signed in and down for a bit of breakfast before the fair actually opens to the public. Then, if you haven't confirmed with me whether you'll be joining us for lunch after the fair, you will need to do that as well.

Meanwhile, please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns, or especially if your plans change. You can also contact Jack White or Fred Runyan if you can't reach me for whatever reason(s).

Just a quick reminder – from last month as well - **FRIDAY April 12th: I need at least ONE PERSON who is available to be at El Jebel Shrine around 8:30 a.m.** to help D.J. Cox load his pickup with the partitions and curtains that we use to separate the blood draw and first aid areas or any other activities that need a little more privacy. If you are also available to help set up at the consistory, that would be great, but not essential.

FRIDAY April 12th: I need 2-3 people at the consistory to help actually set up the partitions, post all the signage, and generally get things ready for the fair on Saturday. I'll be there around 8 so that I can be there when DJ arrives...and we should be able to get most of the work done before the normal Friday lunch. However, because of lunch, there are just a few things we CAN'T do until people leave...so 1 or 2 people who can stay after lunch for about an hour to move tables around and do the last minute set up will be MOST appreciated.

SATURDAY April 13th – We will be providing a complimentary lunch for our volunteers. This typically starts *AFTER* we've broken down the fair and provided DJ with the poles, plates, and curtains to return to El Jebel (and by the way, a person to help him over there would be nice as well). Once we've cleared the area, lunch is served usually between 12:30 and 1:00pm. While we can usually count on a couple of people who were at the fair helping to break it down, it would be nice for us to KNOW who will be planning to help us do that rather than HOPE we get enough.

Thanks again for your support of the Consistory's 9 Health Fair. See you there.

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I know the price of success: dedication, hard work, and an unremitting devotion to the things you want to see happen.

Frank Lloyd Wright

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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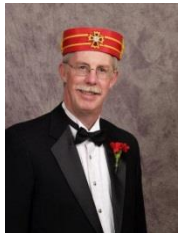


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*"Human progress is our cause,
liberty of thought our supreme wish,
freedom of conscience our mission,
and the guarantee of equal rights to
all people everywhere our ultimate
goal."*



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WE WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO OUR MONTHLY MEETING ON:

APRIL 20, 2013.

EL JEBEL SHRINE

4625 WEST 50TH AVENUE

DENVER, CO 80212

8:30 AM MEETING START IN EAST ROOM.

THERE WILL BE NO FOOD OR BEVERAGE SERVICE,

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