

Rite Works

Finish each day and be done with it. You have done what you could. Some blunders and absurdities no doubt crept in, forget them as soon as you can. Tomorrow is a new day, you shall begin it well and serenely.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Memorial Day



ALL GAVE SOME, SOME GAVE ALL

We are all strong enough to endure the misfortunes of others.

La Rochefoucauld



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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

Eugene Raymond Ballheim, 32°	4/3/2012
Walter Degginger, 32°	3/25/2012
Ralph Evans, 32°	4/14/2012
Louis Everett Gain, 32°	4/22/2012
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FEATURE ARTICLE

Celebrating 25 Years in Grand Junction

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

The essay by Mrs. Ell titled “A RiteCare Mom’s Touching Story” tells us we are on the Rite Track in our 59th year of service to Colorado families. And in Grand Junction we are now celebrating our 25th anniversary of service to the greater Grand Junction community.

On April 14, 2012, the Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado (Colorado RiteCare) and St. Mary’s Hospital and Life Center senior management and staff celebrated the 25th anniversary of RiteCare’s work on Colorado’s western slope. The celebration took place at the new hospital complex and conference center with over 100 guests and dignitaries in attendance. The event was covered by Grand Junction’s Channel 5 television news and featured on the 10 p.m. news that evening.

The expansion of RiteCare services to Grand Junction began in 1986. Through 2011, the Foundation has served more than 1,200 children in the greater Grand Junction community with financial support totaling \$2.6 million.



Master of Ceremonies was Illustrious Brother John W. Groves, 33°, Vice President of the Board of

Trustees for the Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado

Grand Junction is the first location outside the Denver metro area for the Foundation’s transition to a statewide operation. Prior to 1986 and beginning in 1953, the Foundation provided services only in Denver. It now partners with nine speech-language pathology providers and two early childhood language development providers in 20 locations around the state.

The celebration program’s Master of Ceremonies was Illustrious Brother John W. Groves, 33°, Vice President of the Board of Trustees for the Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado and Secretary of the Grand Junction Consistory. In his opening remarks Ill. Bro. John noted that Scottish Rite Masons created the Scottish Rite Foundation in 1953 and what was done in Colorado inspired the Supreme Council of the Southern Jurisdiction and each of the Jurisdiction’s other Orients to create similar programs. He also noted that of all persons present, he probably has the longest relationship with St. Mary’s as he was born in this hospital in 1941.



Steve Bennett, Deborah Hayes, Ph.D., & Amy Brophy-Neilsen

A historical accounting of the beginning of the Foundation’s statewide expansion was given by Deborah Hayes, Ph.D. who, beginning in 1983 and since, holds the position of Chair of the Department of Audiology, Speech Pathology and Learning Services at Children’s Hospital Colorado. Deborah also holds several other important positions including Professor of Medicine and Rehabilitation at the University of Colorado School of Medicine and Co-Chair of the Bill Daniels Center for Hearing at Children’s Hospital Colorado. Of great significance to the Foundation, in 2003 it established an endowed chair at Children’s Hospital Colorado titled the Kelley Family/Schlessman Family Scottish Rite Masons Chair in Childhood Language Disorders. Deborah holds this Chair and as the Chair, she is responsible for coordinating and

serving in a liaison role for RiteCare programs across the state.

During her presentation Dr. Hayes noted that the Foundation's statewide expansion was the result of the vision and foresight of Foundation trustee and treasurer, Illustrious Brother Lee E. Schlessman, 33°, Grand Cross. In early 1986 Ill. Bro. Lee initiated discussions with her and requested that she review the possibilities and make recommendations to the Board of Trustees. She consulted with Dr. Dennis Mathews at Children's who was very knowledgeable about certain rehabilitation programs around the state. This led to a visit to Hilltop Rehabilitation Hospital in Grand Junction (subsequently becoming St. Mary's Life Center – the rehabilitation unit for St. Mary's Hospital & Regional Medical Center) and thus the stage was set. One of the speech pathologists, JoAnn Miller, who Deborah visited with on that important day in 1986 is now at St. Mary's Life Center continuing to work with children. Thus began a statewide program that now serves more than 1,000 children



each year.

**LtoR: Ill. John Groves, Ken Ferrone, Sister Barbara Aldrich, Steve Bennett, Ill. & MW Steve Munsinger
Presentation of Foundation Brass Engraved Plates with
Native American Motif**

The Grand Junction celebration included participation by two senior officials of St. Mary's – Sister Barbara Aldrich, a member of the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth and a hospital Vice President, and Mr. Kenneth Ferrone, the Executive Director of the St. Mary's Hospital Foundation. Sister Barbara said "We are especially grateful this evening for the 25 years of partnership between St.

Mary's and Scottish Rite. Because of this long-term relationship the lives of countless numbers of children have been enhanced." Ken Ferrone noted the numbers 2.6, 25, and 1,226 representing in order the dollars invested by Scottish Rite in Grand Junction being \$2.6 million over a period of 25 years and helping 1,226 children.

The keynote address was given by the Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Colorado (SGIG), Illustrious and Most Worshipful Brother, the Honorable Stephen M. Munsinger, 33°. The SGIG, who is President of the Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado, talked about our growing and abiding partnership with St. Mary's and commended the leadership of St. Mary's for our shared mission and dedication to helping children communicate.



**Grand Master Making Commemorative Remarks
LtoR: David Coberly (Grand Tiler), Ernie Pyle (Grand Secretary), Robert Elsloo (Junior Grand Deacon),
Michael McMillan (Junior Grand Warden), Daniel Gannon (Senior Grand Warden),
Karl Hinkle, Grand Master**

During the 25th Celebration Ceremony, the Grand Master of Masons in Colorado, Illustrious and Most Worshipful Brother Karl J. Hinkle, also a Foundation trustee, made the event especially meaningful by performing a special Grand Lodge commemoration with a plaque especially designed to be permanently displayed in the St. Mary's Life Center. The Grand Master noted that while this plaque commemorates a successful 25-year partnership, it more importantly symbolizes the Foundation's commitment to working with St. Mary's over the next 25 years and beyond.



Recognition of Assessment Committee Members
LtoR: Ill. John Groves, Ill. Jim Smith, Ill. Don Hobbs, Ill. Jim McBride, Ill. Richard Carnett, Amy Brophy-Neilsen, Steve Bennett

Mr. Steve Bennett, Operations Manager for St. Mary's Life Center, during his remarks commented on the fact that while healthcare financing is broken and is unsustainable, the Foundation is there to help families who can't afford the treatment to get the services their kids need.

Following his remarks Steve presented recognition awards to several individuals including members of the Grand Junction Assessment Committee, a group of Scottish Rite Masons who meet monthly with the RiteCare Director, Amy Brophy-Neilsen.



Presentation to St. Mary's Speech Pathologists LtoR: Ill. & MW Steve Munsinger, JoAnn Miller, Krista Withouse, Sandy Patrick, Phyliss Flower, Danna Beach, Amy Brophy-Neilsen, Steve Bennett, Ill. John Groves

Steve Bennett then introduced each of the eight speech pathologists at St. Mary's Life Center,

giving a short biography for each. Ill. & MW Bro. Steve Munsinger presented each individual present with a framed certificate of appreciation. A standing ovation was given this group of caregivers who make the program at St. Mary's such a success.



Distinguished Service Award Presentation LtoR: Ill. & MW Karl Hinkle, Ill. Rick Frohlick Amy Brophy-Neilsen, Ill. John Groves, Dr. Deborah Hayes, Valerie Hernandez, Ill. & MW Steve Munsinger

Ill. & MW Steve Munsinger next requested all Trustees present (Ill. & MW Karl Hinkle, Ill. John Groves, and Ill. Richard Frohlick) as well as Dr. Deborah Hayes, Valerie Hernandez, and Ill. Vern Ingraham to join him in presenting Amy Brophy-Neilsen, St. Mary's RiteCare Director, with the Foundation's 2012 Distinguished Service Award in recognition of her many accomplishments over the course of the past 25 years – all of which she participated in as a member of the RiteCare Program in Grand Junction.



Central High School JROTC Color Guard Posting the Colors

The Grand Junction Central High School Junior ROTC Color Guard performed the posting and retreat of the Colors. In addition, 23 choral singers from the Fruita-Monument High School gave an inspiring 20-minute program of love and caring with almost every selection giving recognition to the Grand Architect of the Universe. It was an inspiring and meaningful performance in song.



Fruita-Monument High School Choral Singers

Next year in 2013 the Foundation will celebrate its 25th year of service in Pueblo. That year will also mark the Foundation's 60th year of service as well as its 60th year in partnering with Children's Hospital Colorado. Celebration programs are now on the drawing table and we anticipate great interest by all in making our 60th year one to remember.

We have much to be grateful for in how this program has not only blossomed in Colorado but also how this work, which started in Colorado these many years ago, has expanded and been subsequently adopted by all Orient jurisdictions in the Southern Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite. We also realize and deeply appreciate the fact that our journey thus far would never have happened without the financial and moral support of so many Scottish Rite Masons, their families, and friends. Our words of gratitude are manifested in the lives of more than 16,000 young people who have received speech and related therapies and are now successfully meeting communication challenges in their lives.

Grandpa's Wooden Chest

Provided by Jim Smith, 33°

I hated to hear the lawyer say,
The things my grandpa gave away.
Like his old truck to Dad & Mom,
And world war medals to Uncle John.

My name was called, and something was said,
About an old wooden box beneath his bed.
Just a worn out chest, With a rusty hinge,
But I knew grandpa kept, something special within.

When I open the lid, All I could see,
Were some unusual tools, and a letter to me.
A large fancy cloth, With two long strings,
A small wooden hammer, Among other things.

He wrote a man's job, Is to be a good husband
father and friend,
I built my life as best I could, By the tools laid here
within.

He said the compasses remind me that life has
boundaries, So live your life within,
The Square proves true and so should you, When
dealing with all your friends.

Be an honorable man and walk uprightly,
According to the Plumb,
The level teaches us treat all men equal, Instead of
only some.

And now it's your turn, To start your journey for
knowledge, love and faith,
So live your life by the Square and Compasses,
And tools of your trade.

Many years have passed by since I first opened,
Grandpa's wooden chest,
The tools he gave me, the words he wrote, The
challenge to be my best.

Today I'll visit Grandpa, At the place where he was
laid,
To let him know he can be proud, I'm a master of
my trade.

A RiteCare Mom's Touching Story Mrs. Ell and Her Family



The Ell Family

When my oldest son was 18 months we were painfully aware that something wasn't right. He really wasn't speaking yet. He could say a few basic words like mama, or dada, but that was where it ended. We spoke to doctor after doctor and no one would listen. They would all say that he will talk in his own time.

It took another 18 months for us to find a doctor who noticed right away that he wasn't developing like he should be. The doctor wrote a referral for speech and occupational therapy services. That was our first experience with therapy; it was like a roller coaster ride of appointments and different therapists. It seemed that we could never find the right "fit" for him. He was never able to develop a bond with the therapist and, in return, he wasn't making much progress.

We heard about developmental testing at Children's Hospital Colorado in Aurora. We contacted them and they made the process simple. We were able to get a diagnosis right away.

Children's referred me to its Therapy Center in Pueblo. We contacted the Pueblo Center knowing that our insurance did not provide sufficient coverage for speech services. The office was wonderful. They informed me about the Scottish Rite program and how it worked. We put our son on the waiting list and continued to be afraid that this was going to be like all the other programs that he had been in.

When the Center called to say they had an opening, we turned them down. A few months later I put him back on the waiting list. When they called this time we accepted, and we are glad that we did.

Around the same time that our son started therapy in Pueblo, our other son started showing the same signs of speech delay, although not as severe as my first son. Now we were faced with another child who was going to need therapy.

We spent many sleepless nights trying to figure out just how we were going to make this work; how we were going to pay for two kids to get therapy; where would we get the time and strength to do it all over again.

For 18 months our other son got services in the home. When those ended we knew that we needed to do something. It was at that time we were told that Scottish Rite would be able to help with his therapy also. So began his journey.

Since becoming involved with the Scottish Rite program and Children's Therapy Center in Pueblo our kids have made huge improvements. They have been treated like a family, not patients. They look forward to and get really excited on therapy days. Even though they still have a long road ahead of them, it was made easier thanks to the Scottish Rite program and all the staff at Children's Therapy Center. Our family will never be able to repay all the kindness shown over the last couple of years.

Knights Of Saint Andrew



by Eric W. McBride, 32°, Venerable Master

Here is a list of our new 2012/13 Officer line for the KSA.

Venerable Master	Eric W. McBride
Senior Warden	Lue Martel
Junior Warden	Darren Klienfelter
Treasurer/Secretary	Mark Ralston
Senior Deacon	Bart Wegner
Junior Deacon	Larry Tygart
Senior Steward	Jason Wright
Junior Steward	Terry Davis
Master of Arms	Mike Tims
Chaplain	Jade Gibbon
Sentinel	Bill Deaver

We have started off our year with a real bang. I wish to thank all the KSA Knights who assisted in escorting at yesterday's Consistory meeting. We had a huge turnout of 18 knights to escort all of our past presiding officers of the Consistory. Our presence was very much noted by both the SGIG and all the members of the Consistory.

One of our Past Venerable Masters, John Gay once told me; *"If you want to be active in the service of Colorado Masonry in general and the Denver Consistory, then the Knights are where you want to be."*

We have a lot on our calendar before we go dark for the summer in addition to assisting the reunion in all aspects. Here is a quick schedule of our events.

SCHEDULE

7 MAY 2012: Monday: May KSA Meeting, **Knighting**, Outline of 2014, 700th celebration, Presentation on Roslyn Chapel
 21 MAY 2012: Monday: Consistory Meeting
 26 May, 2012: General Spring Cleaning of Grounds and storage of Consistory Building, 9am.
 4 JUN 2012: Monday: June KSA Meeting

(Knighting), Masonic Education on Bannockburn: A debate on whether the Knights Templar were really at the Battle of Bannockburn in 1314. Open to all.

18 JUN 2012: Monday: Consistory Meeting

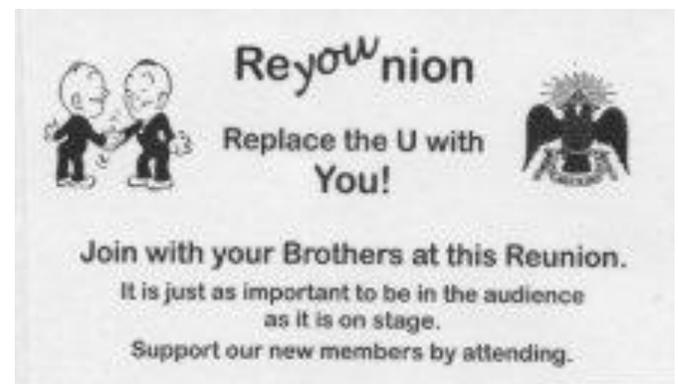
For those of you who are on face book, we now have our own facebook page, "The Knights of St. Andrew, Denver consistory". Please feel free to join our page.

We have a knighting on May 7, as well as a presentation by past Venerable Master Trey Perrin.

We hope to have the Denver, KSA official web site up and running by the middle of May (keep your fingers crossed).

If you have not been to a KSA meeting in awhile or if you are an alumni, we would really like your presence with us. Just because you have received special honors in the Consistory does not mean you cannot take part in the fun.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.





Meet your Brothers

By Jack White, 32° KCCH

Helmut W. Fritz, 32° KCCH, is the assistant Chairman of the Class Committee and is a member of Paul Revere Lodge # 130.



Helmut and his lovely wife Barbara have four (4) children, Helmut L and his wife Nidia, Christianna Salazar and her husband Mario, Tiffany Pergola and her husband Nick, and Bryan and his wife Stephanie.

Helmut is retired from Coors Brewing Company after working there for 27 years and worked for Lowes for 5 years after that just to wind down. Helmut started with Coors as a General Brewery worker and was promoted into Management in the following departments: Brewing, Malting, Fermenting and Finishing. Coors does not have "Brew Masters". They were called Process Managers. If anyone has need of the knowledge to make beer, Helmut would have the answer. (However, it would have to be in large quantities and you would need to share with him the finished product).

After he retired with Coors, he went to work for Lowes, beginning with setting up a new store and then worked as a lead man in the tools and hardware departments and then became the Department Head for the 5 Building Materials Departments.

Helmut likes to work on projects around the house and play some golf. He also enjoys reading, computer games and playing with his grandchildren.

He also hopes to do some traveling as well.



ILL and MWB Gerald Ford, 33° Honorary, has been a member of the Scottish Rite for over 32 years and MWB Gerry was Past Master of South Denver # 93 in 1979.

Both Gerry and his wife Audrey are very busy in Masonry as Audrey works in the office in Denver

and Gerry is the Chairman of the Class Committee during the Reunions. They have six (6) children, Sue Ellen, David, Sheryl, Julie, Joseph, and Angela. Gerry worked as an administrator for 35 years and is now retired (I believe that Gerry will never retire). He has received many awards and will be named *Most Preeminently Distinguished Governor General of the York Rite Sovereign College of North America* in August, 2012.

ILL and MWB Gerry has been involved with many Masonic activities and I cannot think of him not being active. His smile is contagious and his handshake is very strong.

Gerry keeps the Reunion Class moving and informed and his Masonic knowledge is limitless. Gerry was the Grand Secretary for the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Colorado for ten (10) years and was named Honorary Past Grand Master when he retired from that post. He is also a member of the Rose Croix Funeral team.

Gerry's only hobby is Masonry, but he does relax sometimes watching sports. One day he hopes to travel and fully enjoy being retired, but knowing Gerry as I do, he will never retire.

Thanks Gerry!

WB Michael Moore served Englewood Lodge #166 in 2001 as Worshipful Master, and he joined the Scottish Rite about 5 years ago. Michael is a member of the Class Committee during the Reunions.



Michael and his wife Denise have five (5) children between them, Stephanie, Allison, Leanna, Erin and Michelle.

WB Michael is a self-employed house painter and has been doing this for 27 years. He does not advertise and works only on referrals. He says that business is in very good so his painting must be okay (paint can cover a lot of mistakes).

Michael is a writer, has written 6 books and has plans for writing 2-4 more. He is an expert in Masonic history of the West. He also does the

Masonic Almanacs annually and hopes that it catches on nationally.

WB Mike has several hobbies he enjoys. For the most part, he enjoys anything associated with the mountains (fishing, hunting, hiking). He enjoys photography, history and especially astronomy. He has two (2) telescopes for this last hobby, one with an 8 inch mirror and another with a 12 inch mirror (this one gets the most use).

He relaxes (when???) by reading, meditating, spending time with his lovely wife and the grandkids.

WB Mike's future goals include finishing the College of Consistory course (a 5 year plan). At this time, he is at the 25th degree (this has taken about 2 years so far). He also plans on traveling with his telescopes to dark sky areas and finally just see where life and Masonry takes him.

Mike is also willing to help anyone who is working on the Master Craftsman program. If you ask, he will give guidance, but not the answer.



Focus on Committees

By Rich Silver, 32°

We are continuing to highlight the committees that work tirelessly to make the Consistory Reunions a success. As we attend the Reunions, see and participate in the various degrees, it is easy to take for granted all the work that goes on behind the scenes.

Audio/Video Committee – This committee is headed by Don Marshall, Lighting Manager, Jerome Lau, Audio Manager and Jon Robison, Video Manager. Their respective teams literally bring the degrees to life and provide important emphasis on the elements of the degrees that are easily taken for granted. Using sound to emphasize a point, light to add to the drama and video to illustrate the message makes the degree a more memorable experience



to the candidate.

Music Committee – Marv Feldman coordinates a dedicated group of singers and musicians who add both simple and dramatic backgrounds to many of the degrees. Each musical number and choral sequence brings out additional meaning to the candidate as they experience the degrees. This group also exemplifies the 22nd degree in a very unique manner.



Degree Council – Ron Birely, the Director General, and Al Ulibarri, the Assistant Director General, are the architects of the Reunions and bring all the individual pieces of the production together in a seamless fashion. As we have noted, there are hundreds of talented people working in front of the candidates as well as behind the scenes to make these events successful. It is hard to imagine the hundreds of hours and coordination of people that is necessary to put on a Reunion and this committee is the glue that holds everything together.



Just My Opinion ...

by D. J. Cox, 33°

May is a very interesting month. Early on, we have our Reunion to celebrate new members and revitalize the existing ones. We finish up in solemn form by remembering our heroes who have made the supreme sacrifice to keep this country free.

Name one other country that has done so much throughout its short history for its citizens and guests. As we welcome visitors from other valleys, let us also give thanks for all our shared gifts and blessings!

Anyway, that's my opinion!



"Around the Table"

By Wayne G. Arner 33°

Around the Table has recently heard that DAVE SWIFT, 33°, has been relocated to Swedish Hospital in Englewood to further his rehabilitation from Knee surgery. All of his Scottish Rite brothers are looking forward to his return to good health and mobility, especially since he won't be available to "dress" any of the more difficult roles portrayed in our upcoming Reunion, as many who have participated in Reunions learned recently in the Costume Room!

Speaking of the Reunion, this will be the 2nd Scottish Rite Regional Reunion at the Denver Consistory. (The first being here in 2007). There will be some Degrees exemplified by Consistories outside Colorado as before, with different interpretations, which should be very entertaining and enlightening. I'm sure you won't want to miss it! See you there, May 10-12, 2012.

There have been many comments going around about the LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND and it's requests for additional contributions. One of our new Scottish Rite Fellows, PAUL HARRISON, 32° (Fall 2010 Class), said about this recently: "Your contribution in the future was entirely optional and even though you may have purchased a Life Membership, it probably will require additional contributions in the future to keep up." Amazing foresight from such a new member!

There was a special Knighting Ceremony recently for GARY MUELLER, 32° KCCH, the Executive Officer for Colorado DeMolay, who finally found time in his busy schedule recently, to meet with GERRY FORD 33°, Director/Investiturer of the degree, and be "Capped". Congratulations SK Gary!

We recently were able to hear a presentation by our columnist and historian, MICHAEL MOORE 32°, on the "Columns" (J&B). It was well received by our Masonic Brethren at GARFIELD LODGE #50. His knowledge and background makes him well-qualified on the G.L.

Speakers Bureau circuit and I heartily recommend that you hire him to speak at your next Masonic event.

The recent "DOORS OPEN DENVER" tour of the Denver Consistory produced many surprises for our visitors, especially when they arrived at the Auditorium and heard our Organist, CHARLES SHAEFFER 33°, put our historic Kimball Organ through its paces. Our guest Organists were equally well received.

As Memorial Day approaches, we should all pause and give a prayer of Thanks for all our fallen Military Brethren, remembering the words of our poet Laureate, Edwin Markham:

"There is a destiny which makes us brothers; none goes his way alone. All that we send into the lives of others, comes back into our own."

Until then, I'll see you, *"Around the Table."*



From the Secretary's Desk

by Claud E. Dutro, 33°, Secretary

The

9Health Fair that was held on **Saturday, April 14** was very successful with a steady stream

of visitors the entire morning. By the time we closed the door, 198 people had benefited from the use of our building and the services of volunteers. This was a significant increase of prior years and demonstrates our importance to the Denver community.



The Doors Open Denver Open House

on the following day, **Sunday, April 15** was equally successful. We could have used more volunteers, because those 20 who participated were hard pressed to keep up with the crowd of over 500

visitors. We were featured in the Denver Post with an article and picture the weekend before, which probably increased the interest and the resulting crowd. A special thank you for the organ concerts to Charles Schaeffer, 33°, and his friend Ron Graham, who is in the process of becoming a Mason in Georgetown Lodge #12.

Our Brother To Brother special contact group of nine volunteers met on **Saturday, April 28 at 8:00 am** and made phone calls to about 400 brothers in the metropolitan area to urge them to attend the May 10-12 reunion. We could have contacted 800 more if we had more volunteers and more time.

The Annual Ladies

Luncheon was held **Saturday, April 28** in the dining room. Those attending



enjoyed Hawaiian music, lunch, an amateur group of hula dancers and professional Polynesian dancers. A great



big thank you to

Audrey Ford for all of her work in organizing this event to show appreciation to our ladies and to Randy Penn, 32° KCCH, for volunteering to provide these pictures. Everyone thought it was the most fun this year.



The United Veterans Committee of Colorado held their 40th annual awards banquet

Sunday, April 29, with our own Jay Bobick, 33°, as the master of ceremonies. We have supported this patriotic group for several years with an advertisement in their program and were rewarded this time by our ad being placed on the back cover.

The Regional Reunion is almost here. We can still use more petitions to add to the class size. Please contact all of your eligible Lodge brothers and urge them to expand their Masonic experience and make new Masonic friends. The officers will have a special meeting at **5:30 pm on Monday, May 7** to approve any last minute petitions for the reunion that starts at Children's Hospital the following Wednesday evening for candidates and their wives/fiancées. Members should plan to attend the reunion to renew the lessons that they've learned and to welcome the candidates that will become our future leaders.

The Next Stated Meeting will be on **Monday, May 21**. Following a pork chop dinner and entertainment, we will have a tiled meeting while the ladies and guests have a short separate meeting. This would be an excellent time for those ladies who have not participated for awhile to attend to welcome the new wives from the reunion class.



by Bill Hickey, 32° KCCH



Our 2012 9Health Fair was a strong success. We served 198 participants this year. That's up from 170 last year. Not quite as high as the year before, but then, we didn't see the expected "second wave" around 1000 this year either. Don't know why, but we still had an excellent turnout for the fair.

Thanks to EVERYONE - all the volunteers that pitched in for setup, tear-down, and worked hard during the fair making our participants feel welcome. We continue to get the feedback from

outside volunteers and participants that everyone here is so friendly and welcoming.

The final results won't be published for a while - as we were early this year and they tally all the results after the last fair (which is after the main fairs) - so I won't expect to see anything concrete until perhaps the end of May.

As in previous years, we had probably 30-35% of our finger stick (diabetes) screening participants flagged for high glucose levels requiring a follow-up with their doctors. This is WHY we have these fairs.

Again, thanks to everyone for their support, and we will look forward to an even more successful fair next year.

Thoughts to Ponder

Truer words were never spoken:

☐☐ **Law of Mechanical Repair** - After your hands become coated with grease, your nose will begin to itch and you'll have to pee.

☐☐ **Law of Gravity** - Any tool, nut, bolt, screw, when dropped, will roll to the least accessible place in the universe.

☐☐ **Law of Probability** - The probability of being watched is directly proportional to the stupidity of your act.

☐☐ **Law of Random Numbers** - If you dial a wrong number, you never get a busy signal - and someone always answers.

☐☐ **Variation Law** - If you change lines (or traffic lanes), the one you were in will always move faster than the one you are in now (works every time).

☐☐ **Law of the Bath** - When the body is fully immersed in water, the telephone rings.

☐☐ **Law of Close Encounters** - The probability of meeting someone you know INCREASES dramatically when you are with someone you don't want to be seen with.

☐☐ **Law of the Result** - When you try to prove to

someone that a machine won't work, IT WILL!!!

☐☐ **Law of Biomechanics** - The severity of the itch is inversely proportional to the reach.

☐☐ **Law of the Theater & Hockey Arena** - At any event, the people whose seats are furthest from the aisle, always arrive last. They are the ones who will leave their seats several times to go for food, beer, or the toilet and who leave early before the end of the performance or the game is over. The folks in the aisle seats come early, never move once, have long gangly legs or big bellies and stay to the bitter end of the performance. The aisle people also are very surly folk.

☐☐ **The Coffee Law** - As soon as you sit down to a cup of hot coffee, your boss will ask you to do something which will last until the coffee is cold.

☐☐ **Murphy's Law of Lockers** - If there are only 2 people in a locker room, they will have adjacent lockers.

☐☐ **Law of Physical Surfaces** - The chances of an open-faced jelly sandwich landing face down on a floor, are directly correlated to the newness and cost of the carpet or rug.

☐☐ **Law of Logical Argument** - Anything is possible IF you don't know what you are talking about.

☐☐ **Law of Physical Appearance** - If the clothes fit, they're ugly.

☐☐ **Oliver's Law of Public Speaking** -- A CLOSED MOUTH GATHERS NO FEET!!!

☐☐ **Wilson's Law of Commercial Marketing Strategy** - As soon as you find a product that you really like, they will stop making it, OR the store will stop selling it!!
walmart---tis true

☐☐ **Doctors' Law** - If you don't feel well, make an appointment to go to the doctor, by the time you get there you'll feel better.. But don't make an appointment, and you'll stay sick.



Congratulations to Colorado's Frank Marshall Championship Tournament Competitors!

By Kellie & Jon Sellars, 32°



The 2012 Frank Marshall Championship Tournament was recently held in Fort Worth Texas. What an incredible opportunity for our youth! Many young men and young women from DeMolay and Rainbow's travel from all over the United States to compete in several ritual competitions. The motto, "Where the elite meet to compete", says it all. Competitors participating in this event are dedicated, well versed, and committed to showing excellence in their ritual work. All should be commended for their hard work and commitment.



This year, the DeMolay Tournament had 189 competitors by 25 chapters from 8 jurisdictions. Of this group, Colorado was represented by 4 young men from two different DeMolay Chapters. The

young men of Colorado all placed well above proficient and gave exceptional performances in every one of their competitions. Anson, Lawrence and Cameron, 3 young men from the Arapahoe Chapter, performed the Ceremony of lights in a team competition. They did a wonderful job and received very high marks. Two young men competed in individual contests. Both boys did an exceptional job and made Colorado DeMolay very proud. Lawrence (Arapahoe Chapter) took part in several different competitions. He delivered a "word-perfect" Ceremony of lights at the Championship level, again scoring well above proficient. He also received marks high enough to place him in the top 2 for the Master Councilor part. Mason, a first year DeMolay from the Golden Chapter (12 yrs. old), took part in two different ritual competitions and scored very well in both. At the Championship level, he delivered the part of the Chaplain. His ritual work earned a score that exceeded what was needed for a proficient mark and placed him in the top five for this category. The competition at Frank Marshall is stiff, the effort of each young man is obvious, and the work performed is amazing! It's an honor to witness work of this caliber!

While the Frank Marshall Championship Tournament is a competition, it is much more than that for the young men and women who participate. It's a time to learn from one another, to help one another, to support one another, and to meet other young people from all over the country. At every turn, there is a lesson to be learned. Each young man and lady will take something different away from this event. It gives an opportunity to understand defeat, to win gracefully, and to appreciate each other for nothing other than doing their best. During competitions, you will find young people encouraging others, and at times, one another. This is a true and blatant example of what we want our young people to learn and take from our Masonic youth groups.

Outside of competition there is a lot of fun to be had, including dances, day trips to six flags, and fellowship with others from all across the U.S.



The Frank Marshall Tournament weekend is something all of our youth should be encouraged to attend! It is a truly wonderful and motivating experience for them.

The help of our Colorado advisors cannot go unmentioned, without them, our boys would not be able to participate. Their hard work and commitment to the youth does not go unrecognized. Thank you for all you do!! Should you know a young man or lady who could benefit from all that our Masonic youth groups have to offer, please contact Walter Martin. Please remember to keep our youth at the top of your thoughts and thank you for your continued support.



Another Memorial Day

by Sam L. Carter

Sitting here today, reading a poem "Our Flag is Great", I ponder another time'

I'm reminded, for several years, its come & gone, the "9/11" terrorist crime!

A discernment prior to then, about people's indifference & disrespectful ways,

Left feelings that drastic times were coming, but not as terrible as the "9/11" days.

At public gatherings, people had no thought of reverence for our Flag's history,

For sacrifices made by friends & family, many dying patriotically, to keep us free.

Giving their lives or limbs or minds in times of crisis that threatened our liberty,

Going proudly, knowing this Country grew up fighting from sea to shining sea.

Of course there was concern, not wanting to leave loved ones so far behind,

*But knowing in their hearts it was necessary to protect this land, so never mind.
Those not returning believed & fought for freedom others earlier died to earn.
For too long this history lesson escaped many, but was soon to be "re-learned."
Such a sad commentary, we have short memories of freedom they died to earn,
Not adhering to basic principles our founding fathers set out, will we ever learn?
It's noticeable by all those that had loved ones die in War & what it meant,
In war time, when they died, honoring our flag was showing them a compliment.
Those feelings never left this old country boy's thinking or appreciative ways,
Being one of a handful to remove a hat or place a hand on our heart in prior days.
I can too vividly remember disrespect at ball games, parades, or at race tracks,
"No Respect" during National Anthem, only laughing & hollering, a sad fact.
Then 9/11/2001, a dastardly deed causing the current liberating Foreign Wars,
Fighting terrorism in places it originates, pushing it away from USA's door.
Many more personnel in harms way have died over the past several years,
"Memorial Day" gives us pause to be aware of survivor's heartbreaking tears.
So many died for this freedom in establishing frontiers for Liberty worldwide,
Continuing today with our U.S troops, we should support them all with Pride.
For those dying long ago & the ones giving their all now in current campaigns,
To afford so many, a blood soaked Liberty, honor by letting freedom bells ring.
We should reflect continually on the history of our flag & all the lives given,
Maybe pause today, raise the Flag & say "thank you" for a free life we're livin'.
"Another Memorial Day" to appreciate all the fallen since the rockets red glare.
Honor all deceased military at this time on "Another Memorial Day" in prayer.*



human race does not die or is extinguished. It is also called by various Masonic authors as “The Great Work”.

We call it by many names – advancement, upward mobility, betterment, improvement, development, changing for the better; all mean the same. Each and every day we should advance, no matter how little. In all phases and aspects of our life, in all we do and think. Use every situation you are placed in to fulfill this charge and make the sole purpose of your life to be one of ascension and upward motion.

Between the Columns

by Michael D. Moore, 32°



Progression

The reunion is done, new members were added, they have advanced in degrees associated with their names now. Have we done the same?

All of life should be about this – advancement and progression. The changing and advancing of the seasons, the wisdom that comes with age and experience, our learning through the school years; all gives us a view of there is yet still things to learn, to experience and to understand.

It is the eternal quest. Life is much more than making a living and surviving each day. It is about continuing the species, learning to live happier here on earth and to make all we see around us a better place. That way we have a future and the

All of our members have gone through the 29 different levels of lessons and morality plays we offer in the Scottish Rite. What makes one man then different or stand out among the rest? How they use and understand what they have learned and went through. It is not jewels, medals, pins or honors that show an upward life, but how we live.



We all progress in age, weight (some of us), hair color (white is after all the highest symbolic color we have right?) and time spent here on this planet; but the principle is the same throughout all we see. We need to examine where we are, take inventory of how we act and work constantly to learn, act and relate better.

Brother Ben Franklin wrote about this in his autobiography. He made a chart that listed all the characteristics he wanted in his life, which he found much harder than he thought to do. But this is a challenge that is worth the effort.

40TH DENVER CONSISTORY REUNION SCHEDULE

Wednesday, May 9, 2012 (for Candidates, spouses, and invited guests)

6:00 PM	Welcome and brief introductions
6:10 PM	Presentation by Dr. Deborah Hayes
6:20 PM	Rite Care Film
6:30 PM	Tours of Rite Care Facilities at Children's Hospital
7:00 PM	Dinner
7:30 PM	Introduce Dignitaries/Welcome by Class Director
7:40 PM	Prologue and Introduction to Degrees by Director General/Adjourn

Thursday, May 10, 2012

7:30 AM	Registration
8:00 AM	Classroom Instruction
8:15 AM	Exemplify 4° - Jay Bobick, 33° Director
8:50 AM	Introduce Grand Master and GL Officers-Grand Master's Address
9:10 AM	Classroom Instruction
9:25 AM	Exemplify 5° - E. Michael Connely, 33°, Director
10:00 AM	Break
10:15 AM	Communicate 6° - L. Bryant Harris, 32° KCCH, Director
10:20 AM	Communicate 7° - Bruce A. Evans, 32° KCCH, Director
10:25 AM	Classroom Instruction
10:40 AM	Communicate 8° - Michael D. Moore, 32°, Director
10:45 AM	Exemplify 9° and 10° - Arizona Scottish Rite
11:23 AM	Break
11:38 AM	Class room Instruction
12:00 Noon	Exemplify 11° - Arizona Scottish Rite
12:20 PM	Lunch
1:15 PM	Class reconvenes
1:20 PM	Properties and Stage Committee
1:30 PM	Exemplify 12° - Bobby Juchem, 32°, Director
1:55 PM	Secretary's Presentation
2:25 PM	Communicate 13° - Neil Beaty, 32° KCCH, Director
2:30 PM	Classroom Instruction
2:45 PM	Exemplify 14° - Helmut Fritz, 32° KCCH, Director
3:35 PM	Break
3:50 PM	Communicate 15° - Robin Knox, 32° KCCH, Director
3:55 PM	Communicate 16° - Karl Koenig, 32° KCCH, Director
4:00 PM	Exemplify 17° - Thomas Gaffney, 32°, Director
4:40 PM	Classroom Instruction
5:10 PM	Exemplify 18° - 1 st Section - Christopher H. Staton, 32°, Director
5:45 PM	Classroom Instruction
5:55 PM	Dinner
6:50 PM	Class Reconvenes
6:55 PM	Exemplify 18° - 2 nd Section – Christopher H. Staton, 32°, Director
7:30 PM	Classroom Instruction/Adjourn

9:00 AM Class Convenes
 9:20 AM Exemplify 19° - DJ Cox, 33°, Director
 9:55 AM Audio/Visual Committee
 10:05 AM Communicate 20° - Dana Speaks, 33°
 10:15 AM Communicate 21° - Wayne G. Arner, 33°, Director
 10:20 AM Classroom Instruction
 10:40 AM Exemplify 22° - John H. Buchanan, 33° and Marvin A. Feldman, 33°, Co-Directors
 11:30 AM Communicate 23° - Theodore S. Jones, 32°, Director
 11:35 AM Costume Committee
 11:45 AM Lunch
 12:40 PM Class reconvenes
 12:45 PM Classroom Instruction
 12:55 PM Communicate 24° - Aaron J. Klostermeyer, 32°, Director
 1:00 PM Make-up Committee
 1:05 PM Communicate 25° - Ricky Haskell, 32°, Director
 1:10 PM Communicate 26° - Duke O'Neil, 32° Director
 1:15 PM Exemplify 27° - Norman C Wright, 33°, Director
 2:10 PM Classroom Instruction
 2:30 PM Break
 2:45 PM Exemplify 28° - Grover L Sardeson, 33°, Director
 3:45 PM Classroom Instruction
 3:55 PM Break
 5:30 PM Dinner Honoring The Class
 6:20 PM 50 year awards and etc.
 6:35 PM Exemplify The Traitor – Gerald A Ford, 33°, Director
 8:00 PM Adjourn

Saturday, May 12, 2012

7:45 AM Class Convenes
 8:00 AM Communicate 29° - Kent B Burns, 32°, Director
 8:10 AM Class Address by SGIG and Class Picture/Break
 9:20 AM Exemplify 30° - 1st Apartment – Charles G Johnson, 33°, Director
 9:38 AM Exemplify 30° - 2nd Apartment – Heath Firestone, 32°, Director
 9:53 AM Exemplify 30° - 3rd Apartment – Jack White, 32° KCCH, Director
 10:08 AM Break
 10:18 AM Classroom Instruction
 10:33 AM Exemplify 30° - 4th Apartment – Mike Scott, 32°, Director
 11:00 AM Knights of St Andrew
 11:20 AM Lunch
 12:05 PM Class reconvenes
 12:10 PM Exemplify 31° - Joe Kier, 33°, Director
 12:50 PM Classroom Instruction
 1:15 PM Exemplify 32° - 1st Section – John Buchanan, 33°, Director
 2:03 PM Classroom Instruction
 2:30 PM Exemplify 32° - 2nd Section – John Buchanan, 33°, Director
 3:42 PM Closing Ceremony

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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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."



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CALENDAR

2011 Denver Consistory Schedule

May

Wed	May 9	6:00 PM	Spring Reunion (40 th Consecutive) - Children's Hospital Colorado
Thu	May 10	7:00 AM	Spring Reunion (40 th Consecutive) - Parking garage available
Fri	May 11	7:00 AM	Spring Reunion (40 th Consecutive) - Parking garage available
Sat	May 12	7:00 AM	Spring Reunion (40 th Consecutive) - Parking garage available
Mon	May 21		Stated Meeting - Parking garage available
		5:30 PM	Red Room Business Meeting
		6:00 PM	Dinner
			<i>Pork Chops – Strawberry Short cake</i>
		7:00 PM	Entertainment
		7:30 PM	Split Meeting –
			5 minute oration by Orator of Rocky Mountain Chapter of Rose Croix
Mon	May 28		Consistory closed for Memorial Day holiday

June

Mon	June 18		Stated Meeting – <i>Hawaiian Shirt Night</i> - Parking garage available
		5:30 PM	Red Room Business Meeting
		6:00 PM	Dinner
			<i>??? – ???</i>
		7:00 PM	Entertainment
		7:30 PM	Split Meeting –
			5 minute oration by Orator of Colorado Council of Kadosh

July

Wed	July 4		Consistory closed for Independence Day holiday
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August

Sat	Aug 11	5:00 PM	Educational Program – Ladies and guests invited
		6:00 PM	Shrimp Boil – Ladies and guests invited
			Parking garage available
Sun	Aug 19		All Masonic Picnic

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

Driver Safety Class

At the Eastern Star Masonic Retirement Community

2445 S Quebec Street Denver

May 11th from 9am–1pm

at our Pic-a-dilly Club House



Why Take a Driver Safety Class?

Cars have changed. So have the traffic rules, driving conditions, and the roads you travel every day. Some drivers age 50-plus have never looked back since they got their first driver's licenses, but even the most experienced benefit from brushing up on their driving skills.

What Will I Learn by Taking the Course?

You can expect to learn current rules of the road, defensive driving techniques, and how to operate your vehicle more safely in today's increasingly challenging driving environment. You'll learn adjustments to accommodate common age-related changes in vision, hearing, and reaction time. You will learn the following:

- How to minimize the effects of dangerous blind spots
- How to maintain the proper following distance behind another car
- The safest ways to change lanes and make turns at busy intersections
- Proper use of safety belts, air bags, anti-lock brakes, and new technologies used in cars
- Ways to monitor your own and others' driving skills and capabilities
- The effects of medications on driving
- The importance of eliminating distractions, such as eating, smoking, and cell-phone use

After completing the course, you will have a greater appreciation of driving challenges and of how you can avoid potential collisions and injuries to yourself and others.

What Else Do I Need to Know?

- You may be eligible to receive an insurance discount upon completing the course, so consult your agent for details.
- You may be eligible to receive a discount on roadside assistance plans.
- The AARP Driver Safety Program has helped millions of drivers stay safe on the roads since its inception in 1979.
- Although it is geared to drivers age 50 and older, the course is open to people of all ages.
- AARP membership is not required to take the course.
- There is no test to pass.

The classroom course costs only \$12 for AARP members and \$14 for non-members, you pay the instructor.

For more information and to register please call 303-756-9489
Space is limited to the first 25 people.



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**You could be a victim of identity theft
and not even know it!**

Jobs Daughters Bethel 40 and the Eastern Star Masonic Retirement Community is trying to prevent you from becoming a victim through a Document-Shredding Event.

Saturday, September 15 F

From 10am until noon

at the Eastern Star Masonic Retirement Community:

2445 South Quebec St. Denver

BRING - Old checks, bills, bank statements, credit card offers, medical records, tax forms, pay stubs, etc.

DO NOT BRING - Newspapers, phone books, magazines, plastic, cardboard or catalogues.

3 COPY BOXES OR BAGS PER SMALL BUSINESS OR HOUSEHOLD

**Donations accepted for the Jobs Daughters Bethel 40.
Questions Call Pati Sawyer Boex Fraternal Relations Director:
303-753-2160.**

Antique & Classic Car Show



Eastern Star Masonic Retirement Community

2445 S Quebec St

Denver CO 80231

Saturday, May 19, 2012

10am-2pm



Trophies for Crowd Favorite & Dash Plaques for the first 100 Cars
Hot Dog Stand

To bring your car call Pati Sawyer Boex: 303-753-2160

Free Registration,

Music by "Skip" the DJ

**If you are showing your car please be here to park by 9:30am
Rain or Shine**



Temple Web-a-thon!

Help us hit our goal of **\$1 MILLION** by donating to the Rebuilding the Temple Campaign to restore and preserve the House of the Temple!

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May 19, 2012
6 pm to Midnight



For more information, contact the Development Office at
(866) 448-3773 or webathon@scottishrite.org.

Six hours of music, comedy, and entertainment!
See a variety of celebrity Scottish Rite Masons and hear their
stories. Fun for the entire family!



Meet the Grand Commander and learn more about the
Rebuilding the Temple Campaign.



All proceeds benefit the House of the Temple.
Contributions are tax-deductible as allowed by law.



Colorado Masonic Family Picnic



Sunday, August 19
11:00 – 3:00

Tony Grampsas Memorial Park
44th Avenue & Salvia Street
Golden

Lunch Served at 11:30
UNTIL FOOD RUNS OUT

Menu: hamburgers, hot dogs, baked beans, potato salad, corn on the cob, dessert, beer, pop, water and more!

Games and Prizes for Kids of All Ages!

Bring your own lawn chairs

TICKETS: Advanced Reservations: \$5.00 At the Picnic: \$7.00 (Children under 6 are free!)

~ Includes food and drink ~ ~ No tickets will be issued ~ ~ Check-in at the gate ~
~ Ticket holders will receive a hand stamp at the ticket table upon arrival at the Park ~
There will be no comps for this event; all are expected to purchase tickets

Colorado Masonic Family Picnic Reservations

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE AND
MAIL TO:
El Jebel Shrine
4625 West 50th Avenue



Name _____ Phone _____

Number of Tickets: _____ @ \$5.00 # of children under 6 _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____