

# Rite Works



## "A TOAST TO THE FLAG"

by John Jay Daly of Washington, D. C. (1888-1976)

### *Here's to the Red of it –*

*There's not a thread of it,  
No, nor a shred of it  
In all the spread of it,  
From foot to head  
But heroes bled for it,  
Faced steel and lead for it,  
Precious blood shed for it,  
Bathing it Red!*

### *Here's to the White of it –*

*Thrilled by the sight of it,  
Who knows the right of it  
But feels the might of it  
Through day and night?  
Womanhood's care for it  
Made manhood dare for it:  
Purity's pray'r for it  
Keeps it so White!*

### *Here's to the Blue of it –*

*Beauteous view of it,  
Heavenly hue of it,  
Star-spangled dew of it  
Constant and true:  
Diadems gleam for it,  
States stand Supreme for it  
Liberty's beam for it  
Brightens the Blue!*

### *Here's to the Whole of it –*

*Stars, stripes and pole of it,  
Body and soul of it,  
O, and the roll of it,  
Sun shining through:  
Hearts in accord for it  
Swear by the sword for it,  
Thanking the Lord for it,  
Red, White and Blue!*



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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

Jessup Finton Cross, 32°	6/26/2011
Charles Albert Dunlap, 32°	9/5/2010
Alfred Claude Hughes, 32°	11/29/2010
Everett Carroll King, 32°	2/12/2007
Larry Lee Larson, 32°	4/21/2012
Bruce Minor Limke, 32°	4/25/2012
Charles Clifford Mc Kinney, 32°	9/29/2011
Nathan Herbert Miller, 32°	5/2/2012
Edward Theodore Nelson, 32°	4/30/2012
Homer H O'Neil, 32°	6/29/2010
Charles Worden Rice, 32°	4/30/2012
Paul Schafer, 32°	2/15/2012
Isadore J Shore, 32°	8/5/2011
Edward D Tharp, 32°	10/16/2009



# Spring 2012 Reunion Class



Class picture taken by John Moreno, 33°

Welcome these new members to the Rite. Stop by and shake their hands when you see them at any of our activities.

### Reunion Images (Photos by John Moreno, 33°):



22 Degree cast from Denver Consistory.



Phoenix cast for 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Degrees.



Scottish Rite Dignitaries.



50 year recipients, spouses and SGIG.

# FEATURE ARTICLE



## A PERSONAL JOURNEY

Master of Kadosh, John A. Warren, 32° KCCH

After every Reunion, when figures are released indicating the hundreds of hours donated by all the volunteers working to make it a success, some may wonder why they do it.

In the Oct, 2011 Grand Junction Scottish Rite publication, equivalent to our Rite Works, Brother Jimmy McBride, 33° said “...*Masonry borrows the techniques of theatre to make its’ lessons more impressive and to aid the candidate in forming the beginnings of what it is hoped will be a lifelong pattern of study and thought...*”

Some of you may have noticed my devotion to Ritual in general and the Scottish Rite Degrees in particular and wondered why!! My interest now has not always been the case and let me explain why.

After first becoming a Master Mason, my mentor presented me with that exaltation recited in all Blue Lodges that begins with “Behold, how good and how pleasant it is .....” and told me to memorize it. Shortly after that, I was made Chaplain of my Lodge and had to learn the prayers. My thoughts then were just how in the heck am I supposed to learn all this. For the first time, I invoked, in private, that Grand Hailing Sign of Distress we are taught in the 3<sup>rd</sup> degree.

A few months later, I became a Scottish Rite Mason. I was attending a Reunion after this when some overly excited Brother grabbed my arm, asked what I was doing and pulled me in to the Costume Department. This was to be my first time in a Degree, but in a non-speaking part. Good thing, too!! This was also the first time I had met Doc and his instructions for costuming. Again, I privately invoked that Grand Hailing Sign of Distress. A year or so after that, I had my first speaking part, in the old 17<sup>th</sup> Degree. I was nervous to the point that

I wrote in ink all over the palms of my hands to help my memory.

I suppose I have come a long way since those early years. It does not come easy and I practice constantly when a Degree Director honors me with a part in his particular Degree. Some may think it strange when they observe the driver of a car next to them making all these gestures and obviously talking loudly to no one. On the other hand, in this town, who notices strange activity?

Some have asked why I spend so much time doing this. There is no simple answer. After witnessing several Reunions, it gradually came to me just how important these Reunions are and that this was a method in which I could make a contribution to the education process of our new Brothers in their journey. And so I have. There is still much more for me to learn in this process, but there has been an un-expected consequence...I enjoy the living heck in doing what I do. In addition, like so many others, that OTHER, unwritten Grand Masonic Word is impossible to learn.

Stephen R. Covey once said: “*Most people do not listen with the intent to understand; they listen with the intent to reply.*” I am not looking for replies.

So, back to the question of why so many donate so much to a Reunion: The following pretty much answers that question.

I was chatting with a Brother a while ago and the conversation was mostly about the amount of time we spend on Masonic activities. This dedicated Brother, who is still in the working world, commented that he has no hobbies, so looks at Masonry as just that...a hobby and that his family supports him in his Masonic endeavors.

The afore-mentioned Jimmy McBride, 33° said, “...Freemasonry is a compelling and conquering spiritual force and the reasons are revealed in the Scottish Rite Degrees. Scottish Freemasonry is the foe of intolerance, fanaticism and superstition. It battles every form of racial and sectarian prejudice and bigotry. It is a mighty exponent of freedom in thought, religion and government. Thus, the Scottish Rite is a rite of instruction....”.

In the beginning of the 32nd Degree, the about to become Masters of the Royal Secret are told by the Prior some of the reasons a man may join the Fraternity, to include curiosity of the Fraternity itself, seeking profit for their business affairs, acquiring awards, decorations and distinctions Masonry confers, etc., etc.. I suppose I thought that eventually, I too would someday become a Mason.

And so, I did become a Master Mason and later, a Scottish Rite Mason. It has been life changing. Sure, I get tired and cranky towards the end of a Reunion or after some other overly long Masonic type functions, just as all of you do. However, you get some sleep and rest and then you are ready to go again. Oh, and by the way! The Fall Reunion is coming up in just a couple of months. What are you going to do to help our new Brothers in their Journey?

That famous Harry Potter author J. K. Rowling, once said: “It is impossible to live without failing at something, unless you live so cautiously that you might as well not have lived at all.” Reflecting on this, it is easy to see just how different my life would have been had I not followed that excited brother at my first Reunion into Costumes or had I not been given that first part in the old 17<sup>th</sup> degree or even years before when I first moved to Denver from that small southern Colorado town.



## OLD HAT

by Paul Harrison, 32°

At every Reunion, I learn something new and unexpected. This Reunion was no different, except as from where the lesson came. While working in the costume department, I noticed a pile of older black hats on top of a cabinet. Aaron Klostermeyer, 32° wears an older style hat that isn't as round and with slightly different embroidery work on the double-headed eagle. Thinking that his selection of style was cool, I asked David “Doc” Powell, 33° if I could wear one.



Finding the first one, I tried my size. I noticed the label underneath: E.J. “Bud” Bancroft and gave his address on South Clinton Street. I wondered out loud if Bud would mind me wearing his cap. I asked around if anyone knew of Bud. Wayne Arner, 33° was kind enough to show me some of the written records in a hidden corner of our impressive building. I found Bud's petition on October 16, 1966 and a card describing him as: 5' 11", with brown hair and brown eyes, born in McKitterick CA in 1914. Bud worked as a shop supervisor for Combs Aircraft at Stapleton Field. He was a member of Wheat Ridge #187 and, so I'm told, may be a founding member. I asked our resident historian Michael Moore, 32° if he could help me find the class photo of Bud. So far no luck on finding a photo of Bud, but I'll keep looking.

I wish to express a note of thanks to my many Brothers for reminding me about the varied and great history that is alive and well at our Consistory. And, a tip of the cap – his cap – to Eugene Jamson Bancroft, 32° for reminding me that each of us has something to give to the next Prince of the Royal Secret.

SIDE NOTE: The cost of the Degrees in 1966 was \$150.  
That's \$584.26 in 2012 dollars!



## Oration

By Aaron Klostermeyer, 32°

Good Evening Brethren. It is great to see you all here, and especially so many new members from the May reunion. I remember when I received the degrees in the Spring of 2007. Before I joined, I kept hearing about how the Scottish Rite is the “University of Freemasonry” and I was thinking, “man, this is going to be great- if this is the University there must be parties, football, cheerleaders- and I bet we can take the degrees in our pajamas- our own pajamas that is, not those white ones from the blue lodge degrees.” Of course then I got here and found that the “University” title just referred to education, lots and lots of Masonic Education. So, I put away my beer helmet and put on my 32nd degree cap, and here I am.

Of course I am only kidding. I was initially drawn to the Scottish Rite in large part by that very promise of further Masonic Education. But what is education; exactly what does it mean?

In his book “How to Study,” George Fillmore Swain writes:

Education is an opportunity, nothing more. It will not guarantee success, or happiness, or contentment, or riches. Everything depends upon what development is produced by it and use is made of it. ... Properly employed, however, and combined with high character, with a due respect for the rights of others, and with simple and practicable but high ideals, it should help a man very greatly in making himself of service in the world and so making his life really successful in the highest sense. What the student gets out of his education depends largely upon what he puts into it.

In the same way, Masonic education is but an opportunity for a good man to become better; it is not, itself, a guarantee. And similarly, when properly employed it should help him enjoy a better life and to contribute to a better society. Simply receiving the degrees is not enough. As Masons, we are possessed of high character, a respect for others,

and practicable but high ideals. But we must properly employ our education by understanding the lessons presented in our degrees and, more importantly, we must apply those lessons in our daily lives for that education to be meaningful.

Looking back, I think about receiving the degrees at my first reunion, not in terms of getting my Scottish Rite education, but rather as receiving the class syllabus for a life-long, self-paced course in Masonic education- a relatively brief outline of the material to be studied over the coming years. I took it as a challenge to undertake a lifetime of learning in order to understand much, if not all, of what had just been presented to me.

A brother’s first reunion goes by so fast, with so much information, that he cannot possibly absorb more than a fleeting glimpse, or at most an overview, of all the helpful and important knowledge that awaits him within the Scottish Rite degrees. Sage advice about leadership, decision making, managing employees, and investigating Truth is all in there. Also deep contemplations on the rule of law, the balance of freedom and government, doing the right thing when “the right thing” isn’t always clear, the glory and nobility of hard work, the unifying themes of various world religions, and much, much more wait to be discovered.

The tools necessary to explore this rich mine of knowledge are readily available, and you are encouraged to use them. *A Bridge to Light, Morals and Dogma*, the “Master Craftsman” Programs, The College of the Consistory, the Scottish Rite Research Society, discussions with learned brethren and with other brethren just starting to learn, and active participation in the degrees and on degree committees; all these and more are tools at your disposal. You are not necessarily expected to make use of them all, and certainly not all at once. But not to use *any* would be to squander the opportunity of the valuable Masonic education which has been bestowed upon you.

I realize that the task may seem daunting at times, when flipping through vast pages of *Morals and Dogma*, or when listening to the heady conversations of some of our local Masonic

scholars. I certainly am not as far along in my studies as I would like to be. But take heart that help is available to you. Take heart in the thrill of discovery and fulfillment that awaits you and in the years that lay ahead in which to spread out and enjoy the great labor before you. Choose a path which best fits you, begin where you can, and then devote as much time to that endeavor as your other duties allow. Remember that the longest journeys begin with a single step.

As you learn and grow in the Scottish Rite, remember always to apply that knowledge to something in your life or in the real world, always striving to become better than yourself. In this way, you may look back, near the end of your days, and know that you have been of service to the world, and that you have made your life “really successful in the highest sense”.

I leave you tonight with a challenge and with a charge. The challenge is for every brother here, to continue their Masonic education this week in the following way. Choose any Scottish Rite degree, identify a lesson in that degree and think of a situation in real life where that lesson would apply. Write it down and share your results with another brother in this room later this week, so that you both can learn from each other’s thoughts. I will be doing this myself and sharing my results with Bro. Paul Harrison. That is your challenge.

The charge comes in the words of the Venerable Master of the 12<sup>th</sup> degree, who speaks to the expectations and responsibilities inherent with receiving the education in our Scottish Rite degrees. “Such are the instruments of a Master Architect, and such are the lessons they teach us. Forget not that you are solemnly charged to practice all the virtues that they teach, for thus only can you deserve, however proudly you may wear, the title of Master Architect.”

Brethren, activate the education which you have received. Become better men, better Masons, and better citizens, that together we may leave the world better than we have found it.

**Thank you.**

## “Applying Masonic Education, Meeting the Orator’s Challenge”

In my May 21<sup>st</sup> oration for the members of Denver Consistory, I issued a challenge for every brother present to continue their Masonic education this week, by finding any lesson in any degree and thinking of a real life situation in which to apply it. Since, as Masons, we should lead by example, I submit my fulfillment of this challenge as an example of easily, yet fruitfully this call to action may be met. This challenge is not intended to be cumbersome, esoteric, brooding, or difficult. Rather, it ought to be simple, fun, practical, enlightening, achievable, and repeatable. The purpose is to take Masonry out of the books and the rituals and begin to put it in our everyday thoughts and actions.

The evening after the meeting, I dusted off my copy of “A Bridge to Light” and flipped through the pages, looking at the duties, lessons, and reflection questions at the beginning of several degrees until finding one that I connected with. I settled on the 6<sup>th</sup> Degree and read through that chapter.

### 6<sup>th</sup> Degree, Intimate Secretary

*Duties:* Be zealous, fathful, disinterested and benevolent. Act the peacemaker.

*Lessons:* Zeal and fidelity to duty are always rewarded.

*For reflection:* Why act the peacemaker?

*My Application:* In this degree, we witness two examples of what appear on the surface to be bad deeds. King Hiram at first feels cheated by one character, and then thinks he is spied upon by another person. King Hiram wants to jump to conclusions and execute punishment. After more information is gathered, however, the truth of matter reveals everyone’s honorable intentions and peace is at last restored.

Sometimes people do or say things that make us mad. Before flying off the handle at them, or telling our friends how bad and stupid someone is, we should take a moment to learn more facts. Is the situation really what you thought it was? If you can’t ask the person directly, mentally consider if there are other explanations for what you saw or heard that put the person in a better light. Ask yourself, “If that was me, what *good* reason could I have for doing that?” Taking a moment to give the person their due trial can reduce your feelings of stress and prevent you from over-reacting and looking like the jerk or the idiot in the situation. Likewise, when you hear a friend jump to conclusions about a person’s words or deeds, share this advice. Your wisdom may save a friendship or working relationship, and will contribute to more harmony and productivity around you.



## IS THERE SOMETHING WRONG WITH MASONRY?

Master of Kadosh, John A. Warren, 32° KCCH

To hear some people talk, yes there is, and in a major way. I am not so sure.

Since being installed as Master of Kadosh for the Denver Consistory in January, I have been wondering how I could fulfill my obligation to write an article for the *Rite Works*. Oddly enough, I had been experiencing some despondency over the current Masonic state of affairs, when several articles appeared, written by Brothers from across the broad spectrum of Masonry who expressed concerns over what is wrong with the Fraternity....why not talk about that? So many things seem to come together, that my despondency soon lifted. I became energized again and this article came about.

Understanding that there are as many different opinions on this topic as there are Masons, what follows is strictly THIS Mason's opinion!

As stated at the end of the below mentioned article, it said that, "...*It is presented with the hope of consideration and discussion by our Brethren.*" That article certainly pushed my buttons!!

An article in the April 2012 *Rite Works* asked the question: "WHATEVER BECAME OF THE MASONRY WE ONCE KNEW?" The authors of that article appeared to be despondent and lamenting the idea that today's Fraternity is not the same as it was with yesterday's Fraternity when they first became Masons, so many years ago. The authors continually lambasted today's Fraternity because it did not meet "THEIR" standards from years ago.

I would guess that the authors failed to think about the fact that Masonry, like everything else in life, must constantly re-make itself to keep up with the World. Yes, our history, rituals and purpose pretty much remain the same, but the fact is that we are not the same Fraternity as we were so many years ago. We are constantly adding to our History.

I cannot even begin to try and guess the authors' motive or reasoning, but I do know this....the more I read of this article, the more uncomfortable I felt. It is difficult for me to understand the authors' level of discomfort with Masonry in today's world.

To be fair to the authors, they did comment near the end of the article that their intention was not to leave the impression that all in today's Fraternity is negative....that we do have an exciting, unique organization. Huh!!!!

In the spring 2012 *Royal Arch Mason Magazine*, a Brother asked the question: "*What does On the Level mean to you?*" The author of this article goes on to ask questions like: "*We say we believe in the tenants of Free Masonry, but do we really?*" or "*We do not discuss politics in nearly every level of Masonry?*"

The more of THIS article I read, the more alarmed I felt. Of course, only a very naïve man would believe there was not some perception of politics in Masonry, but a "SIGNIFICANT" level....hardly!!!

We are instructed during Masonic officer installation ceremonies that out of necessity, some must lead and others must follow. Political intrigue? Get real!!!

In the first apartment of the 18<sup>th</sup> degree, the candidate, as part of his journey in search of the True Word, is told that "*...Despair and doubt, stupid fatalism and blind faith settle like a darkened cloud upon the earth.*" It would seem that some of our nay saying Brethren have focused on the bumps in the road instead of looking forward to the end of their Journey when they do discover the True Word. Oh, by the way, until we are admitted into that Celestial Lodge above, do we ever reach the end of our Masonic Journey?

Based on articles such as these, some say the Masonic negativity seems to be prevalent these days and actually turns some Brothers away from the Fraternity. Personally, I choose not to ignore the negativity, but to embrace it and work towards changing attitudes.

During his official visit to South Denver Lodge #93 several weeks ago, Grand Master of Masons in Colorado, Karl Hinkle, commented during the presentation of 50 year awards to four Brothers, that Masonry is not the same today as it was 50 years ago when these four Brothers first came into the Fraternity and reasoned how we must adapt to changes in our Fraternity.

You have only to look around you to see so very much that is good and proper in "TODAY'S?" Fraternity.

In the January, 2012 Knight Templar Magazine, as article entitled "Hindrance to Light a Freemason Obstacle", the author was right on in defining what we must do to increase our Masonic knowledge in the different stages of our Journey.

In an article in the April 2012 Rite Works, Brother J. Randy Penn responded to a question about what would make this year a success for him. He commented that this year would be successful if every Colorado Mason felt a greater affection for the Fraternity at the end of the year than at the beginning of the year.

In an earlier Rite Works article, Brother Jim Smith was telling us not to wait too long to work toward our goals in life....that time passes too quickly sometimes.

Perhaps, the authors of the earlier article bemoaning their idea that yesterday's Fraternity was forever lost could find some degree of comfort in today's Blue Lodge's, using my own as an example. That Lodge has a young, energetic, dedicated, devoted line of Officers. These men devote a lot of time perfecting their Ritual work as well as working on the very tenants of the Fraternity. I could not be prouder of them.

Most other Blue Lodges' out there are doing the same thing. THIS DOES NOT SOUND LIKE A FRATERNITY IN DECLINE TO ME!!!

We are taught during our Masonic Journey that it is the internal qualifications of a man and not the external that Masonry regards. Yes, some Lodges may have a more rigid dress code than others...some may take liberties with the rituals.

But so what? They are sincere and dedicated to the fraternity, as are we. Your outer appearance is not what makes you a Mason.

Is everything perfect in today's Fraternity? No, but by working toward a common goal, we can improve and make our Fraternity better. It has often been said that one of our goals is to make a good man better.

For those who feel that there is so much wrong with the Fraternity today, do something to help "fix???" the problems you perceive.

In the Nov/Dec 2011 issue of The Scottish Rite Journal, Grand Commander Ronald A Seale, 33° posed the following: *"Most Importantly, have we taken the time to be a brother to another brother and extend the helping hand of the Fraternity to those who have fallen by the way?"*

He went on to say: *"I sometimes hear men say Masonry has nothing more to offer them and they have lost interest. They argue that it is not like it used to be in the good old days."*

He concluded by issuing a challenge: *"This week, your Craft Lodge, Scottish Rite, York Rite or Shrine will meet. There's a chair to fill, a job to do or simple a hand to shake. Will you take your place and experience a new beginning? Yet, again?"*

I think we are up to that challenge!!

The Serenity Prayer is life changing and, in its simplicity, gives us some guidelines on how to reconcile, in our own mind, YESTERDAY'S Masonic Fraternity with TODAY'S Masonic Fraternity.

***"Grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can and the wisdom to know the difference."***

Amen and Amen.



## Meet your Brothers

By Jack White, 32° KCCH

Brother John E. Bartos was selected as Class President for the 2012 Spring Reunion



at the Denver Consistory. John is a member of Golden Lodge # 1 and became a Master Mason in June, 2011.

John is retired from the Air Force and was a Computer Science executive. John and his wife Karen have a daughter Julie, married to James Behrens, and two (2) granddaughters, Katja and Juju.

John enjoys Horology/Antique Clocks and Genealogy. He and Karen relax by doing a bit of traveling.

John states that *“Although I have reached the age of “Senior Citizen”, I am very new to Freemasonry. My biggest regret is that I did not do it 30-40 years ago.”*

He hopes to learn more and he feels the Scottish Rite degrees advanced his knowledge. He is excited and wants to be part of the future of Masonry.



John Willard Butler was selected as the Class Vice-President for the 2012 Spring Reunion of the Denver Consistory. John has been a Mason for two (2) years and is a member of Northglenn Lodge #194.

John and his wife Amy have three (3) daughters, Meghan, Erin, and Abigail.

John is a Deputy Sheriff for Jefferson County and been there for 16 years. He has been a Motorcycle Officer on the Traffic Team for nine (9) of those years. (Be very, very careful when traveling in the area where John is working).

Brother John enjoys several hobbies including leather work, playing the Irish sport of Hurling and collecting old military items from Germany, East Germany, the Soviet Union and Russia.

John relaxes by listening to music, drawing or painting. John wants to voluntarily retire from his job when the time comes and not get hit on his motorcycle.

He hopes to get his associates degree and plans to be a very active member of his lodge and the Consistory. His family moved from Virginia in 1978. Welcome, John, to the Denver Consistory.

Brother Jonathan Nickerson is a new Mason and is a member of Denver #5. He was selected as Class Secretary for the 2012 Spring Reunion at the Denver Consistory.



Jonathan is engaged to Ryann and will be married on September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012. He is a consultant in the aerospace engineering field and has been doing this for about eight (8) years.

His hobbies and ways of relaxing include reading, hiking (probably should get to know Brother Rob Jones), traveling, keeping fit, and Masonry.

Jonathan hopes to gain a greater understanding of Masonry through education and later via leadership. His travels have taken him to other parts of the area and country. He enjoys visiting other lodges to see how they operate. Jonathan also enjoys meeting new Masons and learning from them as well.

He tries to observe the actions and views of not only people in his vocation, but in Masonry as well. He looks forward to a long and enjoyable time with Masonry and the Consistory.



Worshipful Brother Rob Jones is a member of Doric lodge #25 and East Denver #160. He has been Master of Doric in 2004, 2008 and 2009. He is a member of the York Rite and is also KYCH. Worshipful Bro. Rob was selected as the Class Treasurer for the 2012 Spring Reunion of the Denver Consistory.

Rob's wife is Rita. Rob is an Industrial Instructor/Trainer. His hobbies are hiking and reading and he also relaxes with his hobbies as well as meditating. He feels he has too many goals to name.

Rob states the following about his life and hopes: *“I am driven to help transform Masonry from its current state of affairs to the greatness it once was.*

*I have presented various subjects on communications and symbology to various lodges and I am a member of the Masonic speaker's bureau.”*

## I AM OLD GLORY

*I am the Flag of the United States of America.  
I was conceived in the dreams of liberty and the hopes  
of freedom.*

*Though I was never an orphan, I was adopted by the  
Continental Congress in 1777 and proclaimed the  
National Emblem of a nation newly born on this  
continent, fighting valiantly for survival and destined  
to bring to all mankind a new concept of  
life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.*

*I have been many places and witnessed many events in  
our American History.*

*I was there when they fired the shot hear 'Round the  
World', and when General George Washington became  
Commander-In-Chief.*

*I was there in the late twilight at Fort McHenry  
and inspired Francis Scott Key to write "The Star  
Spangled Banner".*

*I saw Molly Pitcher take the cannon swab from the  
hands of her dead husband and help carry on the fight  
for freedom.*

*I felt the biting cold at Valley Forge and gave comfort  
to the tired and hungry continental army.*

*I rode with Ethan Allen and the Green Mountain boys  
and saw the signal that started the midnight ride of  
Paul Revere.*

*I was flown above the decks of "Old Ironside"  
and the masts of the "Yankee" and the "China  
Clippers".*

*I blazed the trail west with Daniel Boone and Davey  
Crocket and stood beside them at the Alamo.*

*I was carried through the Halls of Montezuma  
and the Shores of Tripoli.*

*I fell to the ground at Custer's Last Stand and  
there were no friendly hands left to pick me up.  
I galloped up the slopes of San Juan Hill with  
Teddy Roosevelt and the Rough Riders.*

*I stayed with the boys until it was over, over there,  
and was with them on the battlefields of the Marne,  
Chateau-Thierry, St. Mihiel and the Argonne Forest.  
I saw many of the youths and manhood of our nation  
fall and lie still in death.*

*They had given their last full measure of devotion.  
The war was over for them forever, but I have kept my  
lonely vigil over their graves and have stayed to watch  
the poppies grow amid the crosses,  
row on row, in Flanders Field.*

*I was raised by five brave men during the "Hell" of  
Iwo Jima.*

*I waved farewell to the four immortal chaplains  
who went down on their ship to honored glory.*

*I proudly waved over our troops fighting to keep the  
peace in Korea and the jungles of Southeast Asia.*

*I have been carried to the South Pole, the North Pole  
and the Moon.*

*Their Purity is remembered in my White Stripes;  
Their Blood has given me Stripes of Red.*

*Their Souls are cradled in my Stars  
and their Courage Embedded in my Blue.*

*I am many things to many people.*

*I am an inseparable link in the chain that binds men to  
God and Country.*

*I am the "Red, White and Blue", "The Star-Spangled  
Banner", "The Stars and Stripes",*

*But I am most commonly known by a nickname given  
me by a sea captain, who called me  
"OLD GLORY".*

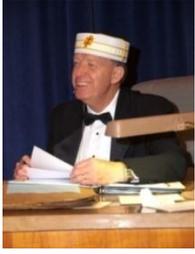
## Scottish Rite

### JROTC/ROTC Award

by Thomas Thompson, 32° KCCH



The Scottish Rite JROTC/ROTC Award recognizes one outstanding cadet in the second year or second to last year of their commitment to a unit. To be eligible a cadet must have contributed the most among cadets on campus to encourage and demonstrate Americanism by deeds or conduct during participation in extracurricular activities or community projects, have demonstrated academic excellence by being in the top 25% of his/her academic class, and have demonstrated outstanding leadership by exhibiting qualities of dependability, good character, self discipline, good citizenship and patriotism. This year Denver Consistory awarded sixteen JROTC cadets and two ROTC cadets with this award. The cadets came from fourteen high schools and two universities. The Brothers presenting the awards were Burney Brandel, 33°, Jay Bobick, 33°, Robert Horen, 33° and Thomas Thompson, 32°KCCH.



## From the Secretary's Desk

by Claud E. Dutro, 33°, Secretary

The "Celebration of the Craft" Supreme Council webcast on May 19<sup>th</sup> raised over \$400,000 for restoration of the House of the Temple. If you missed the webcast, you can see the program, hosted by Norm Crosby, 33° GC, by visiting the Supreme Council website [www.scottishrite.org](http://www.scottishrite.org). Besides a lot of information about the House of the Temple the program included a lot of Masonic entertainment and interviews.

### Illustrious Brother Jim Smith,

33°, formerly Personal Representative for the Valley of Grand Junction, has sold his house in Grand Junction and will be returning to live in the Denver area. We welcome him home and hope that he will continue his dedication to Scottish Rite Masonry with Denver Consistory in the near future.



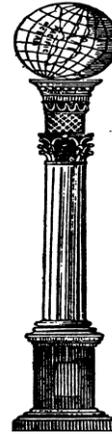
### Gerry and Audrey Ford received news that



Hannah Cook-Kelley, their 19 year old granddaughter from Phoenix, AZ, who plays softball for William Carey University in Hattiesburg, MS, was named to the First Team All-American Team of the NFCA

(National Fastpitch Coaches Association). She was also named 1<sup>st</sup> team All-Conference Freshman of the year, won the Champion of Character Award and was a finalist for SSAC Conference Player of the year. Hannah finished the season with a batting average of .407 with 2 home runs, 7 triples, 12 doubles and 54 singles, helping her team finish their season with a record of 50-11.

Hawaiian Shirt Night. Casual clothing will be the norm for our next stated meeting on June 18. In keeping with the theme, the menu for dinner will feature teriyaki chicken. Following dinner, the Job's Daughters will exemplify an impressive ceremony and we will have a 15 minute personal educational presentation with a handout of benefit to all members and their families.



## Between the Columns

by Michael D. Moore, 32°

### Patriotism



Call to enlist at old Williamsburg

*The true Mason identifies the honor of his country with his own. Nothing more conduces to the beauty and glory of one's country than the preservation against all enemies of its civil and religious liberty. The world will never willingly let die the names of those patriots who in her different ages have received upon their own breasts the blows aimed by insolent enemies at the bosom of their country.*

Albert Pike

In this day and age, we really don't hear too much on patriotism. A few old die-hards keep the flame alive, but it is not as important as it has been in the past. So, I ask myself what does Masonry have to do with this and what have the historic Masonic writers have to say about the topic?

Our Brother Pike has some strong words on this topic, which can be seen twice in this column. And he should know; when writing his tome on the Scottish Rite, he was involved in a war himself. The civil war had impacted him and all around him. He does not mention this directly in *Morals and Dogma's* pages, but you get the view of what he considers to be a just and right government and nation. Most other well-known Masonic writers skip over this in their books, but Pike links it directly to being a good Mason and a good individual.

My personal view is that it is a part of being a good citizen of the country that we live in (which we are encouraged to do in the first charge that is given to us as a newly made Mason) and we need to balance it without extremism, but that is not a problem for most of us.

A number of historic, patriotic days will be coming up in the calendar year, so be sure to not only enjoy the time off from work because of them, but to note their significance and be thankful for what they are. They are there because we have a unique history, one that gives us many freedoms that other countries don't have or preserve. Let's keep the spirit and reason for these alive and pass them on to our children and grandchildren.

After visiting our nation's capital twice now, I think every American citizen should go there at least once in their life. It will inspire you, impress you and of course, you can see the various Masonic links that all the conspiracy shows like to point out. I never forget these trips, they are wonderful.

*Above all, the Love of Country, State Pride, the Love of Home, are forces of immense power. Encourage them all. Insist upon them in your public men. Permanency of home is necessary to patriotism. A migratory race will have little love of country; state pride is a mere theory and chimera, where men remove from state to state with indifference...* Pike



**George Washington's grave**

Lately, I have also been thinking on how careless we say the "pledge of allegiance" and not really think on what it means. It is an oath, which those who like to say bad things about us as Masons never seem to mention, probably since they do it too and like and know what it means.

In our lodge the presentation of the flag is given front stage. It is presented west of the altar after the opening by the Marshall, who says a short passage on how important it is and its place in the east of all Colorado lodges. And it was a surprise to hear myself repeat the pledge at every lodge meeting early in my Masonic life there. And is where I most often find myself saying it since grade school in lodge.

There is nothing wrong with being patriotic and we are and should be encouraged to do so. It gives reverence to those who came before us and did so well to give us the country, government and philosophy we have. Which we all enjoy and use everyday. Fly a flag, realize what you are saying when you "pledge allegiance" and be thankful for all you have in your life. Without freedoms and those who helped gain and preserve them we could not do what we do Masonically and the world would be very, very different.

**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

### June

Mon	June 18		Stated Meeting – <i>Hawaiian Shirt Night</i> - <b>Parking garage available</b>
		5:30 PM	Red Room Business Meeting
		6:00 PM	Dinner
			<i>Teriyaki chicken and pineapple upside down cake</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
			<b>Parking garage available</b>
Sun	Aug 19		All Masonic Picnic

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



**REMEMBER: HAWAIIAN  
SHIRT NIGHT  
JUNE 18<sup>TH</sup> STATED MEETING**



**JOB'S DAUGHTERS INTERNATIONAL**

*... a premier organization for young women*

## **Community Shred-a thon**

**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

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.**

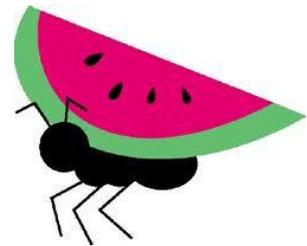
# *Fraternal Family & Community Picnic*



Saturday August 11

10:00am—1:00pm

at the



Eastern Star Masonic Retirement Community  
Multigenerational Activities

Soundwaves will perform at 10am

Performance by the John Phillip Sousa Band at 11am

Complimentary BBQ

Bounce House, Cotton Candy, Popcorn

Air Brush Tattoo Artist, Sno Cones, Clowns

Character Artist and

Dunk Tank Sponsored by Paul Revere Lodge #130



*If you would like to have a table to sell Fraternal Family items  
or if you have questions call*

*Pati Sawyer Boex 303-753-2160 or [patis@esmrc.com](mailto:patis@esmrc.com)*

# Colorado Masonic Family Picnic



**Sunday, August 19**  
**11:00 – 3:00**

**Tony Grampsas Memorial Park**  
44<sup>th</sup> 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

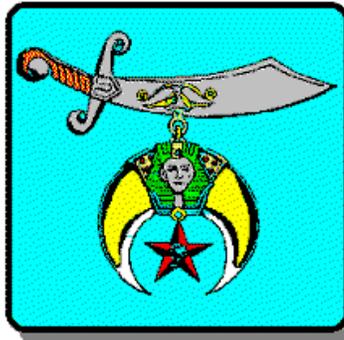
TICKETS: Advanced Reservations: \$5.00 At the Picnic: \$7.00 (Children under 6 are free!)

~ 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**

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## 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: \$ \_\_\_\_\_