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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~

<u>BROTHER</u>	<u>CALLED HOME</u>
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Horace James Good, 32°	9/21/2012
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Edward Leroy Greeno, 32°	7/5/2008
Wayne George Henderson, 32°	1/28/2012
Grady Frank Howell, 32°	10/19/2012
Milford Stuart Pepper, 32°	10/14/2012
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FEATURE ARTICLE

The following article was provided courtesy of Bill Hickey, 32° KCCH. Retired Navy Reserve Captain Ken Green used to be a local resident, but moved to Westminster MD and sent it to Bro Bill. It seemed apropos now with Veterans Day on the horizon and our Reunion.

Masonic Civil War Stories

Presented Thursday, 3/29/2012 at the Westminster MD Lodge, by a Past Master from Gettysburg Lodge.

We will start with the most famous Civil War story about the encounter between General Armistead and Captain Henry Bingham. General Armistead was leading a regiment in Pickett's Charge. When he crossed the stone wall and reached the abandoned guns of Col. Alonso Cushing's battery, he gave the order to turn the guns when he was struck by fire in the breast and arm. He gave the Masonic sign of distress which was recognized by Capt. Henry Bingham of General Hancock's staff. Capt. Bingham had the general removed from the field to a hospital where he died on July 5, 1863. General Armistead gave his personal effects to the Captain to give to his oldest friend, General Hancock, which included his Masonic Bible.

Masonic stories started with the very first engagement. General and Brother P.G.T. (Pierre Gustave Toutant) Beauregard commanded the rebel battery that fired upon Fort Sumpter. The Union forces inside the fort were commanded by Major and Brother Robert Anderson. When Beauregard was an artillery instructor at West Point, his best student was Robert Anderson. Anderson stayed on at West Point after graduation to be Beauregard's assistant and the two became great friends. The overtly friendly terms of surrender offered to Anderson were a direct result of the fraternal bond these two commanders shared.

Four years and 630,000 casualties later, the war ended with the same degree of respect between Brothers. At Appomattox Court House on April 9, 1865, when General Robert E. Lee surrendered to General Ulysses S. Grant, the latter insisted upon a formal surrender with the stacking of weapons and furling of flags. Both commanding Generals just happened to choose Brothers to preside over the ceremonies: Confederate General John B. Gordon of Georgia (of Atlanta Lodge #59) and Major General Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain (of United Lodge #8 in Brunswick, MA). As General Gordon was presenting his command, Brother Chamberlain spurred his horse who raised up then dropped to her front knees at which time Chamberlain touched the tip of his sword to his toe as a mark of respect to Brother Gordon and his surrendering troops. The gesture was greatly received by General Gordon and his troops.

A week after South Carolina seceded, the Grand Master of Pennsylvania, Henry M. Phillips, pleaded for national reconciliation to avert a catastrophe, making an affectionate and Masonic appeal to practice out of the lodge those principles of forbearance, generosity, charity, and brotherly love as they are taught within it, to unite as a brotherhood and preserve the glorious work in which so many of our honored brethren participated. Grand Masters from many states appealed that, if the Union is to be dissolved, the only hope is that a peaceful separation may be effected.

It was common for Masons of the invading force to take great pains in protecting the property of their vanquished brethren. One notable example involves General Albert

Pike's home and library. General Pike was not liked by the Union command because he had secured many Indian allies for the Confederacy. Union troops were determined to burn his home and belongings when a Union Officer, Colonel Thomas Benton, Jr., of the 29th Iowa infantry secured Pike's home for use as his HQ. Col. Benton was, at the time, serving as the Grand Master of Iowa and recognized the fraternal importance of Pike's library and manuscripts, which later on became the library of the Supreme Council (Southern Jurisdiction) of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite.

Confederate Colonel H. H. Miller was defending Ponchatoula, LA on April 1, 1863, and met under a flag of truce with Union Colonel Smith of the 165th NY. Colonel Smith returned to him a set of Masonic Jewels that had been taken by Union foragers from a nearby town. As soon as both officers returned to their lines, the hard fighting resumed. Colonel Miller later identified and returned the jewels to the lodge to whom they belonged.

During the Fredericksburg campaign, Colonel John Bendix of the 10th NY discovered looters in front of the Masonic lodge. He ordered the troops to carefully replace all the regalia and stationed a guard at the building to prevent further looting. He later shipped all the items to the Grand Lodge of Virginia for safekeeping. Colonel Bendix knew that Brother George Washington had received his degrees in that lodge and didn't want any of their possessions destroyed.

Likewise, during the peninsula campaign, the 3rd regiment of NY made up of Lt.Col. John Mulford, who was at the time WM of Mystic Lodge #131, along with Lt. William Blake – SW of Excelsior Lodge #195 in NY,

discovered looters in front of Tammany Lodge #5 in VA. The Union officers found lodge furniture and records including the warrant of constitution from 1787 had been removed from the lodge building. These two Union officers took charge of these items and ended up shipping them to the Grand Lodge of MD asking them to protect these Masonic treasures. All items were later transferred back to the Grand Lodge of Virginia and returned to the local lodge.

Future President William McKinley was not a mason at the beginning of the war. But after he witnessed the true brotherhood and generosity existing among freemasons, he said "If that is Masonry, I will take some of it myself." The incident that he was referring to was when he was a staff officer at the 3rd battle of Winchester. He went with a staff surgeon to examine injured Confederate POW's. He had witnessed the doctor give money out to numerous rebel soldiers until he had none left to give. ON the way back to camp, McKinley asked the doctor if he had known the men he gave the money to and if he ever expected to get it back. The doctor replied that the soldiers he gave money to were brother masons, and if the opportunity ever presented itself, he was sure the rebels would pay it back, but that it makes no difference to me; they are brother masons in trouble and I am only doing my duty. Eight months later, McKinley petitioned Hiram Lodge #21 in Winchester, VA where he received his three degrees of Freemasonry in the spring of 1865.

During the battle of Chancellorsville, Captain Joseph Durkee of the 146th NY was seriously wounded and captured by confederate forces. By the means of a Masonic gesture, he captured the attention of a rebel surgeon who found that he was in danger of bleeding to death. The rebel surgeon amputated Captain Durkee's arm

and saved his life. Captain Durkee was immediately paroled and carried by rebel pickets to the Union line and released at the insistence of the surgeon. The surgeon's name was Dr. George Rogers Clark Todd, chief surgeon for General Kershaw's brigade and brother-in-law to Abraham Lincoln.

During the deadliest day in America's history at Sharpsburg on September 17, 1862, Captain Newton Curtis of the 16th NY received a report from a subordinate officer concerning a wounded rebel. The Captain had been told that there was a man who kept repeating that he was the son of a widow and was gravely wounded. The Captain immediately formed a party and returned to the cornfields where this man was to be lying wounded. Shot and shell were still exploding around them. They removed the man and carried him to a field hospital. The next day, the junior officer said to his captain, "You took great risks to remove that rebel from the field, are you sure he was a Mason?" The captain replied, "I did not ask him, but your statement about his being a widow's son causes me to suspect he was."

Colonel John S. Mosby was a famous Confederate Cavalryman and raider. Union General Custer had captured and executed 7 of his men. In reprisal, Mosby had 7 of Custer's men that had been captured draw straws to see who would be executed. One of the soldiers who was chosen was a Mason and made this fact known to Mosby's Aide Captain Richard Montjoy. The aide appealed to Mosby to have this man spared and replaced in the 7 to be executed. Col. Mosby gave his consent but then said to Captain Montjoy, "Remember, captain, in the future that this command is not a Masonic Lodge."

There is a dramatic story that appeared in the March 1893 issue of the Confederate Veteran. A soldier known only as J.W.T. of Company "A" of the 15th Texas described a fraternal encounter during the battle of Chickamauga. "My company was ordered out with the skirmishers, and we were soon engaged in a rambling fire. The federal skirmishers soon gave way before us, leaving here and there a wounded or dead comrade. I discovered immediately in front of me a soldier dressed in blue, prostrate and attempting to rise. He turned his eyes toward me and gave me the Masonic sign of distress, and asked me for water. I hastily placed his head on his knapsack, gave him my canteen of water, and ran forward to join my company. The enemy was reinforced and we were driven back over the same ground. Again, I saw the wounded federal soldier and stooped over him for a moment to hear what he was trying to say. He said, "Brother, something tells me that we will live through this battle and that we will someday meet again." I clasped his hand, then hastily rejoined my command. "While perusing a newspaper 20 years later, my eyes fell upon the following item: If the confederate soldier belonging to Company A of the 15th Texas who gave a wounded federal soldier a canteen of water during the battle of Chickamauga will write to me at —unlisted—Hotel, New Orleans, he will learn something of interest to him. Signed, John Randolph. I wrote immediately and then received a telegram telling me to go to the hotel. I arrived around 2 o'clock, registered and inquired for Randolph. The clerk told me the man was there but confined to his room in the last stages of consumption. I went to Randolph's room and met a gray-haired man who was reclining. He then retrieved and showed me my old canteen marked JWT COA 15th Tex. "Is this your canteen?" He asked? I told him it was at one time mine, but I had given it to him. He said

“I now return your property to you my Brother.” This story concludes with a dying bequest from Randolph to the author in the amount of \$10,000. JWT reports that he assisted with funeral arrangements and shipped the body back to Illinois to Randolph’s family.

Andersonville is arguably the most infamous of the civil war prisons. At its peak, it held 45,000 prisoners and 13,000 of them died in captivity. But even in such a horrible place there were many fraternal favors bestowed on enemy soldiers. In John Ransom’s Andersonville Diary, the author stated that he had seen, many times, federal soldiers make their fraternal associations known to confederate guards whereby the federals would in short order be transferred out of that place. Later on, when transfer wasn’t possible, food, clothing, and tents were routinely supplied by Masonic guards to their federal brethren. John Ransom stated that after the instances of charity and brotherhood he witnessed in the worst place on earth between enemies, he would join that peculiar institution at his first possible convenience. John Ransom was a POW for 14 months, finally being paroled on December 23, 1864. Upon his recovery he petitioned Jackson Lodge in Jackson Michigan on February 22, 1866, proving true to his word.

Likewise, in Elmira NY, local masons extended many fraternal courtesies to their imprisoned brethren from the south. Private Hosea Rockwell from CO K 23rd NY after being discharged from the Union army, returned to Elmira where he tells of assistance the local Lodges provided to rebel Masons in the camp. Elmira’s Union Lodge #95 and Ivy Lodge #397 passed resolutions to donate funds to relieve the suffering of their imprisoned brethren. They formed a committee to identify the imprisoned

Masons and to relieve them according to their necessities. These actions continued for the duration of the camp’s existence. Extracted from the minutes: July 18, 1864: Resolved that the relief committee be directed to take measures for relief in the matter of clothing, delicacies, for the POW’s in this place that are Masons. September 20, 1864: Moved and carried that fifty dollars be appropriated from the funds of this lodge for the benefit of our Southern Brethren, POW’s in barracks #3.

Elisha Hunt Rhodes recalls an incident during the Battle of Gettysburg that caught his attention. He records in his diary: A colonel of a Georgia rebel regiment was found dead upon the field. Captain Thomas Foy of our regiment discovered in some way that the Colonel was a Mason. The Captain took several men, also Masons, and found the body of the Colonel, they covered him in a blanket and performed a burial ritual right there under constant fire of the enemy. He recalls that, “As I am not a Mason, I do not understand the matter.” The Captain reported to the wounded of the Colonel’s brigade that if they made it home, inform the Colonel’s family and friends that he was buried by a Mason. The Captain made a wooden headboard with a square and compass to mark the Colonel’s grave. The incident left a lasting impression on Rhodes’ and nine months after Gettysburg, when he was on furlough home, he petitioned Harmony Lodge #9, Pawtuxet, RI, and was made a Mason on March 29, 1864. Upon his return to his post in the Union army, he assisted with several Masonic burials before the end of the war.

I will end with my two favorite stories of Masonic Brotherhood during the most pivotal time in our country’s history. After the fall of Vicksburg, when there was a lull in the fighting, Federal officers encamped

on the banks of the Mississippi received a request from the citizens of a neighboring town to conduct a Masonic Ritual for them because all the local Masons were away fighting the Yankees. The federal Colonel summoned the men in his command who he knew were masons and they convened a Chapter meeting and conferred the degrees of Mark Master Mason, Most Excellent Master Mason, and the Royal Arch Mason degrees on three residents of the town. The degrees went off without a hitch and the federal officers were even assisted by one Confederate Major who had been paroled for the occasion.

Near Savannah, Georgia, Confederate Officers returned the favor. A Federal soldier – L. J. Williams – had been captured and imprisoned near there. L. J. Williams had only received the Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft Mason degrees before he left for the army. He wrote to his home Lodge, Downsville Lodge #464 in NY and advised them of his captivity. His lodge then communicated with the local Lodge in Georgia – Zerubbabel Lodge #15 in Savannah, GA – requesting completion of his Masonic work. He was taken from the prison and conducted to the lodge room in Savannah. The chairs were filled by Confederate Officers, when L. J. Williams was made a Master Mason. By sheer coincidence, Brother Williams escaped captivity that very evening, and he always maintained that he didn't know the identity of those who assisted him in his escape.

Any fraternal organization that can stand the onslaught that our country endured in the mid-19th century while still treating each other as Brothers is an organization that I'm proud to be a part of.

In three words I can sum up everything I've learned about life: it goes on.

-Robert Frost



Just My Opinion ...

by D. J. Cox, 33°

I must be getting really old!

This year is rapidly coming to a close and I'm not ready. Elections, our Reunion, Veterans Day, other masonic activities, the holidays, etc.

On the elections, please vote! It's our patriotic duty and it affects the future of our country.

On the Reunion, please attend and possibly assist in some way. If nothing else, please come to see the play *A Rose Upon The Altar*. The setting is a rural lodge like many throughout Colorado. The play portrays brotherly love and charity in dramatic fashion. It's a chance for people, **inside and outside the fraternity**, to see what we are about. See announcement at end of this publication. Bring your friends, family, candidates, etc. Your presence strengthens our fraternity, shares the workload and increases our brotherly bonds. And, best of all, it's good PR!

On Veterans Day, take a few minutes out of your day on November 11th to think about the sacrifices these men and women have made to make this country safe. We may not be perfect, but I can't imagine any other country I would rather live in and raise a family. Take a minute to thank them for their service; they have earned it!

On other masonic activities, review the announcement(s) at end of this Publication.

On the holidays, take time to enjoy them. Don't get so wrapped up in the commercial aspect of the time that you forget your most precious gifts --- friends and family.

Anyway, that's my opinion!

DENVER CONSISTORY REUNION

U. DEAN MATHENA, 33° MEMORIAL CLASS

NOVEMBER 8th – 10th, 2012

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH, 2012

7:30 Class convenes
 8:00 Exemplify 4°
 8:40 Communicate 5°
 8:48 Communicate 6°
 8:56 Communicate 7°
 9:04 Communicate 8°
 9:12 Exemplify 9° & 10°
 9:50 Break
 10:05 Classroom Instruction
 10:25 Exemplify 11°
 10:45 Wes Campbell/Make-up team
 10:55 Classroom Instruction
 11:05 Communicate 12°
 11:10 Exemplify 13°
 11:40 Lunch
 12:40 Exemplify 14°
 1:35 Secretary's Presentation
 2:05 Exemplify 15°
 3:10 Break
 3:30 Classroom Instruction
 3:55 Exemplify 16°
 4:30 Communicate 17°
 4:38 Classroom Instruction/Adjourn

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH, 2012

7:30 Class Convenes
 8:00 Exemplify 18°
 8:35 Classroom Instruction on the 18°
 8:45 Exemplify 18°
 9:20 Classroom Instruction on the 18°
 9:30 Knights of St Andrew
 9:40 Communicate 19°
 9:48 Exemplify 20° - 1st Section
 10:10 Classroom Instruction
 10:20 Break
 10:35 Exemplify 20° - 2nd Section
 11:05 Introduce Grand Master and his officers
 Grand Master Address
 11:35 Exemplify 21°
 12:10 Walter Martin with Stage/ Properties

12:20 Lunch
 1:15 Class Reconvenes
 1:20 Communicate 22°
 1:30 Exemplify 23°
 1:55 Donald T Marshall, 32° KCCH and A/V
 2:05 Classroom Instruction
 2:15 Break
 2:30 Exemplify 24°
 3:05 Classroom Instruction
 3:30 Communicate 25°
 3:35 Communicate 26°
 3:40 Doc Powell and Costumes
 3:50 Communicate 27°
 4:00 Communicate 28°
 4:10 Exemplify 29°
 4:50 Break
 6:00 Dinner
 6:45 50 Year Awards
 7:00 Rose Upon the Altar

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH, 2012

8:30 Class Convenes
 8:50 Class Address by SGIG and Class Picture/Break
 10:00 Classroom Instruction
 10:10 Exemplify 30° - 1st Apartment
 10:28 Exemplify 30° - 2nd Apartment
 10:43 Exemplify 30° - 3rd Apartment
 10:58 Break
 11:15 Classroom Instruction
 11:30 Exemplify 30° - 4th Apartment
 11:55 Lunch
 12:55 Exemplify 31°
 1:45 Classroom Instruction / Break
 2:10 Exemplify 32° - 1st Section
 2:58 Classroom Instruction
 3:08 Break
 3:25 Exemplify 32° 2nd Section
 4:17 Patriotic Poem
 4:22 Closing Ceremony
 4:40 Adjourn

The following was provided to me by Bill Hickey 32° KCCH, years ago by the Late MWB Rod Larson, PGM of GL (AF&AM) of Minnesota. It was taken from the Q&A's contained in the Minnesota Counsellor Handbook.

WHY IS A MASONIC LODGE CALLED A BLUE LODGE?

Schools of thought give different answers. Some authorities think that as blue has from ancient Biblical times been associated with truth, with Deity, with wisdom and hope; that, as Mackey taught, the blue of the Old Testament is a translation of the Hebrew "tekelet," - which is derived from a root meaning "perfection," - blue came into Masonry as its color by a natural association. Others believe that as our ancient brethren met on hills and in dales over which the blue vault of heaven is a ceiling; that as Jacob in his vision saw the ladder ascending from earth to heaven; that as the covering of a Lodge is the clouded canopy or starry decked heaven - these allusions seem to connote that blue, the color of the sky, is that of all celestial attributes for which Masons strive.

Man's earliest god was the sun. The sun rose, traveled, and set in a realm of blue; to associate the color with Deity was inevitable. Blue also is the color of the ocean, of mountain streams, of lakes, of good drinking water - that blue should also become emblematic of purity is equally natural.

The Grand Lodge in England in 1731 changed from a previous determination that white was the Masonic color and denominated blue as that hue. A noted English Masonic student, Fred J. W. Crowe wrote:

(1) that the Order of the Garter was the most famous Order of Knighthood in existence;

(2) that Freemasons, in adopting the color "Garter blue" attempted to add to their dignity and the growing prestige of Grand Lodge officers;

(3) that two Grand Masters prior to the adoption of "Garter blue" were John, Duke of Montagu (Grand Master in 1721) and Charles, Duke of Richmond (Grand Master in 1724) - both Knights of the Garter;

(4) the Duke of St. Albans and the Earl of Chesterfield were both Craftsmen and Knights of the Garter, and

(5) Bro. John Antis (Anstis), member of University Lodge, of which Dr. Desaguliers and other Masonic notables belonged, was Register of the Order of the Garter.

The two theories which find the most believers are:

(1) the adoption of the color by early operative Freemasons because of an age-old association of blue with those virtues which are peculiarly Masonic, and

(2) the adoption of the color by the early Grand Lodge in imitation of the nobility, and the fame of the color of the most famous Order of Knighthood in the world.

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The eMasons' Charge

Brethren, the duties and charges of a Freemason are well suited to the Internet and should there be practiced to their fullest extent.

Honesty:

to show the Craft as it is, and how we wish it were.

Charity:

to forgive those who speak out of malice or ignorance.

Strength:

to refrain from being drawn into irrelevant arguments.

Temperance:

to moderate the passions, and not rise to taunts.

Fidelity:

to ever be mindful of our obligations.

Rectitude:

to correct in ourselves what we see wrong in others.

Piety:

to understand that our opinions are just that, opinions.

Tolerance:

to know that others' opinions are also just opinions.

Courtesy:

to observe the rules of etiquette.

Equality:

to appear neither condescending nor unduly humble.

Joy:

to be happy, and communicate happiness.

Let all our transactions via the Internet **demonstrate by example** what we as Freemasons aspire to in our daily lives. With our zeal and fidelity let us promulgate the genuine principles of the Craft, and diffuse the light of Wisdom rather than fan the flames of ignorance.

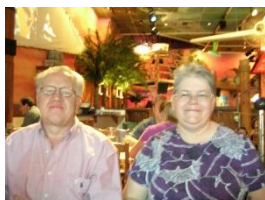


Meet your Brothers

By Jack White, 32° KCCH

Clinton Gordon
(Rusty)

Keithline and his wife Mary J. Keithline have Three (3) children; Mary Reid (29), Klinton K Keithline (27), and Lauren Keithline (20).



Rusty became a mason in 1968 at Inspiration Lodge #143 in Denver, CO. He is a Past Master of South Denver Lodge #93 and is now their Chaplain. WB Rusty joined the Denver Consistory in 2003 and is in the Consistory Officer Line. Rusty is very involved with Masonry and the various Bodies, including York Rite where he was elected to KYCH.

Rusty is the owner and operator of Klint's Custom Auto Top & Upholstery. He is a native of Colorado and upon graduation from High school, he joined his father's business, which he now owns and operates. He works part time for Service Maid and has done the studios for Fox 31 and Channel 2 for 12 years.

Rusty relaxes with his wife Mary working on cars, enjoying his family and grandchildren (he has 2), and camping. He plans to continue to run the family business and continue his search for Masonic Light. He has several cars, including a 1929 Model A Ford, 1956 Cadillac, 1972 Panther and a 2007 Dodge Ram. He enjoys going to car shows and showing his fine autos.

He and his wife will be Royal Patron and Royal Matron of the Order of Amaranth. Mary is a big supporter of Rusty, and although he was never in the military, his father was a Marine (OO-RAH) and his son-in-law is in the Army. Our thanks to you and your family, Rusty. I now know where to bring an auto when I need the interior fixed.



WB Michael Patrick Rowan, 32°, KCCH, is Master of Blackhawk Lodge # 11 in Denver, CO. Mike is married

to Michelle and they have 2 children; Nathan Patrick Rowan, 32°, Denver Consistory, and Katherine Annette Rowan.

WB Mike is a Past Wise Master of the Rocky Mountain Rose Croix. He has also (and is) serving in several degrees during the reunion as well as working for the costume committee. Mike is involved with many Masonic organizations (far too many to list here). Needless to say, Mike is very involved (thanks to Michelle who is the one who reminds him of his meeting commitments and when they are). Mike is retired from the US Air Force Reserve and US Civil Service.

Michael started his leadership training in the Boy Scouts where he earned the Eagle Scout Award with two (2) Palms and was selected for the Vigil Honor in the Order of the Arrow. He graduated from College with two (2) Bachelor degrees (one is good enough for most folks), one in biological sciences, and the other in Medical Technology. He was awarded his Master's degree in Public Administration.

Mike saw action in South Viet Nam in 1968 and served at Phan Rang Air base, where he served in the Flight Surgeon's Office until he was selected as an Airborne Rescue Specialist with the 38th Air Rescue and recovery Office. When he returned from Nam, he finished his bachelor's degree. While on duty, he served in many functions before retiring as a Lt. Colonel (32 years, 11 months, and 4 days, but who counts).

Mike has always been interested in construction and remodeling. He took on a project to add an 800 Square Foot attachment to his home, which required the remodeling of the kitchen and adding a 4 hundred square foot dining room, below which he built a wine cellar. His recent work has been the establishment of gardens to attract butterflies and hummingbirds that has resulted in many hours of pure pleasure (methinks that he has a glass or four of his best wine while observing, don't you agree?). Mike also volunteers for the 9Health Fair at the Consistory. Thank you Michael, for all that you do and have done for Masonry. It is a pleasure to know you as a brother and a friend.



Systems.

RWB and ILL. Jerry Fenimore has been married to Christine (goes by Tina) for almost 42 Years. They have 2 children, Tim (36) and Melinda (30). Jerry is a Registered Principal in Securities with Heritage Financial Systems.

Jerry began his masonic career on January 9th, 1974 in Black Hawk Lodge # 11. There are too many Masonic affiliations for me to list here. I will brief on a few. He is the Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge AF&AM in Colorado. He is a Past Master (3 times... finally got it right). He joined the York Rite in 1981 and is Past High Priest, Past Thrice Illustrious Master, and Past Eminent Commander. He is now the Grand Treasurer for all three (3) Grand York Rite Bodies in Colorado. He is a 33° Mason in the Denver Consistory and taken part in several degrees and is still very active there. He is a member of El Jebel Shrine, Eastern Star, and many others. Needless to say, Jerry's life is fulfilled in Masonic Work.

Jerry served in the U.S. Army and was assigned in Viet Nam as a Personnel Management Specialist. He then joined the Reserve.

Jerry spends his free time (are you kidding, Jerry?) reading, playing computer games, cigar smoking (bad for the lungs) and adult beverage sampling. He also plays tennis (probably around midnight).

He plans to live as long as life is enjoyable, travel, and enjoy his grandkids.

While he spends most of his time on masonic activities, he and Tina enjoy visiting with friends, playing cards, dining at nice restaurants and vacationing at exotic spots (take pictures next time, please).

When you see Jerry (and you will), say "Hi", shake his hand, and then listen to him because he has quite a bit of knowledge to share.

The Test

Author Unknown

Several years ago, the story is told of a Mason who always wore his Masonic ring and lapel pin when in public. On some occasions, he rode the bus from his home to the downtown area. On one such trip, when he sat down, he discovered the driver had accidentally given him a quarter too much change.

As he considered what to do, he thought to himself, "You'd better give the quarter back. It would be wrong to keep it." Then he thought, "Oh, forget it, it's only a quarter; who would worry about this little amount. Anyway, the transit company gets too much fare; they will never miss it. Accept it as a 'gift from God' and keep quiet."

When his stop came, he paused momentarily at the door, then he handed the quarter to the driver and said, "Here, you gave me too much change." The driver with a smile replied, "I noticed your Masonic ring and lapel pin. I have been thinking lately about asking a Mason how to join. I just wanted to see what you would do if I gave you too much change.

You passed the test. Can you tell me how to become a Mason?"

When the Mason stepped off the bus, he said a silent prayer, "Oh God, Great Architect of the Universe, I almost sold you and my beloved Masons out for a mere quarter."

Our actions are the only Masonic creed some will ever see. This is a really almost scary example of how people watch us as Masons and may put us to the test even without us realizing it! Always be diligent, whether it be at the theater, restaurant, grocery, service station or just driving in traffic.

Remember, whether it be a lapel pin, a ring, or an emblem on the car, you carry the name of our great fraternity on your shoulders whenever you call yourself a Mason.

You never can tell who might be watching!

The above article was provided by WB Jim Smith, 33°, from Bro. Lance Rommerdahl in Lakewood Lodge #170.

MEMBERSHIP CARD

by Author unknown

Reprinted from the October, 2012 Phoenix Scottish Rite News.

I hold in my hand a little scrap of paper 2 ½ X 3 ½ inches in size. It is of no intrinsic worth, not a bond, not a check or receipt for valuables, yet it is my most priceless possession. It is my membership card in a Masonic Lodge.

It tells me that I have entered into a spiritual kinship with my fellow Masons to practice charity in word and deed; to forgive and forget the faults of my brethren; to hush the tongues of scandal and innuendo; to care for the crippled, the hungry and the sick, and to be fair and just to all mankind.

It tells me that no matter where I may travel in the world, I am welcome to visit a place where good fellowship prevails among brothers and friends.

It tells me that my loved ones, my home, and my household are under the protection of every member of this great Fraternity, whose members have sworn to defend and protect mine as I have sworn to defend and protect theirs.

It tells me that should I ever be overtaken by adversity or misfortune through no fault of my own, the hands of every Mason on the face of the earth will be stretched forth to assist me in my necessities.

And finally, it tells me that when my final exit from the stage of life has been made, there will be gathered around my lifeless body, friends and brothers who will recall to mind my virtues, though they be but few, and will forget my faults, though they may be many.

This little card tells me that, and a great deal more, and makes me proud yet humble, that I can possess this passport into a Society of Friends and Brothers that are numbered in the millions.

I AM THE GUY WHO ASKED TO JOIN YOUR ORGANIZATION

I am the guy who paid his fees to join and who pays dues to belong.

I am the guy who stood up, and in front of you, promised to be faithful and loyal.

I am the guy who came to your meetings and no one paid any attention to me.

I tried several times to be friends but they all had their own buddies to talk to and sit with.

I sat down several times alone, but no one paid any attention to me.

I hoped very much that someone would have asked me to take part in a fundraising project or something. But no one took notice of my efforts when I volunteered.

I missed a few meetings after joining because I was sick and could not be there.

No one asked me at the next meeting where I had been.

I felt like it didn't matter very much to others whether I was there or not.

The next meeting I decided to stay home and watch TV.

The following meeting I attended but no one asked me where I was at the last meeting.

You might say I am a good guy, a good family man, who holds a good job, loves his community and his country.

You know who else I am? **I AM THE GUY WHO NEVER CAME BACK!**

It amuses me that everyone wonders why the organization is losing members.

It amuses me to think that they spend so much time looking for new members, when I was there all the time.

**All they needed to do was make me feel needed,
wanted, and welcome.**

The Real Freemasonry

By Bro Geoff Fox (April 2004)
Leven Lodge #30 Ulverstone, Tasmania
Lodge Scotch College #80 Launceston, Tasmania

*Many a man has asked the question
What is Freemasonry?
Is it a club or some devilish cult,
Full of conspiracies?
Some would have many to believe,
From lack of facts or deceit,
Freemasonry is filled with corruption
Standing at Satan's feet;*

*That we band together in our buildings
To perform unholy rites
With sacrifices of goodness knows what
To satisfy Satan's delights;
And we ride the goat and fund the terrorists
And we're into major crime,
Brain washing the world to join our sect
Whether old or in their prime.*

*One must ponder these synthetic slurs
To the origin of their source:
Perhaps it is fear of the unknown
Or a vindictive course;
Maybe it's a generational thing,
Could be a religious view-
Whatever the case, it is totally unfounded,
Flawed and viciously untrue.*

*If only they knew of what is inside
Also of what is taught,
Then they would see the truth of it all
And of the man that is wrought.
Taking a good man and making him better
Is the motto of Freemasonry,
To serve his God with humbleness
And fellow man in charity.*



*A belief in one God, is absolute!
From this we will not sway
'Tis the first step to our brotherhood
For those that seek the way
We accept all men - from all nations
Colour, disability and creed-
Honest, just and upright men
Are proper masons indeed.*

*Furthermore the emphasis
Is on priorities-
Family first, then comes work,
Finally Freemasonry.
Numerous lessons can be discovered
In charting the route of life:
If followed - stands a man in good stead
After his mortal life.*

*With principles so pure and so worthy,
May the slanderer's hand be thwarted!
Let truth prevail above all else-
Freemasonry, be ever supported!*

MY CREED

Author Unknown

*"To live as gently as I can,
To be, no matter where, a man;
To take what comes of good or ill;
To cling to faith and honor still;
To do my best and let stand
The record of my brain and hand;
And then, should failure come to me,
Still work and hope for victory!*

*"To have no secret place wherein
I stoop unseen to shame or sin;
To be the same when I'm alone
As when my every deed is known,
To live undaunted, unafraid
Of any step that I have made;
To be without pretense or sham,
Exactly what men think I am."*



9 Health Fair
0700-1200
Saturday 13 April 2013
 by Bill Hickey, 32° KCCH

DO YOU KNOW YOUR NUMBERS?

While it is important for us to staff our own health fair with volunteers to assist the medical screeners – it is likewise important for each of us to “own our own health.” In that regard, do you know your “numbers?”

“Numbers” in this case are some of the more important pieces of information that you get from a report when you attend a 9HealthFair (ours, or one of the many others). The most important and common numbers to be aware of are:

1. Your fasting blood glucose (sugar) level – an indicator of potential diabetes
2. Your lipid (fat) profile (the HDL, LDL, Triglyceride, and total Cholesterol) – an indicator of potential cardiovascular problems
3. Blood Pressure – another indicator of cardiovascular problems, possibly stroke

When you have your blood drawn for the “standard” screening, they do chemical analyses on quite a few components of your blood. Each of those has a different purpose – checking liver and kidney function, bone health, excess or insufficient iron, and thyroid function.

You would have noticed at last year’s fair that we put the “diabetic finger stick” station at the very beginning of the fair. There is some controversy in the 9HealthFair community about the practicality and usefulness of the finger stick. First of all, the finger stick is IMMEDIATE feedback. Diabetics typically check their glucose levels many times a day and would not necessarily need to have this screening. But, if you aren’t currently a diagnosed diabetic and do not KNOW what your fasting blood sugar level is, you should consider participating in this screening, especially if you have a family history of diabetes or have other risk factors (such as being overweight). One year, we had a

gentleman come in and his blood glucose level at the finger stick station was over 500! Typically, they start considering you for treatment of diabetes at 125. The nurse and EMT told this gentleman he needed to go to the hospital right away – but he declined, saying that he felt fine. This is just an indicator that the symptoms of diabetes can be very silent and unnoticed. The finger stick station will let you know whether you have a situation that needs to be addressed IMMEDIATELY by a physician. The REASON the 9HealthFair folks tend to discourage the finger stick is they believe that if you have your blood drawn, part of the report is your blood glucose level – but that report could be 2, 3, 4 or more weeks AFTER you attend the fair. If you did indeed have high levels of blood glucose (or low levels), that length of delay in getting medical attention could well be serious.

There is a lot of confusion about the various cholesterol values and components. Basically, here’s a few “rules of thumb:”

1. LDL (Low Density Lipid) – BAD part of the cholesterol – lower number is better
2. HDL (High Density Lipid) – GOOD part of cholesterol – higher number is better
3. Triglycerides (a fat that tends to clump together and create blockages) – lower is better
4. Total Cholesterol – is a value taking into consideration ALL the factors - and lower is better. Anything over 200 should be evaluated by a medical professional – especially if you have a family history of cardiovascular problems.

Occasionally, you’ll see RATIO’s of two of the components – and again, normally a lower number is better, but be careful – sometimes a bigger number is better – depending on which of the components are being measured against the other.

When you have blood work done at the doctor’s office, some doctors will give you all the numbers, and some will simply tell you that everything is OK or that you need to take some action (diet, exercise, weight loss) to bring a particular number into line.

9HealthFair sends you a comprehensive report (2 copies – one for you, one for your doctor) that not only gives you the current set of numbers, but if you've had previous blood draws at 9Health Fairs, it will show you the trends of each over the past few years.

There are other screenings available at many 9HealthFairs – each has a purpose in your overall health. Please – take time for your own health and participate at a fair – as well as volunteering to help us with our fair. You're doing yourself and your loved ones a favor.

If you are a volunteer at our fair AND you want to have your blood drawn – please let us know so we can arrange for you to have blood drawn EARLY and get some food into you before you start working as a volunteer.



You may ask yourself, "Does my one vote really matter?"

"History proves to us that one vote absolutely does matter," says Lou DiGioia, Executive Director of MATHCOUNTS, the national math enrichment program for middle school students. "As people watch the news and read the papers, it's easy to get lost in all the numbers having to do with election polls, predictions, the Electoral College and all the rest. Numbers play as vital a role in politics as they do in science, music or any other subject you can name and the most important number is one --- that one vote we all have the privilege to cast."

To paraphrase a famous quote from Senator Everett Dirksen: "A vote here, a vote there, pretty soon it adds up to real electoral power."



A Simple Thank You

by Charles "Chuck" Fraley, 32° KCCH

These days both men and women have demands thrust upon them that weren't there a generation or two ago. Gone are the days when the man went out into the world to make a living and the woman stayed home, raised the children and maintained the household. When the man of the house got home, the entire family sat down for dinner and most evenings were spent together. Devoting time to Masonry was not as difficult then as it is now.

Today adults are lucky if their job only requires 40 hours a week. It may even take two (2) jobs to make ends meet. Children's lives are scheduled so completely, many nights are spent by parents transporting them from one activity to another until everybody involved is ready to collapse. Nights free of this are a rare occasion.

Add in the demands of social networks/ media like "Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn, etc." on top of everything else and time becomes scarce.

The point of this article is to express how proud we are of our young brethren who handle all of the above listed responsibilities successfully and still find time to devote to Masonry.

Our young members are the future of Masonry. They must be made aware of how important they are and that we recognize and appreciate the amount of effort it takes to schedule in time for Masonry.

It is the responsibility of the membership to make this experience educational, fun, and, most of all, make them feel that they belong! When we do this, **they will come!**

Please join me in giving these young men a pat on the back and a **Simple Thank You** whenever you see one of them at a masonic event.

Giving, whether it be of time, labor, affection, advice, gifts, or whatever, is one of life's greatest pleasures.

-Rebecca Russell



From the Secretary's Desk

by Claud E. Dutro, 33°, Secretary

Dignitary's Visit. Very

Illustrious Robert De la Hunt, 33°, Deputy of the Supreme Council of Scotland for South Africa came to Denver Consistory on Saturday, October 27, where he was welcomed by our own Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Colorado, the Illustrious, Most Worshipful and Honorable Stephen M. Munsinger, 33° Active. Following a tour of our Scottish Rite Masonic Center and a reception dinner, Very Illustrious Brother De la Hunt spoke extensively about the organization of Scottish Rite Freemasonry in South Africa and about the many differences from our procedures. They require a three year waiting period after the 3° before a candidate can receive his 18°, and an additional four year period before he can progress further. There is no guarantee that he can ever progress beyond any particular level. It is not uncommon for a brother to take twenty years to become a 32° member, while our candidates accomplish this in a three day reunion. Most of their degrees are communicated and presentation of the others are very formal.



Bronco win. What an educational and entertaining evening.

The November Reunion will begin at the Consistory on Thursday morning, November 8th. Look for the schedule elsewhere in this issue and plan to attend so you can meet the new members and renew old friendships. This 41st reunion of Denver Consistory will be named the U. Dean Mathena, 33°, Memorial Class to honor the memory of our late Illustrious and Most Worshipful Brother. Degree rehearsals are almost complete. Are you going to be able to participate this reunion?



A Rose Upon The Altar is a Masonic play, written by Carl Claudy that has been modified to modernize the presentation of its timeless message. This play will be presented at 7:00 pm Friday evening, November 9, as part of the 41st Reunion. Family, friends and prospects are welcome to the free presentation, but if you want to attend the chicken cordon blue dinner at 6:00 pm, the cost is \$15 per person and reservations at 303-861-4261 are necessary.

The November Stated Meeting on Monday, November 19 will include entertainment to honor our veterans and first responders. The meal will be turkey with all the trimmings prepared by Chef Michael. This will be the first stated meeting after the reunion, so plan to attend and welcome our new members from the class.

The October Stated Meeting on Monday, October 15 was well attended, even though it also competed with a Monday Night Football game between the Denver Broncos and the San Diego Chargers for first place in the Western Division of the AFC. The pot roast was delicious, but the carrot cake was spectacular. The entertainment included Jay Bobick's presentation of George Washington's Thanksgiving Proclamation. The rest of the Feast of Tishri program was presented in the tiled meeting and included the Supreme Council explanation and a lively discussion from our members. Almost everyone was home in time to watch the 4th quarter

*** Important Notice ***

Denver Consistory Ambassadors need to make sure they make every effort to attend the Reunion, November 8th, 9th, and 10th. There will be a meeting for all Ambassadors and Zone Coordinators. Please make sure you are there. If you are unable to make time during the Reunion, please let either John Moreno, 33° or Jack White, 32° KCCH know ASAP. We are working to have an Ambassador kit for each of you. We are also asking for any suggestions that you might have to improve the Ambassadors with a goal of bringing more petitioners to the Consistory.

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

2012 Denver Consistory Schedule

November

Thu	Nov 8	7:00 AM	Spring Reunion (41st Consecutive) - Parking garage available
Fri	Nov 9	7:00 AM	Spring Reunion (41st Consecutive) - Parking garage available
Sat	Nov 10	7:00 AM	Spring Reunion (41st Consecutive) - Parking garage available
Mon	Nov 19		Stated Meeting - Parking garage available
		5:30 PM	Red Room Business Meeting
		6:00 PM	Dinner – <i>turkey with all the trimmings</i>
		7:00 PM	Entertainment – Veterans Recognition Program
		7:30 PM	Split Meeting- 5 minute Oration by Minister of State of Denver Consistory
Thu	Nov 22		Consistory closed for Thanksgiving holiday
Fri	Nov 23		Consistory closed for Thanksgiving holiday
Sat	Nov 24	9:00 AM	Consistory Decorating Party - All members, officer and wives are invited

December

Sat	Dec 1	10:00AM	SR Foundation & Consistory Children's Christmas Party Parking garage available
Mon	Dec 17		Stated Meeting - Parking garage available
		5:30 PM	Red Room Business Meeting
		6:00 PM	Dinner
		7:00 PM	Entertainment –
		7:30 PM	Split Meeting- Annual Election of Officers
Mon	Dec 24		Consistory closed for Christmas holiday
Fri	Dec 25		Consistory closed for Christmas holiday
Sat	Dec 24	9:00 AM	Consistory Decorating Party - All members, officer and wives are invited

January

Tue	Jan 1		Consistory closed for New Year's holiday
Sat	Jan 5	8:00 AM	Undecorating Party - All members, officer and wives are invited
Sat	Jan 19	8:00 AM	Officer's Breakfast and Installation Practice
Mon	Jan 21		Stated Meeting - Parking garage available
		5:30 PM	Red Room Business Meeting
		6:00 PM	Dinner
		7:00 PM	Annual Meetings of Corporations and Installation of Officers
Fri	Jan 25		Consistory closed for Grand Lodge Annual Communication

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



A ROSE UPON THE ALTAR

A MODERN DAY PLAY ABOUT LOVE , FAITH
& CHARITY IN A MASONIC LODGE.
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

A Rose Upon the Altar
Adapted from a Story & Play by Carl H Clady
Presented by Denver Consistory
Directed by Mike Tims
Featuring an All Star Cast: Rick Wenzel, Steven Walker,
Randy Penn, Roger Stene, Roy Snyder, and more.

FREE – Open to the Public
Friday, November 9, 2012 7:00 pm
Dinner 6:00 pm – Reservations Required - \$15 Per Person

Scottish Rite Masonic Center
1370 Grant St
Denver CO 80203
Dinner Reservations, call 303-861-4261

The mission of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry is to improve its members and enhance the communities in which they live by teaching & emulating the principles of Brotherly Love, Tolerance, Charity, and Truth while actively embracing high social, moral, and spiritual values including fellowship, compassion, and dedication to God, family and country.





GGC - November 10, 2012

Mark your Calendar for the November GGC Meeting at Golden Masonic Temple.

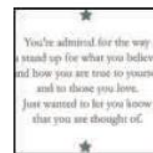
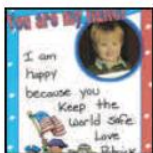
- Coffee/Donuts at 8:00 am
- Supreme Team Tryouts 8am
- Grand Guardian Council Meeting 10-11 am
- Jobie 2 Bee's Hive Meeting 10-11 am
- Veteran's Day Presentation & Activities 11-12

It's a Veteran's Appreciation Day for Colorado Job's Daughters



Please bring those Christmas Cards that have separated from the envelopes! Or any other stationery you may wish to donate to the cause. Bring your Crayons, markers, pens and pencils to adorn the letters and cards! A few rules to follow are:

1. Do not send edible items.
2. Do not use loose glitter, confetti, or anything that is not attached to the letter or card.
3. Only include positive messages. Any negative messages will be discarded.
4. Be creative! Draw pictures, talk about you, and let them know their service does not go unnoticed.
5. Include your address or email address if you wish. Most military will write back to you!



Colorado Jobs Daughters



1ST ANNUAL



St. ANDREW'S DAY AGAPE

1 DECEMBER, 2012

6:30 PM

DENVER CONSISTORY

1370 GRANT ST.

THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO ALL MASONS

TICKETS \$25.00
RESERVATIONS
303-861-4261



DINNER CHOICE

PEPPER CORN ROAST BEEF
HONEY WHISKYCHICKEN

EVENING EVENTS



HONORING MASON'S WHO
EMBODY THE 29th DEGREE



Friday, January 18, 2013 Shrine Appreciation Night National Western Stock Show



Let's Rodeo!!



***Livestock and vendor exhibits all day at the National Western Complex
Rodeo at 7:30pm in the Coliseum***

***Free parking
with your \$17 admission
in National Western Stock Show parking lots***



Wear your fez



***Call the El Jebel Shrine Office at
303 455-3470 for reservations.***

~Tickets are limited~

***Tickets are \$17.00 each and
can be purchased and/or
picked up at the El Jebel Office
beginning November 1, 2012***