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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

John Weir Heard, 32°	11/11/2012
Thomas William Keffeler, 33°	11/9/2012
Harold R Korthaus, 32°	11/1/2012
Harold Marvin Morris, 32°	11/9/2012
Cecil Durham Tolar, 32°	10/27/2012
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# FEATURE ARTICLE



## A NEW SENSE OF DEDICATION

**John Warren, 32° KCCH**  
Master of Kadosh  
Denver Consistory

Denver Consistory's Fall Reunion is over. All of the many components needed to make it a success have been stored, ready for spring. The hundreds of Brothers who made it a success went home to rest. We now have twenty new Masters of the Royal Secret, anxiously ready to meet the challenges of the Scottish Rite world.

Will anything change for the next reunion? Perhaps there will be a new degree director or two or some of the degrees will have some new cast members, but nothing too drastic.

There was something about this Fall Reunion that seemed to be lacking in the past. After spending a lot of time trying to puzzle what was different, it came to me. I was seeing a new sense of urgency, a deeper and more intense dedication during the degree presentations that has not always been the case in the past.

Sure, sure, Degree Directors expressed concerns about actors not attending some of the scheduled practices and how that could affect exemplifications during the Reunion, but from my perspective, both as a cast member as well as a sideliner, the degrees went well.

We learn early on in our Masonic journey that our personal and professional obligations are not secondary to Masonry. What is also true is that you DO incur an obligation when you accept a part in a degree.

Now you have a conundrum. It is a delicate balancing act sometimes and we all have had to make those decisions about which way to go.

For those who say they know their part in a degree so well that they don't really need to practice, let me tell you this. You may well be doing your fellow cast members a dis-service due to the fact that one part in the degree often keys off of another part.

I recall one practice in which the Director had asked the cast members present to read the absent parts in trying to have a good practice. This may help those present but does not help those absent players and definitely is not fair to the Directors.

What to do? There really is no simple answer to this problem, but each actor must work it out for themselves.

What is true is that this Reunion WAS different due to this dedication mentioned earlier and this Reunion did provide our new Brothers with a meaningful experience...one they will carry with them the rest of their lives.

There must be something in the air or something in the water because I had the opportunity to feel and experience this "feeling" at the other two Colorado Consistories, in Grand Junction and Colorado Springs this year.

It just happened to be that I participated in the same degree (the 18<sup>th</sup>) at all three Consistories this year. Sure, the Degree was the same, but the staging and costumes and so on were different. What WAS the SAME at all three of them were the sincerity and intensity and desire of the Brothers to provide this meaningful experience we all talk about to the new Brothers.

And to this, I can only say WOW!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!  
Masonry in action, indeed.

Let us not forget what a Reunion is! Dictionary.com tells us that a reunion is the act or process of coming together again for a common purpose. We do that every six months...for the new Brothers.

## **DENVER CONSISTORY** **41<sup>st</sup> REUNION** **U. DEAN MATHENA, 33° MEMORIAL CLASS**



Learning in the classroom.



MW Bro. Karl J. Hinkle, 33°, Grand Master of Masons in Colorado and Ill. Stephen M. Munsinger, 33°, Sovereign Grand Inspector General



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## From the West

By Alexander J. McIntosh, 32° KCCH  
Prior, Denver Consistory

As the next slate of officers is preparing to move from the West to the East, we are trying to put together additional programs for all the brethren. We already have one of the best degree programs around. We have a beautiful building to meet in. We support a program that makes a difference in children's lives. What more could we want? Well, according to many of you, we could provide more avenues for education.

The Master Craftsman programs and research lodges are a good start, but what more can be done?

We have a couple of programs that we are hoping to get established to give you some more opportunities. The first is Billiards and Brethren lead by L Bryant Harris, Senior Warden of the Centennial Lodge of Perfection. On Wednesdays he and others meet at the Consistory Building downtown during the lunch hour and have an open discussion of whatever topics come up over lunch and pool. If you are not already on his contact list for weekly emails, let him know and he would be glad to add you in.

Starting after the Holidays I will be setting up sessions where we can have guest lecturers come in and do a more in depth discussion of a topic than can be done on a meeting night, whether it be historical, esoteric or one degree presented and discussed. I am planning on starting this on a quarterly basis, but if you support it, there is no reason that we cannot do it more often as time goes by. The general plan is to have a two hour slot available for the lecturer to speak and have a discussion afterwards. Initially a first Monday of a month seems to be the preference. If you have an idea of something that you would like to see, or would like to be a guest lecturer please contact me and we will see what we can schedule.

Your participation and feedback will be critical in making this a success for now and into the future. Remember that no one can make you learn anything. All they can do is present the material. In life, freemasonry, or any other activity, whether you get anything out of it, *is up to you!*

## Utopia Found?

Anonymous

*There is a place that you can find  
Where everyone is always kind,  
Where everything is harmony,  
Where every man is always free.*

*No politics are spoken there,  
No arguments to rend the air,  
Where smiles glow bright on every face,  
A joyful and a friendly place.*

*A place where men can do good deeds  
And share their lot with those with needs,  
But still have fun in all they do  
While being good and firm and true.*

*A place where God is still revered  
And tyranny is never feared,  
A place where virtues still are taught,  
Where goodness is not sold or bought.*

*"A Shangri La?" you say to me,  
"Why such a place can never be!"  
Untrue, my friend, there's one I know,  
A place where good men often go.*

*And not just one, but many more,  
Both here at home, on distant shore,  
Thousands and thousands, I would guess;  
There might be more, but never less.*

*They've been around hundreds of years,  
These places where men need have no fears,  
So now you ask, "Where do I go?"  
All right, my friend, I'll let you know.*

*Look for a sign with compasses and square,  
Easily found, they're most everywhere,  
Just note the number and the street  
To know where Masons go to meet.*

Editor's Note: Brethren can thank Bro. Jim Smith 33° for passing this poem to me. I think it really fits the season.



## 9HealthFair – Helping Others Help Themselves

by Bill Hickey, 32° KCCH

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I'd like to welcome our new brothers from the most recent two class reunions to the Denver Consistory. Elsewhere in this issue you'll see a discussion about "activity" and the recognition the consistory provides to members in return for supporting our many activities. One of the primary activities that we have and which involves outreach to the community is sponsoring a 9HealthFair at the consistory in April. This year, our fair will be on Saturday, 13April2013 from 7am to noon.

We try to staff our fair from our membership ranks to the extend feasible. Obviously, for some of the medical screenings, you have to be licensed or certified – and that means we have to rely on the professions outside our Masonic family for support. But, all the other logistics and support functions for the fair are provided by our members and their families.

Typically, we staff the registration area, cashiers, form check, information centers, direct traffic (and there are a LOT of people unfamiliar with the layout at the consistory running around), a nourishment station (for people who have been fasting before having blood drawn), and we also have folks staffing the eye check, body weight/height, and other educational areas during the day of the fair.

Now, we also have to set up the dining area before that morning – usually on Friday after the normal lunch – but it takes maybe 3-4 people a couple of hours to set up all the curtains, tables, and signs throughout the fair. If you can't be there for the fair itself, but you can help set up – that's great and your assistance would be sincerely welcomed.

Likewise, when the fair is over, we need some support to take everything down and put the consistory back into "normal" condition. We also provide a complimentary luncheon for all our volunteers (medical and non-medical) immediately

following the fair. Again, if you can't participate as a volunteer at the fair but can help take down and clear out after the fair, your help is most welcome.

I am what we call the "site coordinator" – the person who interacts with the 9HealthFair folks and basically facilitates all the activities associated with putting on the fair. I have a medical volunteer coordinator (Fred Runyan, 32° KCCH) and a non-medical volunteer coordinator (Jack White, 32° KCCH) who help me track who is going to help and where they will be working during the fair.

Now, the fair is in April – and you might be thinking that you can wait until mid-late March to sign up and volunteer – and MAYBE so, but we'll start taking signup volunteers in January and some of the spots are more popular than others, so it becomes a "first-come-first-served" situation when we start filling the slots for the fair (that's just fair warning – pun intended). So, if you see any of the three of us, make sure we WRITE IT DOWN – your name, what you want to do, what you might have done before, etc. We'll be in contact to find out your tee shirt size and whether you'll be joining us for lunch so we can take care of the logistics we have in the background.

If you volunteer AND you want to have your blood drawn at our fair rather than at another fair later – 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.

Mark your calendars – and join us for a pleasant (but "active") morning of service to the community.

Oh yes, a couple of years ago, we had a lady walk in off the street not feeling well. One of our member volunteers at the cashier station noticed and asked her a few questions – that he knew – which indicated this lady was having a heart attack. He immediately called our EMT and First Aid crew who stabilized her and called the ambulance for transport to the hospital. A fluke? Sure. But, if we hadn't been there on that date at that time, if our member hadn't known to ask the questions, and if our EMT/FA crew weren't on hand, who knows how things would have turned out for her?



## Just My Opinion ...

by D. J. Cox, 33°

Having just completed our Fall Reunion and in the spirit of the season, I offer two (2) similar, yet distinctive perspectives for contemplation. I refer to friendship vs. fellowship. As masons we seek both, but sometimes, we confuse the two. For discussion purposes, I offer the following definitions:

**FRIENDSHIP** - *a distinctively personal relationship that is grounded in a concern on the part of each friend for the welfare of the other, for the other's sake, and that involves some degree of intimacy. As such, friendship is undoubtedly central to our lives, in part because the special concern we have for our friends must have a place within a broader set of concerns, including moral concerns, and in part because our friends can help shape who we are as persons. (ref. Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy)*

**FELLOWSHIP** - *The condition of sharing similar interests, ideals, or experiences, as by reason of profession, religion, or nationality. The companionship of individuals in a congenial atmosphere and on equal terms. A close association of friends or equals sharing similar interests. Friendship; comradeship. (ref. American Heritage Dictionary)*

Using these definitions, it appears that friendship is based on emotional and psychological grounds. Fellowship is formed on intellectual and associative dealings. The confusion stems from the latter parts of the definition wherein friendship appears to be an inherent trait.

Truth be told, I have very few *friends* in masonry, much to my chagrin. Much of this is due to personal failings and geography. I do, however, enjoy great fellowship with many in masonry. I have no problem with that because masonry is individualistic and yet encompassing and inclusive. It is intellectual to some, emotional to others and a group gathering to still others. It's one and many, individual and collective. Contemplative and sharing.

Masonry has several teachings, lectures and lessons to provide a very strong foundation on fellowship. Fellowship has many contexts. For example,

William F. Hammond states “**Masonry's** conception of immortality is something for which man must qualify while still in the flesh. Through the *fellowship* of a moral discipline Masons are taught to qualify for the fellowship of eternal life.”

In my masonic experience, fellowship is encouraged and nurtured. For many Masons, fellowship is the most precious jewel in the Masonic diadem. It is necessary to the very existence of our Fraternity. Psalm 133 (A song of degrees of David) is recited at every lodge meeting. We talk about the Five (5) Points of Fellowship in the May 1931 *Short Talk Bulletin* wherein:

“We assist our brethren when we can; also we serve them.” The examples are too numerous to enumerate. Fellowship in masonry shapes the man!

Friendship is another philosophy entirely --- no less important in life, but totally different. Dr. James Anderson in his Constitutions of the Free Masons, published in 1723, reflected the traditional fundamental principles of the Craft when he stated in the first Charge that “Masonry becomes the Center of Union and the Means of conciliating true friendship among persons that must have remain'd at a perpetual Distance.” A friend could be “the one who comes in when the whole world has gone out.”

For one who travels extensively, Masonic friendship manifests itself time and again. Whether it is visiting a Masonic lodge or attending a meeting of an appendant body, or in the market place, when you meet another Mason you always feel a kinship with him. You always find the door open with a welcome sign. This can be valuable if you are in a strange place. It becomes doubly valuable if you are in need of suggestions, advice or help of some kind. You not only have a comfortable feeling because you know help is near, but there is also a feeling of trust and faith that is so valuable in all human relationships.

Both friendship and fellowship require work and commitment. The effort is well worth the reward. Fellowship is given by and to equals. Friendship has to be earned. Both are prevalent in masonry. You just have to recognize them and their differences.

Anyway, that's my opinion!





## "Around the Table"

by Wayne G. Amer 33°

"Around the Table" was recently in Istanbul, Turkey, as part of a Masonic Delegation organized by **Timothy Hogan** 32° KCCCH, to meet with **Adnan Oktar**, Muslim Mystic and Cleric, and appear on his nightly Television program on AETV 9, Istanbul. On this trip also were other well-known Masonic Dignitaries, such as **MWB R. Stephen Doan** 33°, PGM of California, **A. Trevor Stewart**, PM of Quatuor Coronati Lodge of England and Prestonian Lecturer of the UGLE, Samir Jarmankani, PM of St. Georges Lodge Lagos, Nigeria and Charitable Committee Chair UGLE, and **Ramzi Abou-Hassan**, Secretary of St. Georges Lodge, Lagos Nigeria.

The purpose for our journey was to present a continuing Masonic support of Mr. Oktar's vision of "PEACE, FRIENDSHIP AND SOLIDARITY," among all of the major Religious bodies, more particularly those of the Christian, Jewish and Muslim faith throughout the middle east, as was expressed to his estimated 80 million viewers during our TV Broadcast! There had been previous delegations organized by WB Hogan and Freemasonry was a popular subject for discussion among the Turkish people, who had once believed that Freemasons did not believe in God, until our predecessors were featured on Television in Istanbul. We described the "Universality of Freemasonry throughout the world," to him, and our comments were well received by his audience, as we were told later by our host.

We were able to visit several memorable Christian sites in Istanbul, as it once was the center of the Roman Empire under the Emperor Constantine, (306-

337A.D.), and there were several monuments to him about the city. His mother, Helena, is said to have visited Jerusalem and brought back many relics relating to the life of Jesus of Nazareth to Constantinople, as it was known then. These relics have been preserved by the Muslim people for 1600 years, even though they have no relation to the Muslim religion! One of the most striking of these relics we saw at the National Museum, known as TOPKAPI PALACE, was the preserved arm of **JOHN THE BAPTIST** !

When I questioned whether this was real or not, it was pointed out to me that John was tattooed on the back of the right hand as a child to identify him as a slave, and the tattoo was still apparent today, thru the opening in the solid Gold covering of the hand! **This was the hand that Baptized Jesus and it still exists to this day!**



Right hand of John the Baptist

(photo used by permission of .Abdulkeidir Akinpinar C.E., Dir. of Antiquities).

There were many other examples of early Christian and Templar influences found during our trip and even though there had been serious efforts to obliterate them, (inside Churches which had become Mosques), if we looked closely enough, they could still be seen. We were treated very well by our host, who provided us with two (2) interpretive guides and a bodyguard at all times. We soon figured out that they were devoted followers of Mr. Oktar, not his employees.

The six days spent on this trip were very rewarding to me, despite the difficulties attached to overseas travel, as it demonstrated to me that we never know what other people in the world are thinking, until we take the time and make an effort to know them as they truly are, not what they seem to be on the media!

Until next time, I'll see you, "AROUND THE TABLE."



### Meet your Brothers

By Jack White, 32° KCCH

Sterling "Todd" Warburton has been a member of South Denver Lodge #93 for three (3) years. He is married to Christine and they have three (3) children; Phillip- 16, Reid - 15, and Eddy- 13.

Todd has been a financial Advisor for 23 years. His hobbies are golf, skiing, running and scouting. The scouting hobby involves his sons. It seems like he needs to be on the move for relaxation. I am sure he can find someone to join with him for those activities, but not to members of the lodge.



He relaxes by exercising (see what I mean?). When does he sit down? I suppose he eats his meals on the run as well.

Todd's goals are to "Perfect himself in Masonry". I would suspect that he will do that as he keeps his ambitions on an upward slant to higher thoughts and actions. He served as Class President during the Reunion.

Welcome to the Denver Consistory, Todd.

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Brother Dean McConnell is a member of Albert Pike Lodge #117 and has been a mason since 2009. He is currently in the officer line, sitting as Junior warden for his lodge. He served as Class Vice-President during the Reunion.

He is married to Helen, and they have two (2) children, Eric-19, and Grant-16.



Dean is an attorney and has been practicing for 23 years (will they ever get it right or will they continue to practice??). Dean's hobbies are riding his motorcycle, playing the bagpipes, golfing and playing poker.

Dean's family is the major part of his life. His wife, Helen, is a published writer. His eldest son, Eric, attends the University of Miami and is majoring in Vocal Performance. Eric hopes to be an opera performer and is also an accomplished pianist and actor. Maybe dad should give his son a petition. We can always use more actors in our degrees. The youngest son, Grant, is an athlete. Grant made his high school varsity team in football as a freshman, lettering in track as well and was a team leader by the time he was a sophomore.

Dean's law practice is in Health Law. Dean plays the bagpipes for the Shrine. Dean stays involved with his son's football boosters working to raise about \$65,000.00 each year.

Dean is a nine (9) year board member for Project Angel Heart, a charity that provides nutritious meals, at no cost, to people who are suffering life-threatening illnesses.

I would say that Dean is a very busy man, and if you get the chance to meet him, welcome him to the Consistory. Thanks Dean.

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Brother David B. Sprague has been a mason for two (2) years and is currently a member of Columbia #14 and Blackhawk #11. He is also a member of Sabina Lodge #324 in Sabina, Ohio. David is currently serving in the officer line for Columbia #14. David was Class Secretary during the Reunion.

David is married to Dr. Carmi Campbell Sprague, PhD, and they have one (1) daughter, Rachael Sprague - 27.



David is currently working as a pilot, flying as a Captain for United Airlines, and he hopes to retire in about two (2) years to spend more time with his family, lodges and the Scottish Rite.

Brother Sprague is a retired LtCol (1972-1994) with the

USAF. He has a BA from Brigham Young University, an MBA from Webster University and is a graduate of the Air War College.

David’s hobbies are golf, skiing, and O gauge model railroading (a man after my own heart, but a different scale).

Please welcome David to our great fraternity and make sure to say welcome to the Consistory.

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Brother Matthew Olson is a member of Golden City Lodge #1 and has been a mason for a bit over two (2) years. Matthew is currently serving as an officer for his Blue Lodge. He served as Class Treasurer during the Reunion.

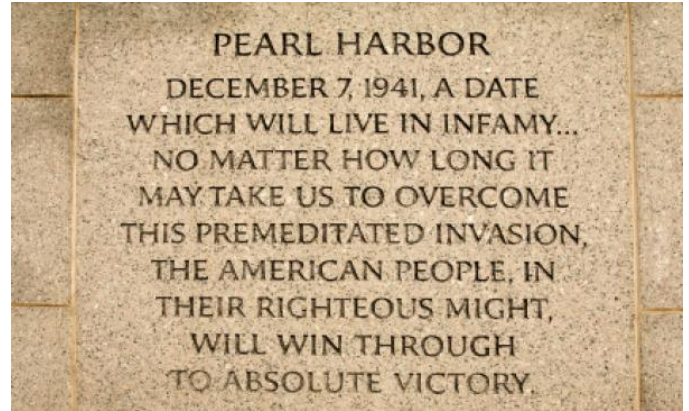
He is not married at this time, but his future ambitions and goals mention marriage, family, and happiness, so I will go on the assumption that he has someone in mind.



He is working in the medical device sales field and has been doing that for about four (4) months. His hobbies include mountain biking, hiking and woodworking.

Matthew says he relaxes with music, likes to cook, and spending time with his family and friends. Well Matt, now you can consider the Scottish Rite brethren as your family. If you like to cook, someone will find you, especially a lovely lass.

Welcome Matthew and we wish you a long and happy time with Masonry and the Consistory.



National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, which is annually on December 7, commemorates the attack on Pearl Harbor, in Hawaii, during World War II. Many American service men and women lost their lives or were injured on December 7, 1941. National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day is also referred to as Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day or Pearl Harbor Day.

On Sunday morning, December 7, 1941, the American Army and Navy base in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii was attacked by the Imperial Japanese Navy. The attack came as a surprise to the American Army and Navy and lead to great losses of life and equipment. More than 2000 American citizens were killed and more than 1000 were injured. The Americans also lost a large proportion of their battle ships and nearly 200 aircraft that were stationed in the Pacific region. More than 60 Japanese servicemen were killed, injured or captured. The Japanese Navy also lost five midget submarines and 29 aircraft.

The Japanese military had hoped that the attack on Pearl Harbor would prevent the United States of America from increasing her influence in the Pacific. However, the events in Pearl Harbor actually led to the escalation of World War II. The day after the attack, the United States declared war on Japan and so entered World War II. President Franklin Roosevelt in a speech to Congress stated that the bombing of Pearl Harbor was “a date which will live in infamy”. Shortly afterwards, Germany also declared war on the United States. In the months that followed the attack, the slogan “Remember Pearl Harbor” swept the United States and radio stations repeatedly played a song of the same name.

Remember the  
Scottish Rite and  
Consistory Children’s  
Christmas Party  
Saturday,  
December 1st, 2012 at  
10AM



**From the  
Secretary's Desk**  
by Claud E. Dutro, 33°, Secretary

At the November Reunion on Friday evening, our SGIG Stephen M. Munsinger, 33° Active, presented fifty year awards to four (4) members. It was very fitting that we honored some



of our members with the longest history of service during the reunion when we were bringing in twenty (20) new members. Although the number of candidates could have been larger, all agree that this was a successful reunion due to the quality of the new members that we gained.

At the November Stated Meeting we enjoyed a turkey dinner with all of the trimmings. After dinner, the Director General, Ron Birely, 33°, recognized outstanding workers, including Dave Peterson as director of the 11<sup>th</sup> Degree (Best degree) and Bobby Juchem, 32°



(Best actor). Steve Hubbard, 33°, Membership Director, also recognized those members from the last reunion who were present with their first line signers.

Veterans and First Responders were honored by

patriotic music and a poem, "A Soldier Died Today". The main entertainer for the



evening was Leonard "Bud" Jenkyns, 32°, who related several stories from his father's experiences in World War II. With all of that packed into the evening, we were still able to have everyone on their way home before 9:00 pm.

Your Investment in Denver Consistory

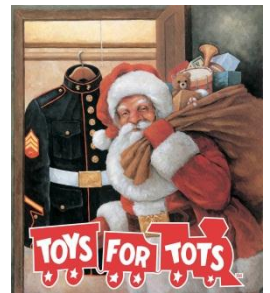
includes not just your dues and contributions, but your time and participation in events as well. The payoff on that investment is in your personal education and growth, the social interaction with like-minded friends and preservation of the Scottish Rite experience for generations to come who will influence our society. Are you taking advantage of all that you can?

The Children's Holiday Party is fast upon

us this coming Saturday, with games, prizes, refreshment, gifts and Santa Claus. Don't miss this opportunity to be a big hit with your children/grandchildren and to witness the marvelous accomplishments made possible through your contributions to the Scottish Rite Foundation.

Toys For Tots. Denver

Consistory is serving as a deposit location the Knights of St Andrew charitable project of supporting the U. S. Marines annual drive to benefit needy children. Bring unwrapped new or hand made toys to our office before the stated meeting on Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup> (or bring them to the meeting).





## We Value Your Support

by Bill Hickey, 32° KCCH

To our newly created 32° brethren, WELCOME. You went through a “crash course” in the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry during your recent 3.5 day reunion class. No doubt, you were somewhat overwhelmed by the amount of information presented to you. In fact, this article will not only give you a little “information” that you didn’t get, but you shouldn’t be surprised to find out that many of your other more “senior” brothers in the consistory don’t know about it either.

The consistory – like all Masonic organizations – is a VOLUNTEER organization. We rely on volunteers to get things done - whether they are mandatory functions or activities that we have come to expect from our organization. Where do we get our volunteers? Why, from our membership, of course! That means YOU, ME, and every other brother in the consistory. All of us pick and choose what and how much we can do based on our own situations.

As you were told in the 18<sup>th</sup> degree, there are different colored caps worn by the Scottish Rite Brethren, which indicate a progression, not just of honors, but of personal development. You have started your journey within the Scottish Rite by completing your 32<sup>nd</sup> degree.

But, the consistory KNOWS that volunteers don’t have an unlimited number of hours available to help, and that they compete with family, work, church, and other personal activities for your time. So, you will also notice some of the brothers wearing a jewel (medallion) with a metal clasp at the top (bearing “Denver Consistory”), a red, white, and blue ribbon, and a double eagle suspended at the bottom. You might also see miniature double-eagles on the ribbon as well.

These medals are a small token of recognition given to brothers who have volunteered their time to the benefit of the consistory. While no one volunteers at the consistory in order to get one of these medals, you do get one based on your activities. There are “points” given for participation – and you need 500 points to qualify for the first award (the medallion itself) and another 500 for each miniature pin on the ribbon.

You get points for things like participating in a degree, attending a reunion, bringing in a petition, supporting the 9HealthFair, working on various committees, and visitations to sick/distressed brothers as well as mentoring new members. The number of points for each activity varies with the significance to the consistory of the work. Suffice to say, you may well qualify for the medallion in a few months if you are VERY active. On the other hand, you may take a year (or more) if you don’t have as much “spare” time as some of the other brethren.

In any case, be aware that your activities in support of the consistory ARE noticed, and the medallion is just one outward sign from the consistory that we appreciate your support. And, thank you in advance for your support of Scottish Rite Masonry in general – and the Denver Consistory in particular.





principles. But maybe we can highlight one or two that we can not overlook.



A typical Reunion class setting

## Between the Columns

by Michael D. Moore, 32°



Fort Collins lodge's western chair

### *What is the most important Scottish Rite lesson you can learn?*

The Fall Reunion is now done. Our new members have learned many, many lessons in the three days, all that are taught to each and every Scottish Rite Mason, whether just breaking in their new black cap or those with ragged, aged and sagging ones. The range of these lessons goes from moral to philosophical to religious to scientific. Each is valuable in its own sense. Each is important to the learner. But what is the one lesson you do not want to miss?

That can be a tough question to answer. Every new piece of learning happens when it needs to and is a part of a much longer string of ideals and

I am sure that each reader will have their own list of important lessons, but here is a short list of recent ones for me:

- Learning that the simple lessons of secrecy and silence are an important first step. Your actions on these principles will define you with those around you and your learning curve.
- Realizing that being a knight is much more than swords, robes and a red cross on your chest. It is a moral and self-giving ideal, having a much higher goal of what is inside than the heroism and bravery that is often mentioned with them.
- The key given in the fourth degree is one that should be around your neck or in your pocket all the way through the rest of the degrees. It is an opener and acts not as a padlock but a revealer for all the lessons that will come along in your path. It will help if you realize that the key is more than what you hold in your hand, it is a method, an insight and a lifestyle.

Every aspect that you read about, see in a drama or have presented to you is important. Sometimes, making a chart will help you connect

the dots and get the most out of the “background” items. These small and seemingly unimportant parts will help complete what the degree is supposed to convey and will make your final assumptions on what it is all about gel or prove them false.

All that you read on a degree, what you see in the associated drama and what is even written as an explanation as to what it all means; may be totally different. This is not a mistake by the writers and compilers. Each will give a different view of the degree and reflect different sources of light and truth. Sometimes what is not noted, but very plain to all when they are compared is the true object for you to gain.

It will take more than an hour’s study to grasp what is going on in a complete degree. Days, weeks or years may pass before a degree comes to life for you and it reveals more than surface meanings. I find this satisfying, for if you can learn everything about it in ten minutes – it lacks depth, richness, real truth and is not very worthwhile.

A moral life, a clean conscience, along with a life of doing good does help when it comes to learning what the degrees hold. Worthy truths are not revealed to the profane and unworthy. Even if they were, the hearer who sees what they hold will not get it.

Finally, the most important lesson to me, after the symbolic key is handed to you, is the one you are on right now. It is the one that you are now struggling with and working through as you climb the ladder. It is the one uncompleted and at the top of the pile of truths already understood. Whatever that truth or principle is, in which ever degree – it is the most important one for you. If that lesson is not learned, the others that follow will be shallow, fleeting and unfulfilling. The ladder step you are on will only be followed by shaky, unsteady progress if that truth is not learned, applied and kept.

I am sure that you will have your own list for the most important lessons found in our Scottish Rite degrees; sometime tell me about them. I would be interested in hearing. And so would your friends, it is a great conversation starter and what they say may surprise you.



## Knights Of Saint Andrew

By Eric W. McBride, 32°, Venerable Master

At our last Consistory meeting, the KSA hosted a challenge to the rest of the Consistory for Toys For Tots. This is a charity run by the US Marine Corps Reserve. We ask that all Knights please bring either a new or hand-made toy, board game or children's book (unwrapped), to our next meeting. Or if they cannot make either meeting to leave it in the Toys for Tots box upstairs in the Consistory by Dec 17th which is the day the Marines will come to pick it up. We ask all members of the Consistory to join with us in this drive for the holidays.

On December 1st, we will be hosting our first St. Andrew Agape dinner at 6:30 at the Consistory. You can make reservations at the main desk of the Consistory. Tickets are only \$25.00 each and is open to any Master Mason. Please state as well if you wish a beef, chicken or Vegetable dinner. We will be honoring Masons who are best representative of the 29th degree.

Also, all brother Knights are encouraged to come to our next stated meeting on Dec 3rd, as we will be discussing aspects of our upcoming Burns night event.



**Robert Burns** (25 January 1759 – 21 July 1796) (also known as **Rabbie Burns**, **Scotland's favourite son**, the **Ploughman Poet**, **Robden of Solway Firth**, the **Bard of Ayrshire** and in Scotland as **The Bard**)<sup>[1][2]</sup> was a [Scottish](#) poet and lyricist. He is widely regarded as the [national poet](#) of Scotland and is celebrated worldwide. He is the best known of the poets who have written in the [Scots language](#), although much of his writing is also in English and a light [Scots dialect](#), accessible to an audience beyond Scotland. He also wrote in standard English, and in these his political or civil commentary is often at its bluntest.

# THROUGH THE YEAR - 2012











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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*"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

### December

Sat	Dec 1	10:00AM	SR Foundation & Consistory Children's Christmas Party <b>Parking garage available</b>
Mon	Dec 3		Knights of St Andrew Stated meeting
Mon	Dec 17		Stated Meeting - <b>Parking garage available</b>
		5:30 PM	Red Room Business Meeting
		6:00 PM	Dinner
		7:00 PM	Entertainment –
		7:30 PM	Split Meeting- Annual Election of Officers
Mon	Dec 24		Consistory closed for Christmas holiday
Fri	Dec 25		Consistory closed for Christmas holiday
Mon	Dec 31		Consistory closed for New Year's holiday

### 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 - <b>Parking garage available</b>
		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](http://www.denverconsistory.org)



# 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



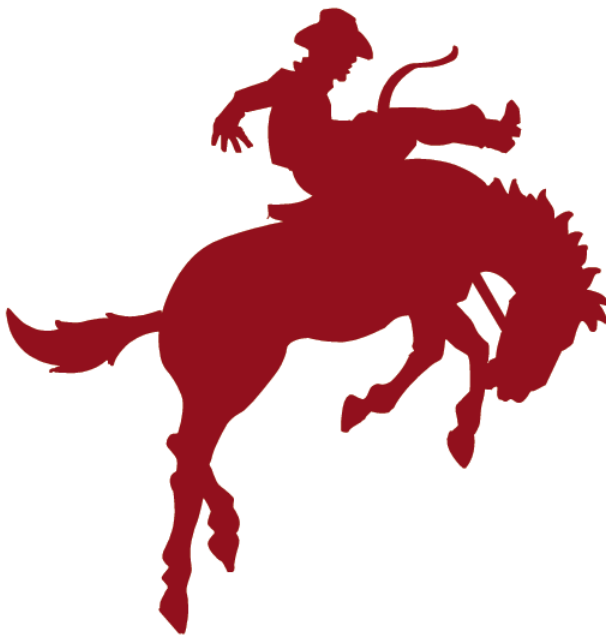
**Let's Rodeo!!**



*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**