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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 (Jack) Irvin Burns, 32° KCCH	12/2/2012
Arthur John Carlson, 33°	12/4/2012
Calvin Don Holder, 32°	11/30/2012
Gerald Bert Ingraham, 32°	12/17/2012
Brian Lasater, 32°	11/29/2012
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FEATURE ARTICLE



HAVE WE LOST SIGHT???

John Warren, 32° KCCH

The answer to the question is not simple or easy. We need to ask ourselves some serious questions. Have we lost sight of what this Fraternity is all about? What it means to be a Mason? What the Fraternity's core values are? Yeah! Some may well have lost sight.

If every Mason was asked why he wanted to be a Mason, there would be millions of different answers. Some would say there was a history of Masons in his family. Some would say they believed in the charitable aspect of Masonry and wanted to contribute and so on and so on.

In our Blue Lodges, we are taught many useful things like why we would divide a day into three equal parts, or why we would provide assistance to a Brother in need, or even why we would vow to keep a Brother's secrets. So why shouldn't there be many different definitions of charity as well?

We learn about charity throughout our journey along the road in our quest for knowledge and education. Charity is NOT just about opening your wallet for whatever group you wish to support. Charity towards our Brothers could be something as simple as listening to what he has to say.

The internet is a wonderful thing when one is searching for truth and information. Some view the internet with suspicion as I once did, but you can find out just about anything on everything, so I am learning.

One site I recently ran across had information on Co-Masonry which I suppose could be considered a clandestine Lodge, but their guiding principles sounds pretty familiar, much like what OUR Fraternity believes in, to wit: "Freemasonry is an ancient system designed to impart morality, ethics and teach mutual service to its members." The article goes on to say, "Thus, the Freemason is taught by experience to serve God, help his fellow man and

better himself. Freemasonry demands that each Freemason be tolerant to the beliefs of others no matter how different they may be."

Another article I ran across was titled: WHO ARE MASONS, AND WHAT DO THEY DO? It reiterates what is said in the above paragraph but goes on to say "...Members are obligated to practice self-control and treat people around them with respect, regardless of their own personal opinion of that person."

We've talked about charity and toleration so far, but let's get back to that question of Have we lost sight? And the answer is, in some respects, yes!

The Denver Consistory has an active, vibrant membership committee which periodically calls members just to say "Hi, how 'ya doing, what can we do for you?" They listen to what the Brother on the other end of the line has to say. They actively encourage us all to bring in petitions for the next Reunion. We constantly ask what we can do to keep our members, both new and old, coming back, to see what the Consistory has to offer them.

Have YOU helped the Committee in any way, even if it means simply listening to another Brother? Uh huh!!! I thought so. The empty chairs in the auditorium speak volumes.

IMMEDIATE JOB OPENING

Denver Consistory has an immediate opening for a resident custodian at 1370 Grant Street near downtown Denver.

Duties include daily janitorial and maintenance of our smoke-free, historic building. Semi-monthly pay plus benefits including apartment and health insurance.

Phone Claud Dutro at 303-861-4261 or 303-912-1029 (cell) for details. Scottish Rite members have preference.

So, the answer to the question of what can we do to get the Brothers to come to meetings is, in my view, a very simple one and fresh in my mind when the exact same question came up in my Home Lodge just a matter of a few weeks ago. A younger Brother, who is neither an Officer of the Lodge nor a Past Master, stood up under Good of the Order and asked why he should keep coming to Lodge meetings. "It is the same old thing, meeting after meeting" he said. He went on to say that "The Lodge opens, minutes are read, bills paid and then what? The Lodge is closed."

"What is here for me to keep coming back to? It seems as if everyone is in such a hurry to go home, that not much else is done. This Lodge only meets twice a month. Why are you in such a hurry?" To say that the Lodge was dumbstruck is putting it mildly. The Worshipful Master, always a quick thinker, initiated some new programs and guess what? The Brothers do not seem to mind staying a little later at the meetings now.

It is the same situation in our Consistory. The meetings are pretty much the same, month after month. At the 5:30 Officers' meeting, minutes are read and bills approved. Out of the ten regular meetings, about half are dedicated to the one specific thing for that month, such as Rite Care in September and so on. The rest are open for entertainment of some sort. Sounds pretty boring, doesn't it?

So, the questions asked by the Brother in my Lodge are valid for the Consistory as well. "What is here for me to keep coming back to?" You tell me.

Obviously, some entertainment is more "entertaining" than others. And, some of it runs longer than we expect. Part of our charity should be to extend simple courtesy to those scheduling and providing the entertainment, regardless.

It's a delicate juggling act to inject new and unusual activities at low or no cost while still providing that "entertainment" factor to everyone. And, bragging later about having left a meeting early because you didn't particularly like the entertainment or it took a little longer than normal doesn't fall into that category of "charity."

We have one meeting a month for ten months a year and it's difficult to fathom that so many of us are so booked up in our lives that an extra hour a month would cause such undue stress.

The Consistory Officers for 2013 have some new ideas, to include things such as a separate meeting where we can spend more than a few minutes on Masonic Education or something more meaningful for the ladies in the open part of our meetings than listening to the reports of deceased Brothers.

What happened in my Blue Lodge woke us up. Something like that could work for the Consistory as well. I would love to have that very same Brother speak to the Consistory, and yes, he is a Master of the Royal Secret. He did offer to do so, if invited.

Do you Brothers want to assist the Membership Committee in having new members and keeping our old ones coming back? Well, try a little charity and tolerance, as we have already been taught. You may well be surprised at the outcome.

I recently attended a Job's Daughter meeting and learned from the young ladies how they treat Charity and Tolerance, while enjoying their Bethel. So, you CAN do both...practicing charity while enjoying your time at the Consistory.

Adele, a popular recording artist now a-days once said, "Regrets and mistakes, they're memories made." Mistakes have been made and sometimes, complacency is rampant. To not learn from those mistakes is wrong. How about some pleasant memories?

Let's all endeavor to be part of the solution to our attendance situation, rather than contributing to the problem.

I'd rather regret the things I've done than regret the things I haven't done. Comedienne Lucile Ball (Lucy)



Between the Columns

by Michael D. Moore, 32°



A labyrinth near my house

Masonic Goals?

With the start of the new Masonic year, the line officers have been elected and appointed, the calendar has been turned to reveal what events will happen in our Consistory in the following months and one other thing is left to be done - layout our goals for the next year.

Goals??!! Yes, these somewhat abstract ideas are much needed in our Masonic lives and in our Consistory. Without goals, we wonder aimlessly or just recycle what we always have done (and get the same results).

It is an annual event for me. I sit down just before the first of the year and do some self-examining. What do I need to improve on? Is there anything I would like to do this year that would be great, but would take some planning, preparation and work? Where will this year fit in with my long term goals and what do I need to do to get there at this time? What would be cool to do or experience? So, I come up with 7-10 items that I then work on to complete. I try to be realistic, but still challenging enough that there is no guarantee that all will get done. My percentage of accomplishing them has been about 95% over the years.

In my Masonic life, I do the same thing. The list may include learning a new part of the ritual, a reading list that emphasizes a special aspect or thought, knowing I will advance in one of the different groups I belong to and wanting to do the chair or position well; challenging myself to talk to a certain number of friends about Masonry and seeing if they are interested in joining. Things like that.



Talking, thinking and planning.

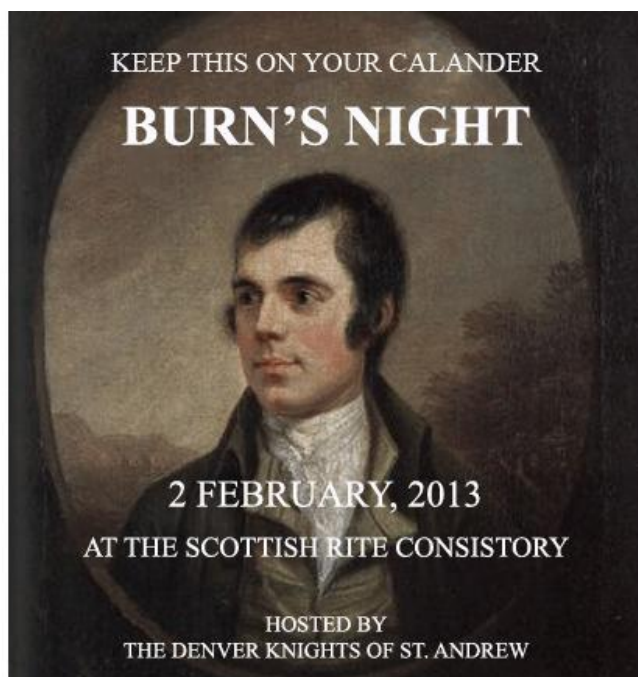
Each member and officer in our Consistory needs to do the same thing. Take time to figure out where we are, where we want to go and use these goals this year as a help to make it happen. You may want to write down one of the lessons found in a certain degree that you know you need to work on and put it in this list. It maybe that past work has showed you an imbalance in an area and that can be thought on throughout the year to bring much needed changes.

Goals are not evil. They are not lofty thoughts that cannot be accomplished; they are focused points of light in our lives that help us to proceed.

If you have never done this or find this strange – try it out. So often we just go with the flow or do what we have always done in our lives and in our Consistory and neither never changes. Setting goals is in a very small way how to change the environment around you. When you transform, it also alters all that you come in contact with.

If you take the time to go through all the Masonic dictionaries and commentaries that are found on our shelves, you will never find an entry labeled “Goals of a Mason”. But there should be. Without these, we are wandering in darkness, a ship without a rudder, looking to the future; but finding no stopping point or clear idea where to end up.

This is the time of the year to write down your own personal goals. And, if you are a line officer or on an important committee within our Consistory – do the same. It will change how you view the upcoming year, direct you on what to do. Months later you can check off all that was done, remember how it affected those directly involved and will let you know where to start the following year and where to go from there.



Just My Opinion ...

by D. J. Cox, 33°

Well, the holidays have come and gone. I've retired and everything is different. Change has a way of unsettling things and, more especially, people. Thea Alexander, author once wrote *"There are two paths you can take in life. One is seeing life as a series of problems, fears, and failures. The other is seeing life as experiences, opportunities, and adventures. It is exactly the same life. It's just that the perspective is different. You can either walk Path A or Path B. The choice is always yours."* For myself, I decided on Path B. For the Consistory, well, time will tell.

We will install new officers at the January stated meeting. That means some things will be new, but some things will remain the same. We know who will lead but the rest of the equation (e.g., what will be done, why, how, when, and where) has yet to unfold. I feel that opportunities abound and, if we have the courage and foresight, these opportunities can take us to greater heights during 2013.

BUT, as the Bard says, *there's the rub!* Everyone has to be on board and supportive. The membership has to do their part by participating and contributing their time, energies, ideas and resources. The leadership has to lay out the programs, plan their execution, advertise smartly, acquire the resources (financial and physical), encourage support and provide appropriate recognition for job(s) well done.

Hopefully, we won't let a declining membership dictate how we go about operating. We should find a way to turn around this condition. Finances cannot become a reason for failure or disappointment. We must rise above this common excuse. And, most importantly, collectively we must find a way to engage our less active members in the activities of the Consistory.

2013 is another opportunity to step out and promote the Scottish Rite! Now is the time to demonstrate the true value of membership by getting involved.

Anyway, that's my opinion!



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



The December meeting had a good turnout of members and their spouses. Following Chef Michael's dinner entree of roast pork loin, the crowd adjourned to the auditorium where the Bell Choir of El Mejdal Temple entertained us with several selections. Twenty-five year patents and pins were presented by Stephen M. Munsinger, 33°, SGIG, to Gerald A. Byassee, 32°, John V. Egan III, 33°, Terry J. Hudson, 32°, and Roy A. Snyder, 32° KCCH. (l to r in picture)



Double Eagle jewels were next presented to Doug Cline, 32°, Les Bartlett, 32°, Tom Shotts, 32°,



Bobby Juchem, 32°, Danny Will, 32°, Phil Hause, 32° KCCH, Paul Harrison, 32°, David King, 32°, and Keith Anderson, 32°



Master Craftsman completion certificates were then presented to Joseph J Castellano, 32°, David W Daley, 32°, and Earnest O West, 32°. The award presentations concluded with a completion certificate for the Master Craftsman II course being presented to Darren R. Klinefelter, 32°.



Congratulations for all the dedication and hard work that these awards represent.

The January meeting will be an important meeting for all members and their families. Following Chef Michael's dinner entree of Tuscan chicken and strawberry mousse dessert, we will hear annual reports covering our 2012 results from Centennial Lodge of Perfection and from each of our corporations in an open meeting in the auditorium. Installation of the new officer lines and introduction of the new appointees to the officer lines will conclude the evening.

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

2013 Denver Consistory Schedule

January

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 - <i>Tuscan Chicken and Strawberry Mousse</i>
		7:00 PM	Annual Meetings of Corporations and Installation of Officers
Fri	Jan 25		Consistory closed for Grand Lodge Annual Communication

February

Sat	Feb 2	6:00 PM	KSA - Robert Burns Birthday Dinner at Denver Consistory
Mon	Feb 18		Stated Meeting - Parking garage available
		5:30 PM	Red Room Business Meeting
		6:00 PM	Dinner - <i>Beef Stroganoff and Cherry Pie</i>
		7:00 PM	Entertainment (Presidents Day, Valentine Day)
		7:30 PM	Split Meeting- Almoner & Life Mem. Annual Reports to CLOP

March

Mon	Mar 18		Stated Meeting - Parking garage available
		5:30 PM	Red Room Complete Business Meeting
		6:00 PM	Dinner - <i>Corned Beef and Cabbage</i>
		7:00 PM	Awards and announcements
		7:15 PM	Celebration of Remembrance and Renewal
Sat	Mar 23	6:00 PM	Dinner -Columbine Lodge #147 Colorado Night honoring PGM's

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



GGC - January 12, 2013

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

- Coffee/Donuts at 9:30 am
- Grand Guardian Council Meeting 10-11 am
- Jobie 2 Bee's Hive Meeting 10-11 am
- Guest Speaker Mary Jane Bradbury *"Well Behaved Women Rarely Make History"* 11am



The Grand Guardian Council of Colorado is proud to present the third in a series of Seminars about real life and historical women who have made contributions to the world around them. Our desire is to help answer the question our Daughters ask of themselves "Will I achieve my Dreams" we seek to nurture self-development, education and commitment to community in our Daughters.

What did it mean to be a well behaved woman in the 19th century during those early days of social reform? Laurel Thatcher Ulrich, the author of this now famous statement about women, wrote "Well behaved women make history when they do the unexpected . . . they didn't ask to be remembered." This engaging program remembers and honors them, introducing audiences to a few of the mavericks and trailblazers who dared to do the unexpected and lead the way to new opportunities for women. Adventurers, reformers, politicians, women of science and medicine. Did I say you'd meet just a few? Alas, so many women, so little time!



A gifted storyteller, Mary Jane Bradbury draws on over 20 years as an actress, speaker, educator and author to bring history to life. She is a Chautauqua speaker for the Colorado Humanities, and an Artist in Residence and performing artist for think360, formerly Young Audiences of Colorado. Mary Jane is an interpreter/enactor for the Denver Museum of Nature and Science, and has written and produced historic events for Four Mile Historic Park in Denver. A member of the Single Action Shooting Society, her alter ego Alice Palmer enjoys spending time on the range channeling the spirit of frontier women.

Mary Jane's passion for history, acting and education merged when she created her speaking business, A View of the Past, dedicated to inspiring audiences of all ages by bringing to life compelling stories from history. She has presented her unique storytelling to schools, museums, corporations and historic venues in the Rocky Mountain west.



"Connecting listeners with ideas, encouraging their imagination and a deeper understanding of the stories being told - that is what living history can accomplish."



This Leadership Workshop is being sponsored in part by the IOJD World Youth Foundation which is supported primarily by the adult leaders of Job's Daughters throughout the world. We are proud to be a part of what we expect to be a fantastic day of fun and learning. We hope the leadership skills you gain will help you to make responsible life choices which reflect your high moral and ethical values.

Colorado Jobs Daughters



Cornerstone Widows Sons Chapter



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ON:**

JANUARY 22, 2013.

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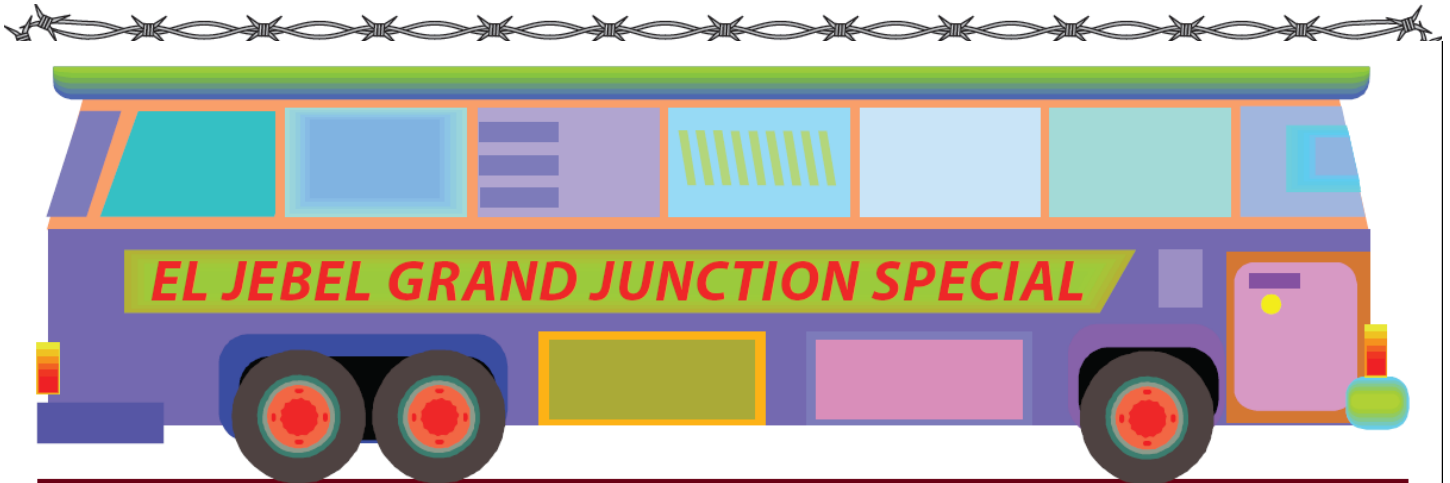
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**IF YOU ALSO KNOW A MASTER MASON WHO RIDES, FEEL FREE TO
BRING HIM ALONG, HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE.**



On the road again...

- **2013 trip to Grand Junction departing at 7am Saturday, February 2, returning Sunday, February 3.**
- **Leave El Jebel on a luxury coach to attend the installation of the WCSC officers, followed by a grand dinner and fellowship.**
- **Single \$175, Couple \$260 ♥**
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The sixteenth of February, 2013*

*Mardi Gras Masquerade Ball
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