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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

James Richard Ballard, 32°	1/3/2013
Raymond Merlin Freeman, 32°	1/10/2013
Louis Franklin Kasunic, 32°	12/26/2012
Edward Wayne Kinnison, 32°	12/26/2012
Hugh Bower Mc Hugh, 32°	2/3/2012
Carl Lincoln Rahne, 32°	12/30/2012
Leland Max Sheard, 32°	1/1/2013
Ralph L. Stadler, 32°	12/13/2012



CALENDAR

2013 Denver Consistory Schedule

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 Membership Annual Reports to CLOP

March

Mon	Mar 18		Stated Meeting - Parking garage available
		5:30 PM	Red Room Business Meeting
		6:00 PM	Dinner (<i>Corned Beef & Cabbage, Chocolate chip mint ice cream w/cookie</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 PGMs

April

Sat	Apr 13	7:00 AM	9Health Fair - Parking garage available (Fair closes at noon)
Mon	Apr 15		Stated Meeting - Parking garage available
		5:30 PM	Red Room Business Meeting
		6:00 PM	Dinner (<i>Lasagna and Tiramisu</i>)
		7:00 PM	Past Presiding Officers Recognition
		7:30 PM	Split meeting-5 minute Oration by Orator of CLOP
Sat	Apr 27	11:30 AM	Ladies Luncheon - Parking garage available

May

Wed-Sat	May 8-11		Spring Reunion (42 nd Consecutive)
Mon	May 20		Stated Meeting - Parking garage available
		5:30 PM	Red Room Business Meeting
		6:00 PM	Dinner (<i>Pork Chops and Cheesecake w/fresh fruit</i>)
		7:00 PM	Entertainment
		7:30 PM	Split meeting-5 minute Oration by Orator of RMCRC
Mon	May 2		Denver Consistory closed for Memorial Day holiday

June

Mon	Jun 17		Stated Meeting - Parking garage available
		5:30 PM	Red Room Business Meeting
		6:00 PM	Dinner (<i>Barbequed Salmon and Strawberry Shortcake</i>)
		7:00 PM	Entertainment
		7:30 PM	Split meeting-5 minute Oration by Orator of CCK

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

FEATURE ARTICLE



LEADERSHIP – A Necessary Quality

by Bill Hickey, 32° KCCH

How many of you have actually considered WHAT a “leader” really is? A few years ago, our late Brother Randy Trullinger, 32° KCCH and I put together a two hour presentation. It was for a Job’s Daughters Supreme Leadership Retreat in Alexandria VA to a standing room only and enthusiastic crowd of adults and daughter dignitaries from around the US and Canada.

Let’s start by how you define a “leader.” Turns out, if you ask most people, they’ll tell you it’s someone who “leads” (this is called a circular definition – because you use the root of the word to define the word). It’s not very satisfactory.

If you look around, you’ll find that Dr. Henry Kissinger, the National Security Advisor in the Nixon Administration once defined it as: *“An individual who created an alchemy of vision that moved people from where they were to places that they have never been before.”*

Now, really, that’s a pretty convoluted way of describing a leader. Coley Dize, a leadership professional described it a bit more simply: *“A leader is someone you CHOOSE to follow to a place you will not go by yourself.”*

General Colin Powell said: *“Leadership is the art of accomplishing more than the science of management says is possible.”*

We typically use the words “leader” and “manager” interchangeably – and they aren’t. ANY organization worth its salt must have BOTH a leader and a manager. Leaders deal with PEOPLE – motivating them, having vision, and goals. Managers deal with THINGS – schedules, budgets, requirements, rules, regulations, etc. They bring to the table similar skills, but they apply them differently. When you see any well-run organization, the leader may or may not

be the person in charge - but make no mistake about it, if the “leader” isn’t in charge, there’s a “leader” in the organization SOMEWHERE that is making a huge difference.

Let’s cut to the chase on the difference between leadership and management:

- Managers do things right (they follow rules, procedures).
- Leaders do the right thing (they follow vision to the goal).

See the difference?

It is rare indeed for one person to have the qualities of an excellent manager AND an excellent leader. They may be “acceptable” in the opposing role, but rarely will they excel in both roles, which is why we say that you need BOTH skill sets to run an effective organization that succeeds.

FACTS:

1. Less than 50% of all followers TRUST their leaders. This is across ALL sectors – political, religious, corporate, social organizations.
2. People quit PEOPLE before they quit organizations. ***Think about that!***
3. Reasons for many management decisions are not well understood. Not understanding the reasons behind decisions is a symptom of the “mahogany row” mentality – them vs. us. “Management” needs to get in touch with the rest of the world ...

Managers AND Leaders are not born, babies are born, and they’re NOT leaders or managers. Leaders and managers are TRAINED to do what they do.

To be an EFFECTIVE manager requires the kind of training needed to control and calm the mind to think clearly in chaotic situations. It’s not that managers aren’t important – it’s just that we have a LOT of them compared to relatively few “leaders”.

Ask yourself:

WHY would you CHOOSE to follow someone you don't trust?

WHY would you CHOOSE to follow someone that didn't CARE about you?

If you don't choose to follow them, then they are not leading YOU, are they? There is NO SUCH THING as a leader who is the LONE RANGER !!!

LEADERSHIP IS NOT –

An Impressive Title
or
An Assigned Position

To lead yourself, use your head. To lead others, use your HEART.

Connect with people ONE AT A TIME as individuals. People don't care how much you know until they know how much you CARE. You can't move people into action unless you first move them with emotion.

And, to finish up this little tome on “leadership” – a few quotations from some pretty respected folks:

“The young man knows the rules, but the old man knows the exceptions.”

Oliver Wendell Holmes

“There are two rules for success:

1. *Never tell everything you know.*

Roger H. Lincoln (think about it)

“Hell, there are no rules here. We're trying to accomplish something.”

Thomas Alva Edison

“Don't you know it's easier to get forgiveness than it is to get permission?”

The Late RADM Grace Hopper
(with her famous “nanoseconds”)

COMMUNICATION

Leadership includes planning and communication. We need to begin informing the membership of upcoming events with more lead time. Please include communication timing in your planning processes. The editorial staff recommends 2-4 months lead time for notifications.

Leadership Through Discussion

by Edward Rund, Chairman
Committee on Masonic Education
Grand Lodge of Illinois

I believe many Masons across America struggle with the essential issue of Masonic purpose, i.e., personal growth/improvement oriented versus fellowship and socializing. Our tenets do not help in that they stress growth (search for truth), brotherly love (fellowship), and charity. Younger men seem to be coming to Masonry to find out what it's all about. What makes it so special? Many seem to feel “it's not all that much.” And then they drift away without ever struggling to acquire that for which they were searching. If you are like me, it's frustrating to go through all the efforts to screen and bring new members through the Degrees and then fail to find the activities which will keep their interest, build a bond, and secure commitment.

Characteristics indicating a serious commitment to the essentials of Freemasonry:

- Learning the catechisms and nervously, but proudly being tested before others.
- Responding to educational opportunities: short talks, reading, study groups, asking questions.
- Observing the way more seasoned Masons act, learning the principles of Masonic philosophy and working to apply them in everyday life.
- Participating in investigations, degree work, lodge events and becoming an officer.
- Sharing Freemasonry with others and encouraging good prospects to join.

Characteristics suggesting the “booster injection” of the Degrees didn't take:

- New member is active for a while, seems enthused, but soon begins to drift away; then has sparse attendance and little, if any, contact.
- Not adopting the precepts or making a serious effort to learn the catechism. “I don't have time.” “I tried but I can't learn this stuff.”

- Making choices based upon a too small sampling of experience as a Mason. “It’s just not for me.” “What’s the purpose or what’s in it for me?” “The meetings are a waste of time.”

Why Masonry needs committed members more than ever:

- Strictly social and “short time” active members are not allowing Masonry to achieve its mission.
- An “uneducated” Mason is unable to reflect to the community what a Mason should be.
- Masonic lodges require persistent energy and commitment from its members to function and leaders to keep the lodge on track, healthy, and growing.
- A lodge needs enthusiastic members working to introduce Masonry to friends and colleagues, encouraging them to join.
- Masonry should be a beacon in their lives, by struggling to learn, grow and strengthen their character.

Considering these factors, is there a place for the active, but strictly social Mason, or for members who just pay dues? Yes there is; but in what proportion to the whole. If Freemasonry becomes just a social club (with service opportunities) how does it, and should it stand differently than the Moose, Elk, Rotary, Lions, or Kiwanis? Yet, doesn’t 300 years of history suggest Masonry is different, although not better or more necessary, than these organizations? If we are going to remain true and committed to the core values, principles and procedures of Freemasonry, we must stop cutting corners, requirements, and expectations as well as continuing to make excuses. Yes, Masonry needs to adjust its peripheral aspects to align with cultural and social changes, but let’s not give the house away. It’s a complex set of issues and needs. It requires vision, persistence, and high quality leadership to hold onto Freemasonry’s core philosophy and purpose while adapting to the needs of members who have a broad range in age, education and interests. A balance of purposes is the key.

Let the dialogue begin!



HOW MUCH IS TOO MUCH?

John Warren, 32° KCCH

Many of us spend a lot of time every month in our varied Masonic activities, whether it be in our Blue Lodge, Consistory, York Rite, Shrine, etc... This is time away from home or other non-Masonic events. We know that time spent with family and friends anchor us physically as well as spiritually.

We also know that our time spent in Masonic pursuits can be equally as rewarding. We know that each of us, as individuals, brings our own unique history and perspective to Masonry that should be shared with our Brothers.

For some, Masonry has become a way of life that manifests itself in our daily contacts with people, and not just fellow Masons. For some, balancing Masonic activities with our other obligations can be a delicate balancing act.

So, it begs the questions: Why do we do it and when does our Masonic activities become too much? There are no easy answers here and there are as many reasons as there are Masons.

Sometimes, longevity is part of the answer, sometimes not! Some Masons have 50 or more years in the Fraternity. Some Masons are middle-of-the-roaders with 20 plus years in the Fraternity. Some Masons are in their teens. All of these men have something to offer the Fraternity.

Then come the Masons with but a couple of years or even months in the Fraternity, ready to roll up their sleeves and get to work in the quarries. These are men who often breathe new life into the Fraternity, who come up with new and fresh ideas.

Some Masons try to be all things in several Masonic bodies at the same time, consuming lots of

time away from home. This may work for some but not so much for others.

During all this activity, it is natural to develop a certain amount of expertise in some things and along with this, comes a willingness or obligation to help other Brother Masons in need. Does any of this sound familiar?

Humorist Sam Levenson once said: *“As you grow older, you will discover that you have two hands, one for helping yourself, the other for helping others.”* Hmmmmmm!

This discussion came about some weeks ago when a small group of Mason’s were discussing leadership roles in Denver Consistory and how having younger and newer Brothers serve in these roles’ could help the Consistory. One of the group commented that because Denver Consistory is the largest of the three in Colorado, then perhaps we should set an example of how this theory could work for all.

Another group member commented that based on first hand observation, the other Consistories were already doing that and it appeared to be working well for them. Southern Colorado and Grand Junction may be small in numbers, but they have the same dedication to the Craft and the same fire in their bellies as Denver does.

This group discussion highlighted some friendly differences of opinion. While one believed that the larger numbers should set the example, another felt equally as strong that if you are in a position to help the others, then by all means do so.

And so I have and will continue to do so with no expectation of anything other than a thank you. Do I feel as if I’m being taken advantage of as one group member suggested? Hell no! I do, however, get a warm glow when I can and do help.

Sometimes, a thank you letter is written but not made a matter of record in Denver Consistory and that is OK. Many Denver Consistory members routinely help when needed with no expectations of anything other than knowing they have helped other

Brothers, as our varied obligations instruct us to do. Some may well seek the recognition. I consider myself to be in the first group.

A personal crisis a couple of years ago taught me that I could not be all things to all Masonic groups, so I did cut back on some Masonic activities or groups, but NOT in what is important to me...helping other Brothers when they ask.

For THIS Mason, the Why I do it is the opportunity to help others. The *How Much is too much* for THIS Mason was decided the two years ago mentioned above. Each of you know the “Why” of all this and also each must decide the “How much” for yourselves.

Zadie Smith once said: *“The world does not deliver meaning to you. You have to make it meaningful...and decide what you want and need and must do.”*

We cannot look back at how things were done. We must continually look to the future, using all the assets at our command, including involving the newer Brothers in formulating new policy and procedures. Hillary Clinton said it best when she commented that: “Every moment wasted looking back keeps us from moving forward.”

There are some religions that consider pride a sin. If so, then I AM a sinner who is willing to pay the price because I am proud of what I do. Margaret Fuller once commented: *“If you have knowledge, let others light their candles in it.”*

In a support group I attend regularly, we talk a lot about life not always being perfect, but if you can say that you are content with your life, then you honestly cannot ask for more. I am content.

BROTHERS UNITE

By Bro. Uwe Riches

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United we meet,
United we labour,
United our quest

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Together we stand,
With outstretched hands,
Unity our call

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hand, its positions and the shape the fingers are in, are special, historical and informative.

Albert Mackey teaches us that the hand in Freemasonry holds a high place, used in ancient religions and is a way “to tell a brother in the dark as well as in the light.” It is an important tool when holding and using our working tools, and when pointed symbolically or physically to heaven, is a symbol of Deity. The hands can also be seen as two of the four basic elements: Air and Fire. You will note various ways of bending the fingers into a shape (this usually found as a benediction by extending the first one or two fingers and the thumb upwards, with

Between the Columns

by Michael D. Moore, 32°



the rest of the fingers pressed against the palm) in religious icons and pictures.

Between the Hand and the Heart

As Masons and leaders, we understand the importance of our hands and what we do with them. Our signs, the Grand and public honors and the batteries of the various degrees are all done with them. For those who have been a Worshipful Master of a Blue Lodge, it is the hand that holds the gavel, their symbol of authority. Yet, so often these bodily appendages are taken for granted. At least until we hurt, cut or maim them. This should not be, for the

This is just the start with the connection with our hands. The symbolism extends much further than that and should include how it directly connects with our heart and soul. Our hands make connections, from ourselves to others. We have seen this being done by sound made by the hands, with batteries and use of the gavel; other times it is done more deeply when it is silent. Like when we shake hands, touch a candidate or express love with them.

Never underestimate your hands. We learn to read by pointing with our fingers to words, phrases and follow lines of text. We use both of them at the same time to represent the axiom “as above, so below” and

they show who we are, what we do for a living and a little of our soul.

As with any form of leadership, it is important to know and understand these things. It may seem small; but it is one way that you give leadership – with what your hands are doing and how they are used. Clasped hands can mean a pledge, a welcome or be a sign of fidelity. Having a deformed hand or some injury that made it unusable in times past disqualified you from receiving any of the degrees. The hands are also used in one of the last lessons taught to a new Master Mason – the five points of fellowship.

Truly, the hand connects with the heart. And when we present it, for direction or motivation, as part of a blessing or touch another human being; a part of us goes out. So, as I get older, I tend to be more cautious when shaking hands, touching others and showing signs with them.

Take time to look at your hands. They will tell a lot about you, where you have been and what is in your heart.

The very essence of leadership is that you have to have a vision. It's got to be a vision you articulate clearly and forcefully on every occasion. You can't blow an uncertain trumpet.

Theodore Hesburgh, clergyman & educator

Past Master's Degree

Gold County Actual Past Master's Association

Georgetown Lodge # 12, Georgetown Colorado

Worshipful Brothers,

The Worshipful Master for the Gold County Actual Past Master's Association, W.:B.: Michael Tims, invites any Worshipful Master or Past Master wishing to receive the Actual Past Master's Degree to come to Georgetown Lodge #12 February 16, 2013. Even if you have already received the Degree, please feel free to come up and spend time with your brothers. Great food and great company equals great fun.

Dinner at 1800 hours [6:00 PM] with a \$10.00 suggested donation and the Actual Past Master's Degree follows at 1900 hours [7:00 PM]. Please note that the Gold County Actual Past Master's Association has no dues or fees, but we do sometimes pass the hat for donations.

Please direct your questions to W.:B.:Michael Tims (miketims@me.com) as I will be unable to attend due to my tenth wedding anniversary and not being able to get a kitchen pass out.

Fraternally,

W.:B.:Ashley S. Buss
Secretary

Denver Consistory Masonic Education Series

Alchemy and Freemasonry

March 4, 2013 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM

The "Blue Lodge" Craft Degrees of Freemasonry were largely developed by people who were studying alchemy and incorporating these ideas into the degrees. There is no way that a Mason can fully understand the first three degrees without having a general understanding of the alchemical symbolism included in them. These ideas also made their way into the Scottish Rite degrees as Albert Pike thought alchemy was one of the keys to understanding Freemasonry. Timothy Hogan will explore these connections in this special speaking event brought to you by the Denver Consistory.

This presentation will be open to the public.



From the Secretary's Desk

by Claud E. Dutro, 33°, Secretary

Annual Corporation Meetings were held at the January stated meeting for SRP (owns the land and manages the ground lease of the retail/residential complex), SRCA (owns the land and manages the historical and spline buildings), SRMC (raises tax deductible funds used to maintain the historic building) and Centennial Lodge of Perfection (manages the business affairs of all Scottish Rite organizations in Denver). From the reports, we learned that all organizations were operating within budget and that the Consistory experienced financial growth during 2012.



New Leaders Were Installed

at the January stated meeting. The new presiding officers (left to right) are: Roy A. Snyder, 32°

KCCH, Wise Master of Rocky Mountain Chapter of Rose Croix, L. Bryant Harris, 32° KCCH, Venerable Master of Centennial Lodge of Perfection, Charles F. Fraley, 32° KCCH, Commander of Colorado Council of Kadosh, and Alexander J. McIntosh, 32° KCCH, Master of Kadosh of Denver Consistory. Appreciation plaques were presented to the retiring presiding officers.



New Officers were appointed. Again,

left to right, they are Danny D. Will, 32°, Centennial Lodge, Keith M. Anderson, 32°, Denver Consistory, Paul R.



Harrison, 32°, Centennial Lodge, Darren R. Klinefelter, 32°, Colorado Council, and Richard M. Wenzel, 32°, Rocky Mountain Chapter of Rose Croix. Robert W. Gregory, 33° (not pictured), replaced the retiring Jerry L. Fenimore, 33°, on the Executive Committee.

Our Member, Dana A. Speaks, 33°,

was installed as the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Colorado at the 152nd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge held in Colorado Springs at the end of January. You might recognize him from his portrayal of the Expert role in the 20th degree at our last reunion. Speaking of reunions, our next one will be held May 9-11. Now would be a good time to talk to your Masonic brothers about becoming Princes of the Royal Secret. El Jebel Shrine will be presenting the free public program for the reunion on Friday evening, May 10 at Denver Consistory.



Our Next Stated Meeting will be on

February 18. Bring your valentine to enjoy beef stroganoff and celebrate Presidents' Day with cherry pie. Following entertainment, the members will receive the annual reports from the Almoner and Life Membership/Memorial Trustee in the tiled meeting.



Quality of Light

by L. Bryant Harris, 32° KCCH
Venerable Master
Centennial Lodge of Perfection

My wife and I received a great gift from our parents this year for Christmas. We got tickets and a night out to see the Van Gogh exhibit. Walking from work to work, from drawings done in the beginning of his brief years of productivity to the final paintings was inspiring. I'm not necessarily a fan of Van Gogh's most famous pieces, but every one was unique and each has a different flavor, a different light.

The focus of the exhibit was Van Gogh's artistic progress, not his personal life, the influence of others on his work or his influence on others, but his personal journey, to "Becoming Van Gogh." Light played a key part of his journey and his learning experience, just as it is a part of our lives as Masons.

Each season in our lives is illuminated by new light. Our growth is defined by the shifting of our perspectives and the rays of enlightenment we share with others. We are our own works of art. Just as we are fitted as stones for the temple, we are meant to adorn it's halls, as art fitted for the exaltation of the beauty of creation. In the most humble of sketches, the roughest of stones, there is beauty.

"In every block of marble I see a statue as plain as though it stood before me, shaped and perfect in attitude and action. I have only to hew away the rough walls that imprison the lovely apparition to reveal it to the other eyes as mine see it." – Michelangelo

It is my hope that this year, we will each take time to seek out the light in others. Allow it to enlighten our minds and illuminate the great truths that speak to our hearts and souls. Each man among us is a masterpiece in the making.

Even the shortest of seasons provides time to become better men. We make each other better men. We cannot do it alone. Reach out to someone you think you know and get to know them even better. Introduce yourself to a man you've never met and bring to light and life the gift of brotherhood.



WE NEED MORE RUBBER BANDS

*With permission from
the Valley of Tucson Arizona*

A lot of us are like wheelbarrows, not much good unless pushed. Some of us are like canoes, we need to be paddles. Others of us are like kites, if not kept on a string, we fly away. Some of us are like balloons, filled with hot air and ready to blow at any minute. Then there are those of us who are like footballs, you never know which way we'll bounce. Some are even like trailers, we need to be pulled to every meeting, every project. Many of us are like neon lights, we keep going on and off. Others of us are like rubber bands, we give all we can, stretch our time accordingly, hold things together, and bounce back to help even more.

WE NEED MORE RUBBER BANDS

We can find more rubber bands in the membership of the Craft. You can all be rubber bands. You can stretch your time and help out in your fraternity, even volunteering for one small task will help tremendously.

Just think about all the different things a rubber band can do and all the different sizes and colors they come in. We all have unique talents and abilities we can share.

VOLUNTEER!

SHARE YOUR TALENTS!!

BE A RUBBER BAND!!!

IF

by Brother Rudyard Kipling

If you can keep your head when all about you
Are losing theirs and blaming it on you;
If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you,
But make allowance for their doubting too;
If you can wait and not be tired by waiting,
Or, being lied about, don't deal in lies,
Or, being hated, don't give way to hating,
And yet don't look too good, nor talk too wise;

If you can dream - and not make dreams your master;
If you can think - and not make thoughts your aim;
If you can meet with triumph and disaster
And treat those two imposters just the same;
If you can bear to hear the truth you've spoken
Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools,
Or watch the things you gave your life to broken,
And stoop and build 'em up with worn out tools;

If you can make one heap of all your winnings
And risk it on one turn of pitch-and-toss,
And lose, and start again at your beginnings
And never breath a word about your loss;
If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew
To serve your turn long after they are gone,
And so hold on when there is nothing in you
Except the Will which says to them: "Hold on !";

If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue,
Or walk with kings - nor lose the common touch;
If neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you;
If all men count with you, but none too much;
If you can fill the unforgiving minute
With sixty seconds' worth of distance run -
Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it,
And - which is more - you'll be a Man my son!

Masonic Sermon

(Inscription on a large medal struck in December, 1838 in response to an interdict against the Masonic Order by the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Mechlin. Around the border is inscribed a Latin phrase meaning "Masonry will Live, God wills it. Grand Orient of Belgium, 5838")

Masonic conduct is to adore the Grand Architect of the Universe:

Love thy neighbor: Do no evil: Do good: Suffer man to speak:

The worship most acceptable to the Grand Architect of

the Universe consists of good morals and the practice of all the virtues:

Do good for the love of goodness itself alone:

Ever keep thy soul in a state so pure as to appear worthily before the presence of the Grand Architect, who is God:

Love the good, succor the weak, fly from the wicked, but hate no one:

Speak seriously with the great, and prudently with thy equals, sincerely with thy friends, pleasantly with the little ones, and tenderly with the poor:

Do not flatter thy Brother, that is treason:

If thy Brother flatter thee, beware that he doth not corrupt thee:

Listen always to the voice of conscience:

Be a father to the poor: Each sigh drawn from them by thy hard-heartedness will increase the number of maledictions which will fall upon thy head:

Respect the stranger on his journey and assist him, for his person is sacred to thee:

Avoid quarrels and forestall insults:

Ever keep the right on thy side:

Respect Woman, never abuse her weakness: Die rather than dishonor her:

If the Grand Architect hath given thee a son, be thankful, but tremble at the trust He hath confided to thee: Be to that child the image of Divinity: Until he is ten years old let him fear thee: Until he is twenty let him love thee and until death let him respect thee: Until he is ten years old, be his master, Until twenty his father and until death his friend: Aim to give him good principles rather than elegant manners, that he may have enlightened rectitude, and not a frivolous elegance: Make of him a honest man rather than a man of dress:

If thou blushes at thy condition it is pride: Consider that it is not the position which honors or degrades thee, but the manner in which thou dost fill it:

Read and profit, see and imitate, reflect and labor:

Do all for the benefit of thy Brethren, that is working for thyself:

Be content in all places, at all times, and with all things:

Rejoice in justice, despise iniquity, suffer without murmuring:

Judge not lightly the conduct of men, blame little, and praise still less:

It is for the Grand Architect of the Universe who searches the heart to value His work:



Helping Others Help Themselves

by Bill Hickey, 32° KCCH

This will be a relatively short column. Basically, I want to let everyone know that we will be using the advanced registration (via internet) that 9HealthFair has offered in other locations for a few years now. This means people who use this capability will register for our fair in advance, pay in advance, and come to the fair with a receipt and basically go to the “head of the line” and not have to stop by the registration desk. There are a few minor things we have to address to accommodate that capability, but we have that ability to offer this convenience to the participants at our fair.

Also, if you are a medically trained individual – or you know someone who is and who might be interested in helping us at our fair – PLEASE get them in contact with me so I can see if we can productively use their talents. Obviously, we always need phlebotomists (blood draw), but we also have spots for nurses, doctors, chiropractors, optometrists / ophthalmologists, Nurse Practitioners / Physician Assistants and pharmacists (particularly could use a pharmacist or two).

REMEMBER – we need to know your intentions – early on – so we can PLAN effectively and make sure we have all our needs covered.

If you walk up to me, Fred, or Jack – and just say you’re going to volunteer, MAKE SURE WE WRITE IT DOWN. Memory, being the SECOND thing to go as we all get older ... and I forgot what the first was.

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Just My Opinion ...

by D. J. Cox, 33°

I recently watched a movie called “Forever Strong”. It was the story of a Rugby coach, his philosophy and the impacts that philosophy had upon the boys under his direction. As movies go, it is probably a grade “B” movie, but the message was Grade “A” all the way!

It did not hurt that his values mirror those of Masonry --- supreme being, honesty, service, brotherhood, *and* being the best you can be on and off the field.

This coach taught the boys everything by living those traits in all they did. That’s what leadership is! That’s what leadership is *supposed* to be!

Bill Hickey gives us his perspective on leadership earlier in this publication. You may or may not agree with him, or me for that matter, but good leadership is vital to masonry. Our very future depends on it.

BUT, leadership, as critical as it is, is only part of the equation. As masons we are taught that some must lead and others must follow. Notice the wording there --- must follow. It’s not a choice; it’s a responsibility.

Sometimes we do not agree with where we are being led; sometimes we do. It is easy to criticize; more difficult to obey. That is just the way it is in this life. We rarely have all the information behind the actions we are asked to participate in. Often there is more involved than just going to an event, meeting or service commitment. Sometimes we just never know.

Now that doesn’t mean we should just blindly follow where our leaders are taking us. We are still responsible for our actions. Take the time to ask constructive questions. You may highlight something not considered by our leaders. After all, there are times when they have to follow also. Forever strong! That’s what masonry is all about.

Anyway, that’s my opinion!

Meet your Brothers

By Jack White, 32° KCCH



Worshipful Brother Aaron Jon Klostermeyer is a Past Master of Paul Revere # 130. Aaron became a



mason in August, 2006 and recently joined the Denver Consistory.

Aaron enjoys practicing Masonry, especially Blue Lodge ritual. He is active in the Denver Consistory as he is an actor in several degrees, directs a degree, sings in the Consistory Choir and reads/discusses the craft with his brethren.

Aaron and his wife Changmi have no children at this time. He is a civil servant with the state of Colorado and has been doing this for about 7 1/2 years.

He enjoys reading and is studying other languages, in particular, Korean, Japanese, and German. He states that he juggles and as you can see, that is true. He enjoys talking to his brethren and family, especially with a beer or a couple of fingers of decent whiskey!

Aaron's ambitions are few, but very important. He hopes to write a book or two and hopefully work in publishing. He hopes to live a life where he positively influences those around him and that he may live respected and die regretted.

Aaron, I have no doubt that with persistence and support, you will accomplish all of your goals.



Deverne (Doc) Clifford Lehman, 32° KCCH has been a mason since January 1976 and is past Master of Berkley Lodge # 134. Doc joined the Scottish Rite in 1979 and is an active member in the costume committee and

a cast member in the 31st degree. Doc is also the only living Charter member of the Medical Staff of El Jebel. He is also busy with the York Rite. Doc's family is steeped in Masonic history as his father was a 66 year mason and lived by Masonic principles all his life. His Grandfather and Uncles were also masons.

He is married to Judith and between them they have 7 children and 18 grandchildren. Doc became a Doctor of Chiropractic in 1961 and is still active in his practice. He takes twice as many courses than are required yearly to maintain his license. He also teaches advanced techniques in his profession.

Doc enjoys reading and traveling and learning about world history, religions and Masonic history.

Brother Deverne joined the Colorado Air National Guard in 1960 and served on active duty during the Pueblo Incident. He retired from the ANG is 1980.



Illustrious Brother James L. Smith, 33°, has been a Mason for 25 years and is a Past Master of Henry M. Teller Lodge #144 (1994). Jim has been a member of several lodges over his Masonic career. He is now

affiliated with Longs Peak #197 in Campion, CO and is serving as Senior Steward.

WB Jim works in the Costume Committee during the reunions. Jim moved to Grand Junction in 2001 and was the personal representative for the SGIG in Grand Junction. Before Jim moved west, he was the Director for El Jebel for 4 years.

Jim is a 3rd generation Colorado native. He and Carole returned to the Denver area in 2012 and reside now in Loveland, CO. Jim is a veteran with the Army National Guard and is busy in Youth activities including Sports and Boy Scouts.

Jim and his wife Carole have 3 Children, Patrick, Jeffrey and Kimberly, all of whom are married. They have 7 grandchildren. Jim retired from Western Electric after 35 1/2 years as a Customer Service rep for Mountain Bell.

Jim's hobbies are shooting, reloading, spending time with his family and traveling. Jim relaxes with his Masonic work and other activities. His goals are to stay healthy and enjoy retirement.

Jim, I am so glad you came back from Grand Junction. Thanks.

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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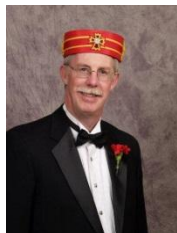


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*"Human progress is our cause,
liberty of thought our supreme wish,
freedom of conscience our mission,
and the guarantee of equal rights to
all people everywhere our ultimate
goal."*



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Can you save a Life?



WE NEED YOUR HELP

Brother Fred Runyan, 32° KCCH is an EMT and CPR, AED, and Basic First Aid Instructor. He is offering to teach courses at the Consistory to qualify our members (or anyone else for that matter) in how to properly use an AED (Automatic External Defibrillator), certify you for CPR (Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation) and optionally offer a basic first aid course.

HOWEVER ... we need to understand YOUR interest and availability. The CPR/AED course is about 1.5-2 hours and will normally be offered on a weekday evening. The complete CPR/AED/First Aid course is about 5-6 hours long with a lunch break and will be held on Saturdays. If you are not available during the week, you can opt to take only the AED/CPR portion on a Saturday offering if desired. Cost for the AED/CPR course is \$18 and the full course including First Aid is \$25 for books and materials. Any profits go to the consistory

SO... Please contact Brother Fred at fred.runyan@kiewit.com or Brother Bill Hickey at wa3h@hotmail.com with your interest and availability so we can start planning for courses to be offered starting sometime in April.



WE WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO OUR MONTHLY MEETING ON:

FEBRUARY 16, 2013.

RED AND JERRY'S

COLORADO ROOM

1840 WEST OXFORD AVE.

SHERIDAN, COLORADO 80110

10 AM FOR BRUNCH, MEETING TO FOLLOW

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

CORNERSTONE CHAPTER



*You are cordially invited to the
2013 El Jebel Potentate's Ball
The sixteenth of February, 2013*

*Mardi Gras Masquerade Ball
Dinner and Dancing*

*\$85 per couple
\$42.50 single*

*Illustrious Sir Matt Raia and Lady Debbie
Social at 6pm, Introductions and dinner at 7pm
Reservations to El Jebel Office ~ 303 455-3470*

*Music by the El Jebel True Blue Band
The favor of a reply is requested by February 7*