

# Rite Works

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- East Denver is hosting Rex Hutchens for a special evening Weds. 9/11 at 6:30pm for him to discuss the Mysteries of the 3rd degree (MM's only). Dinner (cost by donation) after presentation. Reservations through office required.
- Rose Croix line will do a tribute/memorial for veterans and first responders on Friday, November 8th, 7pm as the Friday evening event during the Reunion. Dinner reservations are required (\$15).
- Fall Reunion Nov 6-9. 32<sup>nd</sup> Degree will be exemplified at the Stated meeting on November 18<sup>th</sup>. Let's get those petitions in soon!

## 2013 Denver Consistory Schedule

### September

Mon Sep 16	Stated Meeting - <b>Parking garage available</b>
5:30 PM	Red Room Business Meeting
6:00 PM	Dinner ( <i>London Broil</i> )
7:00 PM	Entertainment

### October

Mon Oct 21	Stated Meeting - <b>Parking garage available</b>
5:30 PM	Red Room Business Meeting
6:00 PM	Dinner ( <i>Beef Tips and Noodles</i> )
7:00 PM	Entertainment

### November

Wed-Sat Nov 6-9	Fall Reunion (43 <sup>rd</sup> Consecutive) <b>Parking garage available</b>
Fri Nov 8	Veteran/First Responder Tribute
Mon Nov 18	Stated Meeting - <b>Parking garage available</b>
5:30 PM	Red Room Business Meeting
6:00 PM	Dinner ( <i>Turkey and all the trimmings</i> )
7:00 PM	Exemplify 32°

### December

Mon Dec 16	Stated Meeting - <b>Parking garage available</b>
5:30 PM	Red Room Business Meeting
6:00 PM	Dinner ( <i>Ham and Scalloped Potatoes</i> )
7:00 PM	Entertainment

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

And, a little humor courtesy of Ill Bro. Jim Smith

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***A police recruit was asked during the exam, 'What would you do if you had to arrest your own mother?'***

***He answered, 'Call for backup.'***

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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~*

*"Father, in thy Gracious Keeping  
Leave We Now Thy Servant Sleeping"*

BROTHER

CALLED HOME

Denver Truman Black, 32°	8/11/2011
Ira Daniel Cornelius, 32°	7/19/2013
Edward Lee Cox, 32°	8/9/2013
Robert Siegel Dozier, 32°	7/31/2013
Jack Wendell Gregg, 32°	7/28/2013
Nimrod Johnson, 32°	8/5/2013
Frank Samuel MacDonald, 32°	12/5/2012
George Allen Rudduck, 32°	8/8/2013
Guy Frank Tabor, 32°	6/5/2013
Dwight Alonzo Thomason, 32°	8/20/2013
Robert Darlow Thompson, 32°	8/8/2013
John Alvin Williams, 32°	8/23/2013

Rose Croix Services:  
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# FEATURE ARTICLE



## CAN YOU EVER HAVE TOO MUCH?

by John Warren, 33° Elect

Too much what, you ask? In this context, we are referring to Masonic Education.

William Blake said: *“You never know what enough is until you know what is more than enough.”*

What does the phrase Masonic Education mean to you? When does it begin? How long does it last? Good questions all, but certainly not easy to answer.

My only knowledge of the Fraternity was just some relatives were Masons. I officially began my quest for Masonic knowledge the night I was initiated an Entered Apprentice. The Brother who soon became my mentor instructed me that night to visit a local bookstore the next day and get that book that is forbidden to be used in Lodge and that he would teach me how to read it. Good thing, too!

I did not understand then why it couldn't be used in Lodge, but, that is how I learned my proficiencies.

Proficiencies are but one part of the Masonic educational process. Throughout my years as a Mason, I have been exposed to two very different forms of Masonic Education, the formal and the informal.

The formal is more the teaching and learning of what is already written about Masonry, such as the 47<sup>th</sup> Problem of Euclid and so on.

The informal is more the un-planned, un-scheduled incidents that occur. An early example of this happened one Lodge night shortly after I became a Mason. Prior to opening, the Senior Deacon thought I had removed the ribbons from the Bible and was upset. At the time, I didn't even know what they were for. I did not do that and another Brother later 'fessed up, but I learned from the incident.

That Senior Deacon today is a Brother whom I admire and consider a good friend.

This same pattern of formal and informal Masonic education continues to this day, no matter what Masonic group I belong to. I would hazard a guess here that this is much the same for most of you. Some of these moments are serious and some light-hearted, but I have learned from all of them.

A slogan from the Scripps-Howard Corporation goes like this: “Give light and the people will find their own way.” Isn't this what we are really supposed to be doing? Give light to others so they can find their own way?

Can you have a lot of FORMAL Masonic Education without the INFORMAL Masonic Education and still feel as if you are receiving a GOOD Masonic Education? I don't think so. The two balance each other well. Of course, some Brothers may argue this point. I would suggest that they possibly pen an article for the Rite Works stating their position.

Perhaps John Muir said it best when he commented: “When one tugs at a single thing in Nature, he finds it is attached to the rest of the world.”

So, now we go back to the questions asked at the beginning of this missive, changed only slightly. What does Masonic Education mean to me? It means knowing some of the Fraternity's History, but also why it works as well as it does.

When did it begin for me? It began the day I overheard two co-workers talking about it. How long does this learning process last? It will last until that day comes that I draw my last breath into my body.

Kurt Vonnegut said: *“New knowledge is the most valuable commodity on earth. The more truth we have to work with, the richer we become.”*

**The theme of next month's newsletter is Government (what is the individual expecting, what is his role) now and into the future). Anyone wishing to contribute an article on this subject, and we most heartily encourage participation by all members, should have their input to the office by September 28, 2013.**



## From the Secretary's Desk

by William Klatil, 33°, Secretary

The **Camp Logo** project has been installed over the summer.



Many hours have been invested in this project. Not only is this a work of art produced in flagstone,

but distinguishes our building with a representation of one of our symbols of the 32°. I would invite all of our members to view this project in person as pictures only offer a glimpse of the piece.



The **Knights of Saint Andrew** continue to assist in projects for the betterment of the Denver Consistory. This Saturday project included 9 brothers and Knights to spruce up the props used

in our many degree presentations. Even Walt Martin, 33° Chairman of the Properties Committee was a willing participant.



The **All Masonic Picnic and Car Show** at the



Robert Russell Retirement Center was, once more, a summer event that was well attended. This activity never disappoints. Fun, food, and fellowship in all age groups was enjoyed by the participants. If you have not attended in the past, plan now for next year's announcement.

### Naming the Jewel Contest

We have a jewel given to brothers who have attained 500 points called the "Double Eagle Consistory Jewel". We have 16 brothers who have reached 5000 points and have presented them with a new jewel. We do not have a name for the new jewel. I am proposing a contest to name the new jewel (pictured with Joe Kier, 33°). The winner will receive a \$40.00 gift certificate to a local restaurant. All entries must be submitted to the Consistory office by October 15, 2013 at 303-861-4261 or [denverconsistory@denverconsistory.org](mailto:denverconsistory@denverconsistory.org). Only one entry per member. In case of a tie, the first submission shall be the winner.



The September meeting will include a presentation by the Scottish Rite Foundation. We will award 4 scholarships. Doctor Deborah Hayes will also speak about the Rite Care program. This meeting is designated "Sports Team Shirts" meeting. Remember that the dress is casual!



## Photo Contest Winners!

Denver Consistory members continue reaping awards. Our most recent winners are Illustrious John Moreno, 33° and Brother David Sprague, 32°. They won their awards for photographs entered in the 2013 Scottish Rite Photo contest.



John Moreno garnered his award in the Architectural Division of this year's contest.



David Sprague placed first in the Architectural Division of this year's contest, joining Brother John Moreno as two members from the Valley of Denver placing in the 4th annual international event conducted by the Supreme Council in Washington, DC.



## Knights of St Andrew

by Tom Shotts, 32° KCCH



After several days of research I believe that I finally have the e-mail list accurate and up to date. That is, of course, providing that everyone is on the list. I would ask all Knights to respond to any of the following questions that are applicable to them to attempt to get all issues with members of the Chapter resolved.

First, a reminder of some upcoming projects and or dates:

- Due to the first Monday in September being Labor Day the VM has moved our first meeting to Monday, September 9, 2013 at 6:30 pm. We may be knighting that evening, we have one Brother for sure.
- The first Consistory meeting is Monday, September 16, 2013 at 7:00 pm.
- The next work project will be Saturday, September 28, 2013 at 8:00 am to complete our work in Properties. Our last date on the 10th was very productive. We had 7 Knights and 2 or 3 Brothers from Properties.

Any Knight who was elevated to KCCH must return their sash to me and be issued a Tartan Ribbon in its place.

Any Brother who has not been Knighted, please contact me ASAP. Any Knight who has not received a name tag please advise, with your home Lodge. Any Knight who has not been issued a Tartan Sash, or who is still missing any item from a Kilt order, please advise. I do now have some stock on hand or can get it sent to me pretty quick, depending on what is missing.

Any knight wishing to order a Kilt package or individual items, I will be ordering after the Fall reunion. If you need information regarding prices, contact me.

It would be very helpful if all would respond advising whether they are Active or Alumni, as I need to make some adjustments to e-mail and other information.

## MASONIC EDUCATION – A subject too often overlooked

*[This article is an abridgement of the Sunday Masonic Paper #665 from March 24, 2013 – and is published with permission. The original author is Richard E. Fletcher, PGM (Vermont) (1906-1977) who also retired as Executive Secretary of the Masonic Service Association of the United States in 2010. In reading over this version of his article, don't JUST focus on the Craft Lodge, but realize that the Scottish Rite – by extension – has many of the same problems AND opportunities.]*

Conrad Hahn, a most distinguished Mason, once observed, “The lack of educational work in the average lodge is the principal reason for the lack of interest and the consequent poor attendance in Masonry over which spokesmen have been wringing their hands for at least a century.”

This quote should stir us to think about WHY this important aspect of Freemasonry has been so badly overlooked. We must not kid ourselves into thinking that Masonic education is currently playing the prominent part in Freemasonry that, by right, it should. The all important question? WHY HAS THIS SITUATION COME ABOUT? The problem in trying to answer this question is that there is NO EASY ANSWER. We have reached a point in the fraternity where far too few of our members have even the faintest idea of WHY they are Freemasons, let alone have any real knowledge about our history and heritage.

For those who are “ritual purists” – please do not let the next statement shock you. The real truth of the matter is we have come to depend on the ritual as THE basis for Masonic knowledge. The ritual does not make Masons. It only makes MEMBERS! We cheat, wrong, and defraud any candidate who is left hanging at the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree, having heard a lot of words and really not knowing what they mean.

Until the degrees are explained in much more detail to the candidate, he has no idea of what he has gone through. To suggest that the explanation is complete with the lectures of each Degree is again

burying our collective heads in “Masonic Sand.” The ritual has an important place in the life of the person who is becoming a Mason, but that place is NOT the “throne from on high” from which there is no more to learn. It is far easier to memorize and recite the ritual than it is to study the history and true meaning of Freemasonry. So, we all tend to be far more comfortable in actually WORKING the degrees than in working with the candidate to teach him what our beautiful craft is all about.

What are, in fact, the origins of Freemasonry? Where did it begin? How did it reach the present state in which we find it today? Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could answer these questions in ten words or less? We cannot. We can only surmise what, in fact, may have happened. Historically, of course, Freemasonry did not begin with the forming of a Grand Lodge in London in 1717. Quite obviously, there had to have been Lodges already formed by that time. So they MUST have had some history prior to that date. When did it all begin? We simply don't know FOR SURE.

Why did the ancient Guilds of Cathedral builders NEED such an elaborate method of recognition? Why would they have needed signs and words, if in fact our early origins were with tradesmen plying their skill in building cathedrals? That they would wish to keep secret the method by which they constructed a building might perhaps be possible. But, they were out in the OPEN, visible to anyone who wished to come near the building and certainly not in any danger from an outside enemy. So, WHY would they need to have methods of recognition that would not have been known to the casual observer?

The study of history, particularly, where the written word was not used requires a well-trained person when interpreting its meanings. We need to do a far better job of interpreting early Masonic history than we have done in the past. If Masonic history began in earlier times than we normally talk about, it obviously makes a reconstruction of our past difficult because we have so very few written records to go by. Remember, these were times when few people could read or write.

There was a far more significant purpose to the origins of Freemasonry than simply erecting buildings! Certainly, Freemasonry evolved from that stage during its development, but the Cathedral builders reflect a time in our HISTORY and not its BEGINNING! Carrying this thinking one step further, and bringing it into the 1700's: Benjamin Franklin and Voltaire did not join a workers guild! They joined what they believed to be an educational society, which was called "Freemasonry." These were extremely intelligent men who had no time to waste on things that were not important to them, and yet Franklin was an active Freemason and Voltaire only joined shortly before his death! WHAT WAS IT that they saw in Freemasonry that seems to elude us today?

Perhaps one of the greatest mistakes we have made in Freemasonry is to try to run it as we did in the 1700's. You can't run an organization with a few thousand members the same way as you do one with millions of members – it simply can't be done!

We did not develop, through Masonic education, the training programs, the communication, and the leadership that was necessary to deal with these vast numbers. When we talk about the "good old days" when all of the leading men of the town were in Freemasonry, we overlook the fact that the town was very small and everybody knew everyone else.

Realistically, we have to get right down to the Craft Lodge (Blue Lodge) level and insist that every Lodge must offer a course in Masonic education. We can no longer turn out members who do not know anything about our Fraternity. The price we are paying for that mistake is CLEARLY evident today! Programs can be developed, but require a COMMITMENT on the part of knowledgeable Masons within each Lodge who will actively accept the responsibility to see that ALL Masons are taught about the Fraternity.

During a recent study by the Masonic Renewal Task Force, one of the issues that kept repeating itself over and over again was the LACK OF INTEREST by our present members. Surveys have shown that when asked WHY men pay their dues, 33% respond "to maintain membership" and 15% didn't even know why. These are the ones, who through "lack

of interest" are now leaving Freemasonry. We have a group of men who never quite knew why they joined, and over the years have never found out why either. They have reached that point where, either through lack of interest, or cutting back financially, they have no incentive to remain in Masonry. They have been around for years and have never been active and now see no need to stay a member. We are losing that group and not replacing them.

Unless we can find a way to COMMUNICATE intelligently with them and show them a reason why being a Freemason is important, they will continue to drift away.

In a Short Talk Bulletin entitled "Ellis Island – The Golden Door" – Mr. Dennis Hearn (NOT a Freemason) studied members of the Grand Lodge of New York and concluded:

**"The Freemasons among our Founding Fathers brought to their work the ancient Masonic Landmarks of Truth and Brotherly Love, and they fashioned a Constitution which, by the depth and strength of its conviction, embedded those principles in the conscience of a nation. While we, as a people, have not always lived up to them, neither have we been able to ignore them."**

Aren't these very beautiful words that describe Freemasonry? Isn't it time we reintroduced ourselves to the real MEANING of Freemasonry and got back to loving and practicing this beautifully descriptive picture of our order?



## FAMOUS MASONS

### Explorers – Land, Sea, Air, Space

by Bill Hickey, 32° KCCH

In the first four installments of this series, we've seen the presence of Freemasons as Presidents, Leaders of the World, Military men, and those in the Cinema and Light Entertainment industry. This month, I'd like to focus on men who were "explorers" – taking risks and leading the way for generations to follow.

Roald AMUNDSEN (1872-1928) – Norwegian – Discoverer of the North and South Poles.

Sir Richard Francis BURTON (1821-1890) – known for explorations in Asia, Africa and the Americas, as well as his extraordinary knowledge of languages and cultures. According to one count, he spoke 29 European, Asian and African languages.

Rear Admiral Richard BYRD (1888-1957) – polar explorer, and organizer of polar logistics. Recipient of the Medal of Honor, the highest honor for heroism given by the United States.

Colonel Charles LINDBERGH (1902-1974) – Pilot of the “Spirit of St. Louis” the first non-stop flight from New York to Paris. A U.S. Army Air Corps Reserve officer, he was also awarded the nation's highest military decoration, the Medal of Honor, for his historic exploit.

Rear Admiral Robert E. PEARY (1856-1920) – an American explorer who claimed to have led the first expedition, on April 6, 1909, to reach the geographic North Pole.

Captain Robert Falcon SCOTT (1868-1912) – a Royal Navy officer and explorer who led two expeditions to the Antarctic regions: the Discovery Expedition, and the ill-fated Terra Nova Expedition. During the second venture, he led a party of five which reached the South Pole on 17 January 1912, only to find that they had been preceded by Roald Amundsen's expedition. On their return journey, Scott and his four comrades all died from a combination of exhaustion, starvation and extreme cold.

Sir Ernest SHACKLETON (1874-1922) – an Irish explorer who led three British expeditions to the Antarctic. Shackleton is known today as a role model for leadership as one who, in extreme circumstances, kept his team together in a survival story described as “incredible.”

Colonel (USAF) Edwin E. ALDRIN (1930- ) - American astronaut, and the second person to walk on the Moon. He was the lunar module pilot on Apollo 11, the first manned lunar landing in history.

Colonel (USAF) Leroy Gordon COOPER (1927-2004) - one of the seven original Project Mercury astronauts. He was the first American to sleep in

space and the last to be launched alone. He was the command pilot of Gemini 5.

Colonel (USAF) Donn F. EISELE (1930-1987) - test pilot and later a NASA astronaut. He occupied the command module pilot seat during the flight of Apollo 7 in 1968. After retiring from both NASA and the Air Force, he became the Peace Corps country director for Thailand.

Colonel (USMC) John GLENN (1921- ) - the first American to orbit the Earth and the fifth person in space. He was a combat aviator in the Marine Corps and one of the original Mercury Seven astronauts. He was elected to represent Ohio in the U.S. Senate from 1974 to 1999.

Lt.Col (USAF) Virgil I. “Gus” GRISSOM (1926-1967) - one of the original Project Mercury astronauts, he was the second American to fly in space, and the first astronaut to fly in space twice. He was killed along with fellow astronauts Ed White and Roger Chaffee during a pre-launch test for the Apollo 1 mission.

Captain (USN) Edgar D. MITCHELL (1930- ) - the lunar module pilot of Apollo 14, he spent nine hours working on the lunar surface in the Fra Mauro Highlands region, making him the sixth person to walk on the Moon.

Captain (USN) Walter M. SCHIRRA (1923-2007) - one of the original Mercury Seven astronauts, he is the only person to fly in all of America's first three space programs (Mercury, Gemini and Apollo).

LtGen (USAF) Thomas P. STAFFORD (1930- ) – as an astronaut, he flew aboard two Gemini space flights; and was the commander of Apollo 10, the second manned mission to orbit the Moon and the first to fly a lunar module there. He was the first member of his Naval Academy class to pin on the first, second and third stars of a general officer. He logged 507 hours of space flight.

Captain (USN) Paul WEITZ (1932- ) - an astronaut who flew into space twice. He was a member of the three-man crew who flew on Skylab 2, the first manned Skylab mission. He was also commander of



the STS-6 mission, the first of the Space Shuttle Challenger flights.

Fred HAISE (1933- ) - an American engineer, civilian test pilot, and astronaut. One of only 24 humans to have flown to the Moon. As Lunar Module Pilot on Apollo 13, he was to have been the sixth human to land and walk on the Moon, but the mission had to be aborted due to a spacecraft failure. He went on to fly Space Shuttle Approach and Landing Tests before retiring from NASA in 1979.

I'm going to TRY to take a break from the traditional "Famous" masons next month and venture into what I'll call "Infamous Masons" just to show you that we are part of society in general, and we also have our "bad boys" from time to time.



## Meet your Brothers

By Jack White, 32° KCCH

Darryl Conrad English, 32° has only been a mason for eight (8\* years and he does quite a bit of work for his Blue lodge. He is sitting as Junior Deacon, but performs as Senior Deacon as well, when needed.



Darryl has two (2) Daughters, Tyler, 17 and Logan, 16. He has been an electrical contractor for 20 years. He enjoys hunting and fishing and spending time with his daughters and watching them at their school activities. Darryl relaxes by camping, hunting, fishing, and having a barbeque in the backyard.

His future goals are: to find a balance in life where work and pleasures complement each other; to be a good role model for his children so they can see that hard work and keeping commitments is the key to success. (From my observation he has done this.)

*I. In his words: "Growing up I was taught from a very young age that you had to be independent to make it through life. Success wasn't about making money, but about making it though life. I was raised on a small, but very efficient farm. We had everything we needed from a large garden to a milk*

*cow. We learned how to churn our own butter, make cottage cheese, gathering eggs, butchering animals and to can enough vegetables to make it through the winter months.*

*Although this was a lot of work it wasn't the end of our learning process. My father, who was a mason for as long as I could remember, always found time to load up my brothers and I, and go help the widows of his brothers from the local lodge. We spent numerous hours mowing, hauling hay, clearing fence lines of weeds, scooping poop from the sheep and cow barns, mending fences, painting homes and all the other little task that would need done. Of course, this didn't make any sense at the time because as a young boy and with so many chores left at our house, I couldn't see why in the world we would spend so much of "my time at the swimming pool" doing all this work for others. That process didn't come clear until much later in life.*

*No matter how independent you can be you still need or will eventually need someone in your life for assistance. Being a part of a fraternity that enables that way of thinking is very critical and comforting."*

Thank you, Darryl, for being a true brother and one of my very best friends.

You can't do anything about the length of your life,  
but you can do something about its width and depth.

*H.L. Menchen, writer, Editor, and critic (1880-1956)*

### MASONIC HUMOR ...

One night (a long time ago in a jurisdiction far, far, away) a brother was heading home after indulging a bit too much at the festive board after his lodge meeting.

He was weaving a little across the path, steadying himself against the lamp-posts.

A concerned policeman saw him, and walked over.

"Well sir, where are we going at this time of night, eh?" he asked.

The brother replied "I, officer, am going to a lecture on Masonry!"

Bemused, the policeman asked, "And just where are you going to hear a lecture on Masonry at this time of night?"

The brother replied, "From my wife!!!"



## Between the Columns

by Michael D. Moore, 32°



### Growth and Advancement

*“When we once again fulfill our members, they will once again fill our lodges.”*

Robert Herd

It is a Scottish Rite secret that the path to knowledge within our Rite is a solo one. We instruct in a group setting, come together monthly for a business meeting and even gather to initiate new members. But all else is left up to the individual Mason when it comes to self advancement.

Growth is a natural outcome of life if the Scottish Rite Mason only follows the simplest lessons he is taught. Every day is a new experience that comes with trials, new thoughts, new insights and things to figure out, adapt to and to enjoy.

We progress in our thoughts, ways of doing things and ascend the ladder that takes us to where we

want to be. This should not sound strange, for each of the degrees are a progression of thought and knowledge. Education – whether in just life or through books, personal insight or teaching from others; is a part of all this. Education comes in all forms and none should be pushed aside, but each should be encouraged and used.

Education enlightens, strengthens and advances our lives. Many don't think much about the various forms it comes in. Everyday since you were born, things were learned, new experiences are added to your total life and it will not stop till you die. So, if you breathe air and your heart pumps, you should be learning something. Sometimes it is through doing something wrong and then having to do it right. Other times it is through the influence of friends and speakers. A good book can teach you a lot and get you started down the road to enlightenment; but books can't do it all. Real personal growth comes from introspection, prayer, meditation and a constant yearning to know, understand and apply.

When I realize something profound and then find later that others have come to the same conclusion many years earlier; then I know I am on the right path.

I have learned a lot through the years by making mistakes too. Doing it wrong and feeling the punishment from it can make one learn very fast. But the best way is to have a lifestyle that promotes learning and advancement.



*Three of the four College of Consistory sections done.*

When one is like that, all situations of life are a learning time. And the best learning curve is short and direct.



## BIRTHDAY BOYS FOR SEPTEMBER

### 90 this month:

Donald R. Hall – 09/08  
Milton G. Holmes – 09/13  
Henry E. Proal – 09/16  
Charles A. Roupe – 09/17

### 80 this month:

Bernie T. Witkin – 09/16

### 70 this month:

Charles J. Reynolds – 09/08  
Paul L. Chumley – 09/15  
Howard W. Zoufaly – 09/28

### 60 this month:

Douglas W. Schellinger – 09/03  
Chuck F. Fraley – 09/08 (Commander of Kadosh)  
Rodney A. Farmer – 09/09  
Dean H. Simpson – 09/12  
Stephen H. Arrington – 09/15  
Wayne M. Barrette – 09/22  
Daniel L. Danford – 09/29

### 50 this month:

Thomas M. Updyke – 09/04  
Darryl C. English – 09/04  
Dean A. McConnell – 09/19  
Ralph J. Hamilton – 09/20



### And, some more humor from Ill. Bro. Jim Smith ...

Bob and Bill were brother masons and great friends for most of their lives.

Each had agreed that when one of them passed on to that Grand Lodge above, he would attempt to make contact with the other and tell him all about what heaven was like.

As so happened, Bill went to heaven, first.

One night Bob was just drifting off to sleep when he heard Bill's voice calling to him.

"Is that you, Bill?"

"Yes, Bob. I am honoring our agreement."

"Oh, MY,... what's it like?" Bob asked with some anticipation.

"It's like nothing you could ever imagine. The lodge here is fantastic,... better than any lodge we ever saw on Earth.

The meetings are always well attended, the ritual is letter perfect, the friendship nights always have tons of new people just itching to join, and the spirit of fellowship blankets the entire place."

Bob's eyes teared up.

"Oh, my, it's just like we'd hoped. I'm so happy for you. But I have to ask,... that sounds really great, but you didn't really seem all that excited. What's wrong?"

"Well, I have some good news and some bad. The good news is that we're raising a fellow to the third degree next Wednesday."

"That's fantastic. What's the bad news?"

"Your name is on the list to be the Senior Deacon."

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.

LEADERSHIP



Ronald A. Seale, 33°  
Sovereign Grand Commander  
Supreme Council, 33°, Washington, D.C.

Stephen M. Munsinger, 33°  
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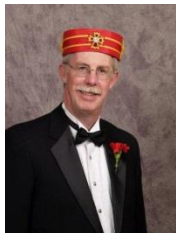
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