

# RITTEWORKS

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## OCTOBER

Saturday OCT 05		Honors Ceremonies and Banquet (Invitation only) <b>Garage Available</b>
Saturday OCT 12	8am-5pm	Miss Colorado Job's Daughter Pageant
Monday OCT 21		STATED MEETING (Feast of Tishri) <b>Parking Garage Available</b>
	5:30pm	Red Room Business Meeting (top 3 line officers)
	6:00pm	Dinner - Beef tips and Noodles
	7:00pm	Entertainment (Feast of Tishri observance)
	7:30pm	Split meeting - 5 min oration by Minister of State, Denver Consistory

## PLANNING CALENDAR

### NOVEMBER

Thursday NOV 07	7:00am	Fall Reunion (43 <sup>rd</sup> consecutive) <b>Parking Garage Available</b>
Friday NOV 08	7:00am	Fall Reunion (43 <sup>rd</sup> consecutive) <b>Parking Garage Available</b>
	7:00pm	Veteran's Recognition Program with special speaker Colorado Representative Mike Coffman - OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
Saturday NOV 09	7:00am	Fall Reunion (43 <sup>rd</sup> consecutive) <b>Parking Garage Available</b>
<b>Monday NOV 18</b>		<b>STATED MEETING - Parking Garage Available</b>
	5:30pm	Red Room Business Meeting (top 3 line officers)
	6:00pm	Dinner - Turkey and all the trimmings
	7:00pm	Split Meeting - <b>Conferral of 32<sup>nd</sup> Degree on Reunion Class</b>
Saturday NOV 23	9:00am	Consistory Decorating Party - All officers, members, wives invited
Thursday - Friday NOV 28/29		Consistory CLOSED for Thanksgiving Holiday

### DECEMBER

Saturday DEC 07	10:00am	Scottish Rite Foundation and Consistory Childrens' Christmas Party <b>Parking Garage Available</b>
<b>Monday DEC 16</b>		<b>STATED MEETING - Parking Garage Available</b>
	5:30pm	Red Room Business Meeting (top 3 line officers)
	6:00pm	Dinner - Ham and Scalloped Potatoes
	7:00pm	Entertainment - Holiday Celebration
	7:30pm	Split Meeting - ELECTION OF OFFICERS
Tuesday DEC 24		Consistory Closed at NOON (Christmas Holiday)
Wednesday DEC 25		Consistory Closed (Christmas Holiday)
Tuesday DEC 31		Consistory Closed at NOON (New Year's Holiday)
Wednesday JAN 01, 2014		Consistory Closed (New Year's Holiday)

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# It's REUNION Time Again

Ron Birely, 33°, Director General for Denver Consistory and Al Ulibarri, 33° elect, Assistant Director General have scheduled some exciting events for the Fall Reunion November 6 – 9, 2013.

Opening ceremonies will be Wednesday evening Nov 6, at Children's Hospital. The candidates will be given an explanation and tour of the Rite Care facility at Children's. On Thursday through Saturday, the degrees will be either exemplified or communicated to the class. Saturday, Nov 9, will be a busy day with the usual paperwork, photographs and the exemplification of the 30<sup>th</sup> Degree. The Reunion will officially conclude during November's stated meeting with the 32<sup>nd</sup> Degree being presented.

On Friday night, Nov 8, the open program will be Denver Consistory's annual salute to Veterans. Dinner will be at 6:00 PM and **reservations are required**. The Salute to Veterans will begin at 7:00 PM and promises to be something extraordinary. Our keynote speaker Friday will be Representative Mike Coffman from the Sixth Congressional District, also a decorated USMC Veteran.

Bring your wife, girlfriend, significant other, family, friends or neighbor to see how Denver Consistory honor's Veterans.

Our new Brothers will spend three days learning about the Rite, but they may not be aware of the fact

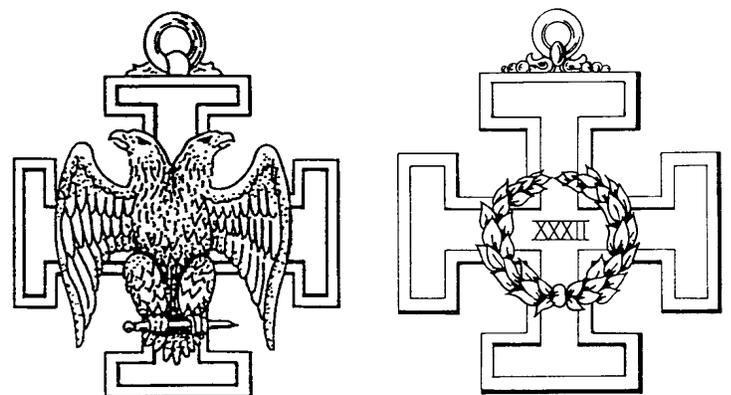
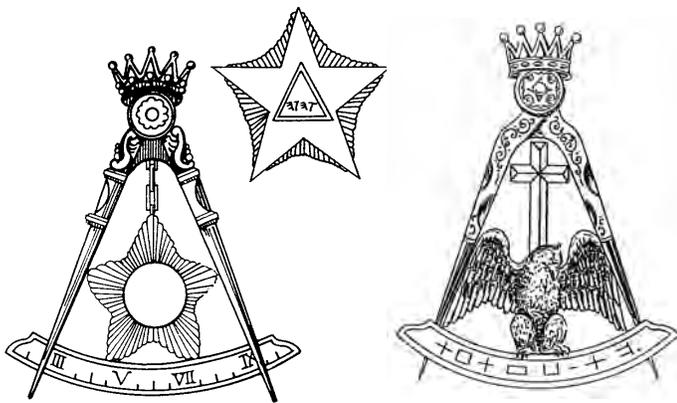
that it takes about 400 Brothers and ladies donating thousands of hours to make this production work. Their pay? The satisfaction of seeing their new Brothers learn the lessons of the Rite.

Do any of you know why Denver Consistory has Reunions or even fully understand just what a Reunion is?

A Scottish Rite definition of Reunion states that: "A Reunion is a reuniting of the membership after a period of separation. It is a homecoming of the Brethren in a continuing fellowship of the Fraternity."

Another, more descriptive Scottish Rite definition of Reunion can be found in the Degree Scripts kept in the Office, not the scripts that are emailed to the actors. It states: "We are the degrees. All that represents the Rite, the Temples, the Scottish Rite Childhood Language Disorders Centers, the organizations in each Temple, the many charities and outreach programs - all rest on the performance of the Degrees, for they are the means by which we teach the ideals and philosophy of the Rite. They are that mystic Cable Tow which connects men to us and determines whether a man just passes through the Degrees or whether he truly becomes a Scottish Rite Mason."

This, my Brothers, is why we hold Reunions, why so many men spend so many hours to make this work.



# 43RD CONSECUTIVE REUNION

NOVEMBER 6TH–9TH, 18TH

## WEDNESDAY, November 6th

Children's Hospital For Candidates and their spouses or guests

6:30 Welcome and brief Introductions

6:35 Rite Care Presentation

6:40 Rite Care Video

7:00 Clinic Tour

7:30 Introduce Dignitaries/Welcome by Class Director

8:00 Prologue and Introduction to Degrees by Director

General

## THURSDAY, November 7th

7:30 Class Convenes/Class Instruction

8:00 Exemplify 4° - Jay Bobick, 33°

8:40 Communicate 5° - Mike Connely, 33°

8:48 Communicate 6° - Bryant Harris, 32° KCCH

8:56 Communicate 7° - Bruce Evans, 32° KCCH

9:04 Communicate 8° - Robbie Leach, 32°

9:12 Exemplify 9° & 10° - Mike Tims, 32° KCCH

9:50 Break

10:05 Classroom Instruction

10:25 Exemplify 11° - David Peterson, 32° KCCH

10:45 Classroom Instruction

11:00 Communicate 12° - Bobby Juchem, 32° KCCH

11:05 Exemplify 13° - Randy Penn, 32° KCCH

11:35 Lunch

12:35 Exemplify 14° - Helmut Fritz, 32° KCCH

1:30 Secretary's Presentation

1:55 Tour of Committees

Doc Powell, 33° - Costumes

Wes Campbell, 33° - Makeup

Don Marshall, 33° Elect – A/V

Walt Martin, 33° - Properties

2:25 Break

2:35 Exemplify 15° - Robin Knox, 32° KCCH

3:40 Break

3:30 Classroom Instruction

3:55 Exemplify 16° - Karl Koening, 32° KCCH

4:30 Classroom Instruction

## FRIDAY, November 8th

7:30 Class Convenes

7:50 Exemplify 17° - Tom Gaffney, 32°

8:30 Classroom Instruction

9:00 Exemplify 18° - 1 & 2<sup>nd</sup> Sections – Chris Staton, 32°

9:35 Classroom Instruction

9:45 Exemplify 18°- 3<sup>rd</sup> Section – Chris Staton, 32°

10:20 Classroom Instruction

10:30 Knights of St Andrew

10:40 Communicate 19° - DJ Cox, 33°

10:48 Exemplify 20° - 1st Section - Jerral Danford, 32° KCCH

## FRIDAY, November 8th (continued)

11:10 Classroom Instruction

11:20 Break

11:35 Exemplify 20° - 2nd Section – Jerral Danford, 32° KCCH

12:05 Introduce Grand Master and Grand Lodge Officers (In classroom)

12:25 Lunch

1:15 Class Reconvenes

1:20 Exemplify 21° - Wayne Arner, 33°

1:55 Communicate 22° - John Buchanan, 33°

2:05 Classroom Instruction

2:15 Break

2:30 Exemplify 23° - Theo Jones, 32°

2:55 Classroom Instruction

3:20 Exemplify 24° - Aaron Klostermeyer, 32° KCCH

3:55 Communicate 25° - Ricky Haskell, 32°

4:00 Communicate 26° - Duke O'Neil, 32°

4:05 Communicate 27° - Norm Wright, 33°

4:10 Communicate 28° - Grover Sardeson, 33°

4:15 Exemplify 29° - Kent Burns, 32°

4:55 Break

6:00 Dinner

6:50 Awards and Veterans Program

## SATURDAY, November 9

8:00 Class Convenes

8:20 Class Address by SGIG and Class picture

9:30 Classroom Instruction

9:35 Exemplify 30° - 1st Apt – Bruce Lawlor, 32°

9:55 Exemplify 30° - 2nd Apt – David King, 32°

10:10 Exemplify 30° 3rd Apt – Jack White, 32° KCCH

10:25 Break

10:40 Classroom Instruction

10:55 Exemplify 30° 4th Apt – Michael Scott, 32°

11:20 Communicate 31° - Joe Kier, 33°

11:30 Labors sit at rest

Introduce the SGIG

Closing comments

## MONDAY, November 18

6:00 Dinner

6:50 Move to Auditorium

7:00 Opening Remarks

7:05 Exemplify 32° - 1st Section – John Buchanan, 33°

7:37 Classroom Instruction

8:00 Exemplify 32° - 2nd Section – John Buchanan, 33°

8:55 Closing Ceremony

Capping Ceremony

Introduce SGIG

SGIG Introduces the Presiding Officers

Show the Closing Video

Sing Farewell

# IMPORTANT

## Denver Consistory Information Technology SURVEY - COMING SOON

The Denver Consistory IT Committee is developing a SHORT, but very important, SURVEY. Because you have a valid email address on file with the Consistory office (otherwise you wouldn't be reading this issue of the RiteWorks), you will get an email from us in the month of NOVEMBER asking you a few questions. It is a simple survey, and will only take you literally a COUPLE OF MINUTES to complete.

The survey will be ANONYMOUS - although you will be given an opportunity to give us your email address IF you wish to discuss any of your answers in more detail privately.

We are trying to assess what kind of information is important to our membership, and what forms we can use to "get the word out" to you. Therefore, it is EXTREMELY IMPORTANT that you take a couple of minutes to respond to the survey.

**Consistory Web page:** <http://www.denverconsistory.org>

Did you know the consistory has a presence on the professional networking site, LinkedIn? We're also on TWITTER and FACEBOOK, and we're working on new ways of communicating with our membership. If you have any questions about these capabilities, ask any of our members:

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Mike Brewer - [mike.brewer@gravatonenergyresources.com](mailto:mike.brewer@gravatonenergyresources.com)

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If they don't have the answer, they know who will have it.

## From the Secretary's Desk ...



Bill Klatil, 33°

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At our last meeting, in September, four members of our last class were in attendance to receive their patents, Paul Baker,

32°, John Burns, 32°, Michael Hagans, 32°, and Keiser Holbird, 32°, pictured with the SGIG. Due to our severe weather conditions in Colorado, we are not sure how many of our new members were precluded in their activities.



Summer is gone and now our attention has changed from all of our relaxing type of activities to the business of the Consistory. The planning and work has begun for our 43<sup>rd</sup> reunion. This reunion is named for our brother and benefactor King Wheeler. Petitions are needed. The Friday night entertainment event, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm, is shaping up to be an experience not to be missed. The program centers on a tribute to our veterans and first responders. More details will be presented as they become available.

Illustrious Brother Dave Swift recently volunteered some of his free time to assist the office in needed work. It was suggested that Dave make phone calls to our brothers residing in areas affected by the recent storms. Dave made calls to areas identified as heavily hit by flooding to offer support in our members' recovery. Although some members could only be reached by messages, many of the conversations were received with gratitude from



the recipients. One member who requested our help was put in touch with another of our members, who works for the Red Cross. He was provided with the needed assistance.

Dues notices are in the mail. Please keep an eye out for this correspondence. With the amount of pieces generated by the Supreme Council sometimes it is not easy to recognize this important mailing. Dues and membership are significant pieces in providing our Consistory the ability to deliver needed and wanted services and programs. Thank you for your membership!



If you missed our last meeting, you missed a wonderful presentation by Brother Scott Ammerman, 32°. Brother Scott assembled an educational program on duality and the Scottish Rite. Throughout the oration he made references to the movie "The Matrix", tied it to the Scottish Rite and provided an inward look at our own reality. Many left the meeting quoting parts of the program. What a great endorsement of its success. Thank you, Brother Scott, for putting together this excellent presentation.

The October meeting will include our annual observation of the "Feast of Tishri". The Venerable Master is assembling a program that is thought provoking and educational.



## FEATURED ARTICLE

### DO WE HAVE GOVERNMENT IN MASONRY?

BY JOHN WARREN, 33° ELECT

Wikipedia says that “Government” is a noun that means: 1) The organization that is the governing authority of a *political* unit and 2) The act of governing, or exercising authority.

Since we all know there are no politics in the Fraternity (I can hear the guffaws already) – then, definition 1 is out and it appears definition 2 is applicable.

We are instructed during the Blue Lodge Installation of Officers that “such is the nature of our Constitution that some must, of necessity, rule and teach; others must submit and obey.” So it is throughout the Fraternity.

We know that the Worshipful Master rules in our Blue Lodges; the Most Worshipful Grand Master in Grand Lodge; the Potentate in the Shrine. The presiding Officers in each of the York Rite Bodies are the ones who “rule and teach.” And, let us not forget that each of these Bodies has a Secretary or Recorder who occupies a “special rung” in the ladder of authority.

In our own Denver Consistory, we have four Officer lines with one man at the top, with duties and obligations unique to each line. These are the Venerable Master of the Centennial Lodge of Perfection, the Wise Master of the Rocky Mountain Chapter of Rose Croix, the Commander of the Colorado Council of Kadosh and the Master of Kadosh for Denver Consistory.

The Consistory operates with a group of Committees, each with differing areas of responsibility and decision making authority. Denver Consistory also has a General Secretary who is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Consistory.

So, who in the Denver Consistory has that responsibility to “rule and teach,” to have that power

authority, and thusly govern this Body?

The Officers of the four lines are an important part of the process. The Committees who oversee the different aspects of the Consistory are equally important. It should go without saying that without the Secretary overseeing the day-to-day operations, we would have serious problems.

How many of you “forgot” that the Orient of Colorado has ONE man who is the Highest Ranking Scottish Rite Mason in the State? He is our Sovereign Grand Inspector General for the Orient of Colorado (SGIG). Each of the three Valleys in Colorado, including Denver, Southern Colorado and Grand Junction Consistories has a Personal Representative to represent the SGIG in those Valleys.

Still confused? You shouldn’t be. Everyone should know that no one single person can do everything by themselves, whether it is in the Fraternity or our “Political” government, so the word “delegation” comes into play. That is why the SGIG has Personal Representatives. Never forget, however, that the SGIG retains that ultimate power and authority to Govern.

We should never forget that it takes the contributions from everyone, no matter how large or small, to make the WHOLE work properly.

I am reminded of something I saw in Facebook, in case there are still some of you who believe their contribution to the whole is more important than others. The posting was a representation of the universe with all its uncountable number of stars, etc. and imprinted in large letters was the comment: “WHENEVER YOU GET TOO WORKED UP ABOUT POLITICS, RELIGION, MONEY OR LIFE OVERALL ... JUST REMEMBER ... and had a small arrow pointing to a very tiny dot in the solar system with the comment, also in small letters, that said: “You are here.”



# FROM THE ROSE CROIX WEST



By Thomas M. Thompson, 33° elect

Often I have been asked why an organization like Freemasonry has secrets. If it does such wonderful work for charity, why does it have to have secrets? People seem to think that if an organization has secrets then it must have something to hide and that its charitable acts are just a cover-up for something sinister. Many times local residents have come into the Consistory wanting to know what is behind the big brass doors. After showing them the auditorium, they walk away disappointed. They say it's a beautiful room, but it's not what they were expecting. Since it looks like an ordinary theater, why all the secrecy? People tend to suspect or fear what they don't understand. Explanations about Masonry often fall on deaf ears. The explanations sound boring or unexciting, so it must be some kind of a cover-up, and since it's a cover-up, something sinister must be going on that Masons are trying to hide. And if the Masons are trying to hide something, then it can't be good for everyone else.

The word secret comes from the Latin word, *secernere*, meaning to sift apart. Webster's definitions include: kept from, or acting without the knowledge of others; beyond general understanding; mysterious; concealed from sight; hidden. Under these definitions, Masonry is a secret organization.

I have tried to explain that Masonry is not a secret organization, but it is an organization that has secrets just like churches, businesses, governments, clubs and individuals. Masonic rituals are no longer secret, one can look them up on the internet, along with the secret words, signs and tokens. Versions of Masonic ceremonies have been aired on television. Masons wear lapel pins and rings. Masonic temples are in plain sight. Masonic meeting times and dates

are published in print. Masons march in parades in full regalia. This isn't news, you have heard it all before.

Masonic ceremonies are not so much secret as they are private and personal. When a man kneels at the altar and places his right hand on the Great Light, he is making a very personal and private commitment. This commitment is between his Creator, his Brethren and himself. There is nothing sinister about this, it's just not something that a man would want the entire world to see or even that the entire world would want to see. In fact, if the world saw what actually went on in a Masonic Lodge it would be disappointed; no blood or gore, no human or animal sacrifice, just a group of men bound by ties that cannot be broken to aid and assist each other, their families, their communities, their nation and their God. Is this sinister?

I don't believe anyone would think so.

Non-masons continue to ask, "Why all the secrecy, what are you hiding?" I say, "What secrecy? I have nothing to hide and that my actions speak louder than words."

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Blessed is the man who, having nothing to say, abstains from giving us wordy evidence of the fact.

—George Eliot

When a thing ceases to be a subject of controversy, it ceases to be a subject of interest.

—William Hazlitt

Example is not the main thing in influencing others. It is the only thing. —Albert Schweitzer

Three grand essentials to happiness in this life are something to do, something to love, and something to hope for. —Joseph Addison

# SCOTTISH RITE FOUNDATION

## Five Speech-Language Scholarships Awarded for 2013

By Vernon B. Ingraham, 33° Grand Cross



Scholarship Recipients at September 16, 2013 Denver Consistory Stated Communication

(L to R) Ill. & MW Gerald A. Ford; Angela Wuelling; Dr. Deborah Hayes; Noelle Mitchell; Professor Susan Moore; Hon., Ill. & MW Stephen M. Munsinger; Sarah Gyory; Ill. Vernon B. Ingraham; Miranda Aragon; Ill & MW Karl J. Hinkle

At the September meeting of the Denver Consistory five graduate students were recognized for receiving scholarships in speech-language pathology. Four of these students each received a \$5,000 scholarship by the Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado. One of the students received a \$5,000 Hilburn Scholarship awarded by the Supreme Council—the sixth time a Colorado student has received a national scholarship from the Supreme Council.

Four students are attending the University of Colorado at Boulder and all were present with their professor and CU RiteCare Director Susan Moore. The scholarship recipient from the University of Northern Colorado, Alexandra Bresler, and her

Professor, Dr. Kim Murza, were unable to attend due to the severe flooding in the Greeley area.

Since the beginning of the Scottish Rite foundation's scholarship program in 2003, \$200,000 has been awarded to 40 graduate students. The Hilburn Scholarship awards to six Colorado students between 1999 and 2013 total \$35,000.

Two universities in the state provide advanced degree programs in speech-language pathology. They are the University of Colorado at Boulder and the University of Northern Colorado, both of which are RiteCare partners. The Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado awards four \$5,000 scholarships annually to second-year graduates in speech-language

## Five Speech-Language Scholarships Awarded for 2013 (continued)

Pathology attending these universities. The foundation's scholarship is named in honor of Ill & MW Dwight A. Hamilton.

This year's recipients, each student's university and notable quotes are as follows:

### Miranda Aragon (CU-Boulder) Hamilton Recipient

"By becoming a Speech Pathologist I can use my drive to help individuals and their families overcome their communication challenges and provide them with a sense of self-pride to be confident with communication beyond therapy."

### Alexandra Bressler (UNC) Hamilton Recipient

"My uncle lost his ability to speak after an acute illness. I have developed a passion for working with children and recognize the need for intervention that incorporates parents and families as well."

### Sarah Gyory (CU-Boulder) Hamilton Recipient

"The current safety net is riddled with holes and bulging from having to support so many children. 'I don't want to be careful, I want to be crazy!' This phrase, uttered by a preschooler I worked with in college, epitomizes why I love working with young children."

### Noelle Mitchell (CU-Boulder) Hamilton Recipient

"I am a Colorado native and am thankful for the education I received through Jeffco Public Schools. I am looking forward to the chance to give back to the community."

### Angel Wuelling (CU-Boulder) Hilburn Recipient

"My prior work experience allowed me to get to know children whose lives have been transformed by receiving different therapies. My passion is to work with children and Spanish-speaking people and want to work in a public elementary school as a bilingual therapist."



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS - SATURDAY 26 April 2014**  
**Denver Consistory's 9Health Fair**

I expect the 9HealthFair District will begin coordination meetings in early December. I have received two volunteers to help with Public Relations, and will be engaging my medical and non-medical coordinators in preparation for the run-up to the April fair this coming year. I'm looking forward to a successful fair, and anyone interested in assisting with the up-front coordination is invited to contact me at a stated meeting or at [wa3h@hotmail.com](mailto:wa3h@hotmail.com) to indicate your desires.

Our fairs typically have the basic screenings, primarily the blood screenings with a few educational opportunities. But, as our population AND that of our surrounding area seem to be at a higher risk for type 2 diabetes, the following information from 9HF might give you the incentive to get yourself screened at a fair this coming Spring.

Type 2 Diabetes is the most common variant, making up 90-95% of new cases. According to Medical News Today, the majority of people with Type 2 Diabetes have developed the condition because they are overweight. With the obesity rate on the rise in children, it isn't surprising that there is an overall increase in the prevalence of Type 2 Diabetes among children and adolescents, not to mention adults.

We have had, over the past few years, a number of participants at our fairs with exceptionally high blood glucose levels who had no symptoms and were completely unaware of the danger they were in.

The lesson? Get your blood glucose checked - by visiting a 9 Health Fair near you this year.



## BETWEEN THE COLUMNS

By Mike Moore, 32° KCCH

# EXPLORATION

Exploration is a necessary part of a Scottish Rite Mason's life. Without that interest or curiosity, there is nothing more to learn, to experience or search for. I can't stress that enough. It is the principle of motion and action. We promote ourselves as a "college" of instruction, but without the interest of individual exploration, the Rite becomes only a social group or simple fraternity. Our Brother Albert Pike has much to say about this subject and while I will abbreviate his comments on this subject, his points are not hard to miss:

*"If you have been thus disappointed, our labor has been in vain. Whether these degrees have for you a real value depends upon your capacity to understand them and upon the amount of study and the degree of reflection you have bestowed upon them. The wisdom that constitutes true intellectual wealth is not easily acquired... No man can understand them [our degrees] fully without close and long study, and profound thought. Often the sentence is truly the symbol that hides the meaning, or the hint that puts you upon the track of discovery. The symbolism of Masonry is not only the Sphinx; but a sphinx nearly buried in the sand which the envious centuries have heaped upon it.*

*To many men there is nothing of value or interest in philosophical speculation; as to many men there is no melody in music... Of course if it does not interest one to know what he is, and what is to be his future destiny; if the existence of God, and the great mysteries of God's omnipresence and of the creation by Him, or out flowing from Him; of all that becomes, are matters of indifference to him, as they are to the animals below him; if he cares not to comprehend the great and distressing enigma of the existence of Evil and Wrong, under the dominion of a God at once infinitely omnipotent and beneficent or that of the coexistence of free will and necessity, then the interpretation which philosophy endeavors to give of these will be spoken to him in a unknown tongue.*

*Every man best knows the worth of his own soul, and whether the questions of its immortality, of his liberty and responsibility, if its nature, origin and connection with God, are of any importance to Him. For all of whom they of none, the philosophical degrees of this Rite, will seem foolishness, and their Orphic sayings mere idle jargon. Such is the economy of Providence. A few only are fitted to be the Kings of thought, the Masters of the Royal Secret, the Overseers over the Work; and these are generally patented by God and not by popular election...*

*Ask yourself if you have the key that unlocks the ancient allegories of the oriental books? The creation of the Female from a portion of the Male near his heart; the Garden of Eden, at the source of the four mystic rivers flowing to the four cardinal points of the compass; the tree of knowledge, generator of good and evil; the two rivers, one which waters the land of Gold, that is, of Light, and the other, that of Ethiopia or darkness; the sphinx or cherub at the gate of the garden, with the flaming sword, every way revolving, of the guardians of the symbol; the serpent, with the gift of language, that persuades Eve to gather and eat of the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge; the Elohim who created... have these any meaning, and are they luminous to you? In other words, are you a true initiate? And do you hail with enthusiasm and love the perpetuity of the HOLY Doctrine and the universality of the same initiation in all the Sanctuaries of the world.*

*SANTA SANCTIS! The holy things for the Holy, for the Kadishim!*

The questions he asks his readers years ago are still important questions for us today. Don't overlook exploration in your life.

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**If you don't know where you are going, you will probably end up somewhere else.**

**- Laurence J. Peter**



## DENVER CONSISTORY KNIGHTS OF SAINT ANDREW UPDATE

By Rich Silver, 32° KCCH

The Knights of Saint Andrew welcome Brother John Burns who was knighted at the September meeting. John is a member of Revelation Lodge #180.

Remember that all who would like to become a member of the KSA need only notify the Secretary and come to a monthly meeting, which takes place on the first Monday of each month at 7:00 PM.

On Friday evening, November 8<sup>th</sup>, during the Fall Reunion, the Rose Croix Line will be conducting an open (public) ceremony honoring Veterans, First Responders, and Police Officers with a Flag Ceremony, the proper unfolding, presentation, and folding of the Stars and Stripes. Emeritus Brother Roy Snyder, 32° KCCH, has requested that the Knights conduct the Ceremony in Kilts and white gloves, as well as act as escorts. Although many of the positions have been filled for this ceremony, any Knight wishing to be involved should contact Venerable Master Lue Martell as soon as possible.

Mark your calendars for February 1, 2014 to attend the Robert Burns Dinner. As in past years, the evening will include a great menu, entertainment and a Scotch tasting. Rumor has it that a very hard to find bottle of Scotch will be included in the tasting. Further details will be coming out soon.



## NAME THAT JEWEL !!

By Bill Klatil, 33°

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 above 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.



## FREE CASH !!!!

Well, not really.

## Petition Drive

The 43<sup>rd</sup> reunion is in the works. The Director General, Ron Birely, 33° started an incentive for petition submissions at our last stated meeting.

We will have a drawing of all first line signers, one entry per petition, at the reunion. Ill Brother Ron donated a crisp \$100.00 bill to begin a pool for this drawing. Since then we have other donations which has increased the payout. If you have brothers sitting on the fence, now is the time to complete the deal. Remember to remind the candidates of our upcoming schedule.



## OUR MASONIC YOUTH GROUPS

How many of you belong to a lodge that sponsors one or more of our three youth groups? And, besides offering them a place to hold their meetings, do you as an individual or a group actually go to one of their meetings in support of their activities?

Like our own meetings, our youth groups would dearly LOVE to have sideliners witnessing the excellent ritualistic work they do. Besides, it's truly amazing to watch the youngest members grow over the years into confident and well-spoken leaders.

As with ANY youth group, adult participation is something that is key, and they all wage battles to get parents to be active participants as well.

REMEMBER - these young people are the future of our organizations - future Masons, future OES and Amaranth members, and future Scottish Rite Masons. It's worth a few evenings a year to make your presence known and felt - and to show appreciation for the work these adults and kids are doing to develop future leaders in our communities and the craft.

If your lodge does not have a group, contact one or more of the leaders of these youth groups and find where and when they meet near you.

**You won't be sorry.**

# Special Birthdays

OCTOBER 13, 1775 (238 YEARS OLD)

## 90 years old

10/6/1923 Leroy M. Reams  
10/15/1923 Warren D. Thatcher  
10/16/1923 Donald R. Marcue  
10/22/1923 H. Roland Muhrer  
10/28/1923 Robert W. Lee  
10/29/1923 Leslie L. Cottrell

## 80 years old

10/2/1933 Bruce A. Fisher  
10/4/1933 Herbert S. Mooney Jr.  
10/5/1933 Marvin J. Sellinghausen  
10/7/1933 Donald A. Ostwald  
10/7/1933 Ronald E. Walker  
10/12/1933 Kenneth E. Murray  
10/14/1933 Wayne E. Carter  
10/16/1933 Gerald E. Horan

## 70 years old

10/15/1943 Richard G. Frohlick  
10/16/1943 John L. Casanova  
10/17/1943 Miroslav Lhotsky  
10/20/1943 Ronald A. Navarro  
10/22/1943 Rand A. Christenson

## 60 years old

10/2/1953 Carl M. Brezausek  
10/5/1953 Philipp C. Theune  
10/8/1953 William J. Elswick  
10/11/1953 Charles L. Hoenig  
10/11/1953 James B. Sutton  
10/23/1953 Paul E. Danio

## 50 years old

10/11/1963 R. Gregory Starr

## 40 years old

10/10/1973 Michael P. Griffis



Ill. Bro. Wayne Arner is not "quite" 238 years old, but he WAS surprised when the lunch crowd on 27 SEP sang Happy Birthday and gave him a "special" edible display.



# SOME INFAMOUS MASONS, AND SOME INFAMOUS NON-MASONS

BY BILL HICKEY, 32° KCCH

We've had a good time looking at some of the famous Masons in history. Let's turn the story around and look at (admittedly) a few of our less-than-savory brothers and even a couple of NON-masons who have widely been BELIEVED to be one of ours.

**BENEDICT ARNOLD** - The "Traitor" is one of those used by anti-masons to show the 'evil deeds' of Freemasonry. At times, Arnold was a hero and at times totally shunned. Ultimately he decided that the 'cause' for which American patriots were fighting was wrong and he defected to the British side. His later life was filled with problems, and in retrospect, Brother Arnold did the "wrong thing." But, his military actions were executed in a way as to save many lives and it is because "history is written by the victor" that he is now regarded as an arch-villain in American History.

**PAUL BERNARDO** - a serial rapist and killer, joined Freemasonry for the "cover" and air of respectability it provided.

**BRAD BLEIDT** - perhaps the biggest swindler in Boston since Charles Ponzi (after whom the Ponzi scheme was named). He admitted bilking \$25-35 MILLION dollars over a number of years.

**HENRY FORD** - Although he changed the world, founding the Ford Motor Company, as he aged his behavior and activities cast a dark shadow and are said to have driven his son Edsel to the illnesses which caused his death. His later life was not lived in accord with Masonic principles - believing that bankers and financiers were part of a world-wide

Jewish conspiracy. It is difficult to determine which of his behaviors were his own, or were orchestrated by some of his trusted lieutenants.

Former Congressman **WILBUR MILLS** - stopped by police for drunken driving in 1974, had a companion in his car - a stripper named Fanne Fox. He was taken to task for his unseemly behavior by his lodge, but after admitting his shortcomings and seeking help in rehabilitation, he was welcomed back to the Fraternity.

Former Illinois Governor **GEORGE RYAN** - found guilty of racketeering and fraud. Prosecutors argued that thousands of dollars of payoff money from unqualified truck drivers getting driver's licenses contributed to the deaths of six children in a fiery crash in Wisconsin in 1994. He was released from prison on July 3, 2013.

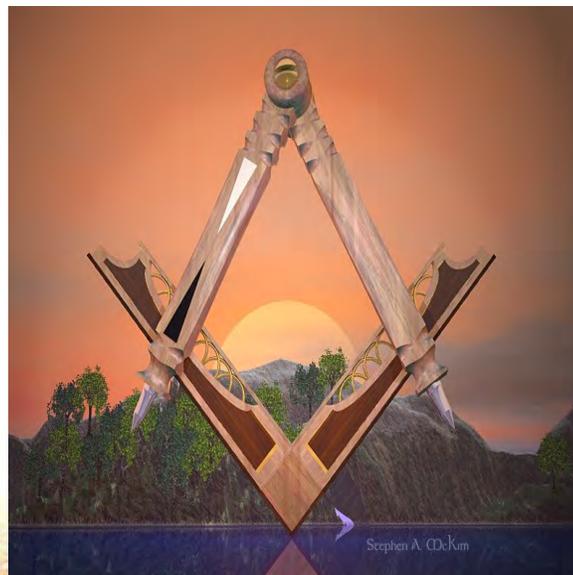
Former Alabama Governor **GEORGE WALLACE** - a product of his times and environment, is known for blocking blacks from attending the all-white University of Alabama. He subsequently apologized for his actions, which was accepted by all those involved.

**TIMOTHY McVEIGH** - WAS NOT A MASON - but conspiracists claim he was, and cite the fact that he was either a "Christian Fundamentalist" or an atheist - by either definition, he'd either self-disqualify or be ineligible for membership in the craft.

**SANTA ANNA** - Mexican general responsible for the siege and massacre at the Alamo. NO BODY or LODGE has EVER claimed him as a member, but the claim to membership is based on an apron he owned.

# MEMORIAL SCROLL

Charles Emery Carper, 32°	09/05/2013
James Ernest Duncan, 33°	09/19/2013
Paul William Gulliford, 32°	09/16/2013
Daniel Lee Hames, 32°	06/30/2011
Joel Randolph Hobbs, 32°	03/19/2013
Jack Robert Hoyt, 32°	04/04/2010
William James Kulling, 32°	08/29/2013
Deyo Dale McCullough, 32°	09/22/2013
Charles Antone Roessler, 32° KCCH	09/13/2013
Daniel Gregory Taylor, 33°	09/18/2013
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Ralph Wurst, 32°	09/03/2013



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As you can see, the “format” of this month’s Rite-Works is different from past issues. We are trying to respond to recommendations and the desires of the membership in communicating information about current events as well as providing some educational materials for your use. If you have comments, constructive criticisms, recommendations, or articles for submission, please send them to:

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**SAVE THE DATE: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11**  
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**Honoring Men and Women in Uniform**  
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**Menu: Hot German Potato Salad, Red Cabbage Salad, Beef Cabbage Rolls, Pork Schnitzel, Garden Salad, Strudel**

**German Band**  
**German Dancing**  
**German Food**  
**German Fun**

**\$25 per person**

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 *Family night*  
**Monday, October 14**  
**\$15.00 ~ RSVP by October 7**  
**5:30: Cocktails**  
**6:00: Dinner**  
**7:00 Program & Awards**  
*Bring family and friends!*

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- ★ Mystery Guest

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**November 2, 10am-6pm**  
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