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FEBRUARY

Saturday FEB 1	8:30am	Let There Be Light - Special Event
Monday FEB 17		STATED MEETING - Parking Garage Available
	5:30pm	Red Room Business Meeting (top 3 line officers)
	6:00pm	Dinner - Chicken Fried Steak
	7:00pm	Entertainment (President's Day/Valentine's Day)
	7:30pm	Split Meeting (Almoner & Life Member Annual Reports to CLOP)

MARCH

Monday MAR 17		STATED MEETING - Parking Garage Available
	5:30pm	Red Room Complete Business Meeting
	6:00pm	Dinner - Corned Beef and Cabbage
	7:00pm	Awards and Announcements
	7:15pm	Celebration of Remembrance and Renewal



APRIL

Monday APR 21		STATED MEETING - Parking Garage Available
	5:30pm	Red Room Business Meeting
	6:00pm	Dinner - Pork Chops
	7:00pm	Past Presiding Officers Recognition Night
	7:30pm	Split Meeting—5 Minute Oration by Orator, CLOP

Schiller Lodge #41 and Rob Morris lodge #92 host a breakfast the 1st Saturday of each month in the dining room of Denver Consistory. Masons, their friends and families are invited to join for friendship and fellowship. There is no charge but if you plan to attend, please notify one of the Masters (Lincoln Soule lincsoule@hotmail.com or Jason Wright jlwright73@comcast.net) and let us know. Donations of food items (coffee, juice, butter, eggs, etc.) are always appreciated.

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FEATURED ARTICLE

18° – KNIGHT ROSE CROIX

By John Warren, 33°

(Editor's Note: For some time now, we have had requests for brief articles about the various degrees. Ill. Bro. John Warren chose the 18th degree - and others will follow in no particular order or with any specific frequency.)

Even though there are several Degrees in the Chapter of Knights Rose Croix in the Southern Jurisdiction, we will be concentrating on the 18th Degree. This is one of the most powerful and moving degrees of the Scottish Rite. *It is also one of the most fragile.* The degree is a series of contrasting moods and its power comes from those moods

You may have acted in this degree before; you may have worked on one of the Committees before; you may be the Director General and Assistant Director General; or perhaps you are a sideliner; all of whom have experienced the exemplification of the 18th Degree several times before and may think they know it inside and out. Well, read on! You may not know it as well as you think.

From mastermason.com, we are told that in this degree, the lessons taught are that man must have a new Temple in his heart where Deity is worshipped in spirit and in truth and that he must have a new law of love which all men everywhere may understand and practice. This degree affirms the broad principles of universality and tolerance.

We know from Morals and Dogma that the Degree of Rose Croix teaches three things; the unity, immutability and goodness of God; the immortality of the soul; and the ultimate defeat and extension of evil and wrong and sorrow by a Redeemer.

Further, we are told that the obligations of our Ancient Brethren of the Rose Croix were to fulfill all the duties of friendship, cheerfulness, charity, peace, liberality, temperance and chastity; and scrupulously avoid impurity, haughtiness, hatred, anger and every other type of vice.

Prior to the exemplification of this Degree, at every Reunion, the candidates are told "This Degree has long held a special place of honor. As one of the most philosophical and practical Degrees in Freemasonry, it encourages earnest thought and introspection."

The first apartment is filled with despair and sorrow. The pace of this apartment is slow because it takes energy for despair, and the mood IS despair, not depression. The true word is lost.

The second apartment represents "the abode of the damned". This is accomplished by lighting and sound effects, as well as by the Master of Ceremonies giving instruction to the candidate in the proper manner.

In the Third Apartment, as in the first, mood is very important. The Third Apartment is bright. Everyone is happy. The True Word has been found.

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18° - Knight Rose Croix Degree (continued)

Music, both recorded and live, is very important throughout the exemplification of the Degree. Music is at a slower tempo in the First Apartment to underscore the despair and sorrow. In the Second Apartment, music is much louder to help the Master of Ceremonies emphasize the seriousness of his instructions to the Candidate. In the Third Apartment, after the True Word has been discovered, the music is more spiritually uplifting.

There is one overriding purpose which must motivate everything that happens inside the auditorium. The candidates must receive the best, the most powerful, most compelling Degree which the total resources of the Consistory can provide.

The individual egos, the comfort of actors, the turf-wars of directors must be sacrificed to that goal. To exemplify a degree is the most serious and fraternal responsibility any of us can undertake, because the Candidate's knowledge, his feeling for and dedication to the Rite, and his progress as a Mason is at stake with every Degree presented.

As actors, when we accept a role in this and any other Degree, we incur that fraternal responsibility. To say that we "KNOW" a part so well that we do not need rehearsals is doing a dis-service to the rest of the cast, as well as to the Candidates. Actors should sit back and revel in the contribution they are making to help educate our new Brethren.

It is interesting to note that in the Northern Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite, there are only two degrees in what they call the CHAPTER OF ROSE CROIX, the 17th and 18th Degrees. The presiding Officer is called the Most Wise Master. The 18th Degree itself is called the Knight of the Rose' Croix of H.R.D.M.. The lessons taught are much the same as in the Southern Jurisdiction.

Albert Einstein said: "Strange is our situation here on earth. Each of us comes for a short visit, not knowing why, yet sometimes seeming to a divine purpose. From the standpoint of daily life, however, there is one thing we do know. That we are here for the sake of others ... for the countless unknown souls with whose fate we are connected by a bond of sympathy. Many times a day, I realize how much my outer and inner life is built upon the labors of people, both living and dead, and how earnestly I must exert myself in order to give in return as much as I have received."

So Mote It Be!!



From the Secretary's Desk ...



Bill Klatil, 33°

Changing of the Guard – January's stated meeting included the installation of the new officers for the 2014 Scottish Rite Year. Pictured (left, below) at the altar (l to r) are John P. Trainor, 33°, Master of

Kadosh of the Denver Consistory, Michael D. Moore, 32° KCCH, Commander of the Colorado Council of Kadosh, Thomas M. Thompson, 33°, Wise Master of the Rocky Mountain Chapter of Rose Croix, and Peter J. DeLaurier, 32° KCCH, Venerable Master of the Centennial Lodge of Perfection.



The new appointments to the line are Bart Wegner, 32° Centennial Lodge of Perfection, James Crenner, 32° KCCH, Rocky Mountain Chapter of Rose Croix, Theo Jones, 32° Colorado Council of Kadosh, Tom Shotts, 32° KCCH, Colorado Council of Kadosh and Mike Zeff, 32°, Denver Consistory. Congratulations to all of the officers elected and appointed.



Illustrious Brother Walt Martin, 33° was recognized with a plaque for his years of service on the Executive Committee. His term has come to an end. This plaque is just a small gesture of our thanks. Walt is still a major contributor to the activities of this Consistory. Illustrious Brother James Smith, 33° has been appointed to replace Walt on the committee.



Patent Presentations – Class members of our fall reunion were presented their patents at the stated meeting. Pictured are our SGIG and Personal Representative with (front l to r) Dale Hayhurst, 32°, Keith Kuhn, 32°, Christopher Womack, 32° and Alex Jobim, 32°. (rear r l to r) Joseph Severe, 32°, Orion Franklin, 32°, Michael Gillet, 32°, Snake Blocker, 32° and Gene King, 32°.



The Brother to Brother Calling Committee is dialed in... by Rick Wenzel, 32°

On Saturday, January 11th, 2014, seven Brothers, with the assistance of our Secretary, Ill. Bro. Bill Klatil, 33° met in the classroom at the Consistory for several hours to reach out to those Brothers we have not seen very much in the past year. Brothers who participated in the event were myself, Rick Wenzel, 32°; Roy Snyder, 32° K.C.C.H; Bryant Harris, 32° K.C.C.H; Danny Will, 32°; Greg Dominguez, 32° K.C.C.H; Paul Harrison, 32°; and Ill. Bro. Steve Hubbard, 33°. With cell phones in hand we called our Brothers to let them know we are thinking about them and that we hope to see them at our next meeting, or the Spring Reunion.

Thanks to Ill. Bro. Bill, the Calling Committee had contact information for 217 Brothers, of which we were able to make contact with 57 and left messages with 77 others. Due to the short amount of time allocated for this event and the relatively small number of Brethren participating in this, 83 were left uncontacted. I imagine with a few more Brothers calling, we could have contacted everyone on the list.

Brethren, the calling Committee is a good opportunity to get together with our Scottish Rite Brethren for a short period of time and reach out to those we do not get a chance to see very often and let them know we care about them and would like to see them if at all possible. And sometimes it's not possible to see them very often due to the Brother living far away, but the contact we make may encourage them to attend a Scottish Rite function the next time they are around. For example, I was able to speak with Nathan Rowan, son of Michael Rowan, 32° K.C.C.H, and an Air Force officer stationed in Texas. Being retired military myself, and having children currently serving as well, we had a lot in common and ended up having an extended conversation. Brother Nathan was very glad to hear from me and indicated he hoped to be able to attend a meeting on his next trip home.

It's conversations like these that make this a fun event, and I'm sure that each Brother who has participated in Calling Committee sessions can tell you

a similar story. Therefore, I encourage those of you who might have a few hours of time available on a Saturday come down to the Consistory and help us reach out to the less active Brethren and encourage their participation to make this a more active organization. If you would like to participate in our next calling session please contact me by phone at (720) 413-1790, or via email at wenzelr2001@yahoo.com. You can also contact our secretary, Ill. Bill Klatil at the Consistory office at (303) 861-4261. Our next session is tentatively set for Saturday, April 19, 2014 from 9:00 am to 11:00 a.m.

And before I close...I would like to thank all the Brethren mentioned above, and those who have previously participated, for their time and effort in moving this program forward.

From the Secretary's Desk
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Spring Reunion – The plans for the Spring Reunion, May 8, 9, and 10, beginning with the Children's Hospital starting on the evening of May 7, are being finalized with the exception of the receipt of your petitions. There is an incentive. The first line signer will be entered into a drawing for either a full year's dues payment or a calendar year of free dinners at our stated meetings. Every first line signer will have the reunion meals comp'ed at the reunion. Petition forms are available at the Consistory Office or online at www.denverconsistory.org under the "forms" tab.

Denver Consistory in Fort Collins – The Denver Consistory is planning an event in Fort Collins. Please hold your calendar open for the afternoon of March 29th. The Traitor and dinner are in the works. This will be an open program which means everyone is invited. Scottish Rite Masons, Blue Lodge Masons, family (including children) and friends are invited. Stay tuned for more information.

Ongoing Events – Friday lunches at the Consistory from 11:30 to 12:30 pm, cost \$10.00. Wednesday at noon, Billiards and Brothers, a brown bag discussion between brothers. If you are in the neighborhood, stop in!



EDITOR'S CORNER

BY BILL HICKEY, 32° KCCH

This issue has some new features. We're starting a series of degree summaries this month. Our first installment features Ill. Bro. John Warren's favorite degree, 18th - The Knight of Rose Croix. We hope this effort to give a little insight to the various degrees will prove useful and instructive to you.

Please take a look at the page about the recent survey we conducted. We'll be using surveys from time to time during the year to get a sense of where we need to be putting our efforts to improve our communications and make the Consistory a favored place for you to come.

We have a new contributor this month - Rev. Jim Harris is providing us with an entry from the "Prelate's Pulpit" (and don't worry, it's SHORT!).

Don't forget to check out the announcement pages at the very end of this issue - you never know what will be going on that might pique your interest.

With regard to our "BIRTHDAY" page, some might wonder WHY we don't include all the monthly birthdays, and frankly, with nearly 3000 members, it would just be too lengthy in any given month to list everyone. So, I decided to make it for only the "major" milestones (30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90). But, for our couple of members over 100, we will recognize them, regardless of what that extra milestone is.

If you find that I have omitted you in a milestone birthday month, please let me know. The data I receive from Supreme may not always be complete or accurate, and we need to know that so we can correct any problems.

Meanwhile, I'll see you at Friday lunches or at the Monthly Stated Meetings. Don't hesitate to let me know how you think we're doing.



BONUS !!! 9 Health Fair implements new BENEFITS for volunteers.

20% OFF any and all blood work and colorectal kits offered at a 9HealthFair site. In order to qualify, you must have provided one or more hours of time as a VOLUNTEER in any capacity to the 9HealthFair in either 2013 OR 2014. This includes setting up a fair, working at a fair, running errands, working behind the scenes, or cleaning up.

HOW TO GET THE COUPON CODE for the discount.

1. You get a "coupon code" from the site leader (Bill Hickey) OR
2. Register to volunteer ONLINE. Once you register, a coupon code will be displayed on your confirmation page OR
3. Look in the latest edition of volunteer Voices e-newsletter that is sent to all registered volunteers.

You MUST register for the 9HealthFair OF YOUR CHOICE ONLINE by going to www.9healthfair.org/FindAFair by 12:00 noon the day BEFORE you plan to have your blood drawn. Then, enter the coupon code and check out (means you pay up front with a credit card).

If you have difficulty call 303-698-4455

You can also contact Bill Hickey for further information about this new benefit if you want to take advantage of it.

GENERALLY speaking, it is NOT a good idea to try to have your blood drawn AT our fair if you are volunteering that day. It CAN be arranged, but remember you will be fasting for at least 12 hours and trying to get set up for the fair that morning on an empty stomach until a phlebotomist gets set up. You also have to register as a volunteer AND as a participant - although your pre-registration online will streamline that second part.

... And, the SURVEY SAYS ...

As you know, we released a short survey a couple of months ago to try to determine how well the Consistory communicates with our membership, and to ask a number of questions specifically about the RiteWorks e-newsletter.

With around 1400 members in the Consistory for which we have email accounts – we received 118 responses. That’s about an 8.5% response and is considered a “fair” return in statistical terms. Obviously, we would have LIKED to get a better response from our membership, because we REALLY wanted to know how our membership felt about our efforts to improve communications.

- Over 93% said they READ the RiteWorks, to some degree or another, every month, with 76% saying they read most or all of it.
- 85% said they felt the SIZE of the RiteWorks (number of pages) was “about right”.
- 81% of you think we’re “Satisfactory” or “Very Effective” in our communications with membership
- Almost 15% think we could be doing a better job – which is a pretty significant commentary.

We can’t please EVERYONE, but we can sure TRY to work on being better about communicating with that 15%. There are some things we CAN do, and some that are frankly out of our control.

We are pursuing expansion of our tools into the various “social media” outlets (FACEBOOK, TWITTER, LINKEDIN, etc) and you will see changes during this year.

With 118 responses to the survey, as you might expect, we have a wide variety of recommendations for us to work on. The TOP THREE (not in any particular order of significance) were:

- **IMPROVE PARKING**
- **MORE EDUCATION**
- **SLOW DOWN THE PACE OF DEGREES AT A RE-UNION**

“Fixing” the parking problem is a complicated and convoluted issue - one that has been with us for a long time. We will continue to TRY to work the issue, but we all should be realistic about the odds of making significant headway any time soon.

You will be seeing more educational opportunities in our activities – sometimes at the meetings, sometimes at other activities we sponsor. There are some things that we MUST do by charter and by regulation, but we’ll continue to work on this aspect of our operations.

Slowing down the “pace” of degrees is something that is VERY COMPLEX – and affects a lot of our membership. All we can say is, our Director General and the Degree Council will continue to examine ways to improve the delivery of our degrees during a reunion, and we hope you will participate and help us improve by letting us know what works and what doesn’t.

Meanwhile, we will continue to use periodic short surveys to get your opinions and recommendations. PLEASE - when you get a notice about a survey in the future, ANSWER IT so we can get a true indicator of the wishes of our membership.





BETWEEN THE COLUMNS

By Mike Moore, 32° KCCH



Education can be like a dark tunnel which you enter - scary and unpredictable.

Education for a Life Time

Our Scottish Rite degrees have much within them. So much that it may take a lifetime to learn even a small part of it. This should not be considered a negative view, but one that challenges us. The layers of symbolism and knowledge in our work are very interesting and full of meaning to everyone that studies them.



When you go through these tunnels, the light at the end is always visible; although far off.

It also would be naïve to say that all that can be found in our 29 degrees can be passed on to those interested in our three day Reunions. Or found in any or all of the Master Craftman's study courses combined. Each time you view one of the degree dramas or read an author's interpretation of what they contain you will see something different. That is how it should be; truth is always new and fresh just waiting for you when you are ready to receive and prepared for what it has to teach.



What we see and experience when you come out of a tunnel can be worth it.

I have been a part of or in maybe twelve Reunions since I became a Scottish Rite Mason and I know that new items are inserted every time I look at a degree. It can't be my forgetfulness, new aspects of them are made very clear every time I see one and I wonder why I did not notice them before.

These new revelations do not come if one is preoccupied, very tired, or not focused. Late at night before bedtime is not the best time to read a chapter from *Morals and Dogma* – it will put you asleep fast and all the valuable lessons found on the pages will just be a blur. Neither is sitting in the auditorium viewing one of the dramas that many men have spent large numbers of hours preparing for when you are worrying about work, family, or other things you should be doing.

Truly it will take many hours of thought and afterwards with much mulling over to grasp our truths. It took generations of thought to write, conceive and improve what we have. It will not be understood with easy page turning or a simple internet search.

All this is not to discourage you. Take it as a challenge. If you are willing, great things can be found and understood. Things which will make you better, improve the world around you, and affect all with whom you come in contact.

Update!



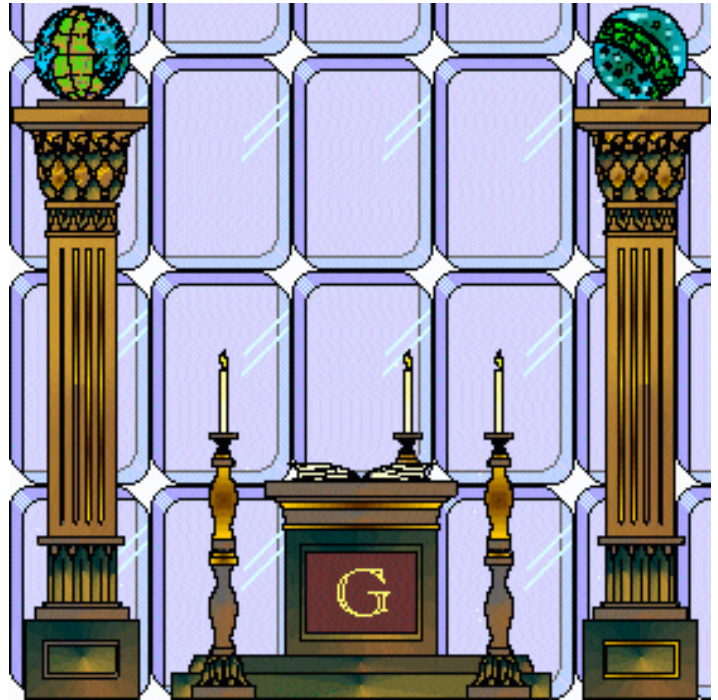
Recently, I redid the picture wall in the 3rd floor activity room, so be sure to stop by and look at it. The wall now contains **9200** faces of brothers from around 1940 to present that took the degrees. The set on the wall is not complete; these are only duplicates from the archives that if the sun fades or things happen to them; we won't lose any historical record.



Also, the office has turned up another set of around 25 new **Rocky Mountain Consistory** class pictures. A number of them are undated so if any would like to help me identify a few of the faces in them, I can date the class picture. If any of our brothers have old R.M. class pictures they don't know what to do with – we would love them in our growing collection.



ANY help in identifying the Brothers from past reunions will be GREATLY appreciated!



THE PRELATE'S PULPIT

By James H. Harris, 32° KCCH

Our prayer time is very important in our meetings. We pray to the Supreme Architect for his presence to be with us during our meetings, we pray for our departed brothers and for the sick. We pray at our meals, giving thanks and asking for his blessing upon our food.

I pray at various times during the day, giving thanks and asking for guidance. I pray for loved ones, for friends, for our world, for our fraternity, and for other things. Prayer is our communication with our Creator. I encourage you to find times during your day for prayer. It does make a difference.



DENVER CONSISTORY KNIGHTS OF SAINT ANDREW UPDATE

How many of you were able to make it to the Burns Supper this year? If you missed it, you missed a real experience.

For those interested, we had a second “semester” of the Whisky College presented this year - investigating and sampling Old Pulteney (12 year), Talisker (10 year) and Bowmore (12 year). The crowd this year was even larger and more enthusiastic than last year. AND ... for the price, we got a special toasting glass to keep with the KSA logo on it!

Just before parading the Haggis, Chief Piper Alex McIntosh shouted “Hurry, Hurry, Hurry, Omaha, Omaha” in a tribute to the Denver Bronco’s quarterback, Peyton Manning, and their trip to Super Bowl XLVIII.

Unfortunately, our stalwart Scot, Gordon Bell, suffered an accident and was in hospital, so Bill Hickey stood in for the Address to the Haggis—BUT he read it in more “modern” English (although, it’s not that much easier to understand that way either).

Dinner and entertainment was typically excellent, and we were regaled by presentations including “The Immortal Memory” - The Master’s Apron - VM Lue Martel announcing the 2014 KSA Awards, Eric McBride recounting the 700th Anniversary of the Battle of Bannockburn. The toast to the Lassies by Bob Salazar and the toast to the lads by his lady Heather were enjoyed by all. And, Brother Eric McBride also “found” a “Lost Burns Manuscript” and provided that for our enjoyment.

The Quaich Closing Circle - and singing of AULD LANG SYNE concluded a most enjoyable evening.

TRY TO MAKE IT NEXT YEAR - You won’t regret it.



FEBRUARY 2014 Special Birthdays

90 years old

Burton C. Boothby
Norman L. Hoff
Joseph F. Kent
Leonard Strear

80 years old

Roy M. Booth
Gus J. Lambrose
John S. Leiby
Robert H. Lowdermilk
Patrick R. Mahan
Harold O. Potter

70 years old

Michael E. Loehrig
Robert G. Omer
Charles Petersen
David L. Pett
Kirk S. Steinmark

60 years old

Robert K. Eurich
Thomas L. Gaffney
Lester E. Jones

40 years old

Brian C. Kirby





Scottish Rite Creed

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



Despite the cold and inclement weather, a special event was held at our Consistory on Saturday, 04 JAN. Five different lodges held a simultaneous installation ceremony for their incoming slate of officers. The lodges participating were:
Albert Pike #117
Paul Revere #130
Mosaic #184
Friendship #185
Northglenn #194
Congratulations to all the newly installed officers.



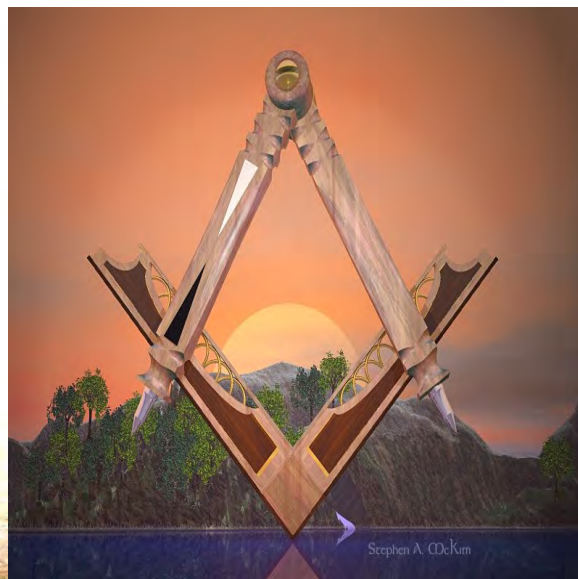
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BRO. ROBERT BURNS - 255 YEARS YOUNG



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Max Leroy Bailey, 32°	01/08/2014
Cecil Harold Boyd, 32°	01/12/2014
John Evert Brown, 32°	12/28/2013
Harold Eugene Gill, 32°	12/24/2013
Dennis Bruce Gorkin, 32°	01/04/2014
Herman Corwin Homer, 32°	08/21/2013
Warren H. Hutchings, 32°	06/13/2012
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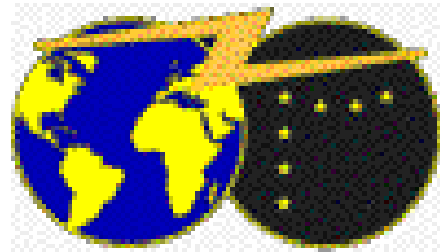
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Take a Journey Through the Mad Hatter's Ball

Dinner

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March 1st at the Consistory

6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Tickets:

Single: \$20/ea

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Please R.S.V.P. by February 20th to
Renée Fournier at
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York Rite Education

March 11, 2014

Dinner at 6:30 pm - Education at 8:30 pm

1614 Welton Street - Denver, CO 80202

Please join Denver Chapter 2 for dinner and fellowship. This is open to your ladies and anyone you know who is interested in Masonry. We will provide a nice meal and education on York Rite Masonry. If you have ever wondered who York Rite Masons are, now is the perfect time to find out. Join us and we will have a great evening. Dinner is complementary and we will reimburse for parking. Please RSVP Dave Schweitzer by Wednesday, March 5, at 303 427 9047.

Darin Roen—High Priest

Denver Chapter 2

