

Denver's RiteWorks



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PLANNING CALENDAR

MAY 2016

Wednesday, MAY 11	6:00 pm	Spring Reunion (48 th consecutive) - Children's Hospital Colorado (by invitation)
Thursday, MAY 12	7:30 am	Spring Reunion - PARKING GARAGE AVAILABLE
Friday, MAY 13	8:30 am	Spring Reunion - PARKING GARAGE AVAILABLE
	7:00 pm	PUBLIC PRESENTATION OF 31° CEREMONY
Saturday, MAY 14	8:30 am	Spring Reunion - PARKING GARAGE AVAILABLE
Monday, MAY 16		Stated Meeting - PARKING GARAGE AVAILABLE
	5:30 pm	Red Room Business Meeting
	6:00 pm	Dinner (Tuscan Chicken and Lemon Meringue Pie)
	7:00 pm	OPEN meeting: Special Guest Speaker, S. Brent Morris, 33° GC (see flyer)
Saturday, MAY 21	4pm-10pm	Supreme Council "Celebrating the Craft" Web-a-Thon
Monday, MAY 30		Consistory CLOSED for Memorial Day Holiday

JUNE 2016

Monday, JUNE 20		Stated Meeting - PARKING GARAGE AVAILABLE - Hawaiian Shirt Night
	5:30 pm	Red Room Business Meeting
	6:00 pm	Dinner (BBQ Salmon and Pineapple Upside-Down Cake)
	7:00 pm	Entertainment
	7:30 pm	Split Meeting - 5 minute oration by Orator, Colorado Council of Kadosh

JULY 2016

Monday, JULY 04		Consistory CLOSED for observance of Independence Day
Saturday, JULY 16	6:30 pm	Shrimp Boil - PARKING GARAGE AVAILABLE - Ladies & Guests Invited

AUGUST 2016

Saturday, AUGUST 13		All Masonic Picnic in cooperation with Grand Lodge, Shrine, & ESMRC
Weds., AUGUST 17	6:00 pm	Officer's Mid-Year Planning Dinner Meeting

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EDITOR'S CORNER

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You know, EVERY MONTH we hear everyone tell us how important getting petitions for new members is. There's an interesting and timely article from the Sunday Masonic Paper that I've excerpted and condensed later in this issue that talks to that problem. While our Consistory has indeed taken steps to address some of the root causes expounded in that paper, there is always room to improve - spending more effort on education, for example - as opposed to routine matters that are predictable and repetitive.

My mentor, our late WB Randy Trullinger, 32° KCCH, used to tell the Job's Daughter adults that we were pretty good at GETTING GIRLS INTO Job's, but we were pretty lousy at KEEPING them active. He used to relate a story about DeMolay in Texas from perhaps a decade or more ago.

It seems that Texas DeMolay was about to close its doors for good—due to inactivity and lack of members. So, the new state Executive Officer called a meeting of all the Master Counsellors, and the Chapter Dads. He stood up in front of them and told them that he didn't really care whether they only did ONE ritualistic meeting a year and all the rest were FUN activities. He explained: "If your members aren't having fun, they aren't going to come back. And, if they can't talk about what they did with DeMolay over the weekend in school with their friends on Monday, you aren't going to get any new members either."

Let's translate that from teenagers to adults: If our members aren't getting what they THOUGHT they would get (whatever that is), they won't be back. And, if they can't talk about what they do in Lodge (Shrine, York Rite, Scottish Rite, whatever) - without breaching secrecy rules, they probably won't be bringing you any new petitions either—will they?

Back to Texas. One chapter dad (Dallas) decided to call the Dallas Stars hockey team. You see, they were in the Stanley Cup playoffs that year (they eventually won). The dad got hold of the team manager and told them he had a number of teenaged boys and would it be possible for them to come watch an open practice for the team. The manager told him SURE—and if the boys have skates and sticks, tell them to bring them with you. We'll give you some ice time after the team is finished practicing. When the team finished, there were TWO players left on the ice—Mike Modano (their equivalent to our Joe Sakic of the AVS) and their goalie. When the boys took to the ice, Mike called over to them and told them he would conduct a "stick handling clinic." When he was finished and left for the locker room, the goalie (now remember, not just ANY NHL goalie—the eventual Stanley Cup winning goalie) asked the boys if they wanted to take some "shots on goal."

WHAT DO YOU THINK THE CONVERSATIONS WERE LIKE IN SCHOOL the next Monday?

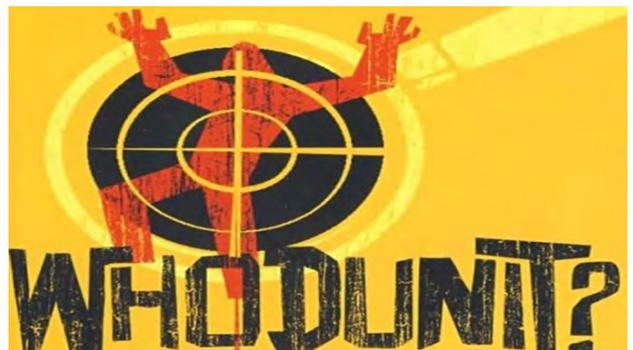
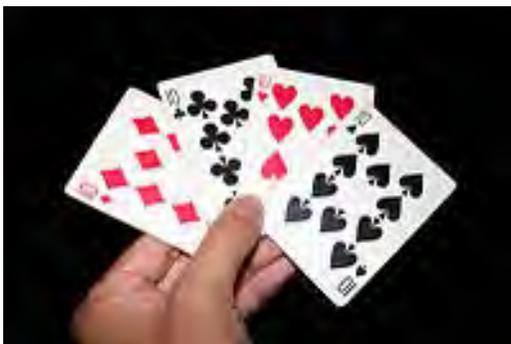
Your Consistory has taken many steps to offer educational opportunities to all members. Maybe that's what you're looking for, and maybe not. But, no matter what we seem to try, getting warm bodies out to all these opportunities still represents a challenge. Of course, the more Masonic bodies to which you belong, the busier you are - the fewer free evenings or weekends you have available. But, at some point, we all have to prioritize our time - after all, there are still only 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and 52 weeks a year. Many of you still work, many more have young families - which is one reason why some of our activities at the Consistory are aimed at family participation...they're not ALL "masonic" things to bore our wives and kids to death.

This month, Ill. Brent Morris, 33° GC, will be our featured speaker at our stated meeting. This meeting will be COMPLETELY OPEN to the public. Brent will have two topics he will speak on during the meeting - and I'm going to try to prevail upon him to demonstrate his Magician's skill as well. The first talk will be sort of a "whodunit" kind of thing - although it will use a Masonic incident as the theme, you don't have to be a Mason to appreciate the clues, misdirection, and outright deception that he'll describe. After that, he'll talk about MEMBERSHIP TRENDS from 1900-2000. Yes, he'll use Masonic and Scottish Rite numbers to ILLUSTRATE the trends, but I assure you, EVERY benevolent, social, fraternal, professional, and hobby organization has EXACTLY the same problems with membership retention and engagement, so these things he'll explain will apply to ANY ORGANIZATION as well as Masonry.

If you've never heard Brent speak, please don't pass up this opportunity to hear a world-class Masonic author, researcher, and speaker at our Consistory. In fact, you might want to blame Brent for getting me interested in the Scottish Rite in the first place. When he and I worked at the same location many years ago, he dangled the HEREDOM (annual book for the Scottish Rite Research Society) in front of me, and I was hooked...even if it took me quite a few years to eventually take all the degrees of the Scottish Rite here in Denver after I retired from the Navy.

Membership, is indeed "a contact sport" as our late Illustrious Brother Gerry Screws was fond of telling us. You can't do it on-line, on the phone, or by remote control—you have to do it face-to-face. Otherwise, there is no reason for the potential member to ENGAGE with you or US.

Yes, we have "parking issues" - but our Secretary is working those issues on our behalf, and we have made some progress in addressing them. Please make every attempt to stay engaged with our activities as we progress through the year - I think we have some pretty interesting and exciting programs and activities on the calendar that will interest just about everyone.





From the Secretary's Desk

[Matt Raia, 33°](#)



At our April Stated Meeting the Past Presiding Officers were introduced and thanked for their service.

Entertainment for the ladies was Brother Derek Everett, 32°, Grandson of Illustrious Brother Don Emarine, 33°. His presentation was titled: State Boundaries.

A new program, *The Denver Consistory Scottish Rite Passport*, will be implemented starting with the Spring Reunion. When you have witnessed a Degree, your passport is stamped by the Director General. When you have witnessed all 29 Degrees and your Passport is completed, you will receive an award.

Brother Tom Shotts, 32° KCCH, was recognized by our Director General, Illustrious Brother Ron Birely, 33°, for his work in creating the Denver Consistory Passport.

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with the 9HealthFair on April 9 and Doors Open Denver, April 23-24.

The Scottish Rite Masonic Center is now a participant in the King Soopers Neighborhood Rewards Program, whereby King Soopers makes periodic donations to the Scottish Rite Masonic Center.

Several of our members and spouses took part in Retail Sales Training for the Colorado Rockies. This is a program where the Colorado Rockies will pay the Scottish Rite Masonic Center for each of our members, spouses, friends, and family members who sell novelties during the Rockies Games.

Special Dietary Needs - IF, after reading the menu for our stated meeting, you find it does not fit your dietary needs, CALL US. We might be able to help.

PARKING: As you are aware, Denver Consistory is no longer permitted to use the parking lot behind our building, **AT ANY TIME**. This is a dramatic change from that which we have been allowed to do for the past 15 or more years. I am attempting to find an alternate lot or lots for Denver Consistory use. In the meantime, **PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THIS LOT**. If you do so, PERA, the owners of the lot, may tow your vehicle, have it ticketed, or simply chain the lot closed - locking your vehicle in the lot. Events for which the parking garage is available are listed in the Rite Works Calendar.

COMING EVENTS AT THE CONSISTORY

Brother Ben Williams, 32° KCCH, will be the guest speaker at the May 2 Knights of Saint Andrew meeting. Their meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. His talk is entitled: *Freemasonry and the Founding of the United States*. I encourage each of you to attend this informative presentation, and to support the Knights of Saint Andrew.

May 9 at 5:30 p.m. - the officers will meet to read any last minute petitions for the Spring Reunion. Get your petitions in before 5:30 p.m. May 9.

SPRING REUNION - May 12-14. There will be a PUBLIC PRESENTATION of the 31° on Friday night, May 13th at 7:00 p.m. Bring your family and friends with you to see this beautiful degree. It will be an excellent opportunity to show off our facility and our excellent degree work.

May 21st from 4:00 - 10:00 p.m. MDT "Celebrating the Craft" web—a—thon, focusing on RiteCare. To participate, go to the Supreme Council web site [HTTP://www.scottishrite.org](http://www.scottishrite.org)

MAY

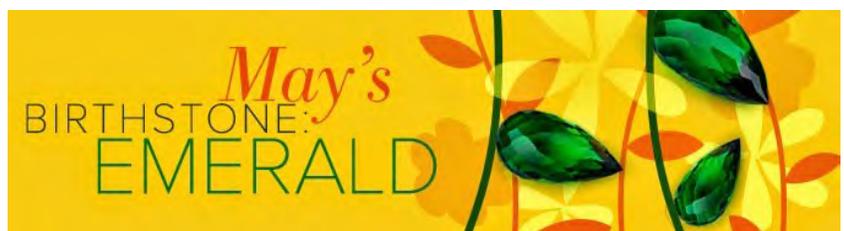
Ever wonder where the names of our months came from? This is the fifth in a series that delves into the origins of the words we use for our months of the year.

The month of MAY was named for the Greek goddess Maia, goddess of spring (growth). The Roman poet Ovid provides a second etymology, in which he claims that the month of May is named for the *maiores*, Latin for "elders," and that the following month (June) is named for the *iuniores*, or "young people."

May's birthstone is the emerald, which is emblematic of love and success.

The May birth flower is the Lily of the Valley. It is native throughout the cool temperate Northern Hemisphere in Asia, Europe, and in the southern Appalachian mountains in the United States.

The zodiac signs for the month of May are TAURUS (until May 20) and GEMINI (May 21 on).





HELPING FUND THE SCOTTISH RITE MASONIC CENTER

by Bill Skewes, 32° KCCH

All of us would love to be able to make a large financial contribution to help preserve our special Scottish Rite Masonic Center; and we appreciate those who have the resources to make that happen. The reality is that as our membership continues to age and for those of us who still have families to raise, the challenge becomes more difficult to make direct financial contributions. BUT ... **THERE IS A WAY** and without risking our respective financial futures.

Here is how it works. Many of us shop at King Soopers as well as the filling stations associated with them. Individuals already benefit by using their “rewards cards” to obtain grocery discounts as well as fuel discounts at their associated filling stations. This won’t change.

Our program is in conjunction with and addition to that. The Scottish Rite has qualified to be one of the organizations King Soopers (and any Kroger affiliated stores nationwide) recognizes for contributions. In short, if you have a King Soopers’ gift card issued by the Scottish Rite (only available at the Scottish Rite and NOT at King Soopers), for every DOLLAR YOU SPEND, King Soopers will contribute 5% of that amount to the Scottish Rite Masonic Center. For example, if you spend \$200.00 a month there, at the end of the year, King Soopers will send the Scottish Rite a check for \$120.00. YOU DID THIS WITHOUT REACHING INTO YOUR OWN POCKET ($\$200.00/\text{Month} \times 12 \text{ months} = \$2,400.00 \text{ per year} \times 5\% = \120.00). THANK YOU KING SOOPERS AND THANK YOU BROTHERS!

AND THAT IS NOT ALL. You “buy” your card at the Scottish Rite for \$10.00, and it is already loaded with \$10.00 of credit; thus, net-net, no real money out of your own pocket. You go to any King Soopers and use your credit card to increase the balance on your gift card up to an additional \$500.00 at any single time (and get your airlines miles if you used one of those types of credit cards). When your gift card gets low you simply reload it at the King Soopers service desk. Then pay your grocery bill at the check out counter with the King Soopers gift card obtained from the Scottish Rite.

BROTHERS - this is a WIN/WIN for everyone; you receive grocery discounts, fuel points, airline miles AND the Scottish Rite receives 5% of what you spent! It is also a win for King Soopers, because they just bought your customer loyalty.

The final home run is that with the use of this gift card there is no way that your credit card can be scammed because the gift card has none of your personal information on it. Get your gift card soon. See Audrey or Tom at the office to obtain your Scottish Rite Masonic Center King Soopers gift card. Thank you my Brothers.

WHERE DID ALL OUR FREEMASONS GO ?

This article is excerpted and condensed (with permission) from a recent "Sunday Masonic Paper" distributed by RWB Wayne Anderson, DDGM of Frontenac District, Ontario, Canada.

I would venture a guess to say there's not one single Lodge within our Grand Lodge that isn't concerned about MEMBERSHIP and LODGE ATTENDANCE. First of all, "membership" and "Lodge Attendance" are two very different things. I know, I know — they are very often lumped together as one and the same, but they are most certainly NOT the same issue. I'm sure I'll raise a few eyebrows by saying the far more serious problem isn't NEW membership - it's LODGE PARTICIPATION. Lodge participation is really the problem you must solve - nearly every other issue your Lodge may be facing from financial issues to lack of new members most likely tracks back to your participation problem.

If you think I'm wrong, ask yourself a few questions:

- (1) How many members show up for your meetings? How many members does your Lodge have? I'll bet there is a dramatically larger percentage of members who don't attend than do. WHY IS THAT?
- (2) How many of your NEWER members are attending? How many have dropped off? WHY?

AND ... NOW FOR THE BIG QUESTION

(3) What is the point of continuing to add new members to your rolls when you can't keep your old members or your brand new members involved?

I'll try to answer that last question for you - it's POINTLESS to keep adding members to your roster UNTIL YOU FIGURE OUT WHY YOU CAN'T KEEP THE ONES YOU ALREADY HAVE. And, I'll tell you the most common reason why Lodges challenged with these issues can't keep members involved. It's quite simple actually.

MEETINGS ARE BORING! Sorry to be so blunt, but it's true - right? If you fix that problem, you'll go a long way to fixing all your problems. As one Past Master so frequently says, "when they stop having fun, they'll stop coming." It really isn't any more complicated than that.

Here are SIX recommendations to improve your meetings - I have many more, but let's just start with six. And, as suggestions, please make sure they do not run counter to either your Grand Lodge Regulations OR your Lodge By-Laws.

READING THE MINUTES The PURPOSE of reading the minutes is to make sure your Secretary is doing his job correctly - that he is recording things accurately and to ensure he hasn't left anything out or gotten anything wrong. THAT'S IT! When a secretary takes 15 minutes to read the minutes of a meeting that lasted about an hour, it's a waste of your time. This is the 21st century folks - Secretaries could print out the minutes and have them available to review BEFORE the meeting, or even email the minutes of the meeting to members with email addresses right after the meeting concludes. THE MINUTES SHOULD ONLY TAKE MINUTES.

TREASURER'S REPORTS It took the Treasurer ten minutes to give his report in the same mind-numbing detail as the Secretary. Same thing. Why not print the report and hand it to the members or email it to them prior to the meeting? Most members don't even listen to

the details of how much the power bill was, and how much they charged to fix the vacuum sweeper. They tune out. They'll be more likely to look at the treasurer's report if it's printed than they are to listen to one.

ANNOUNCEMENTS Announcements often go on so long some actually refer to them at the end of our meetings as "the dreaded announcements." We had a degree in my lodge last week, and I glanced at the clock - announcements took a FULL FIFTEEN MINUTES! You'll see very few Masons writing things down during announcements - mostly because they come one event after another after another after another ... so fast that they couldn't really take detailed notes fast enough anyway.

SO ... NOW WHAT?

Let's say you do these three things (or you do them already). You've cut down dramatically on three areas that the vast majority of Masons dislike intensely anyway. You just saved a good forty minutes that you can now put to better use. Now that we have a little more time in our meetings, MAYBE we could do one or two of the following:

EDUCATION EVERY MEETING Education can be ANYTHING you want it to be. Share inspired articles from a newsletter, then discuss it. Test your Masonic knowledge. Have someone put together some trivia questions and perhaps elected officers can compete against appointed officers. Whatever you decide to do, HAVE FUN WITH IT.

INVITE A SPEAKER One of the best meetings I recall was one a few years ago. A lodge helped a young woman go on a trip to Germany as part of an exchange program. She came and talked to the Lodge when she returned. The Lodge went to refreshment, we invited her in, and she gave an excellent talk about her adventures - she even brought the Lodge a gift. Speakers can be members of your Lodge, somebody from the Shrine, perhaps a WWII vet with a great story to tell. Got a local Masonic author, scholar, or researcher? From experience, I know they're very often more than happy to come and talk to your members for fifteen or twenty minutes.

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION One Master I spoke to said that each month he announces a topic of discussion for the following month. Maybe it's about a historical event, or a famous Freemason, or the meaning of a certain symbol. The Brethren have a month to think about it. Sometimes, they announce the subject on their Facebook page and they get guests from other Lodges interested in taking part in that particular discussion.

Sometimes Masons get so involved in the BUSINESS of Masonry that we forget why we became Masons to begin with—TO LEARN, TO SERVE, and TO BECOME BETTER MEN. Business is an important part of a meeting, but so is learning, discussion, and fellowship. If you want established members to keep coming, and new members to get involved and stay involved, your Lodge HAS TO ENGAGE THEM. You have to give them something they'll look forward to. They have to feel like they're getting value from that time they spend in the meeting, and THE ONLY THING DULL MEETINGS PROVIDE ARE REASONS FOR FREEMASONS TO STAY HOME AND WATCH TV!. If you can build a lodge like we've mentioned, THEY WILL COME. AND ... they will talk about it and invite their friends to join as well. A lack of petitions won't be your problem - SCHEDULING ALL THE DEGREES will be - a problem every lodge would like to have.

Around the Consistory



Venerable Masters



Wise Masters



Commanders of Kadosh



Masters of Kadosh

DOORS OPEN DENVER - SAT/SUN 23-24 APRIL 2016





ROCKIES EXPERIENCE

We are now on the verge of a great experience to raise funds in support of our historic Scottish Rite Masonic Center. It is the "Rockies Experience!" We will be working as vendors at all the Rockies home games at Coors Field selling novelties (caps, T-shirts, jackets, etc.) and beer. As a volunteer, you will earn \$65 per game sent directly to our Scottish Rite IN YOUR NAME as a donation. WOW! This is a FANTASTIC opportunity for you to contribute funds without reaching into your pocketbook. We

Already have 28 volunteers including our SGIG, Steve Munsinger and Personal Representative, Doc Powell. With 72 games left this season, just one booth run by one volunteer will earn \$4680! Just think how much we can earn with 30 or more volunteers. Those working a game get a free \$12 meal voucher and breaks throughout the game. Our 28 volunteers received their required training on 19 April and are ready to work. We will have another training session on 17 May at 1:00 pm and again at 6:00 pm. This is your opportunity to get active and involved with the Consistory brothers and their families. Yes, WIVES AND ADULT CHILDREN, even friends and neighbors can participate with all monies going to our fraternity. Volunteers will receive a permanent recognition in the "Green Room" for their efforts. This is your opportunity to join the throng and support your Scottish Rite. Contact Rick Spoor, rwspeer@yahoo.com 303-771-7714 OR Tom Lincoln, 3flyingfeathers@comcast.net 303-968-7731 to join the **ROCKIES EXPERIENCE** and contribute to our continuing success as Masons.



RITECARE EMPHASIS of the 2016 Celebrating the Craft WEB-A-THON

The 2016 "Celebrating the Craft" (CTC) web-a-thon will be focusing on RiteCare. It is the hope this will get more of our brethren involved and provide a stronger local connection. 50% of all funds raised will still go to the House of the Temple. The show will feature videos from throughout the Southern Jurisdiction showcasing RiteCare as well as several patients and therapists being interviewed live.

CTC will be held on **MAY 21** from **4:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. MDT**. We need your help in promoting the program and encouraging brethren, family, and friends to donate in support of the CTC.

This star-studded program can be viewed at the Supreme Council website:

<http://www.scottishrite.org>



**Larry Tygart, Sr., 32°
Venerable Master
Denver Knights of St. Andrew**



The March meeting featured Illustrious Brother John Warren, who led a lively discussion on “Are we Listening with Our Good Ear.” To use the coined phrase, “I hear what you whisper in my ear, but I cannot hear what you yell at me.” the education was well-received by all of the brethren present and invoked a lot of the same conversations that we, as Masons, have been having of late. The takeaway, at least by this Mason, is we are still in need of merging the old with the new and continue to be perplexed as how to obtain that goal. The general consensus by young and old alike is, if there is something of interest and involvement by all those who choose to participate, it WILL succeed.

The Knights have been blessed to have a lineage of educational and functional events that have brought men together for the betterment of themselves and subsequently for the Chapter. These meetings and events are open to all of the Brethren of the Consistory, and the color of the hat does NOT preclude attendance. The Knights are the service end of the Consistory, and these events we consider part of our service to the membership to ensure opportunity for a variety of opinions on a myriad of topics.

The Knights’ next meeting will be on Monday, the 2nd of May (I know, it will conflict with degree rehearsals) and Brother Ben Williams, 32° KCCH, will be the presenter of the educational session. We open the Chapter at 6:30 pm, do a little business, then go directly to the educational presentation. The Knights welcome ALL Scottish Rite Masons to join in on some great opportunities.

WHO’S ON FIRST?

Brother Bud Abbott (of Abbott and Costello renown) was a Canadian Freemason. In 1945, Abbott and Costello performed a well-polished baseball comedy routine in the movie, “The Naughty Nineties.” The lead-in line was “Who’s on First?” What were the other positions identified in the routine?

2nd Base: WHAT

3rd Base: I DON’T KNOW

Catcher: TODAY

Pitcher: TOMORROW

CenterField: BECAUSE

LeftField: WHY

Shortstop: I DON’T GIVE A DARN (Right Field was never mentioned)



THE PRELATE'S PULPIT

Rev. Jim Harris, 33°



I am finding that the longer I live, the more I realize that my attitude has an impact on how I live my life. Attitude is more important than the past, than education, than money, than anything else. It will make or break a church, a lodge, a life, and a home. The amazing thing is that we have a choice every day regarding the attitude we embrace for that day. We cannot change the way people act. People will behave in a certain way - THEIR way. The only thing I can change is MY attitude. I am convinced that life is ten percent what happens to me and ninety percent how I react to it. And, so it is with you ... YOU are in charge of your attitude. YOU ARE IN CHARGE of your life. I live my life always trying to have a positive attitude. Notice I say "trying" because sometimes I let the circumstances rule. However, I have found through prayer, by meditation, and by staying active, I can change my negative thoughts. The Denver Consistory is a positive place because we have what Doctor Powell says is a "Positive Mental Attitude." WHAT ABOUT YOU?

The Executive Committee has named the auditorium "The Cathedral Room" because it is a special place for us. It is where we meet, do degrees, have memorial services, and so on. In fact, it was the original name of the room. There are Masonic Cathedrals in America such as the one in Dallas. It was erected in the early 1900's by a group of Scottish Rite Masons with a great vision for the future. Here Masons celebrate the glory of the wisdom of the Grand Architect of the Universe with the aim to further human progress. Many of the cathedrals were erected by masons, containing Masonic symbols. In the early churches, a cathedral was a place of authority, usually the seat of a bishop.

Enjoy the spring days, enjoy life, and ALWAYS strive to have a Positive Mental Attitude. Peace.





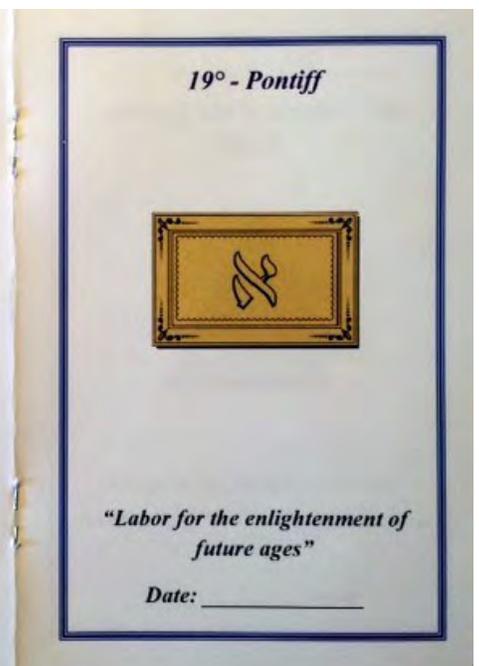
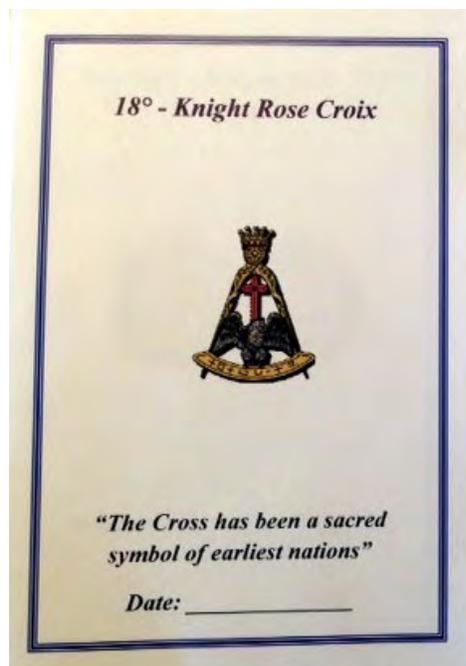
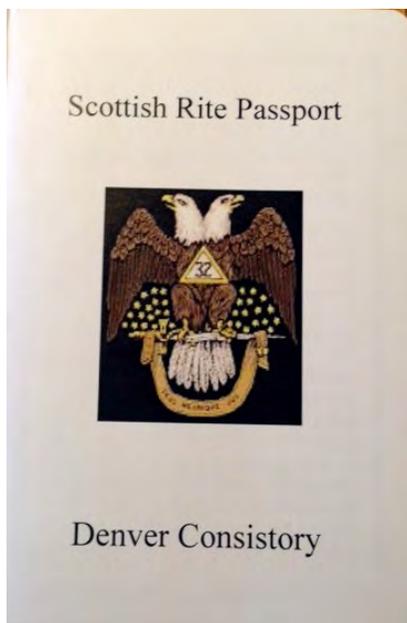
DO YOU HAVE YOUR SCOTTISH RITE PASSPORT?



By Ron Birely, 33°

We now have a beautifully colored Passport, which will allow you to keep, as a record, each of the Scottish Rite Degrees you have seen. Each of these wonderfully illustrated pages provides the symbol of the Degree. On each page there is a place for the date you witnessed the Degree, and to receive a proper stamp indicating that you have, in fact, witnessed the degree. The Passports are available in the office or from the Director or Assistant Director General. The cost of a Passport is \$5.00. After you have received a stamp on all 29 Degrees, you will receive your Scottish Rite jewel, with a special ribbon indicating that you have witnessed all 29 Degrees. If you already have your jewel, you will receive a special Passport pin to attach to your jewel, indicating that you have seen all 29 Degrees.

The rules to receive the stamp on the various degree pages are simple. You must be in the Cathedral for the complete performance of the degree. You must present your Passport to the Director or Assistant Director General, requesting a stamp before the beginning of the next degree starts. After you have witnessed all 29 Degrees including the various sections and apartments of each present your Passport to the Director or Assistant Director General and you will be awarded your Passport pin.



Examples from the Scottish Rite Passport

48th Spring Reunion
In Memory of Illustrious Robert L Sage, 33°
May 11th – 14th, 2016

Wednesday, May 11, 2016

- 6:30 PM Welcome and brief introductions
- 6:35 PM Presentation by Deborah Hayes
- 6:45 PM New Rite Care film
- 6:55 PM Tours
- 7:15 PM Dinner
- 7:45 PM Introduce dignitaries by Class Director
- 8:10 PM Prologue and Introduction to degrees by Director General

Thursday, May 12, 2016

- 7:30 AM Registration
- 8:00 AM Introductions and Welcome by Class Director
- 8:20 AM **Exemplify 4°** - Jay Bobick, 33°
- 9:00 AM Photography Committee – John Moreno, 33°
- 9:10 AM Classroom Instruction
- 9:30 AM **Exemplify 5°** - Mike Connely, 33°
- 10:05 AM **BREAK**
- 10:20 AM **Exemplify 6°** - Bryant Harris, 32° KCCH
- 10:35 AM Reset cast from 6° to 7°
- 10:40 AM **Exemplify 7°** - Bruce Evans, 32° KCCH
- 11:00 AM Classroom Instruction
- 11:15 AM **Exemplify 8°** - Robbie Leach, 32°
- 11:40 AM **LUNCH**
- 12:35 PM Class reconvenes
- 12:40 PM Communicate 9° and 10°
- 12:50 PM Communicate 11°
- 12:55 PM **Exemplify 12°** - Bobby Juchem, 32° KCCH
- 1:20 PM Secretary's Presentation
- 1:50 PM Tour – Al Ulibarri, 33°
Costume Committee – Doc Powell, 33°
Make-up Committee – Wes Campbell, 33°
A/V Committee – Don Marshall, 33°
Stage/Properties Committee – Walt Martin, 33°
Tiler Committee - Dick Mitchell, 33°
- 2:20 PM **BREAK**
- 2:30 PM Shrine Presentation – Larry Clark, Illustrious Potentate

Breakout Session For attendees – North Lodge Room

- 1:30 PM Lecture on the 24° - Aaron Klostermeyer, 32° KCCH
- 1:55 PM Break
- 2:05 PM All the wrong answers to the Master Craftsman Series
Ben Williams, 32° KCCH and Paul Harrison, 32°

2:35 PM Communicate 13°
2:40 PM **Exemplify 14°** - Helmut Fritz, 33°
3:35 PM Communicate 15°
3:45 PM Communicate 16°
3:50 PM Classroom Instruction
4:15 PM **Exemplify 17°** - Tom Gaffney, 32°
5:00 PM Adjourn

Friday, May 13, 2016

8:30 AM Class Convenes
9:00 AM **Exemplify 18°, 1st and 2nd Sections** – Chris Staton, 32° KCCH
9:35 AM Classroom Instruction on 18°
9:45 AM **Exemplify 18°, 3rd Section** – Chris Staton, 32° KCCH
10:20 AM Knights of St Andrew
10:30 AM Classroom Instruction
10:35 AM **BREAK**
10:45 AM **Exemplify 19°** - DJ Cox, 33°
11:20 AM Communicate 20°
11:28 AM Communicate 21°
11:36 AM **LUNCH**
12:26 PM Class reconvenes
12:30 PM **Exemplify 22°** - Marv Feldman, 33° and John Buchanan, 33°
1:15 PM Communicate 23°
1:20 PM Communicate 24°
1:25 PM Classroom Instruction
1:45 PM **Exemplify 25°** - Ricky Haskell, 32°
2:05 PM **Exemplify 26°** - David Williams, 32°
2:30 PM Classroom Instruction
2:45 PM **Exemplify 27°** - Norman Wright, 33°
3:40 PM Classroom Instruction
3:55 PM **BREAK**
4:10 PM **Exemplify 28°** - Grover Sardeson, 33°
5:10 PM **BREAK**
6:10 PM **DINNER**
7:00 PM Grand Masters Address
7:15 PM Move to Auditorium
7:25 PM **Exemplify 31°** - Joe Kier, 33°
8:15 PM Adjourn

Saturday, May 14, 2016

8:30 AM Class Convenes
8:40 AM Class Address by SGIG and Class Pictures/break
9:40 AM Classroom Instruction
9:50 AM Communicate 29°
10:00 AM **Exemplify 30° - 1st Apartment** – Bruce Lawlor, 32°
10:18 AM **Exemplify 30° - 2nd Apartment** – David King, 32°
10:33 AM **Exemplify 30° - 3rd Apartment** – Jack White, 32° KCCH

10:48 AM **BREAK**
 11:05 AM Classroom Instruction
 11:20 AM **Exemplify 30° - 4th Apartment** – Ed Johnson, 33°
 11:45 AM **LUNCH**
 12:30 PM Class reconvenes
 12:35 PM Classroom Instruction/break
 12:45 PM **Exemplify 32° - 1st Section** – John Buchanan, 33°
 1:35 PM Classroom Instruction
 1:45 PM **BREAK**
 1:55 PM **Exemplify 32° - 2nd Section** – John Buchanan, 33°
 2:45 PM Patriotic Poem
 2:50 PM Closing Ceremony
 Introduce SGIG
 SGIG Introduces the Presiding Officers
 Show the Closing Video of the Grand Commander
 Sing Farewell
 3:05 PM Adjourn

HAVE A “SMART” PHONE? Expect more Scammers this year!

- Nearly 70% of smartphone owners say they receive unwanted spam messages.
- They are 3x more likely to respond to spam than on their desktop or laptop computers.
- More than 1/4 of text message spam—such as free gift cards, cheap medicines, etc., are intended to defraud you by taking you to questionable websites where malware resides.
- **DO NOT** click on links or follow instructions to stop or prevent future texts. This confirms to the spammers that you are a live and active number that can be exploited.
- **The ONE-RING SCAM**
 - Leaves a voice message asking you to call a specific number because you won a sweepstakes, have an undelivered package, or owe the IRS back taxes.
 - Preprogrammed to disconnect after one-ring—and rely on your curiosity to find out who called. **DON’T** return those calls.
 - Area codes may **LOOK** like they are U.S. based, but they may be international, causing very large phone bills to be charged through long holds, forwards, etc.
 - Typical (but not exclusively) area codes to watch for: 268, 284, 473, 649, 664, 767, 809, 829, 849, 876.
- **BANK MESSAGES**
 - Text message claiming to be from your bank or credit card company (even though you may not do business with them) telling you there’s a problem with your account. You are instructed to click a link (**DON’T DO IT!**) which leads you to a **LOOK ALIKE** website that is run by a scammer trying to get your name, account number and logon credentials.

Your bank or credit card company MAY telephone you with a fraud alert, but it will NEVER ASK YOU FOR PERSONAL ACCOUNT INFORMATION (after all ... they already have that info.

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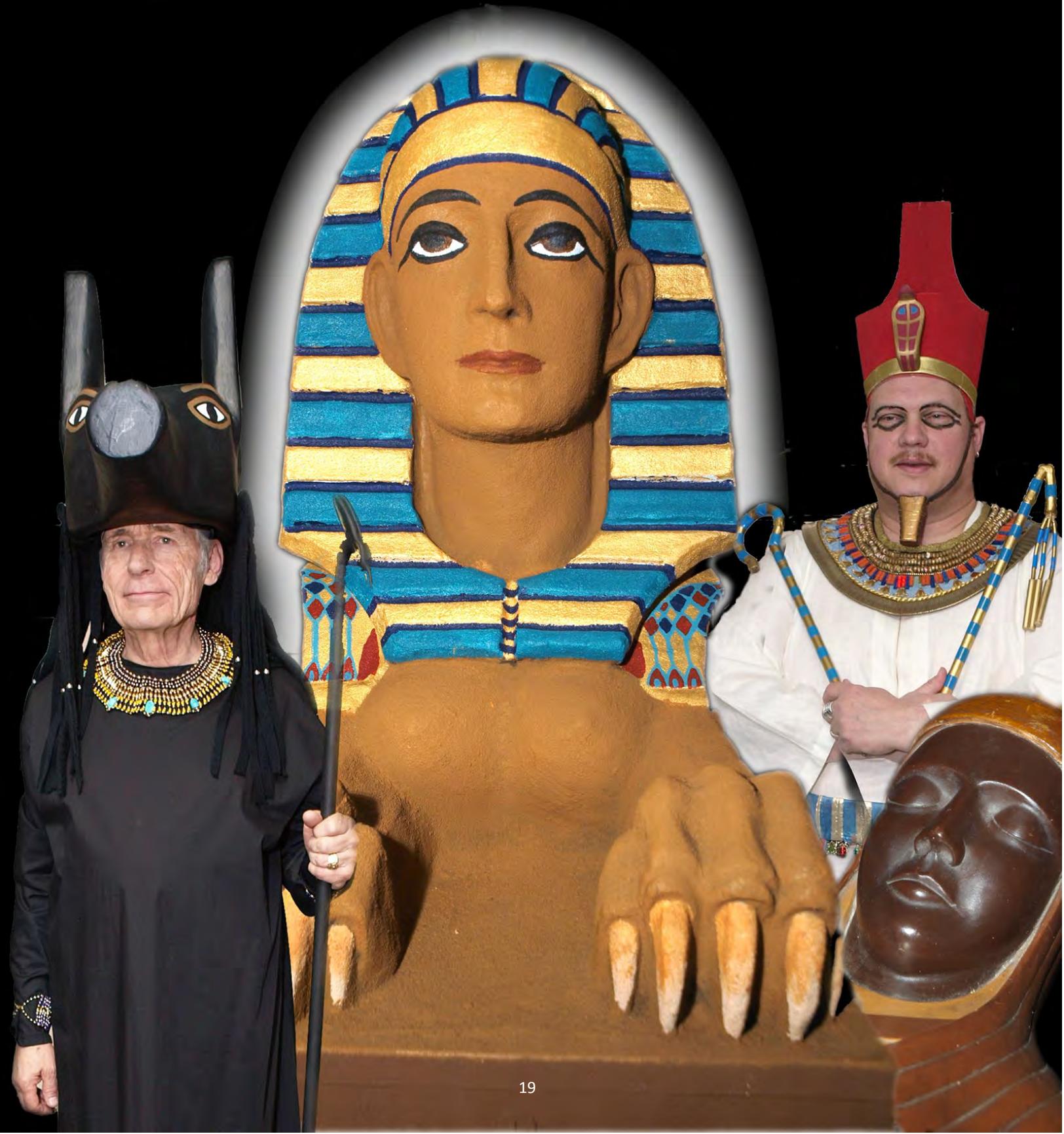
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SCOTTISH RITE SPRING REUNION 2016

Do you know a brother who is not a Scottish Rite Mason?

**SPRING REUNION (our 48th)
MAY 12,13,14**

THE DEGREES TO BE EXEMPLIFIED ARE:
4,5,6,7,8,12,14,17,18,19,22,25,26,27,28,30,31,32

*ANOTHER OPORTUNITY TO REUNITE WITH YOUR BROTHERS!
REVISIT THE TEACHINGS.*



2015 Fall Class

**Presenting the Scottish Rite 31st Degree
On Friday Night, May 13 at 7:00 pm
We invite your *family* and *friends* for this onetime event!**



Preparation



Organization



MWB Dexter Koons 2015

****NEW**** We will have 2 new seminars on Thursday, May 12 right after lunch. The first seminar will dwell more deeply into the 24th Degree. The second seminar is for you if you are participating in the Master Craftsman Program. Do you need a reason to attend the reunion, here it is!

First line signer incentive program. Three petitions in a calendar year will pay your membership for a year. If you are a life member then it entitles you to receive stated meeting dinners for a year.



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**YOU AND YOUR FAMILY ARE INVITED
TO JOIN US FOR THIS SPECIAL OPEN PRESENTATION ON MONDAY NIGHT,
MAY 16, 2016 AT 7:00 PM**

An optional dinner by reservation only is available at 6:00 pm for \$15.00 a plate.

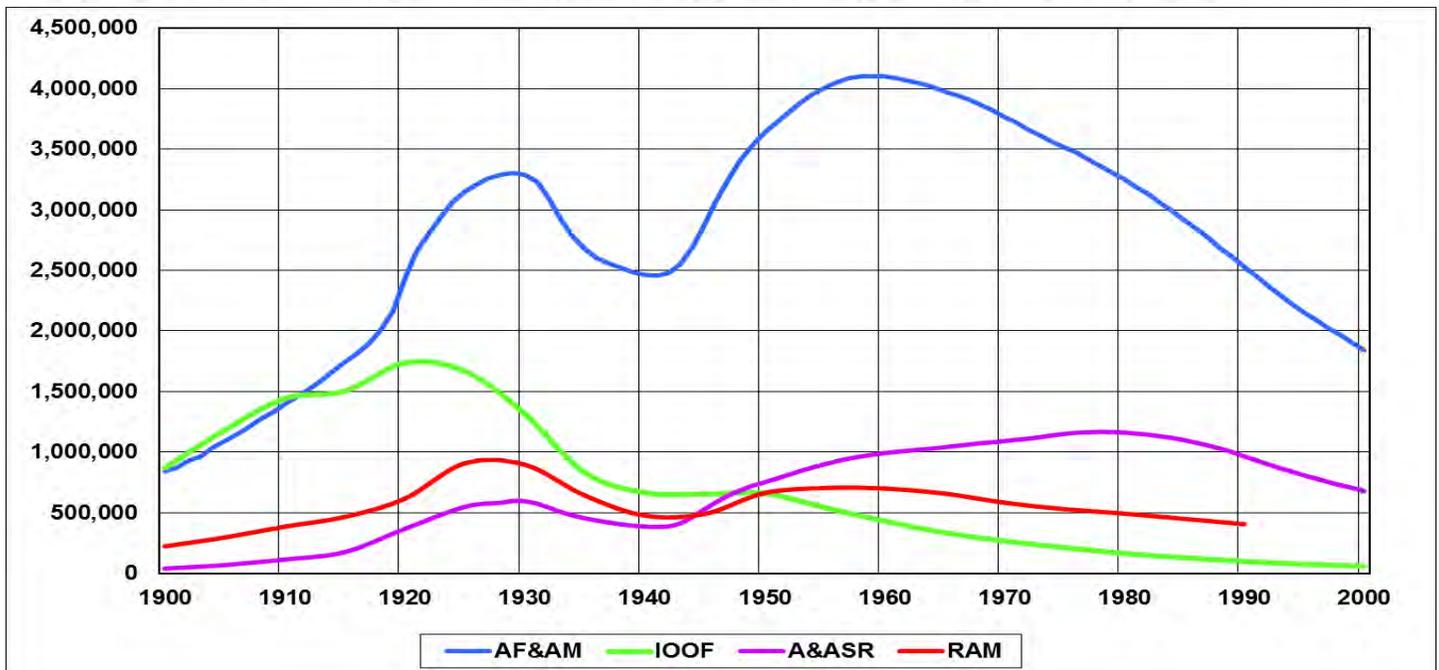
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Brent will discuss “The Curious Incident of the Exposure That Wasn’t” - giving you clues, hints, and comments on a “whodunit” type of event that requires NO MASONIC knowledge or background to enjoy. He will then discuss **“Membership Trends from 1900-2000”** using Lodge and Scottish Rite statistics to illustrate how ALL social, fraternal, and benevolent organizations have struggled with membership issues over the years. **BOTH TOPICS ARE OPEN** and should be of interest to just about everyone.

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U.S. Freemasonry 1900-2000



June 26, 2016

Join Denver Assembly #1, SOOB for a fun tailgate,
then attend the Diamondbacks vs Rockies game

We will have hot dogs, sloppy joe's, chips and sodas
at 1614 Welton at 11:30 noon for the tailgate

Then take the free shuttle to Blake Street and an
easy 3 block walk to the stadium, game is at 2:10

Rockies tickets are \$15.00

Tailgate is \$15.00

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10th Annual

Shrimp Boil



FAMILY AND FRIENDS WELCOME!

\$20 All you can eat; Kids 6 and under free; 7 to 12 \$10.

Caesar Salad, peel-and-eat Shrimp, Chicken Fingers, Smoked Sausage, Cornbread, Corn-on-the-cob, Boiled New Potatoes, Dessert.

RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST !!!

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