

# Denver's Rite Works



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# PLANNING CALENDAR

## OCTOBER 2016

Weds, OCTOBER 5	6:30 pm	Friends of the Scottish Rite (Prospect Night)
Fri, OCTOBER 14	6:00 pm	Rite Care Conference Banquet (by invitation only)
	7:30 pm	Entertainment - 22° Choir
Mon, OCTOBER 17		Stated Meeting - <b>PARKING GARAGE AVAILABLE</b>
	5:30 pm	Red Room Business Meeting
	6:00 pm	Dinner - Chicken Piccata and Raspberry Sorbet with cookie
	6:30 pm	All the Wrong Answers to the Master Craftsman Programs - <b>RED ROOM</b>
	7:00 pm	Entertainment: Feast of Tishri Observance
	7:30 pm	Split Meeting
		5 minute oration by Minister of State of Denver Consistory (King)
		5 minute oration by Orator of Colorado Council of Kadosh (Shotts)

## NOVEMBER 2016

Weds, NOVEMBER 9	6:30 pm	Fall Reunion (49 <sup>th</sup> consecutive) - <b>CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL COLORADO</b>
Thurs, NOVEMBER 10	7:30 am	Fall Reunion (49 <sup>th</sup> consecutive) - <b>PARKING GARAGE AVAILABLE</b>
Fri, NOVEMBER 11	8:00 am	Fall Reunion (49 <sup>th</sup> consecutive) - <b>PARKING GARAGE AVAILABLE</b>
Sat, NOVEMBER 12	8:15 am	Fall Reunion (49 <sup>th</sup> consecutive) - <b>PARKING GARAGE AVAILABLE</b>
Sat, NOVEMBER 19	9:00 am	Consistory Decorating Party - All members, officers, and wives invited
Mon, NOVEMBER 21		Stated Meeting - <b>PARKING GARAGE AVAILABLE</b>
	5:30 pm	Red Room Business Meeting
	6:00 pm	Dinner (Roast Turkey and all the trimmings with Pecan Pie)
	6:30 pm	All the Wrong Answers to the Master Craftsman Programs - <b>RED ROOM</b>
	7:00 pm	Veterans Recognition Program
Thurs, NOVEMBER 24		Consistory Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday
Fri, NOVEMBER 25		Consistory Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

## DECEMBER 2016

Sat, DECEMBER 3	10:00 am	SRF & Consistory Children's Christmas Party ( <b>Parking Garage Available</b> )
Mon, DECEMBER 19		Stated Meeting ( <b>Parking Garage Available</b> )
	5:30 pm	Red Room Business Meeting
	6:00 pm	Dinner (Pork Loin with Carrot Cake)
	7:00 pm	Entertainment
	7:30 pm	Split Meeting - Annual Election of Officers
Mon, DECEMBER 26		Consistory CLOSED for Christmas Holiday

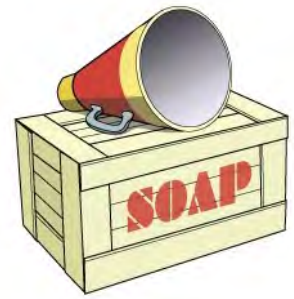
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# EDITOR'S CORNER

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We're in the run-up phase to the fall reunion - our 49<sup>th</sup> consecutive reunion - dedicated to our late Illustrious Brother Gerry Ford (Reunion Schedule in this issue). Years ago now, when I was appointed (ok, "voluntold") as Orator for my class, I found that it took between 600-700 brothers to put on all of the 29 degrees in one reunion. Of course, they don't all appear at once, but over the course of the reunion they make their presence known.

Some of our brothers are exceptional ritualists - learning many degree parts and delivering them with aplomb and emotion that rival professional actors at times. But, many of us are not so lucky - I'm one of those who is lucky to memorize TWO LINES and keep them straight in my head when on stage. It's been that way for well over 50 years. In fact, I had to have one of our brothers hypnotize me to break through it for one particularly difficult part (for me at least) that was probably 3 paragraphs long. But, I can do a lot of other things to support a reunion. So can everyone else. It literally takes a throng to put on this show we call a reunion twice a year.

Many of our brothers who either don't memorize well, or just prefer to work in the background, take roles in Properties, Audio, Light, Stage, Class Committee and other critical aspects of the reunion. Some of them are also quite good ritualists in their own right, but just prefer to take on a different role.

What's important is that you PARTICIPATE—in whatever capacity you prefer and to whatever extent possible given the length of your cable-tow.

We all hear about needing petitions every time we start the reunion cycle up - nothing has changed over the years, and I doubt seriously that it will change any time soon. Candidates are an ESSENTIAL part of the reunion—without them, you don't really need to be putting on degrees, do you? And, we all know that finding new proficient Master Masons who are interested and available to take the degrees of the Scottish Rite is a challenge, to say the least.

So, if you can't be AT the reunion in either acting or supporting roles, try to support the reunion by recruiting new members - OR - find those existing Scottish Rite Masons who are in your lodge, but who haven't been to a reunion or stated meeting in many years. Be enthusiastic about how our work is regarded by other Valleys and Orients all over the country - try to get them to give us a chance to impress them again as well. I've found enough changes in the degrees have come about since I went through that I get something new and important from every degree that I witness today. You will too.

And, now we have the Scottish Rite Passport program to help provide an incentive to witness each and every degree. Give it a shot.

In short, there are MANY things each of us can do to support a reunion. Let's make sure we all pull together on this...regardless of our position on the rope. (tug-o-war analogy)



# From the Secretary's Desk



[Matt Raia, 33°](#)

## THANK YOU!

Thank you to the following individuals who assisted with the Supreme Council meeting held in Denver August 25-28, 2016 by serving as airport greeters, drivers, and transportation of properties from Denver Consistory to the Hyatt Tech Center hotel and return of the properties to Denver Consistory: **Larry Tygart, Walt Martin, Keith Anderson, Doug Peterson, Mike Rowan, John Warren, Billy Benyak, Thayne Coulter, Loren Kohler, Hunter McCallum, Randy Penn, Bart Wegner, Jim Preston, and Rich England.**

The Supreme Council was very appreciative of your assistance and the excellent job you did providing transportation for them. The Sovereign Grand Commander was also very appreciative and expressed to Illustrious Brother Munsinger, more than once, his thanks and appreciation for your efforts. Each of you played a very significant role ensuring that our guests had a pleasurable experience. I want to thank you for your hard work and all you did to assist the Supreme Council.



At the September stated meeting, the Personal Representative, Illustrious Brother David Powell, 33°, presented Master Craftsman Program Certificates of Completion and pins to Brother Dan Rivers, 32° KCCH (Above left, Master Craftsman Part II), and Brother Russ Buschman, 32°, (Above right, History and Rituals).

At the September stated meeting, the Annual Scottish Rite Foundation Scholarship presentations were made to college graduate students in Speech and Language Pathology. Scholarships were presented to: Sai Rajopadhye (UNC), Chloe Shaw (UC-Boulder), Jenah Newman (UC-Boulder), Hannah Mellman (UC-Boulder), Anna Meihaus (UC-Boulder) and Dr. Rosemary

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McKnight (UC-Boulder). Photo below is of all the scholarship winners and their faculty advisors with Dr. Deborah Hayes, Illustrious Brother Vern Ingraham, 33° GC, and Illustrious Brother Bob Gregory, 33°



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### The Wit and Wisdom of "MURPHY"

We all KNOW Mr. Murphy: "If anything can go wrong, it will."  
But, did you know .....

Nothing is as easy as it looks.

Everything takes longer than you think it will.

Left to themselves, things tend to go from bad to worse.

Whenever you set out to do something, something else must be done first.

It's impossible to make anything foolproof, because fools are so ingenious.

Nature always sides with the hidden flaw.

When things just can't get any worse, they will.

If an experiment works the first time, something has gone wrong.

Things will get worse before they get better. Who said they would get better?

Once you open a can of worms, the only way to re-can them is with a larger can.

**O'TOOLE'S COMMENTARY ON MURPHY'S LAW: Murphy was an optimist.**

# DENVER CONSISTORY UPDATES

## October 5, 6:30 pm

Scottish Rite Friend Night (Prospect Night). A light meal will be served, followed by a tour of our facility and presentation by the Director General. Invite non-Scottish Rite Masons to attend and discover a little bit about the Scottish Rite. RSVP to the office by October 4.

## October 14, 7:00 pm

The Denver Consistory Choir Presents: ***The Carpenter's Workshop*** a one-act musical play about the carpenters on Mount Lebanon who furnished the timbers and fine woodwork for King Solomon's Temple - **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. FREE ADMISSION. THE PARKING GARAGE IS AVAILABLE.** Distinguished Guests:

**Ronald A. Seale, 33°**, Sovereign Grand Commander

**Stephen M. Munsinger, 33°**, Sovereign Grand Inspector General

**Robert D. Elsloo, 33°**, Grand Master of Masons, GL-AF&AM in Colorado

## Fall Reunion - November 10, 11, 12

Dedicated to Illustrious Brother Gerald Ford, 33°. The play, ***The Traitor*** will be presented Friday night, November 11, after the banquet. The play is open to the public.

## Colorado Rockies Retail Sales Update

Thank you to those who worked the games and the donation you made to the SRMC. This money is used to help pay for maintenance and repairs to our building. The last game we will work this season will be the October 2 game against Milwaukee. We will provide a season total of funds raised in a subsequent issue of the Riteworks when all the figures are in.

## King Soopers Loyalty Card Update

To date, \$414.25 has been received. Money from the Loyalty Cards is used to help pay for maintenance and repairs to our building. Thank you to those who are using the cards. If you don't have a card, come in to the office and pick one up for \$10. The cards are pre-loaded with \$10 credit, so the card really costs you nothing. Remember, you also receive King Soopers fuel points when you load your loyalty cards.

If you have a card, please use it when you shop at King Soopers, Loaf and Jug, City Market, or any Kroger affiliate anywhere in the United States. Denver Consistory only benefits from the program if you use the card.

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## OCTOBER

Ever wonder where the names of our months came from? This is the tenth in a series that delves into the origins of the words we use for our months of the year. The month of OCTOBER was originally designated as the eighth of ten Ancient Roman months (from “OCTO” meaning eight). It kept its position in the calendar rotation when January and February were added to make a 12 month calendar.

October’s birthstone is the Opal



October’s birth flower is the Calendula



The zodiac signs for October are LIBRA (Until October 21) and SCORPIO (22nd onwards).

**49<sup>th</sup> Reunion Honoring Gerald A Ford, 33°  
November 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

**Wednesday, November 9, 2016 @ Children's Hospital**

Candidates, spouses, 1<sup>st</sup> line signers only

- 6:30 PM – Welcome and Introductions
- 6:35 PM – Rite care Presentation
- 6:45 PM – Rite Care Video
- 7:05 PM – Clinic Tour and dinner
- 7:35 PM – Introduce Dignitaries and Welcome by Class Director
- 8:00 PM – Prologue and Introduction to the degrees

**Thursday, November 10, 2016 @ Denver Consistory**

- 7:30 AM – Class Convenes
- 8:00 AM – **Exemplify 4°**
- 8:40 AM – Communicate 5°
- 8:48 AM – Communicate 6°
- 8:56 AM – Communicate 7°
- 9:04 AM – Communicate 8°
- 9:12 AM – **Exemplify 9°/10°**
- 9:50 AM – Break
- 10:05 AM – Classroom Instruction
- 10:25 AM – **Exemplify 11°**
- 10:45 AM – Classroom Instruction
- 11:00 AM – Communicate 12°
- 11:05 AM – **Exemplify 13°**
- 11:35 AM – Lunch
- 12:30 PM – Class Reconvenes
- 12:35 PM – **Exemplify 14°**
- 1:30 PM – Secretary's Presentation
- 1:30 PM – Breakout Session
- 1:55 PM – Committee 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°
- 2:35 PM – **Exemplify 15°**
- 3:40 PM – Break
- 3:55 PM – Classroom Instruction
- 4:00 PM – **Exemplify 16°**
- 4:40 PM – Classroom Instruction

**Friday, November 11, 2016 @ Denver Consistory**

- 8:00 AM – Class Convenes
- 8:30 AM – Communicate 17°
- 8:40 AM – Classroom Instruction
- 9:00 AM – **Exemplify 18° - 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Sections**
- 9:35 AM – Classroom Instruction
- 9:45 AM – **Exemplify 18° - 3<sup>rd</sup> Section**
- 10:20 AM – Classroom Instruction

- 10:30 AM – Knights of St Andrew
- 10:40 AM – Communicate 19°
- 10:48 AM – **Exemplify 20° - 1<sup>st</sup> Section**
- 11:10 AM – Classroom Instruction
- 11:20 AM – Break
- 11:35 AM – **Exemplify 20° - 2<sup>nd</sup> Section**
- 12:05 PM – Introduce Grand Master and officers  
Grand Master Address the Class
- 12:20 PM – Lunch
- 1:00 PM – Class Reconvenes
- 1:05 PM – Prolog of 21°
- 1:10 PM – **Exemplify 21°**
- 1:45 PM – Communicate 22°
- 1:55 PM – Classroom Instruction
- 2:05 PM – Break
- 2:20 PM – **Exemplify 23°**
- 2:45 PM – Classroom Instruction
- 3:10 PM – **Exemplify 24°**
- 3:45 PM – Communicate 25°
- 3:52 PM – Communicate 26°
- 3:59 PM – Communicate 27°
- 4:07 PM – Communicate 28°
- 4:15 PM – **Exemplify 29°**
- 4:55 PM – Break
- 6:00 PM – Dinner
- 6:50 PM – **Exemplify "The Traitor"**

**Saturday, November 12, 2016 @ Denver Consistory**

- 8:15 AM – Class Convenes
- 8:30 AM – Photography Committee
- 8:40 AM – Shrine Presentation
- 8:50 AM - Class Address by SGIG and Class  
Picture/Break
- 10:00 AM – Classroom Instruction
- 10:10 AM – **Exemplify 30° - 1<sup>st</sup> Apt**
- 10:28 AM – **Exemplify 30° - 2<sup>nd</sup> Apt**
- 10:43 AM – **Exemplify 30° - 3<sup>rd</sup> Apt**
- 10:58 AM – Break
- 11:15 AM – Classroom Instruction
- 11:30 AM – **Exemplify 30° - 4<sup>th</sup> Apt**
- 11:55 AM – Lunch
- 12:50 PM – Class Reconvenes
- 12:55 PM – Communicate 31°
- 1:10 PM – Classroom Instruction
- 1:15 PM – **Exemplify 32° - 1<sup>st</sup> Section**
- 2:03 PM – Classroom Instruction
- 2:13 PM – Break
- 2:30 PM – **Exemplify 32° - 2<sup>nd</sup> Section**
- 3:27 PM – Closing Ceremony





## ROCKY MOUNTAIN CHAPTER ROSE CROIX – 2016 ORATION

By Benjamin F. Williams, 32° KCCH, Orator



Editor's Note: Brother Ben's oration is longer than we would usually publish, so we're going to TRY something new here: just enough of his oration will be included here as a "teaser" and the entire oration will be provided to the webmaster who will upload it to our web pages. If you want to read the entire article, you will need to go check out our web page.

### **An Inquiry into the Accusations of Luciferianism which, Present Day, Continually Affront the Fraternity of Freemasons**

We all know conspiracy theorists love to pin all sorts of nefarious dealings on us Freemasons.

The accusations are manifold, but essentially they devolve into three main camps, more or less extensive.

One, the Masons are a vehicle used by the Illuminati to take over the world, destroying all religions and national sovereignties to set up the antichrist enthroned in opposition to everything right and Holy. Two, by accepting multiple faiths into a Masonic Lodge, Freemasonry is a tool of Satan himself, wielded to contravene Christianity, particularly the literalist interpretation of John 14:6, where Jesus says "No man cometh unto the Father, but by me." And three, most Masons are unwitting fools, condemning their souls one pancake at a time. All that money we give to charity? It can never buy back our souls because we just don't KNOW what is really going on up there, over Heredom, at those dizzying heights of the 33°!

Pope Clement XII issued a Papal Bull in 1738, condemning all Freemasons, and those who aided them in any way, to "pain of excommunication." The main issue, it seems was NOT devil worship or aspirations of global domination, but secrecy pledged under oath upon the Bible. This left the doors of the Society closed, except perhaps to overactive imaginations.

In the U.S., the formation of the Anti-Masonic Party in 1828, the only major third party to emerge in the U.S., bespeaks concerns that in-dealing and Masonic nepotism were polluting the political process here.

Finally, for almost two-hundred years, then, after the formation of the first Grand Lodge in England, accusations of devil worship and luciferianism were not overtly made. Not until the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, when the work of a self-confessed hoaxer, Leo Taxil, was seized upon by every anti-Masonic enthusiast the world over, does this peculiar strain of anti-Masonry appear on the record.

It is dumbfounding how some people grow delusions like rose gardens, and defend them as if defending their life's work. The lie is powerful when the liar WANTS to believe it. But it is insurmountable when it DEFINES the liar. (check out: <http://denverconsistory.org> for more)



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



Brethren All:

October is upon us and it will be a very busy month. October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30pm will be our regular stated meeting where we will Knight eight novitiates. The education program will be presented by Illustrious Brother John Moreno, and we will also be discussing preparations for the Burns Supper in January. October 5<sup>th</sup> is a “Friends Night” (Prospect Night) for all those that would like to have a no-pressure view of the Scottish Rite and the Denver Consistory. October 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> will be the Masonic Symposium, and the Knight’s next service event will be the Rite Care conference on the 14<sup>th</sup>. The 49<sup>th</sup> consecutive Reunion, honoring Illustrious Brother Gerry Ford, is fast approaching as well. Rehearsals will soon begin for the 29<sup>th</sup> degree which the KSA is honored to perform. We will have a “clean up day” on one Saturday before the reunion to dress it up a bit prior to the event. Lastly, it’s never too early to start thinking about the KSA’s annual Burns Supper. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue of RiteWorks, MAKE RESERVATIONS and PLAN TO BE THERE - it’s always a special evening.

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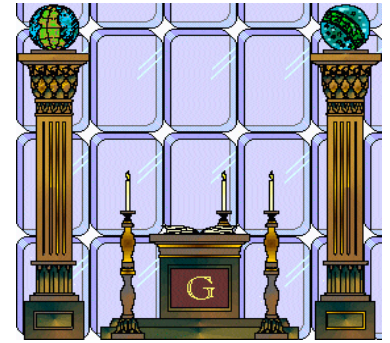
The United States Navy claims October 13, 1775 as the date of its official establishment, when the 2<sup>nd</sup> Continental Congress passed a resolution creating the Continental Navy. But, with the end of the Revolutionary War, the Continental navy was disbanded. Early threats to merchant shipping by the Barbary pirates from four North African Muslim states led to the Naval Act of 1794 which created the permanent standing U. S. Navy that we have today. The original six frigates were authorized as part of the Act.

Masonic Brother John Paul Jones is widely identified as the “father” of the United States Navy. During his famous voyage around the British Isles, he defeated the British ship *Serapis* (1779) in the Battle of Flambourough Head. Midway through that battle, the rigging of the *Serapis* and Jones’ ship the *Bonhomme Richard* (1765) became entangled, putting several of his guns out of action. The captain of the *Serapis* asked Jones if he had struck his colors (surrendered), to which Jones famously said: **“I have not yet begun to fight.”**



# THE PRELATE'S PULPIT

Rev. Jim Harris, 33°



I am writing about several things this month. It was great to be together again at our September stated meeting. We enjoyed a delicious meal, handed out Scottish Rite Scholarships, and heard a meaningful oration by Ben Williams. We also introduced three members of the Denver Consistory who were elected as presiding officers of our three York Rite bodies. Ill. Brother Bob Elsloo, 33° was elected Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery; Ill. Brother Al Ulibarri, 33° was elected Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter; and Brother Roy Snyder, 32° KCCH was elected Grand Master of the Grand Council.

The season of Autumn is known as the "Season of Reflection." Crisp, frosty mornings, warm days, changing colors, football games - all signal that winter is coming. I enjoyed my summer - seeing family, cookouts, baseball games, and so on. I enjoyed the All Masonic Picnic at the Eastern Star Retirement Campus. This was my last year on the Board of Trustees and I enjoyed my time on the Board. The Retirement Community is a wonderful and caring place for our seniors to live. Brother Terry Hudson is Chair of the Board of Trustees.

We have our Fall Reunion approaching. Director General Ill. Brother Ron Birely, 33° and his committee have been organizing and planning for a successful reunion. It is a meaningful time as we receive good men into our Scottish Rite and we can come together in fellowship. Remember, "Membership is a CONTACT SPORT!"

In the words of Jeremiah 6:16, "Thus says the Lord: stand at the crossroads and look, and ask for the ancient paths, where the good way lies and walk in it and find rest for your souls." I hope that each of you will find something on which to reflect in your lives: Where you have been, where you are now, and where you are heading.

Have a great Fall, stay positive, keep your head up, and love your Brothers. As the Bible says, "We are members, one of another. When one cries, we all cry, and when one rejoices, we all rejoice."

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Americanism means courage, honor, justice, truth, sincerity and hardihood - the virtues that made America. The things that will destroy America are prosperity-at-any-price, peace-at-any-price, safety-first instead of duty-first, the love of soft living, and the get-rich-quick theory of life. - Brother Theodore Roosevelt.

No one should boast of being honest, dependable, courteous, and considerate—for these are fundamental qualities essential to good character that everyone ought to develop and use.

- Waite Phillips (founder of Phillips Petroleum)

# MEMORIAL SCROLL

Ronald George Burroughs, 32°	06/22/2016
Ralph Donald Johnson, 32°	08/31/2016
Lester Ernest Jones, 32°	07/15/2016
Richard Dean Jones, 32°	06/29/2016
Weldon Marchel Laws, 32°	09/12/2016
Daniel Rawley Maas, 32°	08/26/2016
Robert Clifford Mackay, 32°	05/18/2016
Kenneth E. Murray, 32°	05/23/2016
Lewis Jacob Moyer, 32°	07/27/2016
Leonard George Tulin, 32°	08/23/2016
Eugene Donald Zimmerman, 32°	02/16/2016

**All Scottish Rite Masons in good standing are entitled to have a Rose Croix Funeral service at the time of their passing. Members should advise their families of their wishes to have this beautiful service. It is a very dignified service intended to help bring comfort to the family.**

**The current members of the Denver Consistory Rose Croix Funeral Team are: John Buchanan, 33° - Chairman, Scott A. Bates, 32° KCCH, Jerry Fenimore, 33°, M. Edward Johnson, 33°, Richard Mitchell, 33°, Matthew Raia, 33°, Roy Snyder, 32° KCCH, John Warren, 33°, Richard Wenzel, 32°**

**If you are interested in joining the Rose Croix Funeral Team and helping them, contact the office or John Buchanan, 33° for more information.**

# OCTOBER Special Birthdays

## 90 Years Young

Walter P. Keller

## 80 Years Young

Marshall E. Gish  
Bruce E. Smith  
Robert D. Vickrey

## 70 Years Young

James W. Luke  
Jerry R. Rice  
George R. Selbe  
Jay C. Shidler  
Robert W. Sivacoe

## 60 Years Young

Richard A. Hale

## 50 Years Young

David J. Lundy

## 40 Years "REALLY-Old"

Matthew B. Bucher

## 30 Years "Old"

Ryan A. Klassy



**October 13, 1775 (241 years)**



**To ALL our Brothers**

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## SCOTTISH RITE FRIENDS NIGHT

### **Be a Better Blue Lodge Mason! Consider a Membership with the “university of Freemasonry”**

*THE FALL DEGREES ARE BEING PLANNED, NOV 10-12. THE 4TH THROUGH THE 32nd DEGREES ARE PRESENTED IN A THEATRICAL PERFORMANCE. WE WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU AND YOUR LADY TO A FREE EVENING OF SCOTTISH RITE FELLOWSHIP AND LIGHT REFRESHMENTS.*

**WEDNESDAY, OCT. 5TH, 2016 AT 6:30 PM.**



*PLAN TO SPEND AN HOUR AND A HALF WITH US. INCLUDED IN YOUR VISIT WILL BE A TOUR OF OUR BEAUTIFUL HISTORIC BUILDING AND A BIT OF ENTERTAINMENT.*

**PLEASE RSVP. [denverconsistory@denverconsistory.org](mailto:denverconsistory@denverconsistory.org)**

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## An Invitation to a Celebratory Program at Denver Consistory

by Stephen M. Munsinger, 33°, SGIG

This October 13-15 the Orient of Colorado is pleased to host the 11<sup>th</sup> biennial National RiteCare Conference in Denver. This will be the second time we have hosted this national conference, the first being the inaugural conference in 1996.

The RiteCare Conference provides an excellent opportunity for our clinicians and literacy/learning RiteCare professionals to enhance their specialized practice and clinic management skills as well as to connect with RiteCare clinicians and Scottish Rite Leadership from throughout the country.

While it is not generally known, our clinic operations in Colorado have some 200+ professional staff each of whom at one time or other works with the 800 to 1,000 children in Colorado's RiteCare program during any given year.

On Friday evening, October 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm, Denver Consistory will entertain conference participants, Scottish Rite guests, and friends with a gala program featuring Denver Consistory's Scottish Rite musical play, "The Carpenter's Workshop." The accompanying program flier provides details.

All are invited to attend. We want to give all conference participants from throughout the Southern Jurisdiction a Rocky Mountain Scottish Rite welcome. Your participation in helping us do this will be greatly appreciated.





## The Denver Consistory Choir Presents a Musical Play

### **The Carpenter's Workshop**

A one-act play about the carpenters on Mount Lebanon  
who furnished the timbers and fine woodwork  
for King Solomon's Temple

*The action is set in a carpenter's shop on the slopes of Mount Lebanon. A highborn Prussian Knight enters and seeks the title of Prince of Libanus. He supported his petition with a tale of noble birth and high rank. But the claim on these grounds is rejected. He is told that he must first forego his title and rank and personally earn the reward he seeks through work in the carpenter shop.*

**Friday October 14, 2016 at 7:00 pm**  
Denver Consistory Auditorium - 1370 Grant Street

#### **Open to the Public**

**Free Admission**

#### **Complimentary Parking**

1. The parking garage adjacent to the Consistory is available for this event.
2. The Credit Union parking lot at 14<sup>th</sup> and Pennsylvania is available for this event.

#### **Distinguished Guests**

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**Stephen M. Munsinger, 33°**  
**Sovereign Grand Inspector General**  
**Robert D. Elsloo, 33°, Grand Master**  
**National RiteCare Conference**  
**Participants**

The National RiteCare Conference is being held in Denver Oct 13-15. Our special guests are those attending this conference including clinicians, learning specialists and Scottish Rite Masons from across the 35 Orients of the Southern Jurisdiction.



# SCOTTISH RITE FALL REUNION 2016

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

**FALL REUNION (our 49th)  
NOVEMBER 10,11,12,2016**

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



2016 Spring Class

**Presenting the *Traitor Play*  
On Friday Night, Nov. 11 at 6:50 pm  
We invite your *family and friends* for this event!**



Preparation



Organization



MWB Robert Elsloo 2016

**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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# National Sojourners 2017 Essay Contest

THIS "AUTHORIZED COVER SHEET" MUST BE COMPLETELY FILLED OUT FOR THE ESSAY TO BE A WINNER!!!

## Prizes

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	\$2000 Check and National Sojourners Plaque
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	\$1000 Check and National Sojourners Plaque
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	\$500 Check and National Sojourners Plaque

## Theme – George Washington’s Thoughts on Patriotism Today

**BACKGROUND:** George Washington, Surveyor, General of the Continental Army, first President of the United States of America, gentleman farmer and Patriot is attributed to the following quotes on Patriotism:

“The name of American, which belongs to you in your national capacity, must always exalt the just pride of Patriotism. It should be the highest ambition of every American to extend his views beyond himself, and to bear in mind that his conduct will not only affect himself, his country, and his immediate posterity but that its influence may be co-extensive with the world, and stamp political happiness or misery on ages yet unborn.”

“Guard against the impostures of pretended Patriotism.”

“It may be laid down as a primary position, and the basis of our system, that every Citizen who enjoys the protection of a Free Government, owes not only a portion of his property, but even of his personal services to the defense of it.”

“How soon we forget history. Government is not reason. Government is not eloquence. It is force. And, like fire, it is a dangerous servant and a fearful master.”

## Question

What do you think George Washington would say about the role of patriotism today, and how would you go about helping others to understand what it means to be an American?

## Rules & Essay Details

Essay contest is open to students currently in the 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grades, including home schooled students  
Submit essay to your local National Sojourners Chapter using this “Authorized Cover Sheet,” filled out clearly and completely  
Each Chapter submits a maximum of 3 essays to National Sojourners Headquarters, received at National by Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017

### **Mandatory - Essay must satisfy the following requirements to be winners - Mandatory**

Must be typed, 300 – 500 words long, & include word count; Must cite & footnote facts/quotations & include bibliography

Must include student’s name on first page of actual essay and on bibliography [for tracking purposes]

Must be turned into and forwarded by your National Sojourners Chapter to be selected as winners

## Student Information – Must Be Filled Out Completely

First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

[Please use “nmi” for “no middle initial”]

Home Telephone Number [required for contact]: \_\_\_\_\_ Word Count - Mandatory: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address Continued: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Your School’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Your Year in School [9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, or 12<sup>th</sup>]: \_\_\_\_\_

## Chapter Information – Must Be Filled Out Completely

[1<sup>st</sup> Chapter Hint: Fill Chapter Information out completely and neatly before copying form for local distribution.]

[2<sup>nd</sup> Chapter Hint: Please make sure the MANDATORY rules outlined above are followed, as an essay does not compete if it is not complete. Thanks.]


National Sojourners Chapter Name and Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter Point of Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter Point of Contact Home Phone Number [required for contact]: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter Point of Contact Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter POC Address Continued: \_\_\_\_\_



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**Burns Night Supper**  
and Whisky College  
[www.denverburnssupper.com](http://www.denverburnssupper.com)

Dinner: Traditional Celtic fare and Haggis  
Whisky College: Year 5  
Burns Poetry and Entertainment

Save the date:

**Saturday January 21st, 2017**

Additional details forthcoming

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