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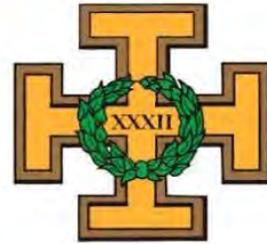


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# PLANNING CALENDAR

## OCTOBER 2017

Mon, October 2	6:30 p.m.	KSA Meeting in Consistory Lodge Room
Fri, October 6	11:30 a.m.	Consistory Lunch (Fried Chicken)
Fri, October 13	11:30 a.m.	Consistory Lunch (Baked Stuffed Ravioli)
Sat, October 14	9:00 a.m.	Calling Committee
Mon, October 16		Stated Meeting (Feast of Tishri) <b>Parking Garage Available</b>
	5:30 p.m.	Red Room Business Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Dinner (Angel Hair w/Vegetables & Ham; Chocolate Crème Cheese filled pears)
	7:00 p.m.	Entertainment - Feast of Tishri Observance
	7:30 p.m.	Split Meeting - 5 min. Oration by Orator, Centennial Lodge of Perfection
Fri, October 20	11:30 a.m.	Consistory Lunch (Oriental Buffet)
Sat, October 21		El Jebel Ceremonial
Sat, October 21	6:00 p.m.	OKTOBERFEST - Joint with El Jebel Shrine - <b>Parking Garage Available</b>
Fri, October 27	11:30 a.m.	Consistory Lunch (Witch's Beef Stew)

## NOVEMBER 2017

Thu-Sat November 2-4		Southern Colorado Consistory Reunion
Fri, November 3	11:30 a.m.	Consistory Lunch (Fried Chicken)
Sat, November 4	1:00-3:00p.m.	KSA Cleanup Day in preparation for Reunion
Mon, November 6	6:30 p.m.	KSA Meeting in Consistory Lodge Room
Wed, November 8	6:30 p.m.	Fall Reunion (51st consecutive) <b>Children's Hospital Colorado</b>
Thu, November 9	7:00 a.m.	Fall Reunion (51st consecutive) <b>Parking Garage Available</b>
Fri, November 10	7:00 a.m.	Fall Reunion (51st consecutive) <b>Parking Garage Available</b>
	7:00 p.m.	Open Program After Dinner (TBD)
Sat, November 11	7:00 a.m.	Fall Reunion (51st consecutive) <b>Parking Garage Available</b>
Fri, November 17	11:30 a.m.	Consistory Lunch (Bangers and Mash)
Sat, November 18	9:00 a.m.	Consistory Decorating Party—All members, officers, and wives invited
Mon, November 20		Stated Meeting <b>Parking Garage Available</b>
		Consistory Line Ritualistic Opening and Closing
	5:30 p.m.	Red Room Business Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Dinner (Beef Stroganoff; Chocolate cake)
	7:00 p.m.	Entertainment - Veterans Recognition Program
	7:30 p.m.	Split Meeting
Thu-Fri November 23-24:		<b>Consistory CLOSED for Thanksgiving Holiday (NO LUNCH)</b>

## DECEMBER 2017

Fri, December 1	11:30 a.m.	Consistory Lunch (Fried Chicken)
Sat, December 2	10:00 a.m.	SR Foundation/Consistory Children's Christmas party <b>Parking Garage Available</b>
Mon, December 4	6:30 p.m.	KSA Meeting in Consistory Lodge Room
Fri, December 8	11:30 a.m.	Consistory Lunch
Fri, December 15	11:30 a.m.	Consistory Lunch
Mon, December 18		Stated Meeting <b>Parking Garage Available</b>
		Rose Croix Line Ritualistic Opening
	5:30 p.m.	Red Room Business Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Dinner
	7:00 p.m.	Entertainment
	7:30 p.m.	Split meeting - Annual Election of Officers
Fri, December 22		<b>NO LUNCH</b>
Mon, December 25		<b>Consistory CLOSED for Christmas Holiday</b>

# NEWS

SEPTEMBER 13, 2017

## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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### **APPEAL FOR RELIEF – FLORIDA**

Hurricane Irma hit Florida with the “longest-lasting powerful hurricane or typhoon ever recorded, worldwide,” according to National Public Radio. More than 60% of the state was without power. Widespread flooding, depleted grocery shelves, and damage from high winds have made life miserable for many.

The Grand Lodge of Florida has requested this Disaster Appeal to care for the many brethren who live in Florida, and have been impacted by the storm. While the damage is still being assessed, the certainty of many months of recovery is expected.

Donations can be made online at [www.msana.com](http://www.msana.com). When remitting by check, please mark clearly that you wish the funds to go to the Florida Disaster Appeal.

Please forward any donations you feel appropriate to help our devastated Brothers and their families to MSA. Please make checks payable to MSA Disaster Relief Fund and send to 3905 National Drive, STE 280, Burtonsville, MD 20866.

MSA is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization.

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# EDITOR'S CORNER

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## THEY'RE JUST MINUTE BOOKS!

Reverend Jim Harris' comments in the Prelate's Pulpit this month about our "HISTORY" as well as Brother Williams' piece on the 300<sup>th</sup> birthday of our Craft struck a familiar chord with me. You see, MANY years ago now, I was a newly made Royal Arch Mason in Scotland and I was helping set up the floor for the evening's meeting. As I gathered up the items from the closet, I noticed about four stacks of books, about five feet high just sitting on the floor. I turned to our "Scribe E" and asked him what those books were. He looked, and simply said "oh, those are the minute books of the lodge, Bill." You see, we met in the building used by Lodge St. Ninian's, #66 in Brechin on the rolls of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. It's a small lodge by most comparisons, but one that is quite old (founded sometime before 1714), so they had some pretty interesting artifacts for a new Mason to see, especially as this was the year after the USA celebrated its Bicentennial. So, I commented that the books were just SITTING ON THE FLOOR! My friend again said "but, they're JUST minute books Bill." I asked him how far back they went, and he told me all the way back to the founding of the lodge - at least when they started keeping written records in the early 1700's. OK, so "Jimmy, do you mind if I take a look at one of them?" (Sure). I picked one at random, opened it up and found myself confronted with what were entries obviously made with a quill ink pen - using those funny "ff" characters we see in some of our Revolutionary War era documents. It was hard to read in places because of the different spellings and grammatical structures, but it was very interesting. Thumbing through the book, I stumbled onto a specific entry that talked about three brothers of the Lodge who would not be at the meeting that night because they were in the highlands "with the Pretender." What this entry referred to was the massing of the Jacobites in Culloden shortly before Lord Cumberland's army massacred the clans at Culloden in April 16, 1746. The hair on the back of my neck bristled (after all, I actually had hair back then) much like it had when I walked over Gettysburg, Bull Run, Chancellorsville, and Manassas. It was as though the (Star Wars) "FORCE" was still hanging around those places. You got the immediate feeling that SOMETHING truly cataclysmic happened here. I turned to Jimmy and said "Jimmy, do you realize that an historian would literally KILL to have access to this kind of document?" And ... true to form, Jimmy only said "they're JUST minute books Bill."

Minute books, yes. But, they were being written by a man who had NO political reason to slant the commentary in his minutes. He's simply telling you what was happening at that location on that particular date.

When I was Associate Grand Guardian for Colorado Job's Daughters, I noticed a similar attitude about minutes of the Bethels. I suspect the attitude is similar for your lodge minutes. Shouldn't we be a little less "casual" about the nature of our minutes? After all, you never know who might be thumbing through those books a hundred years or more from now wondering what happened at your meeting last night.



# From the Secretary's Desk

[Matt Raia, 33°](#)

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At the September 18<sup>th</sup> stated meeting, six graduate students were recognized as the 2017 recipients of the \$5,000 Dwight A. Hamilton Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado Graduate Scholarship in Speech-Language Pathology.



September 26<sup>th</sup> was our Fall Prospect night. Master Masons who have been raised to the Third Degree since our Spring Reunion were invited to attend. We also extended the opportunity to Denver area Lodges to invite their prospects to attend so that we could explain to them the Scottish Rite, and give them a tour of our building. We hope that by doing so, it will spark their interest in Masonry, that they will become a Mason, and eventually join Denver Consistory when they are eligible.

September 30<sup>th</sup> was the Honors Conferral at Denver Consistory for the 2017 Honormen. Congratulations to the Brothers receiving those Honors. Due to publication deadlines, photos were not available for this edition of the RiteWorks. The 2017 Honormen photos will be published in the November issue.

October 1<sup>st</sup> was the reception in honor of Audrey Ford's retirement. Thank you to all who attended and thank you to all who contributed to her retirement gift. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated. Due to publication deadlines, photos were not available for this edition of the RiteWorks. Photos will be published in the November issue.

October 14<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m. will be the Calling Committee at the Denver Consistory office. We need volunteers to help make phone calls to some of our Brothers. This is an opportunity to let them know we are thinking of them and to find out how they are doing. The Brothers appreciate the calls and the Brothers making the calls enjoy speaking with the Brothers on the other end of the phone. Send an email or call the office to volunteer for this event.

The **FALL REUNION** is approaching. It will be **November 9, 10, 11, 2017**. Get your petitions turned in. We would like to have at least 25 candidates in the Fall Reunion to celebrate our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. (See flyer and Reunion schedule in this issue.) At the Friday Night Banquet, we will present 25 and 50 year membership Awards. The Denver Consistory Choir will provide entertainment after the banquet.

**2018 Dues Notices** have been mailed by the Supreme Council. Please pay your 2018 dues promptly and not set aside the dues notice, forget about it, and become delinquent. When paying your dues, please consider making a tax-deductible donation to your Scottish Rite Masonic Center. Your contributions help us maintain our historic building.

**Life Memberships** are an ideal way to avoid paying future dues increases. A Life Membership guarantees that you will never be suspended for non-payment of dues should your future financial situation change. It also ensures that should you no longer be able to take care of your finances you will not be suspended for nonpayment of dues, because your Scottish Rite Membership is of no significance to the individual handling your finances. By purchasing a Life Membership, you leave a continuing legacy to Denver Consistory after your death.

#### **LIFE MEMBERSHIP FEE SCHEDULE**

**75 YEARS OLD AND OLDER** - a single payment of \$1,000

**62 - 74 YEARS OLD** - a single payment of \$1,500

**YOUNGER THAN 62 YEARS OLD** - a single payment of \$2,500

**Extended payment terms may be arranged - Contact the office for details.**

**MASTER CRAFTSMAN PROGRAM STUDY GROUP** - There has been interest expressed in once again forming a Denver Consistory Master Craftsman Program Study Group. Whether you are interested in helping to re-establish a Study Group, or just want to find out more about the Master Craftsman program, contact coordinator Bill Achbach, 32°, at [wbapm32@gmail.com](mailto:wbapm32@gmail.com).

**COLORADO ROCKIES EXPERIENCE** - [Want to enjoy the excitement of play-off baseball?](#) Sign up to work selling novelties, or at a beer booth, during Colorado Rockies home games, and earn money for the Scottish Rite Masonic Center while experiencing play-off excitement. The money helps us pay for maintenance and repair of our historic building. Sign up on our web page or at SIGNUP GENIUS. <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f4fafa2ea1ff2-scottish>

## COMING EVENTS:

**Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>:** KSA meeting at 6:30 p.m. at Denver Consistory. ALL Scottish Rite Masons welcome.

**Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>:** Calling Committee from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. at Denver Consistory. Contact the office to volunteer.

**Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup>:** Stated Meeting. (Feast of Tishri). Ritualistic Open/Close by CLOP

**Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>:** Oktoberfest at Denver Consistory (see flyer)

**Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>:** 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. KSA Consistory Clean-up Day. All Welcome.

**Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup>:** 6:30 p.m. - KSA Meeting (All Scottish Rite Masons welcome.)

**Thursday-Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>:** Fall Reunion (51<sup>st</sup> Consecutive)

**Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup>:** Stated Meeting - Ritualistic Open/Close by Consistory Line



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### KING SOOPERS LOYALTY CARD

The SRMC receives a donation from King Soopers when you use your card. Money from the Loyalty Cards is used to help pay for maintenance and repairs to our building. This is an easy way for you to donate money to the Denver Consistory Scottish Rite Masonic Center **AT NO COST TO YOU !** If you do not have a card, you may obtain one from the office for \$10. The card is preloaded with \$10 credit, so the card actually costs you nothing. Take the card to the King Soopers service counter and add credit to your card and then use the card to pay for your purchases, including fuel at King Soopers fuel centers, and the SRMC receives a donation. You have to purchase food and gas anyway, so why not do so using a SRMC King Soopers Loyalty Card? If you would like more information about the card, contact Brother Bill Skewes, 32° KCCH. Email: [bill@skewes.com](mailto:bill@skewes.com) 303-519-1240

**51<sup>st</sup> Reunion**  
**Fall 2017 - November 8-11, 2017**

**Wednesday November 8, 2017**

6:30pm Children's Hospital  
Candidates & Invited Guests Only  
Welcome - Rite Care Presentation  
Prolog to the Reunion

**Thursday November 9, 2017**

6:30am Registration  
7:30am Welcome/Class Instruction  
**8:00am Exemplify 4°**  
8:40am Communicate 5°  
8:48am Communicate 6°  
8:56am Communicate 7°  
9:04am Communicate 8°  
**9:12am Exemplify 9° & 10°**  
9:50am Break  
10:05am Class Instruction  
**10:25am Exemplify 11°**  
10:45am Class Instruction  
11:00am Communicate 12°  
**11:05am Exemplify 13°**  
11:35 am Lunch  
**12:35pm Exemplify 14°**  
1:30pm Secretary's Presentation  
1:30pm Lecture for Members  
1:55pm Committee Presentations/Tour  
2:05pm Lecture for Members  
2:25pm Break  
**2:35pm Exemplify 15°**  
3:40pm Break  
3:55pm Class Instruction  
**4:00pm Exemplify 16°**  
4:45pm Adjourn

**Friday November 10, 2017**

8:00am Class Convenes/Instruction  
8:30am Communicate 17°  
8:40am Class Instruction  
**9:00am Exemplify 18° First & Second Section**  
9:35am Class instruction  
**9:45am Exemplify 18° Third Section**  
10:20am Class instruction  
10:30am Knights of St. Andrew  
10:40am Communicate 19°  
**10:48am Exemplify 20° First Section**  
11:10am Class Instruction  
11:20am Break

**11:35am Exemplify 20° Second Section**  
12:05pm MW Grand Master Address  
12:20pm Lunch  
1:05pm Prolog to 21°  
**1:10pm Exemplify 21°**  
1:45pm Communicate 22°  
1:55pm Class Instruction  
2:05pm Break  
**2:20pm Exemplify 23°**  
2:45pm Class Instruction  
**3:10pm Exemplify 24°**  
3:45pm Communicate 25°  
3:52pm Communicate 26°  
3:59pm Communicate 27°  
4:07pm Communicate 28°  
**4:15pm Exemplify 29°**  
4:55pm Break  
6:00pm Banquet 25 & 50 Year Awards  
**7:00pm Exemplify 22°**  
7:45pm Adjourn

**Saturday November 11, 2017**

8:15am Class Convenes/Instruction  
8:30am Photography Committee  
8:40pm El Jebel Shrine Presentation  
8:50am Class Address by SGIG  
Class Photos & Break  
10:00am Class Instruction  
**10:10am Exemplify 30° 1<sup>st</sup> Apartment**  
**10:28am Exemplify 30° 2<sup>nd</sup> Apartment**  
**10:43am Exemplify 30° 3<sup>rd</sup> Apartment**  
10:58am Break  
11:15am Class Instruction  
**11:30am Exemplify 30° 4<sup>th</sup> Apartment**  
11:55am Lunch  
12:55am Communicate 31°  
1:10pm Class Instruction  
**1:15pm Exemplify 32° First Section**  
2:03pm Class Instruction  
2:13pm Break  
**2:30pm Exemplify 32° Second Section**  
3:27pm Closing Ceremony  
3:45pm Adjourn



## Happy “Birthday” Freemasonry! - June 24, 2017 Marked the Traditional Tercentenary of Modern Freemasonry

By Benjamin F. Williams, 32° KCCH  
Junior Warden, Rocky Mountain Chapter of Rose Croix

[Editor’s Note: This is the first part of a two-part article. Part 2 will appear in November’s RiteWorks because of length.]

Romantics have long opined that Freemasonry is as old as Adam (and his fig-leaf some sort of proto-apron), or at least Ancient Babylon (and the building of the Tower of Babel), or if not Babylon, then at least Egypt (the pyramids). And if not Egypt, then as old as the Exodus ... And for several hundred years, legends of Freemasonry’s antiquity charged new members with appropriate enthusiasm, as if initiation had led them to a secret center of forgotten power, long overlooked and ignored by the profane world.

Some of these theories may be called, aptly, “speculative” Masonry.

More sober authors, on the other hand, have concluded after much historiographical research into the topic, that Freemasonry is NOT as old as it was once claimed, but rather has a traceable formation extant in historical records. Members of the so-called “authentic school,” therefore, base their research on actual documents that record definite statements which are almost certainly associable with the Craft.

To a certain extent, both of these views—the so-called “Romantic” view and the “Authentic” view—are not as entirely incompatible as they may at first seem. Freemasonry is most certainly older than extant records indicate, although any “ancient wisdom” it purports to maintain must surely have existed in one form or another long before the society we now recognize as Freemasonry today laid any appreciable claim to it.

Of course the “official” inception of so-called “Speculative Masonry” is given a well-known and oft-cited date. Three hundred years ago, on June 24, 1717 - St. John the Baptist’s feast day - four London lodges of Freemasons met together and, tradition holds, formed the “Premier Grand Lodge of England.”

Those lodges met respectively at the **Goose and the Gridiron Pub**, in St. Paul’s Churchyard; the **Crown Alehouse**, near Drury Lane; the **Apple Tree Tavern**, in Covent Garden; and the **Rummer and Grape**, of Westminster. Tradition holds they met together and formed the first Grand Lodge. However, it would not be until 1813, with the adoption of the Articles of Union, that the United Grand Lodge of England (UGLE) would appear in the records, sprung from the union between the **Antients** and the **Moderns**. (Two rival “Grand Lodges” claiming authority over Freemasonry - sometimes referred to as the “great schism.”)

Despite this convenient and legendary founding, evidence of Speculative Freemasonry before this celebrated date exists nonetheless. There are minutes from Mary’s Chapel Lodge in Edinburgh, for example, that go back to 1599, and there is an unbroken chain of minutes held at Lodge Aitcheson’s Haven, also in Scotland, from January 9, 1599, as well. It stands to reason that, in order to have an assembly for which minutes were necessarily kept, these associations were operating previous to the dates of the earliest minutes on record.

Further, reference to the “**Mason’s Word**” is found in the latter 17<sup>th</sup> century as well; the

phrase "**Mason's Word**" appeared in 1672 in Marvell's "**The Rehearsal Transpos'd**" (viz: "those that have the *Mason's Word* secretly discern one another") and in 1696 in "**A New Dictionary of the Canting Crew**" we read the following:

"'Masons-Word': who ever has it, shall never want, there being a Bank at a Certain Lodge in Scotland for their relief. It is communicated with a strict oath and much ceremony, (too tedious to insert) and if it be send to any of the Society, he must (nay will) come immediately, although very Busy, or at great Distance." [See "**The Foundations of Modern Freemasonry**" by Rick Berman.]

In 1676 we find an entry in "**Poor Robin's Intelligence**," a satirical almanac, which is worth quoting for its allusions, as even then Freemasonry appears to have been subject to some ridicule. It stands to reason that the society must have been around long enough to gain sufficient notoriety to poke fun at them. The specific entry in question reads:

"These are to give notice, that the Modern Green-ribbon'd Caball, together with the Ancient Brotherhood of the Rosy0-Cross; the Hermetick Adepti, and the Company of Accepted Masons, intend all to Dine together on the 31<sup>st</sup> of November next, at the Flying-Bull in Wind-Mill-Crown-Street; having already given order for great store of Black-Swan Pies, Poached Phoenixes Eggs, and Haunches of Unicorns." [ibid.]

Sounds about right, doesn't it?

And, of course, evidence of speculative Freemasonry is readily discernable in the journal entry of Elias Ashmole, the famous antiquarian and gentleman of Oxford, from October 16, 1646, more than 70 years before that fabled meeting at the **Goose and the Gridiron Pub**. Ashmole, who was, in no manner, an operative stone mason, writes in his journal:

"[W]as made a Freemason at Warrington in Lancashire with Coll. Henry Mainwarring of Kerthingham in Cheshire, the names of those that were then at the Lodge, Mr. Richard Penkett Warden, Mr. James Collier, Mr. Richard Sankey, Henry Littler, John Ellam, Richard Ellam, and Hugh Brewer."

But Elias Ashmole, even though perhaps the most frequently cited example of an early Speculative Freemason entering the Craft, was NOT the first "gentleman" Mason history records. On July 3rd, 1634, 83 years before **the Goose and the Gridiron** meeting, in the Lodge of Edinburgh, William (Lord Alexander) and his brother Anthony Alexander (the King's Master of the Work), along with Sir Alexander Strachan of Thornton were initiated Entered Apprentices. Obviously none of these gentlemen were operative stone masons. Then in 1635 Archibald Stewart of Hesselsyd joined the Craft, followed by David Ramsay in 1637. David Ramsay was a personal friend of King Charles I.

Perhaps the most important "gentleman" Mason of note entering the Craft in their "pre-Craft" period is Robert Moray, initiated in 1641 at Newcastle-upon-Tyne, the first "speculative" Mason on record made in England. Moray was a founding member and the first president of the famous Royal Society. Moray (like Ashmole and Christopher Wren, who also claimed to be a Mason) was a pronounced esotericist, and his pentagram Mason's Mark is well known to curious students of the Craft.

To Be Continued in the November RiteWorks

# FUN FACTS ABOUT OCTOBER

October is the month (in the Northern Hemisphere) when the first frost usually happens, leaves change color and fall. It's kind of weird that October isn't the EIGHTH (octo-) month for us, isn't it? Hawaii has a special October event called the "Aloha Festival" sometimes called the "Mardi Gras of the Pacific." Germany's Oktoberfest originally began on October 17, 1810, the wedding day of King Ludwig, I. However, the annual festival starts much earlier today, often in September. Daylight Savings Time ends every year at 2:00 a.m. local time on the last Sunday of October. Among the superstitious, giving an opal to someone NOT born in October is considered "bad luck."

October is:

National Cookie Month

National Pizza Month (yay!)

National Seafood Month

National Chili Month

National Dessert Month (double yay!)

Lupus Awareness Month



Calendula



Tourmaline



Opal

## The Credit Card “Da Vinci Code”

A pre-computer era security feature was slipped into your credit card numbers and remains there today. Pull out a card and pencil to see the math for yourself.

It’s true! Those raised numbers on your card are not only your account identifier that banks and merchants need to transact business on your behalf, but a little-known credit card version of the Da Vinci Code that verifies its validity without the aid of computers.

“It’s pretty cool that something was developed pre-computer era that is still in use today. I think that’s really important,” says Derick Niederman, an MIT-educated mathematician, New York Times Crossword Puzzle creator and author of many recreational math books, including “Number Freak.”

Even cooler, the code, which can reveal whether a credit card number is fraudulent, is cryptically hidden within the sequence of the card numbers. Every legitimate credit, debit, and ATM card on Earth uses this formula.

This low-tech mathematical sleight of hand, dubbed the Luhn formula after its inventor, Hans Peter Luhn, played a tangential role in the development of the World Wide Web search engines such as Google, text messaging, and other high-tech wonders.

### **CHECK NUMBER PLEASE!**

In the unlikely event that you’ve given any thought to all the credit card numbers, you probably view them as merely a series of random numbers: 16 digits on VISA, MASTERCARD, and DISCOVER cards, 15 on AMERICAN EXPRESS, and 14 on DINER’S CLUB/CARTE BLANCHE cards.

On a 16 digit card, the first six numbers identify the card issuer and the next nine numbers are the card account number (AMEX uses an eight-digit account number). But, there is absolutely nothing random about the final digit, or key, to verify the card is valid. It’s this check number that gives the Luhn formula its DaVinci Code allure.

When a card number is generated using the Luhn algorithm, various combinations of the digits on the card must ultimately add up to a number that is perfectly divisible by 10. For this reason, Luhn’s formula is also referred to as “modulus 10,” or “mod10” for short. Change any digit or transpose any two digits and the Luhn check will catch it.

“At its essence, an algorithm is a mechanizing device. It’s a machine of sorts,” Niederman says.

The Luhn formula was designed to instantly detect accidental data entry errors

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Such as missed keystrokes, transpositions, and the like—and is NOT a defense against fraud. It doesn't identify where an invalid number went sideways; it simply flags it as non-conforming.

Luhn checking won't tell you anything about the underlying card account itself. Nor should it be confused with card-verification value codes, those extra, unembossed numbers on major credit cards that attempt to verify that the physical card is (or has been) in your possession.

Try it for yourself, by following the directions below.

1. Enter your credit card number in the grid below (one number per cell).
2. Double every other number, starting with the second number from the RIGHT. Jot down those new numbers under the grid and cross out any old numbers you doubled.
3. If a new number has two digits, add both together. Again, jot down the new numbers and cross out the old.
4. Add all uncrossed-out numbers
5. Now check. Is the sum's last digit a zero? It should be, because a last digit of zero indicates a VALID CREDIT CARD!


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With apologies to: The Herald of Masonry (NY) reprinted in the Canadian Craftsman, June 1891, under the title of "Masonic Don'ts"

1. DON'T let the moss grow on your Lodge's back.
2. DON'T imagine that you will advance on your popularity and good looks alone.
3. DON'T forget that it is your duty to make ALL members and visitors feel at home in your Lodge.
4. DON'T forget that a few well-chosen words of praise in public will offset many words of gossip spoken behind someone's back.
5. DON'T forget that it is as much your duty to be present at every meeting of the Lodge as it is for your Brothers.
6. DON'T forget that because you have been elected or appointed to a position, it does NOT confer upon you the title of Lord.
7. DON'T forget that the true mark of leadership is a willingness to serve, even though the position may be subordinate.
8. DON'T forget to bring a recommended solution to the table with you when you bring a problem.
9. DON'T forget that your job is to ENABLE your Brothers in Lodge - not tell them why they can't.



# THE PRELATE'S PULPIT

Rev. Jim Harris, 33°



Summer has been called “The Season of Rest” and Autumn has been called “The Season of Reflection.” These recent days have felt like Fall and are reminders that Fall and Winter are approaching. I missed our last stated meeting because I was attending a national church commission meeting on history and archives in Madison, New Jersey at Drew University.

We visited the Mother Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, founded by Richard Allen. One of the stained glass windows had an open Bible and placed on top was a square and compass. He was an active Mason and the Masons met in the church. The church was founded in the 1700’s.

I attended several workshops on preserving our church history which made me think about our Masonic history and all those who have gone before us. Our beautiful Scottish Rite building was built with the love, the struggles, and the faith of those who have gone before us. I think of my family history and the importance of recording those stories for my children. Yes, history is important. Think of all the men who have sat in the seats of our Cathedral Room, where we now sit. The room outside our meeting also contains a lot of our history.

How will we be remembered by those who will follow us?

Yes, reflection is good, and then it is time to move on. I try to live my life by our Masonic values. How will we be remembered?

Have a great Fall, be positive and stay the course.



# MEMORIAL SCROLL

Theodore George Avgeris, 32°	12/23/2015
Patrick Eugene Carver, 32°	09/02/2017
Leslie Louis Cottrell, 32° KCCH	06/08/2017
Charles Gordon Johnson, 33°	09/15/2017
Billy Louis Knowles, 32°	09/12/2017
Alvin Morris Murphy, 32° KCCH	06/20/2017
Ronald S. Thorburn, Jr., 32°	03/31/2016
Edgar Walter Tomlin, III, 32°	09/08/2017



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If you are interested in joining the Rose Croix Funeral Team and helping them, contact the office or Dan Rivers, 32° KCCH for more information.

# Special Birthdays

## 90 Years Young

Robert L. Goodman  
David Hinson  
Donald L. Long

## 80 Years Young

Edward L. Ervin  
Clement R. Hackethal  
Donald D. Hunter  
Richard A. Jost  
Edward G. Robertson, III

## 70 Years Young

Herbert R. Bealmear  
Robert S. Belica  
Kermit O. Bohrer  
John W. Hellen  
Marcelo S. Miclat  
Donald J. Nagy  
Timothy A. Soule  
Jones S. Warmoth, Jr

## 60 Years Young

Bruce A. Mullins

## 50 Years Young

Alan B. Colon

## 40 Years OLD?

Thomas J. Delaney  
Craig A. Vote

## 30 Years OLD - REALLY?

Steven A. Walker



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**October 13, 1775**

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**\$25 PER PERSON**

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