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SUPPORT YOUR BLUE LODGE



OUR KEY TO NEW MEMBERS

DID YOU KNOW ... Transportation can be arranged for those who need a ride to our stated meetings, the Reunions, and Denver Consistory special events. All you need to do is **CALL THE OFFICE at 303-861-4261** and let us know you need a ride. You do not need to stay home because you do not have transportation to the Consistory.

PLANNING CALENDAR

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 Parking Garage Available
Mon, December 4	6:30 p.m. KSA Meeting in Consistory Lodge Room. Knighting ceremony for new members
Fri, December 8	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (Chili Mac & Cornbread)
Fri, December 15	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (Spaghetti w/Meatballs & Sausage)
Mon, December 18	Stated Meeting Parking Garage Available Rose Croix Line Ritualistic Opening/Closing 5:30 p.m. Red Room Business Meeting 6:00 p.m. Dinner (Pot Roast, Roasted Potatoes, Baby Carrots, Cherry Cobbler) 7:00 p.m. Entertainment 7:30 p.m. Split meeting - Annual Election of Officers Ladies/Guests meeting entertainment by "Ol' Ramrod."
Fri, December 22	NO LUNCH
Mon, December 25	Consistory CLOSED for Christmas Holiday
Fri, December 29	NO LUNCH

JANUARY 2018

Mon, January 1, 2018	Consistory CLOSED for New Year's Holiday
Fri, January 5	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (Fried Chicken)
Sat, January 6	9:00 a.m. Consistory UN-Decorating party (All officers, members, wives, guests invited)
Fri, January 12	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (TBD)
Sat, January 13	8:00 a.m. Officers' Breakfast and Installation Practice (All officers required to attend) Stated Meeting Parking Garage Available
Mon, January 15	5:30 p.m. Red Room Business Meeting 6:00 p.m. Dinner (TBD) 7:00 p.m. Awards and Announcements, Installation of Officers, and Annual Meetings Of Corporations
Fri, January 19	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (TBD)
Sat, January 20	7:00 p.m. KSA Burns Supper (6:00 p.m. Optional Whisky College)
Fri, January 26	Consistory CLOSED for Grand Lodge Communication

FINAL EXAM (Part ONE) - Part TWO is later in the issue

1. Name the FIVE wealthiest people in the world.
2. Name the last FIVE Vice Presidents of the United States.
3. Name the last FIVE winners of the Miss America Pageant.
4. Name TEN people who have won either the Nobel or Pulitzer Prizes.
5. Name the last THREE winners of the World Series.



EDITOR'S CORNER

BY: **BILL HICKEY, 33°**
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THE NEVER-ENDING SEARCH



This past year I've tried to attach a "theme" to a bit of "trivia" - in this case, it's been something interesting or unusual about each month of the year. I'm trying to figure out what kind of theme I might take on for the new year - so, if anyone has any recommendations or ideas, please share them with me and I'll consider incorporating them into the issues. Just remember, somehow or another, we have to have something that will last for the entire year.

You'll notice an article from the Sunday Masonic Paper in this issue. It addresses what I've seen as a problem in lodges, Bethels, and pretty much everywhere - just about every organization (fraternal, social, civic, professional) ... MEMBERSHIP.

For the most part, all organizations TEND to want to keep the status quo in the face of these problems - thinking that it's worked for years, it should continue to work for more years. The problem with that thinking is, for a better analogy, it's like trying to bail water out of a sinking boat with a thimble. I suppose if you bail fast enough or have enough thimbles, it would work. But, usually, the boat sinks anyway.

We all look at our organizations and WISH (and HOPE) that there will be a turnaround next year. The problem is, we are pretty decent at getting people INTO our organizations, but we pretty much stink at keeping them interested and active. When you are pressed to get 5-10% of your enrolled members to a meeting (or less, in some cases), it should tell you something.

We LISTEN to what the newer generation of members are telling us, but sometimes we don't want to HEAR the message—so we ignore it and continue on. This is the definition of INERTIA. Things in motion tend to stay in motion, things at rest tend to stay at rest. Things in a death spiral tend to stay in that spiral.

SO ... what CAN we do? Frankly, you have to start "thinking outside the box" because thinking INSIDE the box is what brought you to the current situation. If you never change, you'll continue to see the same results—and if those results are not what you want or need, then change you must, whether you want to do so or not.

I encourage you to read the paper CAREFULLY. Please note, the author is NOT advocating giving up on the tenets of our fraternity, NOT advocating a change in our morals, or anything remotely resembling a wholesale change in our craft. But, what he IS proposing is that we need to learn how to COMMUNICATE our craft better, and in a way that meets the needs and expectations of our newer generation.

Think about it this way ... when Masonry began (let's say 1717), there were no radios, tv's, and newspapers were not ubiquitous. Times changed. We have UTube, Facebook, Twitter, and a host of different tools and venues to get the message out. We just have to embrace them, use them PROPERLY, and make sure that the new generation understands and believes that we are relevant to them, and we can help them in their daily lives.



From the Secretary's Desk

[Matt Raia, 33°](#)

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Thank you to the members of the **Knights of Saint Andrew**, and other Brothers, for spending a couple of hours on Saturday morning, November 4th shining up the building in preparation for the Fall Reunion. **Lue Martell, Thayne Coulter, Danny Tomlinson, Jim Thomas, Vic Amment, John Davis, Michael Rowan, Ernie Miranda, Jeffrey Hasstedt, Hunter McCallum, Paul Baker, Dean McConnell, and Curt Robinson.** The Director General selected the **second section of the 20th degree** as the best degree. Congratulations to **Brother Jerral L. Danford, 32° KCCH**, Director, and the cast from Fort Morgan. The Director General also selected **Brother Gene Hardy, 32° KCCH**, as best actor for his part as *Adolph the Saxon* in the 21°. Congratulations Brother Hardy, for a job WELL DONE.

The Secretary presented a 50-year membership certificate and pin to **Brother Wallace Franklin Nass, 32°**, at the Denver Consistory office on November 8th. Brother Nass joined Rocky Mountain Consistory in 1967. Congratulations Brother, on achieving 50 years as a member of the Scottish Rite.



The Fall Reunion was November 9-11. Thank you to EVERYONE for your hard work to make our Reunions successful. It's a lot of work, but rewarding and fun. **Illustrious and Most Worshipful Brother Claud Dutro, 33°** gave an enlightening and informative talk on the *History of Masonry in Colorado* during the breakout session on Friday. The side-liners enjoyed his presentation while the Cathedral room was being set for degrees and while the class toured the building and received information from the committee chairs.



On November 10th at the Reunion Banquet, a 25-year membership certificate and pin was presented to **Brother Leonard (Bud) Jenkyns, 32°**.



On November 10th at the Reunion Banquet, 50 year membership certificates and pins were presented to **Brothers Mike Palmer, 32° and William Young, 32° KCCH**. Congratulations, Brothers, on achieving 50 years of membership in the Scottish Rite.



Thank you to all who helped put up Christmas decorations on November 18th. It's always fun to decorate for Christmas. I especially want to thank the children who helped us. Your guidance and decorating suggestions are always appreciated. Photos from last month at the Consistory are attached later in this issue.

Saturday, December 2nd 10:00 a.m. - Noon will be the Scottish Rite Foundation & Denver Consistory Children's Christmas party. Bring your children/grandchildren to visit with Santa.

Monday, December 18th will be our Stated Meeting. The Rocky Mountain Chapter of Rose Croix will open and close in ritual form. We will conduct the election of officers for 2018 and announce the appointments.



Monday, December 18th Ladies Meeting - the ladies will work on Holiday cards for presentation to the Eastern Star Masonic Retirement community. "Ol' Ramrod" - **Illustrious Brother John Russell, 33^o**, will speak about the life of a Mountain Man. Brother Russell is a volunteer at the Colorado History Museum where he teaches the Fur Trade (ca 1800-1850) to 3rd and 4th grade children from September through May, and Mining (ca 1864-1893) for the museum at the Lebanon Mine near Georgetown in May and September. He volunteers his time to many other museums, schools, and historical sites in Colorado.

2018 Dues Notices have been mailed by the Supreme Council. Please pay your 2018 dues promptly. Do not set aside the dues notice and forget about it and become delinquent. For only **\$.30 per day (\$9.16 per month; \$110 per year)** you can maintain your membership in the Denver Consistory. One cup of coffee is more than \$.30. Isn't your Scottish Rite membership worth more to you than the price of a cup of coffee?

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 non-payment of dues because your Scottish Rite Membership means nothing to the individual handling your finances. By purchasing a Life Membership you leave a continuing legacy to Denver Consistory.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP FEE

75 years old and older - a single payment of \$1,000.

62-74 years old - a single payment of \$1,500.

Younger than 62 - a single payment of \$2,500.

Extended payment terms may be arranged. Contact the office for details. 303-861-4261 or by email denverconsistory@denverconsistory.org

Last Month Around the Consistory



**WHERE
WERE YOU?
DID YOU
MISS ANY
OF THIS?**







Busted eating Cotton Candy before the Show

Ready for my Cameo Role



Not sure my wife will approve



Meet my new Friend!



This is connected to that...



Legs
together
Gentlemen!



Oh!
Is this
seat
taken?

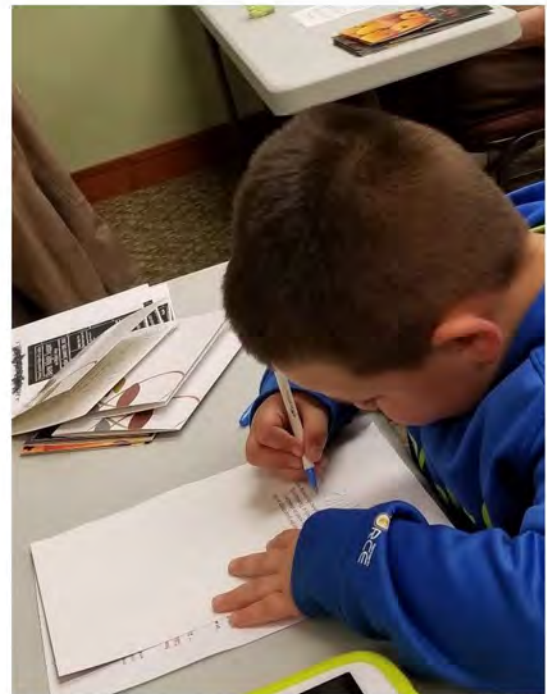
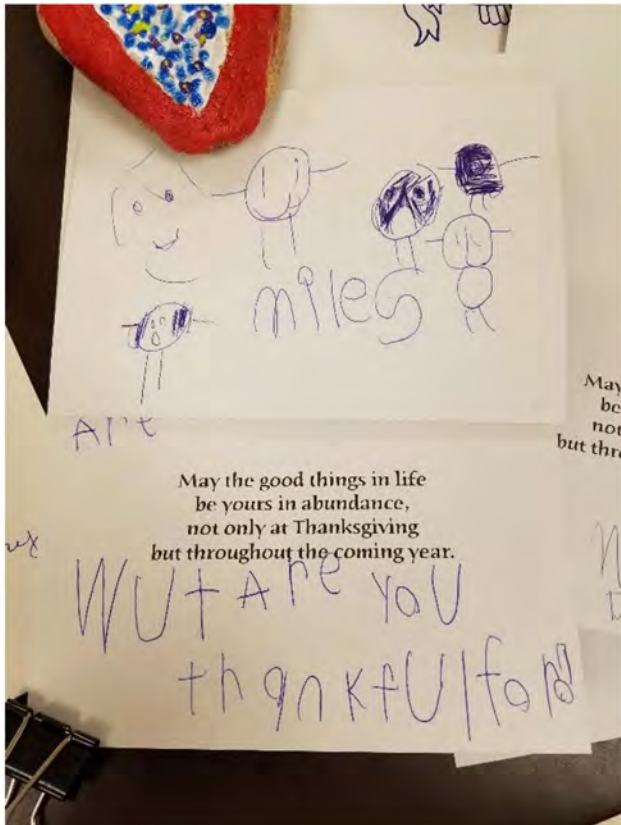


Stand up Straight.
Shoulders Back.

Ladies Meeting Nov. 20th



Mrs. Bobbi Paul showed the Ladies easy cleaning tips for all our fine jewelry 😊



Five year old Master Miles Davis did a fine job helping us do Thanksgiving cards for ESMRC residents ☆

SUNDAY MASONIC PAPER

NUMBER 858

“ADAPT OR DIE”

We have occasionally published a “Sunday Masonic Paper” distributed by WBro. Wayne D. Anderson, of Ontario, Canada (with his permission). Wayne and I have been friends (via the internet) for probably 25+ years. Each issue of SMP may be an old Short Talk Bulletin, an old essay by various Masons, and sometimes that proverbial author “Anonymous” as well. This particular SMP addresses something I think we all acknowledge, but for whatever reasons, we fail to actually take the actions that are needed to address the problem. We nod, we whisper silent agreement, but when it comes to actually DOING something, we seem to falter. Read this paper, digest it, and remember that the author (and this new generation) are NOT challenging our VALUES and ethics, but he is describing a situation where we are PRESENTING ourselves in a manner that doesn’t work for today’s Masons (but it worked for us—YESTERDAY).

- Bill Hickey, 33° - RiteWorks Editor

Adapt or Die: On the Decline of Membership in the Masonic Fraternity

By: Michael Harding

As all Masons are acutely aware, membership throughout the Masonic organization has been declining for some time. Blue lodges are closing or consolidating with other area lodges, Scottish Rite Valleys are selling their large buildings and moving to much smaller buildings or are going mobile by conducting meetings in area Blue Lodges or hotels and event venues. The York Rite and even the much-heralded Shrine Temples are downsizing as well.

My own lodge once boasted a membership of over 400 members. Today, membership rests just under half that number and is declining by five members per year on average. Estimates show my lodge will cease to be financially viable by 2030 if not sooner. The state Grand Lodge as a whole is declining by 1200 members per year and will cease to be financially viable by 2050 if not sooner. Since the year 2000, nearly 20 lodges have either closed or consolidated with other lodges, due to declining membership.

To date, no one at the local, state, or national level has presented any real solutions, ideas or plans to resolve the issue or at least curb the tide of the accelerating membership decline. The few solutions that have been proposed tend to only deal with current membership retention rather than a solution or even recognition and acceptance of the problem.

However, this problem is not unique to Masonry. ALL membership-based organizations, from churches, sports leagues, scouting, professional associations, labor unions, chambers of commerce, and other civic groups are experiencing accelerating membership declines with

numbers of new members not keeping pace with aging memberships and a general lack of relevancy in today's ever-increasing time-starved lifestyles.

Long-time Lodge members constantly complain about how the new members are not attending Lodge regularly, participating in degree work, and their overall lack of involvement. They gripe about how the members of the current generation lack the same sense of duty and responsibility to the Lodge that they had.

In short, time is running out and the best time to fix a problem is before it becomes an emergency. We need to accept the realities of the needs and interests of today's generations and those to follow. If we don't meet their needs, someone else will. "Educating" them on our causes will not work. As much as we disagree, they are not concerned about our causes. They are only concerned with what will benefit them and how they can make an impact that they view as beneficial to the causes they support and care about.

They are not interested in joining an organization because it is the right thing to do. Their primary motivators are benefits for themselves and the community. They want to be part of something bigger than themselves and want to make a difference in the world and have a personal impact on it. Nothing is more important to them than their family, friends, and the social network they have developed due to similar interests. Given the opportunity, they will choose to spend their precious time within their network than in ours. Any organization that attempts to separate the man from his family, his community, or his social sphere and does not engage with the man in those environments and activities will be met with resistance and complacency and will soon have no place in their world. They have little interest in spending hours away from their family and their other interests to pursue learning rituals, lectures, degree work, or even our traditional fundraisers.

Faced with this dilemma, we have only TWO options— **ADAPT OR DIE**.

Our only real option is to embrace this changing environment as an opportunity and not view it as an obstacle to be beaten back so we can return to the "Good Ole Days."

Faced with this opportunity, how should we best advance into this new era and connect with new potential members? How do we reach them when they are ready to explore new opportunities to better serve their community and expand their network?

1. **EMBRACE TECHNOLOGY** - This is a generation that gets the news from Facebook and Twitter. They watch Netflix and YouTube instead of television. They do not have a newspaper subscription and have no home phone. They use their smartphones to connect with the world and have never used a phone book or even written a check. They do their banking online. They order pizza and pay for it over the internet, all while tracking its delivery in real-time. This is a connected generation that expects information to be available when they want it. They refuse to be tied to a specific place and device to consume knowledge and information. They connect to their social network within minutes of waking and remain connected until minutes before retiring in the evening.

2. **IMPROVE COMMUNICATIONS** - We need to be more connected to our members and our communities with information of value, using whatever communication technology is available. We need to connect OFTEN and MORE TRANSPARENTLY. This generation is used to getting their news from the internet. They discover new activities and events on the internet.

They connect and share ideas with others using internet-based communications. If we are not where our customers are, we will not reach them.

3. **ENGAGE THE MEMBERSHIP** - I once heard a wise Past Grand Master say, “the problem with young Masons is they are always wanting to DO stuff.”

That axiom could not be more true of today’s generation. Today’s crop of younger Masons and potential members are more socially active in different ways than generations past. They crave relevance and meaning, all while staying active and every-changing. We need to find ways to engage new members with their entire families and their friends in meaningful activities and bring everyone together as a community, not just a group of men working to bring in other men to our never ending circle of Lodge degrees and stated meetings.

We need to segment our membership into groups and tailor our vast offerings to those different segments in ways that best suit that group.

4. **RETHINK EVERYTHING** - From our initial contact with a new candidate to their raising, we need to rethink our processes and find new and exciting ways to make the experience of the Masonic initiation more rewarding and meaningful. A newly-raised Master Mason should not be left to their own initiative to seek ways to be more involved in the lodge, engaged with the membership, and active in the community. We need to be sure new members, their families, and their friends, find our lodges to be not only inviting, but also beneficial in their lives ... spiritually, intellectually, and socially.

5. **SUMMARY**

We do not have much time left before our ship takes on more water than we can successfully bail out. With the accelerating pace of decline, the time to act is NOW. We need to start embracing, communicating, engaging, and rethinking at the local, district, state, and national levels.

I have heard many respected members convey the notion they would rather focus on quality than quantity and I couldn’t agree more. However, they fail to recognize the basic laws of nature, economics, and statistics—and that without sufficient quantity, there will be no pool of quality individuals from which to develop the next generation of Masonic leaders.

The institution of Masonry has faced challenges in the past with declining membership and was forced to fundamentally transform in order to survive.

We are facing another such event-horizon. I think we would be well-advised to embrace this opportunity to guide its transformation into a better, stronger, and more inclusive fraternity that we can all be proud to call our won.

In the end, it ultimately remains OUR decision to evolve and progress or to ignore and stay the course. Either way, the status quo will not hold and our beloved fraternity WILL be transformed.

We can only hope that our actions will create an organization that is thriving in future years rather than one that our children read about in the history books as the great fraternity that once was.

Is this change inevitable, or am I just a crazy tech-obsessed futurist?

FUN FACTS ABOUT DECEMBER

December is the 12th and final month of the Gregorian calendar, and the first month of winter. It gets its name from the Latin word “decem” meaning TEN, as December WAS the 10th month of the oldest Roman calendar. The Latin name is derived from Decima, the middle Goddess of the Three Fates who personified the present. The period of January and February didn’t really count as months in the Roman calendar, which was based on a 304 day year (lunar months of 29.5 days). The inventor of the 304 day calendar was Romulus, twin brother of Remus—the same Romulus and Remus who founded Rome around 800 B.C.

Starvation was common in winter between January to April, also known as the famine months. In temperate climates, the midwinter festival was the last feast celebration before deep winter began. Most cattle were slaughtered so they would not have to be fed during the winter, so it was nearly the only time of year when a supply of fresh meat was available. The majority of wine and beer made during the year was finally fermented and ready for drinking at this time.

December is known around the world, in almost all cultures, as a FAMILY TIME of celebration honoring cultures, religions, and traditions that have been with humanity for hundreds, if not thousands, of years.

DECEMBER IS:

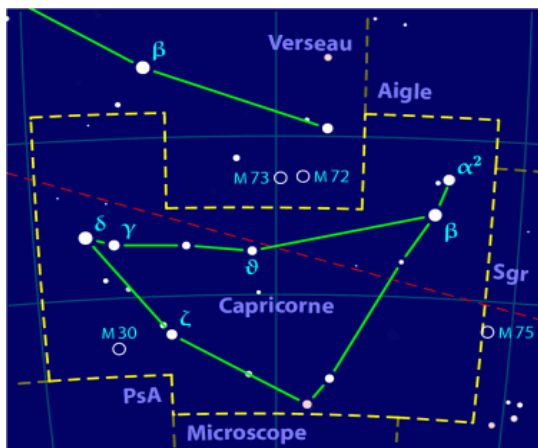
Universal Human Rights Month
Bingo Month
Fruit Cake Month

Read a New Book Month
Egg Nog Month
Write To A Friend Month



Sagittarius

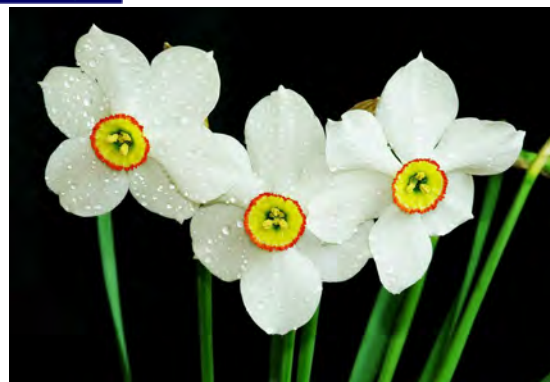
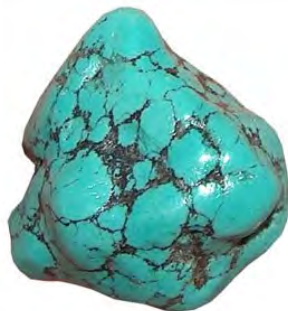
Nov 22 - Dec 21



Dec 22 - Jan 19



Turquoise



Narcissus



A MOTHER'S PROMISE

I gave you life, but cannot live it for you.
I can teach you things, but I cannot make you learn.
I can give you directions, but I cannot be there to lead you.
I can allow you freedom, but I cannot account for it.
I can take you to church, but I cannot make you believe.
I can teach you right from wrong, but I cannot always decide for you.
I can buy you beautiful clothes, but I cannot make you beautiful inside.
I can offer you advice, but I cannot accept it for you.
I can give you love, but I cannot force it upon you.
I can teach you to share, but I cannot make you unselfish.
I can teach you respect, but I cannot force you to show honor.
I can advise you about friends, but cannot choose them for you.
I can advise you about sex, but I cannot keep you pure.
I can tell you the facts of life, but I can't build your reputation.
I can tell you about drink, but I can't say "no" for you.
I can warn you about drugs, but I can't prevent you from using them.
I can tell you about lofty goals, but I can't achieve them for you.
I can teach you about kindness, but I can't force you to be gracious.
I can tell you how to live, but I cannot give you eternal life.

If I have taught you how to love and respect yourself as much as I love and respect you, your future success and happiness is assured and ...

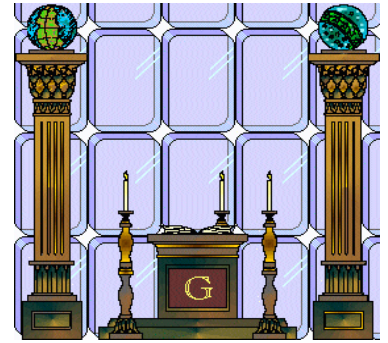
I know that I have done a good job.

MOMMA



THE PRELATE'S PULPIT

Rev. Jim Harris, 33^o



The prophet Isaiah tells us that a light shines in the darkness, and darkness will not put it out. Jesus calls us the “Lights of the World.” The “Light” shined brightly in November at the Consistory. We had a wonderful reunion, the building was decorated for the holidays, we had a great meal and honored the veterans at our stated meeting. There is a good, warm feeling in the air. That “Light” will continue to shine in December as we have a holiday party for the children on December 2nd. And, yes, SANTA will be arriving. We will elect and appoint the officers and committees for the upcoming New Year. We will gather for a holiday meal and program. Yes, the “Light” will shine brightly. Masons seek more “light” and the glow of the Grand Architect of the Universe continues to shine even in the midst of what seem to be the darkest of times.

Our country is going through a time of unrest and yet the “Light” still shines upon us. This is the SEASON OF LIGHT. Hanukkah begins at sundown on December 12th marking the rededication of the Temple. The Jews had enough oil to keep the eternal light in the Temple burning for only a day - but miraculously, the oil continued to burn for eight days. December 25th Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ - and a bright star guided the Three Wise Men and the Shepherds to his birth place. Kwanzaa is a seven-day celebration of African heritage and culture which follows Christmas. Candles are lighted in a candleholder.

December 21st the days start to get longer again. This is a time of “Light,” caring, giving, and sharing for all peoples. For me, it is a time to focus on the importance of family, of my faith, of my friends, and of my Masonic Brothers.

As I look to a New Year, I think, “How can I be a better person, how can I be more devoted to my Creator, how can I be a better husband and father, and how can I be a better Mason?”

Let us look to the New Year with hope, with reverence, and with a sense of Peace.

Enjoy the wonder of December. PEACE.

FINAL EXAM (Part TWO)

1. List THREE teachers who aided your journey through school.
2. Name THREE friends who helped you through a difficult time.
3. Name FIVE people in your life who taught you something worthwhile.
4. Think of TWO people who made you feel appreciated.
5. Think of FIVE people with whom you enjoy spending time.
6. Name THREE people whose stores inspired you in some way.

WHICH PART (One or Two) was easier for you to answer?



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KNIGHTS OF SAINT ANDREW

Timothy N. Lambert, 32° KCCH
Venerable Master 2017-2018



Brothers:

It's hard to believe Winter is coming on, with the weather flirting in the 70's in late November. It makes it even harder to believe that the Burns Supper is right around the corner. Of course, we have to make it through Christmas, Hanukkah, and Kwanza first. Then there is the New Year celebration. Please make your reservations for Burns early so you can be sure to get in on the festivities this season.

The Knights of St. Andrew are going to have one heck of a Knighting ceremony in December. I've been warned to expect 20 new knights. All are welcome to attend the Knighting ceremonies. It should be quite a show, so bring your cameras to photograph your favorite Knight. Kilts are encouraged, and Glengarries are approved.

For those of you who always wanted to be fitted for a kilt, our Quartermaster, Sir Tom Shotts, 32° KCCH, will be attending with his trusty measuring tape. Please arrive early so that Brother Tom can take your measurements and answer any kilt questions.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the Knights who have worked on making this upcoming Burns Supper happen. Secretary Loren Kohler has been the center of almost every committee I can think of. Junior Warden Dean McConnell, aside from his impeccable memory work in the 29th Degree, has stepped up and made several behind the scenes decisions that would have overwhelmed me. As always, what could we do without Senior Deacon Curt Robinson, whose work with the class committee is likely singularly responsible for such a large knighting coming up in December. My duty to select a Knight-of-the-Year will be difficult this year due to all the assistance I received from my brother Knights.

After the Burns Supper, the Knights are not resting. February's meeting will have education and entertainment provided by Trey Perrin, 32° KCCH. His subject, I'm told, is "Icelandic Masonry." Trey is a true Masonic entrepreneur. Remember, KSA meetings are generally open to all Master Masons, so bring a friend from Lodge. March will be election of new officers, and all Knights are encouraged to attend and become active.

I hope to see you at all the many upcoming events at the Consistory.

Master Craftsman Program Study Group - There has been interest expressed in once again forming a Master Craftsman Program Study Group. When the Master Craftsman Program first began, a study group was formed, but over a period of time participation dwindled and the group disbanded. If you are interested in participating in a study group, please send an email to Brother Bill Achbach, 32° at wbapm32@gmail.com.

MEMORIAL SCROLL

Ben William Fagen, 32°	07/19/2016
Frank E. Kettlewell, 32°	01/30/2017
Kenneth Dwight Magruder, 32°	07/24/2017
Donald Ralph Marcue, 32°	12/15/2016
William Thomas Richard, Jr., 32°	02/14/2013
Harvey Lee Rogers, 32°	01/01/2017
James Moore Schwartz, 32°	08/17/2017



ROSE CROIX FUNERAL TEAM

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: Daniel A. Rivers, 32° KCCH - Chairman, John H. Buchanan, 33°, Scott A. Bates, 32° KCCH, Jerry L. Fenimore, 33° GC, M. Edward Johnson, 33°, Richard W. Mitchell, 33°, Matthew A. Raia, 33°, Roy A. Snyder, 33°, John A. Warren, 33°, Richard M. Wenzel, 32° KCCH.

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

M. Ed Johnson
Lloyd L. McKean
Henry L. Strauss

80 Years Young

F. Allyn Baker
David L. Frederick
Carl S. Goodwin
Leonard M. Jenkyns
Tim I. Miller, Jr.
Donald A. Petersen
Hulbert E. Reichelt

70 Years Young

Dana A. Speaks

60 Years Young

Nathan R. Alton

50 Years Young

Ricky J. Haskell
Kipp C. Lesh
Steven R. Lewis

40 Years "OLD"

Joshua A. Thomas

The "December" Kid

Colin N. Hause (26)





Help Wanted



The Denver Consistory Audio-Visual team, known as “The Men In Black”, is currently looking for a few good men. NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY – WE WILL TRAIN YOU.

Sound, lights & video are heavily used in our reunions to enhance the presentations of the degree work.

Lights add drama and feel to the presentations. Lighting can set the mood, indicate the time of day, or direct the audience’s attention toward (or away from) action on the floor or stage. Lighting can also provide special effects to “wake up” a scene.

Sound provides microphone support for the actors and choirs, ensuring everyone can hear all of the important lessons being taught by the allegorical stories and lectures. Sound also provides music and sound effects critical to the storytelling.

Video provides an “electronic Trestleboard” through which the lecturers can communicate their important truths, as well as enhancements to the mythological storytelling.

The Men in Black also support the numerous rental activities by other Masonic bodies and outside groups that use the cathedral, providing technical support, lights, sound and video to meetings, weddings, concerts, funerals and performing groups in the auditorium.

All and all, we manage to keep busy.

But, we are currently in need of more help!

It takes many hands to quickly outfit an entire cast with microphones and keep those microphones in good working order, set lights, set up and take down equipment. Skilled operators are needed for both the sound and light boards, as well as computer savvy operators for sound effects and video/PowerPoint presentations.

You do not need any experience to join this crew. We can train you from scratch, or maybe you can teach us a thing or two! All it takes is an interest and some free time to give to the Consistory.

Working A-V is a rewarding experience. You can contribute to the valuable lessons being taught without having to memorize lines! Since we work “live” in the auditorium during the degrees, you get to participate in and learn from every degree being presented, enhancing your own Masonic experience as well as that of the class!

If any of this sounds interesting or rewarding to you, please contact me as soon as possible and we’ll get you started!

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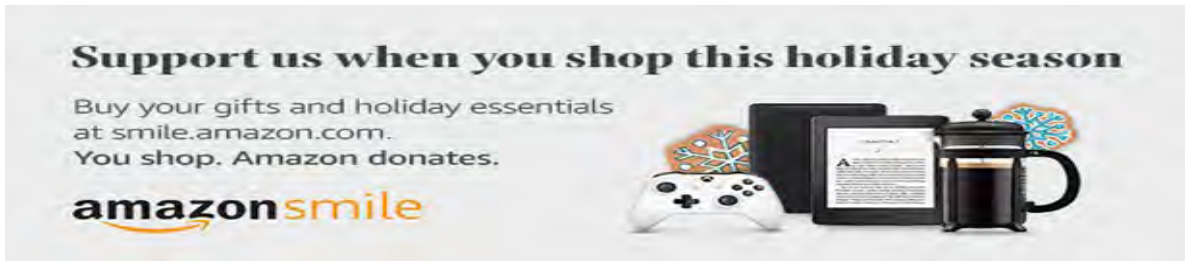
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Friday, January 12, 2018
Shrine Night At the Stock Show
Denver Coliseum—4600 Humboldt Street
Let's Rodeo!

Livestock and vendor exhibits all day - Rodeo at 7:30 PM

Free Parking
With your \$20 admission
(In NW parking lots)

Wear your Fez



Call the El Jebel Shrine Office at
303-455-3470 for reservations.

Tickets are limited

Tickets are \$20 each and can be purchased
and picked up at the El Jebel Office
beginning November 1st 2017

All unsold tickets must be returned to National Western by January 11th so don't delay in getting yours before January 12th.



Recently found in a local bookseller store. Not cheap but a reasonable price. Broken into three parts: Ancient Times, Middle Ages and the Renaissance, and the Modern Era. Topics you might recognize include: The Delphic Oracles; The Pharisees; Gnostic Christians; The Knights Templar; The Teutonic Knights; The Assassins; The Jesuits; The Rosicrucians; The Freemasons; The Illuminati; The Italian Mafia; Skull and Bones; The Ku Klux Klan; The Chinese Triads; Opus Dei; Nazi Occult Groups; Propaganda Due; The Odesa; The Priory of Sion; The Red Army Faction; Scientology; and the Knights of Malta.

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Denver Consistory Knights of St. Andrew

Burns Night Supper and Whisky College

Saturday January 20th, 2018

Dinner: 7:00pm - \$35
kids 6-12 - \$18
under 6 - free

Haggis

Cock-a-Leekie Soup

Romain and Spinich Salad

Scottish Beef Sirloin Tips

Mashed Potatoes and Roasted Roots

Puff Pastry with Apples and Brambles
and Vanilla Ice Cream

Whisky College Year 6

Wee Drams: 6:00pm - \$15

Entertainment throughout the evening:

Michael Collins Pipes and Drums

Emily Dawson

Burns Poetry

Toasts

Silent Auction

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Joy, Peace & All Good Things

*Metro Chapter #157
"Holiday Season Fundraiser"*

Metro Chapter #157 has made arrangements with Rock Bottom Brewery, located at 1001 16th Street, Denver (corner of 16th St. & Curtis | Street Level), to assist our Chapter with its fundraising endeavors.

Any member of the Masonic Families who visits the Brewery for lunch, dinner, drinks & appetizers, need only identify themselves as Masonic members when presented with their bill, and Metro Chapter will receive 15% of the amount of their bill. (Do not say "Daughters of the Nile, Shriners, Eastern Star, etc., as the wait staff will only recognize the term "Masonic") This special Holiday Fundraiser will begin Saturday, November 18th, and run through December 31st.

In addition, you may park in the building underground parking lot, after 3:00 p.m., at a discounted rate as well. Show your parking ticket to the wait staff at the same time that you pay your bill and they will stamp it so that you receive the reduced parking rate of \$3.00.

Do your Christmas Shopping in Denver; take in one of the Special Holiday Concerts or Plays; and Enjoy the Lights and many other Holiday Festivities.

*Thank You & Happy Holidays
Metro Chapter #157*