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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

SEPTEMBER 2018

- Mon, September 3 **Consistory CLOSED for Labor Day Holiday**
Thu, September 6 - Fri, September 7 **Consistory CLOSED for Grand York Rite**
Fri, September 14 11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (Fried Chicken, corn on the cob)
Mon, September 17 Stated Meeting - **Parking Garage Available**
5:30 p.m. Red Room Business Meeting
6:00 p.m. Dinner (Maple Roasted Pork Loin, Peach Cobbler)
7:00 p.m. Scottish Rite Foundation Program
7:30 p.m. Split Meeting, 5 min oration by Orator, Council of Kadosh
Fri, September 21 11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (French Dip Sandwiches, w/Au Jus, Chips)
Sat/Sun, September 22-23 10:00 a.m. - noon **DOORS OPEN DENVER at the Consistory**
Tue, September 25 6:30 p.m. Friends of the Scottish Rite (Prospect Night)
Fri, September 28 11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (Hamburgers with all the fixin's)

OCTOBER 2018

- Mon, October 1 6:30 p.m. KSA Meeting (lodge room)
Fri, October 5 11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (Fried Chicken w/ Corn on the cob)
Fri, October 12 11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (Spaghetti w/meatballs & sausage, garlic bread)
Sat, October 13 9:00-11:00 a.m. Calling Committee
Mon, October 15 Stated Meeting (Feast of Tishri) - **Parking Garage Available**
Centennial Lodge of Perfection Ritual Opening/Closing
5:30 p.m. Red Room Business Meeting
6:00 p.m. Dinner (Teriyaki Chicken, Pineapple upside-down cake)
7:00 p.m. Awards and Patents—Feast of Tishri Observance
7:30 p.m. Split Meeting - 5 min oration by Orator, Centennial Lodge of Perfection, and 5 min oration by Minister of State, of Denver Consistory
Discussion of 32° Symbolism
Fri, October 19 11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (Fish 'n' Chips)
Sat, October 20 6:00 p.m. Oktoberfest—Joint with El Jebel Shrine **Parking Garage Available**

NOVEMBER 2018

- Fri, November 2 11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (Fried Chicken)
Sat, November 3 9:00-11:00 a.m. KSA Fall Cleanup
Mon, October 5 6:30 p.m. KSA Meeting (lodge room)
Wed, November 7 6:30 p.m. Fall Reunion (53rd consecutive) - **@ Children's Hospital Colorado**
Thu, November 8 7:00 a.m. Fall Reunion (53rd consecutive) **Parking Garage Available**
Fri, November 9 7:00 a.m. Fall Reunion (53rd consecutive) **Parking Garage Available**
Sat, November 10 7:00 a.m. Fall Reunion (53rd consecutive) **Parking Garage Available**
7:00 p.m. Reunion Banquet
Mon, November 19 Stated Meeting - **Parking Garage Available**
Rocky Mountain Chapter of Rose Croix Ritual Opening/Closing
5:30 p.m. Red Room Business Meeting
6:00 p.m. Dinner
7:00 p.m. Entertainment (Veterans Recognition Program)
Thu/Fri, November 22/23 **Consistory CLOSED for Thanksgiving Holiday**
Sat, November 24 9:00-11:00 a.m. Consistory Decorating Party—All members, officers, & wives are invited
Fri, November 30 11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (TBD)

EDITOR'S CORNER



BY: **BILL HICKEY, 33°**
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CHEAP IS GOOD—FREE IS BETTER

Cheap is good, free is better - was the mantra of my graduate school professor. He always liked to recycle things and repurpose them especially if he could get something for free, even if he didn't know what he'd use it for. In that vein, I have been working around the consistory for a while now, finding computers and sundry things that are no longer being used, but may still be "useful" to someone else. They are taking up space and collecting dust, so I talked with Matt and he said to let people know, and if anyone WANTS any of the items, they are available for free. If no one takes them, they'll eventually be sent out to a recycling facility. So, here's what we currently have (and you never know, there may be more):

Dell Dimension 3000 Computer

Pentium 4 @ 2.80 GHz

512 MB DDR2 SD RAM @ 333MHz

IDE standards. Max 2 hard drives, 2 extra IDE devices—NO HD installed)

Uses old circular mouse/keyboard connectors (but there is a keyboard/mouse avail)

Dell Dimension E520 Computer

Pentium D (that's 2 Pentium 4 processors on the chip) @ 2.80 GHz

2.0 GB RAM (expandable to 4GB max)

320 GB Hard Drive; CD/DVD/RW drive; NVIDIA 3D Vision video card

64 bit Win8 Operating System

Dell Optiplex GX520 Computer

Pentium 4 @ 2.80 GHz

3 PCI slots available

DIMM memory—currently 256MB each installed

640 GB Hard Drive; DVD/CDROM drive but uses on-board video

Win/XP Pro operating system

Unknown Manufacturer Computer—salvage for parts

Pentium 4 CPU, no Hard Drive, no system battery (the nickel sized one), no video card

3.5" floppy drive, DVD/CDROM, nice case and power supply

Netgear DS106 6 port 10/100 MHz Dual Speed hub

HP old style connector (circular) keyboard/mouse (see first computer above)

Box of miscellaneous length CAT5 cables with RJ45 connectors

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CHEAP IS GOOD—FREE IS BETTER (CONTINUED)

1000' spool of Belden 1583A CAT5 cable

Partial box of BerkTek 530462H Cat 3 cable (that's telephone grade cable)

Partial box of BerkTek 530281-TP CAT5 UTP cable

NEC JC1225sma 14" CRT video display

LinkSys Wireless-G 2.4 GHz, 54 Mbps broadband router, 4 ports

DirectTV cable box (Consistory no longer uses DirectTV)

AMC remote controller for Audio Systems

Sound-o-Magic playback cassette deck

MANY bundles of RG-59U 75 ohm coax w/ 2 18ga conductors (CCTV combo, 95% Cu shield) - various lengths—probably 20-40 feet depending on the bundle. No connectors.

The coax above is not typical for amateur radio or CB use, but can be used. It's also good for normal TV routing around the house. When CCTV installers use it, they use the two 18ga conductors to send power to/from the distant end, so those come along "free" for the ride.

Bill



9Health



OK, so I'll bet almost everyone isn't thinking about the 9HealthFair in April. Well, I am. They've already revised the web interface that the coordinators use, they're beginning to ramp up for the September fall family fairs around the area, and shortly after they finish those, they'll start coordinator meetings for the Springtime fairs. So, if you're interested in assisting me—finding the Interactive Educational materials, canvassing volunteers, or whatever, find me and let me know. It's too early for me to worry about the actual volunteer registry for April - so give me a little time before you start letting me know about that. Thanks.



From the Secretary's Desk

[Matt Raia, 33°](#)

Our **June 18th Stated Meeting** was Hawaiian shirt night, and we had many colorful shirts being worn. It was also a night packed full of education for our guests and members, beginning with Grand Bethel Honored Queen **Ms. Molly Anderson**, Colorado Job's Daughters International, who presented the "Story of Job."



The Stated Meeting conducted by the Colorado Council of Kadosh, was opened and closed in ritual form. (PHOTO) **Brother Keith Anderson, 32° KCCH**, Commander, presented an explanation of the "Feast of Kadosh" and the place of the Colorado Council of Kadosh in the Valley of Denver, in relation to the other three bodies.

Brother Scott Olson, 32°, Orator of Denver Consistory, presented an interesting and informative oration.

Master Craftsman Program Study Group - Brother Bill Achbach, 32°, coordinator of the Denver Consistory Master Craftsman Study Group, conducted two informational meetings in June, to discuss when, where, and how the study group should be conducted. If you were not able to attend either of the planning sessions, but want to participate in the study group, contact Brother Achbach at wbapm32@gmail.com.

From the Secretary's Desk - Continued from previous page

The Secretary presented 50-year membership certificates and pins to **Brother Ronald Walker, 32°, Brother Richard Lewis Robinson, 32°, and Brother Edward Allen Robinson, 32°.**

July 21st was the **Annual Summer Dinner** at the Consistory. The theme for this year was the 1960's. Those who attended had an excellent shrimp boil dinner and enjoyed a fun party. I wonder what the committee has planned for next year's Summer Dinner?



September 17th Stated Meeting - The Scottish Rite Foundation will introduce this year's scholarship recipients. **Brother Chris Staton, 32° KCCH**, Orator of the Colorado Council of Kadosh, will deliver his oration. This will be a split meeting and the ladies will be working on a craft activity decorating jars as candle holders, while we conduct our meeting.

Doors Open Denver - We will once again be participating in Doors Open Denver, September 22nd and 23rd. **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** We need volunteers to be tour guides. Please contact **Brother Bart Wegner, 32° KCCH**, at bart_wegner@hotmail.com or **Brother Gene Hardy, 32° KCCH**, at conohardy@gmail.com to volunteer. Doors Open Denver is an excellent opportunity for us to show our historic building to the public.

Prospect Night - (a.k.a Friends of the Scottish Rite) - September 25th at 6:30 p.m. Invite your Brothers who are not Scottish Rite Masons to the Prospect Night to find out what the Scottish Rite and Denver Consistory has to offer.

The **Fall Reunion** is fast approaching. It will be **November 8-10, 2018**. It's not too early to get petitions turned in.

Oktoberfest - Saturday October 20th at 6:00 p.m. - presented by El Jebel Shrine and the Denver Consistory, will be held in the Consistory dining room. Space is limited, so get your reservations in early. Last year, some of you procrastinated and were left out.

2019 Dues Notices have been mailed by the Supreme Council. Please pay your 2019 dues promptly and not set aside the dues notice and forget about it and become delinquent. \$110 is a real bargain for membership in Denver Consistory. Just \$0.30 per day. WOW! That's less than one cup of coffee.

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 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:

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

Extend payment terms may be arranged. Contact the office for details.

FOR SALE: Two plots in Masonic Square at Olinger Chapel Hill \$4,500 per plot. Contact Linda Woldbrink at 303-968-9744

Sometimes, the universe shows us the way even though we aren't looking for it.

In the end, it is up to you to decide what makes you happy.

The happiest of people don't necessarily have the best of everything; they just make the most of everything that comes along their way.

Happiness lies for those who cry, those who hurt, those who have searched, and those who have tried, for only they can appreciate the importance of people who have touched their lives.

The brightest future will always be based on a forgotten past; you can't get on well in life until you let go of your past failures and heartaches.

It's true that we don't know what we've got until we lose it, but it's also true that we don't know what we've been missing until it arrives.

Presenting the 2018 Scholarship Winners

Dwight A. Hamilton Graduate Scholarship in Speech-Language Pathology

By

Vernon B. Ingraham, 33° Grand Cross

Executive Secretary, Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado



At the September 17, 2018 Stated Meeting program for the Denver Consistory bodies, six graduate students will be recognized as the 2018 recipients of the \$5,000 Dwight A. Hamilton Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado Graduate Scholarship in Speech-Language Pathology.

This scholarship is named for Dwight A. Hamilton, the fourth President of the Foundation's Board of Trustees since the Foundation's creation in 1953. It was Illustrious & Most Worshipful Brother Dwight's vision which inspired the creation of this scholarship, named after him posthumously.

The Board of Trustees awards this scholarship to second-year graduate students at the *University of Colorado - Boulder* (CU-Boulder) and the *University of Northern Colorado* in Greeley (UNC). These are the two universities in Colorado which have graduate programs in speech-language pathology. The Master's Degree is one of several requirements for certification as a speech-language pathologist.

**Dwight A. Hamilton, 33°
Sovereign Grand Inspector General
1995 - 2005**

Since the Foundation's scholarship program began in 2005, 76 students have been awarded this competitive, merit-based scholarship. A total of \$380,000 has been awarded over this 14-year period. We are pleased to introduce the six scholarship winners for 2018.



University of Colorado
Boulder



UNIVERSITY OF
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COLORADO**



Amanda Castañuela is a graduate student at CU-Boulder. She was born and raised in Colorado and received a BA in Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences from CU-Boulder. In addition to her classroom studies, Amanda has worked with three diagnostic teams at CU's Speech, Language & Hearing Center in Boulder: the Preschool Screening Team, Concussion Assessment and Rehabilitation Team, and the Fluency Diagnostic Team. Her intervention experience includes working with young clients exhibiting issues such as concussion, dyslexia, and autism spectrum disorder. Upon graduation she plans to work with children and their families in Colorado with a focus in serving all children including the underrepresented populations

Tatum Gomez is a graduate student at CU-Boulder. She is a native of Colorado and grew up in Jefferson County. In 2017 she worked in Argentina for 8 months teaching English to impoverished students. In addition, she interned as a speech-language pathologist assistant in Denver's Thompson Elementary School. Tatum received a BA in Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences from CU-Boulder. During her graduate work she has served as a speech-language pathology intern at the CLC Preschool, the Head Start Preschool, and Audiological Rehabilitation, all in Boulder. With her bilingual skills, she plans to work with students in Colorado.



Kelsey Wade, a graduate student at CU-Boulder, is from Illinois. She received her BA Degree in Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences at CU-Boulder. Prior to graduate school, Kelsey worked in Aurora Colorado as a bilingual speech-language pathology assistant. With this experience and in addition to her graduate clinical work, Kelsey has developed a keen appreciation of the need for speech therapy services to Colorado's Spanish-English bilingual children with speech and/or language disorders. Following graduation, Kelsey plans to return to Aurora, Colorado to work in either a school or home health setting.



Rebecca Autrey is a graduate student at UNC. Born and raised in Fremont, California, she received her BA in Communication Sciences and Disorders from California State University at Chico. During the past few years, she spent summer and winter breaks working with young children on U. S. military bases around the world. This experience has inspired her to continue work with young children. In addition to her studies at UNC, Rebecca is a graduate assistant and participates in helping run UNC's Treasure Chest Program. She plans to stay in Colorado and pursue a career working with children as a school-based speech-language pathologist.

Shyanne Heise is a graduate student at UNC. She was raised in Colorado Springs, receiving her BS in Audiology and Speech-Language Sciences from UNC. During her first year of graduate studies, she served as a graduate assistant, volunteered at the Talking with Technology Camp conducted by Children's Hospital Colorado, and participated in the UNC Treasure Chest Program as well as Project Ready, a language program for preschoolers from bilingual migrant families. Upon graduation, Shyanne plans to serve children in Colorado and eventually pursue a clinical doctorate degree.



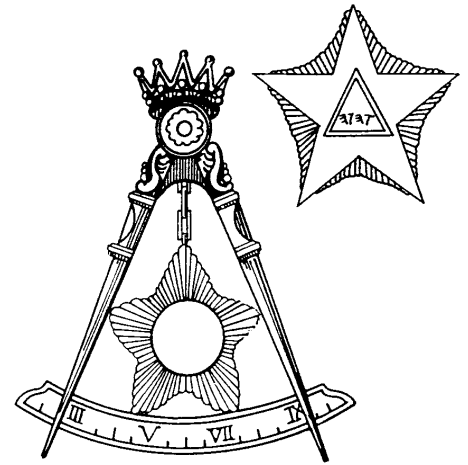
Leslee Smith is a graduate student at UNC. A Colorado native, she received a BS in Human Development and Family Studies from Colorado State University in 2016 and a BS in Audiology and Speech-Language Sciences at UNC in 2017. In the summer of 2016 she worked for our Fort Collins RiteCare Partner, Children's Speech and Reading Center. During her first year of graduate studies, she served as a graduate assistant and participated in the UNC Treasure Chest Program. Upon graduation, she looks forward to working with children in both medical and educational settings in Colorado mountain towns, especially working as part of a cleft palate team.



From the Centennial Lodge of Perfection WEST

By

**Daniel K. Conway, 32° KCCH
Junior Warden**



Truth and Perception

As Freemasons, we spend a great deal of effort plumbing the depths of religion, philosophy, and those universal truths as presented to us through the various Masonic degrees and orders. Some of the insights derived from those lessons are easily discernable with nothing more than a passing observation, while others remain opaque and require disciplined contemplation to harvest their bountiful yield. While Freemasonry designs to ennoble our lives by drawing from a broad lexicon of traditions, the true benefits of those pursuits can only be realized once we are able to free ourselves from the limits of our own perception. Toward that end, you may find that one of the following parables may allow you to pause and evaluate how your own perceptions may be shaping your journey.

THE CAVE

In Plato's *Republic*, the ancient Greek philosopher presents the Allegory of the Cave. The dialogue describes a group of people who have been imprisoned from birth in a cave, and chained so that they are only able to see the wall directly in front of them. Behind them is a fire and every day their captors carry objects in front of the fire so that the prisoners only see the shadows of those objects as cast upon the wall. The shadows on the wall constitute reality for the prisoners because that is all they have ever known.

One day, a prisoner is freed. He looks around for the first time and sees the fire. The light hurts his eyes and he has difficulty seeing the shadows. He is told that what he is now seeing is real, instead of his old reality, but has difficulty accepting it. In his pain, he turns away from the fire and runs back to what he is accustomed to, the shadows on the wall. Someone then forcibly drags him out of the cave into the light of day, at which point he becomes angry and succumbs to more pain due to the overwhelming radiance of the sunlight. However, his eyes eventually adjust to the light and he is able to observe with awe and wonder this new world, including the stars and moon and night, and finally the sun itself.

Eventually, the freed prisoner returns to the cave now believing this new world to be superior and desires to bring his fellow cave dwellers out of the cave and into the light. However, as he re-enters the cave, he becomes blind because his eyes have adjusted to the exposure of the sun. The other prisoners then infer that his journey caused his blindness and are willing to kill anyone who attempts to drag them out of the cave on a similar journey.

There are many scholarly discussions surrounding Plato's Cave, but for most, the allegory contains symbolism used to describe the state of the world. The cave symbolizes the world, and the prisoners are those who inhabit the world. The chains represent ignorance, as they interfere with the prisoners seeing the truth. The shadows on the wall represent what people see in the present world, and the freed prisoner represents those few enlightened souls in society who have been enabled to see beyond our physical limitations.

THE BLIND MEN AND THE ELEPHANT

Originating from the ancient Indian subcontinent, this popular parable can be found in Buddhist, Hindu, and Jain texts. It tells the story of a group of blind men who are introduced to a strange animal, called an elephant. None of the men are familiar with its shape or form, and out of curiosity inspect it by touch. As they each grope about the animal, they describe what they feel.

The first man's hand lands on the trunk and he declares the animal to be thick like a snake; the second man feels the ear and professes that it must be some kind of a fan; the third places his hand on its leg and swears it must be like a tree-trunk; the next man touches its side and concludes that the elephant is a wall; another man feels its tail and describes it as a rope; and finally the last man feels its smooth hard tusk and states that it is like a spear. The blind men cannot come to agreement on their differing testimonies and begin to assume the others are not telling the truth, eventually coming to blows.

Ultimately, this parable illustrates the range of truths and fallacies, implying that while one's experience can be subjectively true, that experience is inherently limited by its inability to accept other truths or a totality of truth.

THE GOLDEN BUDDHA

Many years ago, in Thailand, there stood a temple that contained a huge golden statue of Buddha. Word came to the village that contained this monastery that an army from a neighboring country was about to invade. So, the villagers decided to cover the golden Buddha with thick layers of mud and concrete so the army would perceive that it had no value. When the invading force arrived at the village, they passed by the temple and observed nothing more than a huge stone Buddha and therefore had no reason to plunder it.

Many years passed by as the army continued to occupy the country, to a time that no one remained who remembered the golden Buddha. The true nature of the statue was unknown until one day when a young monk was sitting on the knee of the large Buddha meditating. As he got up a piece of the concrete cracked off and he noticed something shiny and realized there was gold under the stone. He ran to the other monks shouting, "the Buddha's golden, the Buddha's golden!" When they all came out and realized he was telling the truth, they proceeded to take their axes and shovels and chipped away to finally reveal the golden Buddha.

The metaphor presented here is that each of us is born golden - that we are born connected, born knowing the truth, and one with the higher power. But, when starting at a very young age, we go to school, we learn from our friends and neighbors, and learn how to dress,

how to speak, how to act - eventually building up a casing to the point where we believe we are the stone Buddha, not the golden one.

Later in life, if we're lucky, something comes along that cracks our casing - a divorce, the loss of a loved one, a financial setback - something traumatic in our lives that knocks off a piece of our shell. Only in *that* moment do we get to look inside and see the gold, and from that point on, the shell and the concrete will no longer satisfy us and we spend the rest of our lives chipping away to get to the gold, because nothing else is as valuable.

THE LIBRARIAN

In the 3rd century B.C. there lived a man named Eratosthenes, the Chief Librarian at Alexandria in Egypt. One day, he came upon a papyrus book in which he discovered a peculiar account. In it was a notation that on June 21st in the southern frontier outpost of Syene, the shadow of a column would grow shorter as mid-day approached. Exactly at noon, when the sun was directly overhead, no shadow was cast. It was a common observation that someone else may have easily ignored, but would lead to a discovery that would literally shape the world.

Eratosthenes observed that on the same day and at the same time in Alexandria to the north, a column would cast a pronounced shadow. Some suggested the notation from Syene was in error or that someone had altered the record. But Eratosthenes thought to himself, why would anyone bother falsifying such a mundane observation?

He considered if no shadow was cast in Syene while at the same time no shadow was cast in Alexandria, then that would make perfect sense, assuming the Earth was flat. Likewise, if a shadow of a certain length was cast in the Syene while at the same time a shadow of the same length was cast in Alexandria, that it also made sense, on a flat Earth. However, Eratosthenes then asked, how could it come to pass that in the south no shadow was cast at noon, while in the north at the same time and day, a very pronounced shadow was present? The only answer was that the surface of the earth was curved. He further deduced that the greater the difference in the length of the shadows, the greater the curvature of the Earth. He then hired a man to pace out the distance between Syene and Alexandria, and noting the difference in the length of the shadows, he was able to calculate, to a high degree of precision, the circumference of the Earth - not bad for a man with no scientific instruments living over 2,300 years ago.

Reaching out over the millennia, Eratosthenes teaches us that if we have the wherewithal to look beyond our assumed understandings and question the things around us, that we too have the power to shape the world.

“If the doors of perception were cleansed, everything would appear to man as it is, infinite.”
- William Blake

CONTINUING THE JOURNEY

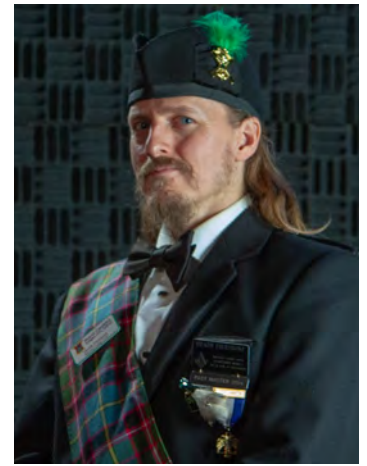
Hopefully these stories have resonated with you as much as they have with me. If you'd like to continue the journey, I highly recommend the short story, written by Andy Weir, titled “The Egg.”



DENVER CONSISTORY KNIGHTS OF ST. ANDREW

Heath B. Firestone, 32°

Venerable Master



Brethren:

Details of the coming Burns Night Celebration are coming together, so make sure to mark your calendar for Saturday, January 19th 2019. Last year, we sold out three times, after adding more and more tables, and we still had to turn people away, so the event has become quite popular, and for good reason; it is a LOT of fun, with great entertainment, food, and fellowship. We will also continue to offer the Whisky College, which also always sells out. We haven't finished setting up our reservation site, so you can't register yet, but as soon as it is in place, we will let you know.

If you are a Black hat, and are not yet a member of the Knights of Saint Andrew, I can't recommend joining highly enough. It is one of my favorite Masonic groups, and I always look forward to the time I spend with this great group of Brothers. Our meetings are always well-attended because many others feel the same way. You also don't need to worry about having even more dues to pay, because the cost to join is only \$75, and there are NO annual dues. But, even better, is that it gives you the chance to get involved outside of the Reunions, as we help out with greeting and escorting at the meetings, assisting in Consistory Cleanups, and assist with most Consistory events. We also put on what I'm told is the best Burns Night Supper in the region, which is our annual fundraiser, whose proceeds go towards maintaining the building, the Rite Care Foundation, and other charitable causes. We also have the honor and pleasure of doing the 4th Degree in the Spring Reunion and the 29th Degree (Knight of Saint Andrew) in the Fall Reunion, which means for many new Scottish Rite Masons we are the first degree they see, and for the others, we are one of the most memorable degrees they experience, which is really cool.

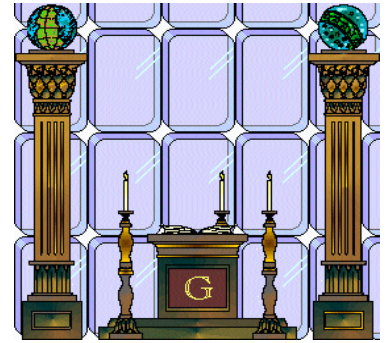
So, if you like swords, want to be knighted properly with a sword, want to walk through an arch of steel, or want to help form an arch of steel, with the added bonus of having a reason to wear a kilt (do you really need a reason to wear a kilt?), while helping out the Consistory, and having a lot of fun along the way, COME JOIN US!

<http://denverconsistory.org/ksa.html>



THE PRELATE'S PULPIT

Rev. Jim Harris, 33^o



Hello September, Hello Autumn! This is the time of the year when there is usually a chill in the air and the need for a sweater at night. Then, there is football, and a new school year. Then too, there are the turning leaves, shorter days, a different “feel” in the air. What a refreshing change from hot afternoons and sweltering nights. There is a comfort in the routine that comes with Fall. No more school supply lists or dropping off the kids at the college dorms. I can imagine for many people, this can be an unsettling and a freeing time simultaneously. I can remember the feeling that my children were off to school and college and they didn’t need me as much anymore. Ouch!

This is also a time for reflection. Winter is approaching along with Thanksgiving and Christmas. This is my time to remember that God’s grace and love is shining on me. I think about how I am blessed to have a nice home, family, friends, and the necessities of life. I am also blessed with being part of the wonderful Masonic family. Our meetings and activities resume from the summer break. Our September meeting at the Consistory will feature the Scottish Rite scholarships and we will have a great meal and see our friends. Our meetings resume. I get excited about seeing my brothers, sharing meals, and being a part of the extended Masonic family. It is good to reconnect.

I know it is easy to forget our Masonic connections and responsibilities. The Denver Consistory is here BECAUSE of YOU. The Consistory is better when you attend. Our fraternity needs you as much as you need our fraternity. Our fraternity is giving you a foundation for the way in which you live your life, the way you act, and the way you believe. I enjoy our meetings and our activities. I get a certain comfort and certain inner peace when I’m there. When I walk into the Consistory building, I feel good. I leave behind all the nasty behaviors of our politicians and the ugliness in our world. At our mid-year officers’ meeting, our Personal Rep Ron Birely told us to leave our negative thoughts at the door. We are positive people.

The Bible teaches us that the God who started good work within you will keep right on helping you grow in grace until that one day when it will be finished, the day we meet that Grand Architect of the Universe.

Come wind, come weather, welcome Autumn! I say to all of my brothers, WELCOME BACK, COME HOME.

MEMORIAL SCROLL

Warren Deen Alden, 32°	08/07/2018
Lyle Laverne Blessman, 32°	03/25/2018
Wesley Lyle Campbell, 33°	06/15/2018
Roy Chester Canfield, 32°	06/02/2018
Stanley Dale Cass, 32°	04/14/2018
Robert Lewis Funk, 32°	06/08/2018
James Darrol Graves, 32°	06/02/2018
Wallace Tyler Hill, 32°	06/15/2018
Lester Dan Lacy, III, 32°	06/06/2018
Herbert James Newcomb, Jr., 32°	07/24/2018
Arthur Sullivan Reinhart, 32°	05/23/2016
Ronald Edwin Walker, 32°	07/06/2018

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

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



SPECIAL BIRTHDAYS

SEPTEMBER

90 Years Young

Billy Frank Brown
Ben Hutchinson Parker, Jr.
Melvin Eugene Wieck

80 Years Young

Earl Don Aldrich
Carl Cartwright
William Coe Clulo
Walter Joe Cooley
Hector Vidal Huertas
Jay O. Jenkins

70 Years Young

Jon Ross Asper
Bruce Allen Kolisek
Jerome Kenneth Lueck
Lance Christian Rommerdahl
Roger Lynn Williamson

60 Years Young

Michael James Jouflas

50 Years Young

James Terry Preston, Jr.

This Month's Old Guy (40)

Michael Joseph Zoppi, Jr.



18 SEPTEMBER 1947

71 years old



The next time you see our Birthday Brethren, please congratulate them, and especially thank them for being our Brothers in the Scottish Rite. Our “younger” Brothers are the future of the craft.

OUR SOCIAL MEDIA PRESENCE



Denver Consistory Web Page (New and Revised)

<http://www.denverconsistory.org>

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS: [Dan Conway, 32° KCCH](#)



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Donate Your Car, Boat, RV, Motorcycle - As a reminder, we have a program available for you to donate your vehicle to the **Scottish Rite Masonic Center**. Contact the office for details.



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 a fee of \$10. The card is preloaded with \$10 credit, so the card actually costs you nothing. Take the card to any 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 anyway, so why not do so utilizing a SRMC King Soopers Loyalty Card? As a side benefit—when you use this card at the King Soopers Gas stations, **there is NO PERSONAL INFORMATION about you on the card**, so even if there is an illegal skimmer at the station, it will not compromise your personal information like it would if you used your own credit cards. If you would like further information about the card, contact Brother Bill Skewes, 32° KCCH. Email: bill@skewes.com or 303-519-1240.



You are cordially invited to the
The Heart Of Our Star . . .*YOU!*
Installation of Officers

At Metro Chapter #157

Saturday, September 15th, 2018 at 1:30pm

Marian Edwards, Worthy Matron Elect

Ric Rogers, Worthy Patron Elect

Light Lunch at 12:00pm noon



Co-hosted with AREME Chapter #124

Whose Installation is at 10:30am



Julie Muhovich, Worthy Matron Elect

Willis Grundvig, Worthy Patron Elect

Please R.S.V.P. for both Chapters to
Marian Edwards on her cell number
or heartcitygirl@yahoo.com



Please Join Us

For the Installation of
Lynda Wingate as WGM
And Michael Brewer as WGP

And the
“Spirits in Harmony” Grand Officers
Saturday

September 22, 2018

5:45 Musical Prelude

6:00 Introduction of Grand Officers

6:30 Installation

Radisson Denver Southeast

3155 South Vaughn Way

Aurora, CO 80014





SCOTTISH RITE FRIENDS' NIGHT TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 25, 2018 6:30PM

Be a Better Blue Lodge Mason!

Consider a Membership with the "University of Freemasonry"

**WE WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU AND YOUR LADY TO A FREE EVENING OF
SCOTTISH RITE FELLOWSHIP AND LIGHT REFRESHMENTS**

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.

THE FALL DEGREES WILL BE PRESENTED NOV. 8, 9, 10, 2018

THE 4th THROUGH THE 32nd DEGREES ARE PRESENTED IN
THEORETICAL PERFORMANCE

PLEASE RSVP BY SEPT. 21st

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BLOOD DRIVE

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The Eastern Star Masonic Retirement Campus in partnership with Columbine Lodge 147 will be hosting 4 Bonfils Blood Drives in 2018

**October 5th
Noon - 6 p.m.**

At the Eastern Star Masonic Retirement Campus
in the Fraternal Relations Room.

Its very easy to sign up:

Go to www.Bonfils.org

Click: **DONATE NOW**

FIND LOCATION

Enter our site code: **0474**

And you can register!

Or you can call Bonfils: **303-363-2300**

and they can help you make the appointment



Do you know someone who unexpectedly needed blood? Most of us do. Bonfils Blood Center must collect thousands of pints of blood each week to ensure that Colorado has an adequate blood supply at all times.

Eastern Star Masonic Retirement Campus and Columbine Lodge would like to partner with Bonfils Blood Center so that you have the opportunity to save lives by donating blood on a regular basis.



If you are interested in signing up please contact Pati Sawyer Boex Fraternal Relations Director at 303-753-2160



October 20, 2018

Presented by El Jebel Shrine & Denver Consistory

Location: Denver Consistory

1370 Grant St.—Denver 80203

(parking available in garage and PERA parking lot)

\$25.00 PER PERSON

DOORS OPEN AT 6:00PM

DINNER SERVED AT 6:30PM

**Menu: Bratwurst, Sauerkraut, German Meatballs & Gravy, Red Cabbage w/ Apple Spätzle,
Warm Bavarian Potato Salad, German Beer & Wine**

Apple Strudel

Guest Speaker: From Denver's Honorary Consul of Germany

Entertainment: El Jebel German Band

Reservations only (*no tickets at the door*)

Obtain tickets at Denver Consistory Market Place

<https://squareup.com/store/centenniallodgeofperfection> or by calling 303-861-4261

Reserve your spot early as space is limited to 200



October 20, 2018

Presented by El Jebel Shrine & Denver Consistory

Location: Denver Consistory

1370 Grant St. – Denver 80203

Herzlich Willkommen! (Warmly Welcome!)

Optional Fun listed below:

Men and Boys: Wear Your Lederhosen

Homespun outfits welcome: Kaki Shorts with Alpine Boots and Blue Shirt

Ladies and Girls: Wear your Dirndl

**Prizes will be awarded to the first 10 people who wear
Lederhosen or Dirndl**

**Bring your Beer Steins: You can drink from them,
show them to your friends
and win prizes for your Steins as well!**

Bring your guests and family Looking forward to seeing all of you.

SHOP LOCAL

28th Annual Craft Show & Cowboy Christmas



ABOUT US

Please join the El Jebel Shriners for our 28th Annual Craft Show & Cowboy Christmas. We have a great variety of crafts and western items available. New vendors, plus your favorite ones returning.

We have added a Cowboy Christmas to our show so that you can find a one stop show for that special Cowboy or Cowgirl in your life.



OUR HOURS

Douglas County Fairgrounds
Events Center

500 Fairgrounds Way
Castle Rock, CO 80104

Friday Oct. 26th 10 am - 7 pm
Saturday Oct. 27th 9 am - 6 pm
Sunday Oct. 28th 11 am - 3 pm

FREE Admission & FREE Parking

We appreciate your support!

For more information call 303.455.3470

"Fez"tival of Trees

We will have our 2nd Annual "Fez"tival of Trees at the Craft Show. This is a chance for you to bid during the silent auction on one of our beautiful trees. The winner will take home the tree including all ornaments and gifts.

All proceeds benefit Shriners Hospitals for Children. Shriners Hospitals for Children is a registered 501(c)(3) charity with the Internal Revenue Service.

If you or your business is interested in donating a tree to our "Fez"tival of Trees, please contact the El Jebel Shriners Office at 303.455.3470



OUR PRODUCTS

Please plan to visit our many booths of hand made artisan crafts and western wear and items. Some examples of items being sold are:

1. Custom and Handmade Crafts
2. Custom Art
3. Gifts
4. Home Decor
5. Custom and Handmade Jewelry
6. Western Clothing and Boots
7. Tack, Ropes, and Saddles
8. Custom and Handmade Leather Goods
9. And Much, Much, More



Concessions Available for Purchase

El Jebel Shriners

3443 S. Galena St., Suite 250
Denver, CO 80231

www.eljebelshrine.org
director@eljebel.org

For more information call 303.455.3470

Proceeds are for the benefit of the El Jebel Shriners Operating Fund unless otherwise noted.





SCOTTISH RITE FALL REUNION 2018

Denver Consistory's 53rd Consecutive Reunion

November 8, 9, 10, 2018

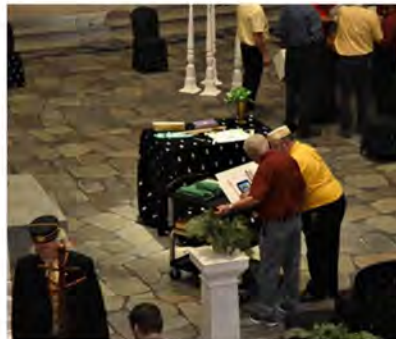
AN OPPORTUNITY TO REUNITE WITH YOUR BROTHERS
REVISIT THE TEACHINGS



2018 Spring Class



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First Line Signer Incentive Program: THREE petitions in a calendar year will pay your membership for a year. If you are a life member, it entitles you to receive stated meeting dinners for a year.

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National Sojourners 2019 Essay Contest

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

Prizes

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

Theme – A More Perfect Union

BACKGROUND: David McCullough said “How can we know who we are and where we are headed if we don’t know where we have come from? How can we call ourselves patriots if we know little of our country’s past?” He goes on to say that “I have decided that the digital watch is the perfect symbol of an imbalance in outlook in our day. It tells us only what time it is now, at this instant, as if that were all anyone would wish or need to know.”

Question

With the exception of July 4th, 1776, what would you say is the most pivotal event or moment in the history of our nation that has proven critical to what our country has become or what we hope our country will become and why?

Rules & Essay Details

Essay contest is open to students currently in the 9th to 12th 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. 15th, 2019

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 [9th, 10th, 11th, or 12th]: _____

Chapter Information – Must Be Filled Out Completely

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

[2nd 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: Denver-Fitzsimons #37
Chapter Point of Contact Name: LCDR William A. Hickey, USN (Ret)
Chapter Point of Contact Home Phone Number [required for contact]: 303-494-0384
Chapter Point of Contact Address: 156 Barcelona Drive
Chapter POC Address Continued: Boulder, CO 80303-4938



DEMOLAY

COLORADO

August 10, 2018

Hello,

My name is Aiden and I am involved with DeMolay International, Broomfield Chapter. The Order of DeMolay is a fraternal, character-building and leadership-development organization that has guided the growth of over three million of our nation's young men since its founding in 1919. DeMolay's goal, for nearly a century now, is for its members to enjoy a wholesome environment with other like-minded young men while engaging in a variety of activities including social, athletic, and service. The young men of DeMolay are guided by values such as love of parents, reverence for sacred things, courtesy, comradeship, fidelity to ideals, cleanness (of thought as well as physical), and **patriotism**.

As seen on Denver's CBS 4 News (November 2017) (<http://denver.cbslocal.com/video/category/spoken-word-kcncv/3761351-7th-grader-needs-help-sending-care-packages-to-troops-serving-overseas/>), I take our Seventh Precept, Patriotism, to heart and am **in the process of organizing our annual "Care Packages for Our Military"** event by collecting donations, from organizations such as yours, in the form of goods to include in these packages or monetarily to purchase goods and/or for shipping to get these packages to our brave men and women that sacrifice so much for us and our country. We will be accepting donations through October 31, 2018. Our plan is to assemble and prepare our care packages Veteran's Day Weekend, November 11th, and get them shipped in time to get them to our service men and women in time for the holiday season and would very much appreciate your help with this very important endeavor.

Donations can be made in a variety of ways. Monetary donations can be made via PayPal @ www.coloradodemolay.org/broomfield-chapter, or by mail to the address on the enclosed donation information page. If you would prefer to donate goods, please give me a call at the number below so we can make sure there is someone available to collect the items at time of delivery or set up a time for me to pick the items up.

Your contributions are tax-deductible, as DeMolay is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Our information is as follows: DeMolay International, Broomfield Chapter with Tax I.D. #23-7133581. Thank you for your consideration and support!

Kind regards,

Aiden Carrillo
720-837-5550 (Mom Carrillo)
michellecarrillo7@comcast.net

CARE PACKAGES FOR OUR MILITARY

Donations accepted until October 31st for packages being packed November 11th

Donations will also be accepted to pay for shipping/additional items via PayPal@ www.coloradodemolay.org/broomfield-chapter or send an email to BroomfieldDeMolay@gmail.com or call 720-432-4661 for an alternative; or for arrangements for a drop-off/pickup of goods

SNACK ITEMS

Hard Candy	Trail Mix	Sunflower Seeds
Gum	Chex Mix	Coffee
Twizzlers	Beef Jerky	Tea
Cookies	Slim Jims	Hot Cocoa
Crackers	Snack/Protein Bars	Powdered Drink Mix
Peanuts	Rice Krispy Treats	Pop Tarts

****All items need to be individually wrapped in original packaging****

HYGIENE/PERSONAL ITEMS (travel size items)

Shampoo	Hand Sanitizer (Alcohol Free)	Foot Powder
Deodorant	Travel Size Baby Wipes	Vaseline
Body Wash	Nasal Saline	Eye Drops
Lotion	Lens Cleaning Wipes	Contact Lens Solution
Lip Balm/Chapstick	Pocket Tissues	Sunscreen
Toothpaste	Hair Bands (Different Sizes – Black)	Female Hygiene Products
Mouthwash	Combs/Brushes	Laundry Products

*****NO Aerosol, NO Batteries*****

ACTIVITIES

Puzzle Books	Hacky Sacks	Coloring/Drawing Items
Playing Cards	Reading Books	Stationary/Stamps
Travel Games	Pocket Bibles	Stamped Envelopes



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- **Rebuilding the Temple Campaign**
- **Scholarships**

EXAMPLE: \$10,000 GIFT ANNUITY

AGE 50	4.0%
AGE 60	4.7%
AGE 70	5.6%
AGE 80	7.3%
AGE 90	9.5%

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