



# Denver's RiteWorks

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**SAVE THE DATE: January 18, 2020**  
**KSA Burns Supper**

## SAVE THE DATE

**December 16, 2019**



**Retirement celebration in honor of SGIG Illustrious Brother Stephen M. Munsinger, 33°, who has announced his retirement from the Supreme Council.**

**A special program in honor of Illustrious Brother Munsinger will be presented at Denver Consistory on December 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. Illustrious Brother James D. Cole, 33° Sovereign Grand Commander of the Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A. will be present for this special event.**

# PLANNING CALENDAR

## OCTOBER 2019

Mon, October 7	6:30 p.m. KSA Meeting in Lodge Room
Fri, October 11	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch
Fri, October 18	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch
Sat, October 19	9:00-11:00 a.m. Calling Committee
Mon, October 21	Stated Meeting <b>Parking Garage Available</b>
	5:30 p.m. Red Room Business Meeting
	6:00 p.m. Dinner—Announcements, report of Sick & Distressed
	7:00 p.m. Entertainment - Special presentation by John Fielder
Fri, October 25	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch

## NOVEMBER 2019

Fri, November 1	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (Fried Chicken)
Sat, November 2	9:00-11:00 a.m. KSA Fall Cleanup (all are welcome to participate)
Mon, November 4	6:30 p.m. KSA Meeting in the Lodge Room
Fri, November 8	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch
Mon, November 11	5:30 p.m. Special Officers' Meeting to read last minute Petitions
Wed, November 13	6:30 p.m. Fall Reunion—Children's Hospital Colorado (By Invitation Only)
Thu-Sat, November 14-16	7:00 a.m. Fall Reunion (55 <sup>th</sup> Consecutive) - <b>Parking Garage Available</b>
Sat, November 16	4:00 p.m. El Jebel Shrine Ceremonial
	6:00 p.m. Reunion Banquet; 25 & 50 year membership presentations
Mon, November 18	Stated Meeting - <b>Parking Garage Available</b>
	Rocky Mountain Chapter of Rose Croix Ritual Open/Close
	5:30 p.m. Red Room Business Meeting
	6:00 p.m. Dinner
	7:00 p.m. Entertainment - Veterans Recognition Program
	7:30 p.m. Split Meeting: 5 min orations by Orator, Centennial Lodge of Perfection and Minister of State, Denver Consistory
Fri, November 22	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch
Thu/Fri November 28-29	<b>CONSISTORY CLOSED for Thanksgiving Holiday</b>

## DECEMBER 2019

Mon, December 2	6:30 p.m. KSA Meeting in the Lodge Room
Fri, December 6	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (Fried Chicken)
Sat, December 7	10:00a.m.-noon SR Foundation & Consistory Children's Christmas Party
	<b>Parking Garage Available</b>
Fri, December 13	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch
Mon, December 16	Stated Meeting - <b>Parking Garage Available</b>
	5:30 p.m. Red Room Business Meeting
	6:00 p.m. Dinner - Member Appreciation Dinner
	7:00 p.m. Special Recognition Program for retiring SGIG Steve Munsinger
	7:30 p.m. Split Meeting—Annual Election of Officers
Fri, December 20	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch
Wed, December 25	<b>Consistory CLOSED for Christmas Holiday</b>
Fri, December 27	<b>NO LUNCH</b>
Wed, January 1, 2020	<b>Consistory CLOSED for New Year's Day Holiday</b>

# EDITOR'S RESTLEBOARD



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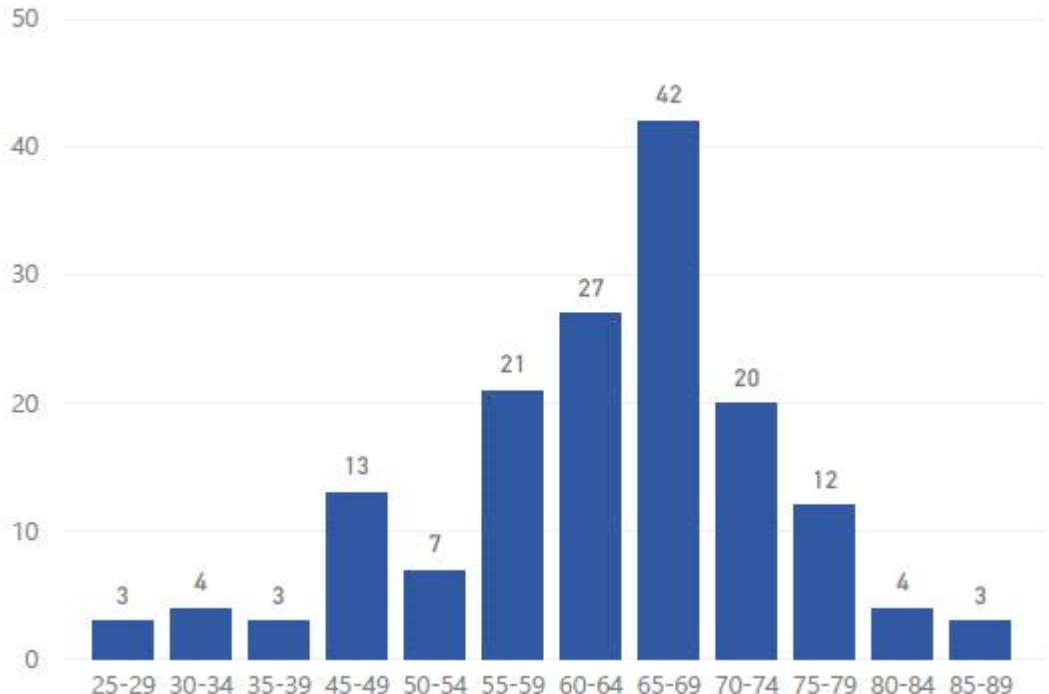


Last Spring's 9Health Fair gave us some significant indications of our target population for services. We had 159 show up for the fair (actually about average - some years more, some years less). The average age of our participants was 62-64, and 36 zip codes were represented by those in attendance. 36% of our attendees had MEDICARE as their insurance. 52% were female; 48% male. Of our participants, 73 had A1C tests, but 30% were "out of range" - meaning they should see their doctor SOON! 40 men had PSA tests, and 3% of those were out of range. But, 156 (almost all) had Cholesterol numbers— LDL (bad) 68% were out of range, Triglycerides 22% were out of range. Again, 156 had thyroid tests in the blood draws with 9% being out of range (either high or low). As you can see, the 9Health Fair we offer our community turns up some pretty significant health items that need follow-up. Thanks to everyone who volunteered last year and who will volunteer this coming year.

While I have been coordinating these fairs for ten years now, there is NO WAY I could do this without the help and support of every one of you. Thanks again.

*Bill*

Age at Time of Service





# From the Secretary's Desk

[Matt Raia, 33°](#)



## RETIREMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

The Honorable, Illustrious, Most Worshipful Brother **Stephen M. Munsinger, 33° (Active)**, Sovereign Grand Inspector General in the Orient of Colorado announced his retirement from the Supreme Council effective midnight, December 31, 2019. **A special recognition program will be held December 16, 2019 at Denver Consistory.** Illustrious Brother James D. Cole, 33° (Active) Sovereign Grand Commander of the Southern Masonic Jurisdiction will be present to honor Illustrious Brother Munsinger that evening. More information about this special recognition program for Illustrious Brother Munsinger is available by calling the office at 303-861-4261.



**Scottish Rite Foundation Scholarships** - At the September 16<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting six graduate students were recognized as the 2019 recipients of the \$5,000 Dwight A. Hamilton Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado Graduate Scholarship in Speech-Language Pathology.

September 16<sup>th</sup> was a very busy meeting night. The SGIG presented Patents and photos to the members of the Spring Reunion class.





Double Eagle Ribbons were presented to Illustrious Brothers **Ron Birely, 33°; John Moreno, 33°; Grover Sardeson, 33°; and Brother Dan Conway, 32° KCCH** for earning 5,000 points for participating in Denver Consistory meetings and activities.

Double Eagle Jewels were presented to Brothers **Tom Adair, 32° and Marcel Doyon, 32°** for earning 500 points.



Passport Double Eagle Jewels were presented to Brothers **E. Dewayne Beights, 32°; Charles Cawood, 32°; Clark Moody, 33°; and Jim Thomas, 32°** for successfully completing one passport. Passport pins were presented for successfully completing one passport to those already having a Double Eagle jewel—Brothers **Darren Klinefelter, 33°; Greg Harris, 32° KCCH; Tom Lincoln, 32° KCCH; Joe Magoffin, 32° KCCH; Randy Penn, 32° KCCH; and Tom Shotts, 32° KCCH.**

Brother **Houshang Ferdows, 32°** received a 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> passport pin for successfully completing THREE Passports!

Congratulations to all of the award recipients. Thank you for your hard work and support of Denver Consistory and the Scottish Rite.

**Fall Prospect night**, September 24<sup>th</sup> - Master Masons who had been raised to the Third Degree since our Spring Reunion were invited to attend and turn in a petition for the Fall Reunion. Thank you to **Illustrious Brother Helmut Fritz, 33°**, Lieutenant of the Guard, Colorado Council of Kadosh, for organizing the Prospect Night.

**Calling Committee** - October 19<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-11:00 a.m. 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 those making the calls enjoy speaking with the Brothers. Contact the Secretary and let me know if you will help.

The **Fall Reunion** will be **November 14-16, 2019**. Get your petitions turned in. At the Saturday Night Banquet, we will present 25 & 50 year membership Awards.

**2020 Dues Notices** have been mailed by the Supreme Council. Please pay your 2020 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. 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. **Monthly dues payments are available!** Are you tired of paying dues at the end of the year to all of the Masonic bodies (and other organizations) of which you are a member? You may pay your annual Denver Consistory dues in 11 easy monthly payments rather than one lump sum, eliminating one more year-end bill to pay. By authorizing an automatic credit card payment each month at the end of the year, your dues will be paid and your dues card will be sent to you. Contact the office and speak with Cathy to set up a payment plan.

### **Automatic Dues Renewal Program**

Supreme Council has created and installed an auto-renewal program to pay annual dues. This is a completely VOLUNTARY program that gives our members the option to have their dues automatically deducted using a credit or debit card through the online Membership Portal.

The automatic dues payment will occur in August annually for those who sign up for the program, and the payment will be applied to the following dues year. Members who sign up for the program will receive an email reminder a few days prior to the debiting of their credit or debit card. Supreme Council staff will mail a 2020 membership card to all enrollees directly from the House of the Temple approximately three weeks after the annual payments are processed. This program will give members the option to avoid the end-of-the-year Masonic dues crunch as well as help ensure members are always in good standing.

Supreme Council staff will send emails to the members who want to participate in the program, informing those members of this new program and how to sign up if interested.

**LIFE MEMBERSHIP** is 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 FEES:**

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.

## Upcoming Events at Denver Consistory

**Monday October 7<sup>th</sup>:** 6:30 p.m. - KSA Meeting - All Scottish Rite Masons welcome.

**Saturday October 19<sup>th</sup>:** 9:00-11:00 a.m. - Calling Committee (meet in the office)

**Monday October 21<sup>st</sup>:** Stated Meeting - Special Entertainment, Colorado Photographer Ray Fielder

**Saturday November 2<sup>nd</sup>:** 9:00-11:00 a.m. - KSA Consistory Clean-up day

**Monday November 4<sup>th</sup>:** 6:30 p.m. - KSA Meeting - All Scottish Rite Masons welcome.

**Thu-Sat November 14-16:** **FALL REUNION - Denver Consistory's 55th consecutive**

**Monday November 18<sup>th</sup>:** Stated Meeting - Rose Croix Line Ritual Opening/Closing

**Saturday November 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Consistory Decorating Party - **ALL members, officers, wives invited**

## Membership Statistics

September 2018

1944

September 2019

1837





## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

### Worshipful Brother Tom Shotts, 32° KCCH

- 1. Where were you born?** I was born at Mercy Hospital in San Diego, California on April 4, 1946. My dad was in the Navy and we moved some. Corpus Christi, TX ('50-'51); Philadelphia, PA ('52-'53); and New Orleans, LA ('54-'56). We returned to San Diego in '57 and I remained there until I graduated from High School.
- 2. Tell us about your family.** I was the only child of my mother's first marriage. I found my biological father in 1990, but he had passed in 1986. My dad, Bill Shotts, who some of you may have known, legally adopted me in 1953. As a result of my mother and father both remarrying, I have 5 half-sisters and 1 half-brother. I met my wife in 1965 while going to tech school at Lowry AFB and we were married February 5, 1966. We have 3 daughters - the first born in 1967 at RAF Base Lakenheath, England. We have 7 grandchildren, and all but 1 grandson lives in the Denver metro area.
- 3. What did you do for a living?** My primary employment was 4 years in the Air Force, 10 years with the San Diego County Sheriff, 5 of which were undercover narcotics with the DEA Task Force. 10 years with the Arapahoe County Sheriff, a year and a half as Commander of South Metro Drug Task Force, and 18 years with the City and County of Denver as an investigator for the City Attorney, retiring from Denver International Airport in September 2011.
- 4. How long have you been a Mason, how long a member of the Consistory, and what have you accomplished in Masonry?** I was made a Mason at Highlands Temple in the first 3-day class (3-5 October 1996). There were 9 of us from Denver Lodge #5, of which I am the only active member. One other is around occasionally. I was appointed to the line in 1997 and was Master (and Master of the Year) in 2004, given that honor by Most Worshipful and Illustrious Brother Ed Zorn. I became a 32° Scottish Rite Mason with the Spring Reunion Class of 2007 and received my KCCH honor in 2013. I am also a member of all three York Rite bodies, became a member of the Royal Order of Scotland in June of 2008, and Kincora Council #8, Knight Masons U.S.A.
- 5. What do you like most about the Fraternity?** For me, it is the many friendships that are enjoyed with guys who all have a common purpose and work very hard to achieve their goals. For me personally, it is my Blue Lodge. The relationships are beyond reproach. It is such a joy to be associated with so many younger guys, to see their bonding and the enthusiasm for everything they do. It is extremely delightful to watch all of the new Brothers going through their degrees, especially given by those who display so much skill and pride in their work. I feel great pleasure in seeing that mentoring by myself and others has been a success, to see the growth of the younger Brothers, especially as they become proficient and being to relieve us of all of our years of work. It is so enjoyable to witness them as they exemplify Degree work and give Lectures. There is also the satisfaction of being able to do so much for our community with the charitable work that we are so blessed to be able to give.

Interviewed by: Michael Scott, 32° KCCH

**55<sup>th</sup> Reunion  
Fall 2019  
Nov. 14 - 16, 2019**

**Wednesday Nov. 13, 2019**

6:30pm Children's Hospital  
Candidates and Invited guests only  
Welcome - Rite Care Presentation  
Prolog to the Reunion

**Thursday Nov. 14, 2019**

7:30am Registration/ 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°**

10:45 Class Instruction

11:00am Communicate 12°

**11:05am Exemplify 13°**

11:35am Lunch

**12:35pm Exemplify 14°**

1:30pm Secretary's Presentation

1:30pm Lecture/Instruction for members

1:55pm Committee Presentations/Tour

2:25pm Break

**2:35pm Exemplify 15°**

3:40pm Break

3:55pm Class Instruction

**4:00pm Exemplify 16°**

4:40pm Class Instruction

4:45pm Adjourn

**Friday Nov. 15, 2019**

8:00am Class Convenes

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 Photography Committee

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 Grand Master Address

12:20pm Lunch

1:05pm Prolog to 21°

**1:09pm 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 Adjourn

**Saturday November 16, 2019**

8:15am Class Convenes

8:30am Knights of St. Andrew Presentation

8:40am Shrine Presentation

8:50am S.G.I.G. Address & Class Photo

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

**1130am Exemplify 30°/ 4<sup>th</sup> Apartment**

11:55am Lunch

12:55pm 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**

3:22pm Patriotic Poem

3:27 pm Closing Ceremony

3:45pm Adjourn

**6:00pm Banquet**

25 & 50 Year Membership Awards

8:00pm Adjourn



## WINTER AND SPRING

This is in retrospect, of not just this year, but of the past 100 years of Liberty Lodge #134. Liberty Lodge #134 celebrated its 100<sup>th</sup> year as a lodge in 2018. From the first Worshipful Master Charles S. More, through the first 50 years and the celebration with Worshipful Brother Don E. Couch and as the 100<sup>th</sup> Worshipful Master of Liberty Lodge #134, it is all of our duties to remember our history and to continue the fellowship and Brotherly Love that has been the direction and face of Liberty Lodge #134 over the last century.

From the onset of dedication in 1918 to the present, they and the Lodge have, up to this time and point, have been devotees. The Lodge grew and became stronger over its first decade. By the late 1920's, Liberty Lodge #150 had over 200 members and was about to embark on a new, trying, and tumultuous time. The early 1920's brought in the need for Masonry in Northwest Denver to build a temple. Four Lodges came together (Highlands #86, Liberty #150, Berkley #134, and Paul Revere #162) to build what would become the Highlands Masonic Temple at 35<sup>th</sup> and Federal Boulevard.

The Lodges did what was needed to fund this endeavor that would become, what no one thought would happen, a financial and membership burden until 1950. The cornerstone was laid by the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Colorado, and the project began. The Temple was dedicated (late, or by some, "on Masonic time") in 1928. This would become the first trial for Liberty Lodge #150. There were members that resisted the move from Lovel Hall to the new Highlands Temple and the encumbrances that would come with it. Members demitted from the Lodge (including W.B. More) and what would become trying times for all.

The 1930's brought to all the devastation of the Great Depression that ravaged the country. During this time and through it all, Liberty Lodge #150 held its ranks and stayed financially solvent. It would hold 200 members and \$9,500.00 in assets and grew by 25% by the end of the decade.

The 1940's brought what most considered the "last great war" and with it the need for the fraternity to keep the fellowship of returning military. In 1945, Liberty Lodge #150 raised 56 Brothers and another 46 in the following year, ending the decade with 523 Brothers and \$31,500.00 in assets.

The 1950's brought financial relief and expanded the drive to spread the Fraternal Friendship and Brotherly Love to all they came into contact with. The mortgage on the Temple was paid off and what was deemed an insurmountable burden, was paid off 10 years earlier than had been planned.

The 1960's brought the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Masonry in Colorado and a joint Communication was held at the Highlands Temple at the direction of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Colorado and the Worshipful Masters of all five Lodges (Highlands #86, Berkley #134, Liberty #150, Paul Revere #162, and Jacques DeMolay #171) sat in the East to celebrate the occasion. A short five years later Liberty Lodge #150 would celebrate its own 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. This would become the pinnacle for the Lodge. They boasted a phenomenal 705 members and \$52,000.00 in assets. The Brother appointed in 1968 as Tiler was Brother Bob Shirley, who continues to tile to this day. This time also brought the realization of the upkeep and the

maintenance costs for the Temple. This would cause a percentage of the Degree fees to be paid to the Temple Board to sustain the Temple. It started with getting the elevator renovated at a cost of \$40,000.00 (about \$250,000.00 in today's money) and the true cost of Temple ownership became a harsh reality.

The ensuing two decades came with great stability and membership for the Lodges and the Temple. But, as with all things that are taken for granted or unattended, the pervasiveness of falling membership and deferred maintenance to the building began to take its toll on the Temple. By the end of the 1990's, the mergers and removal of charters began.

Liberty Lodge #150 had two mergers that joined Edgewater #159 and Berkley #134 to become today's Liberty Lodge #134. The great phenom that was the Highlands Temple Association at its pinnacle, had five active Lodges, Job's Daughters, OES, Rainbow Girls, DeMolay, and the York Rite bodies, was now relegated to an empty, seldom utilized monument to our predecessors. Liberty Lodge #134 (formerly #150) had, and always will have, the best of men within its ranks. From the first Worshipful Master, C. S. More, to the 50-year Tiler (Bob Shirley), to the last Worshipful Master of Edgewater (W.B. John Moreno), in the last year of the last decade of the last century of the last millennium, to myself who will be the 100<sup>th</sup> and last Worshipful Master of what is now Liberty Lodge.

This stage in history, is not due to the lack of financial stability, but rather deaths and the waning interest in the Lodge by its members, which now number only 140. So, we come to this place and time - is this the end or the beginning? Even as in death or winter, there is the start, or spring, for someone or something. So, at this time, I am reminded of the poem that my dear Brother W.B. John Moreno recited to me at my installation and to all of my predecessors for 18 years, and which we should all remember:

### THE PALACE

When I was a King and a Mason—a Master proven and skilled - -  
I cleared me ground for a Palace, such as a King should build.  
I decreed and dug down to my levels. Presently under the silt,  
I came on the wreck of a Palace such as a King had built.

There was no worth in the fashion - there was no wit in the plan - -  
Hither and thither, aimless, the ruined footings ran - -  
Masonry, brute, mishandled, but carved every stone:  
“After me cometh a builder” “Tell Him, I too have known.”

Swift to use in my trenches, where my well-planned ground-works grew,  
I tumbled his quoins, and his ashlar, and cut and reset them anew.  
Lime I milled of his marbles; burned it, slacked it, and spread;  
Taking and leaving at pleasure the gifts of the humble dead.

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Yet I despised not nor gloried; yet, as we wrenched them apart,  
I realized in the razed foundations the heart of that builder's heart.  
As he had risen and pleaded, so did I understand,  
The form of the dream he had followed in the face of the thing he had planned.

When I was a King and a Mason - in the open noon of my pride,  
They sent me a Word from the Darkness. They whispered and called me aside.  
They said - "Thy end is forbidden" - They said - "Thy use is fulfilled"  
"Thy Palace shall stand as other's - the spoil of a King who shall build."

I called my men from my trenches, my quarries, my wharves, and my sheers.  
All I had wrought I abandoned to the faith of the faithless years.  
Only I cut on the timber - - only I carved on the stone:  
"After me cometh a Builder. Tell Him, I too have known."

### ***Brother Rudyard Kipling, 1902***

And, as I sit here, in the winter of Liberty Lodge, I hope that we have sewn the seeds that our predecessors had sewn for us, and that the spring of the new Lodge will see the beginning for those who will Build. I am always humbled by the men that I have traveled with on a journey to light. But, the youngest of Liberty Lodge #134, Brother Jacob Tague, said it the best that I have heard it said, "this is about A.F.&A.M." and nothing else.

Humbly in service,  
Larry Tygart



# Memorial Scroll

John David Anderson, 32°	07/21/2019
Mervin Laurence Bauer, 32°	10/05/2017
Gary Gilbert Cassell, 32°	10/20/2017
Bobby Joe Corn, 32°	08/09/2019
David Gilbert Davidson, 32°	04/03/2019
Clarence Gene Distler, 32°	05/22/2017
Leonard Herman Eggemeyer, 32°	07/04/2019
Richard Davenport Georgeson, 32°	12/15/2018
Ronald Dale Hamblin, 32°	08/21/2017
Glen Theodore Kettelhut, 32°	08/30/2019
Orville James Kubat, 32°	02/01/2018
George Hedges Lipscomb, 32°	06/14/2019
Patrick Henry Mahoney, 32°	11/05/2015
Robert Joseph McSherry, 32°	06/11/2019
Eugene Alex Moisey, Sr., 32°	07/24/2019
Donald Dean Morgan, 32°	08/18/2019
Lionel Herbert Richman, 32°	05/05/2019
Robert Ernest Seaton, 32°	03/23/2019
Sidney Merrel Waldrop, 32°	09/04/2019



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: Benjamin F. Williams, 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 Benjamin F. Williams, 32° KCCH for more information.



# The Prelate's Pulpit

Rev. James H. Harris, 33°

“Darkness”



I recently read that this September could well have been the hottest on record. I always viewed September as the transition month between Summer and Fall. It's a month of football, back-to-school, turning off the sprinkler system, turning leaves, and looking forward to the holiday season. For Masons, it is a time to move from darkness to light as the lodges return to meeting again. The focal point of lodges is the altar. As Grand Chaplain for a number of years, I attended lodges throughout the state. When I entered a lodge, the altar was the first thing I noticed, as it is in the center of the lodge. Altars in Old Testament times were many and varied. Their importance is seen in that the word “altar” is used 433 times in the Holy Bible. Some of the earlier ones were crude elevations, usually of earth or stone. The size and shape varied with the kind of materials used. Later, some altars were made of a great variety of materials. The first Hebrew altar we read about was erected by Noah after leaving the ark.

From the description of the Tabernacle, there appears to have been two altars: a large one built in the open of the outer courtyard for the purpose of burnt offerings, and another within the Holy of Holies, a small one for the burning of incense. The Masonic altar is symbolic of both these altars and becomes the altar of promises and sacrifice, of the law of sanctuary and atonement. The candidate lays his passions and vices on the altar as an oblation to Deity and offers up the thoughts of a pure heart as a fitting offering to the GAOTU. Today, a troubled Mason is given the opportunity to stand before the altar, asking the Supreme Being for help and guidance. When Masons take their vows before the altar, they have obligated themselves in the strongest way possible and those obligations are not to be taken lightly.

Our altar is one of fellowship, as if to teach us that no man can learn the truth for another, and no man can learn it alone. Masonry brings men together in mutual respect, sympathy, and good will, that we may learn, in love, the truth that is hidden by apathy and lost by hate. So, my Brothers, when entering the lodge room and gazing upon the altar, let us all remember our vows and that the lodge room is a Holy place, and we cannot desecrate this place. Why is it Holy? Because of the presence of the altar, as illustrated by the story of Noah, Abraham, Jacob, and Moses—Aaron makes this lodge floor a Holy and exalted place, dedicated by the Sons of Light to the advancement of our craft and exaltation of our spirit for that celestial home above.

Blessings to everyone,  
Rev. Br. James Harris

# Happy Birthday

## 90 Years Young

Dale Lawson Holst  
Donald Francis Love  
Leon Wilbur McCabe  
James Winfred Medley  
Richard Lewis Robinson  
Adolph Ludwig Utzinger

## 80 Years Young

Robert Marshall Burgess  
Calvin Lysle Owens, III  
Kent Rey Rose  
Roy Ashworth Snyder

## 70 Years Young

Roy Allen Chambers  
Christopher Lee Comer  
Thomas William Jones  
Ernest Barry Kozacek  
James Melvin Powell  
John Roger Ward

## 60 Years Young

Paul Vance Altimier  
Gregory Bruce Dominguez  
Sheldon Scott Hardy

## 40 Years Old?

Pablo Colombar  
Shaun Christopher Stewart

## Our October "Youngster"

Matthew Lee Shamburger (28)



October 13, 1775  
244 years old







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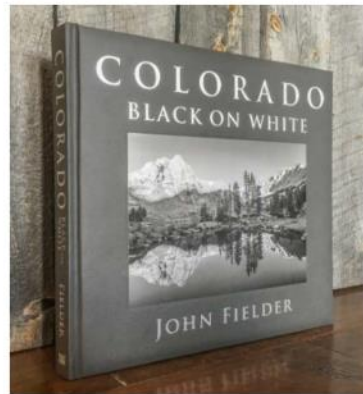
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**1370 Grant St.**  
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Douglas County Events Center

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Calling all Masonic Family Members!!

# “How do you do??”

IT’S Happening!! A Get Together

Hosted by the Grand Court of Colorado

Order of the Amaranth

WHEN: October 26, 2019

TIME: 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

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We hope you will PLAN to JOIN US

Our Colorado Masonic Family

IMPORTANT TO ALL OF US!!

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Our Annual Grand Court Session will be FEBRUARY 27-29, 2020 at the Double Tree Hotel 3203 Quebec Street in Denver.

Please SAVE the DATE –

We will welcome representatives of our Masonic Family organizations in Colorado:

Informal opening Thursday February 27, 2020

Installation of Officers for 2020-2021 will be Saturday, February 29, 2020

Hope to see you then!

Let's get to know each other better! Through mutual friendship and support – we can be the FAMILY we all speak of! Please SHARE your schedules! We wish to attend as many events as possible

We would appreciate ANY comments, feed-back and interest in participating on your part – and that of YOUR organization.

Please feel free to email OR call!!

We look forward to hearing from YOU!!

Web site: [grandcourtofcolorado-amaranth.org](http://grandcourtofcolorado-amaranth.org)

Sincerely and Fraternaly yours,

*Cindi*

Cindi Sebastian  
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