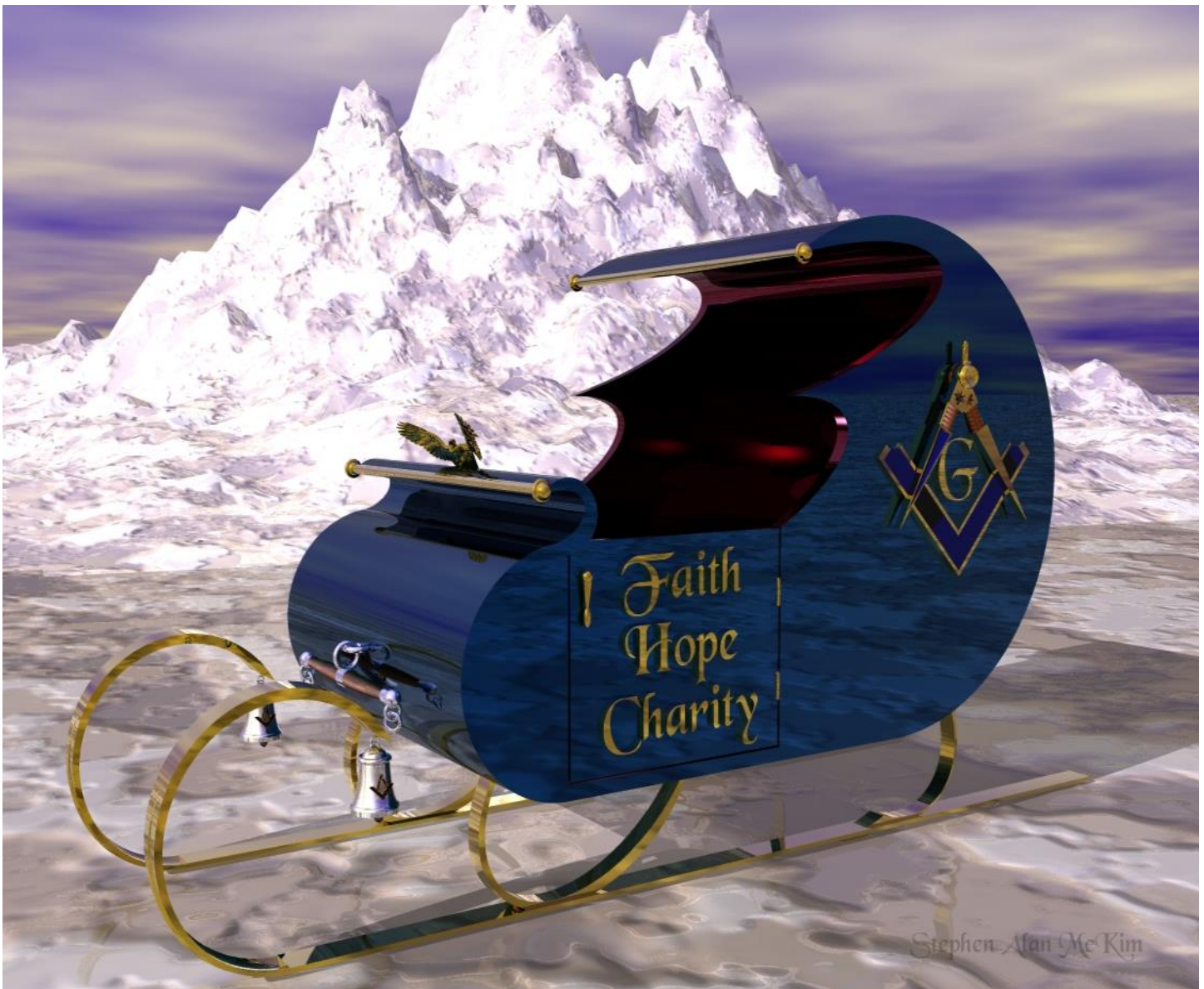




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Denver Consistory Marketplace

<https://centennial-lodge-of-perfection.square.site/>

Allows you to reserve dinners/events and to pay online (for example: Dues, Stated Meeting Dinners, Annual Summer Dinner, Oktoberfest, etc.)

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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 16th 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. We will have an "open mic" session for those who would like to speak.

PLANNING CALENDAR

DECEMBER 2019

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 Parking Garage Available
Fri, December 13	11:30 a.m.	Consistory Lunch (Baked Potato Bar)
Mon, December 16		Stated Meeting - Parking Garage Available 5:30 p.m. Red Room Business Meeting 6:00 p.m. Dinner - Member Appreciation Dinner (Honey Ham, Mashed Sweet Potatoes, Mousse in Chocolate Bowl) 7:00 p.m. Entertainment 7:30 p.m. Split Meeting—Annual Election of Officers
Fri, December 20	11:30 a.m.	Consistory Lunch (Chicken Tikka Masala)
Wed, December 25		Consistory CLOSED for Christmas Holiday
Fri, December 27		NO LUNCH

JANUARY 2020

Wed, January 1, 2020		Consistory CLOSED for New Year's Day Holiday
Fri, January 3	11:30 a.m.	Consistory Lunch (Fried Chicken)
Sat, January 4	9:00-11:00 a.m.	Un-decorating Party—ALL MEMBERS, officers, wives, and family invited
Mon, January 6	6:30 p.m.	KSA Meeting in the Lodge Room
Fri, January 10 & 17	11:30 a.m.	Consistory Lunch
Sat, January 18	9:00 a.m.—noon	Officers' Breakfast and Installation Practice
	6:45 p.m.	KSA Burns Supper - Parking Garage Available
Mon, January 20		Stated Meeting - Parking Garage Available 5:30 p.m. Red Room Business Meeting 6:00 p.m. Dinner 7:00 p.m. Awards and Announcements 7:30 p.m. Split Meeting: Annual Meetings of Corporations and Installation of Officers
Fri, January 24		CONSISTORY CLOSED for Grand Lodge Annual Communication

FEBRUARY 2020

Mon, February 3	6:30 p.m.	KSA Meeting in the Lodge Room
Fri, Feb 7	11:30 a.m.	Consistory Lunch (Fried Chicken)
Fri, Feb 14	11:30 a.m.	Consistory Lunch
Mon, Feb 17		Stated Meeting - Parking Garage Available Colorado Council of Kadosh Ritual Opening 5:30 p.m. Red Room Business Meeting 6:00 p.m. Dinner 7:00 p.m. Awards and Announcements; Entertainment (President's Day, Valentine's) 7:30 p.m. Split Meeting: Almoner & Life Member Annual Reports to CLOP
Sat, Feb 21	11:30 a.m.	Consistory Lunch
Sat, Feb 22	9:00-11:00 a.m.	Calling Committee
Sat, Feb 28	11:30 a.m.	Consistory Lunch

Denver Consistory Knights of St. Andrew

2020 Burns Night Supper and Whisky College

Saturday, January 18, 2020

Whisky College (Year 8): 6:00 p.m. - \$25.00
Stan Holzwart—World Whisky Guides

Dinner: 7:00 p.m. - \$45.00
Ale Braised Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Roasted
Root Vegetables, Apple & Bramble Cake
And ... of course ... HAGGIS!

Silent Auction - Donated Auction Items
Welcomed.

Entertainment throughout the evening:
Music, Burns Poetry, Pipes

Prepaid reservations REQUIRED.
Visit: denverburnssupper.com

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EDITOR'S NESTLEBOARD



BY: **BILL HICKEY, 33°**
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As we head into the holiday season, a couple of things come to mind. First, my oldest daughter - the one born in Scotland while I was stationed with the navy there - gave me what has to be the greatest Christmas present ever - the Scotch Advent Calendar. It has 24 "wee drams" of various Scotches - some pretty rare, others not so much. Some are probably unheard of on this side of the ocean. In any case, it reminds me that this year is the 8th year of the Whisky College sessions before the annual Burns Supper in January. Our "guide" Stan has a surprise theme for us this year. So, if you haven't made a reservation for that event yet, you'd best do it soon. They have a hard cap on seating (Fire Marshal stuff). And, once they hit it, no more reservations are available. A Word To The Wise Is Sufficient.

Next, this issue has a couple of really good articles - Brother King on the Butterfly Effect, and Brother Hardy's oration about the significance of Freemasonry in our communities.

But, here's something for you to think about: remember our late Brother Gerry Screws? He used to come to the meetings and say "Membership is a CONTACT SPORT!" So, we're always hearing about membership - and dwindling numbers - whether it be in the Consistory or the Craft Lodge (yeah, I know, you folks call it a "Blue" Lodge) or any other organization to which you might belong.

Ask yourself the following question: Are the meetings repetitive, predictable, and/or boring? Because if they are, that is CERTAINLY a major factor in why your members stay away or don't ever come back and if they are bored, why would you expect them to encourage their friends to join a boring group?

Why are we boring? Perhaps it could be because we continue to do the same thing over and over again, all the while sincerely expecting the outcome to change - which is, of course, the definition of insanity. When your members tell you what they expect and want from your organization - they're giving you a chance - and a message. Fail to provide something meaningful or useful to them and they will vote with their feed (and pocketbook). They aren't interested in trivial changes, they want meaningful use of their time. So, think about it the next time you wonder why your seats are empty. The "heyday" of Masonry may well be long past ... but the CRAFT is still relevant. It's our job to make sure that it continues to be so.



From the Secretary's Desk

[Matt Raia, 33°](#)

In my November message, I wrote about what “RSVP” stands for and the importance of honoring that request. Well, SOME of you ignored this information and did not make a reservation for the Reunion banquet by the deadline and then tried to coerce Cathy into giving you a dinner ticket. Some of you were very rude to her when she would not give you a ticket (is that REALLY the way a Mason should act?). Chef Michael is not able to magically make more food appear than what has been ordered just so we can accommodate you because YOU failed to RSVP. (Perhaps there is a “lesson” there?) **If you expect to be served, you MUST RSVP.** Making a reservation is very simple. You can either call the office OR you can go to <https://centennial-lodge-of-perfection.square.site/> and make a reservation and pay for your dinner online. If you do not want to be turned away again, **MAKE A RESERVATION!**

The “mystery” location has been discovered by many of you. It is what used to be the caretaker’s apartment. Since we no longer have a live-in caretaker, it has been remodeled and is now the members’ lounge, operated by the Knights of Saint Andrew. As you recall, a naming contest was held and the winner would receive a free stated meeting dinner. The Executive Committee selected the name submitted by **Illustrious Brother Darren Klinefelter, 33°**, and will now be known as: **The David W. Powell Room** 🍀 “DOC’S” 🍀

November 2nd was the **Knights of Saint Andrew** “Cleanup Day” at the Consistory. Thank you to the Sir Knights who helped shine up the building in preparation for the Fall Reunion.



At the Fall Reunion Banquet 25-year membership certificates and pins were presented to **Brother James Degner, 32°** and **Illustrious Brother Steve Hubbard, 33°**. Fifty-year certificates and pins were presented to **Brother James Earhart, 32°**; **Illustrious Brother Clark Moody, 33°**; **Brother Ralph Parsons, III, 32°**; **Brother Byron Walker, 32° KCCH**; and **Brother Larry Wullbrandt, 32°**. A rare 60-year membership certificate and pin was presented to **Illustrious Brother Wayne Arner, 33°**.



A very impressive 14° Ring Ceremony was conducted for our new Brothers. A special thank you to **Illustrious Brother Bobby Juchem, 33°**, Assistant Director General, who conducted the ceremony.



A fantastic Fall Reunion was held from November 14-16. Welcome to our eleven new Masters of the Royal Secret who joined Denver Consistory with our 55th Reunion. **Brother Omar Sami Alabassi, 32°; Brother Michael Edward Clark, 32°; Brother James Philip Dawkins, 32°; Brother Samuel James Howard, Jr., 32°; Brother Ward Stephens Huffman, 32°; Brother Kevin James Masar, 32°; Brother Johann Ortner, 32°; Brother Michael Scott Russell, 32°; Brother Shaun Scott Smith, 32°; Brother James Anthony Warner, 32° and Brother James Glen Yabrove, 32°.**

Thank you everyone for your hard work to make our Reunion successful. It's a lot of work, but rewarding and fun. (Photo collage elsewhere in this issue.)

Brothers Bart Corfee, 32° KCCH and Gene Hardy, 32° KCCH jointly facilitated the *Denver Consistory Leadership Focus 2019-2020* and *Denver Consistory Visualization Project* during the breakout session on Thursday afternoon. The side-liners enjoyed participating in the discussions while the Cathedral room was being set for degrees and the class toured the building and received information from the various committee chairs. Thank you for participating and sharing your ideas.



The annual Veteran's Recognition program was held prior to our Stated Meeting on November 18th. The Denver-Fitzsimons Chapter of the National Sojourners presented the SGIG a framed poem entitled *"A Toast To The Flag"* by John J. Daly (1917).



Mr. Robert McCrae spoke about Denver's Veteran's Administration Hospital and the various programs the hospital has to support our military veterans, especially those suffering the effects of PTSD (Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder).

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Thank you to all who helped put up Christmas decorations on November 23rd. It is always fun to decorate for Christmas, and with everyone's help the building is really "Lookin' Good."



Receive a discount on your stated meeting dinners - Prepay for an entire years' worth of stated meeting dinners and **receive one dinner free**. Prepay for nine dinners and receive the tenth dinner free. To receive the discount you must prepay for all nine dinners at one time. It does not matter when during the year you decide to prepay. The time frame will run consecutively and not on a calendar-year basis. No refunds or credit will be given for prepaid dinners not utilized during the twelve month period.

2020 Dues Notices have been mailed by the Supreme Council. For only \$.30 per day, \$9.16 per month, \$110 per year, you can maintain your membership in 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? **Monthly Dues Payment Program is 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 now pay your annual Denver Consistory dues in 12 easy monthly payments, rather than one lump sum just when all the year-end bills are coming in, eliminating one more year-end bill you have 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.

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.

Donate your car - We have a donation plan in place to give you a receipt for a tax-deductible donation to the Scottish Rite Masonic Center. Donate your car, truck, RV, or boat. Go to www.carsforcharity.net to donate for the benefit of the Scottish Rite Masonic Center.

Please consider making a tax-deductible donation to the Scottish Rite Masonic Center Building Endowment Fund. Go to the endowment fund web site for more information at:

<https://www.denverconsistorybuildingendowmentfund.org>

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

December 7th 10:00 a.m.-Noon will be the annual Scottish Rite Foundation/Denver Consistory Children's Christmas Party. There will be games, arts-n-crafts, and refreshments.

December 16th will be our regular Stated Meeting. We will conduct the election of officers for 2020 and announce the appointments. **Illustrious Brother James Cole, 33^o, Sovereign Grand Commander** will be present.

Member Appreciation Dinner December 16th. As a small token of appreciation for your support as a member of Denver Consistory, members attending dinner prior to the Stated meeting in December will receive a discount on the price of their meal based upon the number of years they have been a member. If you prepaid for your dinner, you will receive a refund when you pick-up your dinner ticket. (i.e., a 1 year member receives a 1% discount, 5 year member will receive a 5% discount, a 50 year member a 50% discount, etc.) **YOU MUST MAKE A DINNER RESERVATION! See my comments at the beginning of this article.**

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.

MEMBERSHIP

2018 1870

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Net loss of 53 members



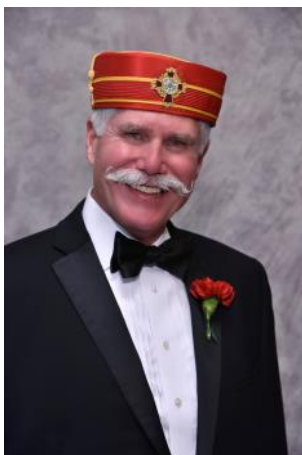
MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Brother Jeremy Debard, 32°



We continue this series this month with Jeremy Debard, 32°

1. **Where are you from?** Born and raised in Reno, NV. Lived in Colorado since I came here for college. Served 4 years away in California (Deployed 2 times to Iraq) while in the Marine Corps Infantry.
2. **Tell Us About Your Family.** Grandfather was a WW2 veteran (106th Cavalry - France to Berlin). Uncle served in Vietnam (USS Turner Joy). I served in Iraq. Father was a Navy Pilot (A7) and a police officer. Mother is a retired Registered Nurse. I have 4 brothers (3 older) and 1 sister. My wife is a high school counselor. We have a 6 year old son and a 3 year old daughter.
3. **What do you do for a living?** I am a Federal Police Officer for the U.S. Mint.
4. **How long have you been a Mason?** 4 years
5. **How long have you been a member of the Consistory?** 2 years
6. **What have you done in Masonry?**
 - Currently Junior Warden for Aurora #156
 - Cook for 2 years in my Blue Lodge (Aurora #156)
 - Plural Member with East Denver #160
 - Member of the Scottish Rite
 - Member of the Knights of Saint Andrew
 - Member of El Jebel Shrine
7. **What do you like most about the Fraternity?**
 - Green Beans
 - Learning temperance from the "Grey Beards"
 - 6th Degree (I cry EVERY TIME)
8. **What are your hobbies?**
 - Being a father.
 - Being a Cub Scout Leader
 - Elk Hunting
 - Loud Harley Riding
 - Late night Scotch and a quiet fireplace.
9. **Tell us something we may not know about you.**
 - My wife is pregnant (due January 22nd)
 - I like to listen to Big Band music after a loud AC/DC ride on my Harley
 - I enjoy long quiet meditation.
 - I'm very intrigued about Trappist Monks right now.



Centennial Lodge of Perfection Oration

By R. Gene Hardy, 32° KCCH



The toughest thing about an oration is coming up with a topic in which you think your Brethren might have an interest. So, I decided to ask a few KCCHs for suggestions. One of my oldest Masonic friends thought I should present it in mime. Another suggested that we explore one of the thorniest questions known to mankind, first raised in Monty Python's *Holy Grail*, that being "What is the airspeed of an unladen swallow?"

As surprising as it may be, I decided to reject those ideas and, instead, go with a few of my thoughts about attracting membership to our Fraternity, and specifically the Scottish Rite. We ask that those who wish to join the Fraternity and the Scottish Rite part with many hundreds of dollars in fees for initiation. We also ask for many hours of their time to attend meetings, reunions, etc., that could be spent with family and friends.

How do we sell that? How do we convince a man that he should use precious resources for something that, arguably, does not provide immediate and direct benefit to his family and friends? How do we convince him that it is necessary to spend that money and dedicate that time to Masonry and the Scottish Rite? Each one of us has a different answer, and each of us can tell a few stories about people or events that have inspired us to serve Masonry. Those stories are important. They define the VALUE that we can offer to prospective Masons when asking them to part with their time and treasure.

My Masonic inspiration ... my value proposition for potential and existing members ... stems from something that happened to me in 1973. My wife, Lynne, and I had just graduated from college and gotten married. We were living in Gainesville, Florida. Lynne was in graduate school and I was working various jobs to provide a little support while waiting to attend law school. Heaven knows, we couldn't afford for both of us to be in school at the same time. To digress just a bit, at this juncture our Ill. Bro. Fenimore might observe that this was my last clear chance to decide to make an honest living. I blew it, though, and went to law school, anyway.

One of my jobs was driving a delivery truck half a day, or so, six days a week. Every week or ten days I made a delivery to a large ranch in central Florida. I usually met an African-American man in his late 60s and we had some pretty good conversations while unloading the truck. One day he held out his hand. On one of his fingers was a gold ring with a red stone and embedded in the stone was the Square and Compasses. (I really had no idea of the significance of the ring when he first showed it to me; in fact, this is my first memory of hearing ANYTHING about Masonry. He told me that it was a Masonic ring and Masonry was the only

thing that made him feel truly free.

Well, I didn't fully comprehend the importance of his statement at the time. I went on with my life, going to school, working for a living, and helping to raise a family. It took many years, and perhaps, a good deal of maturation, to recall the incident and realize just how profound a statement my friend had made. This was a man who was just a generation or so removed from slavery. He had lived through Jim Crow segregation, so-called "separate but equal" treatment of the races, the Civil Rights movement, integration of schools, and so on. He had every reason in the world to be cynical, but above all, he knew he could rely on his Brothers to meet him on the level.

Here was a man who believed in what I am convinced is our value proposition. Masonry provides the skills and opportunity to realize the American dream - that ANY person can take advantage of the opportunity to succeed. We focus on individualism ... a sense of self-determination ... within a Fraternal structure of shared moral values, enforced by publicly expressed norms and clear expectations for our conduct. We have established a multi-layered society in the Fraternity which stresses diversity of thought and opinion, and diversity of religious and political views, all the while providing support in every way possible for each of our Brethren. We do that without regard to a Brother's race, profession, background, beliefs, etc. At least as important as the Fraternity providing support to each of our Brethren, though, is the opportunity provided by our Fraternity to each of our Brothers to give support to his Brethren.

I came to Masonry rather late in life, and some might say that is unfortunate. There is no chance in the world that I will ever see a 50-year pin. Sometimes, I regret not having joined at an earlier age. At other times, though, I have thought that it might have been just as great a benefit to me that I didn't join until my late 50s. By then, I had experienced much of my business career. Our kids were adults, or at least getting there. It was maybe because I had such experience that I was able to readily see something that I might not have recognized as a young man. I quickly realized that Masonry offers the necessary moral and ethical guidance, as well as the practical tools (such as leadership, management, and governance skills), necessary to succeed in one's chosen endeavors, while allowing a man the rare opportunity to define the nature of success for himself without outside influence.

Those thoughts are reflective of those expressed by Albert Pike himself. He was convinced that duty was the object of Masonry and "the noblest destiny of man" ... "is to attain the truth, and to serve our fellows, our country, and mankind." It cannot be doubted that he believed there is no better way to fulfill that goal than through education in the Scottish Rite. He emphasized that a Scottish Rite education presents younger men "with salutary precepts and good examples, and accustoms them to reflect on the proper mode of living." For men of more experience, Masonry, he said, "affords them the opportunity of exercising their talents upon subjects eminently worthy of their attention." "The true Mason," said Pike, "is he who labors strenuously to help his Order effect its great purposes."

I summarize all of that as a call to action. We all have undertaken to improve ourselves in Masonry. Therefore, is it not incumbent on us to take all reasonable steps to attract good men to the Fraternity, giving them the opportunity to obtain a Scottish Rite education, if we are to

properly serve our fellows, our country, and mankind?

Again, I am sure that each of you has his own view about the value of the Fraternity to existing and prospective members. So, the critical question is how we deal with that knowledge. How do we use it to attract and retain members? I recently attended a lecture by our Senior Grand Warden, R.W. Bro. Michael Moore, who discussed the benefits of Masonry for not only our members, but to their families as well as the community at large. One of his concluding points was that we need to spread the word about Masonry, maybe subtly, but we need to spread the word. The average man and woman need to know who we are, what we stand for, and the benefits we provide.

Unfortunately, the community-at-large seems to have no meaningful understanding of Masonry or our good works. It is time for that to end. We need to indelibly embed the ideals of our Fraternity in the minds of our friends, family, and acquaintances just as the square and compasses were so obviously visible in my friend's ring. The community needs to know what we stand for. I understand that many years ago a man had to ask three times before he would be allowed to join the Fraternity. For a system like that to work, it presumes that men and women generally understand the benefits of Masonry. We have lost that, and we cannot expect men to seek us out unless they have at least some rudimentary understanding of what they might be getting into.

I am not suggesting that many of our Brethren do not do a great job spreading the word. I am suggesting that it is time to consider a more formal, institutional approach toward educating the public about Masonry. We must create a desire in a greater number of good men to become Masons. It just might be time for the leaders of the various Masonic bodies in Colorado to jointly develop and finance the implementation of a modern, professional marketing, recruitment, and communication plan, designed to inform the public of the values of Masonry and attract good men to the Fraternity. At the same time, any such plan must reinforce for our existing Brethren those values that attracted them to Masonry in the first place and keep them coming back. To increase the membership in the Scottish Rite we must, along with our Brethren in other Masonic bodies, engage in a diligent and concerted effort to increase the ranks of Blue Lodge Masons. I have no doubt that the Scottish Rite will then be able to successfully recruit its fair share of members. We have too much to offer for the outcome to be otherwise!





From the Denver Consistory WEST

By David A. King, 32° KCCH
Prior



One cool Spring afternoon a few years back, I had little to do and decided to walk up to the Anythink Library that we are fortunate to have in our development. As I was browsing through the books, my eye caught a small little book *"The Butterfly Effect: How Your Life Matters"* by Andy Anderson. This is one of those small novelty books with only 122 pages.

It was one of those actions that you have no justification for doing, but I started flipping through the pages and it piqued my interest. I picked a comfortable chair and sat down to read.

The theme of the book is that all of our actions, no matter how small, have an impact on the universe. As Scottish Rite Masons, we learn that every action has a cause and every cause has an action and this little book demonstrated this concept with a couple of great examples.

The one that I was most impressed with goes something like this:

During the Civil War, on a farm near Diamond, Missouri, lived a farmer named Moses and his wife Susan. Moses and his wife did not believe in slavery and harbored a black woman and her infant son. On a cold night in January, Quantrill's Raiders rode through the area and burned the barn, shot several people, and dragged off the black woman named Mary Washington, who refused to let go of her infant son George. Mary was Susan's best friend, and with his wife so distraught, Moses sent word through the neighbors, looking for the woman and her son, and two days later arranged a meeting with the bandits.

Moses rode for several hours North to the appointed crossroads in Kansas and at the time arranged in the middle of the night he met with four of Quantrill's Raiders. They were on horseback and carrying torches, and they had sacks over their heads with slits cut for their eyes. There Moses traded the only horse he had left on his farm for a dirty burlap bag and its contents they threw to him.

Then Moses opened the bag and found a cold, naked, almost dead, baby boy. He put the child inside his coat to warm him with his own body heat and he walked all night and most of the morning to get the child to safety. There, he made a promise to the child to raise and educate him to honor the boy's mother he knew was already dead.

That was the night the farmer gave that baby his name. And that is how Moses and Susan Carver came to raise that baby, **George Washington Carver**.

When Carver was nineteen years old and a student at Iowa State University, he had a dairy science professor who, on Saturday and Sunday afternoons, would allow his six-year-old son to go on botanical expeditions with Carver. It was George Washington Carver who took the boy and instilled in him a love for plants and a vision for what they could do for humanity. It

was Carver who pointed six-year-old Henry Wallace's life in a specific direction, long before he became Vice President of the United States.

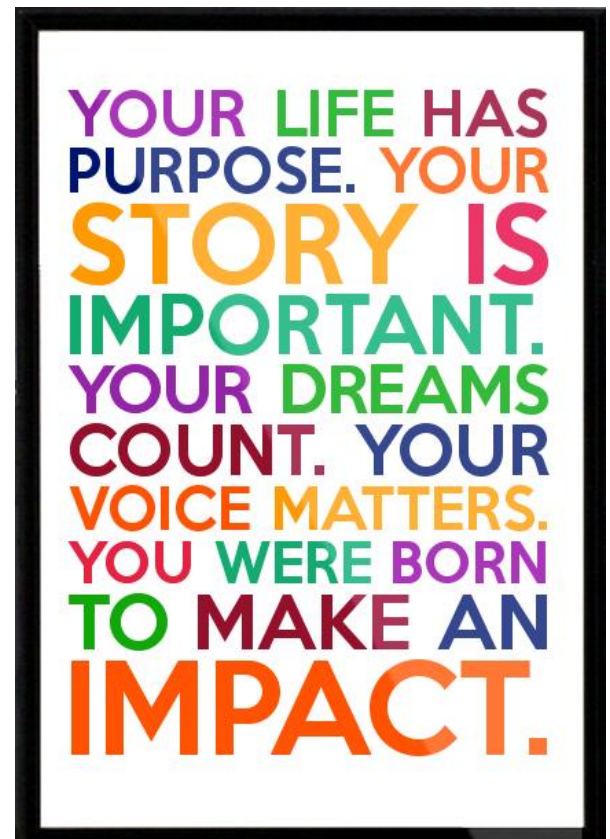
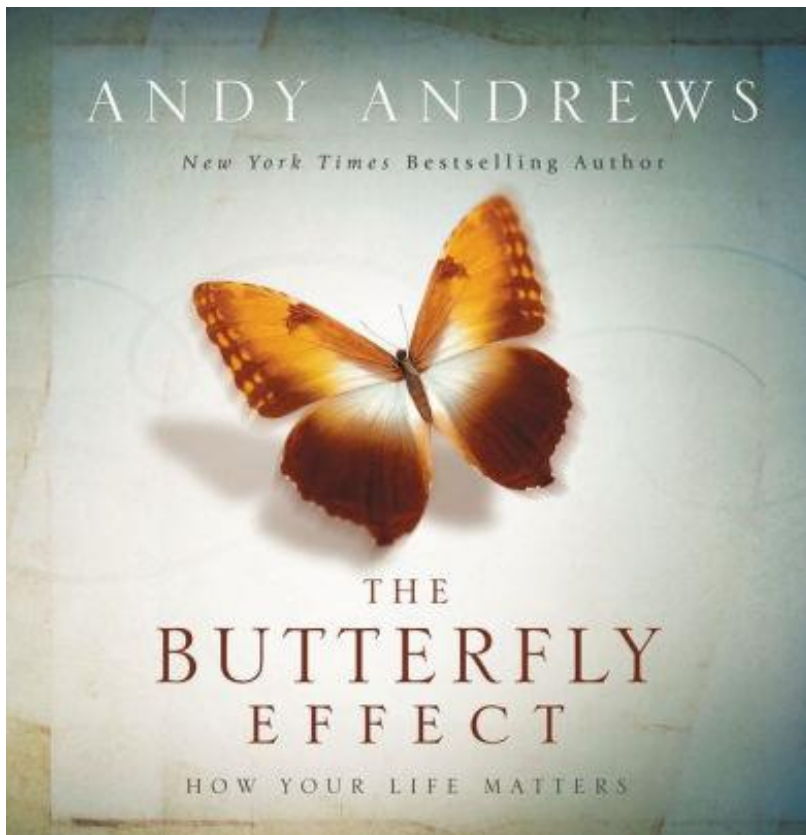
Henry Wallace was Franklin Roosevelt's second Vice President and served from 1941 to 1945, just before Harry Truman served as Vice President. Wallace was the former Secretary of Agriculture before being Vice President. While Vice President, he used his power to create a station in Mexico whose sole purpose was to hybridize corn and wheat for arid climates. There, he hired a man named Norman Borlaug to run the program.

In 2004, ABC News aired a weekly news segment called "Person of the Week." On Friday, April 2nd, Norman Borlaug at age 91 was honored for his specific corn and wheat seed that he developed which thrived in climates from the dust bowl of Western Africa to our own desert Southwest and Central America, and to the plains of Siberia across Europe and Asia. He and his hybrid crops have been credited for saving the lives of more than two billion people from famine. Borlaug also won a Nobel Prize and was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

So, in reality, should Norman Borlaug get credit for feeding two billion people, or maybe Henry Wallace who gave him the opportunity, or George Washington Carver who inspired Wallace, or Moses Carver who rescued baby George Washington Carver?

This is a real-life example of Cause and Effect. Each person made a choice that affected someone else's life and ultimately the world.

When I finished reading this story, the Double-Headed Eagle came to mind. One head is looking into the past, seeing that the most recent event is only a result of past events and past events are only results of prior events back to the beginning of time. The other head is looking to the future, seeing whatever I do today will have an impact on the future to eternity. So, our choices must be made wisely.



Denver Consistory FALL Reunion



Memorial Scroll

Robert Wayne Banta, 32°	03/15/2019
Burney William Brandel, 33°	11/26/2019
Harvey Walkington Bowser, 33°	10/25/2019
William Homer Flint, 32°	11/12/2019
Devon Leslie Glenn, 32°	10/22/2019
Charles Robert Graham, 32°	10/17/2019
William Tilton Herdman, 32°	01/30/2019
Michael E. Jackson, 32°	10/28/2019
Edward Lehman, 32°	11/10/2018
Martin Narriso Martinez, 32°	11/02/2019
Dossie Ray Mitchell, 32°	03/02/2019
Zebulon Montgomery Pike, 32°	10/20/2019
Orland Earl Tarbell, 32°	04/12/2019
Russell Andrew Ward, 32°	10/10/2019



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; 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°

“Thanksgiving”



A Prayer for the Season of Thanksgiving

Great Architect of the Universe, Dear God, we live with a variety of feelings, not always understanding what is happening and looking for some direction. However, during this Thanksgiving and holiday season, may we choose the attitude of gratitude. Help us to realize that life is a gift from you. Let us be grateful for our food, our water, and even the air we breathe. We are thankful for our family, our friends, and our neighbors. May we live our lives giving thanks with humility and grace. Help us reach out with generosity, care, and love to those in need. May we realize that not everyone is like us, or agrees with us, or even thinks as we do. As Scottish Rite Masons let us be shining lights in a world filled with darkness, unrest, and hurt. Help us to live our best life now, not trifle away our days, and always keep our faith. As we approach the Season of Light, the Holiday Season, may we be men of light and may that light help to make the world a better place. Amen. So Mote It Be.

Where I Grew Up

I've got to turn aside
From life's exhausting pace
And make a pilgrimage
Back to the old homeplace.

Familiar childhood paths
Through the old neighborhood
I will roam
And finally I will stand
Upon the Grass of home.

And there forgotten dreams
Plans that slipped away
Will all come marching back
When I remember my home today

And I, refreshed shall then
Turn back to life's hectic race,
If only I today
Can see the place I grew up.

Happy Holidays, Peace and Joy

Rev. Br. James Harris





BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

100 Years Young

Gerald Dean Dickinson
Jack Owen Campbell

90 Years Young

Emanuel Garber
Robert Wayne Naudack, Jr.

80 Years Young

Wallace Franklin Nass
Paul Robert Whannel

70 Years Young

Stacey Steven Greenberg
Matthew Anthony Raia
Don Lee Wood

60 Years Young

David Peterson
Leonard Joseph Trujillo

Our December "Youngster"

Robert Wade Thrash (27)



BEST WORDS EVER!

Gallivant * Britches * Codger
Rigamarole * Hoodwink * Ragamuffin

Fiddle-faddle * Humbug
Skulduggery * Jalopy * Kibosh

Bejeebers * Flibberty-jibbit

Hullabaloo * Bamboozled

Flabergasted * Brouhaha

Discombobulated * Lollygag

Malarkey * Cattywampus

Nincompoop * Skedaddle

Shenanigans * Flummoxed

Pumpnickel * Berserk * Periwinkle

Thingamajig * Whatsit * Confuzzled

Kerfuffle * Poppycock * Bogus

Balderdash * Fuddy-duddy

Thunderation * Whosemegadget

Skewwiff * Lambasted * Flim-flam

Whatchamacallit * Concoction

Doohickey * Gobsmailed

Thingamabob * Camaraderie

Knucklehead * Wishywashy

Fiddlesticks * Catterwauling

Rigamarole * Tomfoolery * Bodacious

Fiddle-dee-dee * Willy-Nilly

Decrepid * Persnickety * Egads

Audacity * Baloney * Kerfuffle

Numbskull



**SCOTTISH RITE FOUNDATION
DENVER CONSISTORY
CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY**

SATURDAY DECEMBER 7, 2019

10:00AM-NOON

1370 GRANT STREET, DENVER, CO 80203

Santa will be available to speak with children about their holiday "wish list," and there will be **games** and **arts-n-crafts** and **refreshments**.

Parking is available in the garage and the PERA lot



One of our goals this year is to get to KNOW ALL of Our Colorado Masonic Family.
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

Sincerely and Fraternally yours,

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Cindi Sebastian
Grand Royal Matron

Jim

James Handy
Grand Royal Patron

Brandi

Brandi Long
Grand Associate Matron

Jim

Jim Miles
Grand Associate Patron

Lula

Lula Ellsworth
Grand Conductress

Laura

Laura Lambird
Grand Associate Conductress

Patti

Patti Baker
Grand Secretary

Remember – IT is not about WHAT IT IS.....IT is about WHAT IT CAN BECOME!!

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