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**Honorable, Illustrious, and Most Worshipful Stephen M Munsinger, 33° Active,
Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Colorado is officially retiring
as an Active Supreme Council member**



*Join us in celebrating the new retiree during
an Open House with Light Refreshments*

Saturday February 22, 2020

1:00 – 3:00 pm

Denver Consistory

1370 Grant St

Denver, CO 80203

Come with memories and moments to share

PLANNING CALENDAR

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 11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch
Fri, January 17 11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (Fried Chicken)
Sat, January 18 8:00 a.m.—noon Officers' Breakfast and Installation Practice
6:00 p.m. Whisky College (Classroom) **Parking Garage Available**
7:00 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**
Fri, January 31 11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch

FEBRUARY 2020

- Mon, February 3 6:30 p.m. KSA Meeting in the Lodge Room
Fri, February 7 11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (Fried Chicken)
Fri, February 14 11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch
Mon, February 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
Fri, February 21 11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (Fried Chicken)
Sat, February 22 9:00-11:00 a.m. Calling Committee
1:00-3:00 p.m. Reception for Steve Munsinger - Consistory Dining Room
Sat, February 28 11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch

MARCH 2020

- Mon, March 2 6:30 p.m. KSA Meeting in the Lodge Room
Fri, March 6 11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (Fried Chicken)
Wed, March 11 7:00 p.m. Degree Council Meeting
Fri, March 13 11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch
Mon, March 16 Stated Meeting - **Parking Garage Available**
5:30 p.m. Red Room Business Meeting
6:00 p.m. Dinner
7:00 p.m. Awards/Announcements; Past Presiding Officer Recognition; Education
Rockies Works recognition **Rockies Shirt Night**
7:30 p.m. Split Meeting
Fri, March 20 11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (Fried Chicken)
Fri, March 27 11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch
Sat, March 28 9:00-11:00 a.m. KSA Spring Cleanup

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 RESTLEBOARD



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For those who don't know, the figure on the cover of this issue is of the Roman God JANUS—their god of beginnings, gates, transitions, time, duality, doorways, passages, and endings. He is usually depicted with two faces since he looks to the future as well as the past. Janus presided over the beginning and ending of conflicts, and hence war and peace, or discord. Since the ancient Greeks had no equivalent to Janus, the Romans could rightly claim him as their own.

Now, what does Janus represent to us today? Obviously, he looks to the past (year) and at the same time looks ahead to the coming year. We all do that. We all think about the way things WERE when we were younger - perhaps quietly wishing things were as simple today as they were then. On the other hand, we all look forward to "tomorrow" when we'll be able to finish what we started today, when things will be better and we live in that Utopia we all long to see - but which doesn't really exist.

Let us do a little "speculative" thinking (as we are a group of speculative masons rather than operative masons) for a moment. One face of Janus looks to our older members—those who have been in the Craft for many years, have a ton of experience and (hopefully) wisdom. But, Janus knows that time is fleeting—and that all things must come to an end. Eventually, our older members will no longer be with us—and somehow they must figure a way to transition governance of the Craft to a younger generation (the future) while they are still with us, which is the other head of Janus looking to the future with anticipation.

When I was working in the military and my contractor jobs, there were two distinct classes of people—the newbies (who knew nothing, but were quite intelligent and capable), and the old gray-beards—who knew a lot, but didn't have the time or inclination to teach the neophytes the ropes. After all, it took them a long time to learn them, why shouldn't it take these new kids the same long time to learn them as well? How soon we all forget that, regardless of what our profession is or was, there were MENTORS somewhere that took us under their wings, taught us the "tricks of the trade" that let us get the job done more efficiently and effectively (in other words, "work smarter, not harder"). The school of "hard knocks is rather

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unforgiving. What is missing from this “duality” of experience? The MIDDLE ground. We hardly had any “middle managers” or, what WE might call “Fellows of the Craft” - instead, we had new hires and senior managers. Those who occupy the “middle ground” are more than newcomers, but they are also still learning. Let’s think of this in our THREE degrees. The newbies are EA’s, and greybeards are MM’s. And, those in the middle - still learning are the FC’s. How effective is a lodge that has only EAs and MMs? Not very. At some point, you have to provide that middle group to transition between the two extremes of enthusiasm and inexperience versus experience and wisdom. Without it, you have chaos, turmoil, and failure.

The biggest failing my company had while I was working was a steadfast resistance to hiring in newbies to be mentored by the greybeards. They claimed they didn’t have the money or the time to do that. But, when the greybeards in our company retired, there was NO ONE left to take the new kids under their wings and teach them the tricks of the trade. Thus, the company didn’t have the talent and experience to properly “sell” the company to a customer, and lost many contracts they could have easily won with a cadre of employees with a wide range of talents and experience. Contrast that with the military—in the navy, we were taught that our FIRST job, upon arrival at a new duty station, was to learn our new job. We usually were given about 2 or maybe 3 weeks to learn that new job, and then our NEXT job was to TRAIN OUR RELIEF. Wait a minute! We just got here, and you’re expecting me to train my relief? Yep. Why? Because the organization MUST function without you, and life is uncertain—you can get sick, die, have to take emergency leave, or be injured and unable to do the job for an extended period of time. SOMEONE has to take over in your absence. It’s called “continuity of operations” and the philosophy of training your relief is central to the chain of command and maintaining a qualified and competent workforce.

Everyone inherently KNOWS that sooner or later they need to step down and let someone else take over. Some of us want to delay that as long as possible. Others recognize the significance of handing off the responsibilities to a younger generation while we are still actively engaged and can be called upon to help the new generation make the transition. It’s better to step aside while you’re riding a high of success, than to be left behind because you simply refused to change and there was no one left to turn out the lights when you closed the lodge.

These are all lessons we can learn from JANUS—if we are willing to accept them.

For those who wish to pursue the notions mentioned above, might I strongly recommend the following books for your enlightenment and enjoyment (all by John C. Maxwell):

The 21 Indispensable Qualities of a Leader

The 21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership

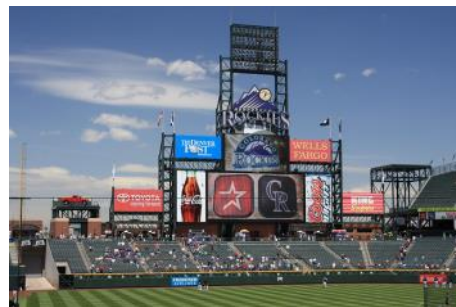
The 17 Indisputable Laws of Teamwork

Bill



From the Secretary's Desk

[Matt Raia, 33°](#)



RESERVATIONS REQUIRED - Hopefully by now you realize that it is NOT A JOKE or a “suggestion” when we say “**RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED.**” If you expect to be served, you **MUST** make a reservation if you do not want to be turned away. Walk-ins will not be admitted to dinner. 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 online for your dinner.

ATTENTION—ATTENTION—ATTENTION!!!

CHANGE TO FRIDAY LUNCH: Beginning this month, FRIED CHICKEN will be served on the **1st and 3rd FRIDAY** instead of just the first Friday, with something else (to be determined by Chef Michael and Cathy) on the other Fridays. We have a good turnout for the first Friday Fried Chicken lunch but not as good for the other Friday lunches. So, the Executive Committee decided to try to bolster attendance and serve Fried Chicken twice a month instead of once.

RETIREMENT RECEPTION

A retirement reception in honor of **Illustrious Brother Stephen Munsinger, 33°** will be held at Denver Consistory on **February 22, 2020 from 1:00-3:00 p.m.** Light refreshments will be served. Call the office to RSVP by February 19th so we know how much food to order. If you wish to make a donation toward the gift which will be presented to him, contact the office.

Children's Christmas Party - December 7th Denver Consistory hosted the Annual Children's Christmas Party for the Denver Consistory Family and the Scottish Rite Foundation Children. This is always a fun event, and the children have a great time speaking with Santa.





December 16th Stated Meeting - The entertainment **Brother Michael Zeff, 32^o KCCH**, organized for the evening was wonderful. Singing Christmas Carols was fun and the bagpipes playing a short medley of Christmas music before the caroling was "unique" to say the least. That has to be the first time I have ever heard Christmas music played by bagpipes.

As well, we were honored to have **Illustrious Brother James D. Cole, 33^o**, Grand Commander present at our Stated Meeting. Grand Commander Cole and a number of visiting SGIG's and Supreme Deputies offered their congratulations and thanks to **Illustrious Brother Stephen Munsinger, 33^o**, who retired as an active member of the Supreme Council and SGIG in the Orient of Colorado.



Election of Officers for 2020 was conducted by **Illustrious Brother Ron Birely, 33^o**, Personal Representative of the SGIG for the Denver Consistory. Congratulations to the officers, elected and appointed, for 2020.



Dan Conway, 32^o KCCH
Venerable Master,
Centennial Lodge of
Perfection



Joe Magoffin, 32^o KCCH
Wise Master, Rocky
Mountain Chapter of
Rose Croix



Michael Scott, 32^o KCCH
Commander, Colorado
Council of Kadosh



Dave King, 32^o KCCH
Master of Kadosh,
Denver Consistory

Please welcome our newly appointed officers for 2020: From left to right below, **Larry A. Bendt, II, 32°**, Captain of the Host, Centennial Lodge of Perfection; **Thomas E. Shotts, 32° KCCH**, Orator, Rocky Mountain Chapter of Rose Croix; **Gregory F. Harris, 32° KCCH**, Guardian of the Temple, Rocky Mountain Chapter of Rose Croix; **James (Lee) Miller, 32°**, Master of Ceremonies, Colorado Council of Kadosh; **Jeremy M. DeBard, 32°**, Lieutenant of the Guard, Colorado Council of Kadosh; and **William B. Achbach, 32°**, (no photo) Captain of the Guard, Denver Consistory.



Consistory UN-DECORATING PARTY - Saturday, January 4th from 9:00-11:00 a.m. All are invited to join me and my wife in taking down the Christmas decorations, packing them up, and putting them away. Your assistance will be VERY MUCH APPRECIATED. It usually takes less time to take the decorations down than it does to put them up.

Officers Meeting - January 18th - Breakfast at 8:00 a.m. Meeting and installation rehearsal to follow. ALL OFFICERS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND.

Burns Supper January 18th - Don't forget to make your reservation for the Knights of Saint Andrew Annual Burns Supper and Whiskey College. Both are very near sell-outs for this year.

January Stated Meeting - The public installation of the 2020 officers will take place January 20th. We will have entertainment following dinner. The ladies and guests will have a separate meeting while we conduct our business meeting. At the conclusion of our business meeting, the ladies and guests will rejoin us in the Cathedral Room for the public installation of our officers.

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

	2018	2019
Initiations	26	24
Affiliations	7	3
Reinstatements	10	11
Deaths	59	86
Demits	20	23
Suspensions	55	19
TOTAL:	1863	1811 (Net loss of 52)



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

WBro. Mike Katich, 32°



1. **Where are you from?** Duluth, Minnesota. Where there once was an old maid from Duluth who wept when she thought of her youth, remembering her chances at school dances and once in a telephone booth.
2. **Tell us about your family.** My grandparents on both sides were immigrants from Serbia. They came to this country before 1900. They came here to get away from the wars in Europe and improve their lives. One pair of grandparents lived across the street from where I lived and the other lived six blocks away. I had a large family on both sides and spent all the holidays with them. I was baptized in the Serbian Orthodox Church and am still a member of St. George in Duluth, Minnesota.
3. **What did you do for a living?** My first formal job was as a bus boy with the Bridgeman Creamery and as a janitor at the same time for an electronics company. Later, I graduated from busboy to making ice cream in the Bridgeman Creamery factory. I later went to work at U. S. Steel as a laborer. Then I enlisted with the Air Force. After the Air Force, I worked as a civilian firefighter for the Air Force at the Duluth airport. I then hired on with the City of Duluth as a firefighter, followed by a training officer and eventually became the fire inspector. After several injuries, I finished my college degree with a Master's in Industrial Safety. My bachelor's degree was from the University of Wisconsin where one of my classmates was Arnold Schwarzenegger. After graduation, I went to work for a company that produced energetic materials and devices. From there I went to work for the Department of Defense.
4. **How long have you been a Mason?** 40 years.
5. **How long have you been a member of the Denver Consistory?** 31 years.
6. **What have you done in Masonry?** I endeavor to live my life in accordance with the tenets that we have learned and expressed in Masonry, this is a principle that I attempt to follow on a daily basis. I was elected the Master of Spooner Lodge #260 in 1989; the same year Bob Heath was elected Master of Denver Lodge #5. He and I had many conversations over the years. In order to promote the fraternity, I have given away countless Masonic coins. I give these to Masons and non-Masons alike and I explain the symbols on the coin as a way of life.
7. **What do you like most about the fraternity?** To sum it up, the friendship, morality, and brotherly love are the tenets I appreciate the most and I view my fellow members as an extension of my family. "If you look for the good, you find the good; if you look for the bad, you find the bad - I live my life looking for the good.
8. **What are your hobbies?** I am very involved in automobiles and hotrods. I am building a hotrod pickup truck at the present time. I am also interested in Railroad history and model railroading. "If you know how many model railroad cars you have, you don't have enough."
9. **What is something the brothers might not know about you?** I enjoy watching young people grow to adulthood and sometimes helping them through school. I believe it's the INNER and not the outer quality of the man that is most important.

SUNDAY MASONIC PAPER

SMP-947 12/15/2019

Family and Community Relationship with the Masonic Lodge

Family involvement is easier to incorporate into your plans when you realize WHY it is so important. The basic family structure has changed - the role of each family member has changed, and the society that surrounds the family has also changed.

Many pre-1960 families were based on a single wage-earner and a home-care professional, the Dad and Mom. The home and the children were Mom's responsibility. In general, Mom deferred to Dad on such topics as politics, banking, and world events, while Dad followed Mom's lead on house rules and child discipline. The children went to school, did their lessons, went to Sunday school and played. Play consisted largely of having fun, with any tool, stick, stone, or twig that was handy. Running through fields, skipping stones, or playing with somebody's old dog occupied a lot of their time. Society itself was a slower moving creature. Instantaneous communication was not to be developed for many years. Science fiction writers didn't even seriously consider computers and high-speed modems in every household. It was still possible to have a town meeting without asking the police to stand by.

In those days of yore it was pretty much Dad's "thing" to belong to the Lodge. That's where everybody got together once a month and that's where all the issues of the day (with the exception of religion and politics) were discussed. It was also an acceptable night out with the boys. A man could have a drink, smoke a few cigars, lose a little pocket change at cards, and generally have a relaxing time among his peers. He could quietly do things to help people without having to stand up and take a bow for it. And, if the whole thing had an aura of secrecy, well that wasn't such a bad thing, because after all, he belonged. It was no secret TO HIM and it felt good to know something that the next guy didn't know.

Today we have problems. The old model family is the exception rather than the rule. A more typical family unit has two bread-winners who both double as home-care professionals. The jobs they hold down (in some cases one or both may have more than one job) are often not "careers" but simply a place to earn money to support the family. Each may change jobs as many as five or six times during their working life. All the duties of a home are carried out jointly during evenings and weekends. The children are no longer simple and neither is their play. They are exposed to organized sports (where only the best equipment will do), ballet, band, scouts, church and Masonic youth groups, and their homework is still there, but it's no longer "simple." Mom and Dad can't help because half of the time they can't understand what's being taught or why. The demands are greater on each member of the family unit. If you want to "keep up with the Jones's" you'd better be ready to spend some serious money and time. A requirement for more money means more training at work, or more effort put into getting that next promotion. This means more time at work, which puts more pressure on the home, which puts the pressure right on Mom and Dad all day long.

The work, the house, and driving the children to all of their pastimes puts an incredible premium on personal time. And, "TIME" is the one thing today's families cannot find or buy enough of. Time alone as a family unit is nearly non-existent. You can't cut back on anything because society and peer pressure tells you that you and your children must do all these things to get ahead.

Now, the dilemma of the Lodge becomes clear: when we attempt to entice a young man to join, we are asking him to carve out time from his hurried schedule to spend it with us. First of all, he's not going to join without the rest of the family unit giving their blessing. He cannot join, attend, and be productive in a Masonic Lodge if every time he goes out the door his spouse begrudges him the time he is taking away from the family. Therefore, as a Masonic Lodge, we must help him to keep her (and the children) happy. This is no mean feat. We need some serious skill, tact, and diplomacy to carry this off successfully.

The first thing we need to do, you have already been instructed in. We must keep HER as well-informed as our man is, right up to the point of initiation. We must answer all of her questions and concerns honestly and openly. She must feel comfortable with us and, in general, support the organization before we start to steal him away.

After we have a man in the organization many believe we can best support his family by supporting the Eastern Star, DeMolay, Rainbow Girls, Job's Daughters, etc. This is a noble effort, but it won't answer the problem completely for us or for him.

A Canadian Lodge called 20 of its member's wives to find out what programs would be of the most interest to them. Here's what THEY found out:

1. Lodge dinners were LOW on the ladies' list as interesting programs.
2. Special ladies-night programs developed by the men were of virtually NO INTEREST.
3. Special events where the children were the CENTER of the activity rated HIGH.
4. Educational and entertainment programs which involved the whole family rated HIGHEST.
5. Programs that resulted in new friendships rated HIGH.
6. Programs stressing the importance of Freemasonry got NO INTEREST AT ALL.

Now, this flies against the conventional thinking seen in most lodges today. Special ladies-night programs are often the first thing a Lodge will try. The lodge in the example above took the results of their small survey, formed a team of YOUNGER Masons and created six events, spread over the year, to support family involvement. The wives were very supportive of the events since the committee paid particular attention to points 3, 4, and 5 above when designing their programs.

The committee used things like family picnics, contests with scholarships as prizes, and a holiday all-day Gala which incorporated some charity work, a skating party, and a dinner with entertainment with everyone involved at every step. Mixing entertainment and education with the focus on the children seemed to be the answer.

If we, as a Lodge, create and sponsor events through the Lodge, which allow a Mason, his wife, and his children to be together while receiving some educational point and to be entertained and have fun, we will be giving them the one thing they crave the most - QUALITY TIME TOGETHER.

The second part of this discussion is “Community Involvement.” Many older Masons, and even a few of the younger Masons, will quickly say: “We are NOT a service club.” Masonic Renewal is NOT trying to make Masonry a service-based organization. It advocates a certain level of Community Involvement as a response to some very specific points brought out in the research of a man’s motivations. Two important factors which we must deal with are that more than 70% of the general population knows NOTHING about Freemasonry, and men considering joining an organization like Freemasonry think that having an opportunity to perform community service is a good motivator for joining. This, plus the fact that we rely on the community for members and financial support (after all, who buys our tickets and eats our breakfasts?), should make lodges much more receptive to the notion of “Community Involvement.”

Having said that, what types of things are there that the Lodge CAN do? The answers to this question are limited only by the imagination and energy of your members. Some lodges have more resources (money and active members) than others. Obviously, if you have the bodies and the money, the sky is the limit. However, two or three Masons with little or no money can still be a formidable force. It takes a few Masons, a little money for paper and postage and some energy to institute, promote, and succeed at a “Mile of Food” program. Using the local school’s running track, you challenge everyone in the community, especially the other fraternal organizations (not just Masonic) to match your members’ contributions. Call all your members and tell them what you are doing and invite them to stay ahead of the others. Before the day is done, everyone will be having a good time, the cans of food laid end-to-end will form a very long line (hopefully a mile or more) and the local food bank will get a generous shot in the arm. The direct benefits to the lodge are enormous:

1. Most of the town now knows who some of the Masons are.
2. The town now knows that Masons are concerned about people going hungry and support the food bank.
3. The town now knows that Masons will give their time and energy to support the things they believe in.

The Lodge has become known and has started to form a reputation, a good reputation at that, based on the energy of three or four Masons and some postage money. Better still, at least some of your men in the community saw those Masons work and asked what was going on. Those young men are forming favorable impressions of the Fraternity whereas yesterday Masons never crossed their minds.

An active Lodge can support several events like this one during the course of a year - helping different organizations. This spreads the good reputation and the community contact. Food drives, clothing drives, playground clean-ups, meals to the poor at Thanksgiving and/or Christmas and helping the elderly with Spring and Fall cleanup chores are all simple one day low-cost projects which a few members working together can succeed at. If you can’t get even this much support from your members, you can still make contact with your community by lending your Lodge facilities to worthy causes like a Christmas Cheer organization. Often groups like a youth sports group, or Masonic youth group need a central location to run their fundraiser out of. They have the bodies and products, but they need a large room centrally

located to work from for a single-day event. All these events require of the Lodge is someone to open the door and be available in case a fuse blows or someone needs a mop and pail.

Always remember to WEAR SOMETHING or POST A SIGN telling everyone that it is the MASON'S organizing and running the events. We no longer wish to be quiet. We don't need to brag or boast, but we DO need the public, especially the male public over 21 years of age, to see what we are doing and to form an idea of who we are.

We are, and will always be, primarily involved with making good men better than they were before they came to us. Performing a few services for the community does not diminish or supercede our prime reason for existence. However, it certainly doesn't hurt our reputation or our ability to sell ourselves to prospective members, if we are "community minded." Combine "Family Involvement" with "Community Involvement" as you might when cleaning and fixing up a playground and the benefits to you are off the chart.



Scottish Rite - The 2020 Rockies Experience

2020 Rockies Experience

Earning Money for the Scottish Rite Masonic Center

- The Denver Consistory is committed to leading the future of Scottish Rite Masonry by supporting programs and initiatives that enhance the Member experience. The 2020 Scottish Rite Rockies Experience is an opportunity to contribute to your Scottish Rite Consistory. Each game you, your family and/or friends work, you will be earning \$80/person/game for the Consistory. You will also be awarded 60 points for each game worked toward your Double Eagle Jewel.

Home Games

81 Colorado Rockies Home Games In 2020

- The 2020 Scottish Rite Rockies Experience is an opportunity to VOLUNTEER to work any game or games from April through September.
- There are a total of 81 Colorado Rockies home games, with 28 of those games played on either Saturday or Sunday (for those of you who can't get off during the the week). Again, you will earn \$80 per game working a Rockies Games at Coors Field . This money goes directly to your Scottish Rite Consistory.

Sign - Up

How Do I Sign Up?

- Contact Tom Lincoln, 32° KCCH Rockies Coordinator
- eMail - 3flyingfeathers@comcast.net
- 303-968-7731
- In January 2020, a schedule will be put up on "Sign-Up Genius", which will enable you to sign up over the internet. Watch for an announcement in the *Rite Works*

- ***Thank You for considering to Sign-Up for the 2020 Rockies Experience. Your contribution is important to the continued maintenance of the Scottish Rite Masonic Center.***

Around the Denver Consistory



Memorial Scroll

Walter Evan Bachus, 32°	04/06/2018
Burney William Brandel, 33°	11/26/2019
John P. Chumbley, 32°	12/24/2019
Dennis Dean Eason, 32°	10/30/2019
David Austin Goff, 32°	12/17/2019
James Ralph Karlberg, 32°	09/30/2019
Leon Wilbur McCabe, 32°	11/17/2019
Theodore Samuel Naiman, 32°	11/17/2019
Dennis Russell Petersohn, 32°	11/30/2019



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°



Our December stated meeting was one of those “Red Letter Nights.” We had a great meal, we had the Sovereign Grand Commander James Cole, along with a number of other guests present. We also enjoyed a holiday music program. We elected our officers for the upcoming year. Plus, we had great attendance. WOW. I was honored to say a few words at our December meeting. In a nutshell, I talked about how Masonry is NOT a religion. We ask candidates if they believe in a Supreme Being. Also, we are concerned about their character. In the holiday season we celebrate Thanksgiving, Kwanzaa, Christmas, and Hanukkah. It is a season of LIGHT. In the words of the prophet Isaiah, “The Light shines in the darkness.” Some will light Advent Wreaths, some will light the Menorah, and yet others will light the Kwanzaa candles. Jesus called us the Lights of the world, and we are to shine light.

However, now we move on looking forward to a new year with all its opportunities. At our January stated meeting we will install our newly elected officers and say thanks to the outgoing presiding officers. January is named after the Roman God Janus, a two-headed picture with one head looking backward and another head looking forward. Some like to make resolutions. The top ten are: exercise more, lose weight, get organized, learn a new skill or hobby, live life to the fullest, save more money and spend less, quit smoking, spend more time with family and friends, travel more, and read more.

For me, January is the ideal occasion to SLOW DOWN - to invest more hours in quiet reverence - to take a walk and enjoy the snow-covered ground and the trees which will blossom in just a short time. I am reminded that the “Great Architect of the Universe” is still in charge of all things. In winter, the roots of the trees grow deeper so the tree will grow stronger in the Spring. I know that God still loves me regardless of my shortcomings. I like to set a few goals for myself. I plan to stay close to God, do no harm, and always do good.

My brothers, have a wonderful new year. Remember, you have Brothers to support you, you are a good person, and God loves you.

So, let us welcome the New Year with all its possibilities and opportunities

Peace, Joy, and Love,
Ill. Bro. Rev. James Harris

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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



SPECIAL BIRTHDAYS

90 Years Young

Alfred Franklin Miller
Jack Dale Seever
Earnest Oliver West
Richard Arnold Zimpel

80 Years Young

Norman Stuart Condreay
Jerry Dee Greenwood
Dennis L. Herbolsheimer
Jack Raymond Infanger
Bruce Edward Lawrence
James Leroy Overturf
William Franklin Simek
Sherman Charles Sims

70 Years Young

Earl C. Craddock, Jr.
Randall Gene Drake
John Fredrick Seebeck
Mark Owen Tidwell

50 Years Young

Ronald Anthony Budzitowski
Han Leetang

Our January "Youngster"

Dillon Ray Brickhouse (28)



SNIPPETS

Some mistakes are too much fun to make only once.

We could learn a lot from crayons. Some are sharp, some are pretty, and some are dull. Some have weird names, and all are different colors, but they all have to live in the same box.

A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery on a detour.

"I have learned that no matter what happens, or how bad it seems today, life goes on and it will be better tomorrow. I've learned that you can tell a lot about a person by the way s/he handles these three things: a rainy day, lost luggage, and tangled Christmas tree lights. I've learned that regardless of your relationships with your parents, you'll miss them when they're gone from your life. I've learned that making a "living" is not the same as making a life. I've learned that life sometimes gives you a second chance. I've learned that you shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands; you need to be able to throw something back. I've learned that whenever I decide something with an open heart, I usually make the right decision. I've learned that even when I have pains, I don't have to be one. I've learned that every day you should reach out and touch someone. People love a warm hug, or just a friendly pat on the back. I've learned that I still have a lot to learn. I've learned that people will forget what you said, but people will NEVER FORGET how you made them feel."

- Maya Angelou

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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 Fraternaly 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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Knights Templar Association of Colorado

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