



# Denver's RiteWorks

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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

## FEBRUARY 2020

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 - <b>Parking Garage Available</b> <b>Colorado Council of Kadosh Ritual Opening</b>
	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	11:00am-1:00pm	Calling Committee ( <b>Note: new time</b> )
	1:00-3:00 p.m.	Reception for Steve Munsinger - Consistory Dining Room
Fri, 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 - <b>Parking Garage Available</b>
	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 <b><u>Rockies Shirt Night</u></b>
	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

## APRIL 2020

Fri, April 3,10,17,24	11:30 a.m.	Consistory Lunch (Fried Chicken 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Fridays)
Mon, April 6	6:30 p.m.	KSA Meeting in the Lodge Room
Sun, April 12	6:30 a.m.	Easter Sunrise Service (Knights Templar Association)
Thu, April 16	6:30-8:00 p.m.	Friends of the Scottish Rite (Prospect Night)
Sat, April 18	7:00 a.m.—noon	9 Health Fair at Consistory (fair closes at noon)
Mon, April 20		Stated Meeting - <b>Parking Garage Available</b>
	5:30 p.m.	Red Room Business Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Dinner
	7:00 p.m.	Awards & Announcements Celebration of Remembrance and Renewal
Fri/Sat April 24-25		Supreme Council Leadership Conference - San Diego, CA

# EDITOR'S NESTLEBOARD



BY: **BILL HICKEY, 33°**  
EMAIL: [WAZH@HOTMAIL.COM](mailto:WAZH@HOTMAIL.COM)



This issue may well reach you a bit late. I'm up in Montana seeing to my daughter who is recovering from some significant foot surgery. So, I hope you understand my regular schedule is somewhat "flexible" and "interesting" at the moment. Not sure when I'll get home.

Please take a moment to read Brother Dan Conway's piece on "Surrogation" in this issue. This continues a discussion that I started back in November when I examined the overall TREND of membership numbers in the U.S. and Canada over many decades.

What is important in Dan's exposition is that NUMBERS do not tell the WHOLE story. They are an important part of the story, but there is always "the rest of the story" that needs to be examined.

Certainly, membership NUMBERS are significant INDICATORS of viability - if you don't have enough to carry on the business of the lodge (or organization), it dies. We see that constantly in Lodge mergers and turning in charters when no other lodge is available to merge with.

But, equally important are the numbers of ACTIVE members—not just dues-paying members—because the dues paying members help you stay financially afloat, but the ACTIVE members are where you get traction with your MISSION.

Remember, if the mission is to ENGAGE with the public and your potential membership clients, you have to reach out—and how you do that is something that will differ from lodge to lodge, jurisdiction to jurisdiction, and community to community—regardless of your numbers.

Our late Brother Gerry Screws always said "membership is a CONTACT SPORT" - and he meant it. You have to be willing to do whatever it takes to play the game. Engage your prospects, but more importantly—look at the overall picture—your current members can't be overlooked and forgotten. They're a resource you can't replace at any price. Engage them!

Keep the dialogue going. Brainstorming is something we all need to do—regardless of our organization. I'm stealing from Ill. Brother Matt Raia's membership statistics he gave me:

January 2019: 1857      January 2020: 1795 (-62)

So, "surrogation" or not, the numbers don't lie.

*Bill*



# SURROGATION

By Daniel Conway, 32° KCCH

Venerable Master,  
Centennial Lodge of Perfection

The November issue of *RiteWorks* included an excellent article written by Illustrious Brother Bill Hickey in which he presents some compelling historical data on Masonic membership and offers some very astute observations on what that data tells us. If you haven't already, I would encourage you to read his article. One statement in particular stood out to me, and it is one I'd like to examine a bit further because over my 22 years as a Mason, I've heard it espoused many times, in various forms. Our Illustrious Brother comments: *"these are facts ... you can not argue facts."* He further adds: *"you cannot deny from the numbers we see here that Masonry membership is on a decline."* To clarify, Illustrious Brother Hickey does not state that **Masonry** is on a decline, rather **membership** is on a decline. Unfortunately, most of us don't make that distinction..

He is correct, there is no arguing the fact that the number of members has steadily declined since the late 1950's. However, I would like you to take a moment to consider a phenomenon that undermines many organizations and one that is especially pervasive in Freemasonry - **surrogation**.

Surrogation is a cognitive bias that can best be described by the adage, **"when a measure becomes the target, it ceases to be a good measure."** Metrics are a way for us to give tangible form to something that is inherently abstract so that our minds can grasp it more readily. But what happens when this metric replaces the thing it was meant to measure? What happens when an organization loses sight of its objective and instead focuses on the metric that is meant to simply *represent it*?

Ask yourself, how many times have you heard, or even said yourself, in a Lodge meeting, "we've got to get our numbers up," or "if we don't get more members, we won't be able to pay the bills?" Yes, our membership numbers are down, but what has happened is that our focus has become misplaced, and our increasingly limited time and energy is being spent on the wrong thing - improving the metric itself.

Consider for a moment how much of our efforts are spent getting new petitions and initiating new members. Now consider how much of our efforts are spent on **engaging the members we DO have**, and how much of our efforts are spent on promoting and advancing the message of Freemasonry in our community and the world at large. Is there an imbalance present? Tracking our membership numbers goes a long way to tell us how we may be doing, but it should not be our **only** measure. What about tracking how long our members stay with

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the Fraternity, or how many offices they hold, or how many committees they serve on, or how many initiatives each member takes on? Membership figures should not be our principal metric, and more importantly, they should not be our goal.

The “fact” is that we spend a disproportionate amount of effort on getting and initiating new members compared to improving the experience for our existing members. **The result is a membership experience that is contrary to our objectives.** We have fallen into the surrogation trap. Surrogation is a very common subconscious bias and it is difficult to avoid because we, as humans, have the mental tendency to gravitate toward the tangible, the knowable, and avoid the abstract and the unknowable.

So, how do we prevent surrogation? How do we get out of this trap? Well, we must have an understanding of how it occurs in the first place. Nobel prize winner Daniel Kahneman and Yale professor Shane Frederick postulate that **THREE CONDITIONS** are necessary for surrogation to take hold:

1. The objective, or strategy, is fairly abstract.
2. The metric of the strategy is concrete and conspicuous.
3. The individual accepts, at least subconsciously, the substitution of the metric for the strategy.

Just as fire is extinguished when heat, fuel, or oxygen is removed, so too can surrogation be addressed if one or more of these factors are avoided or eliminated. With Freemasonry, we obviously cannot eliminate our objectives and it is impossible to control the subconscious of individuals, so the most plausible solution is **to stop looking to membership numbers as a measure of success or failure**, or at a minimum, begin giving a variety of measures equal consideration so that no one single measure becomes the surrogate for our goals.

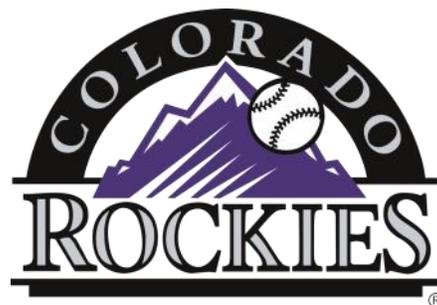
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Is “surrogation” a new word for you? Look it up in the dictionary. It’s a psychological phenomenon in which the measure(s) of a construct of interest (in this case, membership) evolve to replace the construct itself (Freemasonry). An everyday example of surrogation is a manager who is tasked with increasing customer satisfaction and begins to believe that the customer satisfaction survey score actually *is* customer satisfaction. So, now that you know what the word means, what word is an “antonym” (opposite) of surrogation? You’ll find that most dictionaries and thesauruses use the word “biological” - because “surrogate” tends to refer to a case where a person is a surrogate parent or substitute parent. There is no satisfactory antonym for surrogation that helps you understand what might be the opposite behavior being described in the definition above. Words like: proxy, stand-in, alternate, fill-in, make-shift, replacement, representative, stop gap, pinch hitter, and substitute agent are synonyms for surrogate. But words like permanent and real—which show up as possible antonyms just don’t seem to work well in this context. Read Dan’s article again - and see if you don’t come to the same conclusion about metrics.



## From the Secretary's Desk

[Matt Raia, 33°](#)



**New Deputy of the Supreme Council in Colorado - Illustrious Brother Karl J. Hinkle, 33°** has been appointed by Sovereign Grand Commander James D. Cole, 33° to serve as Deputy of the Supreme Council in Colorado to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Illustrious Brother Steve Munsinger, 33° as SGIG in Colorado

**Congratulations Illustrious Brother Hinkle on being appointed Deputy of the Supreme Council**

### **DID YOU KNOW**

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

### **Welcome to our 2020 Officers**



From left to right: Joe Magoffin 32° KCCH, Wise Master, Rocky Mountain Rose Croix; Dan Conway, 32° KCCH, Venerable Master of Centennial Lodge of Perfection; Michael Scott, 32° KCCH, Commander of Kadosh, Colorado Council of Kadosh; and Dave King, 32° KCCH, Master of Kadosh, Denver Consistory.

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU** to the following Brothers who helped my wife and me put the Christmas decorations away on January 4, 2020: **Larry Tygart, David King, Joe Mitchell, Alex McIntosh, Tom Repp and his wife Corina, Paul Harrison, Bart Wegner, Ron Birely, and Phil Hause.**

Our January Stated Meeting consisted of the Annual Reports of the Centennial Lodge of Perfection, the Scottish Rite Masonic Center, the Scottish Rite Cathedral Association, and Scottish Rite Properties. After the reports, the Illustrious Brother Ron Birely, 33° installed the 2020 officers for all lines. (Photo on next page).



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**Degree Council Meeting** - Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the classroom. All degree directors and reunion committee chairmen are invited to attend the meeting. The Director General, **Brother Phil Hause, 32° KCCH**, will present the "plan" for the 56<sup>th</sup> Reunion.

**March 16<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting:** Past Presiding Officer Recognition AND **Sports Team Shirt Night**.

**The Spring Reunion** - May 14-16, 2020. This will be the 56<sup>th</sup> Consecutive Reunion of Denver Consistory. Mark your calendars now. Practices will begin about a month prior and everyone is welcome, whether you are in a degree, on a committee, or just want to be a sideliner.



## Scottish Rite - The 2020 Rockies Experience

### 2020 Rockies Experience

### Earning Money for the Scottish Rite Consistory

- 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 \$75/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 - tolin68@gmail.com
- 303-968-7731
- Sign - Up on line at [www.denverconsistory.org](http://www.denverconsistory.org) click on SR Masonic Center, click on About the SRMC, go to Colorado Rockies and click on sign up on line.

***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***



## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

**RWB Michael D. Moore, 32° KCCH**

**Deputy Grand Master  
Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of  
Masons in Colorado**



Brother Mike Moore is a familiar face to the Brothers in his role as former Chairman of the Class Committee of the Denver Consistory, and also as the newly elected Deputy Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Masons in Colorado. It was my honor and pleasure to spend a couple of hours with Mike at his home, interviewing him for this Member Spotlight.

Brother Mike grew up in central and southern Illinois and has been in Colorado for about 37 years. He and his lovely wife, Denise, have five daughters - two from Denise's first marriage and three from Mike's first marriage. Mike and Denise have seven grandkids and have been happily married for more than 18 years. Denise is semi-retired and is the church organist and choir director for their church. She also is the Secretary of the Denver Rocky Mountain Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. Mike emphasized several times during our talk about how supportive Denise is of his Masonic labors and how appreciative he is for that support. Mike has been successfully self-employed as a house painter for the past 37 years. It speaks well to Mike's character and quality of work to note that he has not advertised his business for more than 30 years, but rather has relied upon very favorable word-of-mouth recommendations from his clients. Mike has also painted in several Lodge rooms over the years—Parkhill #148, South Denver #93, the Lodge room at the Denver Consistory, and just recently Fort Lupton #119.

Mike was raised a Master Mason on April 8, 2006 in Englewood Lodge #166, AF&AM. He served as Worshipful Master of his Lodge in 2011. Englewood #166 is merging with Liberty #134 and the new Lodge will be known as New Frontier Lodge #134. Mike joined the Scottish Rite soon after becoming a Master Mason and was a 2011 Scottish Rite Fellow. He served as the Commander of the Council of Kadosh in 2014. Mike was also a District Lecturer for nearly two years and was invited to join the Grand Line by PGM Mike McMillan in 2014. Mike was one of the first Brothers to complete the Master Craftsman program and has completed the College of the Consistory course out of Guthrie. In addition to serving as Class Committee Chairman, he has done significant archiving work for the Denver Consistory and he wrote a monthly column for RiteWorks - "Between the Columns" - for several years. He also has served the Fraternity as a member of the Grand Lodge speakers Bureau, averaging about 15 talks per year. Mike served on the Children's Hospital Appraisal Committee for three years. He recently was made an Honorary Member of Denver-Fitzsimons Chapter #37, National Sojourners.

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Now that you have a little knowledge of Mike's family and Masonic background, let's look at the very interesting aspects of this multi-talented man.

- Mike was a High school All-American wrestling champion. He has held the record for most varsity wins - 120 - at his high school for more than 40 years. He qualified for the state championships three consecutive years. Mike went to the Olympic Freestyle Training Camp in 1977.
- Mike is an avid outdoorsman and mountain man re-enactor. He has canoed more than 500 miles, usually with one or two canoeing partners, in primitive conditions and in wilderness areas. His regular canoe partner is a subcontractor with NASA, working on the outside windows and heat shield on the space shuttle program. An interesting man with very interesting friends! He has made his own buckskin clothes and is a black powder shooter. He holds the highest ranking awarded in the American Mountain Men, a national survival re-enactor organization.
- Mike recently has taken up the Ham radio hobby and holds the highest license class available to amateur radio operators - Amateur Extra. He builds his own antennas and has talked with operators in about two-thirds of the countries in the world. His callsign is KEØLRD.
- He is a self-taught mandolin player.
- Mike is an accomplished astronomer and astro-photographer. He has seven telescopes, several of which he built himself and has more than 500 hours of viewing time. He often views from his back yard, but prefers the mountain areas, particularly the South Park region.
- In 2011 Mike received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Tesoro Foundation. The Tesoro Foundation ("Tesoro" means "treasurer" in Spanish) is committed to protecting and making available to the community the artistic treasures of our American past. All Tesoro events are inspired by Colorado's rich history and shared experiences with Southwest, Spanish, Mexican, Native American, African-American, and early European cultures. From art and cuisine to historical re-enactments and music, the Tesoro foundation's mission is to create community-based events and educational programs designed to enrich and celebrate our diverse cultural heritage.
- He is an accomplished author, having written seven books. Four of these are non-fiction accounts of the early American West and three are Masonic Almanacs. He has published more than 130 articles nationally, primarily on the early American West, but also in Plumblin - a quarterly research publication of the Scottish Rite Research Society.
- Mike was featured on the History Channel in a program entitled "Jedediah Smith and the Opening of the West." He maintains an internet database of more than 5,000 names of persons in the Early American West and where to find further information on each of them - <http://mtmen.org/mtman/html/names/namesv3.pdf>. He appeared as the "talking head" on a Vimeo video produced by WB Carl Hartman entitled "Freemasonry in the Early West."

Being able to spend a couple of hours with Mike was indeed a treat and a pleasure. When I asked him to sum up his feelings about Masonry, his reply was “The quality of men you meet and the shoulders you rub up against makes Masonry meaningful.”

Next time you see Mike at the Consistory or Grand Lodge or in your Blue Lodge, we urge you to go introduce yourself and get to know the man. You’ll be a better man and Mason for knowing Brother Mike.

Danny Tomlinson

1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Commander, Colorado Council of Kadosh



## **SO ... WHO “WON” THE DUELING TOASTS TO THE LADS AND LASSIES?**

KSA Venerable Master Dean McConnell and his lady regaled us all with their rather humorous “toasts” to the lads and lassies. If you missed it, you need to plan to come to a future Burns Supper to find out what it’s all about.



## **FROM THE ROSE CROIX EAST**

**By Joseph Magoffin, 32° KCCH**

**Wise Master**

**Rocky Mountain Chapter Rose Croix**



### **Remembrance and Renewal - A Peek Under the Tent**

As we move towards our annual Remembrance and Renewal celebration which takes place on April 20<sup>th</sup>, it seem fitting to take a closer look at how this came about.

It is often held that the first known reference to the Scottish Rite's Remembrance and Renewal ceremony came to be in 1856 through a version of the 18<sup>th</sup> Degree Rose Croix ritual penned by Charles Laffon de Ladebat. Charles was born in Jamaica in 1807 to a family that was active in the plantation trade. His life there was disrupted in the Black revolt of 1831, a slave uprising also known as the Baptist War or Christmas Rebellion. Beginning on Christmas day of 1831 and lasting for eleven days, the leader and Baptist Minister, Samuel Sharpe, sought freedom and a working wage for the enslaved plantation worker. British forces quickly crushed Sharpe's forces with heavy loss of life, and de Ladebat, now 24, made his way to New Orleans by way of Baltimore.

The Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal borrowed heavily from the more religious observance of Maundy Thursday, which occurs on the Thursday before Easter Sunday. Ten years later, in 1866, the Code of Statutes identifies Maundy Thursday as a feast day and by 1878 it was recorded that the observance was mandatory.

In 1994, to better address the changing needs of the Scottish Rite brethren, it was decided that the Maundy Thursday observance would be replaced by the Celebration of Remembrance and Renewal. It was further determined that it should be administered by the Chapter of Rose Croix and that it take place on, or as near as practicable, to the Vernal Equinox. While the contemporary evolution is not considered a religious service, it carries themes that are clearly adapted from Passover and Easter traditions.

In an effort to keep the Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal both relevant and engaging, its presentation by the Rocky Mountain Chapter of Rose Croix is conceptually fluid with regards as to how it is exemplified to the audience each Spring. At a high level, the purpose of the Ceremony is to remember our fellow Knights Rose Croix that fell in the last year and to celebrate the promise of Spring with life renewed through seed and fruit. In 2019, Past Wise Master Ben Williams made significant changes to the way this was shared through visual symbolism and musical enhancements. Based on feedback received, we are largely continuing upon this new concept for 2020, with the addition of other enhancements which time did not allow us to incorporate into the 2019 version.

On behalf of the entire Rose Croix team, officers past and present, we hope you are able to make it out on April 20<sup>th</sup>, that you enjoy the show, and that you are able to take home a new point of positive reflection.

## “Having a Voice is Life Changing!”

Vernon B. Ingraham, 33° GC and Kristin Uhler, Ph.D.



Carson Covey has a voice. The title of this writing is a quote by him. He has a remarkable story to tell. Carson was born with Cerebral Palsy. He began therapy at Children’s Hospital Colorado and was subsequently a camper at the Talking with Technology Camp conducted by Children’s in the summer. After several years of therapy and camp programs, he became a mentor to other campers - helping and encouraging them in using their augmentative and alternative communication devices.

Now 19 years old, Carson has his own company - ***Editing on Wheels*** (go to [www.editingonwheels.com](http://www.editingonwheels.com)) and is on the staff of Jill Tullman and Associates, LLC - an augmentative and alternative communication Speech-Language Pathology private practice with offices in Centennial and Colorado Springs. Check out his website. Carson has a creative talent and a great personality. He says, “I named my business “Editing on Wheels” because I have Cerebral Palsy and use a power wheelchair. I talk with an app through an iPad, so my communication needs to be via text, email, or in person.”

He attended Chatfield High School and loves football. He was the school football team’s photographer/videographer. In 2015, he received the ***Hero Award*** from DDRC (Developmental Disabilities Resource Center) in Lakewood. Here is what DDRC published in their 2015 Annual Report - and it is worth repeating here:

“Carson has used technology to be a leader amongst his peers. While attending Easter Seals, he noticed that another participant was getting bullied by an older camper. Though Carson couldn’t physically intervene, he used his speech device to ask the bully how he would like it if someone picked on him for having a disability and that he was just continuing the kind of humiliation they all deal with on a daily basis. He stuck with his new friend who was being bullied to ensure that he was included and respected by the rest of the campers. Carson is an exceptional person and deserving of the prestigious DDRC Hero Award.”

Children’s Hospital Colorado speech-language pathologists helped him find his voice beginning when he was a young child. At the 2019 TWT Camp, he returned, but not as a camper or a mentor. He was contracted by Children’s Hospital Colorado as a film producer and editor in preparing a video of the camp.

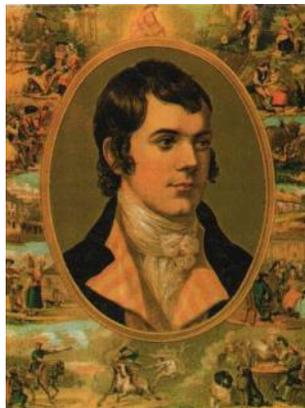
Carson Covey is joining our RiteCare team as a RiteCare Ambassador. We will introduce Carson at the 7 p.m. program on Monday evening, February 17, 2020, at Denver Consistory. Please plan to attend and give him a warm and deserved Scottish Rite welcome. This program will be one to remember.

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# Around the Denver Consistory



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# Memorial Scroll

Richard Darrell Anderson, 32°	01/24/2020
Earl Floyd Armstrong, 32°	01/01/2020
Nicholas S. Henderson, 32°	01/18/2020
Gordon Allan Merrick, 32°	01/07/2020
William Newton Patton, 32°	12/19/2019
Sidney Charles Wright, 32° KCCH	01/18/2020



**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: Joseph Magoffin, 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, Benjamin F. Williams, 32° KCCH.**

**If you are interested in joining the Rose Croix Funeral Team and helping them, contact the office or [Joseph Magoffin, 32° KCCH](#) for more information.**



# The Prelate's Pulpit

Rev. James H. Harris, 33°



## **THIS IS A BEGINNING OF A NEW YEAR !!**

The GAOTU has given me this year to use as I will.

I can waste it or use it for good.

What I do today is very important because

I am exchanging a year of my life for it.

When next year comes, this year will be gone

Forever, leaving something in its place

I have traded for it.

I want it to be GAIN, not loss ...

GOOD, not evil ...

SUCCESS, not failure

In order that I will not forget

The PRICE I paid for it

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God never promised  
A life without pain,  
Laughter without tears,  
Or sun without rain.  
But God did promise  
Strength for the day,  
Comfort for the tears,  
And light for all who believe  
In his heaven above.  
He rewards their faith  
In his everlasting love.

Authors Unknown for both the above. May all of you have a wonderful, blessed year. May the GAOTU give our officers courage and strength to provide effective leadership in the year to come.

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



## BIRTHDAYS

### 104 Years Young!

George M. Gilmore

### 90 Years Young

George William Ramsey  
Ronald Irwin Zall

### 80 Years Young

Gordon Richard Calahan  
James Warren Glasscock  
Michael Edward Hessel

### 70 Years Young

Mark Joel Alumbaugh  
Clinton John Dexter  
Gary Michael Prill

### 60 Years Young

Dean Richard Blanken  
Perry Harris Friedentag  
James Charles Rouse  
Michael Scott Russell  
Russell Prescott Smith

### 50 Years Young

Craig Douglas Clerkin  
Mark Fitzgerald Tenorio

### Our January "Youngster"

Corey Thomas Clerkin (25)

## SNIPPETS

Some ways of dealing with the burdens of everyday life:

- Always keep your words soft and sweet, just in case you have to eat them.
- Drive carefully. It's not only cars that can be recalled by their maker.
- If you can't be kind, at least have the decency to be vague.
- It may be that your sole purpose in life is to serve as a warning to others.
- Never put both feet in your mouth at the same time, because then you won't have a leg to stand on.
- Nobody cares if you can't dance well. Just get up and dance.
- Since it's the early worm that gets eaten by the bird, sleep late.
- The second mouse gets the cheese.
- When everything's coming your way, you're probably in the wrong lane.
- Birthdays are good for you - the more you have, the longer you live.

When we speak to a Brother, or to any other person for that matter, we should choose our words with great(er) care. What we say will have a lasting effect on our future relationship with them. There is that old adage "put your brain in gear before you open your mouth." In other words, pause and consider your words before you respond. The words you utter might well come back to haunt you later.

- Don MacLeod, PM  
Fairview Lodge #126 AF&AM  
Nova Scotia

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"YOU were born to STAND OUT!"

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We invite you to FIND OUT MORE about US!!

**Informal opening - Thursday, February 27, 2020**

**6:00 PM.** Presentations by Colorado Masonic Youth

**7:00 PM.** Informal opening

Greetings from our Masonic Family

Presentations

**RECEPTION TO FOLLOW**

**Uncrowning and Installation – Saturday February 29, 2020**

**6:00 PM** Uncrowning Ceremonies

**7:00 PM** Installation of the 2020-2021

Grand Court of COLORADO

Reception to Follow the Ceremony



# AARP

## Safe Drivers Class

You may be eligible to receive an insurance discount upon completing the course though it is geared to drivers age 50 and older, the course is open to people of all ages.

AARP membership is not required to take the course.

There is no test to pass.

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Wednesday April 8 from 9am-1pm  
Call 303-756-9489 to make a reservation



Grand Encampment of Knights Templar  
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The 95<sup>th</sup> Easter Sunrise Service  
Knights Templar Association of Colorado

APRIL 12<sup>TH</sup> 2020

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*In Hoc Signo Vinces*



# Spring Fling Style Show Luncheon



Given by  
El Mejdel Singers



on

Monday, April 27, 2020

At



Highlands Masonic Temple

3550 Federal Blvd

Denver, Colorado

Doors open at 11:30

Lunch at Noon



Fashions by

**Christopher & Banks**

Cost \$20 and tickets may be purchased from anyone  
of the Singers

Please get your tickets by April 20th

If you have any questions please contact

Pr. Judy Proctor @ 303-794-6093



# Flags for Fallen Vets

Sponsored by the Rocky Mountain Chapter of Rose Croix and the  
Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Colorado

Sunday May 24 at 0900

Fort Logan National Cemetery

Everyone must register at [www.flagsforfallenvets.com](http://www.flagsforfallenvets.com)  
Select Fort Logan – Area = Any – Group = Mason  
Registered persons will receive 40 flags to place upon arrival

Bring your own ruler, mallet and screwdriver

All Masons, family and friends are welcome – Kid friendly

Additional Questions – Joe Magoffin  
720.371.7224 or [joe@milehighsf.com](mailto:joe@milehighsf.com)



2020 LADIES LUNCHEON  
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*"Save the Date!"*

JUNE 6  
11:30a - 1:00p

# 11TH ANNUAL GOLF

EASTERN STAR  
MASONIC  
RETIREMENT  
CAMPUS  
TOURNAMENT

FRIDAY, **JULY 10TH**, 2020

WELLSHIRE GOLF COURSE, 3333 S. COLORADO BLVD., Denver, CO 80222

*Fun & supporting a great cause!*

7:30AM SHOTGUN SCRAMBLE

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CONTACT PATI SAWYER BOEX FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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THE EASTERN STAR MASONIC RETIREMENT CAMPUS PRESENTS



# EVENING OF LAUGHTER

**AUG  
5TH**

AT THE LANDMARK COMEDY WORKS  
5345 LANDMARK PLACE • GREENWOOD VILLAGE 80111

**TICKET PRICES: \$20 - FLOOR SEATS**

\$10 OF EACH TICKET IS TAX DEDUCTIBLE

FOR TICKET PURCHASE & INFO: PATI SAWYER BOEX @ 303.753.2160



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DOORS OPEN 6:30PM

SHOW TIME 7:30PM

Everyone 18 years or older regardless of Masonic affiliation is invited to attend the PG-13 performance. There is a 2 drink or 1 drink item, 1 food item minimum purchase at the Comedy Works Show during performance.

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SAVE  
A LIFE**

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**At Eastern Star Masonic Retirement Campus**

**2435 S. Quebec St., Denver, CO 80231 in the Fraternal Relations Room**

**8am - 1pm**

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- 3) CLICK ON **"ENROLL NOW"**
- 4) UNDER **"FIND AN ORGANIZATION"** ENTER OUR NON-PROFIT NUMBER: **EM386**, OR TYPE IN **"THE SCOTTISH RITE MASONIC CENTER AT 1370 GRANT STREET"**. CLICK **"ENROLL"**.
- 5) YOU'RE DONE! NOW, EVERY TIME YOU MAKE A PURCHASE AND SWIPE YOUR LOYALTY CARD, THE SCOTTISH RITE MASONIC CENTER WILL GET A PERCENTAGE OF YOUR PURCHASE!

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

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