



# Denver's RiteWorks

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# PLANNING CALENDAR

## 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<br>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<br>Celebration of Remembrance and Renewal             |
| Fri/Sat April 24-25   |                | Supreme Council Leadership Conference - San Diego, CA                        |

## MAY 2020

|                |                    |  |
|----------------|--------------------|--|
| Fri, May 1, 29 | 11:30 a.m.         | Consistory Lunch (Fried Chicken 1 <sup>st</sup> Friday only this month)  |
| Mon, May 4     | 6:30 p.m.          | KSA Meeting in the Lodge Room  |
| Sat, May 9     | 11:00a.m.-1:00p.m. | Calling Committee  |
| Mon, May 11    | 5:30 p.m.          | Special Officers Meeting to read Petitions   |
| Wed, May 13    | 6:00 p.m.          | Spring Reunion session at <b>Children's Hospital Colorado (invitation only)</b>  |
| Thu, May 14    | 7:00 a.m.          | Spring Reunion (56 <sup>th</sup> consecutive) - <b>Parking Garage Available</b>  |
| Fri, May 15    | 7:00 a.m.          | Spring Reunion (56 <sup>th</sup> consecutive) - <b>Parking Garage Available</b>  |
| Sat, May 16    | 7:00 a.m.          | Spring Reunion (56 <sup>th</sup> consecutive) - <b>Parking Garage Available</b>  |
|                | 6:00 p.m.          | Reunion Banquet - 25 & 50 year Membership Presentations  |
| Mon, May 18    |                    | Stated Meeting (Feast of the Consistory) - <b>Parking Garage Available</b><br>Denver Consistory Ritual Open/Close; Masonic Education |
|                | 5:30 p.m.          | Red Room Business Meeting  |
|                | 6:00 p.m.          | Dinner   |
|                | 7:00 p.m.          | Awards and Announcements, Entertainment  |
|                | 7:30 p.m.          | Split Meeting  |
| Fri, May 22    |                    | <b>NO CONSISTORY LUNCH (Holiday Weekend)</b>   |
| Mon, May 25    |                    | <b>CONSISTORY CLOSED for Memorial Day Holiday</b>  |

# EDITOR'S NESTLEBOARD



BY: **BILL HICKEY, 33°**  
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## The Single Point Failure Phenomenon

I'm still in Montana caring for my daughter as she recovers from foot surgery. With a bit of luck, I should be home at the end of the first week in March - Mother Nature willing. You know, when we install our officers, one of the things we tell them is that they should be prepared to assume the responsibilities of leadership on a moment's notice in the event of the absence of the officer next above them in line. That's called "continuity of operations" - because we can't just stop doing things because one or two critical people are absent. It happens all the time. Pretty much every Masonic organization says essentially the same thing—BE PREPARED. Think about your favorite sports team that has an injury to cover.

This brings me to my not-so-favorite subject: SINGLE POINT FAILURES. If you don't know what those are, it's where you effectively rely on ONE PERSON to do critical things, and there's little, if any, backup—in other words, no one to pick up the responsibility in the event of sickness, death, accident, or conflict in their schedules.

It's one thing to expect someone to "train their relief" in anticipation of at some time moving on or taking on different responsibilities; it's something else entirely if no one steps up and wants to learn the ropes and be prepared to pick up the slack. In the entertainment industry, it's called being an UNDERSTUDY, and in the trades, it's called being an APPRENTICE. You just can't walk in the door cold and expect to pick up everything with no experience. You have to "pay your dues" (in TIME invested to learn the job).

I can tell you from personal experience, every single point failure person WANTS to have someone shadowing them and even wants to turn over their duties while they are still around to mentor and assist in the handover. You might not think that's so, but it is.

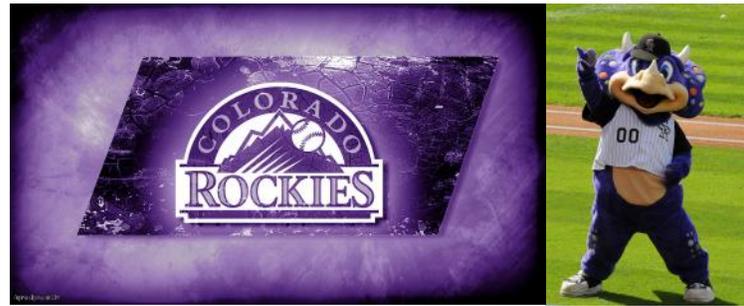
BUT ... if no one steps up and says "I'd like to learn that job. Who do I talk to about getting involved?" then all we are doing is perpetuating that "single point failure" mode of operations. WHEN, NOT IF, it finally happens, and something critical either doesn't get done or doesn't get done properly, THAT'S when we realize how important it is to have those understudies, assistants, and apprentices working alongside us.

I don't know of any committee chair at the Consistory that wouldn't welcome someone who wants to help and learn the ropes. Think about it. *Bill*



# From the Secretary's Desk

[Matt Raia, 33°](#)



**2019 VMAP Award** - Denver Consistory was notified by Illustrious Brother James Cole, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander, that Denver Consistory successfully completed the requirements of the 2019 VMAP Program. Congratulations to Brother **Paul Harrison, 32° KCCH**, the 2019 Commander of Kadosh and his officers for their hard work on the 2019 VMAP program. It is by their efforts that Denver Consistory received the 2019 VMAP Award.

## February 17<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting:



The SGIG presented Patents and class photos to the following members of the 55<sup>th</sup> Reunion Class: **Michael Clark, Samuel Howard, Johann Ortner, James Warner, and James Yarbrove.**



The SGIG presented a Certificate of Completion and pin to **Brother Gregory Carroll, 32°** for successfully completing the History and Ritual module of the Master Craftsman Program.



**Illustrious Brother Vern Ingraham, 33° GC**, introduced **Carson Covey** who joined our RiteCare team as a RiteCare Ambassador. He gave a presentation on how RiteCare helped him "Find His Voice." Carson is a phenomenal individual and an inspiration to RiteCare patients.

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The Colorado Council of Kadosh opened the February stated meeting in ritual form, conducted the meeting, and closed in ritual form. Congratulations to **Brother Michael Scott, 32° KCCH** Commander, and his officers for a job well done.

Check the calendar of events on our website and as published in each issue of the Rite-Works to find out when the next ritual opening and closing will be performed, and by which officer line.

**February 22<sup>nd</sup>** was the retirement reception for **Illustrious Brother Steve Munsinger, 33°, S.G.I.G.** THANK YOU TO ALL who attended to show their respect and gratitude to Illustrious Brother Munsinger for all he has done for Scottish Rite Masonry in Colorado, and especially the Denver Consistory.



## COMING EVENTS AT THE CONSISTORY

**Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 p.m. will be the Degree Council meeting, which is the official kick-off for the Spring Reunion. **All degree directors and committee members are REQUIRED TO ATTEND.**

**Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup>** - Stated meeting will be Past Presiding Officers Recognition. This meeting will also be **wear your Colorado Rockies team shirt** (or your favorite sports team shirt). **Illustrious Brother Reverend Jim Harris, 33<sup>o</sup>** will speak about Springtime and the Renewal of Life.

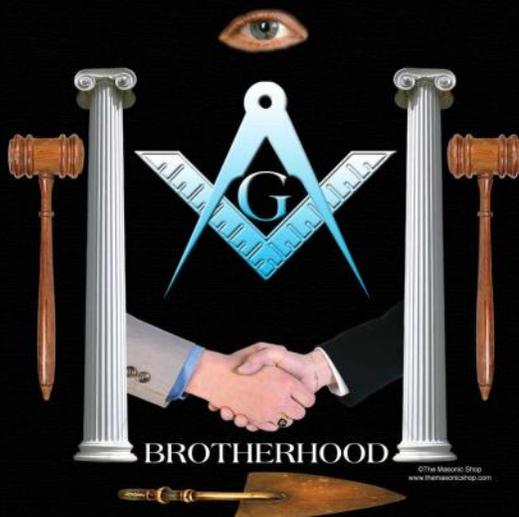
**Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup> LADIES MEETING** - The ladies will have a presentation by **Brother Greg Carroll, 32<sup>o</sup>** who is an acupuncturist.

**Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> - 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.** - is the Spring Cleanup day at Denver Consistory. Contact **Brother Loren Kohler, 32<sup>o</sup>**, the KSA Secretary at [ksa@denverconsistory.org](mailto:ksa@denverconsistory.org) to volunteer to help with the Spring cleaning to get the building ready for our reunion.

**Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 a.m.** - is the Easter Sunrise Service at Denver Consistory hosted by the Colorado Knight Templar Association. (See flyer in this issue for details.)

**Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 p.m.** - Spring Prospect Night. Invite prospective members to join us for a light supper, information about the Scottish Rite, and a tour of our building. RSVP to the office by April 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 a.m. to NOON** - Consistory's 9 Health Fair. Contact **Illustrious Brother Bill Hickey, 33<sup>o</sup>** at [wa3h@hotmail.com](mailto:wa3h@hotmail.com), or **Brother Randy Penn, 32<sup>o</sup> KCCH** at [pennjr@comcast.net](mailto:pennjr@comcast.net), or **Brother Joseph Mitchell, 32<sup>o</sup>** at [jlpm450@hotmail.com](mailto:jlpm450@hotmail.com) to volunteer to help with our annual health fair. See the informational flyer elsewhere in this issue.



### MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

|                |      |
|----------------|------|
| February 2019: | 1882 |
| February 2020: | 1797 |
| Net Gain/Loss: | -85  |

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### 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 \$95/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 \$80 either Saturday or Sunday (for those of you who can't get off during the the week). Again, you will earn \$75 per game working 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 Masonic Center Experience. Your contribution is important to the continued maintenance of the Scottish Rite Consistory.***



## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

**Honorable, Illustrious, and Most Worshipful  
Stephen M. Munsinger, 33°  
Sovereign Grand Inspector General Emeritus in Colorado  
Past Grand Master of Masons in Colorado**



**By: Danny Tomlinson, 1st LCDR, Council of Kadosh**

We all know our SGIG, Steve Munsinger, 33° as a great Mason, the inspirational leader of Scottish Rite Masons in Colorado, and a wonderful friend. For our Member Spotlight this month, we thought that it might be interesting to the Brothers of the Consistory to learn a little more about “the man.”

It was a pleasure to spend a couple of hours with Steve recently, in developing the background for this Member Spotlight. We shared war stories, political anecdotes, Masonic wisdom, family histories, and “secrets,” which we won’t divulge! The time flew by quickly and it was truly an honor to learn more about Steve.

Steve grew up in the small town of Howard, Kansas (population 687 in 2010). Howard is the County seat of Elk County and is located in the southeast part of the state. It is primarily a farming/ranching area. Steve’s father was a Mason and owned a plumbing and heating supply store in town. Just down the street from his father’s store was a set of stairs, leading up to a “secret place” with a square and compass on the door that Steve regularly asked his dad about. Once a month, his dad would put on a suit and tie and go to that mysterious place for a couple of hours in the evening. Hmmmm?

Steve and his older brother Gary spent most of their boyhood summers on their grandparents’ farm outside town. Steve learned to ride horseback and often would ride on the back of one of his grandfather’s Belgian draft horses—Grace and Loug—while they worked the fields, growing alfalfa and corn. Tagging along with his brother and his brother’s friends is where he got his nickname “Trailer.”

Steve went to college at Kansas State College of Pittsburgh in Pittsburgh, Kansas, where he received his BA degree. He then went to Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, Illinois to earn a Master’s degree in economics. His plan was to become a college professor, teaching economics. At Northern Illinois, he was the Coordinator of Teaching Assistants and had faculty credentials. He had been active with the ROTC program while at Pittsburgh State and was commissioned a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant (2LT) in the U. S. Army upon graduation. He received a graduate student deferment while studying for his Master’s degree. During his college years, his parents had sold their business and moved to Estes Park, Colorado. Steve spent his college summers working in the Taffy Shop on Elkhorn Avenue in Estes Park, making saltwater taffy. Haven’t we all been there at least once? He may be the reason it is so well-known.

In 1966, Steve’s college career was put on hold when the Selective Service decided there would be no more graduate deferments. (I can identify with that!) Steve was ordered to Fort Sill, Oklahoma, for artillery school. Because he had been a 2LT for about two years, he was promoted to 1LT after only two weeks of active duty. They obviously knew a leader early on! He then applied for, and was accepted into, flight school and was sent to Camp Wolters, Texas

and later to Fort Rucker, Alabama as a rotary wing (helicopter) pilot. Upon graduation, the entire platoon was ordered to South Vietnam and Steve went to Soc Tran, South Vietnam. His orders were to the 1<sup>st</sup> WAC Detachment in Saigon. But ... as luck would have it, a Master Sergeant thought it would be “more appropriate” for Steve to go to the Delta as a Huey pilot. Steve spent a year flying Huey’s (Bell UH-1), primarily as a gunship, in the Delta and then rotated back to Fort Rucker as an instructor.

It’s interesting to note that in order to be “accepted” into Steve’s Huey gunship squadron, the officers and enlisted members of the squadron had to “vote” on accepting you. They wanted comrades in arms that they could trust with their lives and that they knew would never leave them behind. Does this remind you of Masonry? It should. It’s also important to note that in order to fly Huey’s, the pilot had to be single. This points out just how dangerous the job was during the Vietnam War.

Steve doesn’t talk a lot about his military service, but he is genuinely a hero. During his military service, he received the following awards and decorations:

- National Defense Service Medal
- Bronze Star
- Purple Heart (for a wound in the upper anterior extremity)
- Vietnam combat Medal with Device
- Vietnam Service Medal
- Air Medal with 37 Oak Leaf Clusters with Device for Valor
- Overseas Bars
- Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm

After leaving active military duty, Steve returned to Colorado and received his Juris Doctor from the University of Colorado Law School in just two and a half years, graduating in December 1971. He was admitted to the Colorado State Bar in 1972. He worked for the Denver District Attorney’s Office as the Chief Deputy District Attorney for various divisions within the office for about five years, after which he was appointed the Assistant United States Attorney, chief of the Criminal Division. He was in private practice of law for a little more than 20 years until June 2001 when he was appointed to the Bench of the District Court by then governor Bill Owens. In September 2011 he became chief Judge of the District Court. He is now retired, but continues part-time as needed and recently has been involved in establishing a Veterans’ Court in Jefferson County and Lakewood. He has received numerous awards in his judicial career and has served as a lecturer and trainer for many law enforcement and judicial commissions and organizations.

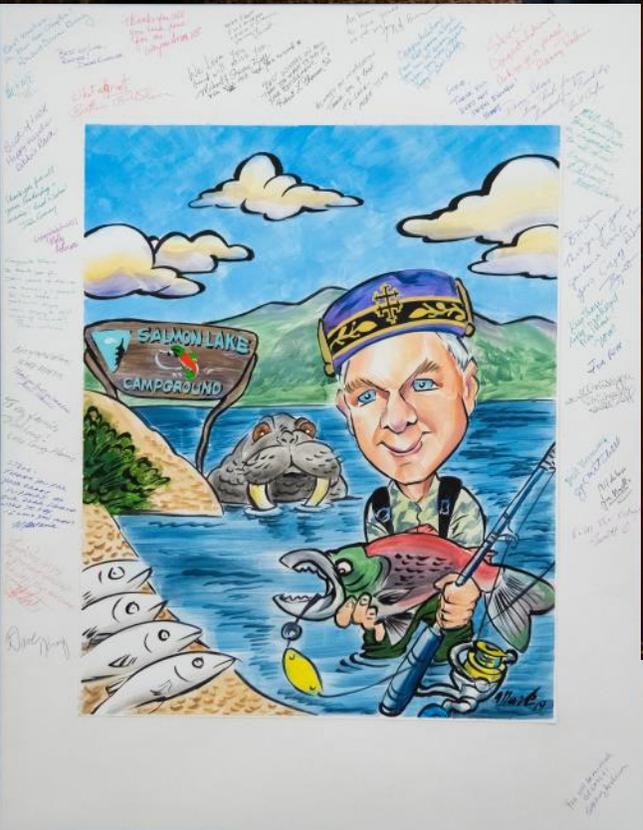
Steve has been married to his wife Susan for nearly 40 years. Susan was a schoolteacher for about 30 years and is retired now. He has a daughter by his first marriage (Steve was a single father for about 10 years) and two grandkids in college. They are all in the Denver-Boulder area.

He was raised a Master Mason in Perfection Lodge #193 in Denver. Steve served as the Grand Master of Masons in Colorado in 1998. When I asked him who the most influential men were in his Masonic career, he first mentioned his father, and Lloyd Jameson and Jim

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Stombaugh. When asked to sum up his experiences in Masonry, Steve indicated that he was so grateful for the many friendships that he made over the years and the “good luck” that he had experienced in his personal, professional, and Masonic life.

The Honorable, Illustrious, and Most Worshipful Stephen M. Munsinger, 33°, S.G.I.G. Emeritus in Colorado, is a very interesting man that I am honored to call “friend.” I urge each of you to become more acquainted with Steve. You’ll be a better man from knowing him.



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*Thank  
you*



*Dear Matt, Cathy, Tom and all of  
Denver Consistory,*

*Thank you for the retirement  
party last Saturday. It was fun and  
something that I will always  
remember. My daughter,  
granddaughter, and grandson did  
not know I had so many friends and  
enjoyed the party. Susan and I are  
looking forward to the Glenwood  
trip. I also hope to catch (and  
release) many trout with the new  
fishing gear.*

*Thank you all - mostly for the  
wonderful memories!*

*Steve*

# THE WORKING TOOLS OF A CONVIVIAL FREEMASON

(From the website of Lodge Burns Dundonald #1759, in the Village of Dundonald, on the west coast of Scotland - with my thanks to Brother Tom McGuffie, P.M. of that lodge for sharing it with us)



"I now present the working tools of a Convivial Freemason.

They are:

- The Fork
- The Knife, and
- The Tumbler

The FORK is an implement that enables even the most inexperienced Freemason to secure, at time by reaching across the table, the delicate and succulent morsels that adorn our Festive Board to delight the eye and stimulate the jaded appetite. This implement is used to convey these morsels to that aperture which has been specifically designed to receive them, and which reduces all nutriment to a common level. The FORK should always be used when partaking of Peas, which, if conveyed to the mouth with the assistance of only the knife, often prove very elusive.

The KNIFE, when properly ground and sharpened, is used to reduce all crude matter to a regular form, and assists us to dissect the anatomy of even the most venerable Rooster. The KNIFE teaches us to cut off no more than we can chew, and to limit our desires in every station of life, so that rising to eminence by merit, we may live respected, and die regretted.

The TUMBLER enables us to ascertain and determine, with accuracy and precision, the quantity of liquor we find conducive to the preservation of genial joviality. As all TUMBLERS have not that mark upon them, commonly known as the Pretty, the skillful Craftsman will measure with the aid of the two or three finger rule. The TUMBLER will only hold a certain amount of liquor without detriment to its surroundings, and it teaches us that we should ascertain, and never exceed, the limits of our own internal economy.

As we are met here this evening as Speculative, as well as Energetic and Operative, Convivial Freemasons, we also apply these tools to our morals.

In this sense, the FORK teaches us that we should not always sit down and await what we desire in life, but reach out, secure and retain it, profiting by our opportunities and assimilating the knowledge gained through our experiences. Nor should we forget that the little things in life should be looked after, lest they elude our grasp and are lost beyond recall. As the prongs of the FORK are all equal and mutually assist one another, being joined together in one compact structure, so we as Freemasons should stand together and practice those four qualifications that cannot be too strongly recommended to your notice:

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**The Working Tools of a Convivial Freemason** - Continued from previous page

- Straightforwardness in our dealings with one another.
- Sympathy for the failings of a Brother.
- Good Temper in our differences and opinions.
- And Fidelity to the sacred Tie that binds us together.

The KNIFE teaches us the value of assiduity, and the patience to cope with the many problems that confront us, so we are taught to take care of our mental and corporeal faculties.

The TUMBLER teaches us the importance of moderation and temperance. As it has no graduated scale by which to measure its varying contents, the user must exercise his judgment as to the quantity of liquor he pours therein. As the TUMBLER will only hold a limited quantity without detriment to its surroundings, thus we should carefully estimate our capacity so as not to confuse our mental and physical equilibria. As the perfect TUMBLER always rings true, be it empty or full, so the perfect Convivial Freemason should always ring true after labor at the Festive Board. A cracked TUMBLER is despised and rejected by all.

Thus, the Working Tools of a Convivial Freemason teach us to bear in mind and practice the cardinal virtues of Temperance and Prudence, so that when we are summonsed to rise and drink the Tyler's Toast, having partaken of the good things provided by a bounteous Providence for our enjoyment, we may depart homeward with the gratifying testimony of a contented mind, a clear brain, and equal poise."



# Memorial Scroll

|                                 |            |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| Admin Alameddin, 32°            | 01/01/2018 |
| Lester Lawson Bartlett, 32°     | 02/02/2020 |
| Richard Lowell Bussell, 32°     | 08/02/2017 |
| Richard Jay Eber, 32°           | 02/07/2020 |
| Camron Clyde Kelly, 32°         | 02/03/2020 |
| Charles Vincent McLaughlin, 32° | 02/19/2020 |



**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.**

To all Masonic Family Members:

I have been contacted by the family of a deceased Eastern Star member who left 4 burial plots at Olinger's in Denver. These plots are for the use of any Masonic member who cannot afford one. They must be used for burial and cannot be purchased or used as a fund raiser. Olinger's will handle the transfer of deed.

Please let your members know about this generous offer.

For additional information please contact me at:

Phone: 719-392-5794

Email: riorita50@aol.com

OR

You may contact the Order of the Eastern Star Office,

Valerie Evans, Grand Secretary

Phone: 303-759-5936

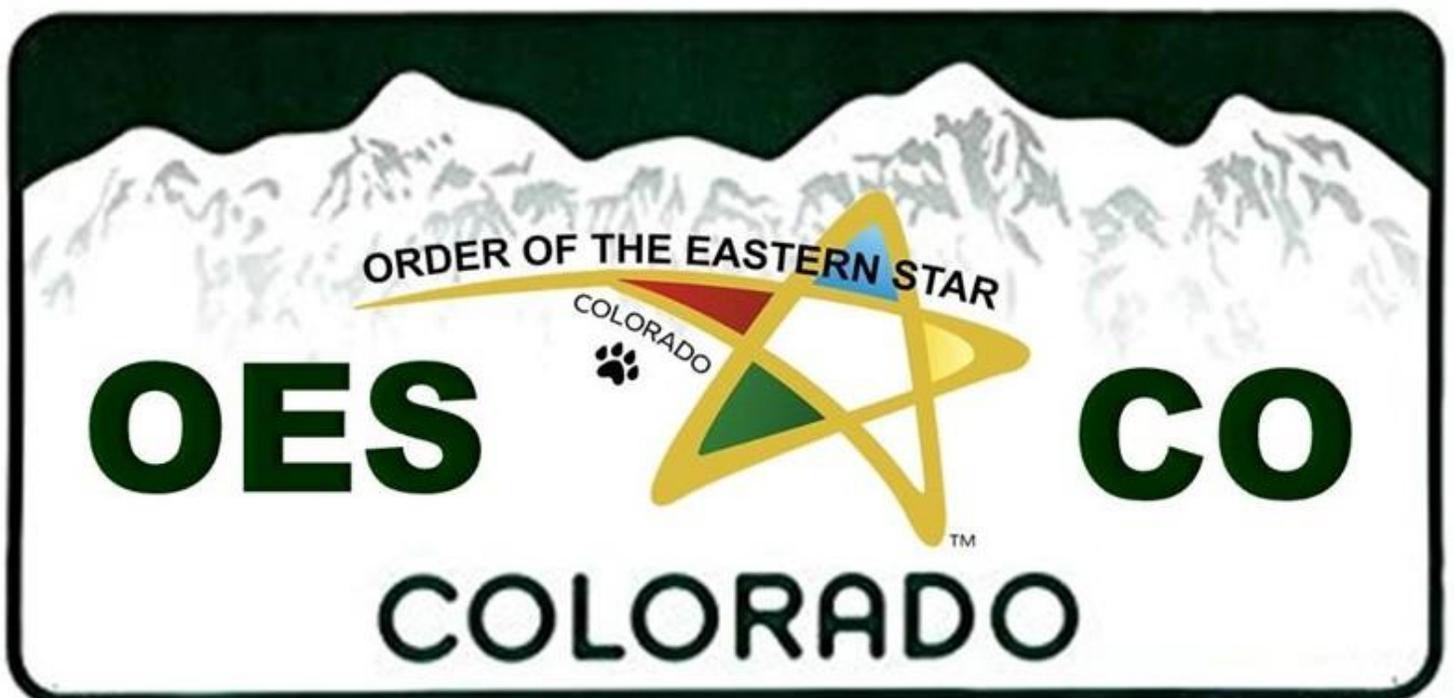
Email: grandsecretary@oescolorado.org

Thank you for your help.

Rita Bucholtz

Chairman, Board of Directors

Colorado Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star





# The Prelate's Pulpit

Rev. James H. Harris, 33°



In some ways I dreaded going to the February stated meeting. I knew it might be snowing, it would be cold and dark. However, I forced myself to get dressed, grabbed my robe, and dragged myself into my car to drive to the Consistory.

I was warmly greeted at the door, listened to the new presiding officers open the business meeting in excellent form - not reading their parts. I then enjoyed a good meal with my brothers. Our program with the ladies lifted my spirits as the young man from Children's Hospital gave an inspiring message. Then, the ladies and guests were released to their meeting and the Kadosh officer's line opened our meeting in full ritualistic form.

Yes, I was joyful that I attended. This has been a cold and snowy month. I have shoveled more snow this year than in previous years. Our February meeting was a ray of light. February is a month that begins our transition from Winter to Spring. The ancient preacher Ecclesiastes writes: "...there is a season for everything." Yes, Winter has a purpose, as the snow brings moisture and the coldness allows the tree roots to grow deeper. God has made everything fitting it its time. Winter is a time for me to deepen my spiritual life, to take care of my physical as well as my mention condition.

Also, the days are getting longer, and yes, there IS more light. We Masons know about "light," don't we? Jesus taught us that we are lights of the world and God said, let there be light, and there was light. Spring arrives in March. So, my brothers, can you be a light to another Brother? After all, do not brothers take care of each other? As Masons, we have a duty to improve ourselves, to be a brother, and to remember our Creator.

Let us find those times to be re-energized, recharged, and be ready to really renew. Let us be beacons of light as the world desperately needs more light.

Blessings,

Ill. Brother Reverend James Harris



## BIRTHDAYS

### 100+ Years Young!

Vernon Maurice Foster (103)

Pete Montera (102)

Clinton Edwin Bromley (100)

### 90 Years

Claude Ambrose Akridge

James Frank Norris

### 80 Years

Lyle Ray Aspegren

Merle Jay Leeper

Jack Morris Shepard

Laurence A. Thompson

### 70 Years

William Bruce Achbach

David Stanley Guzy

Gary Karl Knopp

Maurice Dean McDonnell

Jerome Vickers Porter

William B. Porterfield

James Leroy Schmidt

### 60 Years

Kevin Murray Baum

Eric Berend Miller

Richard Kevin Rodgers

Roger Shawn Terwilliger

### 50 Years

Darin Mathew Roen

### 40 Years

James Benjamin Noland

Justin Lee Washnieski

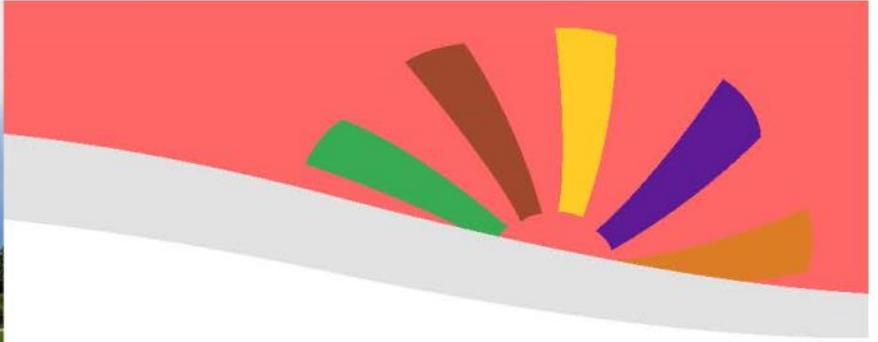
### Our March "Youngster"

Eric Dale Lowery (36)

## TRIVIAL TRIPPINGS

1. Who were Daisy Duck's nieces? (hint:3)
2. What is the significance of the word "CROATOAN"?
3. What was the first Federal Highway?
4. Who was Mickey Mouse's hometown police chief?
5. Who were the three chipmunks?
6. What was Butch Cassidy's real name?
7. What was the significance of "CQD"?
8. Who was the Korean War's most decorated G.I.?
9. Who was the "face that launched a thousand ships"?
10. There were two movies made of "Mutiny on the Bounty." In 1962, William Bligh was played by Trevor Howard and Fletcher Christian by Marlon Brando. Who played the respective roles in the 1935 version?
11. What was the real name of Lewis Carroll (author of Alice in Wonderland)?
12. Who was J. P. Richardson?
13. Who were the Brothers Karamazov (hint: there were four)?
14. Who claimed the victory over Manfred von Richtofen (the Red Baron)?
15. Can you name the NINE parts of the body that have only three letters?
16. What was the name of the only battleship NOT named after a state?
17. Who was the ruler of Murania? (Hint: Murania was the underground city in Gene Autry's serial "The Phantom Empire")?
18. What is Triskaidekaphobia?
19. What was the name of Pecos Bill's horse?
20. Who were Sotokichi Uriu, Sotokitchi Enouye, and Tasuku Serata?

**ANSWERS on page 32.**



# Highlands Lodge #86

## Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

Highlands Lodge is having a Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser. Come down for breakfast and join in on some fellowship.



**Menu:**

**Pancakes (All you can eat), Eggs, Bacon, sausage**

**Coffee, juice, or milk**

**Adults \$8, Kids \$4, Kids under 5 Free. Donations accepted**

**Saturday March 14th, 2020, 7 to 10 a.m.**

**Highlands Masonic Temple  
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*In Hoc Signo Vincet*



# 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

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Cost \$20 and tickets may be purchased from anyone  
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Please get your tickets by April 20th

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## Denver Consistory 56th Consecutive Reunion

May 14, 15, 16, 2020

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Fall Class 2019



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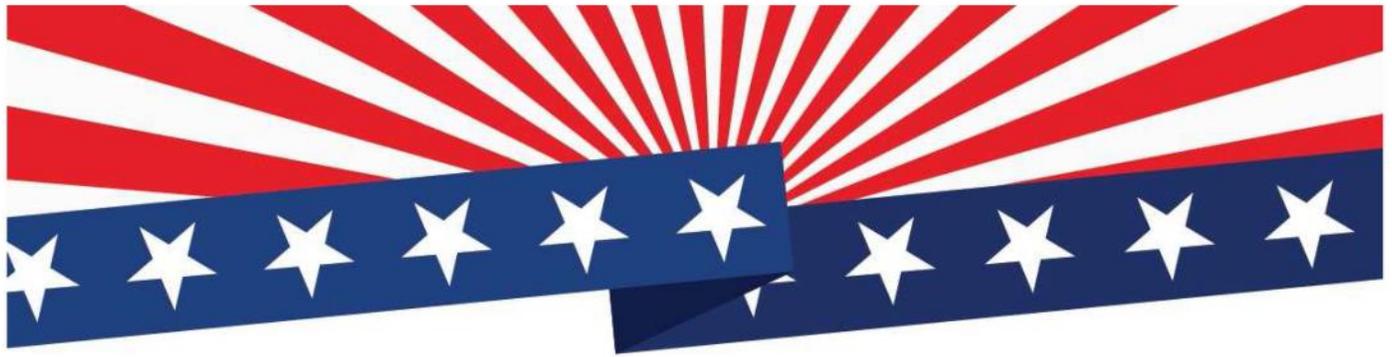
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Sponsored by the Rocky Mountain Chapter of Rose Croix and the  
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Sunday May 24 at 0900

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

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JUNE 6  
11:30a - 1:00p

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**June 15, 2020  
Dinner at 6:00 PM  
Program at 7:00 PM**



**All Blue Lodge Masons, Families, Friends and Prospects are invited to join us for this event.**

**The Program will feature:  
The Presentation Sword of General Albert Pike,  
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EASTERN STAR  
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SHOW TIME 7:30PM

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1. April, May, and June
2. It was the last message of the Lost Colony of Roanoke Island, VA, 1587-1591. It was carved on a doorpost but no trace was ever found of the 140 colonists.
3. Cumberland Road
4. Chief O’Hara
5. Alvin, Theodore, and Simon (speeded up voice of David Seville)
6. George Leroy Parker
7. Until 1911, CQD was the international distress telegraph signal (Come Quick Distress) subsequently replaced by the more familiar “SOS” (Save Our Ship/Souls).
8. Master Sergeant Tony Herbert
9. Helen of Troy
10. Charles Laughton and Clark Gable.
11. Charles Lutwidge Dodgson
12. “The Big Bopper” - killed in an airplane crash (1959) with Buddy Holly and Richie Valens.
13. Dmitri, Ivan, Alyosha, and Smerdyakov (illegitimate).
14. Roy Brown, a Canadian pilot (April 21, 1918)
15. Arm, Ear, Eye, Gum, Jaw, Leg, Lip, Rib, Toe.
16. USS KEARSARGE. The screw sloop “Kearsarge” sank the Confederate raider “Alabama” in 1864. When that “Kearsarge” was lost in the West Indies in 1894, the name was given, by popular demand, to one of the new battleships.
17. Queen TIKA
18. An unnatural fear of the number 13.
19. Widow Maker.
20. Three midshipmen at the U. S. Naval Academy (graduated in 1881) who later became Admirals in the Japanese Imperial Navy.

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