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Front Door Security System

A security system has been installed on the sliding door entrance to the building. The door is no longer left unlocked during business hours allowing anyone to enter the building unannounced and take the elevator to the third floor offices. The system was installed to provide much-needed protection for the office staff.

To gain admission, a visitor must push the intercom button on the outside of the door and request to be admitted. Denver Consistory members may be admitted by scanning their dues card in the card reader and are not required to push the intercom button and request admission.

HOWEVER ...

Your dues card **MUST** be scanned into the system before it will work as your key card. Come to the office and see Illustrious Brother Tom Thompson to get your dues card scanned.

PLANNING CALENDAR

Subject to Change as Conditions Warrant

July

Fri, July 3		CONSISTORY CLOSED FOR JULY 4th HOLIDAY
Fri, July 10	11:30 a.m.	Consistory Lunch (Fried Chicken)
Fri, July 17	11:30 a.m.	Consistory Lunch (Spaghetti w/meatballs & sausage)
Mon, July 20	7:00 p.m.	Virtual Meeting—Guest Speaker will be Brother Chuck Morgan, 33 ^o , Valley of Baton Rouge. <u><i>The Presentation Sword of General Albert Pike</i></u>
Tue, July 21	7:00 p.m.	Virtual Master Craftsman Program (see issue for details)
Fri, July 24	11:30 a.m.	Consistory Lunch (French Dip Sandwiches)
Fri, July 31	11:30 a.m.	Consistory Lunch (5-way Chili)

August

Fri, August 7	11:30 a.m.	Consistory Lunch (Fried Chicken)
Fri, August 14	11:30 a.m.	Consistory Lunch (Chicken Alfredo)
Sat, August 15	9:00-11:00 a.m.	Officers Meeting
	11:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.	Calling Committee
Mon, August 17	7:00 p.m.	Virtual Meeting - Oration by Rocky Mountain Chapter of Rose Croix Orator
Tue, August 18	7:00 p.m.	Virtual Master Craftsman Program session
Wed, August 19	6:00 - 7:30 p.m.	Officers' Midyear Planning meeting & Dinner in Consistory Dining Room
Fri, August 21	11:30 a.m.	Consistory Lunch (Fried Chicken)
Fri, August 28	11:30 a.m.	Consistory Lunch (Sloppy Joe's)

September

Fri, Sept 4		NO LUNCH
Mon, Sept 7		CONSISTORY CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY HOLIDAY
Fri, Sept 11	11:30 a.m.	Consistory Lunch
Fri, Sept 18	11:30 a.m.	Consistory Lunch
Mon, Sept 21		Stated Meeting— Parking Garage Available Centennial Lodge of Perfection Ritual Open/Close
	5:30 p.m.	Red Room Business Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Dinner
	7:00 p.m.	Scottish Rite Foundation Program
	7:30 p.m.	Split Meeting
Wed, Sept 23	7:00 p.m.	Degree Council Meeting
Fri, Sept 25	11:30 a.m.	Consistory Lunch
Tues, Sept 29	6:30-8:30 p.m.	Friends of the Scottish Rite (Prospect Night)

The Supreme Council

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OFFICIAL STATEMENT CONCERNING PIKE STATUE

On June 19th, 2020 a statue of Past Grand Commander Albert Pike was toppled from its pedestal in Washington, D.C.

The statue celebrated Pike's humanitarian successes and his leadership of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry. The statue was gifted to the people of the United States in 1901. Even though the Scottish Rite no longer had any ownership rights to the sculpture, this Supreme Council has repeatedly voiced its strong support for any governmental decision to remove the statue, because we recognized that its existence could be a concern among some citizens.

We can never condone unlawful acts; otherwise the foundation of our society would crumble. However, the statue has belonged to the people since we gave it to them more than a hundred years ago. Our prayer is that the removal of the statue can be at least a small step toward healing our nation's wounds.

As Scottish Rite Masons, we prefer to step forward with our fellow citizens, consistent with the Scottish Rite Creed: *Human progress is our cause, liberty of thought our supreme wish, freedom of conscience our mission, and the guarantee of equal rights to all people everywhere our ultimate goal.*

 *James D. Cole* 
Sovereign Grand Commander

EDITOR'S RESTLEBOARD



THE SWORD OF ZOOM

BY: **BILL HICKEY, 33°**



SO ... is everyone “ZOOMed” out by now? I mean, after all, it’s pretty much been the ONLY way any of us have been able to participate in any kind of Masonic meeting activities for the past couple of months. You should have noticed at least TWO things about these latest innovative approaches to engaging our members:

1. Like in-person meetings, a Mason CAN get “over-committed” and find himself trying to juggle TOO MANY meetings—many of which occur at the same time on the same night.
2. Unlike many of our in-person meetings, we are finding a LOT of our “MIA” (Missing In Action) Brothers who haven’t attended a meeting in YEARS. This is because perhaps they have moved away and are no longer “local” or perhaps they can no longer get out and drive at night, or they don’t move as easily as they used to.

In any case, we’re finding these “newly re-found” Brothers to be a pleasant surprise and a direct result of using these ZOOM sessions for our meetings. They are re-engaging with us as we had always hoped, just not “live” instead of being “Memorex” (for those of you who are old enough to remember that commercial).

HERE’S MY CHALLENGE TO YOU:

Find a way to KEEP these ZOOM sessions going to keep these re-found Brothers engaged with you. If you were able to change YOUR behavior and use ZOOM to conduct routine meetings and do health & welfare checks on your members during this crisis, you can sure as HEQQ keep doing that to benefit these lost Brethren and show that you really do care about them.

Sure, you may well be able to meet in person again, and yes, there are some issues with blanket use of technology while practicing some of the “private” parts of our craft, but ... as with most things in life, **WHERE THERE’S A WILL, THERE’S A WAY!**

Bill



From the Secretary's Desk

[Matt Raia, 33°](#)



July, 2020

On June 15, 2020 Denver Consistory held our first-ever virtual meeting via ZOOM. We had seventy-five Brothers register to attend the meeting, and sixty-nine logged in. Members from Arizona, California, Florida, Indiana, Kansas, South Dakota, Utah, Durango, Estes Park, and Grand Junction participated. It was wonderful to see and speak with many Brothers whom we have not seen for a long time. It was Hawaiian shirt night, and many colorful Hawaiian shirts were seen. Brother Thomas Gaffney, 32°, Orator of the Colorado Council of Kadosh gave a presentation on the Double Eagle of the Scottish Rite, its origins and history.

FRIDAY LUNCHES RESUME JULY 10, 2020. The Executive Committee is pleased to announce that Friday Lunches from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. will resume July 10, 2020. Participants will be **required to wear a face mask while not eating and seating will be spread out to allow social distancing.** **We request that, if you plan to attend the July 10th lunch, you call the office NO LATER THAN JULY 8th** and let us know so we know how much food to order. We do not want to prepare for 25 and have 5 show up. We also do not want to prepare for 5 and have 25 show up.

During the recent demonstrations and riots, we were fortunate that our historic building was not damaged. However, graffiti was painted on the front, north side, and the alley, but nothing was broken or damaged. A group of volunteers spent a half-day cleaning the graffiti off the building. The Scottish Rite Masonic Center received an anonymous donation of \$500 to be split evenly between the four youth groups that helped clean off the graffiti.

DENVER CONSISTORY TO BEGIN VIRTUAL MASTER CRAFTSMAN SESSIONS - Beginning July 21, 2020, Denver Consistory will offer a series of moderated, virtual gatherings, via the ZOOM platform, to promote involvement in the Supreme Council's Master Craftsman Program. Please refer to the article by **Brother Bill Achbach, 32°** in this issue of the RiteWorks for details about these sessions.

OFFICE OPEN: The Consistory office is open again, and back to regular hours, 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 7:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Friday. **To ensure the safety of our office staff, we request that you conduct business by email or telephone and not in person unless it is ABSOLUTELY necessary. If you do come to the office, we require that you wear a mask and maintain proper social distancing.** **Thank you for your cooperation and assistance in helping to keep us virus-free.**

COMING EVENTS

JULY

July 20, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. is our next virtual meeting. Illustrious Brother Chuck Morgan, 33^o from the Valley of Baton Rouge, will be our guest speaker. He will speak about the *Presentation Sword of General Albert Pike*. **Registration for this ZOOM virtual meeting is REQUIRED no later than 12:00 noon July 17th.**

AUGUST

Saturday August 15th Calling Committee: 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. will be the next Calling Committee at the office. Please contact the Secretary to volunteer to make calls to some of our Brothers to let them know we are thinking of them and to find out how they are doing. The Brothers we speak with are happy to received the call.

Monday, August 17th 7:00 p.m. Virtual Meeting - We will hold a virtual meeting of some type in August. The content has not yet been finalized.

Wednesday August 19th at 6:00 p.m. - Officer's Mid-Year Planning Meeting and Dinner at the Consistory. All officers are required to attend.

SEPTEMBER

Monday September 7th—Consistory Office closed for Labor Day Holiday

Monday September 21st—Stated Meeting **(Tentative)**

Wednesday September 23rd—Degree Council meeting **(Tentative)**

Tuesday September 29th—Prospect Night **(Tentative)**

MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

July 2019:	1864
July 2020:	1697 (Net loss of 167)

Automatic Dues Renewal Program - Supreme Council has implemented an auto-renewal program to pay annual dues. This is a completely voluntary program that gives our Members the option to have their dues automatically deducted using a credit or debit card through the online Membership Portal. The automatic dues payment will occur in AUGUST annually for those who sign up for the program, and the payment will be applied to the following dues year. Members who sign up for the program will receive an email reminder a few days prior to the charge to their card. This program will give Members the option to avoid the end-of-the-year Masonic dues "crunch" as well as help ensure Members are always in good standing.

AUTOMATIC Monthly Dues Payment— Denver Consistory has in place a program enabling you to pay your annual Denver Consistory dues in eleven easy monthly payments of \$10 per month rather than one lump sum, eliminating one more year-end bill to pay. By authorizing an automatic credit card payment each month at the end of eleven months, your dues will be paid and your dues card will be sent to you. Call the office and speak with Cathy or Tom to set up automatic dues payments so that you are not required to come up with the entire \$110 at one time. This is an easy way to ensure that your dues remain current.

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Life Memberships are an ideal way to avoid paying future dues increases. A Life Membership guarantees that you will never be suspended for nonpayment of dues should your future financial situation change. It also ensures that should you no longer be able to take care of your finances, you will not be suspended for non-payment of dues because your Scottish Rite Membership is of no significance to the individual handling your finances. By purchasing a Life Membership, you leave a continuing legacy to Denver Consistory after your death.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP FEE STRUCTURE:

75 years old and older - a single payment of \$1,000

62-74 years old - a single payment of \$1,500

Younger than 62 years old - a single payment of \$2,500

Extended payment terms may be arranged. Contact the office for details.

SAVE THE DATE !!! 30 January 2021

**Denver Consistory's Annual Burns Supper
And
Whisky College (8th year)**



Tentative Menu:

Leek and Tattie Soup
Soda Bread and Rolls
Oatmeal Stuffed Breast of Chicken
Grilled Scottish Bangers
Haggis
Mashed Potatoes
Medley of Roasted Neeps
Sticky Toffee Pudding with Drambuie Whipped Cream



Consistory to Begin Virtual Master Craftsman Sessions

By Bill Achbach, 32°



SCOTTISH+RITE
MASTER+CRAFTSMAN

Beginning in July 2020, Denver Consistory will offer a series of moderated, virtual gatherings, via the Zoom platform, to promote involvement in the Supreme Council's Master Craftsman Program.

The sessions will encourage participation in the Master Craftsman Program and provide support for Brethren enrolled in any of its three courses. The Zoom sessions will provide a forum for discussion of topics covered in the course, both for enrolled course participants and for any interested Brother. Each will also feature a topic for discussion related to the Master Craftsman Program and its application to our common Masonic travels.

An introductory virtual meeting, to lay out the plan for future sessions and to introduce the Program, will be on **Tuesday, July 21 at 7PM**. Subsequent regular sessions will meet at **7PM on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, beginning Tuesday, August 18.** You will receive an invitation from Secretary Matt Raia with the details for joining the Zoom sessions.

Why are we undertaking this program?

There are really two reasons. The most immediate motivation is as a response to the Personal Representative's request that we expand our support of Master Craftsman. The Supreme Council considers participation in the Program, which consists of three multi-lesson, self-study courses (Symbolic Lodge, Scottish Rite Ritual & History, and Scottish Rite Philosophy), as central to Valley education programs and an essential part of the important focus upon membership and member-retention. Supreme Council also encourages Master Craftsman Study Groups as a part of that participation.

The second reason is a practical one. We have many Brethren enrolled in Master Craftsman, including quite a number who have purchased the study materials without completing the lessons. Our hope is to offer those already enrolled opportunities for support and encouragement, as well as additional chances for interaction to make the study more meaningful and fulfilling.

By the way Brethren, the Master Craftsman Symbolic Lodge course has been approved by Supreme Council for enrollment by ANY Master Mason! So, you're welcome to suggest participation to any member of your Lodge, whether they are Consistory members or not. Master Craftsman is a great addition to any Lodge's Education Program.

So dust off those books and lesson folders, Brethren, or arrange to get materials (either from the Consistory office or from the SC Store), **watch for that invitation from Matt, and join us at 7PM on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, beginning Tuesday, July 21 via Zoom.**

One final note of importance: Brethren who have completed courses or even the entire Master Craftsman Program are invited to participate as well. Your experience with the coursework would be especially useful to your Brethren.

SUNDAY MASONIC PAPER

No. 973 (June 7, 2020)

Do You Have a Degree?

Roger A. Kessinger, 32^o

"Do you have a degree?" I was recently asked at a businessmen's luncheon.

Now, I was known as a "runner" in my day. Meaning, I ran as soon as I received my high school diploma. So I was ready to tell my colleague that my parents did not want me to amount to much in life; that I had to support my neighbor's widow and 14 kids; that my dog threatened to leave home-anything not to admit that I did not have a degree.

But then a strange thing happened. As I was ready to respond that I did not have a degree, a reflection of light from my Scottish Rite ring caught my eye. Wistfully thinking, I casually replied: "I have several degrees. " "Oh, what did you major in?" my colleague asked. "Philosophy," I replied. "Where did you attend school?" I thought that my game was over when suddenly I spoke out and said, "It was a self-study course sponsored by the oldest educational institution in the world: S.U."

"S.U.?" he said, as he squinted his eyes in full concentration. "I can't seem to place that." "Solomon University!" came my confident answer. Not wanting to appear uninformed, he quickly inquired: "Why did you choose philosophy?"

"Because philosophy is the study of the source and nature of human knowledge," I replied. "It includes the sciences, liberal arts and religions, yet it often transcends human understanding. Sometimes, it is a path to God."

Interested, his questions persisted: "Well, what exactly did you learn while studying at Solomon University?"

I doubt that he expected my lengthy reply: "I learned that man is no idle phenomenon in the universe; that the universe itself is not dead; that an omniscient Creator oversees and imbues it and everything within it with life. "I learned that there is nobility to the human drama; that evil appears to get the best of good but that God is just, and truth prevails; that for every thought and action, there is a corresponding reward from a benevolent Creator; and that for hostile acts, there is retribution. "I learned that man's justice is sometimes a mockery but that God's justice is swift and supreme. "I learned that the human race was no mere accident and that God is not an abstract thought, but a Being as alive and vital as the very air that we breathe; that ignorance is darkness and wisdom is light; that tyranny of the mind is an oppression as insidious

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and destructive as tyranny of the body; that the soul is immortal and beyond man's power to corrupt; that man alone has free choice; that liberty demands tolerance and vigilance; that God is within man and not without; that the true Temple is Man; that God reigns supreme and has no adversaries; that the wise will practice faith, hope and charity; that love is the supreme law but that self-defense is also one of our obligations.

"I learned that throughout time, man has been chained by false priests and political tyrants; that man is free to soar into the sublime heights with the angels.

"I learned that there are those who would rob youth of their manhood to serve their own wicked ends and that there are those agencies at work endeavoring to corrupt the good and glorify the base. "I learned that God will bless and nourish every laudable undertaking; that materialism has its rightful place in man's life but it should never become the usurper; that despotism has risen in all ages, in all civilizations, and that it must be slashed and destroyed before it attains its odious ends; and that there exists a school of instruction thousands of years old sponsored by God and His adepts.

"I learned that grammar allows us to speak kind words to our fellowmen; that rhetoric enables us to spread God's message of love; that logic teaches man that God is impartial in His dealings with mankind and that He is eminently just; that by arithmetic, we can count our blessings, subtract the faults of our fellows, multiply our good works, and divide our fortunes; that astronomy shows the relationship of man to man, man to the universe, and man to God; that music reveals to us how to blend discord into harmony; and that geometry proves that divine laws laid down by The Great Architect-the macrocosm-can be comprehended and applied by man-the microcosm."

Astonished by my answers, he softly inquired, "Well, how many degrees do you have and how long did it take you to get them?" Again, looking at my ring and seeing the precepts of fraternity, liberty and equality, I answered, "Thirty-two degrees-in one year."

"Thirty-two! " he exclaimed, which captured everyone's attention at the far end of the table. "I'd give anything to have 32 degrees and to learn all of what you've studied in one year. But how can I do it?"

"You can," I said as I smiled and handed him a petition.



REMEMBER:

**“MEMBERSHIP IS A
CONTACT SPORT”**





MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

**Brother John Russell, 33°
(a.k.a. "Ol' Ramrod)**

By: Danny Tomlinson, 32° KCCH
1st Lieutenant Commander,
Colorado Council of Kadosh



This month's Member Spotlight will focus on our Illustrious Brother Ol' Ramrod, whom many of you know well. He is a personal friend of Masonic Brother Kit Carson, and Masonic Brother Charles Bent, one of the owners of Bent's Fort. Bent's Fort is an 1833 fort located in Otero County in southeastern Colorado. The Bent St. Vrain Company owned by Charles and William Bent and Ceran St. Vrain built the fort to trade with Southern Cheyenne and Arapahoe Plains Indians and trappers for buffalo robes. For much of its 16-year history, the fort was the only major white American permanent settlement on the Santa Fe Trail between Missouri and the Mexican settlements. It was destroyed in 1849.

Ol' Ramrod can be found at the Consistory singing in the choir, and as the candidate in the 22nd Degree during reunions. You may also have seen him at your Lodge, or at a state park or at a museum in the area, giving a presentation on the fur trade in early-day Colorado. He's easy to recognize, as he likely is the only one in the room wearing home-made buckskin pants, shirt, moccasins and hat, and carrying a large knife and a 50 cal. Flint-lock muzzle-loader and pistol. He carries a flint-lock rifle and pistol since flint is readily available to trade for with the Indians, as opposed to a cap and ball gun, which he would have to make the journey back to St. Louis to get new caps for his guns. *By the way—the definition of "ramrod" is "a rod for ramming down the charge of a muzzle-loading firearm."*

Some of you may even recognize Ol' Ramrod as Illustrious Brother John Russell, 33°, three times Past Master of Cherry Point Lodge #176 (later Englewood Lodge #166, and now New Frontier Lodge #134), a member of the York Rite, and El Jebel Shrine. He was one of the founders of the Mountain Man Patrol at El Jebel. This patrol made their own buckskin clothes, trapped beaver on the Arkansas River and were great ambassadors for the Shrine at parades. Ol' Ramrod has been a volunteer and Fur Trade Instructor for History Colorado for more than 20 years. He has presented classes at many of the Denver area school districts and at various state parks and museums throughout the region.

One incident that Ol' Ramrod shared involved the Mountain Man Patrol going down to Bent's Fort for a 4-day rendezvous. They set up camp by the river, found the beaver slide, set their traps, and went back to the Fort for the evening. During the night, the Indians stole their traps, their horses, and their wagon. They took the wagon apart so that the trappers couldn't use it. The trappers made plans to steal the horses and traps back from the Indians the next night, and as they were stealing the horses, the Northern Lights started putting on a show. Ol' Ramrod called to one of the Indians (his blonde-haired daughter Patti was one of the Indians) and he told her to come out to see the Northern Lights. The Indians and the trappers ended up making peace and watching the Northern Lights, enjoying fellowship around the fort.

Brother John is a native Coloradan, born at St. Luke's Hospital in Denver in 1935. He gradu-

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ated from Denver South High School in 1953 and then received a BS degree in chemistry from the University of Denver. After graduating from DU, John went to work for a Kennecott Copper Company subsidiary - Bear Creek Mining Co. John's father owned a printing company - Monitor Publications - and John helped his father, soon becoming a salesman for the printing company. Monitor Publications was in an urban renewal area and had to move and soon John was working for the A. B. Hirschfeld Press, founded in 1907, where for many years he handled the Denver Broncos Account.

John's wonderful wife of 63 years is Mary. She was born in Iowa, but her family moved to South Denver when she was very young and she grew up right around the corner from where John's family lived. When I asked him to give me a humorous incident of their courtship, he related that even though they had known each other for some time, they hadn't really dated. John went to a Square Dance being held at Washington Park. Mary was at the dance with her date. Mary's date started hanging out with his buddies and left her alone at the dance. John ended up taking her home. John and Mary have lived in Parker for about 57 years. They have two daughters, both retired—Jeannie also lives in Parker, and Patti lives nearby. They have no grandchildren.

John's grandfather was a Mason and Junior Warden of the Lodge in Roy, New Mexico. He had homesteaded in Mills, New Mexico. The grandfather had attended college for two years in Missouri and was hired as Superintendent of Schools in Roy. John's dad belonged to Southgate Lodge #138. When John was initiated in 1958 at South Denver #93, John's uncle George Jordan sat as the Senior Warden, his father Steve Russell sat as Junior Warden, and his "Uncle Pete" (Harry Thompson) functioned as the Senior Deacon. John was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason in 1959 and joined Rocky Mountain Consistory soon after. John was very active in Rocky Mountain Consistory for many years, serving in the 18th and the 31st Degrees. He was Master of Kadosh at Rocky Mountain Consistory the year the Consistories merged.

John has also been an integral part of the Masonic Band Camp since its inception nearly 20 years ago. The Masonic Band Camp was started by Illustrious Brothers Marv Feldman, 33° and Harry Lindstrom, 33°. Early on, they recruited John, Illustrious Brother Jerry Fenimore 33° GC, and his lovely wife Tina as chaperones for the young people. They are still involved, although Band Camp is not happening this year because of the pandemic. The Band Camp each year has about 100-110 young people in grades 9-11 and is held on the campus of the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley, Colorado. The participants are there from June 30 until July 4. They hold a concert in the University Center on July 3 and then march in the Greeley Stampede Rodeo Parade on the 4th of July, with three Masons in colonial costumes and carrying the Colorado State flag, Revolutionary War Bennington flag, and United States flags leading the band. They are a great hit with the crowds every year.

John's dad was the Illustrious Potentate of El Jebel Shrine in 1962. When Charlie Gore became Illustrious Potentate in 1964, he asked Noble John to be the Editor of the Red Fez, a position John held for more than 20 years. In the late 1990's, the Grand Lodge Secretary Dennis Harris asked Brother John to assist him as receptionist. John later served as the Grand Lodge Secretary under Grand Masters Steve Munsinger and Kent Gould.

Member in the Spotlight: Ill. John Russell, 33° - Ol' Ramrod - Continued from previous page

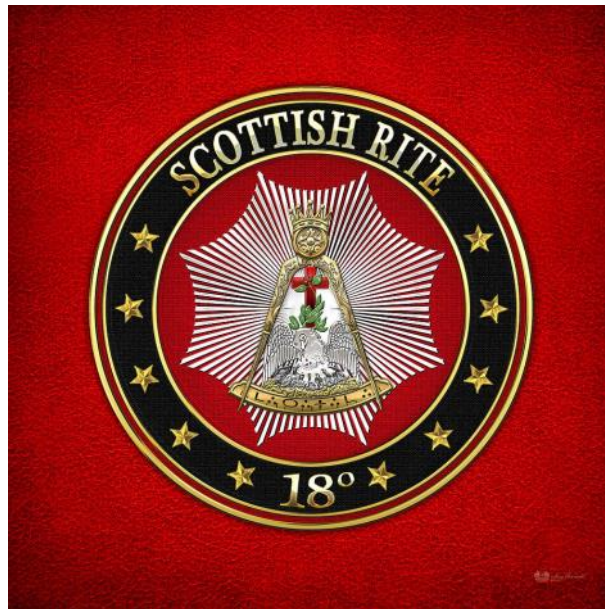
When I asked John for some meaningful thoughts about his Masonic journey, he shared with me a profound statement. "Masonry is a brotherhood. A Mason can be trusted before I ever meet you." His advice to the younger members was "become a Life Member of all the various Masonic organizations that you join or become a part of. Then, you don't have to remember to write a dues check every year!"

Be sure to reach out a hand of friendship when you see a Brother in buckskins at the Consistory. He will likely be carrying a muzzle-loader and knife, perhaps a hatchet or axe also. And, he'll have a ton of great stories to share!



Memorial Scroll

Jasper Freese, 32°	03/10/2020
Willis James Griffee, 32° KCCH	06/15/2020
Hollis R. Howerton, 32°	05/16/2020
Clayton Loomis, 32°	05/16/2020
Clarence Owen Miles, 32°	06/01/2020
Lloyd Carl Wade, 32°	06/22/2020



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; Gregory F. Harris, 32° KCCH, M. Edward Johnson, 33°; Richard W. Mitchell, 33°; Matthew A. Raia, 33°; Thomas R. Repp, 32°; Daniel A. Rivers, 32° KCCH; John A. Warren, 33°; Richard M. Wenzel, III, 32° KCCH; and Benjamin F. Williams, 32° KCCH.

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



The Prelate's Pulpit

Rev. James H. Harris, 33°

Prelate for All Scottish Rite Bodies



I really enjoyed our ZOOM stated meeting on June 15. It was good to see and to hear my Brothers. I have missed our meeting and all the other activities. I hope we can have our Friday lunches in July. During these times, I try and keep myself active and my mind busy reading, writing, doing a puzzle, or something. I have found myself in front of the TV watching the news. However, I do try to limit myself. I am reading some Masonic books such as “The Lost Keys of Masonry” and “Freemasonry—Its Hidden Meaning.” In the Hidden Meaning of Masonry, I read: “Freemasonry is not a material thing; it is a science of the soul; it is not a creed or doctrine, but a universal expression of the Divine Wisdom. The Bible lies open on the Altar of Masonry and upon the Bible lay the Square and Compasses. They are the three Great Lights of the Lodge. They are the symbol of Revelation, Righteousness, and Redemption, teaching us that by walking in the Light of Truth, and obeying the law of the Right, the Divine man wins victory over the earthly. This is the way we should live our lives—shown to us by the Great Lights of the Lodge.

I felt uplifted at our virtual stated meeting, our Deputy of the Supreme Council, Ill. Bro. Karl Hinkle, 33° gave some positive words about how we can discover new ways of communication and of being in fellowship with each other. I took for granted our stated meetings, our reunions, and our various activities. Now, when we can meet again, I will treasure every opportunity. I will appreciate those things which are really important, like family, friends, church, and just being able to go shopping or to the movies or to the library or to Lodge. I have found myself drawing closer to the GAOTU. Maybe this time can help us go beyond the surface of life and find the deeper meaning of life.

Find happiness in nature; in the beauty of the mountain; in the peacefulness of the sea.
Find happiness in friendship; in the fun of doing things together; in the sharing and understanding.

Find happiness in your family; in the stability of knowing that someone cares.

Find happiness in your lodge knowing that you have brothers.

Find happiness in yourself; in mind and body; in your values and achievements.

Find happiness in all that you do.

Find happiness in knowing the GAOTU loves you.

Blessings— Rev. Ill. Brother James Harris

SPECIAL BIRTHDAYS

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40 Years Old

Clinton Allen Moore

Our JULY "Youngster"

Charles Benson Allen (31)



From: God's Little Instruction Book

The only fool bigger than the person who knows it all is the person who argues with him.

Although the tongue weighs very little, few people are able to hold it.

The measure of a man's character is NOT what he gets from his ancestors, but what he leaves his descendants.

The secret of contentment is the realization that life is a GIFT, not a right.

No man ever really finds out what he believes in until he begins to instruct his children.

Ignorance is ALWAYS swift to speak.

The first step to wisdom is silence; the second is listening.

The fellow who does things that count doesn't usually stop to count them.

Humor is to life what shock absorbers are to automobiles.

Some people succeed because they are destined to, but most people succeed because they are determined to.

The difference between ordinary and extraordinary is that little "extra."

Faith is daring the soul to go beyond what the eyes can see.

LEADERSHIP COVENANTS

(Adapted from USC's 12 Covenants)

- We will accomplish what we do TOGETHER. We share our success, and we never let any one of us fail alone.
- We are all fully-grown adults. We will act as such, and expect the same from those around us.
- We will not keep secrets. Information that affects us all will be shared by us all, and we will quickly and openly work to separate fact from fiction.
- We will not lie to ourselves or to each other. None of us will tolerate any of us doing so. We will depend on each other for the truth.
- We will keep our word. We will say what we mean, and do what we say. We trust the word of others to be good as well.
- We will keep our heads. We will not panic in the face of tough times. We will always choose to roll up our sleeves rather than wring our hands.
- We will develop our abilities and take pride in them. We will set our own standards higher than other peer organizations.
- We will treat our Brothers like friends. We spend too much time together to allow these things to go bad.
- We will be unselfish and expect that everyone else will exhibit this same quality. We will CARE about each other, without expectations.
- We will look out for each other. We truly believe that we are our Brother's keeper. We will ALWAYS be ready to listen.
- We are all "students" of the Craft of Freemasonry. We will do whatever we can to help our Brothers achieve their best at all times.
- There is NO EXCUSE for losing a Brother because of bad behavior. We will do ALL in our power to stop those losses.

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