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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

August

Mon, Aug 3	7:00 p.m.	KSA Meeting in Lodge Room
Fri, Aug 7	11:30 a.m.	Consistory Lunch (Fried Chicken)
Fri, Aug 14	11:30 a.m.	Consistory Lunch (Chicken Alfredo)
Sat, Aug 15	10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Children's Book Drop Off (see flyer)
	11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Calling Committee
Mon, Aug 17	7:00 p.m.	Virtual Meeting - Brent Morris, 33 ^o GC presentation
Tue, Aug 18	7:00 p.m.	Virtual Master Craftsman Session
Wed, Aug 19	6:00 -7:30 p.m.	Officers' Midyear Planning ZOOM Meeting
Fri, Aug 21	11:30 a.m.	Consistory Lunch (Fried Chicken)
Fri, Aug 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
	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 (Rocky Mountain Rose Croix Oration)
Tue, Sept 22	7:00 p.m.	Virtual Master Craftsman Session
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)

October

Fri, Oct 2	11:30 a.m.	Consistory Lunch (Fried Chicken)
Mon, Oct 5	7:00 p.m.	KSA Meeting in the Lodge Room
Fri, Oct 9	11:30 a.m.	Consistory Lunch
Fri, Oct 16	11:30 a.m.	Consistory Lunch
Sat, Oct 17	11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Calling Committee
Mon, Oct 19		Stated Meeting— Parking Garage Available
		CLOP & Denver Consistory Orations
Tue, Oct 20	7:00 p.m.	Virtual Master Craftsman Session
Fri, Oct 23 & 30	11:30 a.m.	Consistory Lunch

EDITOR'S WRESTLEBOARD



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As we approach what I like to call our “silly-season” run up to the national and statewide elections, I want everyone to be AWARE that we are most likely to see a serious “uptick” in bogus email traffic (SPAM), misleading and just plain wrong information, a social media “blasts” that rely on NUMBERS rather than accuracy of information. Don’t fall for any of them.

Years ago, while on active duty with the navy, I was sent to a 4 week school at the Naval Security Station in Washington DC that was entitled “Manipulative Communications Cover and Deception.” The upshot of that course is that ANY communication, be it print media, television, radio, social media, is RIPE for people to misuse for whatever purposes. See the article on “Fighting the Coronavirus ‘Infodemic’ for further elaboration.

Don’t just “assume” (I hate that word ... it makes an A** out of U and ME) that what you read or hear is absolute truth just because you found it on the internet or heard it on TV or WANT to believe it. DO YOUR HOMEWORK! CHECK IT OUT and not just from your favorite fact-checker site(s). Look around. Rely on professional sites (medical, engineering, etc.) rather than popular media outlets. EVERY news media source has an agenda—even your favorite one. After all, journalists are WRITERS...they’re not doctors, lawyers, engineers, scientists—and they have a habit of trying to make things sound easy for the layperson to understand, but sometimes folks, difficult to understand topics are difficult for a very good reason—and they tend to defy simplification, especially into sound bites of a few seconds or few words.

We already know that the Russians, Chinese, North Koreans, Iranians, and other nation states have manipulated social media sites by inflating numbers supporting really bad and incorrect information. SO, just be aware of all this when you surf the net.

And, yes, even our own government uses media to emphasize a particular topic.

Just remember...in order to deceive someone, they have to be willing to believe what you’re saying. CAVEAT EMPTOR!

Bill



From the Secretary's Desk

[Matt Raia, 33°](#)



August, 2020

There is NEVER a dull moment around the Consistory building. The riots and demonstrations at the State Capitol seem to be over for the time being. Let's hope it stays that way. The calm that has returned has ushered in a new phenomenon for the area surrounding the Scottish Rite Masonic Center—it is ***Urban Camping!*** We now have tents along the grass right-of-way on 14th Avenue and also on Logan Street and we have trash all over the ground around our trash dumpster and in the alley. We had to lock the dumpster because they were filling it up and overflowing it and we had to call for a special trash pickup several times in addition to our normal twice a month pickup, which cost the Cathedral Association significant extra expense. We call the City of Denver to complain about the trash, and they send a crew to pick it up, but it takes several days for that to happen and in the meantime, the pile gets bigger every day.



Denver Consistory conducted a virtual meeting via the ZOOM platform on July 20, 2020. **Illustrious Brother Chuck Morgan, 33° GC**, Valley of Baton Rouge, was our guest speaker. He spoke about the *Presentation Sword of General Albert Pike*. Those of you who did not participate missed a wonderful presentation. Thank you to **Brother Dave King, 32° KCCH**, Master of Kadosh for arranging the presentation.

DENVER CONSISTORY BEGAN VIRTUAL MASTER CRAFTSMAN SESSIONS July 21, 2020, via the ZOOM platform to promote involvement in the Supreme Council's Master Craftsman Program. The first session entitled "*Master Craftsman: Is it worth the effort?*" was very well attended. The Virtual Master Craftsman Sessions will be held the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. If you did not participate in the first session and would like to participate in sub-

sequent sessions, send an email to the organizer, **Brother Bill Achbach, 32°** at wbapm32@gmail.com.

Friday Lunch Resumed July 10, 2020. We had a group of our regular Friday lunch participants attend and enjoy seeing one another. It's great to have activity return to the building. If you plan to attend lunch on Fridays, remember you **MUST** wear a face mask at all times except when you are eating. There is hand sanitizer as you enter the dining area, and there are only 4 chairs per table, and the tables are widely spaced apart.

COMING EVENTS

AUGUST

Monday August 3rd 7:00 p.m.—KSA Meeting. All Scottish Rite Masons welcome. Wearing of face masks is REQUIRED.

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.

Saturday August 15th 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. BOOK DRIVE FOR CHILDREN'S BOOKS—A Denver Consistory Community Outreach Program in support of the Rocky Mountain Welcome Center. We are asking you to round up all the unwanted/no longer needed children's books you have laying around your house and bring them to the Consistory on August 15th. (See Flyer for details)

Monday August 17th 7:00 p.m. Virtual Meeting—**Illustrious Brother S. Brent Morris, 33° GC** will be our guest speaker for our August meeting. The topic of his presentation is **A Timeline of High-Degree Masonry**. From the first "high degree" in 1725 to 1801, scores of extra-Craft degrees were invented. When did various features appear and how did the degrees influence each other? A Mail-Chimp notification will be sent inviting you to join the meeting and it will contain details on how to register. **You MUST register for this meeting.**

Tuesday August 18th at 7:00 p.m.—Virtual Master Craftsman Session

Wednesday August 19th at 6:00 p.m. - Officer's Mid-Year Planning Meeting. All officers are required to attend. ZOOM Login information will be sent to the officers.

SEPTEMBER

Friday September 4th—NO CONSISTORY LUNCH

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

Monday September 21st—Stated Meeting—if we are still restricted from meeting in person on September 21st we will have a virtual meeting on ZOOM. The IT Committee, at the direction of Personal Representative **Illustrious Brother Ron Birely, 33°**, is putting together a plan and cost estimate to live stream the September meeting and any future meetings.

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

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

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.

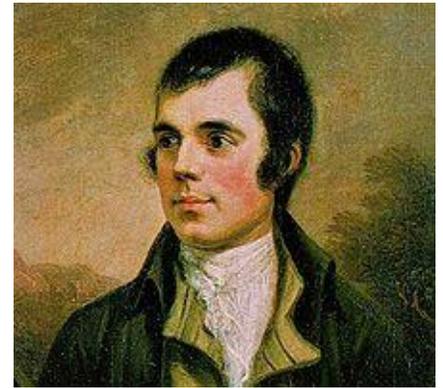
MEMBERSHIP REPORT:	August 2019:	1857
	August 2020:	1690 (Net loss of 167)

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.

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





From the SOUTH

Esoteric, Research, and Mentorship

By Thomas Repp, 32° Junior Warden,
Rocky Mountain Chapter of Rose Croix



As a quick summary taught to most Scottish Rite Masons, the Scottish Rite continues a Master Mason's education in many ways, such as within the Scottish Rite Research Society and Published Masonic books. The first three degrees of Freemasonry result in the accomplishment of a Master Mason and are the most important teachings or foundation of his journey. The "high degrees" presented in the Scottish Rite expand upon and elaborate on the teachings and lessons of those first three degrees. Having a solid foundational knowledge of the first three degrees is imperative to fully use the successive degrees offered by the Scottish Rite. My hopes are that the reader will continue research beyond this essay with the hints from within on Esoteric Freemasonry. Also, my goal is to encourage all of us to consider seeking out research information from our fraternal origin and take a part in doing lectures at each of our individual local Blue Lodges. Finally, we all have a role in mentoring each other at different levels of our Masonic journey. We can all better strengthen our knowledge to make our Fraternity proud!

On behalf of my home Blue Lodge, I recently developed an online survey so we may improve our Lodge through listening to its members. Some of our survey questions focused on additional education. Several of the members indicated interests on the subject of "Esoteric Freemasonry." In my personal journey, I have been approached several times regarding Esoteric Freemasonry and the need for my fellow brethren to know more about Freemasonry in a deeper way. Personally, I am not well-versed in Esoteric Freemasonry and sometimes struggle with the questions when asked: I want to know more about Esoteric Freemasonry—or, What is Esoteric Freemasonry? Where do I start and to whom can I refer this inquisitor? Over time, I have found it to be acceptable to struggle with these questions. It does cause me to ponder my thoughts and excites me to perform some research. The first resources I sought were work completed from the Scottish Rite Grand Archivist and Grand Historian, Arturo de Hoyos, 33° GC, and information published by the Scottish Rite Research Society (SRRS). If you're going to start research, start with the best resources the fraternity has to offer! The SRRS sends its members one book a year in addition to other readings. Some of the information I have read delved into various topics, and some may well call them "Esoteric." In most cases, I have found the interpretation of "esoteric" doesn't have a right or wrong answer. To satisfy any inquisitor of Esoteric Freemasonry, I first encourage them to read a past essay that originally appeared in the March/April 2017 issue of *The Scottish Rite Journal*. It will offer an open-ended thought process that motivated me to be a more active participant

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in my local Lodge and to understand the foundations of Craft Masonry. It will also offer you more resources to seek knowledge of our origins. You can click on that essay link:

<https://scottishrite.org/scottish-rite-myths-and-facts/is-freemasonry-esoteric/>

In the past few years, I have become more involved in basic Masonic research due to inspiration to help my Blue Lodge brethren and my personal knowledge interests. The Master Craftsman correspondence classes sponsored by the Supreme Council I have completed have been a contribution to my expanding learning. The extended brotherhood of Scottish Rite stands out as a primary reason to be more active as a Freemason. It also has inspired me to spend more time in my home Lodge to learn the ritual of the primary first three degrees and, in turn, help my Lodge Brethren. After all, the mission and primary purpose of each Blue Lodge is to confer the first three degrees and make Masons. Being active and engaged in the learning process has assisted me in learning symbolic Freemasonry and what it means for me. The experience is individual and it yet requires a team to make it happen. How wonderful is that? For this reason, I encourage each Brother that is seeing more knowledge to **“coordinate”** with their families and possibly make changes in their schedules to find that opportunity to obtain more Masonic knowledge by being an active participant. That Brother should also strive to be active and dedicated in his chosen religious faith. I personally do not know any other way to do it! I have tried the process of only researching and reading books alone without going to Lodge, but it removes the most important ingredient in a Lodge—**“BROTHERHOOD.”** We can gain so much more from each other! Many hands create light work! If a Brother coordinates with his family and gains their support, his family will see the benefit Freemasonry is making in his life and encourage the Brother to stay active.

Any Brother in our Masonic bodies is a mentor. Whether a silent mentor leading by example, or a pronounced mentor actively leading and teaching. As you mentor the Masons who are just starting or who have been away for a while, I would encourage them to first achieve supportive involvement from their family. Without a stable home life, how can he be a productive member in the Lodge or the appendant bodies of Freemasonry? If there are problems, the worthy Brother and his family are suffering, provide aid or assistance. If the problems are too great for your abilities, ask for help from a knowledgeable brother or other leader to assist in finding help for that Brother and his family. Once his home life is stable to allow him to attend Lodge on a regular basis, assist him to concentrate on his ritual interests of the first three degrees. If he works on his interests, he will learn the work and develop that foundational knowledge. Over time and experience, his foundation will stabilize, then he can begin helping others with degrees and lectures. He will enjoy himself without becoming overwhelmed and may consider accepting being an appointed officer at the appropriate time in his journey. Your knowledge base in your Lodge will grow! For the Mason who has been gone for a while and has forgotten some of that foundation, he can contact a Lodge officer and I am sure he will help that Brother get re-established. **“Brother Helping Brother!”** The Lodge will welcome you back as they welcomed you on your first day as an Entered Apprentice. As Masons develop their foundational knowledge with their Blue Lodges, they may consider seeking further light in Masonry through the Scottish Rite. As mentors of the Scottish



Virtual Master Craftsman is Underway

By Bill Achbach, 32°



It pleases me to report that our Virtual Master Craftsman session on July 21 went well. The ZOOM platform is a practical way to “meet” in these trying times, and many of the twenty-nine participants in the session have expressed interest in taking the Master Craftsman course or helping with the effort we’re making to bolster participation. Thank you Brothers!

Several of the Brethren who attended have already made suggestions that will be particularly useful as we decide on format and content for the sessions. I still need to receive communications from some attendees, where I expect to see even more great ideas. **SO ... get those requested e-mails or tests to me Brethren: I am counting on your input!**

One takeaway from the first meeting is that we need to allow for participation of those enrolled in all three Master Craftsman courses. We are considering several avenues for that, including the use of ZOOM’s “Breakout Room” feature, or even separately scheduled sessions. On the same subject, it is clear also that participation by Brethren who have completed courses is going to be important as well. Since each of the three Master Craftsman courses has quite specialized content, Brethren who can act as mentors for those now enrolled will perform an especially useful function. It will be “light duty,” Brethren, but indispensable to completion of the program. Let me know if you have finished a course and could act as a mentor.

It’s always worth mentioning, also, that Master Craftsman 1: Symbolic Lodge, is available to ALL MASTER MASONS, whether they are members of AASR or not—a GREAT educational opportunity! Interested Brethren are welcome to contact me for details.

In follow-up messages, several Brethren have also asked to be included in a weekly reminder: a sort of digital “nudge,” to keep them working on their courses. Construction of that list has begun, and first reminders will go to inboxes soon! **Anyone enrolled in a Master Craftsman course is welcome to join that weekly reminder service.** Simply send a “Nudge me!” request to wbapm32@gmail.com or call/text 303-775-5727, and I will add you to the distribution list.

One important lesson that we are learning from all of our ZOOM sessions—our latest one on Master Craftsman definitely reinforcing the experience—is that we are able to visit with Brethren, who for a variety of reasons (health, age, distance ...) would not be able to attend in person, even were it not for COVID-19! This is obviously quite an unintended consequence of the pandemic restrictions, but it has been great to see and hear familiar faces and voices, whatever the reason. Virtual meetings CLEARLY have something valuable to offer, even after this health crisis has passed.

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Our second Master Craftsman ZOOM session will be on **Tuesday, August 18 at 7PM**. We will use the same link to the meeting as for the July meeting, so ... if you need that info again, please contact Illustrious Brother Matt Raia. All Brethren are welcome to attend, beginning with any of the monthly sessions. The discussion in August will focus first upon the ideas we have received from July's session and then upon several suggestions for successful study and completion of the courses.

Finally Brethren, if there is anything I can do to provide needed information about Master Craftsman (whether you are enrolled or just thinking about it), don't hesitate to contact me and tell me what you need—from basic program & course information or questions, to course syllabi, the new online enrollment for Master Craftsman II: Ritual & History, or any issues you may be having with your course. Simply e-mail or call/text me at the above address or number.

Keep Crafting, Brothers!



From the Rocky Mountain SOUTH: continued from page 10

Rite, we need to be actively engaged in our home Lodges to offer Scottish Rite membership guidance to those Brothers who have been unable to balance services to God and worthy distressed Brothers, their usual vocations, refreshment and sleep.

I wish you all well in seeking more light in Masonry. The quest for knowledge will never end in one's lifetime, and that invigorates me to keep traveling for light in Masonry. I hope to read a new essay or hear a degree lecture from a Brother who has found a new Masonic interest to contribute for the Brethren in the near future.

Have a GREAT Masonic Day!



SOME FACTS ABOUT PRESIDENTS and the PRESIDENCY

Who was the only president to be a bachelor during his entire term?

James Buchanan

Who was the first president to be elected by the House of Representatives?

Thomas Jefferson (tied electoral college votes with Aaron Burr)

Which President was the last surviving signer of the Constitution?

James Madison

Which Presidents were also Generals or Admirals in the US Armed Forces?

Washington, Jackson, W. Harrison, Taylor, Pierce, Grant, Hayes, Garfield, B. Harrison, and Eisenhower.

21 Volleys (using 7 guns) are fired in the sequence of ONE, SEVEN, SEVEN, SIX. This is to commemorate the founding of the United States of America (1776).

FIGHTING THE CORONAVIRUS “INFODEMIC”

From: Axios Future (Bryan Walsh), 08 July 2020

An “infodemic” of misinformation and disinformation has helped cripple the response to the novel coronavirus.

Why it matters: High-powered social media accelerates the spread of lies and political polarization that motivates people to believe them. Unless the public health sphere can effectively counter misinformation, not even an effective vaccine may be enough to end the pandemic.

Driving the news: This month the WHO is running the first “infodemiology” conference, to study the infodemic of misinformation and disinformation around the coronavirus.

What they’re saying: While “fake news” is anything but new, the difference is the infodemic “can kill people if they don’t understand what precautions to take,” says Phil Howard, director of the Oxford Internet Institute and author of the new book [“Lie Machines.”](#)

- Beyond its effect on individuals, the infodemic erodes trust in government and science at the moment when trust is most needed.
- A study by the Reuters Institute found 39% of English-language misinformation assessed between January and March included false claims about the actions or policies of authorities.

By the numbers: 38% of Americans surveyed by Pew in June said that compared to the first couple of weeks of the pandemic, they found it harder to identify what was true and what was false about the virus.

How it works: Misinformation and disinformation have always been a destabilizing feature of infectious disease outbreaks. But several factors have made the situation worse with COVID-19.

1. **An evolving outbreak:** COVID-19 is new, and as scientists have learned more about the virus, they’ve had to change recommendations. That’s how science works, but “if you’re distrustful of authorities, and expert taking a position different than it was three days ago just confirms your bias,” says Joe Smyser, CEO of the Public Good Projects.
2. **Social Media:** While experts give some credit to companies like Facebook and Twitter for their efforts to stem the spread of coronavirus misinformation, the reality is that platforms built on engagement will often end up as conduits of conspiracy content, which Howard notes tends to be unusually “sticky.”
3. **Disinformation warfare:** In June, the European Commission issued a joint communication blaming Russia and China for “targeted influence operations and disinformation campaigns around COVID-19 in the EU.” And those campaigns are effective—in a recent study, Howard found disinformation from Russian and Chinese state sources often reached a bigger audience on social media in Europe than reporting by major domestic outlets.
4. **Political and media polarization:** In our hyper-polarized and politicized climate, many folks just inherently mistrust advice or evidence that comes from an opposing political party,” notes Alison Buittenheim of the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing. Conservatives are particularly vulnerable—an April study found Americans who relied on conserv-

ative media were more likely to believe conspiracy theories and rumors about the coronavirus.

What to watch: Whether the infodemic causes a significant chunk of the U.S. public to opt-out of a future COVID-19 vaccine.

- In a CNN poll in May, a third of Americans said they would not try to get vaccinated against COVID-19. If that proportion holds or rises, a vaccine would be “unlikely” to provide herd immunity warns Anthony Fauci.
- The highly-organized and internet-savvy anti-vaxxer community is already targeting a potential COVID-19 vaccine. That includes attending Black Lives Matter events to convince protesters that “vaccines are part of structural racism,” says Smyser.

The bottom line: While the pandemic wasn’t human-made, the infodemic surely is. But that means public health experts and the public itself can put a halt to it with the right strategy.

Many years ago now (early 1970’s to be exact), I was a newly minted naval cryptologic officer assigned temporarily to the Naval Security Station in Washington DC for a special course in “Special Communications” called “Manipulative Communications Cover and Deception.” This course was taught by two gentlemen who I later found out were part of a very select number of radiomen in WWII chosen for their ability to copy Morse coded signals in the Japanese Katakana code used by the diplomatic and military leading up to the attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941. These men underwent some intense training literally “on the roof” of a building in D.C. because there was no room for them in a regular room of the building, and their task was so TOP SECRET that literally only a small handful of men were even aware that they were being trained to do this. These men are the ones that broke the Japanese codes that led to our victory at Midway and turned the tide of the Pacific war, and they also broke the message that told our fighters where Admiral Yamamoto’s aircraft would be, allowing them to shoot it down. For those that don’t know, Yamamoto was the architect of the attack on Pearl Harbor. The loss of Yamamoto was a significant setback for the Japanese Naval war effort.

Anyway, the subject was studying deception tactics throughout history—back to Roman times, and at that time the most current examples of modern deceptions were “The Man Who Never Was” a Movie with Clifton Webb about the British plan to deceive the Germans about the location of the D-Day landings; and the 1967 Israeli 6 day war with Egypt that resulted in Israel taking control of the Sinai peninsula.

What we learned in that course is that deception has been around since the earliest of times, it is a tactic of military warfare, and it is most effective. But, it’s also very difficult to keep secret over a long time because eventually SOMEONE talks.

We were taught that no matter what you read, what you hear on radio or tv, or what you see in the visual media, you NEVER KNOW FOR SURE whether someone is intentionally manipulating the information you are getting ... so the mottos we took to heart were:

1. **In God We Trust, All Others We Monitor**
2. **Trust, But Verify**

Please keep these truisms in mind before unintentionally spreading misinformation.



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Brother Marvin Feldman, 33°

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



Our member spotlight this month focuses on a Brother that we probably all know or at least have met over the years. Illustrious Brother Marvin Aron Feldman—known by all as “Marv” - is a well-known fixture at the Denver Consistory. He was the former Director of the Consistory Choir and Brass Choir. For many years he was the Director of the 22nd Degree and has been a member of El Jebel’s Shrine Band for many years. Marv served for many years on the Executive Committee of the Consistory and continues to serve on the Masonic Benevolent Fund Board.

Quite possibly Marv’s most memorable and greatest Masonic achievement was to help establish the Masonic Band Camp. Marv, along with Illustrious Brother John Russell (last month’s spotlighted member), Most Worshipful Brother Joseph Hadad and Worshipful Brothers Harry Lindstrom and Jerry Fenimore created the Masonic Band Camp 20 years ago. The 2020 session would have been the 20th consecutive year had it not been cancelled due to the COVID pandemic. One of Marv’s goals in establishing the Masonic Band Camp was to let Masons and Masonry be known to the kids, their parents, and the schools. To let the light of Masonry shine and to make people aware of the many good things Masons do and the lessons that are shared and learned by us all.

Brother Marv speaks so proudly of the nearly 2,000 kids that have attended the Band Camp at the University of Northern Colorado each June and July. The Camp is a week-long experience for the young people, culminating with them marching in the annual Greeley Stampede Rodeo Parade on the 4th of July. Many of the band students have gone on to become Masons, music teachers, and band directors, and they stay in touch regularly with Marv.

As we all receive a letter from Marv in the early part of the year, asking our Blue Lodges, Scottish Rite, York Rite bodies, and all other Masonic affiliated bodies to support the Band Camp, please remember the favorable impact the Camp has had on so many young people throughout Colorado and be generous in your support.

Marv is a Denver native, born here, growing up on the North side of Denver. He attended Edison Elementary School, Lake Junior High, and then graduated from North High School. Marv’s parents were also Denver natives. His dad graduated from Manual High School and his mother from North. His dad had a small grocery store at the corner of 17th and Larimer, and later a jewelry store. Marv’s dad passed when Marv was just 16 years old. He was an only child.

Soon after graduating from North in 1953, Marv went to work at the Denver Post as an apprentice mailer. His apprenticeship was supposed to be for six years, but ended up being only four. Both of Marv’s bosses at the Post were Masons—one was a clown in the El Jebel Clown Patrol—and they influenced Marv in such a positive way that he asked to petition Columbine

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Lodge #147 when he turned 21 years old. He is also a member of Blackhawk #11 and the Lodge of the Holy Land #50. He has been a Mason for 63 years!

When he was still quite young, Marv asked his dad for a set of drums. Dad, being Dad, he bought Marv a trumpet instead. Marv immediately took to the trumpet and played all through high school. He also learned to play the piano during this time. A Mr. Bondacini had a music store and small band and played at lots of Italian weddings around North Denver. Marv joined this band and got to play at many weddings while he was still in high school.

Marv then attended Pueblo Community College for a year before receiving a music scholarship to the University of Denver. He received his BA degree in Music Education in 1963 and later an MA in Music Performance in 1967. Upon graduation in 1963, he went to work for the Littleton Public Schools teaching orchestra, band, and choir. He taught in the Littleton schools until his retirement in 1992.

He met his wonderful wife, Marlene, on a blind date while he was at DU. She was working at the Denver U.S. Bank. They were married in 1961 and just recently celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary. Marv and Marlene have three children—Bill, an engineer at Lockheed Martin (the family rocket scientist!), Shawn, a teacher in the Denver Public Schools, and Juli (Richardson), a journalist and attorney. Marv and Marlene have nine grandchildren, two girls and seven boys. Four of the grandsons have become members of Columbine Lodge #147. Marv and Marlene are members of Metro Chapter #157, Order of the Eastern Star.

Marv brought his son Bill, and his son-in-law Scott Richardson, into Masonry as members of Columbine #147. When Bill was Senior Warden and about to move to the East, the Junior Warden died unexpectedly and all of the officers moved up two stations, rather than one. This created a vacancy and Bill asked his dad Marv to sit as Senior Steward during Bill's year in the East. Thus, Marv began moving through the chairs. He eventually served as Worshipful Master of Columbine #147 on two separate occasions.

In 1975, Brother Nathan Schwartz asked Marv if he would like to become a member of the Scottish Rite and the Shrine. He joined Rocky Mountain Consistory and also El Jebel Shrine that year. He also joined the Shrine Band and later became the Director of the Shrine Band and served in that position for many years. Marv is also a member of Denver Commandery #1, Knights Templar. Most Worshipful Brother Bob Bartholic, Past Grand Master, appointed Marv Grand Musician in his year—a position Marv held for sixteen years.

When I asked Illustrious Brother Marv to name the men that had been most influential in his Masonic journey, it was like a roll call of some of the most important men in Colorado Masonic history:

- Don Smith—PGM and SGIG
- Dwight Hamilton—PGM and SGIG
- Steve Munsinger—PGM and SGIG
- James C. Callahan—PGM
- Harry Lindstrom
- Michael Hessel
- Nate Schwartz
- Jerry Fenimore

Marv's advice to all Masons—"Get involved! Put in some effort. It's like putting \$5 in your savings account every payday—pretty soon you'll have something to be proud of." He suggests that the Brothers should be involved in everything—the degree work, meeting other Brothers, working on the temple or the building.

Spending time with Illustrious Brother Marv was another highlight for me. He's a wonderful man and a great Brother. Truly an outstanding member of our fraternity. I urge each of you to make a special effort to meet and get to know Marv. You'll be a better man for it.

OBFUSCATIONS OF CELEBRATED ORACULAR UTTERANCES

1. Scintillate, scintillate, asteroid minific.
2. Members of an avian species of identical plumage congregate.
3. Surveillance should precede saltation.
4. Pulchritude possesses solely cutaneous profundity.
5. It is fruitless to become lachrymose over precipitately departed lacteal fluid.
6. Freedom from incrustations of grime is contiguous to rectitude.
7. The stylus is more potent than the Claymore.
8. It is fruitless to attempt to indoctrinate a superannuated canine with innovative maneuvers.
9. Eschew the implement of correction, and vitiate the scion.
10. The temperature of the aqueous content of an unremittingly ogled saucepan does not reach 212 degrees Fahrenheit.
11. All articles that coruscate with resplendence are not truly auriferous.
12. Where there are visible vapors having their provenience in ignited carbonaceous materials, there is conflagration.
13. Sorting on the part of mendicants must be interdicted.
14. A plethora of individuals with expertise in culinary techniques vitiate the potable concoction produced by steeping certain comestibles.
15. Eleemosynary deeds have their incipience intramurally.
16. Male cadavers are incapable of yielding any testimony.
17. Individuals who make their abode in vitreous edifices would be advised to refrain from catapulting petrous projectiles.
18. Neophyte's serendipity.
19. Exclusive dedication to necessitous chores without interludes of hedonistic diversion renders John a hebetudinous fellow.
20. A revolving lithic conglomerate accumulates no congeries of a small, green bryophitic plant.
21. The person presenting the ultimate cachinnation possesses thereby the optimal cachinnation.
22. Abstention from an eleatory undertaking precludes a potential escalation of a lucrative nature.

Memorial Scroll

Eddie Jackson Brown, 32°

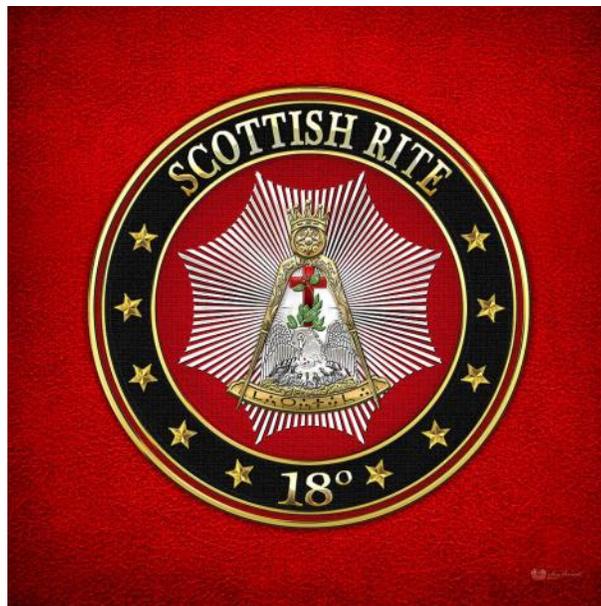
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07/02/2020



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The Prelate's Pulpit

Rev. James H. Harris, 33°

Prelate for All Scottish Rite Bodies



We have been through so much in the recent months, bringing out the best and the worst in our country. We have seen Americans come together to battle the deadly coronavirus pandemic and exercise their right to peacefully protest. We have also seen our nation torn apart by social and racial injustice and the often violent response to it. Millions of people have come together to wear face masks in an attempt to contain the virus. Schools and businesses are closed, vast numbers of Americans have lost their jobs and life savings. It is sad to watch a spike in murders and crime. We are a tragically divided country. Plus, we have an election in November. I have been wondering when this will all end.

I have missed getting together for meals, reunions, and lodge meetings. I enjoyed being in the building for our Friday lunch on the first Friday in July. I truly felt blessed to be in the building which I love so dearly. I treasure our times together and our Brotherhood. Our Scottish Rite creed has a new meaning for me.

“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.” We take good men and make them better.

Ronald Reagan said, “good citizenship and defending democracy living up to the ideals are values that make this country great.” In these difficult times, let us remember who we are. We are Masons who believe in a Supreme Being, we believe in equality and we have our ideals and values.

Psalm 27:4 says: “One thing have I asked of the Lord, that I will seek after; to live in the House of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple.”

In these times, let us seek to care for one another, to make a call, to send a card, send an email, and to show our concern for each other. We may not be together physically, but we are always together in spirit. This is what it means to love one another. This is what it means to be a Mason.

Peace, my Brothers.

Blessings— Rev. Ill. Brother James Harris



SPECIAL BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

101 Years Young
Morris James Clark

90 Years Young
Gabriel Robert Dinkel
Richard E. Williams

80 Years Young
Theodore Raymond Goode

70 Years Young
Jack Phillip McClure

50 Years Old
Keith David Chandler
Munly Jay Munly

Our AUGUST "Youngster"
Connor Davis Riddle (24)



August 4, 1790 (230 years old)

From: God's Little Instruction Book

Character is not made in crisis, it is only exhibited.

Wisdom is the quality that keeps you from getting into situations where you need it.

Rank does not confer privilege or give power. It imposes responsibility.

If you want to be a leader with a large following, just obey the speed limit on a winding, two-lane road.

Life affords no greater responsibility, no greater privilege, than the raising of the next generation.

The price of greatness is responsibility.

If the grass looks greener on the other side of the fence, you can bet the water bill is higher.

The grass may look greener on the other side, but it still has to be mowed.

Tact is the art of making a point without making an enemy.

Anyone can hold the helm when the sea is calm.

Others can stop you temporarily—you are the only one who can do it permanently.

Faith is not belief without proof, but trust without reservation.

If at first you don't succeed, try reading the instructions.

ANSWERS TO OBFUSCATIONS OF CELEBRATED ORACULAR UTTERANCES (From PAGE 17)

1. Twinkle, twinkle, little star.
2. Birds of a feather flock together.
3. Look before you leap.
4. Beauty is only skin deep.
5. Why cry over spilt milk?
6. Cleanliness is next to Godliness.
7. The pen is mightier than the sword.
8. You can't teach an old dog new tricks.
9. Spare the rod and spoil the child.
10. A watched pot never boils.
11. All that glitters is not gold.
12. Where there's smoke, there's fire.
13. Beggars can't be choosers.
14. Too many cooks spoil the broth.
15. Charity begins at home.
16. Dead men tell no tales.
17. People who live in glass houses shouldn't throw stones.
18. Beginner's luck.
19. All work and no play makes John (Jack) a dull boy.
20. A rolling stone gathers no moss.
21. He who laughs last, laughs best.
22. Nothing ventured, nothing gained.

BOOK DRIVE for children's books

(this is a Scottish Rite Masonic Center effort and a Denver Consistory Community Outreach Project)

Hello Brethren!

Do you have any children's books that you no longer need?

If so, would you donate them to a good cause?

Our friends at the Rocky Mountain Welcome Center (rockymountainwelcome.org), work with newly arrived refugee families. They help with all aspects of acclimating these families to life in the U.S. They provide housing assistance, job interviewing skills, food bank & clothing bank information, and especially ESL (English as a Second Language) programs. They also coordinate reading programs and volunteers so children can best prepare for success in school.

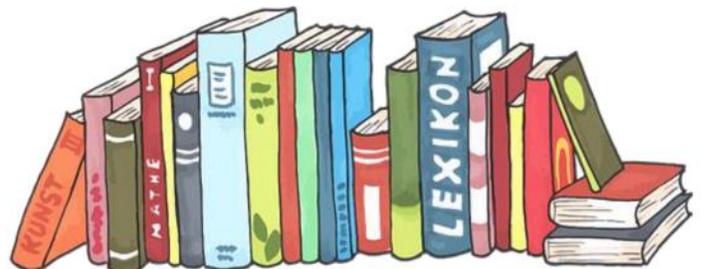
We would like to support this non-profit by holding this book drive. If you have CHILDREN'S books to donate, please box them up and drop off at the Consistory:

- Book drop-off date: August 15, between 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.
- Just pull up in front of the Consistory where members will remove the boxes from your vehicle then you may drive away. Members will be wearing masks.
- Questions? Please call Rick Spoor at 720-333-2120.

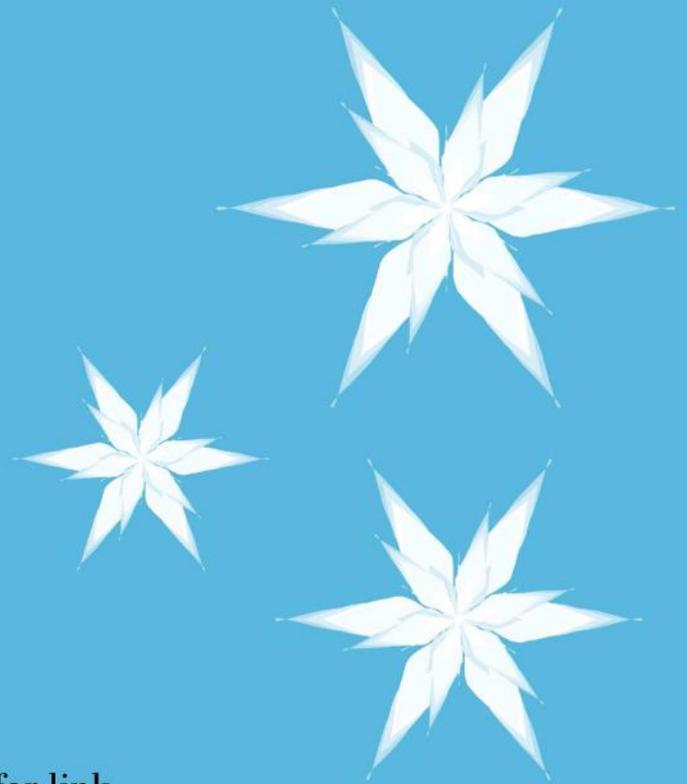
Brethren: Refugee families flee war, political persecution and even genocide. They flee holding only the hands of family members and a few belongings. They often have a history of supporting U.S. efforts in the countries they are leaving. Recently there have been waves of refugees from Syria and Afghanistan. With your contribution, we will play a small roll in their success in this "Home of the Free." Thank you for your donation.

Ron Birely, 33°
Personal Representative

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A Timeline of High-Degree Masonry



August 17, 2020

1900 Mountain Time

Zoom - Email matt@denverconsistory.org for link

An Evening with S. Brent Morris, 33° , GC

S. Brent Morris, 33° , GC is the Director of Strategic Communications for the Supreme Council, 33° of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry Southern Jurisdiction, USA. He will join us from Washington DC to speak on A Timeline of High-Degree Masonry. From the first “high degree” in 1725 to 1801, scores of extra Craft degrees were invented. When did various features appear and how did the degrees influence each other. This discussion will take place via the Zoom format. For access to the meeting, please RSVP to matt@denverconsistory.org

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