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Allows you to reserve dinners/events and to pay online (for example: Dues, Stated Meeting Dinners, Annual Summer Dinner, Oktoberfest, etc.)

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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

September

Fri, Sept 4	NO LUNCH
Mon, Sept 7	CONSISTORY CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY HOLIDAY
Fri, Sept 11	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (Fried Chicken)
Fri, Sept 18	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (Hamburgers)
Mon, Sept 21	Stated Meeting— VIRTUAL MEETING 7:00 p.m. Scottish Rite Foundation Program
Tue, Sept 22	7:00 p.m. Virtual Master Craftsman Session
Wed, Sept 23	7:00 p.m. Degree Council Meeting- CANCELLED
Fri, Sept 25	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (Spaghetti)
Tue, Sept 29	6:30-8:30 p.m. Friends of the Scottish Rite- CANCELLED

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 (Oriental Buffet)
Fri, Oct 16	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (Fried Chicken)
Mon, Oct 19	Stated Meeting— VIRTUAL MEETING (Feast of Tishri) - W.B. Van Troi Perozo, 32° Orations by Centennial Lodge of Perfection and Rocky Mountain Chapter of Rose Croix Orators
Tue, Oct 20	7:00 p.m. Virtual Master Craftsman Session
Fri, Oct 23	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (Build Your Own Sandwich)
Fri, Oct 30	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (Lasagna)

November

Mon, Nov 2	7:00 p.m. KSA Meeting in the Lodge Room
Fri, Nov 6	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (Fried Chicken)
Sat, Nov 7	9:00 - 11:00 a.m. KSA Fall Cleanup
Fri, Nov 13	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch
Mon, Nov 16	7:00 p.m. Stated Meeting— VIRTUAL MEETING
Tue, Nov 17	7:00 p.m. Virtual Master Craftsman Session
Thu/Fri, Nov 26 & 27	CONSISTORY CLOSED for Thanksgiving Holiday
Sat, Nov 28	9:00 - 11:00 a.m. Consistory Decorating Party (TENTATIVE) If held, ALL members, officers, and wives are invited.



Ron Birely ≠
Personal Representative
The Valley of Denver



Lux Inens Nos Agit

Brothers of The Denver Consistory:

“Harmony being the strength and support of all institutions, more especially this of ours”

Harmony is a word most commonly found in music. It does not mean that many different instruments play the same note at the same time. It means that many different notes are played at the same time, and the sounds all come together to provide a pleasant and powerful message to the ear of the listener. That is the message we receive when those faithful words above, are spoken in a lodge opening and closing. They are meant to remind us that we are not all identical. We all come from different backgrounds, and different experiences. We have different geo-political views that frame our thoughts.

What makes Masonry unique, in this world, is that these differences are welcomed and are not used to divide us, but to unite us. Masons do not just tolerate a difference of opinion, but they respect and value these differences. We are reminded that these differences are the strength and support of our fraternity, and of each other, as we embrace these differences. As we work together as brothers, with the common goal of making this a better world for all, harmony of purpose is essential to success. We are much stronger and can accomplish more together than ever possible as individuals.

It is also important to remember that it is our responsibility to take care of each other. In the great light of Masonry, we read in Ecclesiastes 4:10-12, “If one of them falls down, the other can help him up. But if someone is alone and falls, it is just too bad, because there is no one to help him. If it is cold, two can sleep together and stay warm, but how can you keep warm by yourself? Two men can resist an attack that would defeat one man alone. A rope made of three cord is hard to break”.

Wherever you are dispersed throughout the world, whatever your current situation in life, you should know that if you need anything, your Brothers of The Denver Consistory, stand ready to strengthen and support you.

Yours in Faith,

Ron Birely

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EDITOR'S WRESTLEBOARD



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December 7, 1941— six years before I was born. Yet, growing up in land-locked Oklahoma, as children we were always reminded “Remember Pearl Harbor” every year on December 7. Here I am, 7 decades later, and I still Remember Pearl Harbor. But, as we are seeing of late, the current generation—who was born well after that event—doesn’t seem to hold much regard for the date or the reason it’s being remembered.

Now, fast forward to 2001, and 9-11: we all said “We will never forget” - and yet, again, because many of today’s young adults were not even born until after that one, and they are now entering college as young adults without any notion of WHY it’s significant to remember events of this nature in history. It’s so we don’t forget what happened and hopefully never make whatever that mistake was again.

In BOTH cases, it was that we were caught by SURPRISE—completely unaware that something drastic was going to happen to change our lives and the course of history. Those who fail to learn from history are doomed to repeat it. Remember that when your children, grandchildren and others ask you WHY you remember.

Bill



From the Secretary's Desk

[Matt Raia, 33°](#)



September, 2020

Saturday, August 15th Book Drive for Children's Books was held at the Denver Consistory. This Community Outreach Program was in support of the Rocky Mountain Welcome Center. Several boxes of books were collected. Thank you to **Brother Rick Spoor, 32° KCCH**, for coordinating the event.



Monday, August 17th Virtual Meeting - Illustrious Brother S. Brent Morris, 33° GC, was the guest speaker for our August meeting. The topic of his presentation was **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.

Denver Consistory Virtual Master Craftsman Session was held August 18, 2020, via the ZOOM platform to promote involvement in the Supreme Council's Master Craftsman Program. The Virtual Master Craftsman Sessions will be held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. If you would like to participate in the sessions, send an email to the organizer, **Brother Bill Achbach, 32°**, at wbapm32@gmail.com or you can register in advance:

<https://scottishrite.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYpc-qsrDsvHNlgS7BTgiv2QbK1rmZwKdtP>

Calling Committee - A new structure for the Calling Committee has been developed. We have a cadre of volunteers who will be making calls to our members throughout the quarter. The volunteers will no longer be required to come to the office on a specific day to make the

calls. Instead, they will make the calls at their leisure. Every quarter, each volunteer will receive a new list of members to call. The goal is for every member to receive at least one phone call during the year. The purpose of the call is to let the member know that we have not forgotten about them; that they are important to us; to find out how they are doing, and to offer assistance if needed.

The Midyear Officer's Planning Session - was held virtually on Wednesday August 19th. The officers discussed the successes we have had so far this year and the challenges we have overcome. They also set a course for the remainder of 2020 and the beginning of 2021. A huge thank you to all of the officers for their involvement and commitment to the future success of Denver Consistory.

September 21st Stated Meeting - The September Stated Meeting will be a virtual meeting on ZOOM. **REGISTRATION to participate is required.**

[https://scottishrite.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMtc-qvrTlrGtL64jAulor5qEsX9c0mJAwp](https://scottishrite.zoom.us/join/91234567890)

COMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

Friday September 4th—NO CONSISTORY LUNCH

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

Monday September 21st—Stated Meeting—ZOOM virtual meeting (Scottish Rite Foundation)

DUE TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS, THE FOLLOWING EVENTS HAVE BEEN CANCELLED:

- **September 29th Prospect Night**
- **October 17th In-Person Stated Meeting. October's stated meeting will be VIRTUAL.**
- **November 16th In-Person Stated Meeting. November's stated meeting will be VIRTUAL.**
- **Fall Reunion**

Brother Phil Hause, 32^o KCCH, Director General and **Illustrious Brother Bobby Juchem, 33^o**, Assistant Director General, developed a program of education and mentorship of the candidates waiting for the reunion to return. The program is designed to give the candidates a well-rounded understanding of the degrees and prepare them for the reunion.

DONATE YOUR CAR (Boat, Motorcycle, RV, etc) - We have a donation plan in place to give you a receipt for a tax-deductible donation to the Scottish Rite Masonic Center. Donate your car, truck, RV, or boat. Go to <https://www.carsforcharity.net> to donate for the benefit of the Scottish Rite Masonic Center.

2021 Dues Notices have been mailed by the Supreme Council. Please pay your 2021 dues promptly and not set aside the dues notice and forget about it and become delinquent. \$110 is a real bargain for membership in Denver Consistory. Just \$0.30 per day. WOW! That's less than a cup of coffee. Please do your part to help sustain the operation of Denver Consistory by promptly paying your dues.

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.

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.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

September 2019: 1810

September 2020: 1684 (Net loss of 126)

SUCCESSFUL BOOK DRIVE!

Congratulations Brethren on a great book-drive. We collected over 750 books to be used for reading programs for refugee elementary students. On a Saturday morning, we set up a table and blocked off spaces in front of the Masonic Center. We had volunteers to unload books and Matt Raia brought out a couple of chairs. It worked like a charm!

Also attending was Diane Higuera, the Executive Director of the Rocky Mountain Welcome Center (RockyMountainWelcome.org). Diane grew up in Venezuela. We learned that her grandfather was a Master Mason! Matt was kind enough to show her inside the building. Also, in attendance was Jennifer Gueddiche, the Chief Operating Officer for RMWC. She has visited a couple of times and has become an “old friend” of the SRMC.

Bryant Harris, Executive Secretary of the Scottish Rite Foundation, was able to swing by and educate Diane and Jennifer on the various children’s programs of the SRF. Also “swinging by” to drop off books and visit were Steve Munsinger, Ron Birely, Phil Hause, and many other great guys.

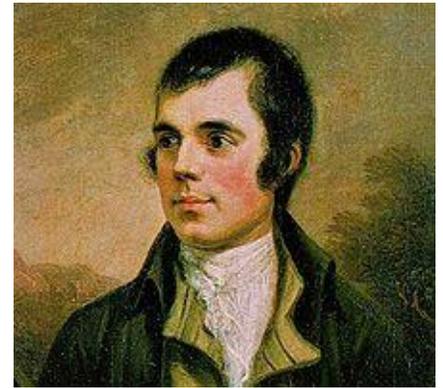
If you inadvertently missed the event and have books to donate, call Rick Spoor at 720-333-2120.

In all, it was a great day with great friends, wonderful weather, and boat-loads of books for a good cause!



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





SERVICE TO OTHERS

By William F. Skewes, 33°

Orator, Centennial Lodge of Perfection



My Brothers in the East, the West, the South, and the North, thank you so much for the opportunity to present this oration. It is an honor and my pleasure. I am here this evening to speak about charity. Last year, Brother Thomas Repp gave his oration on the subject of financial charity. My oration considers emotional and physical charity to others.

In general, this concept is reasonably common throughout society. One of the underlying premises of the Golden Rule, is found in the Old Testament of the bible: Leviticus, Chapter 19, Verse 18: God spoke to Moses saying “Love thy neighbor as thyself.” In the Bible’s New Testament, we find in Luke, Chapter 12, Verse 48, the statement of Jesus: “For of those to whom much is given, much is required.” Jesus tells us in John, Chapter 15, Verse 13: “Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.” The motto of Rotary International - “Service Above Self,” as well as the concept of community service utilized by other service organizations grew out of the “Golden Rule” and, in the more modern world, out of Freemasonry.

We hear a lot today about “the forgotten man or the forgotten woman.” Actually, those who are often forgotten are the emotionally and/or physically neglected, and they are some of the most vulnerable in our society: wounded veterans, abused children, battered women, the homeless, and the elderly to name but a few. When looking for opportunities to make emotional and physical charitable gifts of oneself, helping vulnerable members of our society is a good place to start. One’s kindness need not be measured by how many hours in a week one volunteers. It can be as simple as assisting someone crossing the street or volunteering at a special event once or twice a year. It is **NOT** the **frequency** with which one extends one’s charitable effort, but the **quality** or **sincerity** which counts.

Depth of character can be seen by what one gives of oneself and not by what is taken. Furthermore, it is the personal investment of one’s own time and labor—I use the phrase euphemistically—helping others, which engenders a feeling of self-worth and satisfaction. Few things are more rewarding than when a person answers one of life’s most persistent and urgent questions: **what are you doing for others?** What differentiates Freemasonry from service organizations such as Rotary, Lions Club, etc., is the teaching and instillation of the underlying charitable principle of the giving of oneself to each other as a brotherhood.

Masonry teaches us to give back not only to our Brothers, but to our communities as well. We are provided **leadership** opportunities and taught to work together to solve problems. And, along the way, we meet fellow Masons who are like-minded in giving to their Brothers as

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well as to their communities and country. We are encouraged to look for opportunities to serve, locally, nationally, and internationally. In today's world the need for emotional and physical charity is ever so great. **Finally, think of this:** The giving of oneself is the ultimate exercise in democracy. Sure, a person can vote in elections every year or two, but when he gives of himself, a vote is cast about the kind of world in which he wants to live.

In Blue Lodge degree work, we are taught to come to the aid of worthy distressed Brother Masons, their widows and orphans. So many values are presented in Blue Lodge that it is easy not to truly focus on any one of them, but the general sense is hopefully instilled in each Blue Lodge Mason. It is when we proceed beyond that Third Degree "**graduation**" and attend the University of Freemasonry—the Scottish Rite—and become 32nd degree Scottish Rite Freemasons that we are exposed in great depth to these values through the 29 additional degrees. While emotional and physical charity appear throughout those degrees, it is in the 18th degree where the significant emphasis is placed on charity. As a member of the choir, I will never forget the song **Charity** and the words: "Charity never faileth. And now abideth, faith, hope, and charity. But the greatest of these is charity." It is when a Brother dedicates himself within the Fraternity by participating in degree work and regular attendance at Reunions that he does his post-graduate work at this University.

So, gentlemen, by now you get my gist. A Mason's brotherly love is the **very essence** of Freemasonry and is demonstrated by the manner in which we treat, communicate with, and act towards one another. Regardless of a Brother's perceived station in life—financial, hierarchical, or titular—as Brother Masons we meet upon the "level" where each of us is accorded equal respect and regard. There is no other way. We proudly act by the "plumb" and part upon the "square." It is where we come to aid, and perhaps even rescue, each worthy distressed Brother.

My wife, Anne, and I have always been deeply moved by the acts of kindness we have been privileged to witness among our friend and in our community. Gestures such as fostering a teenage boy whose family imploded and who was at risk of falling through the cracks if he did not find a sanctuary. Or the aggrieved woman who had just run over a puppy and spent the rest of her afternoon searching for the owners so she could return the beloved pet and offer her profuse apologies. Or, neighbors who rally together for a couple hours to purchase and deliver truck-loads of food for hungry fire fighters battling a fire that just doesn't want to quit. Here at the Scottish Rite in Denver, we recently witnessed a prime example of such charity towards our Brothers through the calling of our members to see to their possible needs during the Wuhan coronavirus pandemic.

Let me conclude. While, as a fifty-four year Master Mason, I intellectually understood charity, I did not TRULY feel it until roughly three and a half years ago when I was diagnosed with a fatal lung disease. It is called Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis, or IPF. As you can imagine, I was devastated ... totally numb. When I finally emerged from the gloom, I realized I still had some years left before this vile disease rendered me disabled. It is because of the very lessons and values taught to me by the University of Freemasonry that I have chosen to make my remaining years special.

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When I look around our Cathedral room and see all your faces—some of you whom I know quite well and others less so, all I see is my Brothers, nearly all of whom have approached me in one way or another, all offering me the most sincere and heart-felt support a suffering man could imagine. I so cherish your kindnesses. This emotional and physical charity, which one normally sees only coming from family and very close friends, has so touched me. **TRULY, CHARITY IS PERVASIVE IN THIS BROTHERHOOD.** But for all of you, as well as my wonderful and giving wife, I might have become a bitter and withdrawn man. Your emotional and physical charity, your Brotherhood, has prevented that. And that, in turn, has brought many a tear to my eyes.

So, in conclusion, the best way a man is to find himself is to place himself in the service of others. Albert Einstein stated: **“Only a life lived for others is worth living.”** Winston Churchill, a Freemason, once said: **“We make a living by what we get, but we make a LIFE by what we give.”**

Thank you my Brothers, THANK YOU!

THIS IS THE BEGINNING OF A NEW DAY. God has given me this day to use as I will. I can waste it or use it for good. What I do today is very important, because I am exchanging a day of my life for it. When tomorrow comes, this day will be gone forever, leaving something in its place I have traded for it. I want it to be GAIN, not loss ... Good for evil ... Success, not Failure ... in order that I shall not forget the Price I paid for it. - AUTHOR UNKNOWN (submitted by Rev. Brother Jim Harris, 33^o)

To be successful is to be helpful,
Caring and constructive,
To make everything and everyone
You touch a little better.
The best thing you have to give is yourself.
— Ill. Brother Norman Vincent Peale, 33^o

Say something every day that encourages your children.
Rescue your dreams.
Teach by example.
Commit yourself to a mighty purpose.
Live simply.
Think quickly.
Work diligently.
— The Complete Life’s Little Instruction Book.



Changes Coming to Online Master Craftsman By Bill Achbach, 32°



Following introductory and general information sessions in July and August, there are some changes coming to our monthly ZOOM sessions for the Master Craftsman programs.

In order for us to more fully employ certain features of the ZOOM platform, **you will be receiving a new communication, from Ill. Bro. Matt Raia**, which will explain the changes we're making, how access to the sessions will work going forward, and also gather a little information about participants (which will help us to build a program to meet member needs).

One of the things we knew, as the sessions got underway in July, was that the project would "evolve," as we needed to tailor things to participant needs. The time has come for that first "adjustment," and we are excited about the added potential for the project. There will probably be a little inconvenience, initially, as the changes take effect, but this should be easily overcome. I just ask for your patience, in the transition, and for a view to the long-term success of the project.

One concern that we do have is that we may miss a few Brethren, with that new information, who are not members of Denver Consistory. We will do our best to cover those bases, but, especially if you are in touch with Brethren from Southern Colorado or Grand Junction who have been in the sessions with us, you might give them a heads-up, to be sure they get in touch with us if we miss them. Thanks in advance for that!

During the second ZOOM session on August 18th we discussed the need to make the upcoming changes: the most pressing of those being, using ZOOM's "Break-out Rooms" option to allow dedicated work in each of the three courses. Just since that session, Matt has also made some headway on storage of, and access to, recorded sessions. We may not have a permanent solution to that quite yet, but we will at least be able to offer the option very soon.

We also spent some time on the 18th discussing how Master Craftsman may fit into the overall picture of Masonic education, and I offered some suggestions on successful study.

Participation in the "Weekly Reminder" email continues to grow. I have enjoyed the chance to "bug & nag" on a regular basis, and hope that the service has helped us make progress. Please let me know, if you would like to be added to distribution of that communications which goes out every Tuesday.

As usual, I invite questions or requests for any help I might provide regarding Master Craftsman: Enrollment, course syllabi, materials, switching MCII to online participation, mentoring options (for Brethren who need help OR who have completed courses and might provide help), etc. I'm available at wabpm32@gmail.com or 303-775-5727 (voice, msg, text).

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Illustrious Brother Karl J. Hinkle, 33° Deputy of the Supreme Council in Colorado

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



This month's Member Spotlight will feature a Brother that we all know and that hopefully we will be able to know better as the pandemic improves and we are able to once again meet in person. Illustrious Brother Karl Hinkle, 33° is our Deputy of the Supreme Council in Colorado. He was appointed as Deputy upon the retirement of Illustrious Brother Steven Munsinger, 33° as S.G.I.G. in Colorado. Many Brothers will remember that Karl served as the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Colorado in 2012.

Karl was born in Waco, Texas. His father was in the radio and television industry and the family found themselves moving frequently. Ultimately Karl's father became a business professor at the University of Colorado in Colorado Springs (UCCS) in 1965 and the family settled in Colorado Springs. At the time, Karl was in the second grade. Later he graduated from Coronado High School in Colorado Springs and then enrolled at Regis University, studying business administration, graduating in 1986 and becoming a certified public accountant (CPA). He had worked for a savings and loan company in Denver through college and after graduation, moved to Omaha where he lived and worked as an accountant for more than five years.

Karl's beautiful wife of 23 years is Gytha (pronounced Gee-tah). Her parents, Reimar and Dagmar, immigrated from Germany in the early 1960's and settled in Pueblo, Colorado where they established and operated a successful electrical and refrigeration service company for more than 45 years. Gytha's maiden name was von Kalben and her family is descended from royalty. Her ancestor was King Harold of England and her namesake Gytha was a daughter of King Harold. Gytha is a member of Snowflake Chapter No. 153, OES in Woodland Park. She also is a CPA, with a degree from UCCS. Gytha's father, Reimar von Kalben was a Past Master of Silver State Lodge #95 in Pueblo. He mentioned to Karl on many occasions that Karl was worthy of marrying his daughter Gytha because he (Karl) was a Mason. This is a point of pride for Karl, as it should be.

Karl and Gytha both worked as CPA's for a number of years. After the births of their daughters, Gytha decided to become a real estate professional in order to have more flexibility in her schedule and the opportunity to spend time with the children. They had been investing in real estate for a number of years and it was a comfortable transition. In 2011, Karl obtained his realtor license and they became a team, working with Keller-Williams and residential properties in the Colorado Springs area.

Karl and Gytha have three children. Their son Austin, from Karl's first marriage, is a high school music teacher at Rampart High School in Colorado Springs. He was in DeMolay, serving as State Master Councilor and is now the Junior Deacon of Enlightenment Lodge #198 in Colorado Springs. Their oldest daughter Jenna is a junior at UCCS and served as the Grand Worthy Advisor of Rainbow Girls last year. Youngest

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daughter Annika has just graduated high school and will be attending UCCS. She has served two terms as Worthy Advisor of Pikes Peak Assembly of Rainbow Girls and served on a leadership advisory committee for Supreme Assembly, the international body for the organization.

Karl's dad was a Mason in Waco, but before the family moved to Colorado, he demitted from the Waco lodge. Also, his mother's father and grandfather were Masons, but Karl didn't know that until his return to Denver in the '90's. Karl's great-grandfather was a member of the York Rite and a Sir Knight Templar. It was while he was in Omaha that Karl really became interested in Masonry.

Karl played softball with a couple of teams during his time in Omaha – a municipal league and a less competitive church league. He became very good friends with his teammates, especially the church teammates. One of these men had a daughter that wanted to join the Job's Daughters Bethel. His friend petitioned the local Blue Lodge and became a Master Mason in order to be able to attend the Job's Daughters functions with his daughter. This friend later became Treasurer of his Lodge and invited Karl to come to the installation of officers. Karl was not yet a Mason and this was in 1992. This was Karl's first experience with Masons and the Masonic Lodge. Please remember that even though Karl's dad, grandfather and great-grandfather were all Masons, in order "to be one, ask one". As it turned out, many of the men on the church team were Masons and Karl knew then that if these friends were the type of men that were Masons, he wanted to join them.

The public installation that Karl attended had a profound effect on him. In his words, "the solemnity and reverence of the ceremony ... the fraternity of men supporting each other ... a unit of the local Shrine, men in their red jackets seated together showing support for the Lodge and the men ... How do I become a Mason?" The installation of Officers is still his favorite ceremony in Masonry. Once he completed his duties as Grand Master Karl turned his attention to learning the installation ritual. If you have ever been fortunate enough to see Brother Karl install Lodge officers, you know what I mean. When he looks the Brother in the eye to deliver the charge, the strength and beauty of the ceremony passes to that Brother. Each time he performs the ceremony, he thinks back to that day in 1992 and relives the ceremony in his mind's eye. He wants to share the beauty of the ceremony with Masons and non-Masons alike, in hopes that wives and families will better know and understand the importance of Masonry to our Brothers.

Brother Karl was initiated, passed and raised a Master Mason in 1992 in Shiloh Lodge #327 in Omaha, Nebraska. Upon his return to Colorado in 1993, he demitted to El Paso Lodge #13, where he served as Worshipful Master in 1999. He is a Plural Member of Enlightenment #198, Blackhawk #11, and an Honorary Member of East Denver #160.

He was one of the founders of Enlightenment Lodge #198 and served as Worshipful Master from 2007-2009 while the Lodge was under dispensation in 2007 and then after the Lodge was chartered in 2008. During this time, he continued to work in accounting, but had left public practice to pursue corporate accounting. Karl became a Master of the Royal Secret upon joining the Southern Consistory in the spring reunion of 1994. He served as the Venerable Master of the Lodge of Perfection in 2003 and has been a member of the degree teams for the 4th, 18th, 30th and 32nd degrees. He served as the Finance Committee Chair and as the Personal Representative for the

Valley under SGIG Steve Munsinger. His primary membership is in the Colorado Springs/Pueblo Valley. Karl is also an Honorary Member of Omaha #19 Chapter of the National Sojourners. (Ed. Note – he should transfer his membership to Denver-Fitzsimons #37 - J)

While serving as the Scholarship Committee Chair of the Grand Lodge in 2003, Brother Karl received a call from then Deputy Grand Master Ed Zorn. RWB Ed asked Brother Karl to serve as the Grand Marshall in 2004 and Karl readily agreed. He served in the appointed and elected lines of the Grand Lodge and in 2012 served as the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Colorado. One of the most interesting things Karl shared with me during our visit was the experience of a young man approaching him at a 50-year celebration and saying to Karl, “When I investigated Masonry, you are that man that I want to be.” Karl went on to say that memories like that really help “when your love bank is low.”

An interesting side note – when Karl returned to Colorado Springs in 1993 and was looking for the local Masonic Lodge, he looked up the address and drove to the Lodge. The building looked vaguely familiar and he then remembered that he had attended his high school prom at that Lodge building. His high school debate coach had served as the DeMolay chapter dad, but Karl didn’t realize it at the time. Karl ended up joining that Lodge – El Paso #13.

Brother Karl is also very much involved with the York Rite in Colorado. He became a Royal Arch Mason in 2002. He served as Excellent High Priest of Colorado Springs Chapter #6 in 2004-2005, as Thrice Illustrious Master of Zabud Council in 2006-2007 and Eminent Commander of Pikes Peak Commandery #6 in 2005-2006. He was the Grand High Priest in Colorado in 2019.

In his leisure time, Karl describes himself as a typical Colorado boy, having grown up backpacking and fishing for the wily trout. He loves to hike with his favorite hiking partner Gytha. They love to ski, especially at Breckenridge and Arapahoe Basin. He especially likes the Double Black Diamond runs – to “show the kids that the old man still has it!”. We also are hopeful that Karl and Gytha and their family will be able to come up to Idaho Springs and enjoy a trip to the Santiago Mill at 12,200’ with me and my wonderful wife Amy. We’re excited about that.

When I asked Ill. Brother Karl to name those men that had been most influential in his Masonic journey, he gave me an impressive list:

- WB Charles Amidon, past Grand Master of Masons in Nebraska, and Senior Deacon of Shiloh Lodge #327 in

Omaha when Karl was initiated, passed and raised. A past Grand Master, acting as the conductor for this new

Mason. “He shined a light, a confidence, a love...”. Words we should all live by.

- Ill. Brother Dwight Hamilton, 33°. “He told me how wonderful the 18th degree was – I always wanted to work harder and to not disappoint him.”
- Ill. Brother Steve Munsinger, 33°. They first met when Steve was Grand Master, then served as Personal Representative and Orient Representative Steve became S.G.I.G. “Steve always deflects the spotlight to others; he allows the Brothers to govern themselves and their Masonic bodies.”

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- Ill. Brother Jerry Ford, 33°. “He always made sure that everything was right. When Enlightenment Lodge was being formed, he was especially helpful. Even though he may not have supported the idea, he always supported me and my Brothers.”
- Brother Barry Nightingale, Grand High Priest of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Colorado. “One of the best leaders I’ve ever known ... gets things done ... gets the right Brothers in the right jobs at the right times ... great strategic thinker.”
- WB Richard Cranford, Secretary of El Paso #13 in the 1990’s. “The institutional memory of the Lodge. So helpful when I served as WM.”
- Ill. Brother Jim Stivers. “He was the WM of El Paso #13 in 1964. He was calm, humble, unassuming. He was the Personal Representative in Southern Colorado. He was an old-timer with a young mind. A Charter Member of Enlightenment # 198.”

I asked Ill. Brother Karl for some “words of wisdom” for our younger and our more senior Brothers. He replied, “Always remember that your Masonic experience is reflective of you and what you make it. Don’t rely on someone else to create the experience you want. If you’re looking for change, make it happen!”. This is especially meaningful as we see Brothers walk away or distance themselves from the fraternity. Take these words to heart and live them every day.

The several hours that Karl and I shared last week as I pulled together the background for this month’s spotlight was wonderful. Our conversation wandered, as any good conversation will. I came away extremely impressed with the humility, the positive attitude, the commitment and dedication of this man that I am so proud to call “Brother”. I urge each of you to spend time with Ill. Brother Karl. He is so representative of what makes our fraternity so great.

MURPHY’S LAW

If anything can go wrong, it will.

SCHNATTERLY’S SUMMING UP OF THE COROLLARIES:

If anything can’t go wrong, it will.

SILVERMAN’S PARADOX

If Murphy’s Law can go wrong, it will.

THE EXTENDED MURPHY’S LAW

If a series of events can go wrong, it will do so in the worst possible sequence.

GATTUSO’S EXTENSION OF MURPHY’S LAW

Nothing is ever so bad that it can’t get worse.

Memorial Scroll

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The Prelate's Pulpit

Rev. James H. Harris, 33°

Prelate for All Scottish Rite Bodies



“There is no substitute for communication with another person,” writes Harvey Pottoff in his book *“Loneliness and Understanding It.”* We are in a time when we are separated from other persons. I really felt that Monday night at our “stated” meeting. Yes, it was a ZOOM meeting, but we were still connecting with each other in a way we have never done before.

I appreciated seeing our lodge room. The lodge room is really a Mason’s world. As Grand Chaplain for the Grand Lodge, I walked into many lodge rooms. In every lodge room, I felt a presence. A Lodge is, by definition, a sacred space (Masonic Lodges are “consecrated,” and not dedicated, in their establishment ceremonies). However, Masonry is NOT a religion, and in Masonry a sacred place involves itself with the nature of man, it is involved with the sacred. When we left the old Englewood Lodge building, I had a de-consecration ceremony. We removed the furniture, turned off the lights, locked the doors, and left.

Seeing the room Monday night meant a lot to me. Paul, in the New Testament, writes that we are members one of another and we are connected by our beliefs. When one member suffers, we all suffer; and when one member rejoices, we all rejoice. In these difficult and uncertain times, let us remember each other with phone calls, cards, and in our prayers. Let us reach out to each other. When a man is brought into the fraternity, he is asked the question at the altar, “What is it you desire?” The answer is, LIGHT, more light. His Brothers surround him. He will never be alone. We are not JUST lawyers, teachers, construction workers, etc. We are Brothers in life and in death. So mote it be.

You can create your own sacred place. For me, it is my office. I have the Ten Commandments, religious pictures, mountain scenes, my religious and Masonic books. My back yard is peaceful with flowers and trees. It is a place to sit, reflect, and pray. One Brother told me his sacred place is his basement. A neighbor told me his garage with a wide-screen TV, a computer, and a comfortable chair is his sacred place. Here, he gets in touch with himself. A retired colleague tells me his sacred places is visiting his wife’s grave.

The Cathedral Room is our sacred place at the Consistory. Here we have a special place to be together as brothers. Remember all the things we have done in this room. I can remember even where many of our departed brothers sat. I do miss worshipping in a sanctuary, but ZOOM Worship is the next best thing.

“The Lord is my light and my salvation,
Of whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
Of whom shall I be afraid?” - Psalm 27

In Genesis we read, “Let there be light, and there was Light.”

My Brothers, let us always walk with each other in the Light.

Peace, my Brothers.

Blessings— Rev. Ill. Brother James Harris



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Charles Murdock Schloss
Charles Rodney Smith

80 Years Young

Melvin Harlan Boll
James David Caffey
Charles Cawood
James Wilson Handy
Mark Howard White

70 Years Young

Ernest James Carmody
Wallace Bryce Dunn, Jr
Robert Gary Weiss

60 Years Young

Timothy Noble Lambert
Alexander James McIntosh

50 Years Old

Timothy Edward McCluskey
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