



# Denver's Rite Works

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**Denver Consistory Marketplace**

<https://centennial-lodge-of-perfection.square.site/>

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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### Membership Statistics

November 2019: 1814

November 2020: 1668

Net: **246 LOSS**

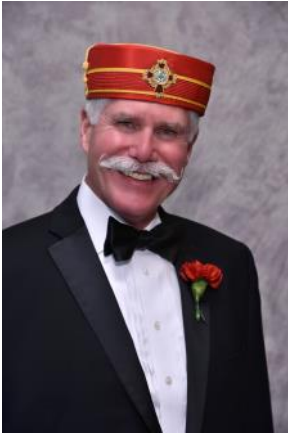
### Front Door Security System

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.



From Gene Hardy, 32° KCCH  
President,  
Scottish Rite Masonic Center

Brethren, this is to thank all of you for your support of the Scottish Rite Masonic Center this year. Your generous donations of more than \$12,500 (including a \$4,000 donation from KSA made at our most recent stated meeting) have provided tremendous financial support for the continuous efforts to maintain our flagship Scottish Rite Consistory building. We are very grateful! As you probably know, revenues for non-profit organizations such as ours have dipped across the country this year. Because of your gifts, however, we will be able to maintain our building's status as one of the grand historical buildings in all of Colorado.

I know you probably expect this and may be bored with my asking, but as you plan your end-of-year charitable giving, please keep the SRMC in mind. Its mission is, among other things, to raise revenue for the ongoing maintenance of our beautiful building. Our building provides one of the foundations on which our Valley is built and is home base for our charitable and other activities.

All of you have received letters from the Consistory during the past year explaining the many ways of charitable giving, and I will not be repetitive. However, I would like to remind you that one thing you might consider is a donation in memory of one or more of our departed Brothers. This year we have received about half a dozen of these gifts and I can think of no better way to remember our Brothers than by providing support for our building in their memory which, to many, is a second home and loved by all. It will not be long before we are singing, or, at least in my case, trying not to butcher, Auld Lang Syne. Please consider remembering the olden days as the year comes to a close and honoring our departed Brothers with a gift to the SRMC.

Thanks very much.

Gene Hardy, 32° KCCH  
President, Scottish Rite Masonic Center

# PLANNING CALENDAR - **Subject to Change**

Due to the rise in COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations, and the reduction in the number of persons who can meet indoors in the Denver City/County area, **the Friday lunches are cancelled until further notice. No meetings will be allowed in the building until further notice.**

## November

Mon, Nov 2	7:00 p.m. Virtual KSA Meeting
Sat, Nov 7	<b>CANCELLED</b> <del>KSA Fall Cleanup</del>
Mon, Nov 16	7:00 p.m. Stated Meeting— <b>VIRTUAL MEETING</b> Entertainment: Veterans Recognition Program
Tue, Nov 17	7:00 p.m. Virtual Master Craftsman Session
Thu/Fri, Nov 26 & 27	<b>CONSISTORY CLOSED for Thanksgiving Holiday</b>
Sat, Nov 28	<b>CANCELLED</b> <del>Consistory Decorating Party ALL members and wives are invited.</del>

## December **All In-House events are TENTATIVE**

Fri, Dec 4	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (Fried Chicken)
Sat, Dec 5	<b>CANCELLED</b> <del>SR Foundation &amp; Consistory Children's Christmas Party</del>
Mon, Dec 7	7:00 p.m. KSA meeting
Fri, Dec 11	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch
Fri, Dec 18	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (Fried Chicken)
Mon, Dec 21	6:00 p.m. Officers Meeting - Red Room 7:00 p.m. Stated Meeting - <b>VIRTUAL MEETING</b> Entertainment and Election of Officers
Tue, Dec 22	7:00 p.m. Virtual Master Craftsman Session
Fri, Dec 25	<b>Consistory CLOSED for Christmas Holiday</b>

## January 2021 **Subject to Change as necessary**

Fri, Jan 1, 2021	<b>Consistory CLOSED for New Year's Holiday</b>
Mon, Jan 4	KSA Meeting
Fri, Jan 8, 15, 29	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch
Sat, Jan 16	8:00 a.m. - noon Officers' Breakfast and Installation Practice
Mon, Jan 18	Stated Meeting - <b>Parking Garage Available</b> 5:30 p.m. Red Room Business Meeting 6:00 p.m. Dinner 7:00 p.m. Awards, Announcements, Split Meeting, Annual meeting Of Corporations and Installation of Officers
Tue, Jan 19	7:00 p.m. Virtual Master Craftsman Session
Fri, Jan 22	<b>Consistory CLOSED for Grand Lodge Communication</b>
Sat, Jan 30	<b>CANCELLED</b> <del>KSA Burns Supper</del>



# EDITOR'S RESTLEBOARD



BY: **BILL HICKEY, 33°**  
EMAIL: [WA3H@HOTMAIL.COM](mailto:WA3H@HOTMAIL.COM)



If you are like most people, you didn't think that we'd actually be held hostage to the whims of a nasty and potentially lethal virus for this long. And, it doesn't look like COVID is going away any time real soon. So, while we've all made adjustments in our personal schedules—virtual meetings galore, venturing from home usually only on essential errands, and taking appropriate precautions when we do go out - at the same time, we have much to be thankful for, even if we'd really rather be saying, "thanks for leaving COVID, don't let the door hit you on the way out. Realistically, this "new reality" is going to last a while longer; how much longer? Anyone's guess is as good as mine, and none of us knows for sure.

By the time you all get this—I hope you voted—the election results are being hashed and rehashed by the various social media outlets, mainstream news providers, and your friends and associates. No matter who wins what election, some people will be elated, some very disappointed. Political winds of fortune are pretty fickle. I've voted in elections for over 50 years now, and the one thing that is common among them all is that both parties (and even the minor parties that don't really end up getting much play) tell you that they are going to "fix" all the problems the current administration has created...and NEITHER party has succeeded in those 50+ years, so the odds are pretty well stacked against whoever wins that they'll actually "fix" much of anything. Sometimes, they end up breaking things. Remember, this country has survived for nearly 250 years IN SPITE OF politicians, not because of them.

So, when you think of what you're thankful for, leave the politics out of it—it'll make your life a lot more peaceful and enjoyable.

November is also a month when we pay tribute to all those who have served in our armed forces—these are the people that protect our freedoms and their sacrifices and are who allow us all to enjoy this unique and unparalleled experiment of freedom and democracy that is the United States of America.

Thank you to all my Brothers in Arms that have served, or who are currently serving our country. Please remember, our forces are dispersed all over the globe and those men and women do not have the opportunity to be with family and friends this holiday season like we do. Let's not forget that service to the country involves personal sacrifice.

*Bill*



# From the Secretary's Desk

[Matt Raia, 33°](#)



November, 2020

**October 19<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting**— This meeting was live-streamed on ZOOM from the Cathedral Room. We had 62 sign on to view the meeting. **W.B. Van Troi Perozo, 32°**, spoke about the Feast of Tishri. We had an oration by **Illustrious Brother Bill Skewes, 33°**, Orator of the Centennial Lodge of Perfection and an oration by **Brother Michael Rudloff, 32°**, Chancellor of Denver Consistory. **Illustrious Brother Don Marshall, 33°** and the AV crew put a lot of work into live-streaming our meetings and have done a fantastic job. But, it is a work in progress. After each meeting, they discover improvements for the next meeting.

**Knights of Saint Andrew Fall Consistory Cleanup** is cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions.

**Fall Reunion** is cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions.

**Virtual Auction**—The Scottish Rite Masonic Center is planning a virtual auction to raise money for the Scottish Rite Masonic Center for maintenance and preservation of our historic building. To determine whether or not it will be feasible to hold a virtual auction, please complete the interest form found attached to this edition of the RiteWorks (at the end, and it should be fillable) and return it to [Brother Tom Lincoln, 32° KCCH](#).

**SRMC Building Endowment Fund**—The SRMC Building Endowment Fund was established to provide a source of long-term revenue for the preservation of our historic building. Please consider making a donation to the fund to help build the corpus so that distributions may be made to pay for maintenance of our building and for future improvements. See:

<https://www.denverconsistorybuildingendowmentfund.org/>

**November 16<sup>th</sup> Virtual Stated Meeting.** We will have the annual Veteran's Recognition Program and an educational presentation on the 18°.

**November 28<sup>th</sup> Christmas Decorating Party is cancelled due to COVID-19 Restrictions.**

**December 5<sup>th</sup> Children's Christmas Party is cancelled due to COVID-19 Restrictions.**

**January 30, 2021 Burns Supper is cancelled due to COVID-19 Restrictions.** The Knights hope to be able to plan a Scottish-themed feast in June.

**Spring Reunion 2021**—We are planning our normal Spring Reunion, May 13-15, 2021. It is NOT too early to get petitions in for that reunion. We have eight candidates so far for that Reunion. The candidates will take part in a new educational program called "*Journey to the Scottish Rite*" which will teach them about the Scottish Rite degrees and better prepare them to participate in the reunion. All candidates will be invited to participate in this educational program prior to each reunion.

When accepting a petition from a candidate, PLEASE check it to be sure that it is completed properly and not missing information. **We MUST have a mailing address, home phone number, cell phone number, and email address for each candidate.** (Some may not have a

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dedicated home number or a cell phone, but the other information is essential.) Our main method of communication is by email and without an email address for the candidates, we are unable to send them information about the Denver Consistory and the monthly Rite-Works.

**2021 Dues Notices** have been mailed by the Supreme Council. Please do not set aside the dues notice to pay it later and then forget about it. Dues are the primary source of our income, so it is really important that you do not forget to pay them. We are charged Supreme Council per capita on your membership regardless of whether or not you have paid us your dues.

*If you are experiencing financial difficulty and are unable to pay your dues PLEASE CONTACT ME.* We have programs available to assist you so that you are not suspended for non-payment of dues. But, you **MUST** contact me. We can't help you if you don't ask.

**Shop Amazon Smile** for your holiday shopping and support the Scottish Rite Masonic Center. For every purchase you make using the Amazon Smile shopping app, Amazon will make a donation to the Scottish Rite Masonic Center **at no cost to you!**

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**Do your holiday shopping  
at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com)**



While searching through some old material from my days as a supervisor and manager (i.e., cleaning out the junk), I came across the below piece and thought that during this time of divisiveness and political unrest in our country, it's something for all of us to remember.

### **NOBODY'S FRIEND**

My name is gossip. I have no respect for justice. I maim without killing. I break hearts and ruin lives.

I am cunning and malicious and gather strength with age. The more I am quoted, the more I am believed. I flourish at every level.

My victims are helpless. They cannot protect themselves against me because I have no name and no face.

To track me down is impossible. The harder you try, the more elusive I become. I am nobody's friend. Once I tarnish a reputation, it is never the same.

I topple governments and wreck marriages. I ruin careers and cause sleepless nights, heartache and indigestion. I spawn suspicions and generate grief. I make innocent people cry in their pillows.

Even my name hisses. I am called GOSSIP. Office gossip. Shop gossip. Party gossip. Telephone gossip. I make headlines and headaches.

Before you repeat a story, ask yourself: IS IT TRUE? IS IT FAIR? IS IT NECESSARY:

**IF NOT—SHUT UP!**

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**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.

**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.







# Johnny Cash

**By Larry Tygart, 32° KCCH**  
**Senior Warden, Centennial Lodge**  
**of Perfection**



I walked through a county courthouse square  
On a park bench an old man was sitting there  
I said, your old courthouse is kinda run-down  
He said, naw, it'll do for our little town  
I said, your old flagpole has leaned a little bit  
And that's a ragged old flag you got hanging on it

He said, have a seat, and I sat down  
Is this the first time you've been to our little town?  
I said, I think it is  
He said, I don't like to brag  
But we're kinda proud of that ragged old flag

You see, we got a little hole in that flag there when  
Washington took it across the Delaware  
And it got powder-burned the night Francis Scott Key  
Sat watching it, writing "say can you see"  
And it got a bad rip in New Orleans  
With Packingham and Jackson tuggin' at its seams

And it almost fell at the Alamo  
Beside the Texas flag, but she waved on though  
She got cut with a sword at Chancellorsville  
And she got cut again at Shiloh Hill  
There was Robert E. Lee, Beauregard, and Bragg  
And the south wind blew hard on that ragged old flag

On Flanders field in World War One  
She got a big hole from a Bertha gun  
She turned blood red in World War Two  
She hung limp and low a time or two  
She was in Korea and Vietnam  
She went where she was sent by Uncle Sam.

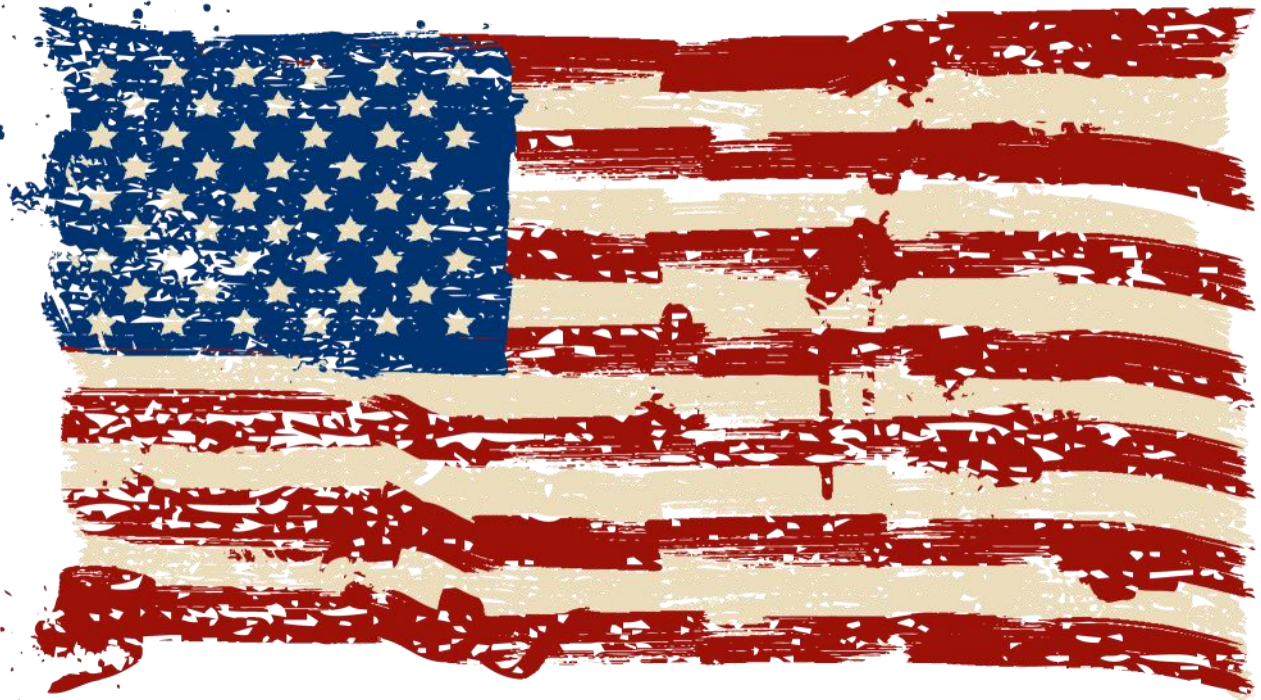
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She waved from our ships upon the briny foam  
And now they've about quit waving her back here at home  
In her own good land here she's been abused  
She's been burned, dishonored, denied, and refused.

And the government for which she stands  
Is scandalized throughout the land  
And she's getting threadbare and wearing thin  
But she's in good shape for the shape she's in  
'Cause she's been through the fire before  
And I believe she can take a whole lot more.

So we raise her up every morning  
We take her down every night  
We don't let her touch the ground and we fold her up right  
On second thought, I do like to brag  
'Cause I'm might proud of that ragged old flag.

By Johnny Cash—who served as a Morse code intercept operator in the U.S. Air Force.





## Breaking News with Master Craftsman ONLINE

By: Bill Achbach, 32°



The Supreme Council (SMJ) has taken another step in the effort to expedite participation in the Master Craftsman Program. Several months after announcing that Master Craftsman II: Scottish Rite Ritual & History was rolled out in an online format, the newest course in the program, Master Craftsman I: Symbolic Lodge, is also now available online.

A revamping of the Supreme Council's online Store also now makes it possible to purchase both courses in the digital format. Essays and essay submission are not yet completely set up for digital submission (so be advised of that), but can complete conversion (including the capstone Master Craftsman III: Scottish Rite Philosophy) be far off?

Brethren, I wish that I could tell you that these changes constitute completely unvarnished "good news," but a series of delays in responding to completed work does still persist: both in turnaround time for the traditional USPS correspondence format and in providing feedback on the essay work done to complete online lessons. There are still reduced staffing and business hours issues at the House of the Temple, although this may not entirely explain the problem. Be assured that I will continue to advocate for Brethren experiencing these frustrating delays ... and even venture an occasional unsolicited suggestion to staff in D.C. when I can. Just be sure to keep me "in the loop" regarding problems you are having, and I'll keep at it!

Our own monthly Virtual Master Craftsman sessions are continuing, with our next session on Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. We are experiencing some "growing pains," trying to feel our way along in the use of Zoom Breakout Rooms, to accommodate Brethren taking different courses. This is requiring rather too much time and effort on "housekeeping chores" (especially at the latest session), but we're learning as we go ... and sometimes almost as much about the use of the virtual setting as about the course material itself!

If you haven't been with us before, you can join us at a monthly ZOOM session by contacting Matt Raia ([matt@denverconsistory.org](mailto:matt@denverconsistory.org)) for an invitation & link information, or, simply follow this link:

<https://denverconsistory.us9.list-manage.com/track/click?u=1e249a82561f2f957a6a38cca&id=fcbab81195&e=d4d9186693>

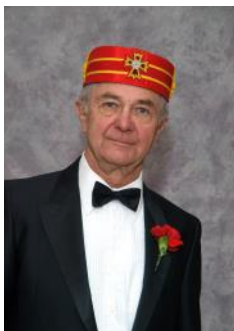
Any member is welcome to attend these ZOOM sessions, and any Brother enrolled in Master Craftsman, **no matter how old the course is or how long you've been away from the work** (we'll figure it out), is especially invited to attend. This is an opportunity to "restart and move forward!"

Let me know how I can help (text 303-775-5727 or email [wbapm32@gmail.com](mailto:wbapm32@gmail.com)) and, as always ... "Keep on Crafting," Brethren!

*Bill*



## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



### Brother James (Jim) Schneider, 32° KCCH

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



Our Member Spotlight this month is on Brother Jim Schneider, 32° KCCH. Most of you will recognize Jim as part of the A/V crew at the Consistory. He has “mic’ed” you for your speaking part in one of the degrees, or he has set up the wiring for the stated meetings, or you have just seen him around the Consistory, always helping out. He’s one of those Brothers that just always seems to be in the place he’s needed. A true and trusted Mason!

Brother Jim was born in Great Falls, Montana in 1935. He has a sister Joan who still lives in Great Falls, as well as three half-sisters from his parents’ second marriages. Jim’s step-father was a rancher just outside Choteau near Great Falls where he grew up and Jim spent a lot of time on the ranch.

After graduation from high school, Jim attended DeVry Tech (now DeVry University), studying to become an electronics technician. He graduated from DeVry in 1958 and went to work for Boeing Aircraft in Seattle. He worked for Boeing for nearly two years, in the Research & Development area. Boeing had a number of Air Force contracts at the time. Jim wanted to continue his education and was able to land a job with the Electronics Research Laboratories at Montana State University in Bozeman, Montana. Jim graduated from Montana State with a degree in mechanical technology. In 1965 he relocated to Colorado and has been here since.

Jim was first employed at the Hewlett-Packard plant in Loveland, Colorado and worked there for three years before going to work for Honeywell Photography in Littleton. After four years with Honeywell, he began work in sales with Arrowhead Sales—a manufacturer’s rep company selling electronic components. In 1974, Jim began work with Aztec Enterprises, selling electronic test equipment. A year later, the owner of the company decided to retire and sold the company to Jim and two other employees. Jim then worked for Aztec until his retirement in 1999.

In 1969, Jim went with a social group to Steamboat Springs for a “singles weekend.” It was Valentine’s Day weekend and there he met his future bride Jane. Jim and Jane have been married now for 51 years! Congratulations! They have no children and have lived in Westminster since 1977. By the time you read this, they will have moved to their new townhome in the Cherry Creek area. Closer to the Consistory and no lawn to mow or stairs to climb! Jane was a schoolteacher for 31 years before retiring about the same time as Jim retired.

Jim really didn’t have any Masonic connections while growing up, although his step-father’s father was a Mason. Jim didn’t know this until he was in high school and a family member mentioned how proud the family was to have had a Mason in the family line. Jim’s interest

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in Masonry, though, had started when he was in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade in Choteau. His history teacher had told the class of mine owners in the mining camps of Virginia City and Bannock back in the late 1800's and the problems they experienced with transporting their gold because of the robbers and highwaymen. The mine owners and businessmen, many of whom were Masons, had "formed a vigilance committee" to find the outlaws that were stealing the shipments of gold. The Worshipful Master of the Lodge happened to not be in attendance at the meeting called to organize the vigilance committee, and he was elected President of the Vigilance Committee! (Sound familiar?)

Jim's interest was piqued in the history of gold mining in Montana and the vigilantes. He recommends three books for those who would like to know more of that history:

- *The Vigilantes of Montana* by Thomas Dimsdale;
- *Vigilante Days* by Nathaniel Pitt Langford;
- *A Decent, Orderly Lynching* by Frederick Allen.

As mentioned earlier, Jim and Jane have lived in Westminster since 1977. Several years after moving there, Jim wanted to join a men's club of some sort and was fortunate to meet Brother Wally Hill, a U. S. Marine that had served in the Pacific in World War II and was a member of Northglenn #194. Jim petitioned to receive the degrees of Masonry and was raised a Master Mason in 1984. Jim went on to sit in the East as Worshipful Master of Northglenn #194 in 1991 and Brother Wally sat in the West that same year as Senior Warden. Soon after his raising, Brother Wally told Jim that he "had to join the Scottish Rite." He went on to explain that Jim had to be a member of either the Scottish Rite or the York Rite in order to become a Shriner. Brother Jim attended a one-day reunion at the Rocky Mountain Consistory and became a 32° Scottish Rite Mason.

Subsequently, he joined El Jebel Shrine and became active in the Shrine until 1991, when he was elected Worshipful Master of Northglenn #194. Midway during his year as Master, the salesman for his company that covered the territory of Utah and southern Idaho quit the company. Jim's plans as Master were sidelined to some degree as he had to take over the sales for that territory, but he juggled his time well and went on to serve a successful year in the East. When he retired in 1999, Jim became re-engaged with the Shrine as a member of RADOPS and also became active with the Denver Consistory.

He was Master in the 12<sup>th</sup> Degree for 3 or 4 years while also working with the sound crew, now the A/V group, as a script reader and as a "mike" guy. At the time, many of the Brothers in the degrees felt they didn't need microphones—they felt that they could project just fine—even Jim realized that he couldn't project loudly enough. Jim learned from Ill. Brother Don Marshall that just doesn't work out in the Cathedral Room of the Consistory. Part of the problem is caused by the acoustic tiles in the auditorium, which have been painted over and have lost their acoustic qualities.

Jim mentioned on several occasions how much he has learned from working with Ill. Brother Don on the A/V crew and specifically asked that we give a huge "shout out" to Don for all

his hard work to improve and perfect the video and sound components of our Reunions, stated meetings, and other important functions at the Consistory. Thanks, Brother Don!

Jim recalled that Worshipful Brother Darrell Taggart was successful in budgeting money for the headset microphones and “mandating” their use by actors in the degrees, which has helped to overcome the strange acoustics in the auditorium.

At the Official Visit of Grand Commander Ronnie Seale, MW Norm Hoff’s battery pack fell off the waist belt that secured his costume and where Jim had attached the battery pack, and of course it hit the floor. Jim was quite embarrassed, but Brother Norm never lost a beat—just bent over, picked up the battery pack, held it in his hand and finished his oration. We now have battery packs on a lanyard around our necks during degrees.

Jim and Jane have owned a condo in Breckenridge since 1992. In 2002 Jim visited Breckenridge Lodge #47, became a plural member, and subsequently was elected Worshipful Master of the Lodge in 2008, 2009, 2011, and again in 2013. At the same time, he served as the Secretary of Northglenn #194 from 2001-2015. Masonic year 2009 is especially memorable as Jim worked with MW Charlie Johnson on the 100 year re-dedication of the Summit County courthouse cornerstone.

Jim was a Charter Member of the Knights of St. Andrew at the Consistory and his advice to the newer members is to get active with the Consistory by joining the KSA. Additionally, Brother Jim is a Life Member of Mullan Pass Historic Lodge #1892 of Montana.

Some of the men that have been most important in Brother Jim’s Masonic journeys include:

- WB Wally Hill—Jim’s 1<sup>st</sup> line signer for the degrees of Masonry and the man that convinced Jim to join the Scottish Rite and the Shrine.
- WB Jim Glasscock—the head of the A/V crew when Jim started working with the crew, and a very active Mason.
- WB Don Peters—Past Master of Northglenn #194 and very active in Masonry and El Jebel Shrine.
- WB Don Marshall - the current head of the A/V crew and so knowledgeable in AV and Masonry

When I asked Brother Jim about his proudest accomplishment in Masonry, he reflected on his time as Worshipful Master of Northglenn #194 and the opportunity he had to work with Brother Jack Knight, a member of Northglenn #194 and an administrator with Adams #12 School District. He spoke fondly of their time spent interviewing young people for Masonic scholarships there and at his plural lodge Breckenridge Lodge #47. Jim is proud to be a part of an organization that helps others that they might have a better life. Jim and his wife, a retired teacher in Adams 12, support the Rite’s Language Disorders program. An exemplary Mason!

The next time you’re at the Consistory for a reunion, stated meeting, or other occasion that the A/V crew is hard at work, please look Jim up and thank him for all that he does for Masonry and for the Scottish Rite. Most of his work is in the background, but we couldn’t succeed without him. Thanks, Brother Jim!



# Memorial Scroll

Jack William Arnold, 32°	09/20/2020
John Photios Athanasopoulos, 32°	07/27/2020
Richard Andrew Jost, 32°	09/23/2020
Edward John Schade, 32°	07/29/2020
Caleb Myer Steinberg, 32°	06/17/2020
Robert Keith Zawodsky, 32°	10/07/2020



**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



The long summer days are gone, Autumn is here, and the world changes. The leaves change color and fall to the ground, the growing season is over and it is time to prepare the yard for the fall/winter season. Also, Masons return to their lodges, reunions are planned, and the calendars fill up fast. Then, there is football, back-to-school, Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas and Jewish Holy Days. The malls and stores gear up for the Christmas/holiday season. The snow blowers are primed for action, and winter is on our doorstep. ***However, this year things are different! Christmas concerts and parties are cancelled, football is on and off, back-to-school has a different meaning, and socializing is limited.***

The rap of the Masonic gavel opens lodge. At our last Scottish Rite meeting, the gavel opened our meeting, but few Brothers were in the lodge room—most were in their homes, ZOOMing into the Cathedral Room. No, this fall is NOT the same—because of the COVID virus. Things are different, but the meaning of the opening rap of the gavel at our meeting has not changed. The rap of the gavel calls us to the first necessity of the Craft—its need for clean, honest, caring, and good men. As the stone masons used the gavel to shape the stone, the Masonic gavel is used to shape men's lives. The gavel cuts away at our rough edges, chips off the ugly vices, and turns men into better men. The virus has not changed this. We were reminded in the oration by Brother Skewes that the Bible teaches faith, hope, and charity are eternal, and the greatest of these is CHARITY. Brother Skewes reminded us that we are to care for and support each other. The gavel also closes the lodge and sends us back into the world.

My Brothers, there are those among us who could use a kind word, some assistance, a shoulder to cry on, and an arm to hold them up. Personal Representative Ron Birely told us not to be afraid to ask for help. In these difficult times, our Scottish Rite reminds us of the bonds of our Brotherhood.

The season of Thanksgiving is upon us, and is a time for us to pause and remember the REASONS we have to give thanks.

On this Thanksgiving Day, dear God,  
My thanks are most sincere  
For all my blessings you have bestowed  
Throughout the past year.

For our friends, family, and special joys,  
And for our nation under God,  
Your goodness never ends!

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But help me understand Lord,  
And may I ever clearly see,  
That just one day is not enough  
To thank you properly .....

And, today my many thanks may be small,  
For the gifts you have given  
Unless I have thanked you for other days ...  
Three-hundred-sixty-four!

Yes, the gavel calls us to order. It also calls us to a better life. The rap calls us to divest ourselves of apathy and lack of zest. God has blessed us with a great fraternity—with men who care and who want a better life. When that final gavel rap sounds, closing our lodge of life, may we be thankful for the life we have lived.

Happy Thanksgiving  
Rev. Br. James Harris







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**Our NOVEMBER "Youngster"**

Richard Maxton Murray (39)



November 10, 1775 (245 years old)



November 11





# Denver Scottish Rite Memorial Golf Tournament

August 21, 2021 – Willis Case Golf Course, Denver, CO

## “Save the Date”



If you love golf, you'll want to set aside August 21, 2021.

We are hosting the inaugural Denver Scottish Rite Memorial Golf Tournament to support our development campaign focused on improving the historical Scottish Rite facilities.

Forget the boring, all day long 4- person scramble! This truly unique event will feature:

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- Long Drive and Closest to Pin contests
- Putting contest
- \$100,000 Shootout following golf
- Delicious meals, beverages
- Team prizes and player gifts

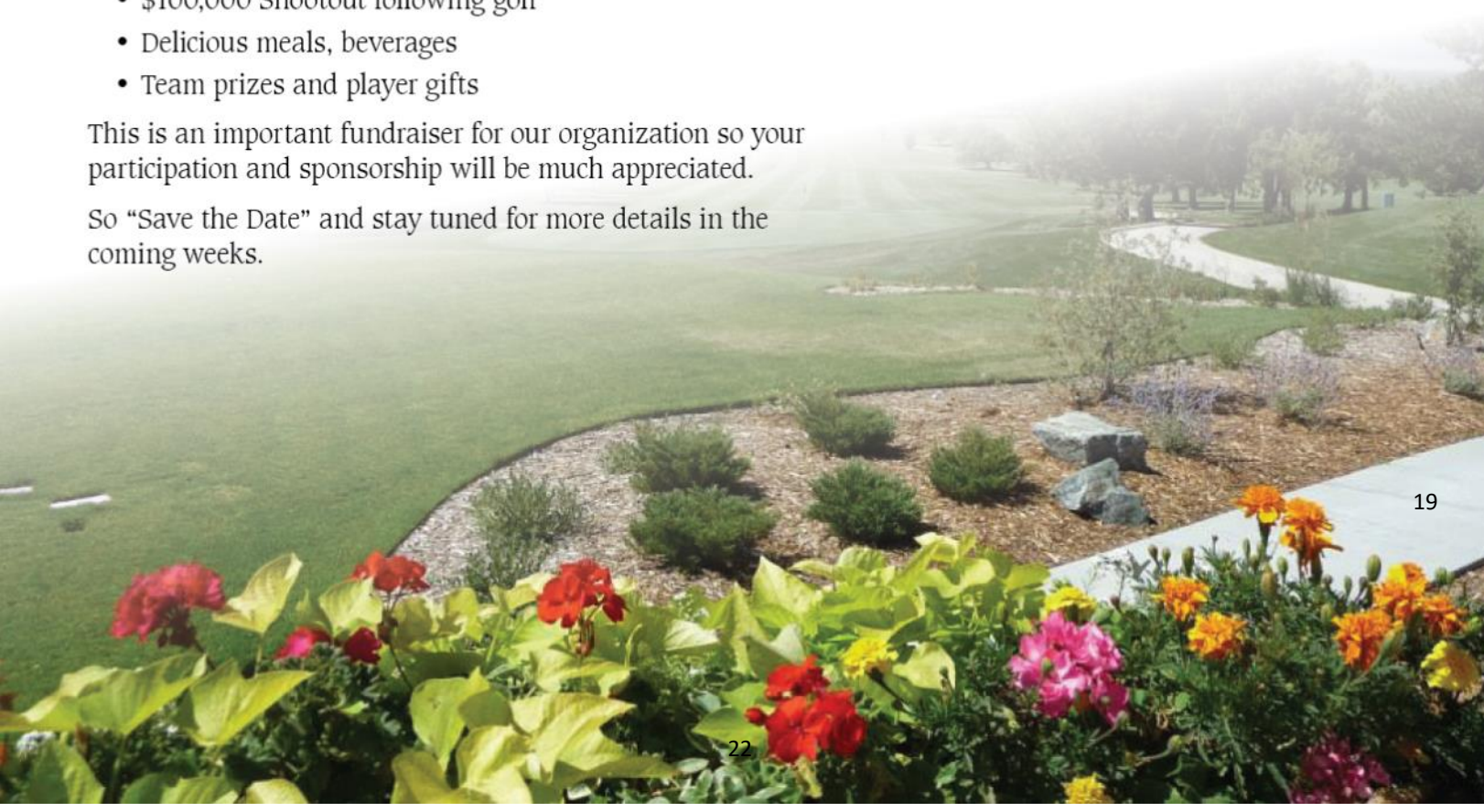
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So “Save the Date” and stay tuned for more details in the coming weeks.



***Registration Information and Sponsorship Packages Coming Soon!***

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# Denver Scottish Rite Auction



## A possible on-line auction

An On-line auction has been proposed as a fund-raising event for our **Scottish Rite Center**. At present, we are “testing the water” to see if this is a worthwhile effort. If there are a sufficient number items identified for donation — then we will move forward, if you have something you would be willing to donate for an on-line auction, please complete the form below. Given a successful response to this inquiry, we will then send information on how and when we will collect donated items and when the actual auction be held.

## Description of Item to be donated for an Online AUCTION

**Q: What can I donate?** This auction is not intended to be a garage sale. We do not want items that you would otherwise through away or even give to Goodwill or other charitable organizations.

Please CONSIDER those items that would “potentially sell for \$150.00 or more.

1:	Estimated Value:	
2.	Estimated Value:	
3.	Estimated Value:	
Name:	Date:	
Home Phone:	Cell Phone:	E-Mail:
Address:		

Please E-Mail your completed information and/or comment no later than November 15, 2020. Also, if possible, attach a JPG photo of your item(s).

**Tom Lincoln, 32° KCCH, SRMC**

[3flyingfeathers@comcast.net](mailto:3flyingfeathers@comcast.net)

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October 21, 2020

## EDICT Number Seven of the Grand Master

Brethren All:

In consequence of the continuing governmental restrictions on group meetings of the size necessary to accommodate normal operations of the constituent lodges, dispensation is hereby granted to all lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Colorado, A.F. & A.M. to conduct virtual meetings (Zoom, Go to Meeting, etc.). Virtual meetings may be undertaken at the discretion of the Worshipful Master in consultation with his officers. This dispensation in no way precludes holding regular in person meetings, subject to the governmental restrictions in place at the municipal, county, state, and national level. It provides the option of virtual meetings in lieu of in person meetings when restricted or precluded, or when the vulnerability of the lodge membership causes in person meetings to be inadvisable.

### **This dispensation specifically allows the following:**

1. The conduct of the annual communication of the lodge as a virtual communication including the following:
  - a. Receiving and voting on annual reports to the lodge.
  - b. Presenting and approving a budget for the coming year.
  - c. Conducting the annual election of officers through electronic ballot.
    - i. Balloting for officers shall be by the use of Election Runner (<https://electionrunner.com/>)
    - ii. A list of all candidates eligible for office listed by office shall be provided to all members eligible to vote.
      1. Eligibility will be established by demonstration of proficiency to a district lecturer or custodian of the work.



2. Holders of a current five-year officer proficiency card are not required to demonstrate proficiency for office.
  - iii. Assistance in the use of Election Runner may be obtained from the Grand Secretary, R.W.B. Scot Autry at the Grand Lodge office.
  - d. Conducting a virtual installation of officers using the public installation ceremony.
  - e. Other such lodge business as may normally be conducted at the annual communication.
2. The conduct of other virtual meetings for social or educational purposes or in lieu of stated communications, including the conduct of all necessary business of the lodge which may be conducted during a stated communication.

**This dispensation specifically prohibits the following:**

1. The conduct of any ritual during a virtual meeting to include opening, closing, or any part or portion of the degrees of Masonry.
2. The discussion or communication of any information not suitable for a public forum.

This edict is subject to change or modification at any time based on changing circumstances relating to the COVID-19 / coronavirus pandemic.

This edict shall expire at the end of my term of office unless sooner rescinded by the undersigned.

Questions regarding this edict may be directed to the undersigned at the email address or telephone number contained in the letterhead.

Brethren, as you undertake the important business of the annual communication of your lodge, may you find wisdom in your deliberations and vote for the good of Masonry and your lodge. Freemasonry has survived to overcome famine, pestilence, civil war, revolution, anarchy, and previous pandemics: we shall survive the coronavirus.

May the Supreme Architect of the Universe grant us wisdom to decide the affairs of Freemasonry, the strength to support our worthy undertakings, and a charitable disposition to those around us. May brotherly love prevail!



David L. Coberly  
Grand Master of Masons in Colorado - 2020