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Membership Statistics

2019: 1811

2020: 1652

Net: **159 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.

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.**

January 2021 **Subject to Change as necessary**

Fri, Jan 1, 2021		Consistory CLOSED for New Year's Holiday
Sat, Jan 16	1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m.	Virtual Officers' Meeting
Mon, Jan 18	7:00 p.m.	Virtual Stated Meeting Annual Meetings of Corporations and Installation of Officers
Tue, Jan 19	7:00 p.m.	Virtual Master Craftsman Session

February 2021 **Subject to Change as necessary**

Mon, Feb 1	7:00 p.m.	KSA Meeting
Mon, Feb 15		Stated Meeting (Feast of Kadosh) Entertainment (President's Day, Valentine's Day) Almoner & Life Member Reports to CLOP 18° Prolog and Discussion

March 2021 **Subject to Change as necessary**

Mon, Mar 1	7:00 p.m.	KSA Meeting
Fri, Mar 5	11:30 a.m.	Consistory Lunch (Fried Chicken)
Wed, Mar 10	7:00 p.m.	Degree Council Meeting
Fri, Mar 12	11:30 a.m.	Consistory Lunch
Mon, Mar 15		Stated Meeting— Parking Garage Available 5:30 p.m. Red Room Business Meeting 6:00 p.m. Dinner 7:00 p.m. <i>Sports Team Shirt Night</i> , Awards and Announcements Past Presiding Officers Recognition 7:30 p.m. Split Meeting, Masonic Education 14° Prolog & Discussion
Fri, Mar 19	11:30 a.m.	Consistory Lunch
Fri, Mar 26	11:30 a.m.	Consistory Lunch
Sat, Mar 27	9:00-11:00 a.m.	KSA Spring Cleanup

EDITOR'S NESTLEBOARD



BY: **BILL HICKEY, 33°**
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HAPPY HOGMANAY!



As we embark upon this “New Year” - in which we aren’t seeing much “new” or “changed” from 2020 (yet), I think it might be appropriate to reflect on some of the changes we’ve been forced to make in our lives—some for the better, and some clearly for the worse. We’ve seen a country divided not just by political affiliation—which has actually been the norm for decades, if not centuries—but also by personal opinions concerning the validity and applicability of scientific facts. In the process of witnessing these tensions, we have discovered something very strange—the concept of “face time” at work really isn’t all that necessary for productivity. ZOOM, GoToMeeting, Teams, and other Peer-to-Peer applications have proliferated and allowed many (but not all) to work from home, to participate in activities from home without spending significant time driving to work or to a meeting where “productivity” can only be called “somewhat lacking.” The air is cleaner, and traffic is generally lighter as a result.

And, as you increase the distance that a person must travel to attend something in person, it is more likely that they will opt to participate VIRTUALLY instead—it not only saves them frustration (and danger) in the commute, but the time they have to spend in the car to get there and then return home when the meeting is over—their personal productive time is wasted in the car. And, organizational productivity hasn’t suffered much in the process (except where physical presence is simply required for something to happen—like throw a switch, unplug something, run cables, and so on).

It begs the question as we enter a new year: If we have been able to continue operating as an institution—albeit in crippled mode—without face-to-face in-person meetings, are they then really necessary? That flies in the face of some of our cherished Masonic traditions—the in person initiatic experience, for example. But, does that mean that EVERY experience in Masonry requires a close-up and personal touch? Pick and choose carefully. Realize that what WE, as the “outgoing” generation in Masonry had as a normal experience may or may not be germane or significant to the next generation ... and it is they, not us, that will carry the Craft forward. Here is where WE (the old geezers) can play an important role—help them understand the significance and importance of in-person contact—but also realize that we too have to make adjustments and allow for some “virtual” activities that heretofore we have expected to conduct “in person.” Maybe that’s the real significance of this “New Year.”

Bill



From the Secretary's Desk

[Matt Raia, 33°](#)



January 2021

December 21st Virtual Stated Meeting—we had 66 sign on to participate in the meeting. **Brother Dave King, 32° KCCH**, Master of Kadosh, put together an enjoyable Christmas program with a presentation by **Illustrious Brother Reverend Jim Harris, 33°**, a presentation by **Brother Reverend Steve Schroder, 32°**, Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Colorado, and some Christmas music. **Illustrious Brother Bobby Juchem, 33°**, Assistant Director General hosted the Masonic education portion of our meeting with a presentation on the 4° taken from the *Journey to the Scottish Rite* program.

Election of Officers for 2021 was conducted. Congratulations to the officers, elected and appointed.



Daniel K. Conway, 32° KCCH
Venerable Master
Centennial Lodge of
Perfection



Scott E. Olson, 32° KCCH
Wise Master
Rocky Mountain Chapter
Of Rose Croix



Michael J. Scott, 32° KCCH
Commander of Kadosh
Colorado Council
Of Kadosh



Timothy N. Lambert, 32° KCCH
Master of Kadosh
Denver Consistory

Welcome to the newly appointed officers:



Brother Dillon R. Brickhouse, 32° - Guardian of the Temple, Rocky Mountain Chapter of Rose Croix



Brother David W. Spence, 32° - Captain of the Guard, Denver Consistory

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January Officers Meeting—January 16, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. on ZOOM. **ALL OFFICERS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND!**

January 18th Stated Meeting—The public Installation of the 2021 officers will take place VIRTUALLY prior to our business meeting. In addition to our regular business, we will have the annual reports of our four corporations and the presentation of the 2021 budgets.

Master Craftsman Virtual Study Group— A Master Craftsman Study group is held each month at 7:00 p.m. on ZOOM. The study group is facilitated by **Brother Bill Achbach, 32°**, Director of Education. If you are enrolled in the Master Craftsman program, you are encouraged to join the study group. Contact Brother Achbach at wbapm32@gmail.com to sign up or use this ZOOM meeting Registration Link:

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

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

New Neighbors—Denver Consistory has new neighbors. A Denver City-sanctioned homeless encampment opened the first week of December in the parking lot of the church across Grant Street from our building. The encampment is scheduled to be in operation until the end of May.



Building Improvements/Changes—There have been a few building improvements while the building has been shut down due to the COVID-19 restrictions. When we are operational again, it will be interesting to see how many of you recognize the changes. Some are quite obvious and others are very subtle. Only those with a keen eye and a good memory will be able to identify all of them.

Donate Your Car—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 www.carsforcharity.net to donate for the benefit of the Denver Scottish Rite Masonic Center.

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COMING EVENTS:

February 1st 7:00 p.m.—Knights of St. Andrew (Virtual Meeting via ZOOM)

February 15th—Virtual Stated Meeting— Feast of Kadosh presented by the Colorado Council of Kadosh. Annual report of the Life Membership Fund and the Almoner. **Brother Bill Achbach, 32°**, our director of Education will speak about the 18°.

Spring Reunion May 13, 14, 15—Hopefully, the COVID-19 restrictions will be lifted and we will be able to hold our normal Spring Reunion. If you normally work in a degree during the Spring Reunion, start brushing up on your part. We will have the Degree Council meeting on March 10th at 7:00 p.m.

We have eight candidates for the Spring Reunion who have been “on hold” because of the cancellation of the 2020 Reunions. The eight have been participating in the *Journey To The Scottish Rite* and are anxiously looking forward to participating in the Spring Reunion and seeing the degrees exemplified. **We need more candidates.** Membership is the life-line of Denver Consistory. We cannot survive without members.

I will close my comments with this quote from Dale Carnegie:

“Any fool can criticize, condemn, and complain—and most do.”

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- An anonymous critic once sent a letter to preacher Henry Ward Beecher. The letter contained a single word: “Fool.” No minister ever received a better setup line, and Beecher made the most of it. “I have known many an instance of a man writing a letter and forgetting to sign his name,” he told his congregation that Sunday. “But this is the only instance I’ve ever known of a man signing his name and forgetting to write his letter.”
 - John Cleves Symmes was a decorated officer who fought for America in the War of 1812. Then he retired from the military and decided the earth was hollow. Symmes tried for years to raise money for an expedition that would enter the hollow earth at the South Pole and emerge at the North Pole. Other people have postulated a hollow earth, but Symmes’s reasoning was particularly interesting: that God would create hollow planets because he was frugal. The Lord would not waste so much matter making solid planets when He could as easily make planets hollow so people could live in the centers. Symmes actually found support for his theory in Congress, an institution that has extensive experience with hollowness. Two ships set sail for the South Pole in 1829 to prove his theory correct. They were never heard from again.



FREEMASONRY—More Than An Association of the Average

By: Steven K. Robison, PM
Jackson Lodge #146—Seymour, IN

From: Freemasonry-List@masonic.org March 4, 2004

In the first place, Freemasonry is Not an association of the average. It contemplates a body of picked men; it demands certain distinctive qualifications of those who seek its fellowship; it insists that those who are admitted to its mysteries shall be worthy and well-qualified; it inquires whether those who stand at its doors are in harmony with its honored past, its accepted principles, and its defined purposes. You could not make a Masonic Lodge out of the first one hundred men you might pick up on the street. That is the reason our doors are so jealously guarded; that is the reason candidates must be vouched for by those who have themselves stood our tests; that is the reason those who join us must take such solemn obligations. No other human organization is intended to pay greater attention to its membership quality; no other organization depends more for its standing and influence in the community upon the quality of its membership.

A second reason for this emphasis on quality is, that no institution is any better than the material out of which it is built. The weakness of many existing organizations is that their specifications call for marble while the material furnished for the building is only mud. If the Masonic Order stands out as one of the great institutions of our civilizations; if it exercises an influence on the social order far beyond its mere numerical strength; the only reason is that it is an association of superior men. In other words, the efficiency of Masonry depends upon the QUALITY of those who are recognized as Masons. The point needs no laboring. Still another reason for regarding this matter of quality is of paramount importance is that every other interest of the Masonic Order depends upon it. It belongs to our fraternity to guard its ancient landmarks, but what do men who lack Masonic character and Masonic spirit care for ancient landmarks? In the keeping of many men our priceless heritage is not an inspiration and an honor; it is a contrast and a reproach; it belongs to Masonry to exemplify certain great principles in life. But we need to remember that principles are only safe in the keeping of men of principle. That is a lesson written large on the pages of our history. It belongs to Masonry to further certain great purposes. Those purposes are unselfish and humanitarian. I am not mistaken when I say that the true Mason will ask: "What can I do?" The spurious Mason will always be asking: "What can I get?" The ties of Brotherhood are so close in Masonry that every opportunity and inducement is offered to the man of mercenary spirit who would prostitute it to personal uses.

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The result is that nearly every Lodge has those who are continually calling upon their brethren to turn their grindstones. There are those who capitalize their membership for business purposes; there are those who capitalize their Masonic affiliations for political ends. Such persons are the pan-handlers of Masonry. Whenever public-spirited citizens in a community begin to shake their heads and say it will be hard to defeat an office-holding barnacle because of his fraternal support, it is high time for those who love the Order to sit up and begin to take notice. Under such circumstances the hallmark of excellence is being erased from the Lodge door.

These words were heard by the Brethren attending the Grand Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of California, in 1914. Brother Matt S. Hughes gave this address as Grand Orator.

EDITORIAL:

The world is too complex today, too much going on, too many crimes, too much violence, too much excitement. Try as you will, you get behind in the race in spite of yourself. It is an incessant strain to keep pace, and still you lose ground. Science empties it's discoveries on you so fast that you stagger beneath them in hopeless bewilderment. The political world is news seen so rapidly you're out of breath trying to keep current with who's in and who's out. Everything is high pressure. Human nature can't endure much more.

JUNE 16, 1833—Atlantic Journal

YOU KNOW YOU WORK FOR THE GOVERNMENT WHEN ...

- The “process” becomes more important than the “product.”
- You don't see anything wrong with attending a meeting on a subject you know nothing about.
- You feel you contributed to the meeting just by being there.
- You stop raising issues/problems because you know you will be the one answering them.
- You fly across the country to attend a conference with 100+ people to discuss the fact that the project does not have enough money.
- You understand the rationalization of an acronym comprised of acronyms.
- You can name the project leader of more than 10 projects including your own, but still can't explain in the simplest terms what they do.
- You've sat at the same desk for 3 years, done the same thing for 3 years, but have had 3 different business cards.

VLADIMIR KABAI DZE, 64, general director of the Ivanovo Machine Building Works, near Moscow, in a speech to the Communist party conference:

“I can't stand this proliferation of paperwork. It's useless to fight the forms. You've got to kill the people producing them.”

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Brother Daniel A. (Dan) Rivers , 32° KCCH

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



Happy New Year Brothers! We sincerely hope that you had an enjoyable and meaningful holiday season and a Happy New Year despite the pandemic.

This month's Member Spotlight will focus on a Brother that we likely all will know and have worked with in some capacity in Masonry. Brother Dan served the Denver Valley as the Wise Master of the Rocky Mountain Chapter of Rose Croix in 2017 and was a member of the Consistory Finance Committee for a number of years. He was the President of the Denver-Fitzsimons Chapter #37 of the National Sojourners in 2019, the same year that he was Eminent Commander of Coronal-Ascalon Commandery #31 of the Knights Templar of Colorado and the Excellent High Priest of Triad chapter #42 of Royal Arch Masons. He belongs to Denver Council #1 of Cryptic Masons and currently serves as the Illustrious Principle Conductor of the Work. Dan served as Worshipful Master of South Denver #93 in 2010 and is in his third year as Secretary of South Denver #93 - his lodge received the Honor Lodge Award during his year in the East. He was recognized as the Secretary of the Year in 2019 by the Grand Lodge of Colorado. He is indeed a worthy Brother that has made a meaningful commitment to Masonry. It's an honor to know him and to work with him in a variety of ways. During the nearly three hours that Dan and I spent on the phone for this interview, I was constantly impressed with his enthusiasm, his optimism, his willingness to share and his commitment to all things better.

Brother Dan was born and grew up in upstate New York, in Rochester, home of Eastman Kodak. You DO remember Kodak—right? Probably only if you're 40 years old or older—LOL! There was lots of hunting, fishing, and outdoor activities in that area and Dan met his wife Janet there in high school. Dan's father was a Staff Sergeant in the U. S. Marine corps and served in the Pacific Theater in World War II. He passed when Dan was 17 years old. Dan's mother worked at Kodak until retirement and she passed early in 2020. She impressed on Dan a valuable lesson that has served him well throughout his military and professional career—that of ***"Zero Defect Mentality."*** ***That is, do it right, make it right—each time, every time. A great lesson for each of us to learn and practice in our lives.***

Dan has a younger sister that still lives in New York and a half-sister in New York from his father's first marriage. His older brother unfortunately has passed.

While we were talking on the phone last week and I was making notes on Dan's life and career, he mentioned something to me that immediately piqued my interest. The term he used was ***'disruptive innovation.'*** I asked him to explain. The example he gave was that of Eastman Kodak—at one time the largest manufacturer/processor of film for commercial and consumer use. Kodak became THE recognized symbol of photography throughout the world and their future was bright. Then, along came Fuji Film and then digital photography. Kodak went

from being the industry leader and a world-wide household name to a bankrupt and essentially dissolved business in a span of about 20 years or less. Kodak simply could not adapt to the changes occurring every day. Should we, as responsible and caring masons, be studying this example to strengthen our Fraternity? Grand Commander Jim Cole certainly seems to point us in that direction with the new initiative <https://beafreemason.org>. Are ZOOM calls the new norm? Brother Dan can certainly help us in our journey, and I urge you to visit with him about his ideas.

As Secretary of South Denver #93, Dan has been instrumental in bringing in 16 new Masons in 2020—despite the pandemic. The Lodge has 35 candidates waiting for initiation. These men are all being mentored and communicated with on a regular basis. Not unlike our own Journey to the Scottish Rite (J2SR) that has thus far been very well-received and accepted by our Brothers and candidates alike. A critical role he plays in his job as Secretary of the Lodge is to connect the right mentor with each candidate. It's important to have strong communication with each of the candidates and newly raised Masons. Make that man comfortable, not nervous. ***A high stress level is NOT conducive to learning.***

As a straight A student in high school, it's not surprising that Dan immediately began to excel as a "boot" in Marine Corps boot camp. He scored exceptionally high on the electronics tests he was given and was guaranteed an E-2 rating upon graduation from boot camp. His performance was so outstanding in boot camp that he became the Company Guidon Bearer, which promoted him to E-2 in boot camp and graduation as an E-3 Lance Corporal. Within six months, he was given a meritorious promotion to E-4 Corporal and soon after, another meritorious promotion to E-5 Sergeant. For all veterans reading this, you will recognize what a significant achievement this is and how impressive Dan is as a hard worker.

Dan's job in the Marines was to be a "systems guy." That is, to look at processes and see how they can be improved. Don't get stuck on "we've always done it that way." Very similar to Masonry and the adaptations we have made over the years, especially during the 2020 pandemic year. Dan's overriding attitude is that we can do it. Don't make excuses about why we can't do it. And, every day is filled with opportunities—make the best of each opportunity. Dan was fortunate during his military career to serve under officers that recognized his abilities and thoughtfulness. He often found himself as a Staff Sergeant (E-6) sitting in base officers' meetings and being asked for his solution to the day's problem or issue because the Commanding Officer knew him and respected his objective wisdom.

After a military career of more than 22 years, Dan retired and now teaches leadership classes, primarily to DoD and military clients. It was interesting to hear Dan talk about leadership and the associated skills and traits of leadership. He indicated that probably only about 1% of all people have inherent leadership skills. Born leaders, if you will. These people know where to go and how to get there. Another 10% - 15% strive to become leaders. And the other 85% are followers, or sheep. And, many of these are just "zombies" - no clue where to go or how to get there. This comment wasn't made in a derogatory way, it was just an objective statement of fact.

As a leader, it's important to determine who are the "do-ers" and who are the "talk-ers." They each play an important role in an organization's success. The talkers make the sales

pitch. They convince the customer to buy. Or, the man to turn in his petition. Then, the doers take over and ensure customer satisfaction. Or, mentor the man on his Masonic journey. Sometimes the “doer” and the “talker” are the same person. That’s great when it happens, but don’t rely on that being the case each time.

Dan talks about the levels of leadership. Some are assigned as leaders—because of their rank or tenure and not especially because of skills or leadership traits they may possess. Others earn their level of leadership through hard work and achieving the level of competency that they personally want. Others are leaders because of their desire to work with those around them and to see their colleagues advance and be promoted. And still others look at the team, not the individual, and work to make the team successful.

He reflected on his time in the Marines and the fact that the Marine Corps begins teaching leadership skills at the E-2 level and never stops. As an example, Dan points to his 23 Expert rifle Awards. And to his several Navy Achievement and Navy Commendation Awards for achieving and maintaining high levels of effective communication and instilling confidence in his troops. He won numerous drill awards throughout his career. Another example he gave was that of being assigned to Camp Pendleton, a major marine base in California. Camp Pendleton had been operating at about a 60% efficiency rating when Dan arrived. The Base Commander, a Colonel, tasked Dan with looking at the functionality of the Camp. He immediately began communications with all departments, shops, and installations on the base, with a special emphasis on identifying deficiencies, excesses, and shortages. Within just a few months and with a minimal expense of less than \$2 million, Camp Pendleton was operating at a near-100% functionality with virtually no shortages or deficiencies.

When Dan was elected the Secretary of South Denver #93, he made a 5-year commitment to that office. He’s just now entering the third year of that commitment. He developed an SOP (Standard Operating Procedure) for the Secretary’s office. He mentioned how important this is in case he “gets run over by a bus!” The Lodge won’t be lost without the information needed to run the business side of the Lodge. Dan was recognized by the Grand Lodge of Colorado as the Secretary of the Year in 2019.

Brother Dan and Janet moved a total of 13 times in his nearly 22 year Marine career. Except for two-year assignment to the USS Nassau (LHA-4), he served on “shore duty.” Janet had been to Colorado as a child on vacation with her parents and they decided to move here primarily because of the great opportunities for outdoor recreation. They live near Conifer and Janet is a mental health therapist with her own practice. Their three children are: twins Justin—serving in the U.S. Navy in Maryland, and Trishana, living in Montrose with her husband and three kids; and son Tyler, who lives in Denver.

Dan did not have any Masonic connections in his immediate family. When he left the military, he was looking for something similar—a brotherhood, a fraternity, good men that he could associate with. His daughter Trishana was perusing the internet, looking for possible scholarships. She told Dan that he should look at the website for the Grand Lodge of Colorado—this looked to her like what he was looking for—charity, faith, leadership. WB Burney Brandel called Dan in response to Dan’s email and the rest, as they say, is history. Dan began

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meeting for lunch with Brothers Burney and Wayne Arner, then Brother Steve Munsinger joined them. Dan's first line signer was WB Burney and WB Wayne signed on the second line when Dan joined South Denver #93 in 2003. Dan served as Worshipful Master of South Denver #93 in 2010.

When I asked Dan who the most influential Masons in his life are, he immediately mentioned Brothers Burney and Wayne, as both fellow Marines and as Masons. Wayne was Dan's mentor in Blue Lodge. He also mentioned WB's Floyd Simmons and Ikey Starks, both Past Masters of South Denver #93. These two Brothers were always anxious to sit with Dan, to counsel him and to help in any way they could. He mentioned how great their positive attitudes were for him. He also mentioned WB Phil Coomber—a brilliant ritualist that could give all the lectures and perform the degrees in such a meaningful and thoughtful manner.

Dan's words of wisdom to his Brothers:

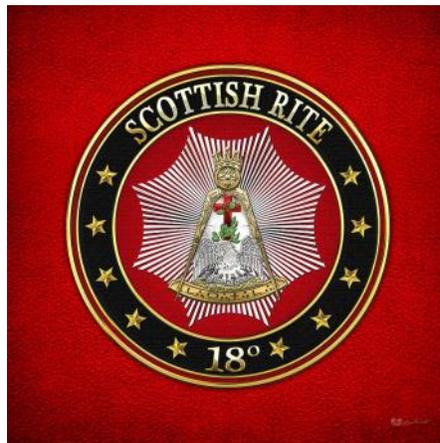
- Concentrate on your Blue Lodge—don't get spread too thin too quickly.
- Be open and honest—communication is absolutely critical.
- Take your time. Be patient.

Thank you so much to Brother Dan Rivers for sharing so much time and energy with me in preparing this Member Spotlight. And, I hope that each of you, as you read this, will take brother Dan's words to heart and that you will make a special effort to reach out to him at your next opportunity. What an interesting man with many, many interesting ideas. Be well Brothers, and stay safe. Hope to see you all soon!

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- It's true that we don't know what we've got until we lose it, but it's also true that we don't know what we've been missing until it arrives.
 - Don't go for looks; they can deceive. Don't go for wealth; even that fades away. Go for someone who makes you smile because it takes only a smile to make a dark day seem bright. Find the one that makes your heart smile.
 - Happiness lies for those who cry, those who hurt, those who have searched, and those who have tried, for only they can appreciate the importance of people who have touched their lives.
 - Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future.—John F. Kennedy
 - OXYGEN: an intensely habit-forming accumulative toxic substance. As little as one breath is known to produce a life-long addiction to the gas, which addiction invariably ends in death. In high concentrations, it causes death quickly, but even in 20 per cent dilution, few survive more than 0.8 century.
 - HYPERINFRACANIPHILIA—means “having a neurotic and excessive fondness for the underdog, without having the slightest interest in finding out why he is in the “infra” position.

Memorial Scroll

Harold Elmer Bethune, 32°	11/30/2020
Milton Brandwein, 33°	12/17/2020
Ivan Lloyd Brooks, 32°	12/12/2020
Kenneth Charles Carlberg, 32°	11/27/2020
Eugene Gladstone, 32°	11/25/2020
Robert LeRoy Goodman, 32°	11/23/2020
Lawrence Richard Hadsall, Jr., 32°	11/24/2020
Jackson Paul Morgan, 32°	11/20/2020
Donald Dean Phelps, 32° KCCH	12/15/2020
Donald Alton Rizer, II, 32° KCCH	11/08/2020



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 cover of the recent issue of Time Magazine had the large numbers 2020 across the cover with a big X over it. Yes, this has been an extremely difficult year with everything that has happened. For me, it was probably the worst year of my life, having been sick for two months. It started as a sinus infection and developed somehow into C-Dep with me in the hospital and one very dark night when I had my doubts about survival. However, I have found there is light at the end of the tunnel. I am recovering. I have realized that my strong faith in God, my family, friends, church, and my Brothers' prayers and support pulled me into the light. I enjoyed seeing so many of my Brothers at our stated meeting, hearing a great program, and watching the election of officers for 2021. Life goes on. It has helped me realize the importance of family, friends, and my fraternity in my life. Also, I believe my spiritual life kept me from letting go.

The year 2020 has also provided us with the opportunity to make some changes in our lives. The American people have showed throughout our history a remarkable resilience in adapting to the "new normal." I was confident that after Monday night, our Scottish Rite WILL survive. We had a ZOOM meeting and even though we were apart, we were together. Things are happening and our Scottish Rite is still functioning. The challenges of this year have provided us time to focus on ourselves as well. We have been able to clean closets and throw out items we have not used for years and no longer need. My son's office is now in his home. Also, our homes have become classrooms and safe places for families to be with each other. People are also saving money by not having to drive to work. We are not spending a lot of money travelling, eating out, and on entertainment. I have not purchased any new clothes for months. In fact, I spend most of my money on medical costs. I have meditated on what is really important in my life, and it is NOT my possessions. I have organized family pictures, my home office, given away a lot of clothes, and even fixed some things in my home. I have tried to focus on the positive and leave the negative in the trash can (not always easy).

As we look to the time when we move out of this pandemic and our lives return to normal, I am reminded of the old sayings, "With each ending comes a new beginning" and when a door closes, another one opens. What will we do with a new start? Have we learned anything from the events of this tumultuous year? Have we learned some lessons to live a better life?

I know I have. I have learned to really appreciate my family, friends, Brothers, and life itself. I truly appreciate each one of you and all you do. On my last visit to my doctor, he told me to "enjoy each day you have been given."

Rev. Bro. James H. Harris



SPECIAL BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

100 Years Young!

Dan Duffer, 32°

90 Years Young

Robert Duane Galena, 32°

Floyde Wilson Kozacek, 32°

80 Years Young

James Joseph Fitzpatrick, 32°

Kenneth Warren Pearce, 32° KCCH

Manuel Vigo-Torres, 32°

Jack Davis White, 32° KCCH

70 Years Young

Ronald Allen Dunsmore, 32° KCCH

Tim Ettleman, 32°

Charles Ray Ferris, 32°

Ralph Eugene Hardy, 32° KCCH

Steven Ray Tygart, 32°

50 Years Young

Jason Roy Emery, 32°

Our JANUARY "Youngster"

Dillon Ray Brickhouse, 32° (29)



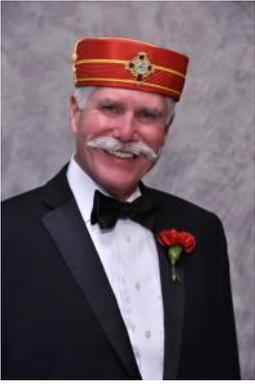
A WAY TO A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

- To leave the old with a burst of song;
- To recall the right and forgive the wrong;
- To forget the thing that binds you fast;
- To the vain regrets of the year that's past;
- To have the strength to let go your hold;
- Of the not worthwhile of the days grown old;
- To dare to go forth with a purpose true;
- To the unknown task of the year that's new;
- To help your brother along the road;
- To do his work and lift his load;
- To add your gift to the world's good cheer;
- Is to have and to give a Happy New Year.

(Robert Brewster Beattie)

- I wish you enough sun to keep your attitude bright.
- I wish you enough rain to appreciate the sun more.
- I wish you enough happiness to keep your spirit alive.
- I wish you enough pain so that the smallest joys in life appear much bigger.
- I wish you enough gain to satisfy your wanting.
- I wish you enough loss to appreciate all that you possess.
- I wish you enough "Hello's" to get you through the final "Goodbye."

(Bob Perks)



SCOTTISH RITE MASONIC CENTER

BY

GENE HARDY, 32° KCCH

Brethren All,

A couple of things this month from the Scottish Rite Masonic Center.

SCOTTISH RITE GOLF CLASSIC

Benefitting

**Children's Hospital of Colorado, the Scottish Rite Foundation,
and the Scottish Rite Masonic Center**

You have seen notices in the last few editions of Rite Works about a Scottish Rite Masonic Center Golf Event. The Scottish Rite Masonic Center is pleased to announce that we have recently concluded arrangements with our valued, long-term partners, Children's Hospital of Colorado and the Scottish Rite Foundation, to participate in the golf event. To honor our relationship and this important Scottish Rite Fund Raising-COVID Healing-Networking venture, the event is now branded as the SCOTTISH RITE GOLF CLASSIC, with the proceeds benefitting three of the most prominent charitable organizations in Colorado -- CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OF COLORADO, THE SCOTTISH RITE FOUNDATION OF COLORADO, and The SCOTTISH RITE MASONIC CENTER. This promises to be a fun and very profitable event which, we hope, is just the first of many for this partnership. The basic details of the event can be found in the notice in this Rite Works and more granular details will be provided over the next few months. I can assure you, though, that this will be a unique tournament, one that you will not want to miss!

Planning and organization of the golf event is being chaired by Bart Corfee, 32° KCCH, with the able assistance of all of the members of the Scottish Rite Masonic Center, with Mike Brewer, 32° KCCH, in charge of securing Sponsorships, J. Randy Penn, 32° KCCH, in charge of Volunteers, and Scott Bates, 32° KCCH, heading up Marketing and Promotion. If you want to get involved with planning and organization of this golf event, please contact one of those Brothers. Your talents are needed!

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CALLING ALL CARPENTERS – ROCKY MOUNTAIN WELCOME CENTER

I hope all of you will recall that at the suggestion of Rick Spoor, 32^o KCCH, a book collection was recently held at the Consistory to benefit Rocky Mountain Welcome Center. (Rocky Mountain Welcome Center is a non-profit that fosters intercultural learning, understanding, and integration among immigrants, refugees, and the residents of Colorado. You can learn more about this organization at www.rockymountainwelcome.org.) Rick has told me that about 750 books were collected to benefit those refugee and immigrant parents and children supported by Rocky Mountain Welcome Center. This amazing act of community outreach was right in our wheelhouse! Our Scottish Rite Brothers have made it possible for a multitude of parents and their children who might not otherwise have the proper resources to do so to learn to read and write, thus providing the foundation for a quality education.

The book collection was such a success that the Welcome Center has asked whether there are any among our Brethren who might consider building a “little free library.” All of you have seen them in many neighborhoods around town. They usually look like brightly colored bird houses, but instead of a bird’s nest inside you will find books to borrow and exchange at no charge. Just another opportunity for our Scottish Rite to provide educational opportunities throughout the community. Check out the concept at www.littlefreelibrary.org.

If you have an interest in building a “little free library” as a holiday present from you and our Scottish Rite, please contact Rick Spoor at rwspeer@yahoo.com.

All the best to you and yours for this Holiday Season!

Gene Hardy, 32^o KCCH
Scottish Rite Masonic Center



Scottish Rite Golf Classic

Benefitting Children's Hospital of Colorado,
Scottish Rite Foundation, Scottish Rite Masonic Center

August 20, 2021 – Willis Case Golf Course, Denver, CO

We are hosting the inaugural Scottish Rite Golf Classic to support Children's Hospital of Colorado, the Scottish Rite Foundation and Scottish Rite Masonic Center
"A FUND RAISING / COVID RECOVERY / NETWORKING EVENT"



If you love golf, you'll want to set aside August 20, 2021.

We are hosting the Inaugural Scottish Rite Golf Classic to support Children's Hospital of Colorado, the Scottish Rite Foundation and Scottish Rite Masonic Center.

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

- Multiple Par 3 holes and hole in one prize opportunities
- Long Drive and Closest to Pin contests
- Putting contest
- \$100,000 Shootout following golf
- Delicious meals, beverages
- Team prizes and player gifts

This is an important fundraiser for our organization so your participation and sponsorship will be much appreciated.

Teams are \$500 each. We expect a full field so register now. Great sponsorships available!



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2. View Settings and select Amazon Smile.
3. Follow the In-App instructions to complete the process.

If you do NOT have the latest version of the Amazon Shopping App, update your app.

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<https://www.denverconsistorybuildingendowmentfund.org>



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BEGINNING APRIL 1, 2019, KING SOOPERS CHANGED THE WAY THEY DONATE TO NON-PROFITS. YOU CAN NO LONGER RELOAD YOUR GIFT CARD AND BENEFIT THE SCOTTISH RITE BY USE OF A GIFT CARD! HOWEVER, IT IS NOW EASIER THAN EVER TO CONTINUE YOUR SUPPORT OF OF THE SCOTTISH RITE MASONIC CENTER AT KING SOOPERS!

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- 3) ON THE LEFT SIDE, CLICK ON **CREATE AN ACCOUNT**
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- 2) SCROLL TO THE BOTTOM OF THE PAGE AND CLICK ON **"KING SOOPERS COMMUNITY REWARDS"**.
- 3) CLICK ON **"ENROLL NOW"**
- 4) UNDER **"FIND AN ORGANIZATION"** ENTER OUR NON-PROFIT NUMBER: **EM386**, OR TYPE IN **"THE SCOTTISH RITE MASONIC CENTER AT 1370 GRANT STREET"**. CLICK **"ENROLL"**.
- 5) YOU'RE DONE! NOW, EVERY TIME YOU MAKE A PURCHASE AND SWIPE YOUR LOYALTY CARD, THE SCOTTISH RITE MASONIC CENTER WILL GET A PERCENTAGE OF YOUR PURCHASE!

IF YOU HAVE A LOYALTY CARD BUT DO NOT HAVE COMPUTER ACCESS:

OUR FRONT DESK STAFF WILL BE HAPPY TO ASSIST YOU IN GETTING YOUR DIGITAL ACCOUNT SET UP!

IF YOU DON'T HAVE A LOYALTY CARD AND WANT TO SUPPORT SCOTTISH RITE MASONIC CENTER

YOU CAN GET A LOYALTY CARD FROM KING SOOPERS ANYTIME AND THEN JUST FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS ABOVE.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE SCOTTISH RITE MASONIC CENTER

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