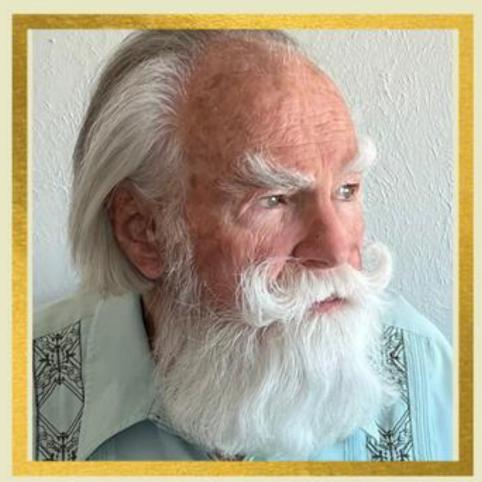


# Denver's RiteWorks

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Presenting Our 2022 Denver St. Patrick's Day Parade





DR. DAVID "DOC" POWELL

### Of all crafts, to be an honest man is the Master Craft.

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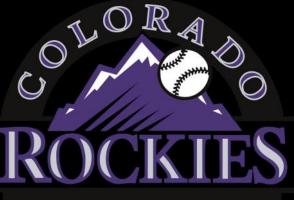
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### **PLANNING CALENDAR**

### **March 2022**

Fri, Mar 4	11:30 a.m.	Consistory Lunch (Fried Chicken)
Mon, Mar 7	7:00 p.m.	KSA Meeting in Lodge Room
Thu, Mar 10	7:00 p.m.	Degree Council Meeting
Fri, Mar 11, 18, 25	11:30 a.m.	Consistory Lunches (Fried Chicken on 18 <sup>th</sup> )
Wed, Mar 16	6:30—8:00 p.m.	Friends of the Scottish Rite (Prospect Night)
Mon, Mar 21		Stated Meeting - Parking Garage Available
	5:30 p.m.	Red Room Business Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Dinner
	7:00 p.m.	Awards and announcements; Past Presiding Officers
		Recognition, Sports Team Shirt Night
	7:30 p.m.	Split Meeting: 5 min Oration: Rky Mtn Chapter Rose Croix
Sat, Mar 26	9:00-11:00 a.m.	KSA Spring Cleanup 10369255

## April 2022

Fri, Apr 1	11:30 a.m.	Consistory Lunch (Fried Chicken)
Mon, Apr 4	7:00 p.m.	KSA Meeting in Lodge Room
Fri, Apr 8	11:30 a.m.	Consistory Lunch
Fri-Sun, Apr 8-10		Supreme Council Leadership Program (San Diego)
Fri, Apr 15	11:30 a.m.	Consistory Lunch (Fried Chicken)
Sun, Apr 17	6:30 a.m.	Easter Sunrise Service (Knights Templar Association)
		Parking Garage Available
Mon, Apr 18		Stated Meeting - Parking Garage Available
	5:30 p.m.	Red Room Business Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Dinner
	7:00 p.m.	Awards and Announcements
		Celebration of Remembrance and Renewal
Fri, Apr 22	11:30 a.m.	Consistory Lunch
Sat, Apr 23	7:00 a.m.—noon	9 HEALTH 365
Fri, Apr 29	11:30 a.m.	Consistory Lunch

## May 2022

Mon, May 2	7:00 p.m. KSA Meeting in Lodge Room
Fri, May 6, 20	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunches
Mon, May 9	5:30 p.m. Special Officers Meeting to read Petitions
Thu-Sat, May 12-14	Spring Reunion (57 <sup>th</sup> ) Parking Garage Available
Mon, May 16	Stated Meting—Parking Garage Available
Fri, May 27	8:00 a.m. SRMC Sporting Clays Competition
Sun, May 29	9:00 a.m. Flags for Vets (Fort Logan)
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## WHY?

In the past couple of weeks, in another organization for which I am an appointed national officer, I have run across more than a few members (Brothers) who spent a fair amount of money to become a member, were brought into the organization, attended maybe ONE meeting, and then left—never to return. WHY?

Oh, SOME of them say it's because they don't have the time. REALLY? You had the time to get the degrees and become a member, why don't you have the time to help put on the degrees/programs or at least attend a meeting now and then?

SOME of them say it's the press of business. We've ALL been there, done that, and wear the tee-shirt proudly. It's not always a case of being "too busy" - it's usually more a case of not prioritizing your 24 inch gauge to include participating.

Now, before you leap on that one and say something like ... well we're told that we owe a duty to God, to our country, to our profession, to our family and THEN to Masonry—you are correct. BUT...again...I will ask:

WHY did you join? Why did you take on more than you were able to accommodate in your busy schedule? Why do you continue to stay away? You paid your fees, and you get nothing in return when you stay away.

If it is because you think the group "doesn't DO anything productive" (that's what my father said) ... how do you expect to change that? I've always held that you can NOT make change from OUTSIDE the organization—you MUST be inside working and showing your commitment and intentions to make effective changes.

Yes, it can be frustrating to be that "spark plug" that just never seems to light the fire you think is necessary. Sometimes, it's a case of PATIENCE and PERSISTENCE.

I'm reminded of the cartoon I saw many years ago. Two vultures are sitting atop a telegraph pole in the desert. In the distance there is a man crawling through the sand, obviously in search of food, water, and/or civilization—but nothing is on the horizon. One vulture turns to the other and says "Patience, my ass. I'm gonna KILL something."

Go back and re-read your first three degrees (and any of the other 29 in the Scottish Rite or the others you have had. You might find that there was a REASON they told you to exercise patience and all would be revealed to you at the proper time.

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HAGGIS SIMPLIFIED—Lamb Sausage

Prep Time: 5 min Cook Time: 1hr 10 min Servings: 4 Source: carolinescooking.com/haggis

#### **Ingredients**

½ tbsp butter (5gm approx.)

1 onion

½ tsp ground black pepper

¾ tsp ground coriander

¾ tsp nutmeg

1 tsp allspice

½ tsp dried thyme or fresh (slightly chopped if fresh)

¼ tsp cinnamon

1 lb ground lamb (450gm approx.)

½ lb chicken livers (225 gm approx.)

1 cup stock (240 ml)

4 oz pinhead oatmeal (115 gm)

- 1. Preheat oven to 350°F (175°C)
- 2. Warm the butter in a pan. Finely dice the onion and cook over a medium heat in the butter until softened, about 5 minutes. 8939431
- 3. Meanwhile, take any fatty or tough pieces off the chicken livers and roughly chop.
- 4. Add the various spices and thyme to the onion and cook a minute, then add the lamb and chicken livers.
- 5. Brown the meat. Once cooked, add the stock and cover. Simmer about 20 minutes.
- 6. Add the oatmeal, mix well and transfer to an oven-safe dish (unless you started with one)
- 7. Cover the dish and cook in the oven for 30 minutes.
- 8. Remove the lid and cook another 10 minutes.
- 9. Serve with mashed potatoes and mashed rutabaga/swede (neeps and tatties)

This is for those of us who remember Burns Suppers with Haggis, but can't find it anywhere else during the year.





## Take me out to the ball park on April 8<sup>th</sup> at 2:10 p.m. COLORADO ROCKIES OPENING HOME GAME

**Brother Dick Williams, 32°,** will be at Coors Field on opening day (April 8<sup>th</sup>) in one of the Colorado Rockies Shops. This will be his 4<sup>th</sup> season working at the Rockies and contributing to our Scottish Rite Masonic Center. **LET IT BE KNOWN THAT** Dick Williams attended 85 home Rockies games last year! His efforts rewarded our Scottish Rite Masonic Center to the tune of over \$10,000!!! How have we recognized Brother Williams? He has received a Double Eagle Jewel Collar, certificates of recognition, articles in the *RiteWorks*, citing his efforts at the Colorado Rockies games, and he has been acknowledged at multiple Stated Meetings.

**SO ... WHAT IS MISSING?** As a Scottish Rite Mason, YOU are part of Dick's family. Each one of us should personally thank Dick and recognize his efforts by a **matching contribution** for one or more games he has worked or will work this year. How much is that? Dick earned \$110 for each of the 85 games he worked in 2021.

Recognize Brother Dick by a contribution in his name to the Scottish Rite Masonic Center. You can do this by sending in a check to the attention of either Matt Raia or Cathy Anderson. You can also call the office and give them your Credit Card number. 6196109

Scottish Rite Masonic Center 1370 Grant Street Denver, Colorado 80203 (303) 861-4261

Thank you for your contribution and GO ROCKIES!



# From the Secretary's Desk



Matt Raia, 33°

#### THE LAZIER A MAN IS, THE MORE HE PLANS TO DO TOMORROW

#### **Scottish Rite Masonic Center Endowment Fund Contributions**

https://www.denverconsistorybuildingendowmentfund.org

The SRMC wishes to acknowledge those who donated to the Endowment Fund these past two months and began a *Cathedral Club* membership.

Brother Thomas Berlinger, 32°
Brother Mark Hogan, 32°
Brother Bruce Miller, 32°
Brother Charles Plagainos, 32°
Brother Ronald Tanski, 32°
Brother Lester Vickers, 32°
Brother Howard Zoufaly, 32°

#### WHO READS THE RITEWORKS CONTEST

The membership numbers published in the January/February RiteWorks belong to the following Brothers who were eligible to receive a free dinner for the February Stated Meeting. Thomas D. Huston III; Dale A. Swartz; Perry H. Friendentag; Charles L. Martell II; Umar Shabazz; Jeremy Soles; Jeffrey J. Hargrave; Gordon A. Ledford; Marvin S. Murphy; Harrison F. Hayes. NONE of these Brothers called the office to claim their free dinner! Maybe this month's winners will see their membership number and call the office to claim their free dinner for the March Stated Meeting. 8256885

#### **NEW DIRECTOR GENERAL APPOINTED**

Brother Phil Hause, 32° KCCH, has retired as Director General. Thank you Phil for all the work you did while Director General and the great reunions you put together. Illustrious Brother Al Ulibarri, 33°, has been appointed Director General. Illustrious Brother Bobby Juchem, 33°, remains Assistant Director General.

#### PROPERTIES AND STAGE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN CHANGES

Illustrious Brother Walt Martin, 33°, has retired as the Properties and Stage Committee Chairman and Illustrious Brother David Dorn, 33°, has retired as Properties Co-Chair. Illustrious Brother Keith Anderson, 33°, has been appointed the Properties and Stage Committee Chairman. Brother Bart Wegner, 32° KCCH, has been appointed Properties Co-Chair, and Illustrious Brother James Preston, 33°, remains as the Stage Co-Chair.

January 29<sup>th</sup> Burns Supper - Congratulations to Brother John Davis, 32°, Venerable Master of the Denver Consistory Chapter of the Knights of Saint Andrew for a successful Burns supper. It was great to see the dining room full of individuals enjoying a fun evening and a great meal.





February 21st Stated Meeting - At our February Stated Meeting we presented a Cathedral Club Gold Membership Certificate to Illustrious Brother Charlie and Thelma Shaeffer and a Silver Membership Certificate to Paul Revere Lodge #130.



Amber Dinh—"Facing Homelessness Denver" was our guest speaker. A SINCERE Thank-You for the homeless.



following members of the Fall Reunion class: Joshua J. Ruegsegger; Jonathan S. Herrmann; C. David Tuck; Thomas M. Abbott; Marcus B. Johnson; Patrick R. Good; Michael C. Foster; Nelson D. Ayres; C. Lee Alexander; Russell A. Magyar; Peter R. Finnie



Tabor Hanjal gave an excellent presentation of the DeMolay "Flower Talk."



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Members of the class who were not present to receive their Patent and Photo may pick them up in the Office.

The annual Report of the Almoner was given by **Illustrious Brother Joe Kier, 33°,** and the annual Report of the Life Membership Memorial Fund was given by **Illustrious Brother Bob Gregory, 33°. Illustrious Brother Bart Corfee, 33°,** Orator of the Centennial Lodge of Perfection, delivered a very interesting oration outlining his Masonic heritage.

**DEGREE COUNCIL MEETING** - Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. for all degree directors, assistant directors, and committee chairmen to plan the Spring Reunion.

**FRIENDS OF THE SCOTTISH RITE PROSPECT NIGHT** - Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Invite your candidates to join us for a light supper, information about the Scottish Rite, and a tour of the building.

MARCH 21<sup>st</sup> STATED MEETING - This is *Past Presiding Officer Recognition* and "Wear Your Favorite Sports Team Shirt" night.

**KSA SPRING CLEANUP** - Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup> from 9:00—11:00 a.m. Come out and help the KSA spruce up our building in preparation for the Spring Reunion.

**SPRING REUNION MAY 12, 13, 14, 2022** - <u>WE NEED PETITIONS!</u> We currently have only FOUR candidates for the Spring Reunion and one is a holdover from the Fall Reunion. Brothers, turn in the petitions as soon as you receive them. <u>Do NOT wait until the April 18<sup>th</sup> Stated</u> Meeting. 8446965

**FIRST LINE SIGNER INCENTIVE PROGRAM: THREE** petitions in a calendar year will pay your membership for a year. If you are a life member, it entitles you to receive Stated Meeting dinners for a year. Use the Electronic Petition to expedite the process. When the candidate completes the electronic petition, it is automatically sent to the Denver Consistory office.

## DENVER CONSISTORY PETITION FOR MEMBERSHIP



**CALLING COMMITTEE** - We have a group of nineteen volunteers who make calls to our members each quarter. The volunteers are not required to come to the office on a specific day to make the calls. Instead, they make the calls at their leisure. Every quarter volunteers are given a new list of members to call, and a list of "talking points." The goal is for every Denver Consistory 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 them, that they are important to us, to find out how they are doing, and to offer assistance if needed.

I want to express my gratitude and thanks to the Calling Committee members for volunteering to reach out to our Brothers. The recipients of the calls really appreciate being called. You are a vital link between Denver Consistory and our members. As a result of the calls, we have discovered some brothers who are in poor health, some who are experiencing financial difficulty and need assistance (and have been referred to our Almoner) and, unfortunately, some who have passed on and we were not notified by the family of their passing.

If you would like to be a Calling Committee Volunteer, let me know and I will add you to the list of volunteers and send you a list of brothers to call.

**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 <a href="https://www.carsforcharity.net">www.carsforcharity.net</a> to donate for the benefit of the Denver Scottish Rite Masonic Center.

**2022 MEMBERSHIP FEE WAS PAYABLE DECEMBER 31**<sup>st</sup>, **2021.** If you have not yet paid your 2022 membership fee, please do so and not become delinquent. \$110 is a real bargain for membership in Denver Consistory. Just \$0.30 per day. WOW! That's less than the cost of one cup of coffee. Isn't your membership in the Scottish Rite worth more to you than a cup of coffee? Please do your part to help sustain the operation of Denver Consistory by paying your membership fee.

<u>If you are experiencing financial difficulty and are unable to pay your membership fee,</u>

<u>PLEASE CONTACT ME</u>! We have programs available to assist you so that you are not suspended for non-payment. But, you MUST contact me. We can't help you if you don't ask.

Monthly membership fee payment plan is available - Are you tired of paying fees at the end of the year to all of the Masonic bodies you belong to? You may pay your annual Denver Consistory membership fee in eleven easy monthly payments 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 membership fee for the coming year will be paid. Contact the office to set up a payment plan.

#### **AUTOMATIC MEMBERSHIP FEE RENEWAL PROGRAM**

Supreme Council created and installed an auto-renewal program to pay membership fees. This is a COMPLETELY VOLUNTARY program that gives members the OPTION to have their membership fees automatically deducted using a credit or debit card through the online Membership Portal.

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**Life Memberships** are an ideal way to avoid paying future membership fee increases. A Life Membership guarantees that you will never be suspended for nonpayment 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 nonpayment 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:

75 years old and older – a single payment of \$1,000
62-74 years old – a single payment of \$1,500
Younger than 62 – a single payment of \$2,500
Extended payment terms may be arranged. Contact the office for details.

### "Membership is a CONTACT SPORT!"

Membership Reports: March 2021 1627

March 2022 1541

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# Bill Achbach, 32° KCCH Director of Education

Arts ... Parts ... Points: The Wealth of Our Masonic Experience



Last week, I had the privilege of obligating our Lodge's newest Master Mason (Welcome and congratulations, Brother Shawn!), and the obligation set me to thinking about how to approach a topic that's been on my mind for some time.

#### "...arts, parts, or points..."

The context of those words is familiar to us all, from three moving and memorable moments in our Masonic careers. But if we think about them at all, as we study to "make suitable proficiency," the meaning of the words is probably dismissed as a flowery way of saying "anything having to do with...," and we leave it at that.

But it isn't the context or the literal meaning of the words that got my attention, for what I want to share with you this month, Brethren. Rather, my thoughts turned to how those three words apply, in such a profound way, to the totality of our experience in the Craft...and even more to our journey in the Scottish Rite. So, indulge me, for a few lines here, as I take a stab at expressing how fortunate we are, as Masons, to be part of something which can engage us so deeply and on so many levels and how that all relates to a few memorable words from our common experience in the Fraternity.

#### Arts?

There are many references, throughout our work, to various "arts." Some (and especially in the FC and in our Scottish Rite degrees) have to do literally with "the arts," as we usually think about that field of knowledge and creative or expressive endeavor. The Craft itself is truly an "art:" first, as opposed to being a "science" (even while employing scientific symbolism and reference) and, second, as it gives such creative and imaginative free reign to the human spirit. As we undertake our travels, we are encouraged (and, depending upon the roles assumed, we may be required) to realize and cultivate a great variety of interests, skills, means of expression, and opportunities for leadership & fulfillment. 11110973

He, who ventures to create, risks baring his soul: inviting the reaction and criticism of others and, no less, of himself! Free Masonry asks us to do just that, as we learn and apply intellectual skills and moral and philosophical lessons to build our Masonic edifices. Properly pursued, Free Masonry is the very essence of Socrates' axiom that "An unexamined life is not worth living." In the end, we seek to do in the world what we pursue in our own lives: to improve the former by making the latter a monument to human potential.

#### Parts?

Our journey through Free Masonry is one experienced in "parts." It is very rare for the totality of any important concept or principle to be related to us, all in a single stroke.

Why is that? Why does the Craft, as does life generally, so often teach us "by fits and starts?"

I believe (both in Free Masonry and in life) that a lesson is only a lesson when we're ready to learn it. We may encounter the same experience more than once, but only learn from it in the end...when we've been made ready to absorb it. This is how we function as individuals, both intellectually and emotionally. Time is required to, if you will, "digest" what we experience at a given point in our journey. Then and only then are we ready to meaningfully take in what comes next.

As an example, think about the story of the Master Mason Degree. It would be a rare thing for a Brother not to be moved by what he experiences on that occasion! But then, in the Lodge of Perfection degrees, we are told a moving and extended version of "the rest of the story." Would we, at the time of our raising, have been able to make sense of what the 4<sup>th</sup> through the 14<sup>th</sup> Degrees have to offer us? I can answer that question only for myself, but I'm certain that the person I became, because of my 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree experience (and then where I went with that experience in the next few years) was indispensable for me to even begin to appreciate what followed in the lessons of the Lodge of Perfection.

So, for me, the significance of "parts" is that, to become a mature Mason, I must learn how those separately learned pieces fit together. Out of my own experience and understanding, I must provide the transitions, the balance, the connections, and the rational meanings to round out the story. The Masonic system of thought and discipline is designed to give us the framework for putting the pieces together. However, we all must remember that the "pieces" aren't designed to fit together in only a single "one size fits all" manner.

It is perhaps the greatest strength of Free Masonry, as well as the greatest mystery of its attraction, that the finished work is as unique to the craftsman as his own unique employment of the working tools can make it!

#### Points?

There are several ways to interpret this word, in terms of the commitment we make in our obligations. One way or another, however, the intent seems to be a focus upon details...and specifically upon those of greatest importance to the Craft. The first thing that might come to mind (it does to me) are signs and tokens and then also the many images related to us in the lectures. However, as soon as one settles on that conclusion (and it seems a legit one to me), the next thought might well be, "So that's a reference to symbols!"

The symbolism of the Fraternity, often evoking such deep emotional response, is certainly a matter worth guarding from the uninitiated. Many of us, I'm sure, have fielded the question "Why are there secrets?", with some form of this answer: "Because you wouldn't understand

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those things as we do." Put wrongly, that can be taken as a condescending response, but consider that well known generic definition of Free Masonry: "A system of morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols."

Were I to attempt, for example, an explanation of "a point within a circle," to a listener without a Masonic perspective (on either the allegory underlying it or the moral argument being made), that person would likely find the explanation obscure, at best, and perhaps even quite trivial. By contrast, the same symbolism might evoke a deep emotional and intellectual response from a Brother, as it represents an immediate entrée into some very familiar, higher-level thinking on a very specific topic.

So, in guarding or protecting the symbolism of the Craft, we seek to preserve the perspective...the "worldview," as it were, of the Fraternity, and protecting our symbolism isn't a matter of being exclusive only for the sake of exclusivity. Rather, it's because our shared understanding of these things is very precious to us and is a special part of our bond with one another.

Brethren, we have a great wealth of knowledge, valuable guidance, teaching and rich symbolism in the accumulated "treasury" of our Masonic lives: "arts, parts and points." What we share is nothing less than "the wisdom of the ages," if only we realize it and choose to draw from it to enrich our lives. Yes, we are called upon to protect what we have been given. But that admonition should never be taken as prohibiting us from sharing all that we have with the world! We may do that, with absolute freedom, when we incorporate what we've gained and all that we've come to understand into the way we live our lives.



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**Last Month's Trivia Question:** Who was Joseph Brant and what is his significance in the Masonic history of America?

Answer: [Joseph Brant was a] Mohawk Indian who was initiated in London in 1776. Brant was in command of some Indian troops in the British service, who were prepared to torture Captain John McKinstry (an officer in the Colonial army), when he noticed McKinstry's resort to the mystic appeal in his hour of danger, whereupon he interposed and saved his brother from his impending fate. He rescued McKinstry, took him to Quebec, and placed him in the hands of English Masons, who eventually returned him, uninjured to the American outposts. Years afterwards Brant visited McKinstry at his home in Greendale, N.Y. and attended Lodge with him there. (Peterson, William O.; Masonic Quiz Book: Ask Me Another, Brother; Book Tree; Kindle Edition.)

This Month's Trivia Question (answer in the April *RiteWorks*): What was behind the 1738 "schism" between the "Antients" and the "Moderns" in Britain, and in what colony (state) in America was (and, to some degree, is) the result of that Masonic division most profoundly felt?



### From the Lodge of Perfection East

#### Brother Thomas R. Repp, 32° KCCH Wise Master, Rocky Mountain Chapter of Rose Croix



Greetings Knights Rose Croix! It is exciting to see our Consistory activities in full swing for 2022! The first half of the year is always the most robust with various Scottish Rite Masons of Denver activities sponsored by the four officer lines. Next to our belief in God, charity lies at our foundation. The schedule for 2022 has many opportunities for charity and community activities. We typically offer charity to our Scottish Rite Brethren by fulfilling our duties here at the Denver Consistory. A few community opportunities in support of our mission are being sponsored by the Rocky Mountain Chapter of Rose Croix in 2022. They are:

- Homeless Sock Drive completed February 21<sup>st</sup> Thank you to all who participated!
- Attendance at Remembrance, Renewal, and Commitment Ceremony—April 18<sup>th</sup>
- Volunteer at Fort Logan Flags for Fallen Vets May 29<sup>th</sup>
   <a href="http://flagsforfallenvets.com/">http://flagsforfallenvets.com/</a> Sign up is the same group: "Mason"
- Sponsor or volunteer: Scottish Rite Masons of Denver Wreaths Across America Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> http://www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/pages/170983

Check the Consistory website and RiteWorks for volunteer details! Fort Logan Flags for Fallen Vets and Scottish Rite Masons of Denver—Fort Logan Wreaths Across America volunteer attendance will yield 50 points toward a member's Service Jewel! Bring family and friends to also get credit for their help! 5829833

All Scottish Rite members in good standing are entitled to a Rose Croix Funeral Service. This beautiful ceremony complements our Masonic Funeral Ceremony and offers exceptional dignity to valued members of our fraternity Please notify the office of your desires to receive a funeral service and notify your family members. This can be accomplished by calling the office or on our website <a href="http://www.denverconsistory.org/funeral.html">http://www.denverconsistory.org/funeral.html</a>. If you would like to be on the Rose Croix Funeral Team, please contact the office or myself and we can get you certified!

During our Masonic journeys in the first three degrees, we learn about the liberal arts and sciences. Geometry is the most revered science as the astronomer is enabled to make his observations and set the duration of time and season, years and cycles. In the Northern Hemisphere, the vernal equinox is defined when the Sun crosses the celestial equator going north. According to the Farmer's Almanac for this year, the vernal equinox, or commencement of Spring, is Sunday, March 20, 2022 at 9:33 a.m. MST.

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For the Christian, Easter is their single most important Holy day, as it celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ. This central belief of Christians dates back to around 30 A.D. There is hope in this event to a Christian that they too will experience a resurrection in heaven. Generally, Easter is considered a "movable feast" and does not have a fixed date. The day of Easter is celebrated on the first Sunday following the full moon occurring on or just after the vernal equinox. For the already stated date of the vernal equinox (March 20<sup>th</sup>) the first full moon occurring after that date is on Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, thus, Easter in 2022 is observed on Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>.

On April 18<sup>th</sup>, the Rocky Mountain Chapter of Rose Croix will exemplify the Remembrance, Renewal, and Commitment Ceremony. Spring is a time of beginning, but is also a time for remembrance. This public ceremony is an opportunity for the Scottish Rite Masons of Denver to remember our brethren who have proceeded us to a place beside the Grand Architect of the Universe, whither we are all destined. It is also a ceremony to remind us of our obligations as Scottish Rite Masons, the rules by which we should live our lives, and to pledge ourselves to aiding humanity. Please invite and bring your family, friends, and neighbors to this event. If you plan to have dinner before the Stated Meeting, please RSVP by purchasing dinwebsite marketplace: https://centennial-lodge-ofner in advance on our perfection.square.site/.

I look forward to serving with you all in 2022 and to continue making our Consistory even more valued!

#### **WANTED!** Funeral Team Members - Rocky Mountain Chapter of Rose Croix

As a member of the Scottish Rite YOU can help the Funeral Team!

This service is meaningful and powerful and represents Scottish Rite Members of Denver. Contact the Wise Master or the Office for the latest funeral script to memorize. When you have learned each part, set up appointments with III. Brother Matt to sit for your proficiency in his office. He offers guidance during that time also. We advise learning the script in the order JW, SW, and then WM.

Once proficient, you will receive a tie we all wear at the funerals. Uniform for the Funeral Team is black or dark suit and shoes, white shirt, Consistory tie, your cap, and no name tag. The Wise Master brings the aprons, rose, cross, and CD. Ill. Brother Tom Thompson sets up the funerals and he will call you once you are proficient and are available to participate with the team.

Let me know if you need any help or have questions. We welcome interested brethren to build our team!

Sincerely and Fraternally: Thomas Repp, 32° KCCH, Wise Master





At the February 7 meeting of the Denver Chapter of the Knights of St. Andrew, Venerable Master John Davis, 32° presented the prestigious "Knight of the Year Award" for 2021 to Brother Dillon Brickhouse, 32°. This award is annually presented to a Sir Knight of St. Andrew who has given generously of his time and talent in the preceding year in support of the Denver Consistory of the Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite. Sir Knight Dillon has been a key volunteer in the work of the Chapter of the KSA and we sincerely appreciate all that he has done for the Chapter and the Consistory. Brother Dillon is also serving as the Orator of the Rocky Mountain Chapter of Rose Croix for 2022. Congratulations, Sir Knight and Brother Dillon on this well-deserved award! 8218968

The Denver Chapter of the Knights of St. Andrew (KSA) held their "Knighting Ceremony", or initiation for twelve newly made Masters of the Royal Secret on January 3, 2022. The KSA Chapter meets on the first Monday of each month in the Lodge room on the main floor of the Denver Consistory. All Scottish Rite Masons are invited to attend, as well as guests. The meetings start at 7 pm. No dinner is served beforehand, but many of the Knights and their ladies and guests do repair to Doc's Pub after the meetings for fellowship.

This Knighting ceremony included nearly half of the Fall Reunion Class at the Consistory. Because of work schedules and other conflicts, there are still a number of men to be knighted at a future meeting.

The KSA is a "Black hat only" part of the Scottish Rite. The KSA puts on the annual Robert Burns Dinner in January and are responsible for the Consistory cleanup several weeks prior to the Spring and Fall Reunions. They act as guides and escorts for our guests. And they operate Doc's Pub for the enjoyment of all members of the Consistory. In other words, they are sometimes referred to as the "workhorses" and we sincerely appreciate all they do. The KSA is a great way to meet the Brothers of the Scottish Rite and to learn your way around the Consistory. If you're a Black Hat, consider joining. You'll be quite pleased and will be welcomed with open arms.



## **Memorial Scroll**





Ronald Floyd Ashlock, Sr., 32°	01/31/2022
John Edward Bartos, 32°	02/01/2022
Byron Ellsworth Beaty, 32°	01/17/2022
Joseph Y. Dwoskin, 32°	11/16/2021
John Lee Harper, 33°	02/14/2022
Stephen Jay Kaplan, 32°	01/23/2022
Mark George Mueller, Jr., 32° KCCH	01/22/2022
Glenn Everett Murray, 32°	11/30/2021
James Frank Norris, 32°	02/05/2022
Virgil Rollins Nyman, 32°	01/14/2022
Gary Yukio Okimoto, 32°	01/31/2022
Garold Wayne Price, 32°	01/26/2022
William Joseph Schubert, 32°	01/13/2022
Roy Lory Smith, Jr., 32°	08/11/2021
Charles Oliver Stark, 32°	10/09/2021
Robert George Van Male, 32°	01/26/2022
Richard Kinsley Welle, 32°	11/25/2021

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: Thomas R. Repp, 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° (emeritus); Richard W. Mitchell, 33°; Scott E. Olson, 32° KCCH, Matthew A. Raia, 33°; 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 Tom Repp, 32° KCCH for more information.



## The Prelate's Pulpit

Rev. James H. Harris, 33° Prelate for All Scottish Rite Bodies



The Council of Kadosh did a great job at our Monday night Stated Meeting. I have been getting tired of the cold and snow and am ready for the season of Spring and renewal. I am blessed as my neighbors have taken care of the snow removal for me. Last week, I opened the door and thanked my neighbor as he was shoveling the snow for the second time that morning. He replied, "It is cold out here, but isn't this what neighbors do for one another?" I thought about last winter when I snow plowed a driveway for one of my neighbors whose husband was working in another city. Yes, we do help each other. Isn't this what Masons do, help each other? We could call a brother who has not attended meetings for a few weeks. We also could call a brother who had been in the hospital or is going through a difficult time. I have called brothers who have been in the hospital or sick and they really appreciated the phone call. My brothers, these are difficult times and we need to uplift each other. I got a card last week with a cat hanging onto a tree limb which read: "I can hang on." Beneath were the words, "you can do it." Do you know of a brother who could use some encouragement, some kindness, some financial assistance, someone needing confidence or just knowing that someone cares about them? March 20 is the first day of Spring, and March 13<sup>th</sup> Daylight Savings Time begins yet again when we "spring forward" on the clock. The days get longer. March 2<sup>nd</sup> is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent.

This is a season of renewal and hope. Suddenly, God pushes back the gate and in comes March to the cadence of the Conductor's command. It happens every year. Enter: renewal. Exit: doubt. Hello hope, good-bye despair. I have called this Winter "Operation Survival." The promise of change is all around us. I am looking forward to our Easter Sunrise Service at the Consistory, beginning at 6:30 a.m. Many Masonic groups will be participating in the service this year. To my knowledge, it is the only time so many Masonic groups come together as one. 4341202

I pray that war across the waters will not escalate into a war involving more countries, including the United States. I pray for the people in both countries who are suffering. The family of my youngest son's wife live in Romania, and she is worried about them. I pray for peace.

Have a great Spring and remember to reach out and touch someone. I always remember that with God, I can handle anything.



#### 100+ Years Young

Harold Eugene Cook (101) Stacy Lamark Sitton (100)

90 Years "OLD"

Robert D. Lofgren, Jr. Frederick John Tietbohl III

80 Years "OLD"

Robin Lee Hotchkiss Delbert Joseph Militare Lee Allen Wilson

70 Years "OLD"

Alan L. Cox Randy Leroy Fowler Thomas Blair Nissen Wayne Anthony Wells Robert Stephen Wildmann

60 Years "OLD"

**Steven Lewis Melnick** 

40 Years "OLD"

Luke Allen Angerhofer

Our March 2022 "Youngster"

Eric Dale Lowery (38)

#### **March Observances**

Mar 3: Naval Reserve Birthday

Mar 5: Seabees Birthday

Mar 13: K9 Veterans Day

Mar 15: American Legion Birthday Mar 21: Rosie the Riveter Day

Mar 25: Medal of Honor Day

Mar 29: National Vietnam War Vets Day

#### SPEAKING "SOUTHERN"

**Ah:** the things you see with, and the personal pronoun denoting individuality. "Ah think Ah've got something' in mah ah."

**Ahmoan:** An expression of intent. "Ahmoan have a little drink. You want one?

**Aint:** The sister of your mother or father. "Son, go over and give Aint Bea a big hug."

**Airs:** Mistakes. "That shortstop's made two airs, and the game's not half over yet."

**Bidness:** The art of selling something for more than you paid for it. "My cousin Archie is in the real estate bidness."

**Dawfins:** Name of the professional football team in Miami. "You think the Dawfins can win the conference this year?"

**Dayum:** A cuss word Rhett Butler used in *Gone With the Wind*. "Frankly, my dear, I don't give a dayum."

**Everwhichaways:** To be scattered in all directions. "You should have been there when the train hit that chicken truck. Them chickens flew everwhichaways." 778183

**Fatback:** Salt pork—an essential ingredient in the cooking of collard greens and beans. "Ah like fried-out fatback as much as bacon."

**Good ole boy:** Any Southern male between the ages of 16 and 60 who has an amiable disposition and is fond of boon companions, strong drink, hound dawgs, fishin', huntin' and goodlookin' women, but not necessarily in that order. "Basil's a good ole boy."





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#### **ANNOUNCEMENT**

#### **Grand Junction Scottish Rite Bodies Spring Reunion 29-30 April 2022**

#### Brethren:

The Grand Junction Consistory is looking for players in their degrees. In particular, the Master of Kadosh, Wise Master, Commander of Kadosh, Minister of State, and Modes of Recognition for the 32°. They would also welcome a degree team from ANY of the other degrees that aren't mandatory. Typically, the 4<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, and 18<sup>th</sup> Degrees are on Day ONE and the 30<sup>th</sup> and 32<sup>nd</sup> Degrees are presented on Day TWO.

I can attest that these Brothers have a great time doing their degrees, and this is a wonderful opportunity to strengthen the bonds of Fellowship. Illustrious Brothers Joe Keir and John Warren have been very active in Grand Junction Reunions and I'm sure they can fill you in on what a fun opportunity it is to see degree work by another Consistory.

Please contact Joe Wells, 32° KCCH, Director General, <a href="mailto:hollyhjilljoe@gmail.com">hollyhjilljoe@gmail.com</a> for more information.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

L. Bryant Harris, 32° KCCH



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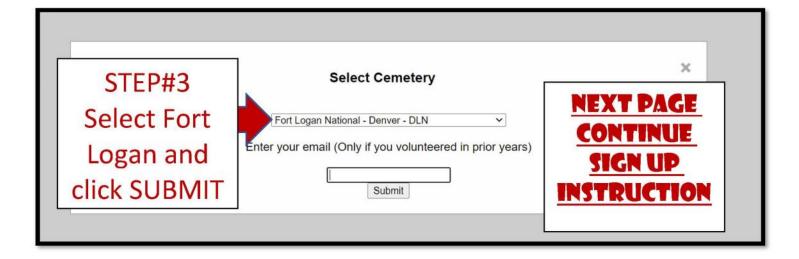


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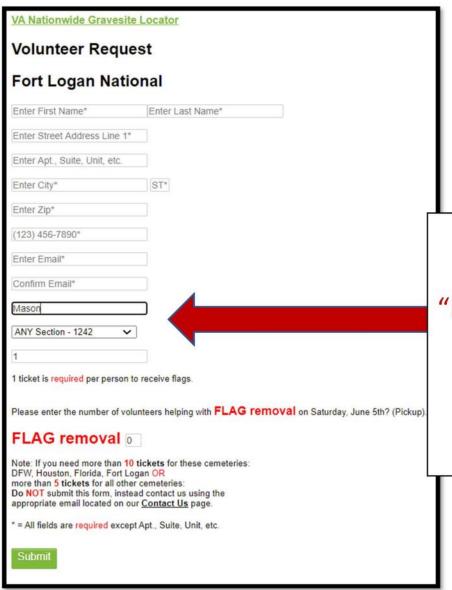
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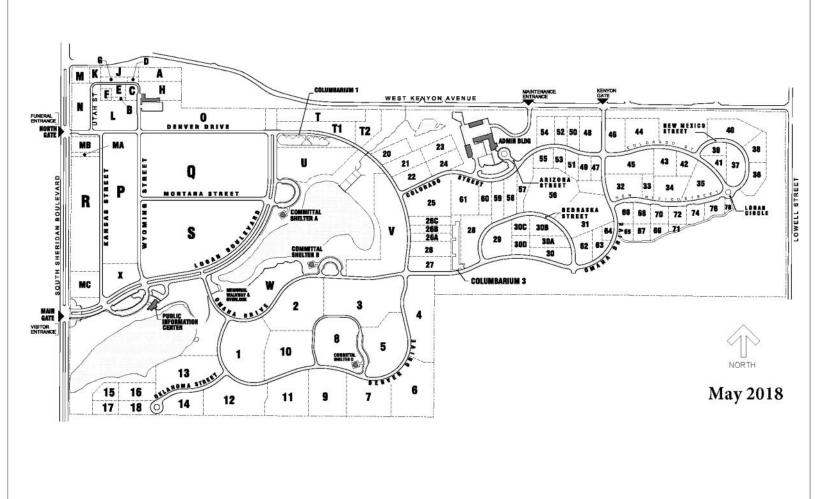
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If kneeling is difficult, come and help others.
Bring a screw driver, mallet, and optional knee pad
to help install flags.
Dress for "Colorado" weather (rain or shine)
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