



Denver's RiteWorks

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CORNERSTONE COMMITTEE MONTHLY COORDINATION ZOOM MEETINGS

ZOOM Meetings of the Cornerstone Planning Committee will be held MONTHLY on the first Wednesday of the month, at 7:00 p.m. First meeting: 04 JAN 2023

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88426732712?pwd=UFQ1dXQyUGdIK1A5WmcvT3pkaEREUT09>



DENVER CONSISTORY

**PETITION FOR
MEMBERSHIP**

MEMBERSHIP IS A CONTACT SPORT!

Membership Report

December 2021: 1585

December 2022: 1495

NET LOSS: 90

Membership Report

January 2022: 1576

January 2023: 1495

NET LOSS: 81

BUILDING SECURITY IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY! We ask that you be mindful of who you let into the lobby through the glass doors and also be aware of who follows you into the building. We have many "street people" waiting for an opportunity to slip into the building. **Do not let anyone in who you do not know to be a member of Denver Consistory.**

PLANNING CALENDAR

January 2023

Mon, JAN 2	CONSISTORY CLOSED (New Year Holiday)
Fri, JAN 6	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (Fried Chicken)
Sat, JAN 7	9:00-11:00 a.m. Un-decorating Party—All members, officers, wives invited
Sun, JAN 8	2:00-5:00 p.m. Going Away Party for Doc Powell
Fri, JAN 13, 20	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch
Sat, JAN 14	8:00 a.m.-NOON Officers' Breakfast, Meeting, and Installation Practice
Mon, JAN 16	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 7:30 p.m. Split Meeting—Corporate Reports, Officer Installations
Fri, JAN 27	NO LUNCH—Consistory closed for Grand Lodge Annual Communication
Sat, JAN 28	6:00 p.m. Whisky College in Classroom prior to Burn's Supper 7:00 p.m. KSA Burns' Supper (see flyer) RESERVATIONS REQUIRED DO NOT CALL OFFICE. www.denverburnssupper.com Parking Garage Available

February 2023

Fri, FEB 3, 10, 17, 24	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (\$13; Fried Chicken on Feb 3)
Mon, FEB 6	7:00 p.m. KSA Meeting in Lodge Room
Mon, FEB 20	Stated Meeting (Feast of Kadosh) Parking Garage Available 5:30 p.m. Red Room Business Meeting 6:00 p.m. Dinner 7:00 p.m. Entertainment (President's Day, Valentine's Day) 7:30 p.m. Split Meeting - Colorado Council of Kadosh Ritual Open 5 min CLOP Oration; Almoner & Life Member Reports

March 2023

Fri, MAR 3, 10, 17, 24, 31	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (\$13; Fried Chicken on Mar 3)
Mon, MAR 6	7:00 p.m. KSA Meeting in Lodge Room
Thu, MAR 9	7:00 p.m. Degree Council Meeting
Mon, MAR 20	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 night; Sports Team Shirt Night 7:30 p.m. Split Meeting; 5 min oration (Rcky Mtn Chapter Rose Croix)
Sat, MAR 25	9:00-11:00 a.m. KSA Spring Cleanup

FAREWELL PARTY

For

Doc Powell

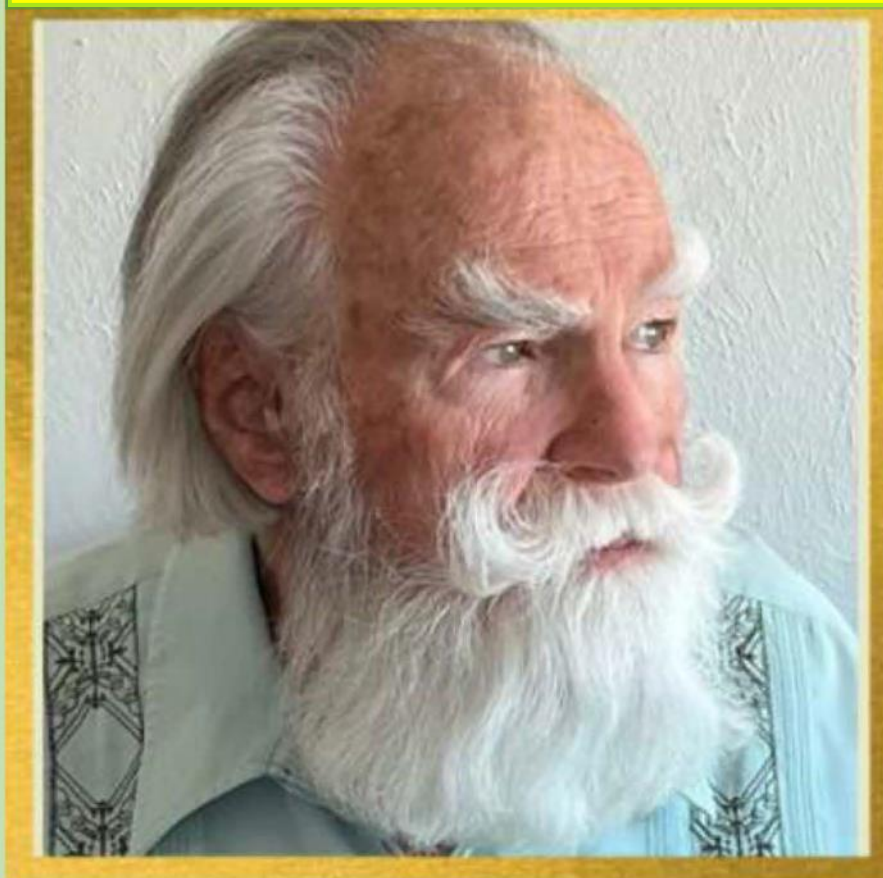
January 8, 2023

2:00 – 5:00 PM

Denver Consistory

RSVP Required by Jan. 3, 2023

TOO LATE! You Snooze, You Lose!



Please,
NO Gifts

EDITOR'S NESTLEBOARD



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Publicity—It's not what it used to be

Chances are many of you are old enough to remember a time when Lodge activities (and other Masonic body activities) would have a brief entry in a local newspaper. I know the Tulsa World and Tulsa Tribune used to have those announcements in the 50's and 60's. I also know that when I was stationed in Scotland, it was true in the late 70's. But, here's the rub: while Tulsa is certainly not a "major metropolitan" area, it's large enough to take notice that they would include notices of meetings and activities in their daily newspapers. You can safely say that small towns, with small circulations, would publish these notices (including obituaries) as a public service (and also to take up space so they didn't have empty white space. Yet, today, we don't even see the smaller town papers (which admittedly are struggling for survival - more so than their larger community cousins) making those kind of announcements today.

Here's something that appeared in a local small town Scottish newspaper in the late 1970's about my lodge — a predominantly US Navy military lodge which also had a small number of local Scots to provide stability because of routine transfers in and out of the country. Yeah, I know, not a very good quality photo, but then, take into account the photocopy and digitizing capabilities in 1977 were nowhere as good as they are today. [1665355]

THE PRESS AND JOURNAL MONDAY NOVEMBER 14 1977

Edzell base Masons' night out

MEMBERS and guests of US Navy Base, Edzell, Masonic Lodge North Esk Marinus 1676 enjoying their dinner-dance in Edzell's Panmure Hotel.



Now, let's be CLEAR ... this photo shows nowhere near the number of Masons in the lodge or even the number that were in attendance at the dinner event. It is simply a photo taken by the staff photographer during the event. Note, the staff photographer was NOT a Mason, he was there because of the EVENT! We didn't ask him to be there, it was just "one of those things" that the local paper decided was important for their readers to know about. After all, our lodge building also served as the community center when it was needed. Our lodge (being largely American Navy personnel) would collect a non-perishable food item (usually canned goods) from each attending member at each meeting during the year. Around our Thanksgiving time, we would gather at the lodge and start dividing up the food items into bags, our Secretary (a local Scot) would tell us which families were in need of some assistance in the village, and we would silently go to the homes, knock on the door, hand the food bag to the owner and wish them a wonderful holiday season. That simple gesture was sufficient to give the lodge a wonderful reputation in the community—and it didn't really cost us a lot of time or money to get that "free publicity" and good will with our neighbors.

Why is this important? Well, if you look at Masonry in the USA over time, you'll see that in our frontier days, the lodge was a center of social and civic activity in a town. Oh, what we did in lodge was "secret" - BUT what we did in the community was not. Fast forward to our heyday in the immediate aftermath of WWII - we had a similar kind of reputation in most cities and towns. In fact, towns were proud of the fact that they had a lodge (or multiple lodges) as well as Elks, Moose, Odd Fellows, etc. All these groups provided some civic cohesion and an opportunity for men to gather together in fellowship. They weren't worried about how many candidates they had for their initiation ceremonies - they usually had a waiting list. Today, how many of our lodges have a "waiting list" of potential candidates for our degrees? Sure, you might have one, but I'm looking at the bigger picture now. Don't just look at YOUR lodge, look at your STATE Grand Lodge system. Are lodges closing/merging? That's usually a sign of decline, not growth. The old adage: take two (or more) struggling lodges and merge them together and what do you get? A larger struggling lodge.

Next month, I will be doing my annual examination of the overall Masonic membership in the USA and Canada and looking at whether or not the "trend" of the past 50 years continues, or begins to see some indications of a turnaround. This isn't to set off alarms, it's to remind my Brothers that "membership is a contact sport" - in other words, **you can't wait for them to come to you, you have to go to them.** That's the only way you're going to get any new and especially younger members into your lodge—and those are the folks that will help your lodge survive and thrive into the next decade and longer. In other words ...

BE VISIBLE IN YOUR COMMUNITY! A simple presence of S&C on your building isn't enough.

Remember, it doesn't matter much if you have a lodge membership of 100, 200 or more—if only 10-15 show up for meetings. You have to have an essential crew to occupy the officer chairs, perform the degree work, do the public engagement, maintain the lodge building, and make sure the lodge is on sound footing. If you have a number of Past Masters and never see them after their term in the east, you might have a problem.

Bill



From the Secretary's Desk

[Matt Raia, 33°](#)



CONSISTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Thursday 7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Law of Mechanical Repairs: After your hands become coated with grease, your nose will begin to itch or you will have to pee.

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.

Illustrious Brother Keith Anderson, 33°

Illustrious Brother Don Emarine, 33°

Brother Howard Zoufaly, 32°

Illustrious Brother Wayne Arner, 33°

Illustrious Brother Bob Gregory, 33°

All American Stair Co.

(Brother Jon Sellars, 32° KCCH)

Transportation Available – Brethren, if you need a ride to a stated meeting, the reunion, or one of our events, call the office and let us know. We will send a ride-share service (Lyft or Uber) to pick you up and to bring you back home, at no expense to you. The Consistory will pay the bill. You do not have to miss out on participating in Denver Consistory events because you need a ride.

Who reads the RiteWorks Contest – The membership numbers published in the December RiteWorks belong to the following Brothers who were eligible to receive a free dinner for the December Stated Meeting. **John A. Hall, Gary Griffith, Vernon R. Hargrave, Randy L. Fowler, Conner D. Riddle, Thor G. Borresen, Victor L. Turner, Frank L. Blades, Ronald G. Honn, Daniel R. McCune.** 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 January Stated Meeting. [11157399]

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.

Donate Your Car - Do you have a car you no longer need? You are not required to be a member of Denver Consistory to participate. ANYONE can participate. Tell your family, friends, and neighbors to donate their car for the benefit of the Scottish Rite Masonic Center and be eligible to receive a tax deduction for the donation. It is easy to donate your vehicle to charity for the benefit of the Scottish Rite Masonic Center.

Go to www.carsforcharity.net and click on "Donate My Car." Scroll down the list of charities and click on Scottish Rite Masonic Center. After you have completed the form, you will be contacted with information about picking up the car. When the car has been sold by Cars for Charity, the Scottish Rite Masonic Center will receive payment and you will get a receipt for a donation in the amount of the sale price. This is a great way to support the Scottish Rite Masonic Center in obtaining funds for the ongoing operation and maintenance of our building.

SRF Children's Christmas Party - was held on December 3rd. It was wonderful to see the children enjoying the party and speaking with Santa.

December 19th Stated Meeting - Our December Stated Meeting was Member Appreciation Night. Those attending dinner received a discount on the cost of their meal equal to the number of years they have been a member. The number of combined years of service of those attending was 1,469—VERY IMPRESSIVE!

Election of 2022 Officers - was conducted by **Illustrious Brother Ron Birely, 33°**, Personal Representative. Congratulations to our officers elected and appointed for 2023. For a complete list of the new officers, check out page 15.

January 7th Un-Decorating Party - We will be taking down the Christmas decorations at 9:00 a.m. All members are invited to help pack up the decorations and put them away.

January 14th All Officer Meeting - Breakfast served at 8:00 a.m. with meeting at 9:00 a.m. followed by installation rehearsal at 10:00 a.m. **ALL OFFICERS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND.**

January 16th Stated Meeting - The public installation of the 2023 officers will take place after our business meeting. In addition to our regular business, we will have the annual reports of our four corporations.

January 27th - Office close for Grand Lodge Communication

Burns Supper January 28th - The Knights of St. Andrew Burns Supper and Whisky College will be held Saturday, January 28th.

2023 Life membership Fee:

75 years old and older – a single payment of \$1,250

62-74 years old – a single payment of \$1,750

Younger than 62 – a single payment of \$2,500

Extended payment terms may be arranged. Contact the office for details.

COMING EVENTS

February 6th 7:00 p.m. - Knights of St. Andrew Meeting

February 20th Stated Meeting - Feast of Kadosh with Ritual Opening by the Colorado Council of Kadosh. Annual report of the Life Membership Fund and the Almoner, and an oration by **Brother Larry Bendt, 32°**, Orator for the Centennial Lodge of Perfection.

Spring Reunion May 11, 12, 13 - 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 9th at 7:00 p.m.

It is not too early to turn in petitions. We had 11 in the 2022 Fall Reunion class. It would be nice if we can have at least that many in the Spring Reunion class. Membership is the lifeline of the Denver Consistory. We can NOT survive without members.

PHILOSOFACTS

- The mystery of love is that the more love you give, the more it remains in your heart.
- Too many folks follow the path of least assistance.
- The hardest thing about climbing the ladder of success is getting through the crowd at the bottom. [10324945]
- You can't draw from sweet memories unless you make regular deposits.
- We must choose between peace on earth ... or earth in pieces.
- Anger is the wind that blows out the light of reason.
- You must know you don't know before you can learn.
- Unexpected expenses are something that one simply must expect.
- Success is a journey, not a destination.
- Opportunity often knocks, but it has never been known to turn the knob and walk in.
- For every minute you are angry, you lose 60 seconds of happiness.
- **THE REAL SECRET OF HAPPINESS IS NOT WHAT YOU GIVE OR WHAT YOU RECEIVE, IT IS WHAT YOU SHARE.**

AROUND THE CONSISTORY



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R. Gene Hardy, 33°
Venerable Master (Elect)
Centennial Lodge of Perfection



The Resolution

While reading I oftentimes experience one of those “aha” moments, having stumbled across a bit of wisdom that clarifies some matter of import to me, thereby providing a bit of instant gratification for taking the time to read in the first place. On rare occasions one of those moments assumes an entirely different character; the level of clarification is more intense and inspires action. That recently occurred while I was reading some of the works of one of my favorite authors, a German pastor called Dietrich Bonhoeffer who reached his adulthood in the years just preceding WWII. He has been described as a brilliant man of many talents, and has been referred to as a philosopher, theologian, pastor, prophet, spy and martyr. He was intellectually gifted and a prolific writer who shared a great deal of his wisdom before his death in 1945. He had much more to offer, but was, unfortunately, taken from us by the Nazis before he was even 40 years old. [8371882]

Every year I wonder whether I should commit to one or more New Year’s resolutions. I usually reject the notion knowing that I would likely stray in short order. I am, however, about to tell a story about Dr. Bonhoeffer that might inspire me to change my tune. Without any warning whatsoever, and without any opportunity to prepare, he was one day confronted with the unenviable task of providing pastoral advice to a child whose dog had passed away.

Dr. Bonhoeffer was a pastoral intern teaching in Spain in 1928 when a sobbing ten-year-old boy asked him whether he would ever see his beloved German shepherd, Mr. Wolf, in heaven. By his own admission, Dr. Bonhoeffer was dumbfounded. Being lost without words was unusual, to say the least, for a man who was generally capable of giving a thoughtful and enlightening response to almost any theological or philosophical question. Basically, he was stumped. Not only had he never been asked that question, but he had also never considered the matter. It certainly had not come up in any of his theological discussions at seminary, either with his professors or any of his fellow students.

Dr. Bonhoeffer could have easily responded by relying on the established doctrine of the time, and I am sure that most, if not all, of us have heard it. It was unsatisfactory to me when I first heard it, and Dr. Bonhoeffer understood it would not have been very helpful to the distraught 10-year-old. The option of telling the boy that he would research the matter and get back to him was simply not available. His daunting task was to immediately provide an answer that was not only sound theologically but comforting and meaningful to the 10-year-old mind. Within moments Dr. Bonhoeffer constructed an answer that transcended

dogma and settled doctrine. Importantly, though, it evidenced a deep sense of compassion, a clear understanding of the young boy's suffering and a strong desire to do something about it.

He told the boy, "Well, we know you loved Mr. Wolf, and we know that God loves you. And we know that God loves all the animals. So, yes, yes, I think you will indeed see Mr. Wolf in heaven, for I believe that God loses nothing that God loves."

Both the depth and simplicity of that advice are to be admired. Albert Pike said that "What we do for ourselves dies with us. What we do for others and the world remains and is immortal." Dr. Bonhoeffer's explanation to the 10-year-old reflects the same belief. He reasoned that compassion and grace equated to love. His message was clear; if one relates to others through love it is an everlasting, eternal act; or immortal in the words of Brother Pike. The divine gifts of compassion and grace were not given to us to be personally treasured. If the human spirit is a ray of the divine light, then we know the task at hand. Brother Pike wrote that "God acts by his works: in Heaven, by angels; on earth, by men." God loses nothing that God loves. So, I should not lose or squander those divine gifts of being compassionate, gracious and loving; rather, they should be put to good use.

That, without further thought, should be enough to convince me to emulate Dr. Bonhoeffer's example in the coming year. Losing weight and getting in great shape will just have to wait!

Here's wishing all of you a wonderful 2023!

Gene Hardy, 33^o

TEN STEPS TO SIMPLICITY

1. Determine your life's passion, and then follow it.
2. Read to yourself, your children, and/or grandchildren.
3. Write it down.
4. Do something physical each day.
5. Find some outdoor space.
6. Bring back breakfast (or the family dinner).
7. Find an escape.
8. Learn that sometimes nothing is better than everything.
9. Enlist the support of family or friends.
10. Stop making or finding excuses, and make this year the year you slow down a little and enjoy life a lot more. [1912120]



Bill Achbach, 32° KCCH

Director of Education

Licht! Mehr Licht!



Requiescat in pace, Ill. Dr. Rex R. Hutchens, 33° GC (1942-2022)

I could not begin this month's article without taking a moment to pay tribute to a giant of the Fraternity: a Brother of special significance to our Rite recently called to the Celestial Lodge above. Ill. and M^W Dr. Rex R. Hutchens, GC passed away during the weekend before Christmas. He was a Past Grand Master of the MW Grand Lodge of Arizona (2006), Deputy of the Supreme Council in Arizona, and (as all Scottish Rite Masons know) the author of *A Bridge to Light*. His writings are some of the most widely read in all the Craft, and his reputation for scholarship made him a Board Member of the *Scottish Rite Research Society*, a Fellow of the *Philaethes Society*, a Founding Fellow of the *Masonic Society*, a Friar of the *Society of Blue Friars*, and a recipient of the Knight Grand Cross in the *Grand College of Rites*. We will miss him and the excellence of his work.

Licht! Mehr, Licht

Well, here we go again! It's time to turn over that calendar page (or replace the thing entirely) and face a New Year, with all the opportunities and experiences it will bring. Yes, I understand that is trite, cliché and simplistic, but, at this time of year, I'm always reminded of two of the things I most appreciate about our Fraternity and its teachings: its practicality and its optimism. [10327914]

This is a time of the year when we're encouraged both to reflect upon a year just past and to prudently plan for the one that lies ahead. Freemasonry reminds us repeatedly of our responsibilities to God ... family ... community ... country: practical and substantial matters always! At the same time, we are admonished to approach life (and therefore all these weighty practical obligations) with a sense of optimism — even a certain idealism — that often flies in the face of the daily news!

The great German poet, novelist, playwright, natural philosopher, diplomat, civil servant (whew!), and, yes, Brother Johann Wolfgang von Goethe wrote about living what he called "life in its wholeness." We are all, he said, "... finite beings [who] exist within the infinite." Looking at human existence (and human nature) in that way, we conclude that we are (indeed we must be, if we are to be true to our very nature) involved in something greater than ourselves. And so we are: by being part of this great Fraternity!

The Mason Lodge - by Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

The Mason's way are
A type of Existence
And his persistence
Is as the days are
Of men in this world.

While earnest thou gazest
Comes boding of terror,
Comes phantasm and error,
Perplexes the bravest
With doubt and misgiving.

The future hides in it
Gladness and sorrow;
We press still thorow,
Naught that abides in it
Daunting us, - onward.

But heard are the Voices, —
Heard are the Sages,
The Worlds and the Ages:
"Choose well; your choice is
Brief and yet endless;"

And solemn before us
Veiled, the dark Portal,
Goal of all mortal; —
Stars silent o'er us,
Graves under us silent.

Here eyes do regard you
In Eternity's stillness;
Here is all fulness,
Ye brave, to reward you.
Work, and despair not.

The New Year therefore offers—as does each new day and, in truth, as does each and every second we are blessed with life—a renewed opportunity to learn, to progress, to participate in great things, as well as in the small things that we may make great through our attention and devotion. We need only be “true to our engagement,” as we are reminded in the Third Degree, and see the thing through to the end, with “naught that abides in it daunting us.”

In ***A Bridge to Light***, Ill. Rex Hutchens prefaces his Introduction to the Kadosh Degrees with a poem entitled ***The Bridge Builder***; from ***The Theomachia*** (The War Among the Gods) by William Charles Beller:

Pontifices the Romans named
Their priests: Bridge Builders; for they wrought
A bridge 'twixt Gods and Mortals, framed
Of rite and legend, deed and thought

By that dim waste the light may be
Obscured, but still the light abides.
The light that shone in ancient Greece
Shall in our times once more arise,
And match the younger years' increase

Bridge Builder in a later year
Am I, who, seeking still the true,
With woven words essay to rear
A bridge between the old and new,
Far off, across the stream of time,

With vaster worlds in vaster skies.
I do but strive, in night and storm,
To stretch a slender span aright.
Let those a firmer fabric form
Who labour in the morning light!

The light of ancient Hellas gleams;
And latter ages, less sublime,
Are guided by those distant beams.
Between, as black as midnight sea,
Ages of darkness roll their tides.

For still the wildered wanderer needs
To reach the light that shines afar,
Where, through the storm of warring creeds,
Truth gleameth as a guiding star.¹

¹ R. Hutchens, Rex. ***A Bridge To Light: A Study In Masonic Ritual & Philosophy*** (p. 167). The Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite, 33°, Southern Jurisdiction, USA, Kindle Edition.

The light we need is there for us to uncover, if only we seek it earnestly: each for himself (though not necessarily by himself), by his own path, and each continuously proving himself worthy of what he discovers. That proof we must provide: in the way that we carry out our obligations to one another, actively and continually. Enlightenment does not—or so it seems to me—come unsolicited; wisdom will not bash down the door of those who show no desire to possess it. I liked to remind my students “back in the day,” that education isn’t a passive endeavor, and wisdom, like education, may be offered, but it cannot be given, but only taken! Ultimately, we show true appreciation for the great lessons we learn, by putting them to use. [1572825]

The New Year, therefore, is a time to ask for guidance and the wisdom to face what will be demanded of us in the coming months ... and then follow through as good stewards of what we are granted. And so, Brothers, my first words to you (and my first wish for you), in this New Year, are the reported last words of Brother Goethe: “Licht! Mehr Licht!” ... “Light! More Light!”

Bill

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Last Month’s Trivia Question: What is the distinction between a Deputy of the Supreme Council and a Sovereign Grand Inspector General (S.G.I.G)? Why is that distinction a necessary one?

Answer: First, some all-important context...

*“The governing body of the Scottish Rite is the Supreme Council, an autonomous self-perpetuating body **comprised of thirty-three officers**, known as Sovereign Grand Inspectors General ([S.G.I.G.s](#)), who possess administrative and voting powers not held by other members. Acting as a board of directors, the Supreme Council elects its own members, amends its own statutes and laws, and writes its own rituals.”² [boldface emphasis mine]*

Therefore, the simplest way to understand the Deputy/S.G.I.G. distinction is to begin by “doing the math.” There are thirty-five states plus the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico (Guam is included under the Orient of Hawaii), which make up the U.S. component of the Southern Jurisdiction. In addition, the SJ includes the two Orients of Taiwan & China and Japan & Korea. Sovereign Grand Commander James D. Cole is designated “S.G.I.G-at-Large” (his home state of Virginia having its own S.G.I.G). In total, that makes forty positions with eligibility for active Supreme Council membership. There are also several administrative or executive positions, such as the Executive Director, Archivist, etc., but, bottom line, there can be only thirty-three Sovereign Grand Inspectors General!

So, when there is a vacancy among the active members (such as was created by the

retirement of Ill. & MW Stephen Munsinger), those elected are designated “Deputies of the Supreme Council,” until such time as they may be elected S.G.I.G s. In addition to administration of their Orients, Deputies participate in the conduct of the Supreme Council’s business (along with the S.G.I.G.s) as members of various SC Committees. Our own Ill. & MW Karl Hinkle, for example, serves on the Audit Committee. Ultimately, designation as an S.G.I.G requires **both** the existence of a vacancy among the thirty-three-member Supreme Council **and** the vote of that body to grant that title and distinction. [11113935]

² de Hoyos, Arturo. Scottish Rite Ritual Monitor & guide (p. 184). Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite, 33°, Southern Jurisdiction, USA. Kindle Edition.

This month’s Trivia Question (answer in next month’s *Rite Works*): What are the accepted definitions of the word Kadosh?

Your 2023 Officers

Centennial Lodge of Perfection

Venerable Master: R. Gene Hardy, 33°
Senior Warden: Bartley A. Corfee, 33°
Junior Warden: Jered E. Minter, 32° KCCH
Orator: Larry A. Bendt II, 32° KCCH
Master of Ceremonies: S. Todd Warburton, 32°
Expert: Anthony S. Clark, 32°
Captain of the Host: Kevin S. Trabert, 32°

Denver Consistory

Master of Kadosh: Dean A. McConnell, 32° KCCH
Prior: Michael W. Rudloff, 32° KCCH
Preceptor: William B. Achbach, 32° KCCH
Chancellor: Gregory D. Koenig, 32°
Minister of State: David W. Spence, 32°
Master of Ceremonies: John R. Davis, 32°
Captain of the Guard: Mike Lazalde, 32°

Rocky Mountain Chapter of Rose Croix

Wise Master: Pablo Colomban, 32° KCCH
Senior Warden: Gregory F. Harris, 32° KCCH
Junior Warden: Dillon R. Brickhouse, 32°
Orator: Michael B. Rotert, 32°
Master of Ceremonies: Thomas W. Adair, 32°
Expert: Levi S. Darrell, 32°
Guardian of the Temple: Michael C. Foster, 32°

Appointments for All Bodies

Treasurer: Dan Conway, 33°
Almoner: Joe Kier, 33°
Secretary/Registrar/Recorder: Matt Raia, 33°
Prelate: Jim Harris, 33°
Tyler: Dick Mitchell, 33°

Colorado Council of Kadosh

Commander: Loren W. Kohler, 32° KCCH
1st LtCmdr: Thomas L. Gaffney, 32° KCCH
2nd LtCmdr: J. Lee Miller, 32° KCCH
Chancellor: Jeremy M. DeBard, 32°
Orator: Jeffrey L. Gowin, 32°
Master of Ceremonies: John R. Davis, 32°
Lieutenant of the Guard: Van Trio Perozo, 32°



Memorial Scroll

Charles Henry Larsen, 32°	11/07/2022
Floyd Lee McCray, 32°	12/05/2022
Victor Albert Olson, 32°	11/19/2022
William James Rapp, 32°	11/15/2022
William Orten Schurr, 33°	12/04/2022
Herbert Hoover Shull, 32°	12/06/2022



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; Thomas W. Adair, 32°; 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



Greetings my Brothers:

What a great way to bring 2022 to a close, as our December meal, program, and stated meeting were all excellent. The dinner of ham, sweet potatoes, and chocolate cake was delicious. The fellowship was excellent. The Christmas/Hanukkah program put me in the holiday spirit. Brother Michael Zeff, 32° KCCH did a superb job in pulling the program together. Personal Representative Illustrious Brother Ron Birley conducted the elections in the spirit of Doc Powell. The outgoing officers did an excellent job and I look forward to the incoming officers following their examples. Supreme Deputy Karl Hinkle closed the evening with some particularly inspiring words.

Now we move forward into a new year. We all will miss Doc Powell as he moves back home to Ireland. January 16 will be our public installation of officers and the annual reports. During this time, it is traditional for us to pause and take stock of the progress we have made during the past 12 months and to promise ourselves some things we want to accomplish in a new year. I look for a way to improve myself as I strive to reach the perfect ashlar. Because of COVID-19, all the turmoil in our country, and the world in general plus economic unrest, this year ends on a distinctly different note than we have been used to for many years. For many, this has not been the happiest holiday season and the start of the new year does not seem as bright as they had wished. [9938648]

I pray for the health and safety of our members, our communities, our first responders, and our front-line medical workers as the year comes to a close.

For me, I look to the infinite starry night sky and trust in the Great Architect of the Universe, and trust there is hope as we enter 2023. This year, my resolution is to remain positive, take care of myself, and pray that my Alzheimer's disease slows its progress.

There are people who need a phone call, a card, and someone to care about them. There are people who might need financial assistance, a coffee \partner, or simply a visit. My brothers, let us always be reaching out. Look at the names of the sick and distressed read at our last stated meeting. Your presence is needed at our meetings, and if you cannot attend, then you can pray for them and for the continued health of the Denver Consistory.

Peace,

Ill. Bro. Rev James Harris



101 Years “YOUNG”

Dan Duffer

80 Years “OLD”

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70 Years “OLD”

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60 Years “OLD”

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40 Years “OLD”

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Jeremy Matthew DeBard

January 2023 “Youngster”

Dillon Ray Brickhouse (31)



January 5 brings **Twelfth Night**, an English folk custom that marked the end of Christmas merrymaking, and in ancient Celtic tradition, the end of the 12-day winter solstice celebration. On Twelfth Night, it was customary for the assembled company to toast each other from the wassail bowl. [1177765]

January 6 is **Epiphany**. According to the New Testament’s Gospels, on this date the Magi—the three wise men or kings—venerated and brought gifts to the infant Jesus. Bake a beautiful Epiphany Tart or a King Cake with a lucky bean inside!

January 22, 2023 is the **Lunar New Year**. Celebrated widely throughout East Asia, this holiday begins with the first new Moon after the Winter Solstice and is associated with the Chinese Zodiac.

- **January 1:** Z Day (On this day, those whose last name begins with “Z” get to go first instead of last.)
- **January 3:** National Chocolate-Covered Cherry Day
- **January 6:** National Bean Day
- **January 8:** Elvis Presley’s Birthday
- **January 10:** National Houseplant Appreciation Day
- **January 14:** National Dress Up Your Pet Day
- **January 20:** National Penguin Day
- **January 22:** National Answer Your Cat’s Questions Day
- **January 29:** National Puzzle Day

On January 4, 2023, Earth reaches **perihelion**, which is the point in the planet’s orbit where it is closest to the Sun. At perihelion, Earth will be 91,403,034 miles from our bright star. Don’t forget your sunscreen!



K.S.A. Burns Night Supper and Whisky College

Bag pipes ☒ Silent auction ☒ Burns poetry

Saturday January 28th, 2023 7:00pm



Dinner: 7:00pm

Our own Chef Michael will prepare a great Scottish Dinner.

\$55 - Adult (13 and over)

\$25 - Youth (6 to 12)

\$1 - Child (5 and under)

Prepaid online reservations required

Whisky College: 6:00pm

\$35 - Adult (21 and over)

Prepaid online reservations required

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Scottish Rite Masonic Center

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HELP WANTED

Brothers, the Scottish Rite Masonic Center needs your help and expertise. This coming year, we have two major fundraising events: **1.) Sporting Clays** (which is May 26, 2023) and **2.) The Annual Golf Scottish Rite Golf Tournament** (which is August 18, 2023). For each of these events there are a number of Sub-Committee positions available, where each of our Brothers can lend a helping hand and their expertise.

The following is limited list of where we your help is needed. Please call or email either of the fundraising coordinators with your name to help in either or both of these Fundraising activities.

Sporting Clays - May 26, 2023 (2815827)

- ✓ Coordination of Volunteers
- ✓ Coordination of Donations of Prizes
- ✓ Coordination of Participant's Meals and Breaks Donations
- ✓ Coordination of Signage
- ✓ Other TBD

The Annual Scottish Rite Golf Tournament - August 18, 2023

- ✓ Coordination of Volunteers
- ✓ Coordination of Donations of Prizes
- ✓ Coordination of Participant's Meals and Breaks Donations
- ✓ Coordination of Signage
- ✓ Other TBD

If you are interested in Helping **NOW** with the Scottish Rite Masonic Center fundraising efforts, contact either of the following or both:

Chairman of Annual Scottish Rite Sporting Clays:

Pablo Colomban @ pablocolomban@yahoo.com

Chairman of Annual Scottish Rite Golf Tournament:

Bart Corfee @ bart@corfeeassociates.com

Scottish Rite Sporting Clays Classic

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May 26 2023

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Registration is now open for the annual
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Friday May 26, 2023

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**Single Shooter
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4th Sunday, every Month, 8am – 11am



all the Pancakes you can eat!

With potatoes, eggs, sausage, coffee, tea, cocoa, milk & orange juice

Donations:

Adults & Children over 12yrs - \$7.00 ea.

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And check out the “Make – an – Offer” Table!!!



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