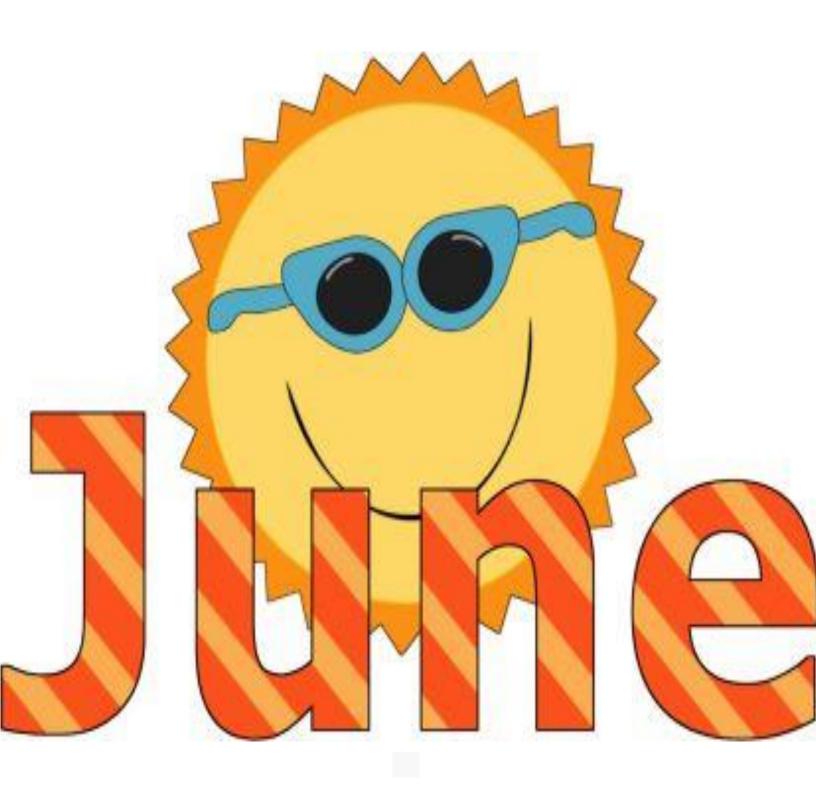


# Denver's RiteWorks

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# **CORNERSTONE COMMITTEE**

# **MONTHLY COORDINATION ZOOM MEETINGS**

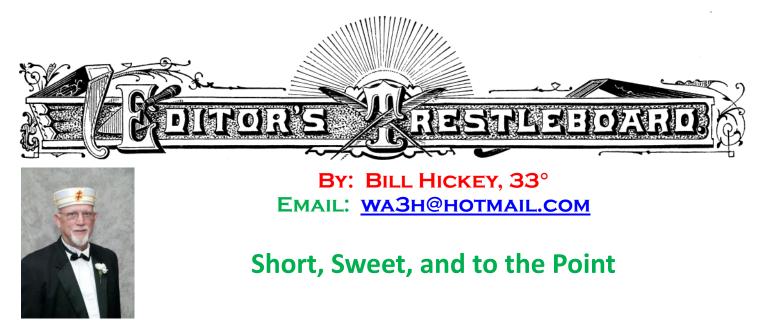
ZOOM Meetings of the Cornerstone Planning Committee are held MONTHLY on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Next meeting: 06 JUN 2023. (Coincidentally that is "D-DAY") Zoom credentials:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82382416018?pwd=cVNXQnhZWGdkRmVSUDQ4L0ZpWm42UT09

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**

June 2023			
Fri, JUN 02, 09, 16, 23	3, 30 11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (\$13; Fried Chicken on June 02)		
Mon, JUN 05	7:00 p.m. KSA Meeting in Lodge Room		
Sat, JUN 10	11:30 a.m. Ladies Luncheon		
Mon, JUN 19	Stated Meeting - Parking Garage Available		
	Hawaiian Shirt Night, Blue Lodge Recognition Night,		
	5:30 p.m. Red Room Business Meeting		
	6:00 p.m. Dinner		
	7:00 p.m. Entertainment; 5-min oration by Orator, Council of Kados		
	7:30 p.m. Split Meeting		
July 2023			
Tue, JUL 4	Consistory CLOSED for Independence Day Holiday		
Fri, JUL 7, 14, 21, 28	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (\$13; Fried Chicken on JUL 7)		
Sat, JUL 22	6:00 p.m. Summer Dinner - Parking Garage Available		
	Friends of the Scottish Rite (Prospect Night)		
August 2023			
Fri, AUG 4, 11, 25	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (\$13; Fried Chicken on AUG 4)		
Wed, AUG 16	6:00-7:30 p.m. Officers' Midyear Planning Dinner Meeting		
Fri, AUG 18	NO LUNCH—CONSISTORY CLOSED		
	6:30 a.m. SRMC Golf Tournament—Willis Case Golf Course		
Sun-Wed, AUG 20-23	Biennial Session—Washington, D.C.		
Wed, AUG 30	7:00 p.m. Degree Council Meeting		
September 2023			
Fri, SEP 1	NO LUNCH—HOLIDAY WEEKEND		
Mon, SEP 4	Consistory CLOSED for Labor Day Holiday		
Thu-Fri, SEP 7-8	Consistory CLOSED for Grand York Rite Session		
Fri, SEP 8	NOLUNCH		
Fri, SEP 15, 22, 29	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch		
Sat, SEP 30	12:30-5:30 p.m. Honors Conferral (By Invitation Only)		
	6:00 p.m. Honors Banquet (By Invitation Only)		



This past weekend, I had an accident with a table saw. The upshot is that I tried to cut the tip of my left index finger off (unsuccessfully, technically and thankfully) and made a trip to the ER. 13 stitches later, and a splint for the finger, I obviously won't be "touch-typing" for a while.

As you might imagine, someone who types anywhere between 80-120 words per minute is a LOT slower typing with one hand. [10361842] It also slows down just about every other routine daily chore due to the lack of dexterity with the left hand fingers.

As a result of that, and my need and desire to get things done around the house and also try to visit my daughter in Montana at some point, I am again taking a brief Summer Sabbatical during July and August—as things around the Consistory slow down as well. Timing is every-thing!

I won't know whether I'll need surgery to "fix" the job the ER dd until after this edition of Rite-Works is history, but I plan to be back as mean and curmudgeonly as ever for September, so BEWARE!

See? Short, sweet, and to the point. Don't get used to it!

Bill





# From the Secretary's Desk

# Matt Raia, 33°



# CONSISTORY OFFICE HOURS Monday—Thursday 7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Friday 7:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

# A LOT OF PEOPLE LOVE THEIR JOBS. IT'S THE WORK THEY HATE.

# Scottish Rite Masonic Center Endowment Fund Contributions

The SRMC wishes to acknowledge those who donated to the Endowment fund this past month and began or added to a Cathedral Club membership.

Illustrious Brother Keith Anderson, 33°

2023 Spring Reunion Class

Brother Howard Zoufaly, 32° Centennial York Rite College

New Board Member – The SRMC Endowment Fund is pleased to welcome Brother Jerry Edwards, 32° KCCH, as a member of the Board of Directors.

My name is Jerry Edwards, I am 71 years old and married to my college sweetheart. We moved to Arvada, Colorado in 2007 from Scott City, Kansas. I have been married 49 years and have three children, Thomas, 42, who lives in Garden City, KS; Kelley, 39, who lives in Gunnison, CO, and Heather, 37, who lives in Arvada.

After attending the University of Kansas (KU), where I met my wife, the first 19 years of my career were spent working for Cities Service Oil & Gas, Occidental Petroleum and KN Energy. A 1995 lay-off led to a career change to become a financial advisor, first with Waddell & Reed (1997-2001) and then at the First National Bank Investment Center (2001-2006), first under Chapman Securities and then with SWS Financial Services: all in Scott City. In January 2007, I accepted a position with TIAA-CREF [11155266] as a fully registered broker in all 50 states, retiring in 2018.

My Masonic career began with being initiated (1/2/1979), passed (1/23/1979) and raised (2/6/79) in Satanta Lodge #446 in Satanta, Kansas, then becoming a Scottish Rite Mason on 2/23/1979 and joining Midian Shrine on 3/17/1979: a third generation Blue Lodge, Scottish Rite Mason and Shriner. After presiding as Master of Satanta Lodge 446 in 1982, I served as Secretary of Anthem Lodge #284 in Scott City (2000 -2003); then as Master of Anthem Lodge #284 (2004-2006). I was honored to serve as Grand Tyler in the Grand Lodge of Kansas in 2002 and as Area Deputy Grand Master in 2005 & 2006. I hold perpetual life memberships in Anthem Lodge #284, Denver Consistory and Salina Consistory in Salina, Kansas. My home lodge in Colorado is Central Lodge #6 where I sit as Junior Deacon. A plural member of Idaho Springs #26, I also serve there on the Temple Board and as Scottish Rite Ambassador. I am honored to have been asked to serve on the Grand Lodge of Colorado Credential Committee.

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To this point in my Denver Consistory involvement, I have helped in five different degrees, am a member of the Tilers Committee and assist with the Calling Committee. I enjoy meeting members at the Friday lunches, and I am honored and look forward to helping with the SRMC Endowment Committee.

It is my intention to attend three York Rite festivals this summer in June and July to join Chapter, Council and Commandry.

**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, <u>at no expense to you</u>. 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 – WE HAVE A WINNER! Illustrious Brother Joe Kier saw his membership number and called the office to claim his free dinner. The membership numbers published in the May RiteWorks belong to the following Brothers who were eligible to receive a free dinner for the May Stated Meeting: Bobby Juchem, Terrence Percy, Timothy Hogan, Kevin Eurich, David Guzy, Hubert Hill, Bobby Marner, Robbie Leach, Richard Robinson. 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 June meeting.

**Stephen M Munsinger Scottish Rite Family Scholarship** – This scholarship named in honor of our Past SGIG will benefit undergraduates living within the Orient of Colorado who have a Scottish Rite relationship with a gift between \$1,000 and \$2,500 for every \$50,000 raised in perpetuity. <u>The Orient of Colorado (Denver Consistory, Grand Junction Consistory, Southern Colorado Consistory) were successful in obtaining \$60,000 in donations.</u> THANK YOU to all who made a donation to the scholarship.

For those of you who wish to make a donation you may do so by:

<u>Donating with a Check:</u> - Please make your check payable to The Scottish Rite Foundation, with "Steve Munsinger Endowment" on the memo line, and send to: Caitlyn Kent, Development Office 1733 16th Street N.W. Washington, DC 20009-3103

<u>Donating Over The Phone with a Credit or Debit Card:</u> - You can make your gift by credit card by calling Caitlyn Kent (ckent@scottishrite.org) at 202-777-3111, Monday-Thursday 8AM-6PM EST - Tell her your gift is for the "Steve Munsinger Endowment"

Donating Over The Internet with a Credit or Debit Card: - Visit www.scottishrite.org and click on the "DONATE" button at the top of the screen - Enter your Information, and select "Scottish Rite Foundation" - Select "Scottish Rite Scholarships" - Select "Yes – In Honor of a Person or Organization" - Enter Steve Munsinger Endowment [9240011] in the "In Honor of Whom" field - Enter your Payment Info and email for payment receipt and acknowledgement. From the Secretary's Desk - Continued from previous page

**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 <u>www.carsforcharity.net</u> to donate for the benefit of the Denver Scottish Rite Masonic Center.

Spring Reunion May 11, 12, 13, 2023 – Thank you to all the degree directors and cast members, and all the committee members who made the Reunion a success. Welcome to the following new Masters of the Royal Secret. Jason Arnold, William Biggs, Simon Cole III, James DeGeorge III, John Emperor, Gregory Golyansky, Michael McMinimee, Francisco Mier y Teran, Brian Neeper, Sasha Raskin, Neal Sharp, Timothy Snyder.

The class members contributed \$655 to the Scottish Rite Masonic Center Endowment Fund. Thank you, Brothers for your support of the SRMC and the preservation of the Denver Consistory building.

Fifty-Year Members – Two fifty-year members were honored during the Reunion Banquet:: Illustrious Brother Charlie Shaffer, 33° and Brother Glenn Monroe, 32°.

**Twenty-Five Year Members** - One twenty-five-year member was honored during the Reunion Banquet, **Brother David Stoner**, **32°.** 

**May 15<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting** – We had a wonderful Memorial Day Program, and a video presentation of the Denver *Consistory Journey to the Scottish Rite*, First-Apartment of the 30°. The Denver Consistory Line Officers opened and closed in ritual form.

**SRMC Sporting Clays Tournament was held May 26<sup>th</sup>** – This tournament is a fund-raising event for the Scottish Rite Masonic Center and the Scottish Rite Foundation. Thank you, **Brother Pablo Colomban, 32° KCCH**, and **Brother Michael Rotert, 32°**, for planning and organizing this event. [33613] We look forward to next year's tournament.

**Flags for Fallen Vets May 28<sup>th</sup>** - Denver Consistory participated at Ft. Logan National Cometary by placing American Flags on the graves. This community outreach is sponsored by the Rocky Mountain Chapter of Rose Croix. Thank you to those who participated.

**Church Development Project Denied** - Denver's Landmark Preservation Commission has turned down the First Baptist Church of Denver, at 1373 Grant Street, plan to develop a parking lot into a twelve-story apartment building which would exceed the minimum height standards mandated by the city. <u>https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%</u> <u>2Fwww.westword.com%2Fnews%2Fdenver-landmark-preservation-commission-vetos-church-affordable-housing-plan-16771261&data=05%7C01%7Cmatt%40denverconsistory.org%</u>

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**2023 Membership fee was payable January 1, 2023**. We have **102** members who have not yet paid their 2023 membership fee causing a loss of income of \$13,260. **31** members did not pay their 2022 membership fee, causing a loss of income of \$3,410. Combined loss for 2022 and 2023 is \$16,610. Please do your part to help sustain the operation of Denver Consistory by paying your membership fee. This loss of income combined with the increase in costs due to inflation makes it challenging to maintain normal operations. <u>If you are experiencing financial difficulty and are unable to pay your membership fee, PLEASE CONTACT ME.</u> We have programs available to assist you so that you are not suspended for nonpayment, but you must contact me. We can't help you if you don't ask.

**Monthly membership fee payment is available** - Are you tired of paying fees at the end of the year to all the Masonic bodies you are a member? 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 ensuing 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 program gives members the option to have their membership fees automatically deducted using a credit or debit card through the online Membership Portal.

**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 of membership fees should your future financial situation change. It also insures 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 \$1,250

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

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

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

The Supreme Council will mail the 2024 membership fee notices in August of 2023. Please pay your membership fee when you receive the notice, and do not lay it aside and forget about it and then become delinquent.

Membership Statistics June 2022 1536 June 2023 <u>1430</u> Net: -106



Bee Inspired! Unleashing the Power of the Beehive in our Daily Lives

# Hunter McCallum, 32°



Embarking on our collective journey through the degrees of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, one might notice a symbol, humble yet profound, recurring throughout our Masonic narrative: the beehive. The significance of this emblem goes beyond a mere representation of industriousness, unity, and order—it serves as a beacon guiding us on our Masonic path. Today, let us delve into how we can derive lessons from our bee counterparts, applying their wisdom in our day-to-day lives.

We find echoes of the beehive in the 4th Degree (Secret Master), which emphasizes the importance of authenticity, diligence, and self-betterment. Much like bees toiling tirelessly, we are encouraged to continually strive for self-improvement and communal welfare. Consider incorporating a similar commitment into your daily routine: invest in professional development, broaden your horizons by exploring different knowledge areas, or lend your expertise to the younger generation. Each action taken, however small, can have a profound impact on those around us and contribute significantly to the collective good.

Progressing to the 14th Degree (Perfect Elu), we confront the principle of universal brotherhood and cooperative efforts, resonating with the cohesive actions of bees within a hive. This calls us to promote unity, not just within our Masonic fraternity, but also in our wider societal engagements. We can put this ideal into practice by fostering inclusivity, valuing diverse opinions, and prioritizing consensus-building. This may manifest through collaborative endeavors [9860420] with local charities, contributing to community projects, or engaging in public forums. Every interaction is a chance to nurture unity and collaboration.

The 32nd Degree (Master of the Royal Secret), although not explicitly referring to bees, resonates with the principles epitomized by the beehive—leadership, accountability, and selflessness. Here, we are encouraged to become active participants in our community, champion causes dear to us, or take on leadership roles. These actions, much like the diligent bees, embody unity, order, and commitment to the common good.

What we must recognize, however, is that the inherent harmony and cooperation found in bees presents a challenge to us as rational beings. Unlike bees, who work together instinctively without question, we often struggle to set aside our self-interest for collective benefit. It is an attribute that must be consciously nurtured and developed within us. In advocating for community involvement and assuming leadership roles, we not only contribute to societal welfare but also promote this crucial self-learning process.

Brethren, let the beehive inspire us—its spirit of purposeful labor, harmonious collaboration, and responsible leadership serving as a daily reminder of our Masonic ideals. Just as bees are integral to their hive, our personal growth and fulfillment are intimately tied to our fraternity and community. It is upon us to embody the principles of the beehive, focusing our collective efforts towards shared goals.

As we navigate this Masonic journey, let us continually reflect on how we can emulate the virtues of bees in our lives. By aspiring to make a tangible difference through our conversations and actions, we can uphold our Masonic values, thereby strengthening both our fraternity and the world at large.



# Bill Achbach, 32° KCCH

**Director of Education** 

# **Suitable Proficiency**



Over the past several weeks, I've been thinking a lot about Masonic proficiency: the general idea being that there is a certain level of familiarity with principles and practices necessary for us to expect to advance in Masonry. I'm referring to more here, as you might expect, than to just the recitation of the catechisms of the Blue Lodge degrees ... though that is what originally put me in mind of the issue. We've recently raised a new Master Mason, in my home Lodge, and then, at our just-past meeting, we witnessed a very well-done examination of our youngest Entered Apprentice. In both cases, of course, the events bring to mind the idea of "suitable proficiency."

In between those two Blue Lodge events, Denver Consistory spent three days advancing twelve Brothers to become Masters of the Royal Secret. As a member of the Class Committee, I always like to ask our Brethren, whether they're grateful that there's no degree proficiency for all that they're witnessing and, hopefully, learning. That has become almost a "comic relief" quip, as we follow the hectic reunion schedule. But, this time, the thought popped into my head: "Hey, how do we demonstrate 'suitable proficiency' in all of this?" ... and then the parallel question, "Why doesn't the Rite require the same sort of follow-up that we see in Blue Lodge?"

There's history to be studied, to learn all about how our modern "reunion system" evolved, and of course, even then, all Valleys don't approach the conferral of the degrees in the same way: there's room for markedly different approaches, while staying within the Jurisdiction's basic requirements for achieving the 32<sup>nd</sup> Degree.

In any case, there seem to be two perspectives on why we don't require some process to demonstrate proficiency ... one practical and one intellectual or developmental. On the practical side, we'd definitely be looking at a very different approach—and certainly a much slower, methodical one—to advance through the degrees of the Rite, if proficiency were a part of the process. That might not be such a bad thing, really, and, truth be told, a bit of research shows that this was more the intent of the Scottish Rite system as originally envisioned. Our current approach is very much an accommodation to factors that have a lot to do with our modern desire for "immediate gratification" and little to do with the most effective way to learn moral lessons and philosophical concepts. [9240755] I will tell you, from an educator's perspective, that our hurried approach would not fit into the framework of "best practices."

Intellectually and developmentally, we seemingly make an assumption about Brethren who choose to petition the Rite, and, to the extent which this assumption is correct, we lay claim to being the "University of Freemasonry!" The assumption is, first, that Brethren who aspire

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to become Masters of the Royal Secret are interested in pursuing further light by undertaking the study of moral and ethical concepts as well as philosophical lessons that will require added and, sometimes, focused study above and beyond what the Craft Degrees teach AND above and beyond what may be learned from witnessing a first-time exemplification of the work. In short, we assume a level of Masonic maturity that will allow pursuit of a graduatelevel education. One point of evidence that we do make this assumption is that the Scottish Rite does not place the same prohibition upon political or religious discussion that is found in Blue Lodge. Whether or not it is necessarily an accurate assumption, we do accept the notion that the Brothers who seek us out and, indeed, by their very effort to join us, have demonstrated such a level of intellectual maturity as to render such topics "safer" than they might been before.

So, given that our approach to making Masters of the Royal Secret isn't going to change significantly, we come to the second question: How might we encourage, or even require demonstration of a "suitably proficient" understanding of the lessons and concepts we teach? Allow me, please, to suggest that there are at least three possible approaches to an answer ... along with, admittedly, myriad variations on these approaches.

The first approach would be to follow the logical path of the assumptions I suggest above, regarding the Brothers who seek to join us in the Rite. That path would suggest, in a setting where there are so many excellent resources readily available and so many well-versed and accomplished Masonic scholars either actually or virtually at hand, that intellectually mature and dedicated Masons would naturally and reliably gravitate toward progressing in their Masonic journey. In short, this would be an argument to continue doing what we're doing now and count on that effort to give us levels of active participation and accomplishment that will perpetuate the success of the Rite. Simple question: "How are we doing?"

One alternative possibility would be to require candidates to complete either an introductory study or a review (or both) of what they have learned, to help them in "putting it all together." Our *Journey to the Scottish Rite (J2SR)* program could function in that way, and, of course, there are already in-depth study programs available via the Master Craftsman Online College and Leadership Academy<sup>®</sup>. Would such a requirement make for more proficient Scottish Rite Masons? Probably. Might it also reduce the number of petitioners we'd see knocking on the door of Denver Consistory? Perhaps ... and there's "the rub" as the Bard put it. However, it seems to me that we really cannot at the same time dismiss the need for more active engagement of new Masters of the Royal Secret and also lament the all-too-common dearth of involvement! There is, after all, a popular term defined as "repeatedly doing the same thing and expecting different results!"

A third possibility would be an active mentoring program for our new Masters. Those who sponsor candidates with petition signatures should, and sometimes do, take on a good deal of that sort of responsibility, but a more formal program could fill in still-considerable gaps and, with some good planning, provide a solid foundation for greater involvement as well. We are admonished, in the EA charge to converse with "well informed Brethren," and, if there is such a need at the point of a new Brother's first entrance through that West Door, how much greater is the need when we have undertaken to place before him a vast universe of Masonic

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#### knowledge?

Now, Brethren, I realize, in producing those last two paragraphs, that I've crossed over the line to engage in some serious "preaching to the choir." The mere fact that you're reading this article most likely places you well outside the bounds of the "less engaged" members of the Valley. But, when we see so much being done—from simple attendance at meetings and reunions to all of the hard work done to maintain and further all of the administrative and ritualistic functions of the Valley—by such a small segment of the Valley's membership, might there not be much to gain from just a little innovation and creative effort to engage more of our Brethren, in the work we enjoy so much?

## Bill

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**Last Month's Trivia Question:** Our distinguished Brother and First President George Washington was born on February 11, 1732. Why then do we celebrate the anniversary of his birth on February 22?

**Answer:** The adoption of the Gregorian Calendar required a loss of 11 days to pull the calendar into line with the solar year. The Gregorian calendar had been around since 1582, but Britain and the Colonies didn't adopt it officially until 1752 ... twenty years after Brother George's birth and just a month or so before he was initiated an Entered Apprentice. The original correction, in 1582, was 10 days that simply disappeared (literally, POOF! GONE!) in making the change. By 1752 that correction was up to 11 days, today would be 13 ... and in 2100 will be 14. For our colonial forebears, Wednesday, September 2 was followed by Thursday, September 14, 1752! In fact, the calendar switch is even reflected in the record of Bro. Washington's entry into the fraternity, as some sources list November 4 as his EA° date, while others show it as October 23! The Christian Orthodox Church still commonly uses the Julian Calendar for calculating many feast days, which, for example, explains why Orthodox Easter falls after the Western celebration.

This month's Trivia Question (answer in next month's *Rite Works*): How did a statue and monument to Captain William Morgan come to be erected and dedicated in Batavia, NY, in 1882?







# Michael B. Rotert, 32°

# Orator, Rocky Mountain Chapter of Rose Croix

# 2023 Oration



Most of you probably know me as the guy who gets up here several times each year to try to convince you to take part in our annual Clays for a Cause event.

But that is not why I am up here tonight. I am in front of you all tonight to give my oration...

While I am passionate about shooting sports, I am going to talk tonight about something that I have become very passionate about over the last 3 years and that is....you guessed it... flowers.

My wife and I have always kept a garden and grew a few vegetables and even went as far as canning and preserving our summer bounty to be able to enjoy during the winter. A few years back my parents gave us a few dahlia tubers and that is what changed me from a merely hobbyist gardener to someone who is obsessed.

The dahlia is a very unique flower. There are currently 42 different types of dahlias with an estimated 20,000 different cultivars. They include the smallest 1.5" diameter pom pons up to "dinner plate" sized flowers that can be over 12" in diameter.

What makes dahlias unique is that they are typically grown from a tuber. A tuber looks like a sad looking misshapen potato. They can be started indoors or just put into the ground as-is. Each of these tubers will eventually produce dozens of flowers as well as more tubers. At the end of the growing season, they tubers are dug up, divided, labeled and stored over the winter. By doing this labor inducive process, you can grow the same variety year after year.

You might be asking yourself "What does any of this have to do with Masonry?", well, like most anything we care about, we can find some Masonic meaning. Many dahlias are excellent examples of the Golden Ratio.

The Great Architect of the Universe created a perfect system for flower pollination and breeding is an excellent example of one of His perfect systems. [10002749] I am very literally talking about the birds and the bees. As dahlias mature, they begin to create pollen, which can be spread by bees and other pollinators between other dahlias.

The pollen can also be collected by hand and painted onto the *mating parts* of another dahlia and the resulting seed that is produced will be a combination of both flowers. This process is what has created the 20,000 different varieties.

It is pretty rare, when you and your wife can have the same shared hobby and dahlias have been this for us. We have as much fun planning our annual gardens and the types we are going to grow as we do having wonderful flowers all summer. We are growing 87 different varieties this year and will probably even expand our gardens next year. We have also joined

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the Colorado Dahlia Society and have learned so much from other members and we even took 1<sup>st</sup> place in our first official flower show/competition for the amateur category.

If any of you have gardens and are interested in adding some dahlias to your garden beds, please let me know and I will gladly arrange to give you some tubers to get started and hope-fully you will also get the dahlia bug. [10395985] Flowers might not be your thing, but I can guarantee that if you can find a common interest hobby with your significant other, it can only make life better than it already is.

Thanks for your time!



**Coming Events** 

**KSA Meeting** – June 5<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm. All Scottish Rite members are invited to attend.

Ladies Lunch – June 10<sup>th</sup> 11:30am

**Stated Meeting June 19<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm** – Will be *Wear Your Hawaiian Shirt Night, Blue Lodge Recognition Night, and Friends of the Scottish Rite-Prospect Night.* We will have an oration by **Brother Jeffrey L. Gowin, 32°** Orator of the Colorado Council of Kadosh. Dinner will be served at 6:00pm, prior the meeting. **Reservations are required at:** <u>https://squareup.com/store/centennial-lodge-of-perfection</u> or by calling the office at 303-861-4261. Those of you on the "Standing Reservation List" **MUST** call the office to cancel your reservation if you will not attend dinner. If you do not cancel your reservation, you will be billed for the dinner.

Annual Summer Dinner July 22<sup>nd</sup> – This year's event theme is "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" with traditional ballpark food. The guest speaker will be Mr. Paul Parker, General Manager of the Boulder Collegians Baseball Club & Former Colorado Rockies Team Historian. See the enclosed flyer for details. Thank you, Brother Bill Achbach, 32° KCCH, Preceptor of Denver Consistory for planning this event.

**Annual Scottish Rite Golf Classic** – The Scottish Rite Masonic Center golf tournament will be **August 18<sup>th</sup>** at Willis Case Golf Course, to benefit the Scottish Rite Masonic Center, and the Scottish Rite Foundation. Go to the tournament web site <u>www.scottishritegolf.org</u> to sign up.



National Sojourners - the Denver-Fitzsimons Chapter #37 met on May 10 to elect and install officers of the Chapter and the Two Scouts Camp of the Heroes of '76. Officers of Denver-Fitzsimons Chapter #37, National Sojourners for the 2023-24 year are L-R: John Warren, Chapter President; Tony Clark, 1st VP; Tim Lambert, 3rd VP; Joe Kier, Treasurer; and Bill Hickey, Secretary. Not pictured is Tom Repp, 2nd VP. Officers of the Two Scout Camp of the Heroes of '76 include L-R: Adjutant Bill Hickey; Officer of the Day Lyle Wilkes; Chief of Staff Claud Dutro; and Camp Commander Lee Miller. Assistant Chief of Staff Tom Repp is not pictured.

For those unfamiliar with the Sojourners, the Purpose Statement is as follows: "The purposes of National Sojourners shall be to organize current and former members of the uniformed services of the United States and Honorary Members, who are Master Masons, into Chapters, for the promotion of good fellowship among its members, for assisting such as may be overtaken by adversity or affliction, for cultivating Masonic ideals, for supporting all patriotic aims and activities in Masonry, for developing true patriotism and Americanism throughout the nation, for bringing together representatives of the uniformed services of the United States (past and present) in a united effort to further the military needs of national defense, and for opposing any influence whatsoever calculated to weaken the national security."

Also, "The Heroes of '76 is an affiliated auxiliary organization of National Sojourners<sup>®</sup>, Inc. which functions under the authority of, and in accordance with, the National Constitution and By-Laws of the National Sojourners. It is composed of National Sojourners who have, in recognition of exemplary service to National Sojourners, Freemasonry, or our National Government, received this inspiring patriotic Degree."

We work with the ROTC and JROTC units at many high schools and colleges in Colorado to recognize young people that share our patriotic ideals. Each year we provide all expense paid trips to Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge [10369256] for sophomore and junior level high school students. We also award scholarships annually to deserving young persons.

Membership in National Sojourners is open to all veterans and active duty members of the Uniformed Services of the United States, both officer and enlisted. Our meetings are held monthly on the second Wednesday at the Golden Corral Restaurant at Riverpoint (approximately Hampden Avenue and Santa Fe Boulevard). The meetings open at noon, with most Brothers arriving by 1100 hours to have lunch earlier. Ladies and guests are invited and encouraged to attend.

If you are a veteran or on active duty, we urge you to contact either Danny Tomlinson at <u>dtomlinson@msn.com</u> or (303) 638-6509 or Bill Hickey at <u>wa3h@hotmail.com</u> or (303) 726 -6603 for more information. We welcome new members!





# **FLAGS FOR FALLEN VETS**





# **Memorial Scroll**

Jacques J. Bensard, 32°	04/08/2023
Robert Marshall Burgess, 32° KCCH	03/30/2023
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Sheldon Owen Fertman, 32°	03/18/2023
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Stanley Herman Leavitt, 32°	09/16/2021
George William Ramsey, 32°	09/25/2022
William Clyde Simpson, 32°	04/23/2022
Dallas Lynn Williams, 32°	04/01/2020



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: Pablo Colomban, 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°; Thomas R. Repp, 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 Pablo Colomban, 32° KCCH for more information.



# The Prelate's Pulpit

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



I have really enjoyed the officer lines conducting the ritual openings and closings for their lines in the Cathedral Room at our Monday night Stated Meetings. Our May Stated Meeting was no exception as the Consistory line did an excellent job. There are lessons to learn from each of the rituals. We honored Illustrious Brother Roy Snyder, 33°, at this recent reunion, dedicated to his memory. His family was also recognized at the banquet Saturday evening. We welcomed twelve new Scottish Rite Masons who were in this class at the Reunion.

In May, we honored our Mothers. Ascension Day was May18, when Jesus Christ ascended into heaven, leaving us to continue his ministry. Our brothers that have left us have also given us the responsibility of continuing the work of our fraternity. Our fraternity does so much good in our world and helps men become better men. Masonry has meant a great deal to me, Masonry teaches the improvement of relationships between peoples. It also teaches us many lessons for living our lives. Lessons like honesty, generosity, [9239500] and integrity and living upright, John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist Church wrote "always do good, do not harm, and live close to God."

This is the time of year to enjoy the beauty of God's creations, to look at your life and see how you can improve yourself. I am impressed by how I have been helped to do so many things like getting in and out of a car, moving my chair closer to the table, or even just opening a door. Our Sovereign Grand Commander, Jim Cole, has said "Masons should be examples of how we treat each other." My Alzheimer's disease has taught me how to be humble and enjoy each rising of the sun. I enjoy each day and treasure my time with all of you,

Joyfully, Ill. Bro. Rev James Harris, 33° Consistory Prelate

# **JUNE Special Birthdays**

**100+ Years "OLD"** Donald Edward Gallup (101)

# 90 Years "OLD"

Donald Eugene Burback Robert G. Geissberger

# 80 Years "OLD"

Rodney Gene Johnson Robert Allen Stretch, Jr. Gary Lee Strode

# 70 Years "OLD"

Kenneth Edward Bruso Kenneth Lee Bruton Steven Lee Hubbard Larry Eugene Tygart, Sr.

# June's 2023 "Youngster"

Steven Madonia (27)

## NOTE: ALL THREE "Youngsters" are 27 !

# **August Special Birthdays**

## 90 Years

Gene Wilson King Jack Arnold Witkin

# 80 Years

Douglas William Barnert Peter George Chronis Michael Bruce Wilson

# 60 Years

John Robert Davis Richard Allen Rasperger Scott Andrew Weakley

# 50 Years

Michael Carl Foster

August's 2023 "Youngster"

Connor Davis Riddle (27)



# **JULY Special Birthdays**

100+ Years "OLD"

Clifford Virgil Cochran, Jr. (100) Horace Michael Moore (104)

# 90 Years "OLD"

Jack Preston Duvall Carl William Johnston David Zapiler

# 80 Years "OLD"

James Monro Bennett Robert Phillip Horen Richard Lee Lincoln Donald Floyd Morris John David Shoberg

# 70 Years

Clyde Ralph George

# 60 Years

Ashley Spencer Buss Jaime Franklin Gatseos Christopher Roy Hochmuth Robert Michaelee Marner Gregory Conda Steele

# 50 Years

Robert Fain Perrin III

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July's 2023 "Youngster" Nicholaus Elio Sprovieri (27)

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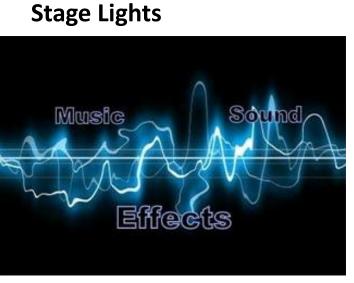
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If so, the "Men In Black" can certainly use your help. If you don't know anything, BUT YOU ARE WILLING TO LEARN—we'll teach you what you need to know. We put the "magic" into Reunions and special events. Contact: <u>Bill</u> <u>Hickey</u> (Audio) <u>Mike Taylor</u> (Video/Sound Effects) or <u>Danny Will</u> (Stage Lighting and Spotlights).





Beginning February 20<sup>th</sup> we will be collecting supplies for Judi's House

Please drop items off in the bin located in the building. Supplies they need will be listed on a flyer above the bin.

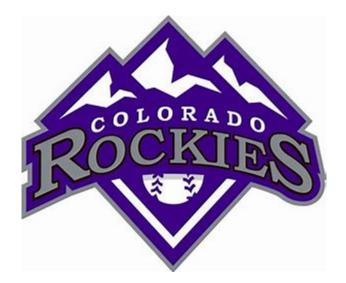
They need things like art supplies, toys, non-perishable snacks, and everyday household supplies.

Any questions? Contact Pablo Colomban pablocolomban@yahoo.com • 720-284-4304

Scan the QR code for a complete list.







# **COLORADO ROCKIES** Season is underway!

April 6<sup>th</sup> was the start of the 5<sup>th</sup> season where **Scottish Rite Volunteers** have worked Rockies Games. Their contribution to our Scottish Rite Masonic Center has been superb. This season, there will be a total of 79 games, of which there are 39 home games played on the weekends. For those of us who have a busy schedule the weekend games offer excellent time to volunteer to work a game. For every game worked, the Scottish Rite earns \$120 per game.

For a Rockies Schedule, click on the following for the 2023 Schedule 8.5x11 (mlbstatic.com).

Brother Dick Williams continues to be the outstanding Rockies Volunteer for the Scottish Rite Consistory. Last year his efforts contributed nearly \$10,000.00 for our Scottish Rite Masonic Center. Next time you run into Brother Dick, thank him for his contribution. As you might know, Brother Dick recently fell and was injured, so he will need some assistance in his efforts to support the Scottish Rite Masonic Center.

This year, there is <u>no requirement</u> to go to a special training. Your training will take place the first day you work at a Rockies Game at Coors Field. [11132265]

To Sign-up contact: Tom Lincoln, 32° KCCH, Rockies Coordinator <u>3flyingfeathers@comcast.net</u> or (303) 968-7731

Thank you for your contribution time for the Scottish Rite Consistory and GO ROCKIES!



# JUNE 10, 2023 RUN FOR THE CARNATIONS LADIES LUNCHEON

## **Belmont Stakes**

Ladies, it's that time of year for the Ladies. Looking forward to those smiles and hats!!

# RSVP's were due May 31,2023 !

Dress: Festive Summer Attire with Hats

# Menu: Italian Fare

Bacon Bourbon Caramel Popcorn

Salad with Flatbread Pizza

Chicken Parmesan

Eggplant Parmesan

Spaghetti alla Puttanesca

Cannoli

**Cheesecake Bites** 

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2023 Ladies Luncheon

1370 Grant St Denver, CO 80203

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**2023** Theme: "Take Me Out to the Ballgame"

**Ballpark Themed Menu** 

- Peanuts
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- Fellowship

Shaved Ice ... like you enjoy at the ballpark!



Don't miss out!

SAVE THE DATE...

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Special Guest: Mr. Paul Parker, General Manager of the Boulder Collegians Baseball Club & Former Colorado Rockies Team Historian

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27 Everyone 18 years or older regardless of Masonic affiliation is invited to attend the PG-13 performance. There is a 2 drink or 1 drink item, 1 food item minimum purchase at the Comedy Works Show during performance.

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Denver Scottish Rite is hosting the second annual Scottish Rite Golf Classic to Support the Scottish RiteCare Foundation of Colorado and the Scottish Rite Masonic Center.



Join us for a great day of golf on August 18, 2023 to support the Scottish RiteCare Foundation and the 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
- \$1,000,000 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 \$800 each. We expect a full field so register now. Great sponsorships available! Early Bird Registration prior to July 1<sup>st</sup> 2023 Teams at \$700.

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# Sponsorship Packages and Benefits

#### Title Sponsor - \$20,000 (1)

- Co-branding with event title
- Two (2) teams
- Logo on all materials and website
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- Reserved VIP seating at lunch and awards reception
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- Logo on event program cover and full-page ad
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#### Lunch Sponsor - \$2,500 (1)

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- One (1) Team
- Opportunity to welcome the group

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- Logo/Nameon reception tables
- One (1) Team
- Opportunity to welcome the group

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#### Golf Cart/Scorecard Sponsor \$1,500 (2)

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- Logo on website

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Logo on hole in one contest sign Sign displayer on tee box of Par 3 holes Logo on website and sponsor banner

## Pin Flag - \$250 (18)

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#### Hole Sponsor \$200 (18)

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