



# Denver's RiteWorks

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### IMPORTANT NOTICE!

#### Do NOT park in the Credit Union of Colorado Parking Lot !!!

Credit Union of Colorado, previously located at 1390 Logan Street, Denver, has MOVED. Their parking lot located on the northeast corner of 14<sup>th</sup> and Logan Street is **NO LONGER AVAILABLE** for Denver Consistory's use. A word to the wise is sufficient.

### 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: 07 NOV 2023 (election day). Zoom credentials:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86203814642?pwd=c2dsQkRBZzlabHdQbDI3VWpxbWw0UT09>

**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 [7488604] 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

## October 2023

Mon, OCT 2	7:00 p.m. KSA Meeting in Lodge Room
Fri, OCT 6, 13, 20, 27	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (\$13 - Fried Chicken on OCT 6)
Sat, OCT 14	9:00-11:00 a.m. KSA Fall Cleanup
Mon, OCT 16	Stated Meeting ( <b>Feast of Tishri</b> ) — <b>Parking garage available</b> <b>Ritual Opening Centennial Lodge of Perfection</b> 5:30 p.m. Red Room Business Meeting 6:00 p.m. Dinner 7:00 p.m. Awards and Patents - Entertainment 7:30 p.m. Split Meeting 5 min oration Minister of State, Denver Consistory

## November 2023

Fri, NOV 3, 10	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (\$13 - Fried Chicken on NOV 3)
Mon, NOV 6	7:00 p.m. KSA Meeting in Lodge Room
Mon, NOV 13	5:30 p.m. Special Officers Meeting to read Petitions
Thu, NOV 16-Sat NOV18	7:00 a.m. Fall Reunion (60 <sup>th</sup> ) <b>Parking garage available</b>
Sat, NOV 18	5:30 p.m. Banquet; 25 and 50 year Presentations
Mon, NOV 20	Stated Meeting - <b>Parking garage available</b> <b>Ritual Opening: Rocky Mountain Chapter, Rose Croix</b> 5:30 p.m. Red Room Business Meeting 6:00 p.m. Dinner 7:00 p.m. Entertainment: Veterans Recognition Program 7:30 p.m. Split Meeting
Thu-Fri, NOV 23 & 24	<b>Consistory Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday</b>
Sat, NOV 25	9:00-11:00 a.m. Consistory Decorating Party—All members, officers, and wives are invited

## December 2023

Fri, DEC 1, 8, 15	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (Fried Chicken on DEC 1; \$13)
Sat, DEC 2	10:00 a.m. - noon SR Foundation & Consistory Children's Christmas Party <b>Parking Garage Available</b>
Mon, DEC 4	7:00 p.m. KSA Meeting in Lodge Room
Sat, DEC 16	10.00 a.m. Wreaths Across America—Fort Logan Cemetery
Mon, DEC 18	Stated Meeting - <b>Parking Garage Available</b> 5:30 p.m. Red Room Business Meeting 6:00 p.m. Dinner ( <b>Member Appreciation Night</b> ) Masonic Education
Fri, DEC 22, 29	<b>NO LUNCH</b>

# EDITOR'S WRESTLEBOARD



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## **Remember?**

I was born in 1947, well after the end of World War II. Yet, growing up even in Oklahoma, every year, we were reminded to “Remember Pearl Harbor” (December 7, 1941—a day that will live in infamy). I’m sure there are equally significant events from the Korean Conflict (it’s not “officially” a “war” ... although the North Koreans would dispute that. Likewise, Viet Nam, Iraq, and other more recent conflicts. The one that perhaps my children remember most is 9/11—although here in Colorado, we and they remember Columbine High School as well.

Yet, the current generation of high school graduates weren’t even born when 9/11 occurred (2001). In fact, many college graduates likewise weren’t born then. And, you may be surprised to find out that when you ask them about that event, they give you a blank stare and wonder what you are talking about, even though there are reminders all around them. We’ve forgotten, apparently ... in spite of our promise to “remember.” [11162340]

What has this to do with Masonry? Well, we are “reminded” about all the various “obligations” we take in the various degrees and concordant bodies as well as those bodies in amity with our Grand Lodges and perhaps even our lodges as well. Why are we “reminded” so often? Perhaps it is because, as humans, we tend to forget some of the little details about things we have agreed to do. Like regular ATTENDANCE and participation in lodge (or at the Consistory).

How many of you have noticed the dearth of newly-made Scottish Rite Freemasons at the first stated meeting after their reunion? I have. If we get one or two, that’s a pretty good turnout—but likewise, it’s pretty concerning too. WHY did our Brothers spend their time and money to become Masters of the Royal Secret only to abandon the organization at the first opportunity? It’s almost like forgetting to “Remember Pearl Harbor” or “Remember the USS Maine” (that’s one that will puzzle a few I’m sure); or Never Forget (9/11).

In my naval cryptologic community, those of us who are in this older generation will tell you we remember the USS PUEBLO, USS LIBERTY, the EC-121 shootdown by North Korea, and the Kami Seya Fire that killed many of our shipmates. The new generation of Cyber and Cryptologic technicians don’t have much “history” taught to them in their professional classrooms.

So, this brings me full circle to the lack of our newly made SR Masons coming back. Shouldn’t we be teaching them (Education) about the history of our craft? Make them proud members, not just possessors of a degree (or degrees) and a membership card.

*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 PEDESTRIAN IS A MAN WHO HAS TWO CARS, A WIFE, AND ONE OR MORE TEENAGE CHILDREN*

### 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°

Brother Howard Zoufaly, 32°

**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 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.

**2023 Honormen** – Congratulations to the new Inspectors General Honorary and the new Knight Commanders of the Court of Honor.

Illustrious Brothers:

**Scott Bates, Trey Perrin, Jon Sellars, Jim Schneider, Bart Wegner, Danny Will**

Knight Commanders of the Court of Honor:

**Larry Bendt, Dillon Brickhouse, Tony Clark, John Davis, Jeremy DeBard, Greg Koenig, Hunter McCallum, Michael Rotert, David Spence, Mike Taylor**

**Who reads the RiteWorks Contest** – The membership numbers published in the September RiteWorks belong to the following Brothers who were eligible to receive a free dinner for the September Stated Meeting. **Steven E. Schroeder, Craig L. Thighe, John S. Dunsmoor, Gordon W. Bates, William J. Feldman, Dennis A. Wyatt, Paul L. Crawford, Dan Duffer, James C. Ross, Darren R. Klinefelter**. 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 October Stated meeting. [10386694]

**October 14<sup>th</sup> KSA Fall Cleanup** – Come out Saturday October 14<sup>th</sup> 9:00-11:00 a.m. and help the KSA cleanup the grounds and shine up the building in preparation for the Fall Reunion.

**October 16<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting** – The October meeting format will be prepared by **Illustrious Brother Darren Klinefelter, 33°**. All I can share with you is that we will celebrate the **Feast of Tishri**. Come out and see what else Illustrious Brother Klinefelter has planned for the evening.

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**Fall Reunion – November 16, 17, 18, 2023** dedicated to **Illustrious Brother Wes Campbell, 33°**. We need volunteers to take part in the degrees. We also need volunteers to be part of the various committees supporting the Reunion. Come out and watch the degrees and enjoy the fellowship with your Brothers. The Reunion is for you, not just the candidates.

**Endowment Fund Matching Donation Challenge** - The SRMC Endowment Fund board has accepted the challenge to raise **\$100,00.00** by December 31, 2023. Denver Consistory needs everyone's help to meet this goal. Brothers who wish to remain anonymous committed to match up \$50,000 when \$50,000 is donated to the Scottish Rite Masonic Center Endowment Fund. The Scottish Rite Masonic Center Endowment Fund is a 501(c)(3) charitable corporation. A donation to the Endowment Fund may provide an advantageous charitable deduction for your 2023 income tax return. Discuss this with your financial advisor.

The Endowment Fund was established to support the maintenance of the building. Plumbing, heating, cooling, fixture repair, etc. The sole purpose of the funds are for the preservation of this magnificent building. Further, it is structured so only the interest income of the endowment can be used for this purpose.

Our long-term goal is to reach at least \$1,600,000 in the Endowment Fund and then use only the interest for repairs. We all know as a building gets older, it will require more maintenance. We hope you will consider the Endowment Fund for your personal annual giving, your estate planning, or through the annual giving of other organizations to which you belong.

This beautiful building, sitting across the street from the SouthEast corner of the Colorado State Capitol Building, had the cornerstone set on March 20, 1924, and represents Masonry in Colorado. With the upcoming 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary quickly nearing, please give thought to this much needed Endowment Fund.

Thank you for your consideration to donate to the Endowment Fund.

How to donate:

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

Then click on SRMC Endowment Fund

Write a check payable to the Scottish Rite Masonic Center. Put Endowment Fund on memo line.

Call the office to make a donation by credit card.

**Help Wanted - Calling Committee** - We have a group of 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 the volunteer is 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 about them, that they are important to us, to find out how they are doing, and to offer assistance if needed.

The recipients of the call really appreciate the call. The Calling Committee is 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.

**2024 membership fee notices** have been mailed by the Supreme Council. Please pay your membership fee when you receive the notice, and do not lay it aside and forget about it and then become delinquent. Please do your part to help sustain the operation of Denver Consistory by paying your membership fee. [8446718]

**Monthly membership fee payment is available** - Are you tired of paying fees at the end of the year to all the Masonic bodies to which you belong? 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.

**Life Memberships** are an ideal way to avoid paying future membership fee increases. A Life

#### **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, at [www.scottishrite.org](http://www.scottishrite.org)

Membership guarantees that you will never be suspended for nonpayment 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.

**Mail Chimp Notifications** - If you notice that you are not consistently receiving Mail Chimp messages from Denver Consistory, check your spam or junk folders. Occasionally Mail Chimp messages will end up in your spam or junk folder.

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**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.

**Membership Statistics**

October 2022 1,504

October 2023 1,411

Net: **-93**

**Words of Wisdom for the Future**

We are asking that everyone leave a note in this journal to those who will be accessing the time capsule in 2124. Anything you would like to convey to those folks (courteously please) with your name as well.

This journal will be open to all who would like to send a sentiment. It will be deposited in the new time capsule along with other items in 2024 during our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.

- The Cornerstone Committee



The last domesticated herd of Scottish Haggis - Remember to **MARK YOUR CALENDARS** for the 2024 KSA Burns Supper Saturday, January 20, 2024. Come partake of this rare delicacy ... and while you're at it, consider participating in the Whisky College as well. You won't regret either event. [9239872]



**60<sup>th</sup> Reunion  
Fall 2023  
Nov. 16, 17, 18, 2023**

**Thursday Nov. 16, 2023**

7:30 AM Registration  
8:00 AM Welcome/Class Instruction  
8:10 AM Prolog to the Scottish Rite  
**8:32 AM Exemplify 4°**  
9:17 AM Communicate 5°  
9:25 AM Communicate 6°  
9:33 AM Communicate 7°  
9:41 AM Communicate 8°  
**9:54 AM Exemplify 9° & 10°**  
10:36 AM Break  
**10:56 AM Exemplify 11°**  
11:36 AM Communicate 12°  
**11:49 AM Exemplify 13°**  
12:27 PM Lunch  
**1:25 PM Exemplify 14°**  
**2:37 PM Exemplify 15°**  
3:47 PM Break  
**4:22 PM Exemplify 16°**  
5:12 PM Communicate 17°  
5:20 PM Adjourn

**Friday Nov. 17, 2023**

8:00 AM Class Convenes  
**8:15 AM Exemplify 18° First & Second Section**  
**9:07 AM Exemplify 18° Third Section**  
9:47 AM KSA Presentation  
10:04 AM Communicate 19°  
10:12 AM Break  
**10:27 AM Exemplify 20° First Section**  
10:56 AM Break  
**11:13 AM Exemplify 20° Second Section**  
11:49 AM Grand Master Address  
12:09 PM Lunch  
**1:05 PM Exemplify 21°**  
2:00 PM Communicate 22°  
**2:13 PM Exemplify 23°**  
2:48 PM Break  
**3:08 PM Exemplify 24°**  
4:03 PM Communicate 25°  
4:11 PM Communicate 26°  
4:19 PM Break  
4:29 PM Communicate 27°  
4:37 PM Communicate 28°  
**4:47 PM Exemplify 29°**  
5:31 PM Adjourn

**Saturday Nov. 18, 2023**

8:00 AM Class Convenes  
8:10 AM S.G.I.G./Deputy Address  
8:25 AM Class Photos  
9:10 AM Shrine Presentation  
**9:24 AM Exemplify 30°/1<sup>st</sup> Apartment**  
**9:44 AM Exemplify 30°/2<sup>nd</sup> Apartment**  
**10:04 AM Exemplify 30°/3<sup>rd</sup> Apartment**  
10:26 AM Break  
**10:53 AM Exemplify 30°/4<sup>th</sup> Apartment**  
11:28 AM Committee Tours  
12:13 PM Lunch  
1:08 PM Secretary's Presentation  
1:33 PM Rite Care Presentation  
1:48 PM Communicate 31°  
**2:11 PM Exemplify 32° First Section**  
2:58 PM Break  
**3:15 PM Exemplify 32° Second Section**  
4:10 PM Closing Ceremony  
4:40 PM Adjourn  
6:00 PM **Banquet** - 25 & 50 Year Member Awards  
8:00 PM Adjourn



# Help Wanted - STILL!

Do you know anything about ...



Stage Lights



Spotlights



Audio Systems



Sound Effects



Video Systems

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: [Bill Hickey](#) (Audio) [Mike Taylor](#) (Video/Sound Effects) or [Danny Will](#) (Stage Lighting and Spotlights). [11124892]

# Presenting the 2023 Scholarship Recipients



**Dwight A. Hamilton**

## Graduate Scholarship in Speech-Language Pathology



**Madison Lofthus** received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Speech, Language, Hearing Sciences with a French minor from MSU Denver in Spring 2021. After earning her Speech-Language Pathologist Assistant (SLPA) certification, Madison worked in the Cherry Creek School District as an SLPA across four different settings including bilingual preschool classrooms, an elementary school, a high school, and the district's transition program. Madison and her four colleagues will be presenting at ASHA's 2023 Convention to discuss and relay their research findings regarding SLP confidence and competency when assessing and treating individuals who identify as an indigenous/rural person. Madison has a strong passion for bridging gaps in speech and language service provision for indigenous populations throughout Colorado.

**Lorena Cannon** is a current MA-SLP student at the University of Colorado Boulder. Her educational background is in anthropology and evolutionary biology. At CU she has contributed to research related to bilingual children with language disorders. Lorena is interested in early childhood development, AAC, and rural practice. In Spring 2024 she will intern at BVSD and either Children's Hospital or Montrose Regional Health. Upon graduation she hopes to practice as a medical pediatric SLP in Colorado.



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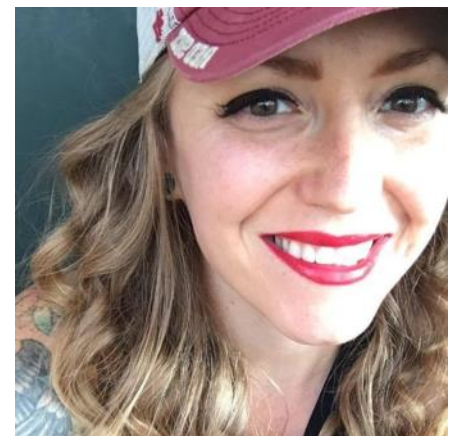
**Lily Kahn** is from Highland Park, IL. She received her undergraduate degree at the University of Colorado Boulder in speech, language, and hearing sciences with a minor in education. Before attending the University of Colorado Boulder Speech-Language Graduate Program, she worked as a speech-language pathology assistant in various rural schools in Eastern Colorado. Lily will begin her internships in the spring of 2024 where she will be working in an elementary school in Boulder, and a private practice that specializes in stuttering.

**Jasmin Valadez** is from Denver, CO. She graduated from Colorado State University in 2021 with a Bachelor of Science in Neuroscience. She is currently enrolled at CU Boulder's Speech-Language Pathology Program. Jasmin is a student administrative assistant at CU's Speech-Language and Hearing Clinic. In the past, she has volunteered to tutor bilingual elementary school students. She looks forward to dedicating her career to providing speech therapy to underserved children in Denver, starting with an internship at Denver Public Schools in Spring 2024.



**Carlie Wilders** grew up in Mammoth Lakes, CA before moving to Boulder, CO for high school. Afterwards she attended the University of Colorado Boulder, earning her Bachelor's degree in Speech-Language and Hearing Sciences. Following her undergraduate studies, she worked as a Speech-Language Pathology Assistant in the Steamboat Springs school district for one year, serving rural Colorado. Carlie's ultimate goal is to make communication accessible and enjoyable for these children, empowering them to reach their full potential and fostering inclusivity for everyone.

**Tara Doehring** was born and raised in Loveland, CO. She attended the University of Northern Colorado and received her Bachelor's in Audiology and Speech-Language Sciences in 2021. Tara has experience working in various settings, including home health, schools, and clinics. Tara is passionate about working with young children and is particularly interested in school-based intervention in rural Colorado. She recognizes rural communities' challenges in accessing healthcare services, and she is committed to working to bridge this gap. By staying in Colorado and serving the needs of rural Coloradans, she hopes to repay the support and encouragement she received from these communities throughout her life.







**2023 Dwight A. Hamilton  
Scholarship Recipients**  
Presented at our  
**September 18, 2023**  
**Stated Meeting**



**2023**  
**Denver Consistory**  
**Honorees**



Scott Bates



Trey Perrin



Larry Bendt



Dillon Brickhouse



Tony Clark



Jim Schneider



Jon Sellars



John Davis



Jeremy DeBard



Greg Koenig



Bart Wegner



Danny Will



Hunter McCallum



Michael Rotert



David Spence



Mike Taylor







## Bill Achbach, 32° KCCH

Director of Education

**A Deserving Brother**



*"I shall make it the most agreeable part of my duty to study merit and reward the brave and deserving."  
George Washington (Address to the Officers of the Virginia Regiment, January 8, 1756)*

### **But First...**

One announcement or bit of housekeeping before getting into the topic for this month, pertaining to the November 20<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting and our annual Veterans' Day Observance. Denver Consistory would be honored for our members and guests who are veterans to wear their uniforms that evening, as they are able. Please note a flyer for that event posted elsewhere in this issue of *RiteWorks*.

### **A Deserving Brother**

Between the posting of last month's *RiteWorks* and this, many of the usual hallmarks of the Masonic season have come and gone. Lodges that were on summer hiatus are back at work and are preparing for the customary capstone activities of the year. The Biennial Session of the Rite is now history, and our own Valley has resumed its monthly stated meetings. Work is well underway for our Fall Reunion, and, by the time this issue is posted, we'll have held our Honors Conferral & Dinner. [9593575]

Apropos that last point, by the way, I believe that it is fitting to acknowledge and to thank our new Honormen for their service and commitment that led to their distinction ... and, as we do so, to also reflect upon the rich heritage of service of which we are heirs. I've been thinking about that a lot recently, especially as plans begin to wrap up for next year's Cornerstone Centennial. We have our wonderful Fraternity and this magnificent building to enjoy, after 100 years, due to the dedicated service of past generations of our Brethren.

I recently spent several weeks in the Northern Virginia/D.C. area and decided to take in a few of the historical and Masonic sights. I was not, unfortunately, able to pay a visit to the House of the Temple this time but look forward to doing so again. On this trip, it was a battlefield ([Manassas](#)), two presidential homes ([Monticello](#) and [Mt. Vernon](#)) and the [George Washington National Masonic Memorial](#) ... most of that in the company of daughter Heather, who put up (with) her Dad during the visit. We also made a Labor Day visit to the [National Archives](#) and had lunch at the [National Museum of the American Indian](#), whose Mitsitam Café, with foods from various Native American regions/cuisines, is good enough to be a destination all by itself.

I'd never been to Monticello, and, although Jefferson was not a Freemason, it's difficult for a Mason to experience that place without thinking about the days of the early American Lodge.

I say this for three reasons: first, because the ideas he expressed in the writings of which he was most proud—most notably our Declaration of Independence (he always called it “our” and never “the” Declaration) and the Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom—are so reflective of the Enlightenment ideals which served also as foundations of the Craft; second because his career was bound up so closely with men who were Masons (Franklin and Washington and later Lewis and Clark) as notable examples; and, finally, in the way his own life so reflected that same study of the Liberal Arts and Sciences we seek to encourage today. Those who study the man’s religious beliefs often describe Jefferson’s spirituality as “complicated.” I would suggest to you that, yes, in his own time Thomas Jefferson likely would have found it difficult to “pass religious muster” had he petitioned a Lodge. It was an age when church attendance was still (or had only recently ceased to be) a legal requirement! Today, however, we’d find his spiritual sense, as well as his non-judgmental attitude toward the beliefs of others, to be “mainstream” in the Lodge.

At Mt. Vernon, we concentrated on the plantation’s support and out-buildings, rather than on the main house. Heather had visited there recently, and I spent a week there, years ago, as part of a National Endowment for the Humanities writing project. We enjoyed a tour of the grist mill and the distillery, where rye whiskey and rum are again produced according to Washington’s own recipes. I’d love to be able to sing the praises of the products (unaged, 2-year, and 5-year-old rye) sampled at a tasting, but, were I to do so, I would have to violate the strict rules of honesty and candor which Brother George held so dear! It was a worthwhile experience, but, Brother Larry, your unaged malt is head and shoulders above that of the “Squire of Mt. Vernon!”

The high point of the Mt. Vernon visit was the opportunity to experience a recreation of an 18<sup>th</sup> century market and fair, which was going on that weekend. Period arts and crafts, music, food and entertainment were featured, and I had the pleasure of being reunited with a former student, whom (I kid you not!) I had not seen for fifty years! [RW & III. Dr. Daniel D. Hrinko](#) is a wood craftsman, who does beautiful work ... including Masonic working tools! He’s also the author of what I consider quite a worthwhile Masonic book, [The Craft Driven Lodge](#), which I’ll shamelessly plug as a resource for Brethren and Lodges aspiring to improve and grow the Masonic experience in a modern world.

Heather had to go off on a business trip while I was visiting, and that left me free to drive into Alexandria to the George Washington National Masonic Memorial (GWNMM). 2023 is the centennial year of the Memorial, and I’ve been there probably a half-dozen times since the mid-1970s. The place is, frankly, spectacular ... a description which, I assure you, I do not employ lightly. I really do not believe that it is even possible for us today to understand the high regard in which Brother George Washington was held by the founding generation: truly, right up until we became more enamored with the human weaknesses of our heroes than with their value to us as models. As certain as I am that some considerable part of his almost ... no ... strike the “almost” ... mythical standing is due to the “fog of history,” it is still true (in my humble and extremely biased opinion) that Washington was, as historian James Thomas Flexner subtitled his biography, *The Indispensable Man*.

When I was a history and government teacher, I tried to emphasize to my students that the single most important distinctive of a popularly-elected government is that no individual person—no royal personage, no elite, no superior intellect or even person of exemplary character—is “indispensable” in a system based on merit and consent of the governed. Popular government is based upon the idea that “common people can govern their own affairs.” I still believe in that principle absolutely ... and yet ... try as I might ... I cannot imagine 1765 to 1797 America without George Washington!

So, the GWNMM is a place that focuses upon the man and, especially, upon his standing among Masons. He was a man of immense complexity and even contradiction. He possessed tremendous ambition, a huge ego, and, as one might expect, a “short fuse” when it came to perceived slights or disrespect. And yet, he is accurately described as the *American Cincinnatus*, for his willingness to lay aside the trappings of power (more than once) and to accept the role of “citizen,” until his countrymen again found it necessary to call him to lead!

In the Memorial’s replica Lodge Room, you can see mementos of his Masonic career and of the Lodge over which he presided. You can see the trowel which he used in the laying of the cornerstone of the U.S. Capitol and the clock which stood at his bedside. You may also see there many artifacts of Alexandria-Washington Lodge #22, which now meets in one of the Memorial’s beautiful Lodge Rooms.

When I first visited the Memorial, each floor (there are nine) represented different perspectives on the Masonic Fraternity. York Rite had its own floor, as did the Scottish Rite, the Shrine, Eastern Star, etc. But, at some point in the intervening decades, the directors of the Memorial came to believe that there was too much focus upon the diversity of the Craft and not enough upon the man the place honors. So, today, the focus has been returned to Brother George (with still an impressive portrayal of the Masonic Story), and, although the place is now on the National Register of Historic Places, it is completely privately funded and maintained.

If you’re interested in delving more deeply into the life of George Washington the Mason, I recommend the recent (2022) *A Deserving Brother*, by Mark Tabbert. The book is exhaustively researched and includes many illustrations of period artifacts.

With this thought then, we return to my opening reference to those we honor for their service. We, as Masons, have a most excellent example not only of “what” to do, in order to exemplify perfection of character, but also “in what spirit” we should act. “Serve,” would adequately sum up the former, but it is only in seeking to do so “selflessly” that places us in the spirit of the man whose memory we honor.

*Bill*

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**September’s Trivia Question:** Why, in some Masonic jurisdictions (or even individual Lodges in the same jurisdiction), does the Chaplain stand at his station during prayer; in others stand West of the Altar; and, in yet others, kneel at the Altar to pray?

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**Answer:** My thanks to WB Juan Carlos Millan, for his efforts to answer this question. He ran across an especially interesting passage in the Officers Handbook for the MWGL of Florida.

The question was one driven by my own curiosity. Step one in answering it was to delve into the CTK (Nope, nothing there directing the Chaplain, except for specific instances ... e.g., early in the EA°) ... then Uniform Floor Work (No, nothing there either), followed by GL's Officers' Handbook (Nada!) ... and finally, into the Book of Constitutions (Nope!). So, at this point, I was reminded of a line delivered by one of my favorite characters in musical theater: Tevya, in *Fiddler on the Roof*: "You may ask," he says in the show's opening scene, "how did this tradition get started? I'll tell you! ... I don't know!"

So, unable to come up with a definitive answer via research, I asked the person we correctly turn to with such questions: RWB Kevin Townley. The gist of his answer was that "... there is no policy as to where the chaplain is located when giving the prayer or reciting scripture, except in the EA Degree. In this Grand Lodge alone, the chaplain is often in different positions ... including sitting near the W.M. in the East. I know of no reason why there is not any specific direction nor any reason why there should be." So, in essence. "it's up to the Lodge."

One interesting (and unexpected) result of my own research was to discover that all jurisdictions do not even require the appointment of a Chaplain! As you're aware, our ritual generally makes prayer or scripture recitation the option of either the WM or the Chaplain. So, not requiring that there even be a Chaplain is a sort of a logical (?) "next step." I even found one reference to a Grand Jurisdiction providing an optional installation passage, "should the Worshipful Master desire to appoint a Brother to serve as Chaplain."

**This month's Trivia Question** (answer in next month's RiteWorks): Why does Washington's bedside clock, on display at the George Washington National Masonic Memorial, perpetually read "10:20?"



From *Well DUH! - Our Stupid World and Welcome to It* by Bob Fenster:

Here's what can happen when an athlete and a writer get together to collaborate on a book. When he found out he was misquoted in his own autobiography, basketball great Charles Barkley said, "I should have read it."

Ever wonder why football coaches don't recruit at Mensa meetings? You don't want your linebackers thinking twice about going up against players like Jim Taylor of the Green Bay Packers, who explained his approach to running the ball: "I love to hear the sounds of breaking bones." [7457146]

The great Bronko Nagurski ran so hard for a score at Wrigley Field that he crashed through the end zone into a brick wall. Nagurski knocked out a dozen bricks and rammed a hole in the wall. He kept playing while they sent in bricklayers to tend to the wall. On another play, Bronko ran through the Redskin defense, bounced off the goal post, and slammed into a concrete wall. When he got back to the Bears' bench, Nagurski said, "Gosh, that last guy sure hit me hard."



## Member in the Spotlight

By

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**Expert. Centennial Lodge of Perfection**



Brethren, this month's Member Spotlight focuses on recent Honorman Anthony Clark, 32° Knight Commander, Court of Honor (KCCH). Tony feels very honored to have been selected to be inducted as a Knight Commander, Court of Honor. When he asked why he was selected, since he had never done anything special; that he thought that he had started his Masonic journey too late in life to be selected; and that he never expected or pursued the honor - he was told by the Executive Board member that his manifold contributions to Masonry (not just Scottish Rite) were being recognized and that those who don't actively pursue the honors, are the ones most deserving.

Tony lives in Boulder, Colorado. He attended college at Boston University, where he received a Bachelor of Arts and later on attended Colorado State University where he received his Master of Business Administration (MBA). His field of study was Business and Finance. He says that his formative years were spent in Ohio, Illinois, Michigan, Massachusetts, and New York, where his father's career as a defense contract engineer took them all over the US.

Tony's military service was in the US Army. His Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) was 11F20 - Infantry Operations. He served from 1967 to 1969 and was stationed at Fort Dix, New Jersey, Fort Hood, Texas, Fort Benning, Georgia and lastly at Cu Chi, Hau Nghia Province, Viet Nam with the 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division "Tropic Lightning" (G3-Air Operations ), III Corps.

When asked what he liked most about military, Tony says that the Army provided him with the opportunity to serve his country in an honorable way. It let him be a member of an organization that stood for values that he shared. While he was a soldier, he tried his best to live up to the idea of Duty, Honor, Country. While he does not brag or even talk much about his time in the Army, he says that he is proud to have served. Tony continues to support veterans by serving with VFW Mile High Post 1771, Lafayette, CO, where he was Post Commander, 2020-2021. He added that since he does not want veterans to be invisible in the community, he proudly wears his Viet Nam Veteran's cap (which we all can attest to when we see Tony around the Center). [2612554]

Tony has been married to his wife, Betty Ann, for 52 years. He has three sons of which he is inordinately and rightfully proud, Matthew, Daniel, and David. All three are Eagle Scouts and all three are 32° Scottish Rite Masons. Tony as yet has no grandchildren but he is always hopeful.

When asked about his Masonic history he notes that he was initiated in Boulder Lodge #45 in 2009. His great-grandfather was initiated in Morning Star Lodge, Worcester, Massachusetts



in 1894. His wife's grandfather was initiated in Breckenridge Lodge # 47 about 1903. Accordingly, his three sons have Masonic ancestors on both sides of the family.

He is a member of Nevada Lodge # 4, Denver Lodge # 5, Central Lodge # 6, Black Hawk Lodge # 11 and Boulder Lodge # 14, and a Past Master of Boulder Lodge # 45 (2016) and Nevada Lodge # 4 (2022). Tony is a member of the three York Rite bodies. In the Scottish Rite he serves as the Expert in the Centennial Lodge of Perfection line and Venerable Master of the Knights of St. Andrew. He is also a member of Pike's Peak Council # 156, Allied Masonic Degrees (Sovereign Master 2021-2022), National Sojourners Denver-Fitzsimmons Chapter 37, Sword of Bunker Hill, and Order of St. Thomas Acon. Tony's favorite Masonic activity is to participate in Masonry with his three sons. He really enjoys the Scottish Rite reunions.

Tony also volunteered for the Boy Scouts of America for over 30 years. He is a Hunter Education Instructor, an NRA Training Counselor and enjoys hunting, fishing, competitive shooting (in his "younger" years), genealogy, and home maintenance.

Tony spent 30 years with IBM Corporation and they send him a nice check every month to not come in any more. After retiring from IBM he appraised real estate for a number of years and then retired from that. Tony spends his time doing volunteer work in the community and a lot of Masonic and family activities.

When asked what he likes best about the Spring and Fall Scottish Rite reunions, Tony says he likes working on the costume committee and participating in the degrees and enjoys meeting and talking with our new members. When asked what he likes best about the Scottish Rite in general, he says being in the presence of like-minded men who share his ethics and values.

He has been in the 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> (now director), 17<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> degrees. [on a personal note: I have relied on him for a number of years in the 17<sup>th</sup> Degree (Knight of the East and West) to bring his sonorous and booming voice to his lines in the degree. Every year I count on Tony to be available and to remind me of how we did it in the previous years and what can be improved upon]. Tony most definitely plans on attending the upcoming reunion

An interesting fact about him that folks don't know but might find surprising is that he is a member of the Colorado Society of Mayflower Descendants and the Colorado Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. He adds that while he takes pride in his heritage, he is fully aware that it does not make him any better than anyone else. Tony says that America is a nation of immigrants, that we are all immigrants or descendants of immigrants, including Native Americans who just immigrated centuries sooner than the rest of us.

I asked him what he has learned over his years in Scottish Rite Masonry and in his own words he poignantly said *"In looking back over your many years of Scottish Rite I have learned to be less judgmental and more tolerant of my fellow man. I learned that listening is not just waiting for your turn to speak but an opportunity to learn and understand. I learned that feedback is a precious gift that helps me to improve myself. I learned that if you are defensive when you receive feedback, the opportunity to improve can be lost because you will not be able to hear what is communicated to you. I learned that in order to be respected you must give respect and must treat all persons with the dignity and respect that you desire for yourself. I learned that I am not better than anyone else but also that no one is better than me. That gives me the insight and confidence to be a leader. If I had learned these lessons earlier in my life, my prior life would have been significantly enhanced"*. Tony then added in closing, *"Masonry really does make good men better. What I have learned in Masonry has made me a better husband, father, brother, and member of society now than I was before I became a Mason"*. Who can say it any better than that?



**13 OCTOBER 1775 (248 years)**

Eternal Father, strong to save,  
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,  
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep  
Its own appointed limits keep;  
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee,  
For those in peril on the sea!

“Ask not what your country can do for you,  
but...what YOU can do for your country.

- President John Fitzgerald Kennedy

It is by no means enough that an officer of the Navy should be a capable mariner. He must be that, of course, but also a great deal more. He should be as well a gentleman of liberal education, refined manners, punctilious courtesy, and the nicest sense of personal honor.

He should be the soul of tact, patience, justice, firmness, and charity. No meritorious act of a subordinate should escape his attention or be left to pass without its reward, even if the reward is only a word of approval. Conversely, he should not be blind to a single fault in any subordinate, though, at the same time, he should be quick and unflinching to distinguish error from malice, thoughtlessness from incompetency, and well meant shortcoming from heedless or stupid blunder.

- Based on the letters of John Paul Jones

[24380]

## OCTOBER Special Birthdays

### 90 Years “YOUNG”

Wayne E. Carter  
Bruce Andrew Fisher  
Donald Alex Ostwald  
Marvin J. Sellinghausen

### 80 Years “YOUNG”

John Leslie Casanova  
Richard George Frohlick  
Miroslav Lhotsky, Sr.

### 70 Years “YOUNG”

William Jackson Elswick  
James Byron Sutton

### 60 Years “YOUNG”

Gregory Dean Koenig  
Ernest Perez Miranda

### 50 Years “YOUNG?”

Jason A. Roberts

### Our October Youngster

Matthew Lee Shamburger (32 years “old”)



# The Prelate's Pulpit

Rev. James H. Harris, 33°

Prelate for All Scottish Rite Bodies



Monday night was a joy to watch the young scholars receive their scholarships to be used in furthering their education. I attended the Iliff School of Theology for three years on a full scholarship. I also enjoyed meeting some of the staff from Children's Hospital. This is one of the ways the Consistory reaches out to the community.

We are in a time of change as we move from Summer into Fall. The leaves are changing colors, the days are getting shorter and the word "snow" is being mentioned, however silently. My body is slowly adjusting. I am going with a group from a church I attend to view the colors this year.

Growing old is much like taxes—it is something we all must face. I am facing that now as I am in my late seventies. However, there are other things I can still do. I can remember all the things I used to do, but cannot do now. So, I do not give up, but journey on. The same is true with everyone. We keep moving forward and look at the things we can do. Paul writes that faith, hope, and love are three things that endure, but the greatest of these is love. So, my Brothers, we can all love each other, we can practice love every day by the way we live our lives. I always told the churches I served, "love will grow a church, but a church without love will die." We have many churches today that are dying. From what I have seen at the Consistory, we will never die.

Blessings,

Ill. Bro. Rev James Harris, 33°

Consistory Prelate

# Memorial Scroll

Karl Frantz Biemel, 32°	07/07/2023
Arthur Lee Brodin, 32°	09/14/2023
David Mitchell Brooks, 32°	08/21/2023
Kenneth Edward Brunemeier, 32°	02/07/2023
Donald Eugene Burbach, 32°	02/14/2021
Clifford Virgil Cochran, Jr., 32°	02/21/2018
John A. Hollansworth, 32°	07/17/2023
Charles Lucien Martell, 32° KCCH	08/12/2023
Douglas Gordon Mayotte, 32°	07/17/2023
Rodger Lee Peabody, 32°	12/06/2022
Herman Aaron Ratner, 32°	04/29/2023
Richard Walter Schmidt, 33°	09/11/2023
Lincoln Covert Soule, 33°	07/02/2023
Eugene X. Tepper, 32°	10/11/2022
Coley Glenn Webb, 32°	07/25/2023
Robert Gary Weiss, 32°	12/08/2022



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