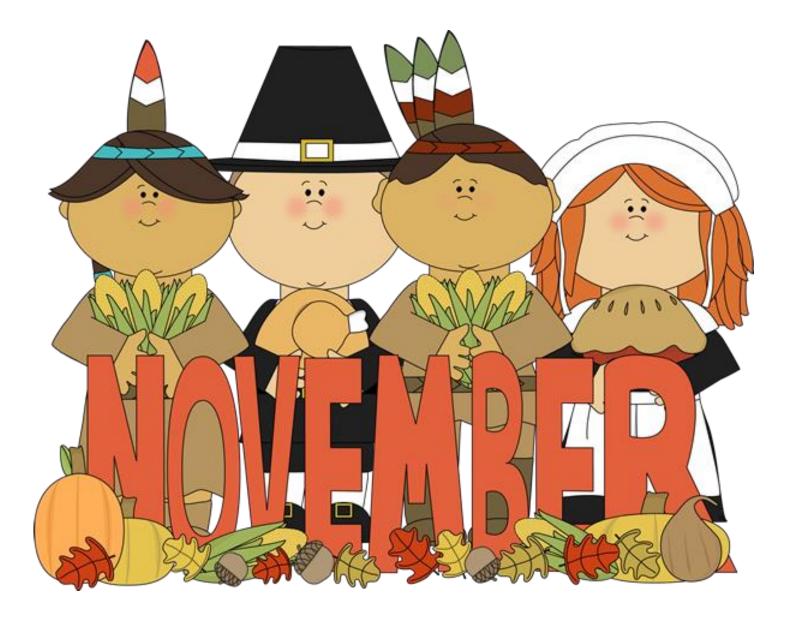


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IMPORTANT NOTICE!

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 14th 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=c2dsQkRBZzlabHdQbDl3VWpxbWw0UT09

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 [7225873] 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

November 2023

Fri, NOV 3	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (Fried Chicken—\$13)
Mon, NOV 6	7:00 p.m. KSA Meeting in Lodge Room
Fri, NOV 10	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (5-way Chili—\$13)
Mon, NOV 13	5:30 p.m. Special Officers Meeting to read Petitions
Thu, NOV 16-Sat NOV	(18 7:00 a.m. Fall Reunion (60 th) Parking garage available
Thu, NOV 16	Reunion Lunch (Spaghetti—\$13)
Fri, NOV 17	Reunion Lunch (Fried Chicken—\$13)
Sat, NOV 18	Reunion Lunch (Mexican Buffet—\$13)
	5:30 p.m. Banquet; 25 and 50 year Presentations
Mon, NOV 20	Stated Meeting - Parking garage available
	5:30 p.m. Red Room Business Meeting
	6:00 p.m. Dinner (Chicken Fried Steak—\$25)
	7:00 p.m. Entertainment: Veterans Recognition Program
	5 minute oration—Minister of State, Denver Consistory
	7:30 p.m. Split Meeting
Thu-Fri, NOV 23 & 24	Consistory Closed (Thanksgiving) NO LUNCH FRIDAY
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 (\$13—Fried Chicken on DEC 1)
Sat, DEC 2	10:00 a.m noon SR Foundation & Consistory Children's Christmas Party
	Parking Garage Available
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 - UGLY Sweater Night
	Parking Garage Available
	5:30 p.m. Red Room Business Meeting
	6:00 p.m. Dinner (Member Appreciation Night)
	7:00 p.m. Entertainment
	7:30 p.m. Split Meeting—Annual Election of Officers
Fri, DEC 22, 29	NOLUNCH
Mon, DEC 25	Consistory Closed (Christmas)

January 2024

Mon, JAN 1, 2024				
Fri, JAN 5, 12, 19				
Sat, JAN 6				

Consistory Closed (New Years Day) 11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (\$13—Fried Chicken on JAN 5) 9:00—11:00 a.m. Consistory UN-decorating Party (Everyone invited)



The Volume of the Sacred Law

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Speculative Freemasonry, that ancient fraternity from which all our family Masonic organizations derive their heritage, carefully preserves a special place for religion within its membership while not specifying any peculiar form of religious observation. In most lodges, a copy of the King James Version of the Holy Bible will rest upon the altar. There are "Sacred Volumes" with similar significance to other religions that may also be present from time to time in a Masonic Lodge - the Holy Koran for Islam and the Vedas for the Hindu to mention but two. As well, in some lodges around the world, multiple Volumes of the Sacred Law will be present on the altar simultaneously to represent the religions of those in attendance. It is because of this unique relationship that the book(s) upon the altar are referred to simply as "the Volume of the Sacred Law." The term represents that book or sacred volume which imports sanctity to an oath or promise taken upon it during ceremonies. Most Masonic family organizations are predominantly located, or were founded, in the United States where Christianity and Judaism form the majority of their memberships. Thus, it is tradition that the King James Version of the Holy Bible is the most common "Volume of the Sacred Law" used in Masonic lodges as well as other Masonic family organizations. [10355442]

From "time immemorial" each succeeding generation has been responsible for the safekeeping of the book as well as the passing of knowledge to the new generation that follows.

The Ancient Greek version of the Old Testament originated in the 2nd or 3rd century B.C. Legend has it that it was composed by seventy scribes over a century of work translating from the original Hebrew and Aramaic texts. Attributed to the divine inspiration of these seventy scribes, it is often referred to as the "Septuagint." The New Testament appears to have originated mostly from the Ancient Greek.

There followed a number of Latin translations, the most notable of which was the Vulgate, used in many churches over the centuries. By 1961, the Holy Bible, in whole or in part, had been translated into more than 1,151 languages, most of these during the 19th and 20th centuries, and including one called the Biblia Pauperum (picture books for the illiterate in the Middle Ages). The King James Version of 1611 is widely known as the noblest monument of English prose and competed at the time of its creation with the Geneva Bible. Think upon the significance of this task—the King himself reserved the final editorial approval of everything to himself. If he did not agree with or like what the scholars presented to him, he would return

their work with instructions to revise and resubmit. That is perhaps why it took so many years to complete this magnificent work that is today considered a most significant effort of prose and poetry, not to mention a standard for many religious denominations to use. Remember the times when it was created and why King James believed it to be essential to be able to provide and distribute the word of God to his subjects.

The Revised Standard Version, the New International Version, the New American Standard Bible, and the World English Bible are but a few of the literally countless English versions of this sacred text available today.

But, the Holy Bible is more than an historical document to be preserved. And, it is more than a classic of English Literature to be cherished and admired. It is our accepted record of God's dealings with mankind, of God's revelation of Himself, and His instructions to humanity. It is, in other words, the inestimable gift of God to man.

Symbolizing Truth, Faith, and Hope, it is thus fitting that we give due respect and a singular place of honor to that Volume of the Sacred Law which represents the many religions of the world comprising the Masonic family, and which proves that people of all faiths, creeds, and nationalities MAY INDEED travel the road of life together in harmony as friends. [11138839]

Let that bond of friendship between men and women of differing religions found in our Masonic family and symbolized by the concept of the "Volume of the Sacred Law" remind us daily as we journey down the highway of life together and provide a worthy example to the rest of the world.

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.

TACT IS THE ART OF MAKING A POINT WITHOUT MAKING AN ENEMY

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, <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.

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 Thomas Berlinger, 32°Brother Tony Clark, 32° KCCHBrother Russell Lynn, 32°Brother Greg Harris, 32° KCCHBrother Russell Lynn, 32°



We Are Off To A Slow Start !! - Endowment Fund Matching Donation Challenge -The SRMC Endowment Fund board has accepted a challenge to raise **\$50,000** by 31 December, 2023. Brothers who wish to remain anonymous have committed to match up to \$50,000 when \$50,000 is raised. **We need your help to meet this goal.**

The Scottish Rite Masonic Center Endowment Fund is a 501(c)(3) corporation. A donation to the Endowment Fund may provide an advantageous 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 fund is the preservation of this magnificent building. <u>It is structured so only the interest income of the endowment can</u> <u>be used for this purpose</u>.

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 100th anniversary quickly nearing, please give thought to this much needed Endowment Fund effort. Thank you for your consideration. Donate:

- 1. On-line https://squareup.com/store/centennial-lodge-of-perfection (Click on SRMC)
- 2. Write a check to the Scottish Rite Masonic Center. Put "Endowment Fund" on memo line.
- 3. Call the office (303-861-4261) to make a credit card donation.

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Who reads the RiteWorks Contest – The membership numbers published in the October RiteWorks belong to the following Brothers who were eligible to receive a free dinner for the October Stated Meeting: Richard S. Goering; Roman V. Creech; Robert D. Elsloo; Christopher J. Matero; Stephen H. Jaouen; Russell E. Anderson; Richard C. Hecox; John Q. Adams; and Todd A. Janes. 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 November Stated meeting. [4600979]

KSA Fall Cleanup - Thank you to the following Brothers who came out October 14th for the KSA Fall Cleanup: Illustrious Brother Trey Perrin, 33°; Brother Tony Clark, 32° KCCH; Brother Danny Tomlinson, 32° KCCH; Brother Larry Tygart, 32° KCCH; Brother Thayne Coulter, 32°; Brother Jim DeGeorge, 32°; Brother Spike Emperor, 32°; Brother Russ Magyar, 32°; Brother Josh Ruegsegger, 32°; Brother Jim Thomas, 32°; Brother James Warner, 32°; and Brother Richard Wright, 32°.

October Stated Meeting - At the October 16th Stated Meeting we presented Patents and class photos to the following members of the Spring Reunion Class: **Brother Jason Arnold; Brother William Biggs; Brother James DeGeorge III; Brother "Spike" Emperor; Brother Michael McMinimee, and Brother Francesco Mier y Teran.**

Passport pins were awarded to: Brother Bryce Dunn, 32°; Illustrious Brother Bart Corfee, 33°; Brother Greg Harris, 32° KCCH; Brother Tim Lambert, 32° KCCH; Brother Hoss Monsebroten, 32°; Brother Mike Taylor, 32° KCCH; and Brother James Warner, 32°.

Double Eagle Jewels were awarded to: Brother Joseph Beaton, 32°; Brother Terrance Bartell, 32°; Brother Jeffrey Gowin, 32°; Brother Robert Thomas, 32°; Brother Kevin Trabert, 32°; and Brother James Warner, 32°.

Double Eagle Ribbons were awarded to: Illustrious Brother Bart Corfee, 33° and Brother Larry Tygart, Sr., 32° KCCH

2024 Membership Fee Notices have been mailed by the Supreme Council. Please do not set aside the notice to pay later and then forget about it. Membership fees are the primary source of our income, so it is important that you do not forget to pay them. We are charged Supreme Council per capita on your membership regardless of whether you have paid us your fee. <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 non-payment. But, you MUST contact me. We can't help you if you don't ask.

Automatic Membership Fee Renewal Program

Supreme Council created and installed an auto renewal program to pay annual membership fees. This is a completely voluntary program that gives our members the option to have their membership fee automatically deducted using a credit or debit card through the online Membership Portal. The automatic payment will occur in August annually for those who sign up for the program, and the payment will be applied to the following year. Members who sign up for the program will receive an email reminder a few days prior to the debiting of their credit or debit card. Supreme Council staff will mail a membership card to all enrollees directly from the House of the Temple approximately three weeks after the annual payments are processed. This program will give members the option to avoid the end of the year Masonic membership fee crunch as well as help ensure members are always in good standing.

Life Memberships are an ideal way to avoid paying future membership fee increases. A Life Membership guarantees that you will never be suspended for nonpayment should your future financial situation change. It also ensures that should you no longer be able to take care of your finances you will not be suspended for nonpayment because your Scottish Rite Membership is of no significance to the individual handling your finances. By purchasing a Life Membership, you leave a continuing legacy to Denver Consistory after your death.

Life Membership Fee:

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

November 2022 1,499

November 2023 <u>1,402</u>

Net:

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Betsy Emry gave Cathy a handwritten note and asked if we could include it in this Riteworks.

Thank you all for your pledges supporting me on my 5k walk-a-thon including the Ladies, raising \$610. On August 19,2023, I walked in the Amaranth Grand Court of CO Philanthropic Project annual fundraiser that goes to American Diabetes Association for diabetes research.

Thank you members of Denver Consistory! Sincerely, Betsy Emry Food Services



60th 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°/1st Apartment 9:44 AM Exemplify 30°/2nd Apartment 10:04 AM Exemplify 30°/3rd Apartment 10:26 AM Break 10:53 AM Exemplify 30°/4th 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!

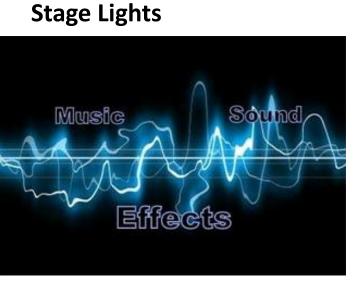
Do you know anything about ...



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: <u>Bill</u> <u>Hickey</u> (Audio) <u>Mike Taylor</u> (Video/Sound Effects) or <u>Danny Will</u> (Stage Lighting and Spotlights).



Bill Achbach, 32° KCCH

Director of Education



New Offerings...and Challenges... from Master Craftsman

Brethren, you'll recall, when I earlier reported to you about the new format of Supreme Council's Master Craftsman[®] Program (morphing it into the Master Craftsman[®] Online College and Leadership Academy), that I predicted new course offerings and changes to existing courses. Such has certainly come to pass—with some initial changes already reported in this space—but, in the style of late-night infomercials, I'll now say, "But wait there's more!"

If you haven't recently (ever?) logged into your account, on the Supreme Council <u>website</u>, I suggest you do so soon (and frequently, for that matter) because there is much that's new enough to make it advisable to visit often to stay acquainted with the changes in content and format. Don't let the secondary verification process throw you, by the way. The extra step is well worth the security it provides, in keeping our personal data out of the hands of "cowans and eavesdroppers!" And, if you haven't set up your account yet, I can't encourage you enough to do that soon. The log-in page offers full instructions (Scroll down to "First time user?") to get you started and even instructs on how to recover your basic info to begin the process. You'll also find, of course, the usual instructions on how to reset a lost password.

In any event, once you're in, you'll notice that the Members' Dashboard makes it much easier not only to find what you're looking for, but also to navigate the site's content and discover all there is to see, hear, and learn. Click the Master Craftsman[®] button on the Dashboard to go to the Academy's own page on the website (**not** via the Store as it used to be!). There you'll see a short description of a couple of the courses and then a button to "View All Courses." A click will take you to what is essentially the Registrar's Office for the Academy, and that's where you'll see just how much Master Craftsman[®] has changed. [11159336]

The original triad of courses, which made Master Craftsman[®] a go-to location to begin a Masonic education is still there, although ALL course offerings (including these) are in the new, improved Academy format: all online, audio & video content in the new courses, and either self-contained reading materials (i.e., nothing else to buy) or with the option to obtain materials in a published digital format (so that you can add them to your permanent Masonic digital library). Don't worry though! If you prefer printed books, the big, multi-lesson courses still have the option of using printed materials. I will tell you though (traditionalist and bibliophile though I am) that I'm coming to love using digital reading materials! If ... make that WHEN—the font is too small for me to comfortably read, I can enlarge it, and, if I can't quite locate the passage I want to quote or that I need to answer a question, I'm a quick search away from finding what I need. Try that with a 900-page printed volume! The digital editions are a fraction of the cost of print copies AND there's no shipping charge!

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In addition to those three "old standbys," there are now several new courses, one of which ("Why 33?") was reviewed in a previous article. That course (as well as one of the newest, "Ordo Ab Chao," whose theme is the early post-establishment history of the Supreme Council) is in a single lesson/quiz format and an excellent intro to the revised format of the Academy courses. This month's trivia offering is a teaser for "Ordo Ab Chao," and, yes, "Why 33?" is indeed still FREE!

The first multi-lesson course added after the advent of the new Online Academy conversion is called "The Master's Steps," and it's a hard-to-beat refresher on the Craft Degrees: ideal for a recently raised/proficient MM and equally as a review for a seasoned veteran PM! "The Master's Steps" is also a completely self-contained three-lesson/quiz course, with a final, four -question short essay exam to conclude. One of the texts is the 1865 edition of Webb's *Free-mason's Monitor*: worth the price of admission, IMHO.

Finally, to round out the new course offerings, there's something for the Brother who has completed the challenges of "Scottish Rite Philosophy" (with its heavy duty use and analysis of *Morals and Dogma*) and asks, "Is that all there is?" The answer is now officially and most decidedly, "NO!" Welcome to "Master Craftsman Wisdom and Reflection," a distinctly advanced class that will take you back into <u>*Ritual Monitor and Guide*</u> and <u>*A Bridge to Light*</u>, with a focus on "the lessons taught in each degree and practical applications to your life." Nine sections and quizzes ... 29 videos ... a 14 short-essay final test. Remember that those materials are now available digitally.

So, that's a quick look at what's going on with *Master Craftsman*[®]. I'm sure, by the time we take another look at the catalogue, there will be more to stretch and challenge us. In the meantime, I again encourage you to take up that challenge and enjoy all there is to experience from that portion of your travels from East to West.

Bill <u>wbapm32@gmail.com</u> 303-775-5727

Last month's Trivia Question: Why does Washington's bedside clock, on display at the George Washington National Masonic Memorial, perpetually read "10:20?"



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Answer: Congratulations to WB Juan Carlos Millan who, once again, was first in with a correct answer. I'll admit to this one being at least "guessable" with a bit of thought and historical perspective, so, yes, the clock is frozen at Worshipful Brother Washington's time of death, on December 14, 1799 ... ah ... probably!

The story that accompanied the clock (when it was presented to Alexandria-Washington Lodge by the family of Dr. Elisha Cullen Dick) is that, when Washington died, Dr. Dick (the youngest of three physicians attending) cut the catgut pendulum strings of the clock's movement. The framed photo seen next to the clock in the display picture is, by the way, of the open back of the clock. What isn't entirely clear is how Dr. Dick came to own the clock, although the story told by his family (who, years later, donated it to the Lodge) was that he was given the item by Martha Washington. That provenance cannot be entirely verified nor can the actual time of death: the manner then of recording and reporting being a less precise matter than would be the case today. The time of death was variously reported as "10:20," "at about 10:30," "between 10 and 11 in the evening," and "late in the evening." [9791211]



The story of Washington's death is a moving and, to our modern sensitivities, a rather disturbing narrative. Medical practices of that time (in this instance, bleeding, which Washington himself apparently requested of the doctors) were rather barbaric. It is interesting, in the context of the clock story, that Dr. Dick was reportedly both critical of the decision to bleed the patient and proposed using a new French procedure—tracheotomy—to ease his breathing and save his life. Absent any other complications, following these suggestions might have spared the former President, who, until his final illness, was still leading an active and (especially for a man of his age) relatively strenuous life. You may check out all that <u>here</u> or read about it in a pamphlet entitled *The Last Illness and Death of President, General, and Masonic Brother George Washington*, published by Alexandria-Washington Lodge #22, AF&AM. I have a copy, if you'd like to see it.

This Month's Trivia Question (answer in next month's *Rite Works*): A three-part question:

- (1) What is the complete title of the document known as The Circular of 1802?
- (2) What was its purpose when published?
- (3) Why is it important in the history of the Rite?



Thomas L. Gaffney, 32° KCCH

1^s Lieutenant Commander

Colorado Council of Kadosh

FROM THE COUNCIL WEST



Brethren, I am honored to be asked to write an article for this newsletter. As you know, all year I have been reaching out to Scottish Rite brethren asking them to provide a narrative of their life to share with you all. I started with myself and then went on to others. All have graciously shared their narratives and provided insight and inspiration. Sometimes I edited their responses into more smooth-running narratives; other times I simply left their prose alone, unable to improve on their own words, as they captured their own spirit, inspirations and moral philosophy. I will say, that it has been a labor or love.

But now, I wish to speak of "circles." Our lives are made up of them. They empower us and provide meaning and inclusion. We seem to spend our lives building them, nurturing and sustaining them and finding new ones. Masonic and religious symbols abound with their meaning, e.g. unending, no beginning no ending, alpha and omega, eternal repetition, circle of life, the historic cycles as circles, and a host of other meanings that may be compared to that simple enclosed loop. The circles most endearing are those of our own construction, of those that encircle-circle our lives. These are our family, our church, lodge, social bodies, military associations, hobby groups, work, neighbors, volunteering (at the opera) and so many more. These are the constructs that support our lives. [7876154]

As we go along in life, the circles change. Some dissipate, some grow larger, some smaller, and some disappear entirely. Some of these circles, particularly the Masonic ones, overlap into "Venn diagrams", where one group is found populating numerous others. The convergence of members in both the York Rite and Scottish Rite in our various bodies and activities has often been expressed to me by one of our more gregarious brethren, at events sundry and varied," Isn't this great! We are surrounded by the people that we want to be with the most!" (apologies for paraphrasing Br. Greg Harris).

Today, my "work" circle is a few blocks away at the Denver Mint, where I still arrive daily, after 25 years. When asked about my retirement plans, I say that I expect that, like Brothers Grover and Ron, that I will find myself so absorbed by my other circles, as well as engaged in finding and building new ones, that I will wonder how I ever found time to have a career! Work been one of my most powerful circles; one that is constantly shifting as its members come and go, but one that pulls me in every day. In the Halloween spirit, I was recently regaled with tales of hauntings at the Denver Mint; over the many years rife with reported ghostly apparitions, banging noises without source and whispering voices from crypts and tunnels below. These have been passed down through the years, by those who swear by them. Those tales to make me feel a part of the cycle of history of that venerable 120-year-old building; a circle as well,

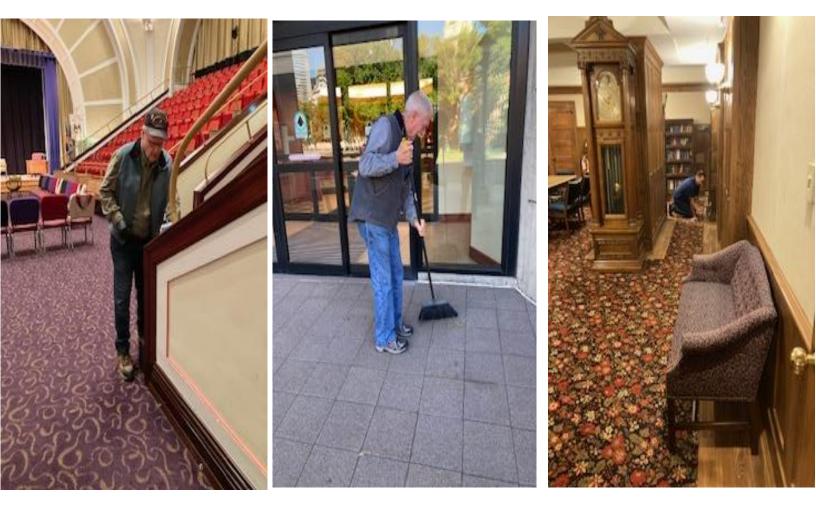
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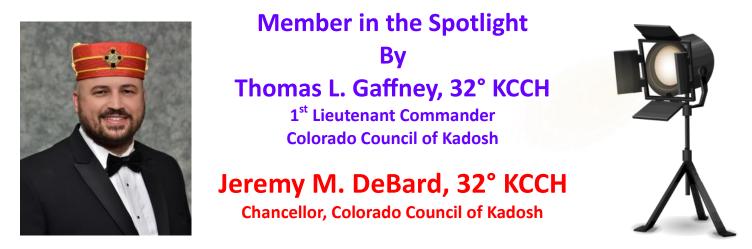
somewhat amorphous, but still intact.

Speaking of venerable old buildings, this year we commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone for our Scottish Rite Masonic Temple in 1924. The lot for the land was purchased in 1909, but construction was not authorized until 1922. This building for the Denver Scottish Rite was designed by the prominent architect Brother William Norman Bowman. Brother Bowman was born in New York in 1868, studied under Elijah E. Meyers (the architect who designed the Colorado State Capitol Building) and settled in Denver in 1910. Brother Bowman was a member of the Consistory before his death in 1944. He won numerous commissions to design such structures as the Mountain States Telephone building, Park Hill Methodist Church, the Colburn and Cosmopolitan hotels and Cole and Byers Junior High Schools.

This 100-year-old institution, built in the Neo-Classical style, reflects Thomas Jefferson's ideas about classical design in public architecture. He felt that "this kind of architecture was not just beautiful but could 'excite ideas'— and was therefore reflective of the new, free society that Americans hoped to build. After the Revolution, through Jefferson's efforts and those of George Washington, Neo-Classical architecture would become the style of the new Federal city and the distinctive architecture of the American Republic."

Please plan on joining us this coming July when we will meet with great ceremony to render commemorative honors to this building and our fraternity, as we circle back to our the Colorado origins of Scottish Rite Masonry.





This month's **Member Spotlight** again focuses on another of our recent Honormen, Brother Jeremy DeBard, 32° KCCH. I asked Jeremy to provide some highlights of his life and times, and he graciously sent me this article. I have known Jeremy for many years, working with him at the US Mint. I was honored to send his name forward for consideration in one of the Scottish Rite officer lines. When it comes to stepping up and taking on tasks, to his credit and our benefit, he has not yet learned to employ the great Masonic Word. I am pleased to present his story in his own words.

Brother Jeremy was born in 1983 in Reno, NV and lived there until he was16 years old. He graduated from high school in Caldwell, ID then moved to Colorado. While attending the University of Colorado in Boulder he met his wife "Sameen." At the time she was 18 and he was 19. Two kids just trying to figure out life. Not having much direction, he knew he needed to make a change. He secured a long-distance commitment from his girl with the promise of marriage and left home for adventure. [98020]

He enlisted into the United States Marine Corps in 2005 and served four years as a rifleman in the infantry until 2009. He did two combat deployments to Iraq during the height of the war. In the short few months between each deployment he kept true to his word and married his wife. During his tour in Iraq, Brother Jeremy was meritoriously promoted as a Non-Commissioned Officer where he led numerous combat patrols and was honorably discharged in May 2009.

The US Marine Corps taught him to always put the mission before his own needs, to never quit and never complain. Being hyper-aggressive and over-confident served him well on the battlefield but not so much back at home. The lessons of the 1st degree and being surrounded by very patient "grey beards" in his lodge has helped a lot to mature him into the well balanced 40-year-old man he is today.

He came back home to Colorado in 2009, got hired as a Police Officer for the US Mint, bought a house in the suburbs, fathered three kids - Jacob 10, Nora 7, and Anna 3 - and acquired one golden retriever. His kids keep him very busy with Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, Jiu Jitsu classes, dance classes and wrestling. Between his career and daddy duties he still finds time for Masonry. (TLG note: I don't' know how. Jeremy is seemingly involved in every Masonic body and line that he could be).

As a Police Officer for the US Mint for the last 14 years, he has the privilege of keeping

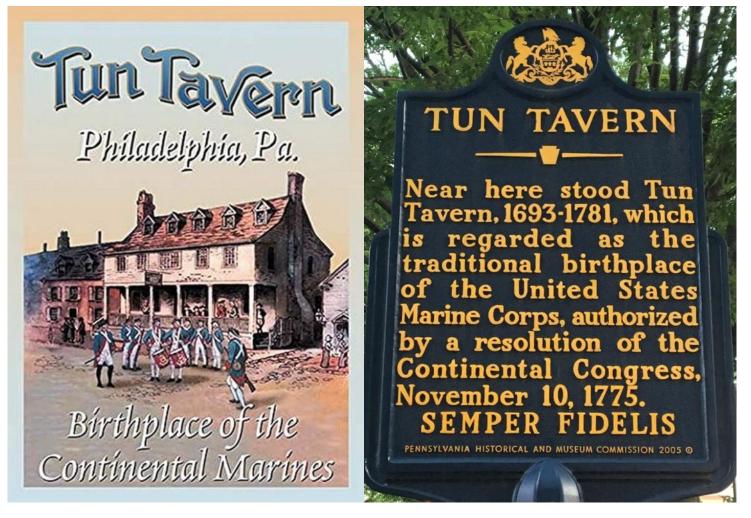
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safe a portion of the nation's bullion reserves. Unable to simply do the minimum, at work he takes on collateral duties as a Field Training Officer for new hires, Firearms Instructor, Armorer for pistol and rifle, Use of Force instructor and Bicycle Patrolman.

Brother Jeremy took to Masonry as soon as he discovered it. He was initiated on 03/24/15 in Aurora #156, passed 10/13/15 and raised 01/26/16. He is also plural member with East Denver #160 and Enlightenment #198. Immediately upon becoming a proficient Master Mason Brother Jeremy jumped into the officer line at Aurora #156 and then became a member of the Scottish Rite. He served as Worshipful Master at Aurora-Revelation #156 in 2021 and 2022. He is also a member of the York Rite and Shrine, but only having limited time he is devoting what time he has left in his schedule to the Scottish Rite; at least until his kids get older. Brother Jeremy is the current Chancellor for the Council of Kadosh, recent Senior Warden for KSA, Director of the 4th degree, a cast member in the 11th, 14th, 17th, 23rd, 29th and 30th degrees and a key member of the Class Committee.

Most of his free time seems to be spent between Masonry and Boy Scouts. However, he does find time to ride his Harley and with other Police Officers in the area ride, hunt elk, work on his truck and secretly listen to 90's pop songs from his childhood when he thinks no one is around to catch him.

The most interesting thing (he says) about Brother Jeremy is probably that he cries every time he sees the 6th degree; and can't seem to shake that year after year. He is still trying to figure that one out. *Thank you Br Jeremy for sharing this.*





It's How They Remember You

Larry E. Tygart, Sr., 32° KCCH Past Venerable Master Centennial Lodge of Perfection

Not thinking of the times past, I (fortunately or unfortunately) choose only to remember the good in my life. Then I think of my current engagement, working with homeless or at risk of being homeless folks, and I wonder about those folks, their families and how history or their families will remember them. As are the folks in today's headlines and possibly for the next few months or years, they will be on the lips of society. But, as with all things, those too will fade from memory. A new normal will surface with self-protection, acceptance, and societal growth. This brought to memory the lyrics of a Rascal Flats song. [2725786]

Sprayed my name on a water tower Carved it in an old cottonwood tree Signed a bunch of high school yearbooks So they wouldn't forget about me It wasn't 'til I saw my daddy's name in stone, I knew It ain't a question of if they will It's how they remember you Did you stand or did you fall? Build a bridge or build a wall Hide your love or give it all What did you do? What did you do? Did you make 'em laugh or make 'em cry? Did you quit or did you try? Live your dreams or let 'em die What did you choose? What did you choose? When it all comes down It ain't if, it's how they remember you When you're down to your last dollar Will you give or will you take? When the stiff wind blows the hardest Will you bend or will you break? (will you break?) You're gonna leave a legacy, no matter what you do It ain't a question of if they will It's how they remember you Written by Allen Shamblin/Mark Beeson/Josh Osborne

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I then thought of my own circumstance and my family. I was somewhat fortunate as my father during the course of his life passed along to me personal items that were given to him at benchmarks in his life, at those same benchmarks in my life, and I continued to pass them along to my son at the same benchmarks in his life. Hoping that he will continue the process to give the history and the item to the next generation.

But fair being fair, I needed a way to include all my children and grandchildren in remembering our history. I have been a collector of stuff, just because of my raising, for as long as I can remember. Early in my married life, my wife's grandmother got me into collecting silver dollars (the real ones not the post 1964 versions) as a long-term passion and to pass this along as a long-term lesson to my family to keep them connected.

All agreed to the precept of what I was going to do. First, all were advised that for strengthening family ties, they were to receive a silver dollar for every twenty years of life expectancy with the current norm of 80 years of age. So, my wife and I received one (both past 60) my children received two each (all of them are in their 40's) and the grandchildren received four each. My instructions and comments were that the coins represented stages in their lives and their connection back to the collective whole as a family.

They have the option (as in life) to take them and use them for their intrinsic value and not have anything to show for it or retain them for the future. My direction was that at the age of 20, 40, 60 and 80 everyone must return one of the coins to the family or the reasoning as to why the coin was spent, sold, lost, but a reason why holding onto the coin was not an option. By my calculation, I will be honored to be able to receive at least one of the coins back from every one of them. I may or may not receive a second from my older grandchildren, predicated on the will of the Grand Architect of the Universe. I decided that my youngest granddaughter will be the keeper of the chest (now 9) and the family interest and subsequently pass them to their children (my great grandchildren) and along with them the lesson and family history about connection over face value.

"To laugh often and much; to win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children; to earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends; to appreciate beauty, to find the best in others; to leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden, a redeemed social condition; to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded." Ralph Waldo Emerson

Easy to say, right? How do we remember them? How do we honor them? How do we fulfill their visions? How do we make a difference for just one? It has been my honor to know and sit with those that have passed on before us and remember as John Donne wrote of mankind.

For Whom The Bell Tolls by John Donne

No man is an island, Entire of itself. Each is a piece of the continent, A part of the main. If a clod be washed away by the sea, Europe is the less.

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As well as if a promontory were. As well as if a manner of thine own Or of thine friend's were. Each man's death diminishes me, For I am involved in mankind. Therefore, send not to know For whom the bell tolls, It tolls for thee.

So, we all come to that point where we ask, "How will they remember you, not if".

H. I. S. Larry



John Donne (1572 - 1631) was an English writer and poet. As a Catholic in a time when that denomination was illegal in England, he endured constant prejudice and harassment and was ultimately forced into joining the Anglican church by King James I. Early in his life, John earned a reputation as a playboy and spendthrift, but at 25, he fell in love with Anne More. Despite her father's scorn, the couple married, had a dozen children, and John became a devoted—if not financially successful—family man. His career forays included law, diplomatic service, and church leadership, but he is best remembered as the founder of a group called the "metaphysical" poets. Popular during his lifetime, then dismissed for many years as inferior because it was so different from other poetry of that time, John's work is today considered brilliant and his influence on literature legendary.

Perhaps a bit early for Freemasonry, but clearly a renaissance thinker prior to the era when Freemasonry would begin to shape many historical events.







There are no strangers on an Honor Flight - only good friends that you haven't met yet!

Danny Tomlinson, 32° KCCH

Rocky Mountain Honor Flight is a Denver Colorado-based non-profit organization formed in 2007. Its goal is to fly every able and willing Veteran to Washington, D.C. to visit the monuments and memorials dedicated to their service. Their priority is with World War II and terminally ill veterans. They also accept applications from all veterans. They are a member of the Honor Flight "network," which began this activity in 2005 and began flying with commercial charter aircraft in 2006 from Dayton, Ohio. There are now about 130 "hubs" from which flights originate around the country. The National Honor Flight Network provides logistical support as well as arranging special activities in Washington D.C. [11154113]

Veterans must fill out an application form, which can be found on their application page and printed or downloaded.

https://rockymountainhonorflight.org/rmhf-veteran-application-2 Trained volunteer guardians accompany all veterans on each flight. Volunteers can apply to be a guardians by downloading or printing the appropriate form.

https://rockymountainhonorflight.org/rmhf-guardian-application-2

I was honored to have been selected to fly as an Honored Veteran in June, 2022. Immediately upon my return, I volunteered to go at my own expense as a Guardian and have been privileged to share the past four Honor Flights with these American heroes as a Guardian. The most recent flight was October 19-21. Brothers Jay Bobick, 33° and Tony Clark, 32° KCCH were on the flight as Honored Veterans, which made the trip even more special. I have provided a number of photos from that memorable trip for these veterans.

Channel 9 will be hosting a fundraising telethon on December 7 (Pearl Harbor Day) for the Rocky Mountain Honor Flight. We hope that you will donate and if you know of, or are a veteran of World War II, the Korean War, or the Vietnam War, please urge them to apply for one of the four Honor Flights being scheduled for 2024.





November Special Birthdays

90 Years "YOUNG"

Raymond Eugene Abbott Harry Archie Peterson

80 Years "YOUNG"

John Hudson Peck Gerald Clinton Wardrip

70 Years "YOUNG" George Charles Speliotes

60 Years "YOUNG"

Richard Lee Robinson Stephen Scott Sommerschield Richard Merril Wenzel III

50 Years "YOUNG?"

Daniel Kenneth Conway Godwin A. Effiong Gary Wayne Little

Our October Youngster Christian Lee Borden (29)





10 NOVEMBER 1775 (248 years)

The Power of Stupidity

In the 16th century, Russia's Ivan the Terrible killed an average of 1000 people a day. Statistically, think about how difficult that was for the Czar to manage since he had no modern weapons of mass destruction.

The world's first parking tickets were given out in Neneveh (now Iraq) over 2,000 years ago to people who parked their chariots on the king's road. The fine? Death by impalement. Tough meter maids back then.

In the 1930's Hitler banned Mickey Mouse from Germany. So did Mussolini from Italy, and Stalin from the Soviet Union.

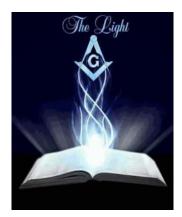
When J. Edgar Hoover was head of the FBI, no agents were allowed to walk on his shadow.

Johnny Carson, the country's most popular talk show host in the 1970's, once started a panic with a bad joke. On his late-night TV show, Carson claimed that toilet paper was "disappearing from the supermarket shelves," It wasn't. There was no T.P. shortage. But, viewers BELIEVED Carson instead of their own eyes. The next day, there was a run on toilet paper in stores all over the country, as Carson's fans bought enough paper to last them for months. By noon, the shelves were emptied. It took 3 weeks for the overburdened T.P. manufacturers to replace everything that had been bought in the artificial panic. (Remind you of the early days in the COVID pandemic?)



The Prelate's Pulpit

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



I enjoyed our October Stated Meeting. We had a delicious meal, we gave out awards, and had a wonderful Feast of Tishri educational program. We also heard that we do not have many candidates for our Fall Reunion. Our membership numbers continue to shrink, along with other fraternal groups. We receive new members from our lodges, many of which are closing or merging. All of this affects our potential membership pool.

Our fraternity offers so many good things for men. We offer friendship, support, and belonging to a group of men who want to become better men. When a man becomes a Mason, he is surrounded by his brothers. He will never be alone. Masons are involved in community groups. My brothers, let us work to strengthen the bonds between us. The Holy Scriptures teach us to reach out to a person in need. We can invite a brother to lunch. We can call a brother to let him know someone cares about him.

Maybe the reason we are not growing is because we have lost our ability to share who we are. Why are we not growing? Maybe the reason we are not growing lies with us.

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





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.

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Denver Consistory November 16, 17, 18, 2023





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K.S.A. Burns Night Supper

and Whisky College Bag pipes Silent auction Burns poetry

Saturday January 20th, <u>2024</u> 7:00pm

Dinner: 7:00pm Our own Chef Michael will prepare a great Scottish Dinner. Price to be determined - Adult (13 and over) Prepaid online reservations <u>reauired</u>

> Whisky College: 6:00pm Price to be determined - Adult (21 and over) Prepaid online reservations required

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	Location:	1370 Grant St	
	Date:	July 20, 2024	
	Time:	1:30 PM - 7:00 PM	
	Host:	Thomas Gaffney 32°KCCH	
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1:30PM - 2:30PM	Grand Lodge Cornerstone Ceremony,	NE Corner Consistory
2:00PM - 3:00 PM	Consistory doors open for attendees to tour building and to see displays.	Foyer/Cathedral
3:00PM - 4:00PM	Presentation of The Traitor	Cathedral Room
4:00PM - 4:30PM	Comments from Dignitaries	Cathedral Room
4:30PM - 7:00PM	Transition to Social/Dinner	Doc's/Dining Hall

Additional information

The event is open to all that want to attend. Dinner will be restricted to the first 220 paid reservations. All attendees will receive a commemorative pin and those RSVPs to the dinner will receive a commemorative collector's challenge coin.





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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

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