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CORNERSTONE COMMITTEE

MONTHLY COORDINATION ZOOM MEETINGS

ZOOM Meetings of the Cornerstone Planning Committee will be held MONTHLY on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Next meeting: 07 MAR 2023. Zoom credentials:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85435348223?pwd=enJVQ0haRDUybk5oL1BPTk5GY1AwQT09>

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

PLANNING CALENDAR

March 2023

Fri, MAR 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (\$13; Fried Chicken on MAR 3)
Mon, MAR 6 7:00 p.m. KSA Meeting in Lodge Room
Thu, MAR 9 7:00 p.m. Degree Council Meeting
Mon, MAR 20 Stated Meeting - **Parking Garage Available**
5:30 p.m. Red Room Business Meeting
6:00 p.m. Dinner
7:00 p.m. Awards and Announcements; Past Presiding Officers
Recognition night; **Sports Team Shirt Night**
7:30 p.m. Split Meeting; 5 min oration (Rcky Mtn Chapter Rose Croix)
Sat, MAR 25 9:00-11:00 a.m. KSA Spring Cleanup

April 2023

Mon, APR 03 7:00 p.m. KSA Meeting in Lodge Room
Fri, APR 07, 14, 21, 28 11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (\$13; Fried Chicken on APR 07)
Sun, APR 09 6:30 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service (Knights Templar Association)
Parking Garage Available
Wed, APR 12 6:30-8:00 p.m. Friends of the Scottish Rite (Prospect Night)
Mon, APR 17 Stated Meeting **Parking Garage Available**
5:30 p.m. Red Room Business Meeting
6:00 p.m. Dinner
7:00 p.m. Awards and Announcements
Celebration of Remembrance and Renewal
Sat, APR 22 7:00 a.m.-Noon Health 365 (used to be 9Health Fair)

May 2023

Mon, MAY 01 7:00 p.m. KSA Meeting in Lodge Room
Fri, MAY 05, 19 11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (\$13; Fried Chicken on May 05)
Mon, MAY 09 5:30 p.m. Special Officers Meeting to read last minute petitions
Thu-Sat, MAY 10-13 Spring Reunion (59th) **Parking Garage Available**
Mon, MAY 15 Stated Meeting - **Parking Garage Available**
Denver Consistory Ritual Opening (Feast of the Consistory)
5:30 p.m. Red Room Business Meeting
6:00 p.m. Dinner
7:00 p.m. Awards and Announcements; Entertainment
7:30 p.m. Split Meeting
Fri, MAY 26 8:00 a.m. SRMC Sporting Clays Competition - **NO LUNCH**
Sun, MAY 28 9:00 a.m. Flags for Vets—Fort Logan
Mon, MAY 29 **Consistory CLOSED for Memorial Day Holiday**

EDITOR'S NESTLEBOARD



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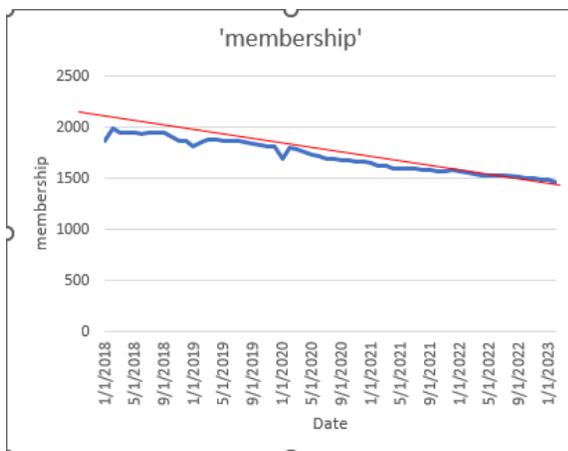
How Many MASONS Does It Take To ...

I think it's relatively safe to assume that all of us have heard the various jokes about "how many Masons does it take to..." where you fill in the blank. In this case, I'm going to ask you to give SERIOUS thought to this question: How many Masons does it take to put on a Scottish Rite Reunion?

I'm asking this question because of a number of factors. First, when I came into the Denver Consistory in the Spring Reunion of 2003, my class was close to 40 men—a number we haven't seen in many years now. Second, at that point in time, the Denver Consistory reportedly had approximately 5000 members, but of those approximately 2500 were 80 years old or older.

Now, I was "voluntold" to be the class orator during that reunion. I was told that it took approximately 600-700 members to put on that reunion where we did all 29 degrees in 4 very long and tiring days. So, for simplicity' sake, let's just say it took 500 (10%) of the membership to put on the reunion.

I have been tracking Brother Matt Raia's membership statistics for quite a while now, and his numbers should strike a troubling chord in your mind when you look at them. First of all, we have to take the numbers with a small grain of salt—because what we find routinely is that deaths are not always reported in a timely manner, and sometimes we don't see new members being entered into the SENTINEL database quickly—so there could be some MINOR skewing of the numbers from time to time, but OVERALL, the numbers will tell us a lot about where we are, where we are going, and what we need to do to continue operating the Consistory.



Data is a 5-year span 1/1/18 to 1/1/23
 Membership at 1/1/18=1994
 Membership at 1/1/23=1465
 Y-axis: 1994-1465 = 529
 X-axis: 5 years slope=y/x=105.8 members/year
 $529/1994 = 26.53\%$ lost over 5 years
 Or, $\sim 5.3\%$ per year due to all causes.

Now, if you recall from the last few missives I've written on the subject, in the USA and Canada, almost uniformly over the past 50 years, Masonry has been losing 5% to 5.5% of its members per year—and that's in EVERY state and provincial jurisdiction. This data came from the Masonic Service Association who collects it routinely. So, what we see in the graph of Denver Consistory's membership is a fairly close representation of that 5-5.5 percent membership loss per year. So far, then, the data seems to be tracking well.

The data for the graph on the previous page comes from the numbers that Brother Matt Raia has been publishing for the past 5 years. So, those numbers are about as accurate and good as they can be.

So, ask yourself this question: If it took 600-700 members to put on all 29 degrees in 2003 and our membership was approximately 5000 (with 2500 being 80+ years old), how many members should we be thinking it will take to put on a shortened reunion of 5 mandatory and 12 optional degrees with a membership of 1465 today? Take a guess that 730 members are likely 80+ years old today. So, now let's just take a swag that 10% of your membership is available and willing to work the reunion ... 10% of 730 is 73 Brothers.

HOW MANY MASONS does it take to put on a reunion? You have not only the cast members, directors, stage crew, AV crew, Properties, Makeup, Costumes, Tylers, and other support folks—not to mention the Class Committee. HOW MANY MASONS does it take? I, for one, do not know the answer to that question. I may know the answer for the Audio team of the AV crew, and I might be able to discern the number for the entire AV crew, but the rest of these teams are a mystery to me. But, I think you might well agree that 73 Brothers is a bit too small to put on a successful reunion. Even if you double that to 146—you're still well short of the 600-700 it took for a full 29 degree reunion.

YOU TELL ME ... HOW MANY MASONS do we need to put on a reunion? Because, sooner or later, the way things are going—and have been going for the last 5 years (or 50 years if you want to use those numbers), we're not far from hitting that magic number that says we can't continue to do things the way we've been doing them for years now.

CHANGE IS ALWAYS DIFFICULT. I'm sure it was a difficult decision when they decided to step back from 29 degrees to the current 17 degrees/reunion we use today.

I am bringing this to your attention NOT to scare you or claim the sky is falling. I'm letting you know the numbers are NOT in our favor to keep doing things the way we currently do them. That means the Class Committee, Executive Committee, and our leadership need to sit down and take a long and sober look at how we conduct a reunion today, and how we might have to adjust as our membership (and thus available members to work the reunions) continues to shrink.

There are some out there that think Masonry is turning (or has turned) the corner and is on the upswing. In an individual lodge ... MAYBE ... but not in any state/provincial jurisdiction at least from the numbers that are reported to MSA and made available to anyone that wants to look at them.

Time to give some serious thought to what changes we might need to be considering going forward Brothers.

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.

Definition of the word philosophical: A cheerful attitude assumed by everybody not directly involved in the problem

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

Scottish Rite Masonic Center Endowment Fund Contributions

<https://www.denverconsistorybuildingendowmentfund.org>

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

Illustrious Brother Keith Anderson, 33°

Brother Howard Zoufaly, 32°

Scottish Rite Masonic Center Endowment Fund Cathedral Club

The Scottish Rite Masonic Center Endowment Fund is established to provide a permanent source of funds to support the preservation and maintenance of the historic Cathedral Building.

Donations build the principal in the endowment. Once the Endowment Fund becomes substantially funded, the returns within the Endowment Fund (Capital Gains, Dividends, and Interest) will provide financial support into perpetuity, thus guaranteeing building maintenance and preservation.

The Endowment Fund Trustees established the **“Cathedral Club”** to recognize those who donate to the fund. The **Cathedral Club** recognition levels are:

Diamond - \$100,000 and up

Platinum - \$50,000 - \$99,999

Gold - \$25,000 - \$49,999

Silver - \$10,000 - \$24,999

Bronze - \$5,000 - \$9,999

To become a member of the **Cathedral Club**, make a one-time donation corresponding to a particular level, or make ongoing donations to the fund. To start a **Cathedral Club** member-

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ship at the Bronze level, make a donation in any amount and pledge to make ongoing donations until \$5,000 has been donated. Movement between the levels is based upon cumulative donations. Membership in the **Cathedral Club** is not limited to only individuals. Businesses and organizations (Masonic and non-Masonic) are invited to join the club.

Who reads the RiteWorks Contest – WE HAVE A WINNER! Congratulations to **Brother Dave King, 32° KCCH**, for finding his membership number and calling the office to claim his free dinner for the February Stated Meeting. The membership numbers published in the February RiteWorks belong to the following Brothers who were also eligible to receive a free dinner for the February Stated Meeting. **Steven P. Benett, Jack E. Denton, Donald K. Carroll, William A. Kirk, Richard L. Lincoln, Ryan P. Dowd, John C. Burns, Jeffrey M. Mayer, Fred E. Linnement, Charles D. Stevens, Roger R. Rathburn, and James L. Harris.** Only Brother King called the office to claim his free dinner. Maybe this month's winners will see their membership number and call the office to claim their free dinner for the March Stated meeting.

January 28th Burns Supper - Congratulations to **Brother David Spence, 32°**, Venerable Master of the Denver Consistory Chapter of the Knights of Saint Andrew, for a successful Burns Supper. It was great seeing the dining room full of individuals enjoying a fun evening and a great meal.

February 20th Stated Meeting - During the open portion of the meeting, **Illustrious Brother Bobby Juchem, 33°**, presented the Denver Consistory's "**Journey to the Scottish Rite**" **Fourth Degree**. This educational presentation was enlightening to the Scottish Rite members present, as well as the non-Scottish Rite attendees. Thank you for a job well done Bobby. During the closed portion of the meeting, the Colorado Council of Kadosh opened and closed in ritual form. The Annual Report of the Almoner was given by **Illustrious Brother Joe Kier, 33°**, and the Annual Report of the Life Membership Memorial Fund was given by **Illustrious Brother Bob Gregory, 33°**. **Brother Larry Bendt, 32°**, Orator of the Centennial Lodge of Perfection, delivered his oration.

Degree Council Meeting - March 9th at 7:00 p.m. for all degree directors, assistant directors, and committee chairmen to plan the Spring Reunion.

Friends of the Scottish Rite (Prospect Night) -April 12th at 6:30 p.m. Invite your candidates to join us for a light supper, information about the Scottish Rite, and a tour of the building.

March 20th Stated Meeting - will be **Past Presiding Officer Recognition** and "**Wear Your Favorite Sports Team Shirt Night.**"

KSA Spring Cleanup - Saturday, March 25th 9:00-11:00 a.m. is the Knights of Saint Andrew Denver Consistory Spring Cleanup. Come out and help the KSA spruce up our building in preparation for the Spring Reunion.

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Spring Reunion May 11-13, 2023 - We need petitions! Turn in the petitions as soon as you receive them, do not wait until the April 17th Stated Meeting. Encourage your candidates to use the electronic petition. When completed, the petition is sent electronically to the Denver Consistory office.

First Line Signer Incentive Program: **THREE** petitions in a calendar year will pay your membership for a year. If you are a life member, it entitles you to receive stated meeting dinners for a year.

**DENVER CONSISTORY
PETITION FOR MEMBERSHIP**



Calling Committee - The officers of the Kadosh line, and a group of volunteers, make calls to our members each quarter. The Calling Committee members 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 committee 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.

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

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

Donate Your Car - We have a donation plan in place to give you a receipt for a tax-deductible donation to the Scottish Rite Masonic Center. Donate your car, truck, RV, or boat. Go to www.carsforcharity.net to donate for the benefit of the Denver Scottish Rite Masonic Center.

2023 Membership fee was payable December 31, 2022. If you have not yet paid your 2023 membership fee, please do so and not become delinquent. \$130 is a real bargain for membership in the Denver Consistory. Just \$0.35 per day. WOW! That’s less than the cost of one cup of coffee. Isn’t your membership in the Scottish Rite worth more to you than a cup of coffee? Please do your part to help sustain the operation of Denver Consistory by paying

your 2023 membership fee.

If you are experiencing financial difficulty and are unable to pay your membership fee, PLEASE CONTACT ME. We have programs available to assist you so that you are not suspended for non-payment. But, you MUST contact me. We can't help you if you don't ask.

Monthly membership fee payment plan is available - Are you tired of paying fees at the end of the year for 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.

Automatic Membership Renewal Program

Supreme Council has implemented 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 fees automatically deducted using a credit or debit card through the online Membership Portal.

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

2023 Life membership Fee:

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

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

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

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

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

March 2022: 1541

March 2023: 1451

AROUND THE CONSISTORY



FEBRUARY STATED MEETING





By Pablo Colombar, 32° KCCH, Wise Master of Rocky Mountain Chapter of Rose Croix

I'm pleased to announce that we will support Judi's House for this year's Consistory Community Outreach Program.

For over 20 years, Judi's House has provided grieving children and families a safe space to come together to find connection and healing. [11156166]

According to our Childhood Bereavement Estimation Model (CBEM), an estimated 5.6 million U.S. children will experience the death of a parent or sibling by age 18. That's about 1 in 13 children. Childhood bereavement is a critical public issue that can profoundly impact individuals and communities.

"We believe supporting children grieving a death loss builds connection and coping that leads to healing. By investing in direct service, training, and research, we help whole families adjust to loss and prepare for future challenges."

All services and programs are provided at no cost, relying entirely on private donations and volunteers.

Aside from making monetary donations, their website has a wish list of supplies used for everyday needs and therapeutic programs. They need things like art supplies, toys, non-perishable snacks, and everyday household supplies. You can find a complete list [here](https://judishouse.org/get-involved/ways-to-give/wish-list/). (https://judishouse.org/get-involved/ways-to-give/wish-list/)

Starting on our February 20th Stated Meeting, we will have a bin in the building foyer to collect items. In addition, there will be a poster above the bin highlighting supplies they need the most.

Once the bin is full, I will drop it off at Judi's House, and they have offered to give us a tour of the facilities. Please [get in touch with me](mailto:pablocolomban@yahoo.com) (pablocolomban@yahoo.com) if you would like to be a part of the tour or if you'd like more information.

www.judishouse.org



Member in the Spotlight

Thomas L. Gaffney, 32° KCCH

**1st Lieutenant Commander
Colorado Council of Kadosh**

Levi S. Darrell, 32°



This month I would like to “spotlight” Brother Levi S. Darrell in the Rite Works. We have all seen Levi around, especially during the reunions. Levi recently joined us in line at the Consistory. Levi was born in Akron, Colorado, and grew up there. He currently lives in Denver, Colorado. Levi went to school at Akron Elementary and Akron High School for his early education. He received a Bachelor's Degree in English from the University of Colorado at Boulder in 2008. Levi is currently not married, and has two lovely children, Athena, age 7 and Eden, 2 months old. Congratulations on a newborn!

Levi began his Masonic journey being initiated in Akron Lodge #74 in 2016 and then raised to a Master Mason later that same year. Masonry runs in his family, as Levi's maternal grandfather was a Mason, who unfortunately passed on to the Celestial Loge in 2017.

Levi is a very active Mason. He is an affiliated member of Columbine Lodge #147 since 2022, a Past Master of Sterling Lodge #54 (years 2021, 2022), and Akron Lodge #74 (2020), all chartered by the MW Grand Lodge of Colorado. He is a member of Akron Chapter of Royal Arch Masons #26 in Fort Morgan, CO, and Sterling Council #19 of Cryptic Masons, and of course of the Denver Consistory.

When asked about his favorite pastimes he says he enjoys attending the Colorado Symphony and has an amateur interest in classical music. Obviously, Masonry is also a favorite pastime, and he enjoys reading 19th and 20th century philosophy and literature. He says that he particularly enjoys thinking about how the degrees of Masonry have enhanced (and in many cases changed) his understanding of the Western canon.

Career-wise, Levi has bounced around quite a bit. He tried his hand at agriculture, copy editing, and teaching. He is currently acquiring Information Technology expertise, having a certification in Linux System Administration and introductory experience in SQL databases and the Haskell, C, and Go programming languages.

When asked what he liked best about the reunions, Levi responded, and I quote, *"The mood and atmosphere are not replicable anywhere else. Brothers are catching up with other brothers they haven't seen in months or longer, and the joy is palpable. We have candidates with a wide variety of Masonic experience, and the degrees are impactful and meaningful to each brother, no matter where he finds himself in his Masonic career. We have a large and wonderful team of Brothers from all over the world that pour their hearts and souls into putting on our degrees, and it is reflected in the final product."* Thank you, Levi. I don't think any of us could have put this any better.

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When asked what he liked best about the Scottish Rite Levi said, *“Every regular Masonic body serves an important purpose in Masonry. My favorite aspect of the Scottish Rite is its outward-looking character; our general purpose is to make the world a better place, and all of the Scottish Rite Masons I know make a tremendous impact in our communities and the world at large”.*

Regarding his thoughts about Masonry in general Levi says *“I think the repeated emphasis on the voluntary nature of membership in Masonry is what gives it its totally unique character as a social enterprise. Our degrees emphasize the power of choice in the individual. The consequence of this is that as an organization, we are as disorganized as humanly possible, but as friends and brothers, we are a genuinely close-knit group”.*

When asked to share an interesting fact about himself, he told me that he will be chanting verses 10-22 from Chapter 25 of the Book of Exodus at the Hebrew Educational Alliance on February 25; and verses 1-11 from Chapter 31 of the Book of Exodus on March 11. (I will add that he will be performing the role of King Herod in one of the upcoming Spring Reunion degrees).

As I said, you always see Levi around at the reunions. He has been in many of the degrees, including acting parts in the 7th, 8th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 20th, 22nd, and 31st Degrees. He has been an Assistant Director in the 7th and 30th (3rd Apartment), and has been in the choir for the 4th, 14th, and 32nd Degrees.

When asked if there is anything else he would like to share Levi responded that *“I'm honored to be selected for the Member Spotlight. It's hard not to view myself as a generally uninteresting and unworthy person. I feel compelled to express my appreciation to all the extraordinary brothers in Colorado Masonry who have given me this incredible dimension in my life and made Masonry the wonderful experience that it is for all of us.”*

I am sure that I speak for all of us, when I say that the brotherhood is more enriched by having Brother Levi counted amongst us.

University of California researchers developed a health food drink that rejuvenated aging rats. Why anyone would want to improve the health of rats was not explained.

In 2000, two computer drives turned up missing at Los Alamos National laboratories. Call security—the drives contained vital secrets about our nuclear weapons program. Never mind, call off security. Just found the drives. Someone dropped them behind a copy machine. Oops.

Air pollution isn't a modern invention. The air in London was already so bad in the year 1306 that burning coal within city limits was punishable by death.

President Rutherford B. Hayes wasn't the only smart person who thought Alexander Graham Bell's new invention was useless. “That's an amazing invention, but who would ever want to use one of them?” the president asked of Bell's new telephone. Can't imagine Mr. President.



Bill Achbach, 32° KCCH

Director of Education

A Point of Pride Revisited



First, a personal note...

By the time you read this, I should be about two weeks post-op from the first of (eventually) two knee replacements, and I want to express my appreciation for all the prayers and good wishes already received. I've been the grateful recipient of much advice and of more than a few warnings and admonitions mostly in the vein of "do what they tell you to do" (I will, I promise!). I'll miss seeing you for a while, at meetings and Friday lunches, but all of that is the greatest possible incentive to get mended and back in the swing. See you soon!

A Point of Pride Revisited (Part 1)

One of our most frequent "bragging points," as a Fraternity (right up there with the Craft's charitable pursuits and community involvement), is the number of Brothers who have served in positions of power, influence, and public trust over our nation's history. Beginning literally "at the beginning," we can recite a seemingly endless roster of great Americans, who served in positions great and small — political, military, social and commercial — and who helped shape a nation and society we believe is the greatest on earth.

We especially like to mention that fourteen of the forty-five men who have held the office of President of the United States were Freemasons. That's just a smidge over 31%, since Brother George took that first oath, in New York City, in 1789 ... on a Bible borrowed from St. John's Lodge No. 1, Ancient York Masons. The most recent "Brother President," Gerald Ford, had the distinction — one not even possible in 1789 — of being the only person to serve both as President and Vice-President having been elected to neither office!

In his great dystopian novel, *Animal Farm*, George Orwell has one character comment that "All animals are created equal ... but some are 'more equal' than others." So it is also with U.S. Presidents! Do all fourteen of "our guys" equally deserve to be bragged upon by the Fraternity? How has the Fraternity done, overall, in terms of providing quality leadership? Were they good Presidents ... good men ... good Masons? Have our Brothers been good stewards of the people's trust and "faithfully executed the office," as the oath calls on them to do? This month and next, I'll share a bit of what I discovered.

Looking at presidential (or any sort of) "greatness" can be a tricky matter. However, in the case of past Chief Executives there has been an effort (flawed, IMHO, but usable) at objectively measuring presidential greatness. It began, back in 1948, as a project undertaken by presidential historian Arthur Schlesinger, and it has been continued by contemporary academics. The survey attempts to quantify various aspects of performance by past Presidents

and then use those measurements to rank them by their accomplishments.

In 2022, C-Span published results of the most recent of these surveys, and you can view them [here](#). You'll note that each of the listed Presidents is also a link, which you can follow to see how their various qualities contributed to their ranking.

For the most part, I find the survey one that largely avoids partisan bias, although, personally, I would not attempt to rank the performance of a President until at least 25 years after the end of his term. Since the last Masonic President left office in 1977, however, that isn't a factor here. The 2022 version does at least omit the current occupant of 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue! So, if you look at the overall rankings, judge for yourself how accurate the assessments are. My sole commentary on the survey would be to say that known socio-political "leanings" in academia are more apparent in the more recent rankings. Professor Schlesinger, in his time, was not without his political sympathies, but his successors have been, perhaps, less adept at veiling them!

So, that said, here are the rankings of our Masonic Fourteen:

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| 2. George Washington | 22. Andrew Jackson |
| 3. Franklin D. Roosevelt | 23. William Howard Taft |
| 4. Theodore Roosevelt | 27. James A. Garfield |
| 6. Harry S Truman ¹ | 28. Gerald R. Ford |
| 12. James Monroe | 37. Warren G. Harding |
| 14. William McKinley | 43. Andrew Johnson |
| 18. James K. Polk | 44. James Buchanan |

1. Harry Truman's middle "name" was only the letter "S"...it didn't stand for anything...so it's properly written as "S" not "S."

If you're at all a U.S. history buff, both the "top three" and the "bottom three" are pretty predictable rankings. Who had a harder job handed to him on Inauguration Day than Washington or FDR? Lincoln (a non-Mason, darn it!) would be about the only other candidate, and he and GW have been #1 or #2 in these assessments since their inception.

At the opposite end of the ranking are Brothers James Buchanan and Andrew Johnson: Ol' Abe's historical "bookends." Buchanan spent his four years in the White House (1857-61) never quite understanding that legal limitations didn't mean that he was powerless to try to avoid civil war! He believed that the national government didn't have the power to compel resolution of either the slavery or the secession issues. "Doing nothing," in the context of those times, was the one thing that the country couldn't abide, and, by the time he left office, seven southern states had seceded and were preparing for war. Buchanan retired to his farm in Pennsylvania proclaiming, "History will vindicate my memory from every unjust aspersion." It has not!

In the aftermath of the tragedy of the Civil War, it fell to Andrew Johnson (1865-69) to be the completely unfit and overmatched heir to Lincoln's legacy. Johnson became Vice President mostly on the strength of his having remained loyal to the Union, when his native Tennessee seceded. He was the only U.S. Senator from a secessionist state to remain in his position throughout the war (so, high marks at least for loyalty). Johnson, a Democrat, was nominated as Republican Lincoln's 1864 running mate, and the party chose to call itself The

“Constitutional Union Party” on the ballot that year, in part to reflect their “strange bedfellows” electoral ticket.

Johnson’s ardent loyalty to the Union was, unfortunately, not sufficient to prove the master of his less admirable traits. His violent temper, pettiness and strident racism made him, possibly, the worst choice to lead the nation on a path to reconciliation. We all know him as the only President, until recent times, to be impeached. He was saved from conviction and removal from office by a single vote.

To complete Part 1 of this look at Masonic Presidents, we’ll look at one more highly ranked individual and one ... well ... not so much. Theodore Roosevelt and Warren Harding are also the “bookends” of a defining political era.

TR’s assumption of the presidency, upon the death of Brother William McKinley, marks the beginning (at least of the presidential phase) of the Progressive Era in American politics. Teddy came by his reputation as an energetic, no-nonsense administrator, having been NYC police commissioner and, as we all know, organizer of the 1st Volunteer Cavalry regiment (“Rough Riders”) in the Spanish American War. Many of the recruits were cowboys, miners, law-enforcement officials, and college athletes, and they were known for their adventurous style and unorthodox tactics.

When the Republicans nominated TR as their Vice-Presidential candidate in 1900, it was mainly as a concession to the growing “Progressive” wing of the party, and neither the party bosses nor the reelection-bound McKinley were enthusiastic about the pick. He was on the ticket as a vote-getter ... and get them he did! The party stalwarts disparaged his assumption of the office when McKinley was assassinated in 1901. “Now look,” one of them grouched, “that d**ned cowboy is President!”

Teddy as President was a genuine force of nature, increasing the power and the influence of the office as few have done: using the office as what he referred to as his “bully (excellent) pulpit.” Conservation (including the expansion of the National Parks and other public land holdings), health and safety legislation, financial regulation, and combating corruption were all on the Progressive agenda ... and Roosevelt championed them all. TR’s presidency set the stage for America’s assumption of a larger role on the world stage.

America came out of World War I disillusioned and exhausted with the idealism of the Progressive Era. By 1920, what was wanted was a return to something less energetic ... less demanding ... and less expensive! The fires of Progressivism burned low and Warren G. Harding, a U.S. Senator and Ohio newspaperman, emerged from a deadlocked Republican convention as the compromise nominee. “He looks like a President!” ran the popular chatter, in what became known as “the front-porch campaign” ... with Harding doing substantially just that: staying home, doing informal interviews from the porch swing of his home in Marion, Ohio, and opining that what the country needed was “a return to normalcy” (which, FYI, isn’t — or at least wasn’t then — a word).

Unfortunately, what Harding “looked like” and what he was competent to do, as the country’s Chief Executive, were two very different things. He rode a wave of indifferent popularity, though becoming increasingly disappointed and discouraged with the actions of people

he placed in trusted positions ... right up to his heart attack and death in 1923! Scandals, involving massive graft and corruption, broke only after he was gone. What he knew of events and how he had been betrayed, by men he trusted, undoubtedly hastened his death.

More next month, Brethren, as well as a look at a bit of these Brothers' personal lives and Masonic careers.

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Last Month's Trivia Question: Who are the two Sovereign Grand Commanders interred at the House of the Temple in Washington, DC?

Answer: Ill. Albert Pike and Ill. John Henry Cowles, S.G.Cs. from 1859-1891 and 1921-1952 respectively, are interred in the Supreme Council's headquarters. They are the two longest serving S.G.Cs. in our history. Ill. Brother Pike is, naturally, a safe guess as an answer to just about any Scottish Rite trivia question ... "When in doubt, guess Pike!" He was — and it's almost too modest a term, even at that — a giant in the development and expansion of the Rite. His tenure, of course, predated the current House of the Temple building, but, if anyone's name is synonymous with the first hundred years of Scottish Rite Masonry, it is undoubtedly Albert Pike's!

Ill. Brother John Henry Cowles guided the Southern Jurisdiction during an important time in its modern development and growth. He actually lived in an apartment within the House of the Temple during his tenure. If you've been to that beautiful building, imagine for a moment living there ... and having free run of the place when everyone else was gone for the day! SGC Cowles traveled extensively, during his time in office, and was presented with many gavels in commemoration of his visits to jurisdictions all over the world. You can see a small part of that collection [here](#).

This month's Trivia Question (answer in next month's *Rite Works*): What is the difference between a Masonic Festive Board and a Table Lodge?

Captain Kirk NEVER said, "Beam me up Scotty," in any episode of Star Trek.

Lloyd Bridges and Jack Lord both turned down an offer to play the part of Captain Kirk.

Aluminum powder blown by a fan provided the shimmer of the transporter beam.

Star Trek never made it higher than number fifty-two in the ratings.

The Star Trek theme song has lyrics.

Gary Burghoff, who played Radar O'Reilly on M*A*S*H, was the only cast member to reprise his role on TV from the hit movie.



Larry A. Bendt II, 32°

Orator, Centennial Lodge of Perfection

ORATION: Scottish Rite Crosses



Tonight's oration is on the crosses we see on the hats of the Scottish Rite. With a fast explanation of the cap itself for background and understanding. As a matter of disclosure, the predominate study material is *Vested in Glory*, by Ill. Bro. Jim Tresner, 33° Grand Cross, unless otherwise noted.

"The cross is a surprisingly complex symbol for a basically simple shape. Essentially it stands for the world axis and forms the bridge or ladder by which the soul may ascend to God and the Heavens." Says Illustrious Brother Jim Tresner. "By virtue in the crossbar, it also stands for levels of interaction." (pg. 212) Its these levels we will discuss tonight.

First, we need to look at the cap we wear in brief. While it derives from the British military tradition, it also derives from the Hebrew prayer cap, and it was for this purpose it was intended. While some of us were raised to believe that the wearing of a cap at the dinner table or during prayer was extremely disrespectful, my grandfather once took my ball cap off as I sat down to the table, and most of the back of my head with it. As a prayer cap it was designed to be worn during our functions, prayer, and dinner. Remember in the Prayer cap tradition, to remove your cap is disrespectful.

I have found 16 different types of crosses within the Scottish Rite. Most of them we will not discuss as they are widely degree specific and for the sake of brevity and my five minutes, I will omit these save one. The 32nd degree black hat does not have a cross on it. However, the Jewel on the cordon is a Teutonic cross, which may be thought of as a Greek Cross Potent. Potent in the language of heraldry, means that the arms terminate with the bar. This is not the same thing as a crosslet, for a crosslet is set in a short distance from the bar. (pg218) A 32nd degree Master Mason is a "Worthy good fellow M.R.S. and may sign his name as such. M.R.S. simply means Master of the Royal Secret. If you do sign your name in this way, You will draw a slanted Teutonic cross in red ink before your name, then your name with A. Worthy Goodfellow M.:R.:S:. below it. Generally, the signature that follows is also done in red. Once awarded this, you are now on the ground floor if you will, your work is just beginning.

The Next honor, which is still a 32nd degree, is the Knight Commander of the Court of Honor, or K.:C.:C.:H.: This is the first appearance of a cross on the prayer cap. The K.:C.:C.:H.: was created by Grand Commander Albert Pike to "honor men of Outstanding ability and Contribution". (page 111) The Cap is red in color and the Jewel of this honor is a Passion Cross Fitched. It is a Passion Cross because the arms are not of equal length, and therefore resembles the Cross on which Jesus suffered the Passion. Fitched refers to the three points at the end of the bars and arms, and considers its Templar association to the Cross of three points. We can

assume that the three points have the same allusion as the triangle does for the symbol of deity. These attributes vary, but are mostly regarded as; Omniscience, omnipresence, omnipotence: Wisdom, strength and beauty or harmony: The will to create, the power to create and the creation itself. As well as the first three emanations of the tree of life. A brother who receives this Honor may now sign his name starting with a passion cross, potent, in red ink, his name, followed by A. Worthy Goodfellow 32° with KT.:Comm.:C.: of Hon.: below it.

While you can be *Invested* with the K.:C.:H.: honors, the next Honor is *Conferred* upon you. 33rd degree Masons are split into two groups, Honorary and active. The Cap is white and the Cross is a Patriarchal Cross without Crosslets. It has two crossbars, the top most bar is short while the middle bar is longer and divides the cross roughly in half. It is called the Patriarchal Cross because it was carried before the Patriarchs of the church of Rome. The upper bar represents the board nailed to the top of the crucifixion cross. One meaning of this symbol is increasing spiritual awareness and therefore increasing spiritual authority. I would like to note here the Alchemical progression of the color of the caps as a side note: The progression from black to red to white is the most basic symbol in Alchemy of the completion of the great work of transformation. This may be intended to symbolize the growth and transformation of the individual.

Who best to lead has been identified for us within the caps as well. By our constitutions, membership in the Supreme Council is limited to 33. As we have a few more than 33 states it is necessary to elect those individuals best suited to lead. The cap of the Deputy of the Supreme Council is the same white hat with Patriarchal Cross as the Honorary 33rd degree caps with the exception of the band of scarlet velvet so that we may easily recognize him.

The Sovereign Grand Inspector Generals, of which there are 33, is the next step up the chain of command. Their cap has a Patriarchal Cross with Crosslets. It is not canted. The meaning of the Crosslets at this juncture can only be found in the definition of the signature line in Illustrious Brother Jim's book; "Crosslets symbolize increasing spiritual development and authority." (page 220) If other meanings are to be inferred I cannot find them.

The Sovereign Grand Commander would be the one best elected to lead. His Cross is a Salem Cross with Crosslets. The Salem Cross is one of the oldest depictions of a cross and is often referred to as the cross of the catacombs. With the upper and lower bars being shorter than the middle bar, it has been found in many catacombs around the world. The Grand Commanders cross is also referred to as the "cross crosslets-cross" (page 216) in the language of Heraldry. Potentially this cross may symbolize interconnectedness and interdependency.

For the Highest honor in the Southern Jurisdiction, we must return to the Court of Honor. The Grand Cross of the Court of Honor is the Highest honor in the Southern Jurisdiction and is such an honor only about fifty living members may be awarded this honor at any time. The cap itself is white with a blue silk velvet around it. The cross is a variant of the Cross of Lorraine. It has two equal cross bars, and alludes to Earthly or animal nature, and spiritual or upper planes. As above so below.

In Ill. Brother Jim Tresner's own words, "Save only for swords, Crosses appear more often in the work of the Scottish Rite than any other symbol" (page 220) it is my hope that in your ponderings of the many symbols of our gentle craft that you consider the many different Crosses

and their meanings, and how they relate to you as the four elements, infinity, states of consciousness and different degrees of spiritual understandings. I hope this short Oration helps the new Masters of the Royal Secret to understand some of the symbology and Hierarchy of the Scottish Rite. It is hard to research such a subject that has one Illumined Brother who so eloquently did the research before me. "A Bridge to Light" as well as the "Scottish Rite Monitor and Guide" were helpful in my studies but mostly for trueing Illustrious Brother Jim Tresner's work.

The interconnectedness of spirituality and Alchemy are entirely my own, but I have learned that many veils can be parted if even accidentally, and perhaps It could follow for folks other than myself. Many of the symbols found in association of these crosses likewise have duality in spirituality and Alchemy. It is my most sincerest desire that I have wet your whistle and you dive in for yourself to discern this duality and In the future have your own oration on the subject. I do highly recommend Illustrious Brother Jim Tresner's Book, Vested in Glory, as I have found it meaty where the others can be but an appetizer.

The Eighteenth-century Lodge

In almost every case, the brethren met in a tavern or coffee-house. The lodge room would be graced with an 'oblong-square' table down the center. Shortly before the opening of lodge, two brethren enter and unlock the lodge box, with two, sometimes three, keys. They take out the properties and place them on the table round which the working is to be done; these include a tinder box for striking a flame to light the candles. They also see that the punch bowl and firing glasses are properly arranged, together with the long clay churchwarden pipes, for throughout this century, lodge work was accompanied by smoking and drinking.

The brethren do not enter in procession, but just stroll in, habited in their white aprons. When the Master enters, the members take their seats after he is seated. The Master takes off his hat on declaring the lodge open and the other brethren follow suit but do not replace their hats as the Master does his.

The Master and Wardens then chalk the 'lodge' on the floor according to which ceremony is to be performed, filling in the outline with a few simple figures, such as the two pillars, square, level, plumb rule, and the letter "G" (this last being introduced after 1730; it then signified "geometry"). Later, in the century, the Tyler was paid to 'draw the lodge' - the precursor of the Tracing Board. When a candidate has been initiated, he has to take mop and pail and wash out the drawing before taking his seat.

A lecture (in the form of a catechism) is then worked, the Master asking the questions of the members in turn. When it is concluded, there is a very simple closing—the Master giving his command and the Senior Warden saying, "It is our Master's will and pleasure that this lodge stand closed." **My, how things have changed in just over 300 years.**

Memorial Scroll

Wayman Eugene Barrett, 32°	07/12/2020
Frederick Donald Collins, 32°	11/11/2021
Austin Burl Crain, 32°	11/18/2021
Clarence Fredrick Gish, 32°	01/19/2023
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The Prelate's Pulpit

Rev. James H. Harris, 33°

Prelate for All Scottish Rite Bodies



The Council of Kadosh line did a good job with the opening and closing at our February Stated Meeting. At our March meeting, we will recognize our Past Presiding Officers and it will be Sports Team Night. The first Sunday of Lent is February 26, as we begin the countdown to Easter, which is April 9. The Knights Templar Easter Sunrise Service at the Consistory will be at 6:30 a.m. Lent comes from the Anglo-Saxon word "lencten," which means "Spring." The season is a preparation for celebrating Easter. Historically, Lent is a time of fasting and preparation for baptism for converts and later it became a time for penance for all Christians. The first day of Spring is March 20. Some Christians give up something for Lent as a means of self-denial, and others add something to their lives during this time. During Lent, the days become longer. This is a season of light, as Christians look forward to the joyful expectation of Easter. I will be preaching at the Sunrise Service and my sermon title this year is "The Beauty of Easter Lasts Forever."

Our country and our world is in a state of confusion, turmoil, and instability. The threat of a nuclear war hangs over our heads. The Masonic Fraternity offers some stability for me. I can come to our stated meetings and leave with a positive feeling. I can enjoy a good meal, good fellowship, usually receive some education, and everyone is nice.

Our members work together, support each other, and get along most of the time. Every now and then we have some ripples, however, Masons are human. I believe men today are searching for fellowship, a place to belong, and a place to be affirmed. Our fraternity offers all of those things.

My brothers, let us reach out to a brother who is lonely, who needs some financial assistance, who needs someone to talk to, who needs some affirmation, and needs some brotherly love.

Remember, Doc Powell used to say "Keep a PMA" (Positive Mental Attitude)

Having Alzheimer's has helped me to enjoy each day to its fullest.

Peace,

Ill. Bro. Rev James Harris, 33°

An Irish Blessing

The Years

By Tomas Shastid

All around us, ever floating,
Silently yet swiftly on,
Pass the years in quick succession
Years are forever gone.

Years that soon are recalling.
Years of gladness or of woe;
We can never stop their fleeting
But forever they will go.

Years of sorrow passing round us,
Dark and dreary as the night.
Years of gladness quickly follow
Bringing thoughts all fair and
bright.

Still the years continue passing
Swiftly as the years can be,
Till we leave our pains and sor-
rows;
Till we find eternity.

May the blessing of light be upon you; light on the outside, light on the inside, with God's sunlight shining on you. May your heart glow with warmth like a turf fire that welcomes friends and strangers alike. May the light of the Lord shine from your eyes like a candle in the window welcoming the weary traveler. May the blessing of God's soft rain be on you, falling gently on your head, refreshing your soul with the sweetness of little flowers newly blooming. May the strength of the winds of heaven bless you, carrying the rain to wash your spirit clean, sparkling after, in the sunlight. May the blessing of God's earth be on you, and as you walk the roads, may you always have a kind word for those you meet. May you understand the strength and power of God in a thunderstorm in winter, and the quiet beauty of creation in the calm of a summer sunset. May you come to realize that, insignificant as you may seem in this great universe, you are an important part of God's plan. And may He watch over you, and keep you safe from harm.

(From Touched By An Angel: The Christmas Album; Roma Downey and Phil Coulter (1999))



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Clifford Leroy Johnson (100)

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William David Unger

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60 Years “OLD”

Edgar Jonas Johansson

50 Years “OLD”

Ryan Patrick Dowd

40 Years “OLD”

Benny Lee Fields II

March 2023 “Youngster”

Jordan Kolby Kemp (30)

Fun Facts about the Month of March

Welcome to the THIRD month of the year—or, if you were born before 150 B.C., the first! According to the oldest Roman calendars, one year was ten months long, beginning in March and ending in December. It may sound crazy, but you can still see traces of this old month-naming system in our modern calendar; because December was the tenth month, it was named for the number ten in Latin (decem), just like September was named for seven (septem). So, what about January and February? They were just two nameless months called “winter,” proving that winter is literally so awful it doesn’t even deserve a spot on the calendar.

So, if so many months were named for their Latin numbers, why wasn’t March called ... un-umber? Firstly, because that sounds ridiculous, and secondly, because the Roman gods had dibs on it. March was actually named for the Latin Martius—a.k.a. MARS, the Roman god of war and a mythical ancestor of the Roman people via his wolf-suckling sons, Romulus and Remus. With the winter frosts melting and the ground becoming fertile for harvest again in the Northern hemisphere, March was historically the perfect month for both farmers to resume farming, and warriors to resume warring.

Incidentally, the Pentagon still seems to agree with this Roman tradition; with the exception of the recent war in Afghanistan, almost all major U.S. –NATO led military operations since the invasion of Vietnam have begun in the month of March. To name but a few: Vietnam (initiated March 8, 1965), Iraq (March 20, 2003), and Libya (March 19, 2011) all follow the trend.

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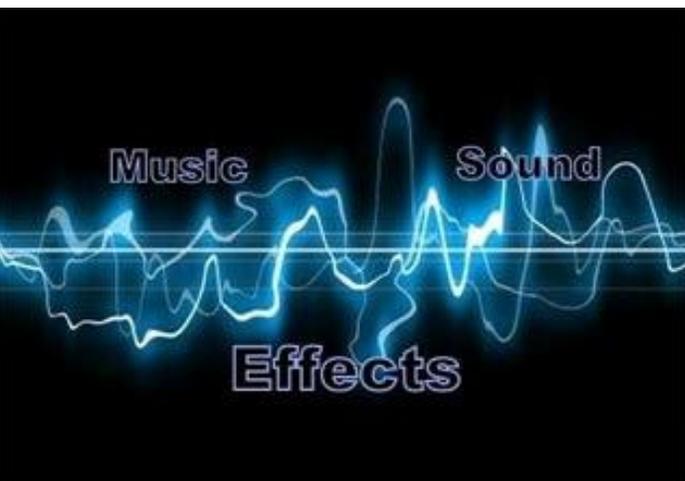
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