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## CORNERSTONE COMMITTEE

### MONTHLY COORDINATION ZOOM MEETINGS

ZOOM Meetings of the Cornerstone Planning Committee are held MONTHLY on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Next meeting: 03 OCT 2023. (Coincidentally that is "D-DAY") Zoom credentials:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83040959250?pwd=Z29RUE9lanVyaC9YaUIRUEIzQm1hUT09>

**BUILDING SECURITY IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY! We ask that you be mindful of who you let into the lobby through the glass doors and also be aware [7488604] of who follows you into the building. We have many "street people" waiting for an opportunity to slip into the building. **Do not let anyone in who you do not know to be a member of Denver Consistory.****

# PLANNING CALENDAR

## September 2023

Fri, SEP 1	<b>NO LUNCH—HOLIDAY WEEKEND</b>
Mon, SEP 4	<b>Consistory CLOSED for Labor Day Holiday</b>
Fri, SEP 8	<b>Consistory CLOSED for Grand York Rite Session</b>
Fri, SEP 8	<b>NO LUNCH</b>
Fri, SEP 15, 22, 29	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch
Mon, SEP 18	Stated Meeting— <b>Parking garage available</b>
	5:30 p.m. Red Room Business Meeting
	6:00 p.m. Dinner
	7:00 p.m. <b>Scottish Rite Foundation Program [10365742]</b>
	7:30 p.m. Split Meeting
Sat, SEP 30	12:30-5:30 p.m. Honors Conferral (By Invitation Only)
	<b>Parking garage &amp; PERA lot available</b>
	6:00 p.m. Honors Banquet (By Invitation Only)
	<b>Parking garage &amp; PERA lot available</b>

## October 2023

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

## November 2023

Fri, NOV 3, 10	11:30 p.m. Consistory Lunch (\$13 - Fried Chicken on NOV 3)
Mon, NOV 6	7:00 p.m. KSA Meeting in Lodge Room
Mon, NOV 13	5:30 p.m. Special Officers Meeting to read Petitions
Thu, NOV 16-Sat NOV18	7:00 a.m. Fall Reunion (60 <sup>th</sup> ) <b>Parking garage available</b>
Mon, NOV 20	Stated Meeting - <b>Parking garage available</b>
Thu-Fri, NOV 23 & 24	<b>Consistory Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday</b>
Sat, NOV 25	9:00-11:00 a.m. Consistory Decorating Party—All members, officers, and wives are invited

# EDITOR'S RESTLEBOARD



**BY: BILL HICKEY, 33°**

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## **Time is Money ... But What Else?**

In a somewhat “similar” vein to Brother Achbach’s piece this month, I’d like to explore in more detail our charge involving the 24-inch gauge as an allegory for life. We are told that it reminds us that a day in our life is divided into 24 hours - and directs us to apply our efforts in thanksgiving to the GAOTU; labor for ourselves, our dependents, and our brethren; refreshment and enjoyment of the great gifts which Providence has bestowed upon us; and lastly sleep, nature’s great restorer. Now we typically talk about dividing our day into 3 equal parts ... but did you notice that the [9124090] above description actually has FOUR parts?

When you are finally “retired” from the working world, you’re allowed to become a little more “philosophical” in your outlook about this concept of dividing your 24 hour day.

As I have often said, when you come to me and ask me to support your organization by giving \$100 (example) - I can give you the money and turn around and make more money to replace it without harm to myself or my family. But, if you ask me to support your organization by giving it some of my TIME, well, that’s a horse of a different color! You see, the GAOTU has given each of us “x” hours of life. Wisely, GAOTU isn’t telling us what “x” is. So, if I choose to give you some of my hours of life, I have given you the most precious gift I have—because I can’t ask GAOTU for more to replace those hours; I can’t buy more hours; I can’t trade someone else for their hours. My hours are GONE FOREVER! And, my family is poorer as a result.

So, as the beneficiary of my “donation” of part of my life, it is incumbent upon YOU to make SURE that my gift is not wasted. If you waste my time, SHAME ON YOU! If you waste it a second time, SHAME ON ME (for letting you do it). You probably won’t get a third chance—because I’ll stop giving you my time and find something else in life to take its place.

So, when you are being told that our meetings are “boring” “repetitive” and/or “predictable” - you really ought to take notice. You’ve been regaled by Brother Matt and me on many occasions showing you the inexorable downward trend of our membership numbers. Aside from deaths, the departing Brothers are SHOWING you that they don’t appreciate us wasting their time. No one LIKES to come out and say it directly, but actions do speak louder than words.

“A word to the wise is sufficient” as my high school Trigonometry teacher was fond of saying. Are we wisely using the precious time our members are giving us? Numbers say probably not...and, sadly they’ve been saying that for a long time now.

*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.

***MONDAY IS AN AWFUL WAY TO SPEND ONE-SEVENTH OF YOUR LIFE***

### 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 Jerry Edwards, 32° KCCH

Brother Howard Zoufaly, 32°

Illustrious Brother Gene Hardy, 33°

Brother Brian Kirby, 32°

2023 Denver Consistory Ladies Lunch

**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 take you back home, at no expense to you. The Consistory will pay the bill. You do not have to miss out on participating in Denver Consistory events because you need a ride.

**Who Reads the RiteWorks Contest** - WE HAVE TWO WINNERS this time! Congratulations to Brother **George VanTrump** and Illustrious Brother **William A. Hickey** for finding their numbers and claiming their free dinners. The numbers [10386712] published in the June RiteWorks belong to the following Brothers, all of whom were eligible to receive a free dinner. **William A. Hickey, David L. Vaughn, Kevin F. Kuretich, Charles G. Wilson, Jay A. Siegel, George VanTrump, Thomas E. Dunn, Thomas E. Engle, and David C. Cowan.** Maybe this month's winners will see their membership number and call the office to claim their free dinner for our September Stated Meeting.

**Receive a free Stated Meeting dinner** - Prepay for an entire years' worth of stated meeting dinners and **receive one dinner free**. Prepay for nine dinners and receive the tenth dinner free. To receive the free dinner, you must prepay for all nine dinners at one time. It does not matter when during the year you decide to prepay. The time frame will run consecutively and not on a calendar year basis. No refunds or credit will be given for prepaid dinners not utilized during the twelve-month period.

**RSVP NEEDED** - now that the summer break is over, it is time again to remind you to make a reservation when requested. PLEASE HELP US TO PLAN PROPERLY for our events and dinners. We do not want to waste money by over-ordering the amount of food we will need and

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we don't want to run out by not ordering enough. The only way we will know how much to order is if you do your part and let us know if you will attend.

**Congratulations - Brother Mike Foster, 32°**, on your appointment as State Executive Officer for Colorado DeMolay.

**2022 VMAP Award** - The Supreme Council announced that Denver Consistory once again successfully completed the Valley Membership Achievement Project. Thank you to **Brother Loren Kohler, 32° KCCH**, who kept an accounting of our progress and submitted the reports to the Supreme Council.

**Knights of St. Andrew News** - Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup> the KSA knighted three new members from the Spring Reunion Class. **Brother William Biggs; Brother James V. DeGeorge III, and Brother "Spike" Emperor**. Congratulations to the new Sir Knights and welcome to the Denver Consistory Chapter of the Knights of St. Andrew.

**Updated Photo Display - Illustrious, Most Worshipful Brother Mike Moore, 33°**, our archivist, has been busy restoring old Consistory photos and has displayed thirty-two "new" (old) photos on the third floor and the mezzanine. [11121570] Please be sure to check them out. They are an amazing look back in time. He is not done yet; more to follow. Thank you Mike for restoring and displaying the photos. The next time you see Mike, let him know that you appreciate his work.

**Ladies Lunch** - The Annual Denver Consistory Ladies Lunch was held June 10<sup>th</sup>, A wonderful lunch was enjoyed by the ladies who attended. Thank you to **Illustrious Brother Gene Hardy, 33°**, Venerable Master of the Centennial Lodge of Perfection, who planned the event, and to all the Brothers who helped setup, serve, and cleanup after the event, and to the Brothers who provided transportation to the ladies in need of a ride to the Consistory for this very important event.

**June Stated Meeting** - Our June 19<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting was "*Hawaiian Shirt Night*" and "*Blue Lodge Recognition Night*," and "*Friends of the Scottish Rite-Prospect Night*." Dane Barnes gave a very interesting talk about the history of the Knights Templar. Thank you to all who wore a Hawaiian shirt and brightened up the room.

**Annual Summer Dinner** - The theme for the event this year was "*Take Me Out to the Ballgame*." Those who attended the Annual Summer Dinner July 22<sup>nd</sup> enjoyed traditional ballpark food, great fellowship, and a wonderful presentation by Mr. Paul Parker, General Manager of the Boulder Collegians Baseball Club, and former Colorado Rockies Team Historian. Thank You, **Brother Bill Achbach, 32° KCCH**, Preceptor of Denver Consistory, for planning this enjoyable event. It was wonderful to see all of you. Thank you for supporting Denver Consistory.

**Scottish Rite Masonic Center Charity Golf Classic** - The Second Scottish Rite Masonic Center Charity Golf Classic was held at Willis Case Golf Course on August 18<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to the members of the Scottish Rite Masonic Center Committee, and **Illustrious Brother Bart Corfee, 33°**, Golf Committee Chairman, for planning the event, and thank you to all the members of Denver Consistory and their family members who volunteered to help on the day of the tournament. It was a wonderful day enjoyed by all who participated. The tournament is a

fund-raising event for the benefit of the Scottish Rite Masonic Center and the Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado. The Third Scottish Rite Masonic Center Charity Golf Classic will be held August 16, 2024.

**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](http://www.carsforcharity.net) to donate for the benefit of the Scottish Rite Masonic Center.

**2023 Membership fee was payable January 1, 2023.** Please do your part to help sustain the operation of Denver Consistory by paying your membership fee. We have 25 members who have not paid 2022 and 2023 dues for a total of \$5,700, and 85 members who have not paid 2023 dues for a total of \$11,050. Combined total \$16,750. This loss of income combined with the increase in costs due to inflation make it challenging to maintain normal operations. 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 nonpayment, but you must contact me. We can't help you if you don't ask.

**2024 Membership Fee** - The Supreme Council mailed the 2024 membership fee notices in August of 2023. Please pay your membership fee [9703497] when you receive the notice, and do not lay it aside and forget about it and then become delinquent.

**Monthly membership fee payment is available** - Are you tired of paying fees at the end of the year to all the Masonic bodies you are a member? You may pay your annual Denver Consistory membership fee in eleven easy monthly payments rather than one lump sum, eliminating one more year end bill to pay. By authorizing an automatic credit card payment each month at the end of eleven months your membership fee for the ensuing year will be paid. Contact the office to set up a payment plan.

#### **Automatic Membership Fee Renewal Program**

Supreme Council created and installed an auto renewal program to pay membership fees. This program gives members the option to have their membership fees automatically deducted using a credit or debit card through the online Membership Portal.

**Life Memberships** are an ideal way to avoid paying future membership fee increases. A Life Membership guarantees that you will never be suspended for nonpayment of membership fees should your future financial situation change. It also 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

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

**Fall Reunion** - The Fall Reunion will be November 16, 17, 18. We need you to do your part to facilitate the Fall Reunion. We need candidates! As of August 31<sup>st</sup> we have FOUR candidates for the Fall class. Get those petitions turned into the office, don't wait until November. We also need volunteers to work on the AV, Lights, Sound, Properties, Stage, Costumes, and Makeup committees. If you can help, even for just a day or part of a day, contact the office and let us know and we will put you in touch with the committee chairman.

### COMING EVENTS

- September 18<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting** - Annual Scottish Rite Foundation scholarship presentations.  
**September 30<sup>th</sup> Honors Conferral** - By invitation only.  
**October 2<sup>nd</sup> KSA Meeting** - 7:00 p.m., The KSA meeting is open to all Scottish Rite Masons.  
**October 14<sup>th</sup> KSA Fall Cleanup** - 9:00-11:00 a.m.  
**October 16<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting** - Presentation of awards and 59<sup>th</sup> Reunion Class Photo and Parents.

#### Membership Statistics

September 2022	1512
September 2023	<u>1424</u>
Net:	-88

### EIGHTEEN DUMB NEWSPAPER HEADLINES

1. **Study Finds Sex, Pregnancy Link** - from the Cornell Daily Sun
2. **Low Wages Said Key to Poverty** - from Newsday
3. **Malls Try to Attract Shoppers** - from the Baltimore Sun
4. **Official: Only Rain will Cure Drought!** -from the Westport Herald News
5. **Teenage Girls Often Have Babies Fathered by Men** - from the Oregonian
6. **Man Shoots Neighbor with Machete** - from the Miami Herald
7. **Tomatoes Come in Big, Little, Medium Sizes** - from the Daily Progress
8. **Man Run Over By Train Dies** - from the Los Angeles Times
9. **Survey Finds Dirtier Subways After Cleaning Jobs Were Cut** - from the New York Times
10. **FREE ADVICE: Bundle Up When Out In The Cold** - from the Lexington Heald-Leader
11. **Economist uses Theory to Explain Economy** - from the Collinsville Herald-Journal
12. **Bible Church's Focus is the Bible** - from the Saint Augustine Record
13. **Lack of Brains Hinders Research** - from the Columbus Dispatch
14. **Fish Lurk in Streams** - from the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle
15. **Infertility Unlikely to Be Passed On** - from the Montgomery Advertiser
16. **Alcohol Ads Promote Drinking** - from the Hartford Courant
17. **Scientists See Quakes in LA Future** - from the Oregonian [336149]
18. **How We Feel About Ourselves Is the Core of Self-Esteem, Says Author Louise Hart**  
From the Sunday Camera of Boulder, Colorado (gives all new meaning to stating the "obvious" doesn't it?) You just HAVE to hand it to the People's Republic of Boulder.  
From: Well, Duh! Our Stupid World and Welcome to It, by Bob Fenster



## Bill Achbach, 32° KCCH

Director of Education

**You, Inc.**



*“But what does Socrates say? ‘Just as one person delights in improving his farm, and another his horse, so I delight in attending to my own improvement day by day.’”*

*—Epictetus, Discourses, 3.5.14*

When I taught economics, one of my favorite units was one we did on entrepreneurship. There seemed always to be several students whose parents were in business for themselves. But—even among those who understood that their family’s approach to earning a living was fundamentally different from many of their peers—it was rare for them to fully appreciate the dedication necessary to build and maintain a successful business. Although that typically changed by the end of the semester, many were more likely to be critical of the time, effort, and energy that Mom and Dad put into “work” (Likely often feeling, “At my expense!”) than to be appreciative of what it took to achieve that success.

Well, hey, that was the point of view of 14–15-year-olds, right? All that is very much a matter of one’s perspective, but, ultimately, that’s my point ... so hang in there with me for a bit: this may not be going where you think it’s going!

I’ve heard it said—as an admonition to maintain perspective and keep one’s priorities straight—that “No one’s last words were ever ‘I wish I’d spent more time working and less with my family.’” That, I suppose, was the attitude of those students, as they believed they were being short-changed because of the family business. They may have been right, and it’s certainly true that opportunities we lose (soccer games, parent-teacher conferences, piano recitals, table-talk), in those tradeoffs [8082497] for other obligations, can never be regained. As the years pass and our own perspectives and priorities evolve, we may well come to regret some of those tradeoffs.

“Work vs. family” or “work vs. leisure” (“All work and no play...”) are the classic compromises we come to realize...in time to adjust if we’re fortunate. But I would suggest to my Brothers this month, that we ought also to consider whether we devote what we should to the life-long business of improving ourselves: an obligation which needs to be taken as seriously as those of livelihood, relationships, or even rest & refreshment. Although our basic involvement in the Craft makes this an endeavor admirably begun, it is still a decision which, alas, is all too often given short shrift.

Not surprisingly, for those who take the ritual and lessons of the Rite seriously, the issue is, at its heart, a familiar one: balance ... harmony ... equilibrium! It really makes little difference whether we learn this lesson in receiving the EA’s working tools or in the lectures of a Master

of the Royal Secret. Our lives, regardless of how early or how belatedly we embrace the message, will be the richer for realizing that we owe the development of our inner selves at least as much attention as that which we put on display for others to see, for all to judge us by, and for those closest to us to value.

You may see this as advancement of the emotional, spiritual, or intellectual self ... as all three rolled together ... or each as a quite separate and distinct part of who you are. The point (much like the entrepreneur who overlooks some aspect of his business), in taking a shortcut toward one measure of success over another, is that we may ignore something of critical ... or even immensely greater ... value. That is a mistake made at the ultimate peril of our happiness and, if we rightly understand its true measure, our success.

Several months ago, as I began physical therapy in the aftermath of my knee replacement, doctors, nurses and therapists told me, "This is now your fulltime job, at least until you hit your goals to recover fully." But no, I didn't do it as I was admonished to do ... not even close ... not until I realized that I was in real danger of not regaining full use of my leg! At that point, I began to take the advice of the professionals seriously, and now I'm relieved at the result. We pay a lot for all manner of professional advice, and we ought to heed such counsel. But who—if not you, yourself—is the "professional" most intimately acquainted with the business of your own life? Think of it as "You, Inc.": the enterprise in which you are the chief investor and both CEO and consumer!

Think about how often you've said (perhaps to a younger person) something like, "No one can ever take your education away from you." Sage advice, as far as it goes, but it's sadly still an incomplete statement, isn't it? It's short two words and should really be stated, "No one **except you...**!" As we look around us ... and, perhaps, in the mirror each day ... we encounter many who have effectively done just that.

So, my Brethren, I ask a seemingly simple question, albeit one with a world of complex implications: What do we do—what can we do—on a regular basis, for the sole and exclusive purpose of improving our minds ... refreshing our spirits ... taking another step along a path we began with "three distinct knocks?" What do we do to advance the journey to being a more complete person ... to be, as that Army recruiting ad once put it, "all we can be?"

Don't misunderstand my point here. I'm not talking, necessarily, about the study of heavy-duty moral philosophy or even philosophy at all. In fact, the effort needn't even be directed toward anything normally considered "Masonic." It just must be something that will help "You, Inc." fulfill its purpose in the business of life.

Remember what we tell candidates in the 4th through the 14th Degrees? When we refer to the "Lodge of Perfection," we try to be clear that we're not referring to becoming perfect in any absolute sense. As we use it in the Rite, "perfection" refers to "completion" or "wholeness." The issue is not what will make us truly perfect ... because nothing will! The question is rather, "What we are missing?" or "What will make us better ... more complete?" To those questions there are as many answers as there are travelers on this journey! Whatever helps to further your journey is, therefore, legitimately "Masonic education!"

So, what new thing might you undertake to learn? Something that is not driven by the necessities of job, relationships, or existing interests or activities. What might you learn merely

for the joy and benefit of stretching your mind or to intentionally risk “disturbing the symmetry of your biases,” as one of my own mentors so aptly put it?

It seems to me, Brothers, that taking the time, making the effort, and expending the energy—and doing so most especially when we’re inclined to say, “I’m too busy!” or “That’s too difficult!” or “That doesn’t interest me!”—is one of the surest ways to make an investment in “You, Inc.” that stands to pay lasting dividends.

*Bill*

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**June’s Trivia Question:** How did a statue and monument to Capt. William Morgan come to be erected and dedicated in Batavia, NY, in 1882?

**Answer:** The 1826 disappearance of William Morgan, in Batavia, NY and its aftermath (a.k.a. “The Morgan Affair”) precipitated the Anti-Masonic Movement and launched a decades-long effort to discredit and suppress the Masonic Fraternity. It was an influential enough political cause to result in a severe drop-off in Masonic membership, the demise of hundreds of Masonic Lodges, and development of America’s first “third party” organization ... and, oh yeah, the adoption of national nominating conventions to select presidential candidates. Yep, that was an Anti-Masonic Party innovation: 1832 ... nominee William Wirt ... a “former Mason” (EA & FC ... and I’ve not found evidence that he formally withdrew from membership) who refused to make any public statements critical of the Craft!

Eventually, the movement declined and—at least in terms of formal influence on public affairs—died out. After the Civil War, there was a rise in the popularity of secret societies & in fraternal-type groups generally. Likewise, organizations formed and grew to combat the perceived or imagined influence of such groups, with some taking up the old Anti-Masonic banner once again. One of these was the National Christian Association, which collected public subscriptions, commissioned, and erected a monument in memory of the allegedly murdered (they would say “martyred”) Morgan. Over 1000 people were reported to have attended the dedication ceremony, including representatives of several local Masonic Lodges.

Upon the base of the monument is this dedication:

*“Sacred to the memory of Wm. Morgan, a native of Virginia, a Capt. in the War of 1812, a respectable citizen of Batavia, and a martyr to the freedom of writing, printing and speaking the truth. He was abducted from near this spot in the year 1826, by Freemasons and murdered for revealing the secrets of their order. The court records of Genesee County and the files of the Batavia Advocate, kept in the Records office contain the history of the events that caused the erection of this monument.*

[Here](#), in case you missed the previous post of the link, is Bro. Maynard Edwards, 32° KCCH, on his visit to Batavia.

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



**Member in the Spotlight**  
**By**  
**Thomas L. Gaffney, 32° KCCH**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Commander**  
**Colorado Council of Kadosh**



**Gordon Calahan, 32°**

I was born in Denver Colorado on February 25, 1940. Our family lived in down town Denver and I attended Denver Public Schools. I graduated from South High School where I was a member of ROTC and the Denver Chapter of DeMolay. My Father was an active Mason and we had a close relationship. My Father was an aviator and a General Contractor, thus I began flying at age 15. Soloed on my 15<sup>th</sup> birthday and became a private pilot on my 17<sup>th</sup> birthday. Also, began working for my Father, at Calahan Construction. I joined the Colorado National Guard and became a flight line crew chief, responsible for one of the F100 Super Sabers. I was called to active duty in 1960 [7369945] to help remove the missiles from Cuba and I achieved the rank of Staff Sargent. It was a great experience and fun for someone my age.

Along with joining the Colorado Air Guard, I applied to Denver University, where I learned I had dyslexia. I was a very poor reader, writer and speller. My only hope of entering DU was to take an additional year of high school, which I did. To finish my fourth year at DU, I needed to pass the Math and English proficiency test. Try as I may, I could not pass the English test, I was denied my degree. Seven years later, one of my professors called me and said, the school relented and DU gave me my degree. Twenty years later, I attended Colorado State University and graduated with an Executive Master's Degree in Business.

The Year 1961 was the beginning of three wonderful life time changes. I met my first wife, Sandy, a nurse. Started working in our family business and began my journey in Masonry. I retired from the business this year at 83 years old. Masonry has always been a part of my life, but the Shrine was my passion. I joined the Shrine Air Patrol and became president.

My first wife, Sandy and I were married twenty years, when unexpectedly she committed suicide. Alcohol had been a serious problem and we had both joined Alcohols Anonymous. With my belief in AA, Masonry and God, I saved my life. My wife and I both learned meditation and this lead us to the martial art of Kuydo, Japanese Zen archery. This year marked my 37 year of practice. I learned from my Japanese teacher, Sensei, how to shoot 100 arrows in 10 minutes and meditate at the same time.

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Sandy and I had two sons, both graduated from college and have worked in the family business all their lives. I also have five grandchildren, four girls and one boy, my grandson also is working for Calahan Construction. I am very proud they all graduated from college.

My second wife and I settled down to a more normal life. We enjoyed each other and traveled. We enrolled in self-improvement programs and learned a lot about life and marriage. After 17 years, we decided to part company. I guess you would say we finished the things we wanted to do together. I had learned a lot about life, addiction and suicide from all my education and life's experiences. To help those people with addictions and life's problems, I wrote a book called, "Where Did We Come From and Where Are We Going". It is the story of my life. My hope is that someone might see a light at the end of the tunnel.

There is always something new to learn, thus, I was introduced to a program called Shumei, a Japanese organization headquartered in Japan. It blended in to my Masonic teachings. At the same time I met Carol, a wonderful woman from New York City, a successful business woman and rancher from Dolores, Colorado. We are both in our early 80's and we married last year. So I am on my third successful life adventure and reveling and enjoying the fruits of our old age.

Thank you for allowing me to share my life with you. Gordon Calahan

### **Dumb in School: Vertical Thinking and the Aboriginal IQ Test**

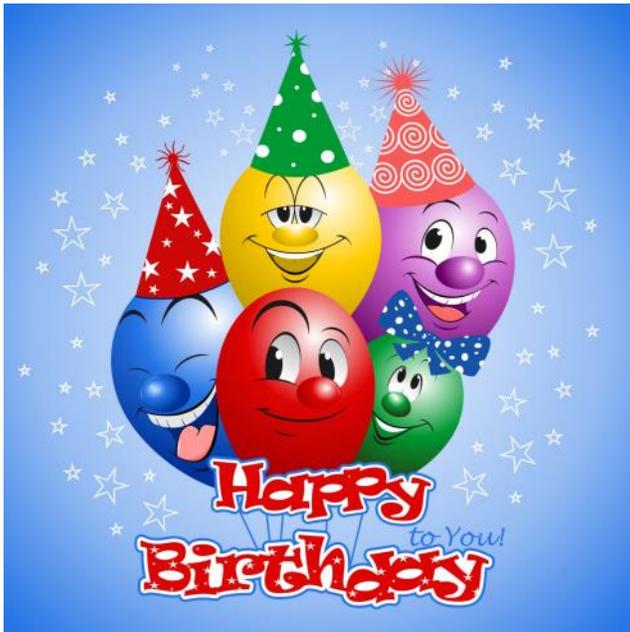
"Men are born ignorant, not stupid," philosopher Bertrand Russell said. "They are made stupid by education."

When Harvard president Charles Eliot was congratulated for helping to make the university a storehouse of knowledge, he said, "I scarcely deserve credit for that. It is simply that the freshmen being so much and the seniors take away so little."

Prime Minister Winston Churchill, who led Britain through the darkest days of World War II, was thought to have "limited intelligence" when he was a boy. Ranked last in his class at twelve, he flunked the entrance exam for the Royal Military College at Sandhurst - TWICE! Later, he saved the free world from tyranny and annihilation. Makes you wonder what the people at the head of the class might have done, doesn't it?

What do you learn at Law School? As writer Doris Lessing explained, "In university they don't tell you that the greater part of the law is learning to tolerate fools."

If you learn the lessons of life, this is the educational path you may follow, as described by politician Harold Macmillan: "The young fool has first to grow up to be an old fool to realize what a damn fool he was when he was a young fool."



18 SEPTEMBER 1947

## SEPTEMBER Special Birthdays

### 80 Years "OLD"

Charles Joseph Reynolds  
Howard William Zoufaly

### 70 Years "OLD"

Daniel Lee Danford  
Rodney Arnold Farmer  
Charles Frederick Fraley  
Dean Harry Simpson

### 60 Years "OLD"

Loren Wendel Kohler  
Dean Andrew McConnell  
Thomas Michael Updyke

### 30 Years "OLD"

Aaron Bailey Codiga  
(Also, our "Youngster" this month.)





# SCOTTISH RITE FALL REUNION

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**Denver Consistory**  
**November 16, 17, 18, 2023**



**Preparation**



**Organization**



**Having Fun**

**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



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*judi's house* JAG Institute  
For Grieving Children and Families



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

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

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

Any questions? Contact Pablo Colomban  
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Scan the QR code for a complete list.



SCAN ME



## COLORADO ROCKIES

### Season is **STILL** underway!

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

For a Rockies Schedule, click on the following for the [2023 Schedule 8.5x11 \(mlbstatic.com\)](https://www.mlbstatic.com).

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

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

To Sign-up contact: Tom Lincoln, 32° KCCH, Rockies Coordinator  
[3flyingfeathers@comcast.net](mailto:3flyingfeathers@comcast.net) or (303) 968-7731

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



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**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday, every Month, 8am – 11am**



**all the Pancakes you can eat!**

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

**Donations:**

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

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



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