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HAPPY NEW YEAR 2024



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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: 05 FEB 2024. Zoom credentials:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83601760716?pwd=M1Q4R2s1S2MrVTd3UGtuMUYwajNEdz09>

PLANNING CALENDAR

January 2024

Mon, JAN 1, 2024	Consistory Closed (New Years Day)
Fri, JAN 5	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (\$13—Fried Chicken)
Sat, JAN 6	9:00 - 11:00 a.m. Consistory UN-decorating Party (All members, officers, and wives are invited)
Fri, JAN 12	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (\$13)
Sat, JAN 13	8:00 a.m. - noon Officer's Breakfast and installation practice
Mon, JAN 15	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 Split Meeting 7:30 p.m. Annual Meetings of Corporations; Installation of Officers
Fri, JAN 19	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (\$13)
Sat, JAN 20	6:00 p.m. Whisky College in Classroom prior to Burns Supper 7:00 p.m. KSA Burns Supper - Parking Garage Available
Fri, JAN 26	Consistory Closed—GL Communication (NO LUNCH)

February 2024

Fri, FEB 2	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (\$13 - Fried Chicken)
Mon, FEB 5	7:00 p.m. KSA Meeting in Lodge Room
Fri, FEB 9, 16, 23	11:30 p.m. Consistory Lunch (\$13)
Mon, FEB 19	Stated Meeting - Feast of Kadosh - Parking Garage Available 5:30 p.m. Red Room Business Meeting 6:00 p.m. Dinner 7:00 p.m. Entertainment (President's Day; Valentine's Day) 7:30 p.m. Split Meeting - Almoner & Life Member Annual Reports 5 min. oration - Orator, Centennial Lodge of Perfection

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. [9592148] 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.**



K.S.A. Burns Night Supper and Whisky College

Bag pipes ☒ Silent auction ☒ Burns poetry

Saturday January 20th, 2024 7:00pm



Dinner: 7:00pm

salad, soda bread, haggis, beef bourguignon, mashed potatoes,
medley of roasted roots, sticky toffee pudding

\$60 - Per Person

Prepaid online reservations required

Whisky College: 6:00pm

\$45 - Adult (21 and over)

Prepaid online reservations required

For reservations:

Advanced prepaid reservations are available online only.
(DO NOT contact the Consistory office).

<http://www.denverconsistory.org/burns-dinner/>

Featured entertainment.



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Scottish Rite Pipe Band

Scottish Rite Masonic Center

1370 Grant Street, Denver, Colorado 80203

*Proceeds to benefit RiteCare, (<https://scottishritefoundation.org>)
and Scottish Rite Masonic Center*

EDITOR'S RESTLEBOARD



BY: **BILL HICKEY, 33°**

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MEMBERSHIP IS A CONTACT SPORT!

Those of us who have been around the Consistory for more than a few years will remember our late Illustrious Brother Jerry Screws who would always remind us that “Membership is a CONTACT sport.” It was his way of saying you have to make PERSONAL contact, shake hands, look them in the eye and make the “sale” of membership in the Consistory. Illustrious Brother Matt Raia provided me with the following membership statistics for this past year:

Membership Statistics

December 31, 2022: 1,479

December 31, 2023: 1,393

Net: **-86**

Interesting factoid: I show 1478 members in the member birthday file I get from Supreme via the Consistory Office, so that matches pretty well what Matt provided to the left.

Now, those simple numbers do NOT tell the entire story. We brought in 10 new members in the recent Fall Class. I don't have the numbers for the Spring 2023 class, but you can safely bet it would be somewhere between 10-15 so let's just be generous and say it was 15. That's a total of 25 new members against a loss of 86. Many of our losses are due to death, and there's no way we can stop those. But, we also unnecessarily lose a significant number of our Brothers each year to NPDs. We can't really stop the demits associated with moving away because generally that is a result of a job situation. [11129965] NPD's on the other hand, are telling us something. What? Yep. They are saying that either they aren't getting their money's worth as a member, or they can't make the meetings due to various reasons ... so why continue to pay dues if you can't participate?

On a lark, I track the Memorial Scroll reports of deaths each year. Now, some deaths happened years ago and we just found out. I can't remove those from the overall count, as those brothers were listed on our rolls as members until their deaths were reported. What I can tell you is that in 2023, I see 63 entries in my birthday database that are deaths. 63 out of 86 (~73%). I have watched that steady, inexorable decline in our membership numbers since I became a Scottish Rite Mason in 2003. Losing 86 in 2023 represents a net decline of 5.8% this past year. If you have followed my annual member analyses (I haven't done this year's yet because I wait for Supreme to do the end of year catch-up before I get a new listing.)

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In a previous year, I took overall Masonic Grand Lodge numbers from the Masonic Service Association - every US Grand Lodge and Canadian Province Grand Lodges as well. EVERYONE, with but 2 exceptions (Hawaii and Kentucky) has seen a consistent 5 to 5.5 percent loss of members over the past 50 years! It's a steady straight line Brothers. Hasn't changed in 50 years, despite some folks contending that numbers aren't everything: we need QUALITY and not necessarily quantity. Well, you need QUANTITY too, because at some point, you won't have enough members to carry out even the most mundane and simple tasks and responsibilities as a lodge. When that happens, you either close your lodge OR you merge with another lodge in hopes that the merger will result in enough members to at least open the lodge and do the work.

There's an immutable rule of thumb Brothers: if you take two (or more) struggling lodges and merge them, what you get is a single larger lodge that will end up struggling. WHY? Because, the merger did not address the fundamental and underlying CAUSE of the membership attrition which will only continue unabated.

Take a look at our cathedral room (a.k.a. "the auditorium"). There are (conservatively) around 500 seats in that room with many more that are hidden by the north curtains. Have you EVER seen that room even half-filled? Have you ever asked yourself "where is everyone?" WHY aren't they coming to the meetings? Why are some of our Brothers ending up in a NPD status? There's really no good reason for a Brother to go NPD, as they can always demit. What they are really saying is that (in the specific case of Scottish Rite) their membership in the Scottish Rite isn't important enough to keep it current, so rather than simply taking a demit, they stop paying dues and walk away. You can fill in the blank of any other organization (Masonic and non-Masonic as well) with that same comment.

If you look at the average lodge, you will see seating that should accommodate perhaps 100, but they might be getting only 10 or 15 at a typical meeting. When they built the lodge, likely they were filling those seats. SOMETHING obviously happened over the years.

What happened? Well, SOME of the problem has to do with societal norms - some of it has to do with simple economics—it just costs more to live day to day now than it did 50+ years ago and salaries haven't kept up with that increase which means some families have multiple jobs to make ends meet and while they might really like Masonry, they don't have the luxury of discretionary cash to afford memberships in every Masonic body, so they have to pick and choose. Lodge membership is a must and an essential qualification for any other body, so they can't give that one up—but they ARE giving that up in the same 5 to 5.5% that we're seeing. This is an overarching problem, not an isolated problem unique to a few lodges.

At some point, you will face a choice: (1) close the lodge and everyone goes home; (2) recognize that what we offer today isn't what the current generation is looking for—at least in the numbers we need to remain solvent and relevant and CHANGE the way you deliver your message...make meetings interesting and even entertaining and your members will come back—and then they will encourage their friends to participate as well.

Choose wisely. Changing your delivery methods does NOT mean compromising your core values and tenets ... but it DOES mean you have to make yourself a little uncomfortable in embracing new techniques and methodologies to attract and retain your members.

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.

An expert is one who will know tomorrow why things predicted yesterday didn't happen today.

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°
Illustrious Brother Ron Birely, 33°
Illustrious Brother Jerry Fenimore, 33°
Illustrious Brother Charlie Shaeffer, 33°
Illustrious Brother Bart Wegner, 33°
Illustrious Brother Steve Munsinger, 33°
Brother Jerry Edwards, 32° KCCH
Brother Danny Tomlinson, 32° KCCH
Brother Gordon Calahan, 32°
Brother Kevin Trabert, 32°
Black Hawk Lodge #11, AF&AM
2023 Fall Reunion Class

Illustrious Brother Richard Frohlick, 33°
Illustrious Brother Bob Gregory, 33°
Illustrious Brother Darren Klinefelter, 33°
Illustrious Brother James Schneider, 33°
Illustrious Brother Dan Conway, 33°
Brother Tom Repp, 32° KCCH
Brother Mike Tims, 32° KCCH
Brother Howard Zoufaly, 32°
Brother Hoss Monsebroten, 32°
Brother Todd Warburton, 32°
Denver Chapter #2 R.A.M.
Susan Boles (In memory: Mike Hessel & Ted Brown)

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

SRMC Endowment Fund Cathedral Club - Congratulations to **Brother Howard Zoufaly, 32°**, for achieving “Silver Membership” status having donated a cumulative total of \$10,000. Congratulations to **Brother Mike Tims, 32° KCCH**, for achieving “Bronze Membership” status having donated a cumulative total of \$5,000.

\$50,000 Donation Challenge—WE DID IT!!! We met the challenge. \$93,525 was donated to the SRMC Endowment Fund from September 19th to December 19th, and the anonymous donors who agreed to donate \$50,000 if we raised \$50,000 have honored their pledge and donated \$50,000. Thanks to everyone who donated to the challenge and helped the Endowment Fund grow.

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Who reads the RiteWorks Contest – The membership numbers published in the December RiteWorks belong to the following Brothers who were eligible to receive a free dinner for the December Stated Meeting: **Charles C. Cook, William Ecker III, Michael W. Rudloff, Robert F. Suggs, David O. Ferguson, Kenneth W. Harmon, Richard A. Eshe, Lee E. Masters, Chadwick V. R. Williams, and Joseph M. Kent.** Only Brother Michael Rudloff 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 January 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 used during the twelve-month period.

Donate Your Car - Do you have a car you no longer need? You are not required to be a member of Denver Consistory to participate. Tell your family, friends, and neighbors to donate their car for the benefit of the Scottish Rite Masonic Center and be eligible to receive a tax deduction for the donation. It is easy to donate your vehicle to charity for the benefit of the Scottish Rite Masonic Center. Go to www.carsforcharity.net, click on Donate My Car. Scroll down the list of charities and click on Scottish Rite Masonic Center. After you have completed the form, you will be contacted with information about picking up the car. When the car has been sold by Cars for Charity, the Scottish Rite Masonic Center will receive payment. This is a great way to support the Scottish Rite Masonic Center in obtaining funds for the ongoing operation and maintenance of our building.

THANK YOU - to everyone who helped put up Christmas decorations on November 25th.

January 6th UN-Decorating Party - We will be taking down the Christmas decorations at 9:00 a.m. All members and families are invited to help pack up the decorations and put them away until next time.

SRF Children's Christmas Party - was held on December 2nd. It was wonderful to see the children enjoying the party.

December 18th Stated Meeting - Our December Stated Meeting was Member Appreciation Night. Those attending dinner received a discount on the cost of their meal equal to the number of years they have been a member. [11159316] The number of combined years of service of those attending was 1,160, VERY IMPRESSIVE !!! It was also Ugly Sweater Night. Some very colorful sweaters were on display that evening.

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From the Secretary's Desk - Continued from previous page

Election of 2024 Officers - was conducted by **Illustrious Brother Ron Birely, 33°**, Personal Representative. Congratulations to our officers elected and appointed for 2024.
Illustrious Brother Bart Corfee, 33° - Venerable Master, Centennial Lodge of Perfection
Brother Greg Harris, 32° KCCH - Wise Master, Rocky Mountain Chapter Rose Croix
Brother Tom Gaffney, 32° KCCH - Commander, Colorado Council of Kadosh
Brother Michael Rudloff, 32° KCCH - Master of Kadosh, Denver Consistory

Welcome to the newly appointed officers:

Brother James Warner, 32° - Captain of the Host, Centennial Lodge of Perfection
Brother Joseph Beaton, 32° - Guardian of the Temple, Rocky Mountain Chapter Rose Croix
Brother William Davis, 32° - Lieutenant of the Guard, Colorado Council of Kadosh
Brother Matthew Madrid, 32° - Master of Ceremonies, Denver Consistory
Brother Connor Riddle, 32° - Captain of the Guard, Denver Consistory

January 13th All Officer Meeting - Breakfast served at 8:00 a.m. with meeting at 9:00 a.m. followed by installation rehearsal at 10:00 a.m. **All officers are required to attend.**

January 15th Stated Meeting - The public installation of the 2024 officers will take place after our business meeting. In addition to our regular business, we will have the annual reports of our four corporations.

Burns Supper January 20th - The Knights of Saint Andrew Burns Supper and Whisky College will be held Saturday, January 20, 2024.

January 26th - Consistory Office will be **CLOSED** for Grand Lodge Communication.

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 [11113937] 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.

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.

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2024 Membership Fee Notices have been mailed by the Supreme Council. Please do not set aside the notice to pay it later and then forget about it. Membership fees are our 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.

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.

When paying your dues **please consider making a tax-deductible donation to your Scottish Rite Masonic Center.** Your contributions help us maintain our historic building.

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.

COMING EVENTS

February 2nd 7:00 p.m. - Knights of Saint Andrew meeting in the Lodge Room.

February 19th Stated Meeting - Feast of Kadosh. Annual report of the Life Membership Fund, the Almoner's Report, and the SRMC Endowment Fund Report. We will have an oration by **Brother Todd Warburton, 32°**, Orator of the Centennial Lodge of Perfection.

SPRING REUNION MAY 16, 17, 18 - If you normally work in a degree during the Spring Reunions, start brushing up on your part. We will have the Degree Council meeting on March 14th at 7:00 p.m.

IT IS NOT TOO EARLY TO TURN IN PETITIONS! We had 10 in the 2023 Fall Reunion class. It would be nice if we could have at least that many in the Spring Reunion class. Membership is the lifeline of Denver Consistory. We cannot survive without members.

Brother Bill Achbach is still recovering from surgery and is postponing his submission to Rite Works for a month to allow him to focus on his rehab tasks. Therefore, I have chosen to regale you with a couple of “salient” pieces from my library of goodies. I’m sure you’ll appreciate Brother Bill all the more on his return.—Editor

THINGS TO REMEMBER

Hope is neither a plan nor a course of action.

Do not confuse enthusiasm for ability.

Never confuse “want to do” with “able to do” or “need to do.”

The trouble with trouble is that it almost always starts out as fun !!!

It is ALWAYS easier to get into something than it is to get out of it.

Nothing is impossible for those who don’t have to do it.

What you see depends on where you sit.

The true measure of a person is what they will do when they know that no one will ever find out.

The facts, no matter how interesting, have little or no relevance.

Working for money sucks. Working for fun and getting paid for it doesn’t suck.

Drinking wine from a firehose, no matter how fine the vintage, can be hazardous to your health.

THE SILENT SUMMONS

A member of a certain lodge, who previously attended regularly, had stopped going. After a few months, the Worshipful Master decided to visit him. It was a chilly evening and the Worshipful Master found his brother at home, alone, sitting before a blazing fire. Guessing the reason for the Worshipful Master’s visit, the brother welcomed him, led him to a comfortable chair near the fireplace and waited. The Worshipful Master made himself comfortable, but he said nothing.

In the grave silence, he contemplated the dancing flames around the burning logs. After several minutes, the Worshipful Master took the fire tongs and carefully picked up a brightly burning ember and carefully placed it to one side of the hearth, all alone. Then he sat back in his chair, still silent. [9974502]

His host watched all of this in quiet contemplation. As the one lone ember’s flame flicked and diminished, there was a momentary glow, and its fire was no more. Soon, it was cold and dead. Not a word was spoken since the initial greeting. The Worshipful Master looked at his watch and chose this time to leave. He slowly stood up, picked up the cold, dead ember and placed it back in the middle of the fire. Immediately, it began to glow once more, with all the light and heat of the burning coals around it.

As the Worshipful Master reached the door to leave, his host said, with a tear running down his cheek, “Thank you so much for the fiery summons, my brother. I’ll be back in our lodge next meeting.” - Author unknown



Member in the Spotlight

By

Thomas L. Gaffney, 32° KCCH

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

William Scott Davis, 32°

LT of the Guard, Council of Kadosh



Brethren, for this month's Member Spotlight we are going to learn about Brother William Scott Davis, the newly appointed Lieutenant of the Guard in the Council of Kadosh line for 2024. Over the years, we have all seen Brother Davis around during reunions at the Masonic Temple, at Table Lodges, and in Scottish Rite and York Rite meetings and various degree activities. He is one of the those ubiquitous brothers who are always around, gets the stuff done that needs to be done, never says "No" and who you rarely hear from. I asked Brother Davis to share a little bit about himself. Brother Davis is of that rare species, "Colorado Native." He was born in Denver and attended Horizon High School and now resides in Northglenn.

Early on, and on his own, Brother Davis took up the study of Esoteric Philosophy and Gnosticism. Esoteric Philosophy is, essentially, the "Science of the Soul," and provides an insight into the synthetic nature of the energies and forces lying behind Man, Creation and the Phenomenal World. Gnosticism - from the Ancient Greek, meaning 'having knowledge' - is a collection of religious ideas and systems that coalesced in the late 1st century Anno Domini among Jewish and early Christian sects. These various groups emphasized personal spiritual knowledge (gnosis) above the proto-orthodox teachings, traditions, and authority of religious institutions. [8938979] Pretty heavy stuff, which I am sure Brother Davis would be happy to discuss and share with you.

After High School he pursued plumbing, and is now a journeyman plumber. Brother Davis was previously married, and altogether has three children, including two daughters, Skye and Bailey, from that marriage, and a son later on. The daughters are in their 20s and making their way in the world, which is all we can ask of them. Brother Davis also coaches baseball with his son, who he says will give him a year in DeMolay, starting next year, and hopefully, after that, many more years. Brother Davis also has a grandson, and any of us lucky enough to say that also know how special that is. It is said that grandchildren are our rewards and blessings in return for the trials we endure of parenting.

Brother Davis started his Masonic journey at a young age and from a great Masonic tradition. His father, grandfather, and great grandfather (and on back before them) were all Masons. What a lineage! Few of us can boast of such Masonic connections. His stepmother and her relations were also involved in Eastern Star, so his Masonic connections go up both sides of his family. His Masonic bonds are everywhere. Brother Davis says he "came home" later in his life at Englewood Lodge No. 166, where he served as Junior Warden and Senior Warden. He is also active in York Rite Masonry as well. He is a recent addition to Denver Royal Arch Chapter No. 2 and Denver's Colorado Commandery No. 1 (where, as the in-coming presiding officer for both bodies, I will try to insert him into the oh-so needy officer lines). Brother Davis's hobbies and interests include music, and "everything about Scottish Rite is my thing". He has been in the 14th and 7th degrees and is a stage co-manager for the reunion. Brother Davis is always found at the Scottish Rite reunions and most recently was in the 14th, 29th, and the 17th (Knight of the East and West) degrees. He is always ready to step up and help out any of the directors, for any of the degrees. Welcome to the Council of Kadosh line Brother Davis!



Special Birthdays

103 Years "YOUNG" !!!

Dan Duffer

90 Years "YOUNG"

George Brandt
Charles Riles Roberts

80 Years "YOUNG"

Robert Dale Mason
Larry D. Moline
Ronald Walter Soule
William Albert Stern
Robert Franklin Suggs

70 Years "YOUNG"

Raymond James Grimes
David Leroy Schachterle

50 Years "YOUNG?"

Robert William Juchem

Our January Youngster

Dillon Ray Brickhouse (32)

USELESS INFORMATION

The Most Unimportant Things You'll NEVER Need to Know (with apologies to Don Voorhees)

The first remote control - called "Lazy Bones" - was sold by Zenith in 1950. It was connected to the TV set by a wire.

The first show nationally televised in color was the 1954 New Year's Day Tournament of Roses Parade on NBC. By 1966, all new [11154111] network programs were broadcast in color.

Shakespeare has been credited with adding scores of sayings to the English Language, including:

All that glitters is not gold. (Merchant of Venice)

A pound of flesh. (Merchant of Venice)

A sorry sight. (Macbeth)

A spotless reputation. (Richard II)

Bated Breath (Merchant of Venice)

Brave new world. (Tempest)

Budge an Inch (Taming of the Shrew)

Eaten me out of house and home. (Henry IV)

Foregone conclusion. (Othello)

For goodness' sake. (Henry VII)

In my mind's eye. (Hamlet)

Knock, knock! Who's There? (Macbeth)

Let's kill all the lawyers. (Henry VI)

Method in the madness. (Hamlet)

Neither a borrower nor a lender be. (Hamlet)

Strange bedfellows. (Tempest)

The be all and end all. (Macbeth)

The better part of valor is discretion. (Henry IV)

Short shrift. (Richard III)

Pomp and Circumstance. (Othello)

The green-eyed monster. (Othello)

The milk of human kindness. (Macbeth)

In my heart of hearts. (Hamlet)

Full circle. (King Lear)

To thine own self be true. (Hamlet)

What's done is done. (Macbeth)

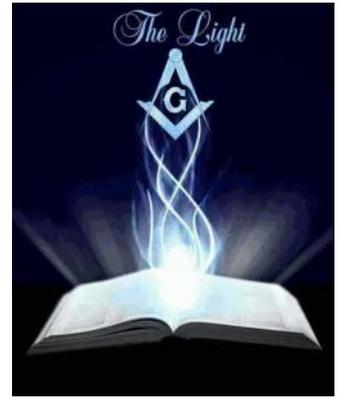




The Prelate's Pulpit

Rev. James H. Harris, 33°

Prelate for All Scottish Rite Bodies



At our December Stated Meeting, we were treated to an excellent program of “Christmas Music and More” featuring Eric McConnell. After the ladies departed, we held our Annual Officer elections conducted by Personal Representative Ron Birely. As we enter a new year some people make resolutions. [11129963] I always look at ways I can improve myself and at some things I need to let go of. I must have a strong faith as my Alzheimer’s progresses. However, I am going to keep a positive attitude and pray for the best. All of us should keep a positive attitude and walk on. I suggest you look up the song “Walk On” on YouTube.

I would like to share the following by Mother Theresa:

Life is an opportunity, benefit from it.

Life is a beauty, admire it.

Life is a dream, realize it.

Life is a challenge, meet it.

Life is a duty, complete it.

Life is a game, play it.

Life is a promise, fulfill it.

Life is a sorrow, overcome it.

Life is a song, sing it.

Life is a struggle, accept it.

Life is a tragedy, confront it.

Life is an adventure, dare it.

Life is luck, make it.

Life is too precious, do not destroy it.

My brothers, I thank you for your support.

I pray we all have a good year.

Happy New Year, and WALK ON!

Rev. Brother James H. Harris, 33°

Memorial Scroll

John Quincy Adams III, 32°	11/02/2023
James Clay Ashley, 32°	12/04/2022
Ronald Riggs Ball, 32°	11/23/2023
Richard Neal Brown, 32°	12/03/2023
James William Chandler, 32°	09/20/2023
Dee Ernest Clift, 32°	11/21/2023
Jerry Armon Cronk, 32°	06/03/2023
Eugene Virgil Doty, 32°	01/21/2023
Donald Robert Douglas, 33°	12/28/2023
Ronnie Carl Glover, 32°	11/25/2023
Michael Edward Hessel, 33°	11/27/2023
Glenn Lasater, 32°	12/30/2023
Rockley Roger Stene, 32° KCCH	12/28/2023
John F. Teegarden, 32°	07/15/2023



All Scottish Rite Masons in good standing are entitled to have a Rose Croix Funeral Service at the time of their passing. [11160593] Members should advise their families of their wishes to have this beautiful service. It is a very dignified service intended to help bring comfort to the family.

The current members of the Denver Consistory Rose Croix Funeral Team are:

Pablo Colombar, 32° KCCH - Chairman; Thomas W. Adair, 32°; Scott A. Bates, 33°; John H. Buchanan, 33°; Jerry L. Fenimore, 33° GC; Gregory F. Harris, 32° KCCH; M. Edward Johnson, 33° (emeritus); Richard W. Mitchell, 33°; Scott E. Olson, 32° KCCH; Matthew A. Raia, 33°; Thomas R. Repp, 32° KCCH; John A. Warren, 33°; Richard M. Wenzel III, 32° KCCH; and Benjamin F. Williams, 32° KCCH.

If you are interested in joining the Rose Croix Funeral Team and helping them, contact the office or Brother Pablo Colombar, 32° KCCH for more information.

100TH ANNIVERSARY CORNERSTONE

Location: 1370 Grant St
Date: July 20, 2024
Time: 1:30 PM – 7:00 PM
Host: Thomas Gaffney 32° KCCH

1:30PM – 2:30PM	Grand Lodge Cornerstone Ceremony,	NE Corner Consistory
2:00PM – 3:00 PM	Consistory doors open for attendees to tour <u>building</u> 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.



judi's house JAG Institute
For Grieving Children and Families



Beginning February 20th 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.



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4th Sunday, every Month, 8am – 11am



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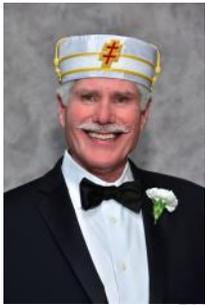
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