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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 [11113929] 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

December 2024

Fri, DEC 6	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (\$13—Fried Chicken)
Sat, DEC 7	10:00 a.m. - noon SR Foundation & Consistory Children's Holiday Party Parking Garage Available
Fri, DEC 13	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (\$13 - Bangers 'n' Mash)
Mon, DEC 16	Stated Meeting - Parking Garage Available 5:30 p.m. Red Room Business Meeting 6:00 p.m. Dinner - \$25 Reservations REQUIRED - Ham, Mashed Sweet Potatoes, Chocolate Cake; Member Appreciation Night; Ugly Sweater Night , Masonic Education 7:00 p.m. Entertainment 7:30 p.m. Split Meeting: Annual Election of Officers
Fri, DEC 20	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (\$13 - Soup & Sandwiches)
Sat, DEC 21	10:00 a.m. Wreaths Across America - Ft. Logan National Cemetery
Tues & Wed, DEC 24-25	Consistory CLOSED for Christmas Holiday
Fri, DEC 27	NO CONSISTORY LUNCH (Long Holiday Weekend)

January 2025

Wed, JAN 01	Consistory CLOSED for New Year's Holiday
Fri, JAN 03, 10, 17, 31	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (\$13 - Fried Chicken on JAN 3)
Sat, JAN 04	9:00-11:00 a.m. Consistory UN-Decorating Party (all members, officers, and wives are invited)
Mon, JAN 06	7:00 p.m. KSA Meeting in Lodge Room
Sat, JAN 18	8:00 a.m.-noon Officers' Breakfast and Installation Practice 6:00 p.m. KSA Burns Dinner (Whisky College @ 5:00 p.m.) Parking Garage Available
Mon, JAN 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 7:30 p.m. Split Meeting Annual Meetings of Corporations, Open Installation
Fri, JAN 24	NO CONSISTORY LUNCH—Grand Lodge Session

February 2025

Mon, FEB 03	7:00 p.m. KSA Meeting in Lodge Room
Fri, FEB 07, 14, 21, 28	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (\$13 - Fried Chicken on FEB 7)
Mon, FEB 17	Stated Meeting: Feast of Kadosh Parking Garage Available

Holiday Open House!

DATE: Saturday, December 7th 2024
TIME: 10:00 am to 12:00 noon
PLACE: Denver Consistory – Scottish Rite Masonic Center
1370 Grant Street
Denver, CO



Each year, the Scottish Rite Foundation and Children’s Hospital SPL department hosts a holiday party for the children. This event provides a wonderful opportunity for family members to come together, celebrate, and express their heartfelt appreciation to the representatives of the Foundation for their generous contributions.

Consistory members and your families are invited to arrive at any time between 10:00 am and 12:00 noon.

There will be a brief program to thank and acknowledge representatives of the Scottish Rite Foundation around 11:00. The open house will take place in the auditorium and dining room, which is wheelchair accessible. [11124752]

Parking will be available in the PERA lot behind the Consistory. Please **DO NOT** park in the spaces marked RESERVED.

This year, there will be activities for children that are individually packaged arts-n-crafts, and refreshments.

We hope you will join us for this special event!

EDITOR'S RESTLEBOARD



BY: **BILL HICKEY, 33°**

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The Burns Supper

My first exposure to a thing called a “Burns Supper” was when I was stationed in a small rural town in Scotland (Edzell). You see, Robert Burns was not just the poet laureate of Scotland, he was also the poet laureate of Freemasonry.

Now, for those of you who have attended our KSA Burns Suppers, with Brother Gordon Bell reciting the Address to a Haggis—you will wonder what he’s saying. Don’t fret. He’s from the Glasgow area, and even the Scots themselves don’t understand the Glaswegian accent.

Imagine being dropped into Scotland for a three year tour of service, being exposed to these wonderful and friendly people who are (ostensibly) speaking English—but you can’t understand what they are saying. [3877719] That Scottish brogue can be perplexing. But, it’s just the way they normally speak. If they really don’t want you to understand what they are saying, they will switch over to what is called “Broad Scots” or even Gaelic and you’ll never figure that language out.

Back to Burns. A Burns Supper is a celebration of the life and poetry of the poet Robert Burns (25 January 1759 – 21 July 1796), the author of many Scots poems. The suppers are normally held on or near the poet's birthday, 25 January, known as **Burns Night** (Scots: *Burns Nicht*; Scottish Gaelic: *Oidhche na Taigheise*) also called **Robert Burns Day** or **Rabbie Burns Day** (or **Robbie Burns Day** in Canada). However, in principle, celebrations may be held at any other time of the year. Burns suppers are held all around the world.

Burns suppers may be formal or informal. Both typically include haggis - think of it as a lamb sausage - (a traditional Scottish dish celebrated by Burns in [Address to a Haggis](#)), Scotch whisky and the recitation of Burns's poetry. Formal dinners are hosted by organizations such as universities, sporting clubs, Burns Clubs, the Freemasons or St. Andrew's Societies; they occasionally end with dancing or a [cèilidh](#) (pronounced “kay-lee” and is a traditional Scottish and Irish social gathering. In its most basic form, it simply means a social visit. In contemporary usage, it usually involves dancing and playing Gaelic folk music, either at a home or a larger concert at a social hall or other community gathering place.

My son-in-law Adam and I already have our reservations for the Whisky College—and we are two of a very small number who have “perfect attendance” in this “college” course for the past ~10 years!!! Be sure you get your reservations in early...seating IS limited (fire code).

Bill



From the Secretary's Desk

[Matt Raia, 33°](#)



CONSISTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Thursday 7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

COURAGE IS THE ABILITY TO LET GO OF THE FAMILIAR

Parking Permit Required - A Denver Consistory parking permit **MUST** be displayed on the lower left of your vehicle windshield. (Where the emission certificate is located.) Do not place the permit in a location other than the lower left of the windshield. If you park in the garage without a properly displayed parking permit you will receive a ticket. Denver Consistory cannot dismiss the ticket and we will not pay it. We do not own the garage; we do not control the parking, and we do not issue the tickets. Parking permits for members are available in the Consistory office.

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 Donald Emarine, 33°; Illustrious Brother Richard Frohlick, 33°; Illustrious Brother Jerry Lau, 33°; Brother Bill Achbach, 32° KCCH; Brother Jerry Edwards, 32° KCCH; Brother Benjamin Bridge, 32°; Brother Paul Chamberlin, 32°; Brother Bruce Hepp, 32°; Brother Dennis Johnson, 32°; Brother S. Logan Mathews, 32°; Brother Mike McMinimee, 32°; Brother John Rice, 32°; Denver Chapter #2 R.A.M.; 2024 Fall Reunion Class

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.

Who reads the RiteWorks Contest - The membership numbers published in the November RiteWorks belong to the following Brothers who were eligible to receive a free dinner for the November Stated Meeting: **James H. Stewart, Phillip R. Steel, Robert W. Steinbech, Steven E. Everitt, David C. Harris, Jacob R. MacGregor, Louie L. Singleton, Jr., Charles F. Shaeffer, Gary D. Meggison, and Thomas E. Rainboldt**. None of these brothers called to the office to claim their free dinner. Maybe this month's winners will see their membership number and call the office to claim their free dinner for the December Stated Meeting. [11154193]

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Fall Reunion - Our 62nd Reunion was held November 14-16, 2024. Welcome to our new 32° Masters of the Royal Secret. **Brothers Peter Longan, Elias Trzos, William Elsass, Stephen Bye, Michael Armstrong, Graves Broderick, John Clarkson, Terry Hartzell, Roger Lawley, Steven Schmidt, Mitchell Malone, Clayton Stokum, Zachary Kurtz, Jose Canales, and Joshua Dwer-nychuk.**

CONGRATULATIONS! To Eugene, our long time garage guard, who was recently married.

November 18th Stated Meeting - We had a wonderful Veterans Recognition program. (Illustrious Brother Wayne Arner, 33°, wore his Marine uniform!) We had a presentation by **Brother Lee Miller, 32° KCCH**, about the National Sojourners, and a presentation by **Brother Danny Tomlinson, 32° KCCH**, about the Rocky Mountain Honor Flight program. **Brother Tom Adair, 32°**, spoke to the ladies and guests about fingerprint identification and classification during their breakout meeting while we conducted our business meeting.

MEMBER APPRECIATION NIGHT DECEMBER 16th As a small token of appreciation for your support as a member of Denver Consistory, members attending dinner prior to the Stated Meeting will receive a discount on the price of their meal based upon the number of years they have been a member. If you prepaid for your dinner, you will receive a refund when you pick up your dinner ticket. (i.e. a 1 year member receives a 1% discount, 5 year member will receive a 5% discount, a 50 year member will receive a 50% discount, and so on.) **You MUST make a dinner reservation.**

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. [11150097] No refunds or credit will be given for prepaid dinners not used during the twelve-month period.

December 16th Stated Meeting will be our election of officers and the announcement of appointments for 2025.

WEAR YOUR UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER - At our December 13th Stated Meeting, you are encouraged to wear your ugly Christmas Sweater. I'm sure we'll see some "interesting" sweaters.

2025 MEMBERSHIP FEE INCREASE - The Denver Consistory membership fee will be \$140 effective January 1, 2025. Denver Consistory is not immune to the effects of inflation and the increased cost of doing business, which has necessitated the membership fee increase. \$140 is a real bargain for membership in Denver Consistory. Just \$0.38 per day. WOW! That's less than the cost of one cup of coffee. Isn't your Scottish Rite membership worth more to you

than a cup of coffee? 2025 membership fee notices have been mailed by the Supreme Council. Please pay your membership fee when you receive the notice, and not lay it aside and forget about it and then become delinquent. Please do your part to help sustain the operation of Denver Consistory by paying your membership fee. 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 Renewal Program

Supreme Council created and installed an auto-renewal program to pay annual membership fees. This is a completely voluntary program that gives our Members the option to have their membership fee automatically deducted using a credit or debit card through the online Membership Portal.

The automatic payment will occur in August annually for those who sign up for the program, and the payment will be applied to the following year. Members who sign up for the program will receive an email reminder a few days prior to the debiting of their credit or debit card. Supreme Council staff will mail a membership card to all enrollees directly from the House of the Temple approximately three weeks after the annual payments are processed. This program will give Members the option to avoid the end-of-the-year Masonic membership fee crunch as well as help ensure Members are always in good standing.

Life Memberships are an ideal way to avoid paying future dues increases. A Life Membership guarantees that you will never be suspended for nonpayment of dues 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 of dues because your Scottish Rite Membership is of little or 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

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

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 Scottish Rite Masonic Center.



Bill Achbach, 32° KCCH

Director of Education

What's Your Major?



Once a year, I like to devote some space to what's going on "officially" to promote information access and education in our Southern Jurisdiction. There are as many opportunities to pursue an education, in our *University of Freemasonry*, as there are Brethren to sit across a table from one another—sharing a quality libation or a good meal—discussing a book, a topic, an idea, or a vision for the Craft and for our wonderful Rite. But, if a man is looking for a jumping off place to begin a study, I suggest to you that there are few better places to start than the programs created and promoted by the Supreme Council.

Two quick comments will serve as "enter with eyes wide open" caveats for those who become interested in any of these offerings. First, as is true of any program, none of these are perfect, so expectations should be high but reasonable. In a blog or a podcast, for example, you may find yourself saying "I don't think that's right!" or "Why didn't they include _____?" As a former teacher, I'm also not a huge fan of some of the formatting of questions in *Master Craftsman*®. Nevertheless, I always come away with knowledge or insights I didn't have going in, **and** (when I do question something ... go figure...) the effort to find a correction makes me more knowledgeable than when I began ... no matter if I'm right or wrong! Also, please know that those who create these programs are very amenable to suggestions, so pass along your critiques!

My second point is that these productions are not designed for passive consumption! "Listen to a podcast ... DONE!" or "Do the lesson and submit the quiz ... DONE!" are not the best way to pursue a Masonic Education. There's value in that approach, **but** it's not the way to pursue a graduate degree! [10799007] Where you go with a theme or topic AFTER the basic work is done is the real learning experience. And (even better), if you watch, read, study, and respond in a group setting, the interaction with the Brothers involved alongside you makes all of it a truly enriching experience.

Podcasts:

[Scottish Rite Journal Podcast](#): A weekly podcast highlighting articles from past issues of the magazine.

[The Tylers Place](#): A collection of stories, lessons and interviews by Masons, for Masons, and about Masons.

Newsletters:

[Amicus Illuminismj](#): (Friend of the Enlightenment), is the free, digital, semi-annual newsletter for the House of the Temple's Library, Museum, Archives, and the Scottish Rite Journal.

[The Scottish Rite Journal](#): We're all familiar with the SJ's magazine/newsletter that's included with our annual dues payment, but did you know that it's available to read in digital form?

Public Social Media: SR SJ has an active presence on ...



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Master Craftsman:

I've devoted so much space to this program, over time, that I'll only mention several new offerings (all added since I last plugged the program here and to the May Reunion Class...

The Porch and the Middle Chamber-The Scottish Rite Blue Degrees:

The Scottish Rite of Freemasonry is a complete system of Masonic degrees from the 1st through the 32nd degrees. However, in the United States, the right to confer the first three degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry are reserved for Grand Lodges. Though around the world the "blue" degrees of the Scottish Rite are communicated more than any other, in the United States these degrees are all but unknown to most Masons.

In this course, students will be introduced to the Scottish Rite Blue degrees through the book Albert Pike's *The Porch & The Middle Chamber: The Book of The Lodge* (the 2023 major publication of the SRRS) by Arturo de Hoyos, 33° GC. Students will also explore the history of the development of these degrees, examine early American craft lodge rituals and read and study a complete monitor of the Scottish Rite Blue degrees as completed by Albert Pike.

The Ivory Key: For over 223 years, the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry has been fulfilling the promise of more light in Masonry. But with such a long and storied history, a well-defined central structure and a myriad of symbols and lessons to absorb, often a new Scottish Rite candidate can feel overwhelmed. This short course will help Scottish Rite Candidates and newly made Scottish Rite Masons get the most out of their Scottish Rite Reunion experience.

COST: If you are a Scottish Rite Candidate OR have received your 32° within 60 days of enrollment, the course is FREE. Existing Scottish Rite Masons: \$33

Candidates: Please write to membership@scottishrite.org OR contact your Valley Secretary for a promocode to access the course.

Monday Morning Masonry: The Lodge of Perfection Degrees-A weekly fun-quiz for subscribers of the Monday Morning Masonry email series (Ill. Maynard Edwards' always thought-provoking weekly kickoff).

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What's Your Major? - Continued from the previous page

The Scottish Rite Research Society: SRRS is truly one of the premier Masonic education and research organizations world-wide. Becoming a member not only furthers SRRS's important work but also automatically provides you an annual copy of the Society's annual *Heredom* collection of top-notch published papers, as well as another major publication. The 2023 offering was *The Porch and the Middle Chamber* (mentioned above) and 2024 is *Étienne Morin: From the French Rite to the Scottish Rite*. Good stuff!

The Masonic Book Club: The MBC has returned, after a decade of suspended activity. The current project is an annual offering, including new works and re-publication of past works. These are high-quality and high interest works, intended for serious study.

I truly hope that you find something useful here to further your journey in the Craft, and, as always, if I can be of any help or provide additional information, "my door is always open."

Bill

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November's Trivia Question: What is the Scottish Rite's association with ROTC and JROTC programs in the U.S.?

Answer: Congratulations and thanks to WB Juan Carlos Millan for submitting an excellent answer to this question. According to the Supreme Council's *Presenting the Scottish Rite, SJ, USA: A Quick-Reference Guide*, © 2017...

The JROTC and ROTC Education and Americanism Awards Program serves as a crucial component of the Scottish Rite's Americanism efforts. The program's goal and mission is to recognize one outstanding cadet from every JROTC and ROTC unit in the United States who demonstrates academic excellence, participation and achievement in extracurricular activities, and exceptional leadership qualities.

The award itself consists of a Scottish Rite medal and ribbon that are approved for wear on a cadet's ROTC or JROTC uniform and a citation suitable for framing. Since the program's inception in 1998, the Scottish Rite has awarded more than 7,500 medals, ribbons, and citations annually through 125 participating Scottish Rite Valleys.

Every member should have a copy of *Presenting the Scottish Rite, SJ USA*. This 74-page overview of the Rite contains a brief history and the organizational structure of the Scottish Rite, as well as some great info regarding where to go next [3844875] in learning about what we do and what we stand for. You can read & download the entire publication, to add to your library, [here](#).

This Month's Trivia Question (answer in next month's RiteWorks): What was the first paper published in the Scottish Rite Research Society's annual publication *Heredom*, who wrote it, and when was it published?



Member in the Spotlight

By Lee Miller, 32° KCCH

1st Lieutenant Commander
Colorado Council of Kadosh

Danny L. Tomlinson, 32° KCCH
Past Commander, Council of Kadosh



Brother Danny Tomlinson, 32° KCCH, and I have shared a lot of windshield time together traveling across the state and have spent even more time together sitting in various Masonic bodies, attending veteran's activities, and over a lot of meals. Of all the Masons I've been privileged to know, there are very few others who are as involved and passionate about everything Masonic. He's not just involved but does everything possible to make every group or activity better. But instead of complaining how busy he is, he describes his life as "I am blessed".

He's as close to a Colorado native as they come. His dad grew up on a farm in Arkansas, and the family lived there until Brother Danny was 5. He had contracted osteomyelitis – an infection deep in the bones - and his family made the move to Colorado because of Children's Hospital here. Brother Danny ended up staying in Children's Hospital for a year where he befriended another young man who was in the hospital with paraplegia from polio. Their families became friends, and the Tomlinson family made frequent trips up to Idaho Springs to visit Brother Danny's friend and his family.

When Brother Danny was 10, his parents bought Gamble's store in Idaho Springs but continued to drive from Denver every day until he graduated 6th grade. They moved into the mountains that same weekend, and on Monday Brother Danny made his first friend in Idaho Springs. He told me the story. [10795261] "My mother dropped me off at the Elk's-sponsored youth baseball team, and I stood around by myself while all the boys talked to each other. One of those boys walked up to me and introduced himself. He asked if I wanted to play ball with them, and introduced me to the other guys." That was Brother Jim Thomas, 32°. They've been friends now for 69 years.

His parents bought the old Catholic church in Idaho Springs, built in 1888, and his father spent half a year converting the church into two apartments while they lived in the rectory. Years later after Brother Danny retired, he and his wife Amy ended up moving back into that same house where they still live today.

After graduating from Idaho Springs High School, Brother Danny won a \$250 scholarship to the School of Mines and a \$50 scholarship from the Elk's Club. He started at the School of Mines but decided to become a business major instead and left to attend UNC in Greeley. After graduation, he received a scholarship to DU for the MBA program. Shortly after that his plans changed dramatically. A neighbor who ran the local draft board called to warn him that the military had ended deferments for both married and for graduate students, and to

quickly find a recruiter before he was drafted.

He had just married his high school sweetheart, and a week later enlisted in the Navy. During boot camp, he applied for officer's candidate school and in September of 1969 was commissioned as an Ensign, and promptly went to the damage control officer program. After completing the program, Brother Danny was assigned to the USS Kilauea as a damage control officer and eventually learned to drive the ship. They deployed a few months later, eventually pulling duty off the coast of Vietnam for 6-8 weeks at a time before returning to their home in Subic Bay. He described the Kilauea as an ammunition store that also sold fuel and other things. Their primary mission was to offload heavy ammunition to other ships, no matter how bad the seas and weather. Brother Danny finally decided to leave the Navy after he had spent 27 of the previous 30 months on those deployments – often spending time watching Agent Orange dumped liberally on vegetation near the shoreline.

Brother Danny and his wife and son decided to move back to Colorado from San Deigo. His first job was with Mountain Bell in Boulder, where he did “odd jobs” until he got promoted. He soon met a lobbyist working there and in short order, became a lobbyist himself. During this time, he ended up divorced and his son moved in with him.

It was a fluke how he met his wonderful wife Amy. He had been set up on a date with another Mountain Bell employee but said they didn't hit it off romantically. Then the two of them worked together on a fundraiser and won as first prize a 3 week trip to Europe. They took the trip but remained strictly platonic. When they got back to Denver, she called a friend of hers to pick them up from the airport. That friend was Amy. He told me “That friend came and got us but she spent the entire drive complaining about her boyfriend. I told her ‘Why don't you just dump him?’. A few days later she did, and called me.” Brother Danny eventually decided to leave Mountain Bell after lobbying for 10 years, and married Amy the next day. That was 36 years ago. After their honeymoon Brother Danny ended up working for a lawyer who was starting up a new lobbying company. He lobbied for a wide range of companies for the next 40 years.

He began his Masonic career by joining DeMolay when he and Brother Jim Thomas were 10 years old. He eventually aged out after holding a number of offices. He petitioned Idaho Springs Lodge, where his father proudly raised him not many months after. Like so many new Masons, family and work got in the way of Masonry and he stopped attending Lodge after a few meetings. “But when I retired, I went full-bore into Masonry”. That's an understatement.

Brother Danny is a Past Master of Idaho Springs No. 26, of Central No. 6 three times, and is the outgoing Master of Black Hawk No. 11. He's also a member of LN Greenleaf No. 169, Harmony No. 61, and Denver No. 5. He was awarded “Master of the Year” in 2021. He went through all three York Rite summer festivals in 2016 and has been the presiding officer in all the mountain York Rite bodies. I was pleased to appoint him to the Grand Cryptic Council line this year as the Illustrious Grand Captain of the Guard. He's a member of AMD, National Sojourners, Heroes of '76, Kincorra Council Knight Masons, El Jebel Shrine, El Jebel Legion of Honor, DeMolay Legion of Honor, Holy Royal Arch Knight Masons, KYCH, Red Cross of Constantine, St. Bernard Commandery, and the Grand Master's Club. He's also a past or current

presiding officer in many of those bodies. Lucky for him Amy is very understanding.

There's more than Masonry in Brother Danny's life. If there's a charity event or a Veteran's event, Brother Danny is involved. He's a member, chairman, or past chairman of a staggering amount of other organizations: the 2000 Rotary Club, the Elk's where he is a 55 year member, co-chair of the Clear Creek County Veteran's Coalition, Wreaths Across America, the Idaho Springs Historical Society, Historic Georgetown, Clear Creek County Sportsman's Club, and the Vietnam Veteran's Association. The Quilts of Valor recently honored him with a quilt. He went on his first Honor Flight as a veteran a few years ago and has since completed 6 Honor Flights as a guardian and was featured this Veterans Day on Channel 9. He organizes patriotic parades in Idaho Springs. He's an award-winning photojournalist for the Weekly Call-Times in Central City, and is the "default guy" for everything at both the Central City Masonic cemetery and the Alvarado cemetery in Georgetown. You'd think he's an employee of Marion's, a small restaurant in Idaho Springs. He's usually there eating breakfast when they open, and I've watched him walk back, get the coffee pot, and offer refills to everyone there while chatting them up.

His other passion is Jeeping in the mountains. When he was kid, his father bought a surplus Army jeep and completely restored it. "I learned to drive in it when I was 12 years old, on old backwoods roads," he told me. One day, he and Amy were out at about 12,500 feet in a new Jeep when they spotted a couple hiking. They seemed to be struggling at altitude. Amy asked "Why are they hiking?" That was the inspiration for the license plates on one of his Jeeps, "Y HIKE". A few years later he started an informal Jeeping club, and welcomes anyone in with a 4-wheel drive vehicle to go with them on their frequent day trips in the mountains.

If you've spent any time with Brother Danny, you realize he makes friends with everyone. He stops to talk to complete strangers wherever he is and remembers their name and life story. The wait staff and managers at almost everywhere he eats frequently all know him by name, and there's probably not a business owner in Idaho Springs, Central City, and Georgetown he doesn't know. Anytime he mentions them, he invariably precedes their name with "my good friend". One of my favorite Danny-ism is "There are no strangers in the mountains, only good friends you haven't met." Once you meet Danny, you'll also be his friend.

Brothers are like stars; you may not always see them, but you know they're always there.

We must learn to live together as brothers or perish together as fools.

Help your brother's boat across, and your own will reach the shore.

Once a brother, always a brother, no matter the distance, no matter the difference and no matter the issue.

True brotherhood is a badge of honor that shines brightest in our actions and words.

The term "Brotherhood" originated in the Middle Ages as a way for tradesmen to organize and support each other.

To the members of Denver Consistory,

We would like to express our greatest gratitude in your donations made at the donut table to Bethel #40 during the Reunion.

Your support means so much to us, and your donations go to our general operating fund, ensuring our Daughters have the resources they need to continue their journey in Job's Daughters.

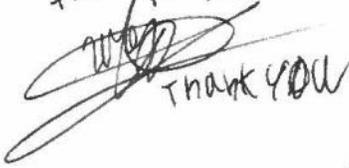
We look forward to continuing our partnership at future Reunions.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Bethel #40

Colorado Job's Daughters

Lauren Tolar

thank you for the support

THANK YOU

Angela & Richard Tolar

Thank you so very much the girls love it and really thank you for all the support!
Crystal

Maya Findley
Mays Hughes - Princess #40

Thank you so much! We appreciate your support!
Urbani Bethel Haurdian

We appreciate your support!
Kin Fairchild Deputy

Thank you so much for donating! much appreciated
G BHA Mary
Thank you
Shady Hughes
PKS #1
Bethel #40 Treasurer

Thank you so much!
Molly Anderson
Director of Epochs
Isabelle Tolar

Thanks!
Lula Ellsworth
Guardian Secretary

Jorjie & Richard Hughes-Findley



The Rocky Mountain Honor Flight (RMHF)

Any veterans reading this today? Thank you for your service, Brother, and welcome home!

- ◆ RMHF is a member of the Honor Flight network which was founded in 2006 to honor military veterans with all-expense paid trips to Washington, D.C. to visit monuments and memorials erected to honor their service and sacrifices.
- ◆ There are 126 “hubs” in 44 states from which flights originate. Each hub is autonomous and is governed by a board of directors responsible for fundraising, flight scheduling, flight logistics, volunteer recruiting, etc.
- ◆ RMHF was founded in 2007 and received its 501(c)(3) designation from the IRS in 2009. We rely solely on donations and corporate grants for our funding.
- ◆ We have a thirteen member Board of Directors who oversee daily operations of the hub. Board members are volunteers and receive no compensation for their service. Brother Danny Tomlinson is a newly appointed Board Member of the RMHF.
- ◆ Since formation, RMHF has provided 49 trips to Washington, D.C. serving approximately 1,350 deserving Veterans. Trips are scheduled 4 times per year, typically in April, May, September, and October. Each trip costs approximately \$65,000.
- ◆ Each trip is a three day, two night event and consists of 30 veterans and 24 volunteer Guardians/staff.
 - ◆ Included in the staff are a minimum of 3 medical personnel (doctors, RNs, paramedics). Guardians and RMHF staff pay a fee [9903311] to go on the trip (\$500)
 - ◆ We fly commercially with Southwest airlines, who are big supporters of our Veterans, and their employees always give us a great send-off and reception at the airports, and they provide us with first-on boarding and access to the first 9 rows of the aircraft. In appreciation for the understanding of passengers allowing us to board first, we wait to deplane until all other passengers have been allowed to depart the aircraft.
- ◆ We typically limit family members to participate as Guardians. Guardians are on the trip to ‘work’ and are expected to give their attention to all Veterans. Family members will often focus on their relative and overlook the need to interact with other Veterans.
- ◆ Veterans are selected for our flights based on the era of their service, in the following priority order:
 - ◆ WWII, Korean War, Vietnam War
 - ◆ Eventually, we will include those who have served in the wars in the Middle-East.
 - ◆ The exception to this order is that any Veteran diagnosed with a terminal illness, but still able to travel, goes to the top of the waiting list.

We urge those of you that are veterans and qualify based on your years in service, to apply by going to <https://rockymountainhonorflight.org>. At that website, you will see three buttons—one is “Take a Flight” to apply as a veteran, the next is “Volunteer” to apply as a Guardian. You do not need to be a veteran to serve as a Guardian, but you do need to be physically able to push a wheelchair, carry bags, etc. The Guardians are really the “workers” on the flights. Several of our Brothers have served as Guardians and a few have gone on the Flights as Honored Veterans.

The third button is to “Donate.” RMHF is funded entirely through the generosity of our donors and supporters. We receive no governmental funding. We will be holding a fund-raising telethon with 9News in April, 2025 and will be asking for volunteers to help man the phones. The Masonic Brothers of Colorado have traditionally turned out to help with the telethon and that is greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions about the Rocky Mountain Honor Flight, please reach out to Brother Danny Tomlinson at dtomlinson@msn.com or (303) 638-659. Photos in this issue of RiteWorks are from the October 2024 Honor Flight—Mission #49.



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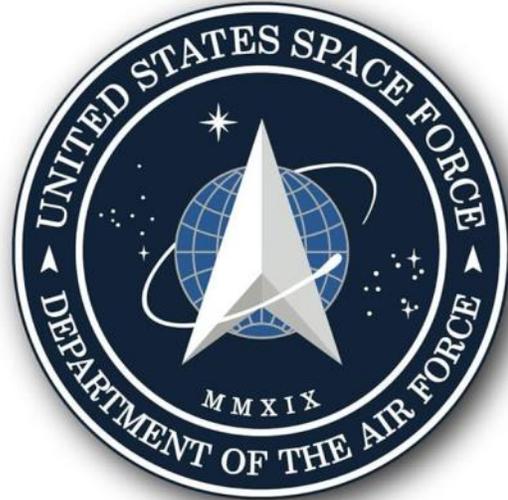
Joseph Robert Beaton
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40 Years "OLD"

Sean Daniel McCann

Our December Youngster

Colin Nickolas Hause (33)



United States Space Force

December 20, 2019

The U.S. Space Force was established on Dec. 20, 2019, creating the first new branch of the armed services since 1947. The establishment of the USSF resulted from widespread recognition that space is a national security imperative. When combined with the growing threat posed by strategic competitors in space, it became clear that there was a need for a military service focused solely on pursuing superiority in the space domain.

While the Space Force is the newest service, the Department of Defense has been working in the space domain since the beginning of space exploration. The Space Force consolidates satellite acquisition, budget and workforce from across more than 60 different organizations into a unified, efficient, effective service for space operations.

Investments in space capabilities have increased the effectiveness of operations in every other domain. The U.S. military is faster, better connected, more informed, more precise and more lethal because of its ability to harness space effectively. The same premise — that space is critical — holds true for the average American: Space capabilities are woven into the fabric of daily life. Satellites connect people in every corner of the globe from monitoring weather patterns to carrying television broadcasts. They also provide the positioning, navigation and timing of the GPS constellation that powers global financial networks, enable international commerce, synchronize cell phone networks and optimize critical infrastructure systems. Access to, and freedom to operate in space, underpins our national security and economic prosperity. Yet, potential adversaries are seeking ways to deny the U.S. access to the space capabilities that are fundamental to both warfighting and our modern way of life. These adversaries have developed an array of threats — both on Earth and in orbit — that continue to grow in scope, scale and complexity. The military and civilian Guardians who work for the Space Force protect and defend American interests in space to ensure that our forces, our allies and our people have the ability to harness space whenever and wherever they need it.



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Dinner: 6:00pm

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\$60 - Adult (13 and over)

Prepaid online reservations required

Whisky College: 5:00pm

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THE PHILAETHES SOCIETY

2025 Annual Assembly & Banquet

**97th Annual Assembly of the Philaethes Society
Saturday, February 8th, 2025, 10:30 a.m.
Hyatt Regency Crystal City Hotel, Arlington, Virginia**

The Annual Assembly of the Philaethes Society will be held on Saturday, February 8th, 2025, at 10:30 a.m. The meeting agenda includes annual reports from the Officers and the consideration of all matters which may lawfully come before it. The meeting is open to every Masonic Week attendee. All members of the Philaethes Society in good standing (dues current for 2025) are considered voting members.

**Philaethes Society Banquet
Friday, February 7th, 2025, 7:00 p.m.
Hyatt Regency Crystal City Hotel, Arlington, Virginia**

The Philaethes Society will host the Friday night banquet during Masonic Week 2025. The featured speaker will be Billy J. Hamilton, Jr., Past Master of the Texas Lodge of Research. His topic will be "The Victorian Innovators."

Brother Hamilton will focus on Kenneth R. H. Mackenzie and his influential correspondence circle, including Major Frances George Irwin, John Yarker, and William Wynn Westcott. The title is inspired by J. Ray Shute and his own circle of innovators, who would later play a similar role in American Freemasonry. We will examine their friendships, alliances, and conflicts in their own words through their personal correspondence. He will also discuss the diverse degrees and rites they worked on, from those accepted in mainstream Masonry today, such as S.R.I.A., the Red Branch of Eri, and the Red Cross of Constantine, to those now considered clandestine, including the Primitive Rite and Sat B'Hai.

The banquet is open to all Masonic Week attendees and their guests. Tickets are \$60 and must be reserved at the Masonic Week 2025 website:

Masonic Week Website

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What is Masonic Week?

While active since 1932, the annual event known as Masonic Week first convened in Washington, D.C., on February 21, 1938. Since then, it has met continuously in the Washington D.C. metro area nearly every year. The event brings together several small and invitational orders of Freemasonry that host their annual meeting and other events during the week. Several of these organizations provide representatives to the planning committee which oversees the arrangements and schedule. Being the largest of the organizations, the Grand Council of the Allied Masonic Degrees of the United States of America has served as the lead organizer since the inception of the event.

[Masonic Week 2025](#)

February 5th to 9th, 2025 at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City in Arlington, Virginia

[Registration Information](#)

All Masons attending any event during Masonic Week must complete and submit the Registration Form. Meal tickets may also be reserved and purchased using the same Registration Form.

The deadline for meal reservations is Sunday, February 2, 2025, at 5 PM Eastern Time.

After that date, additional meals may be purchased in-person at the Masonic Week registration desk. A surcharge of 25% per meal will be charged for in-person registrations.

[Hotel Information](#)

The Conference Hotel is the Hyatt Regency Crystal City — 2799 Richmond Hwy, Arlington, Virginia 22202 Room block: Monday, February 3rd – Monday, February 10th, 2025.

The deadline for hotel reservations is Monday, January 13th, 2025.

The House of the Temple will be open on Friday, February 7, from 10 AM to 4 PM.

The George Washington Masonic National Memorial will be open from Thursday, February 6, to Sunday, February 9, from 9 AM to 5 PM.





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