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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 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.**

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.

PLANNING CALENDAR

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 07)
Mon, FEB 17 **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 (Presidents Day, Valentine's Day)
7:30 p.m. Split Meeting (Almoner & Life Membership reports to CLOP)
5 min oration by Orator, CLOP

March 2025

Mon, MAR 03 7:00 p.m. KSA Meeting in Lodge Room
Fri, MAR 07, 14, 21, 28 11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (\$13 - Fried Chicken on MAR 07)
Thu, MAR 13 7:00 p.m. Degree Council Meeting
Mon, MAR 17 **Stated Meeting: Sports Team Shirt Night**
Parking Garage Available
5:30 p.m. Red Room Business Meeting
6:00 p.m. Dinner
7:00 p.m. Awards & Announcements; Past Presiding Officer Recognition
7:30 p.m. Split Meeting; 5 min oration by Orator, Rose Croix
Sat, MAR 29 9:00-11:00 a.m. KSA Spring Cleanup

April 2025

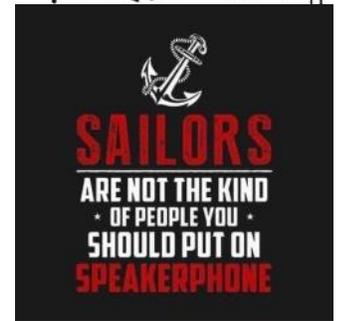
Fri, APR 04, 11, 18, 25 11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (\$13 - Fried Chicken on APR 04)
Mon, APR 07 7:00 p.m. KSA Meeting in Lodge Room
Sun, APR 20 5:30 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service (Knights Templar Association)
Parking Garage Available
Mon, APR 21 **Stated Meeting - Parking Garage Available**
5:30 p.m. Red Room Business Meeting
6:00 p.m. Dinner
7:00 p.m. Awards and Announcements
Celebration of Remembrance and Renewal
Thu-Sat, Apr 24-26 Southern Colorado Consistory Spring Reunion

EDITOR'S WRESTLEBOARD



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Old Age Ain't For Sissies



I distinctly remember being 19 years old (1966), being in college, and looking at my dad—who at the time was 55—and thinking “the old man has one foot in the grave and the other is slipping on pretty thin ice.

Fast forward many years now. I’m 77 heading for 78 in mid 2025, and I’ve outlasted my dad by 9 years and his dad by 20+ years—the marvels of modern medicine I suppose. I hit 55 and thought back, “I’m not sure why I thought 55 was “old” - I felt pretty good.

Well, time changes a lot of things. As I get older, I find that I get injured (tweaked my back, pulled muscles, tried—unsuccessfully—to cut the tip of my left index finger off with a table saw—ER doc sewed it back on, bone-on-bone knees, you get the idea) and it takes a lot longer for my body to heal up. In other words, I’m not 21 anymore. RATS!

My late wife used to do all sorts of needlework when she was still able to do so. Her mother lived with us for a few years before she died, and my wife made her a cross-stitch of an older gray-haired woman in a sweat suit, on a treadmill, jogging—and sweating. The caption was “Old Age Ain’t For Sissies.” I can now relate.

BUT ... at the same time, as a retiree, I get to spend more time with my grandchildren, my daughters, and my Brothers and friends ... these are times that I cherish because they help me forget all the minor aches and pains that seem to come from nowhere when least expected. Yeah, some of them can be doozies, but mostly they’re just annoying.

As a former masseuse I had (who was a Recon Marine) once said, “Pain is just a case of mind over matter. If you don’t mind, it don’t matter.”

BUT ... there are “those days” when everything colludes and conspires to make your life “interesting” - which is what happened to me in January—I couldn’t safely walk and drive or negotiate stairs. I’m happy to report that PT (physical therapy), chiropractors, hot tub, massages and swimming have all helped resolve (at least temporarily, but more permanently I sincerely hope).

Meanwhile, back at the ranch, I continue to unpack boxes and try to give this new home its own personality. It will take some time—after all, I’m not 21 any more, so I don’t lift heavy boxes like I used to and I’m still trying to stuff 10 pounds into a 5 pound bag. It’s a challenge.

NEW SUBJECT: AI. BE WARY and BE ULTRA CAREFUL. AI is beginning to permeate just about everything you have that uses technology—they’re trying to “help” you. Sort of like “We’re from the federal government and we’re here to help you” - yeah, not so much. These AI bots are getting REALLY sophisticated and VERY GOOD at looking like the “real thing” - hiding the flaw(s) that used to be telltales from a casual review. You need to be VERY detail-oriented and alert all the time now. No more simple grammar rule violations, no more spelling problems. Even the logos look solid. CAVEAT EMPTOR Brothers.

S&F, *Bill*



From the Secretary's Desk

[Matt Raia, 33°](#)



CONSISTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Thursday 7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

LAUGHTER IS THE SHORTEST DISTANCE BETWEEN TWO PEOPLE.

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.

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 Joe Kier, 33°; Illustrious Brother Jim Schneider, 33°; Brother Tony Clark, 32° KCCH; Brother Jerry Edwards, 32° KCCH; Brother Joe Mitchell, 32° KCCH; Brother Mike Tims, 32° KCCH; Brother Kenneth Norris, 32°; Brother Greg Tabberer, 32°; Brother Kevin Trabert, 32°; Brother Todd Warburton, 32°; and the Centennial Lodge of Perfection.

January 20th Stated Meeting - Our January Stated Meeting consisted of annual reports of the Scottish Rite Masonic Center, Scottish Rite Properties, The Scottish Rite Cathedral Association, and the Centennial Lodge of Perfection, followed by the public installation of officers conducted by the Illustrious and Most Worshipful Karl Hinkle, 33°, Deputy of the Supreme Council. Congratulations to our newly installed officers for 2025.

Annual Burns Supper - The Annual KSA Burns Supper was held on January 18th. It was a fun evening of entertainment, good food, and fellowship enjoyed by all in attendance.

Stated Meeting of February 17th - During the business portion of the meeting, we will have the annual reports of the Life Membership Fund, Almoner, and SRMC Endowment Fund. Brother Tony Clark, 32° KCCH, Orator of the Centennial Lodge of Perfection, will give his oration.

Spring Reunion May 8, 9, 10, 2025 - We need petitions! Brothers, turn in the petitions as soon as you receive them. Do not wait until the April 21st Stated Meeting. Use the Electronic Petition to expedite the process. When the candidate completes the electronic petition, it is automatically sent to the Denver Consistory office.

DENVER CONSISTORY PETITION FOR MEMBERSHIP



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 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.



QUEENS AWARD 2025 ROSE BOWL PARADE

We are thrilled to share that Shriners Children's proudly participated in the 136th Rose Parade on New Year's Day. The stunning float was adorned with 36,500 flowers. Thank you to the hundreds of volunteers, including Shriners and spouses, who spent countless hours decorating our float. The float's theme, Hope Shines On , captures the transformative power of the care we provide at Shriners Children's, inspiring our patients to dream of a bright, joyful future full of endless opportunities.



The float riders include Shriners Children's patients Paige, Grayson, Alec and Kaleb as well as leadership from Shriners International and Shriners Children's - Richard G. Burke, Imperial Potentate and Leslie D. Stewart, M.D., Chairman, Board of Trustees - and other guests.





Jered Minter, 32° KCCH
2025 Venerable Master
Centennial Lodge of Perfection



I feel blessed brothers! Yesterday, I was installed as the Venerable Master of the Lodge and had a few moments to address the brothers and guests in attendance. Looking out into the room, I felt humbled by the men before me. So many good friends, both in the room and in my heart. What an honor to serve the Scottish Rite alongside such wonderful men and to continue the legacy established by the esteemed brothers who served before. There were smiles of mentors, friends, and brothers all. I imagined what it must have been like when all those seats were full. I saw Jack, Wes, Roy, Warren, Keith, LeRoy, Jason, and so many others in those empty seats. I could not help but feel uplifted by the warm smiles received and the knowledge that we are here for a common purpose.

I truly hope and intend to serve the fraternity to the best of my abilities, and I commit to being available to listen, discuss, and strategize with you about the past, present, and future of our beloved Lodge. Together we can dream, plan, and act with purpose to improve our Lodge, Fraternity, and Communities.

During the ensuing year the Lodge line intends to help strengthen the fraternity by increasing the value we provide to the members, their families, and our community. We want to elevate the experience of being a Scottish Rite Mason. This year the Lodge line will work closely with the Consistory line to improve how we present the Feast of Tishri. We intend to present the full version, with a feast, in a closed meeting as outlined in the Scottish Rite Ritual Monitor and Guide. We also intend to elevate the Ladies Luncheon event. We are exploring a change in the venue and program. Please keep an eye out for a save-the-date in the near future. This is a very important opportunity for us to say “thank you” to those we hold dearest, by showing them a fun and entertaining time, and to offer the widows of our passed brothers a chance to get together.

Along with elevating these programs, the Lodge line also commits to offering our leadership and experience with business operations (per our charge). Financially speaking, the Valley of Denver is in excellent hands. The Executive Committee, Treasurer, Secretary, and members of the Finance Committee operate efficiently and with a steady hand. In this regard, I would particularly like to thank Illustrious Brother Bart Corfee, 33° for his leadership both as Venerable Master last year and also for his ongoing leadership as Chairman of the Finance Committee. His depth of knowledge and experience coupled with wisdom is a wonderful gift to the Lodge. Thank you Bart for all you do for the Fraternity!

Brothers, I am truly grateful for the opportunity to serve with you. Thanks again and please be well. May the Grand Architect of the Universe bless you and your families.



Bill Achbach, 32° KCCH

Director of Education

Gee ... Where Have I Heard That Before?



A quick piece of housekeeping:

I am honored to serve, in 2025, as Master of Kadosh for the Denver Consistory. At the installation ceremony on January 20, I was pleased to announce one part of our program plans for this year, and I invite all Scottish Rite Masons to “save the date” and **invite their Blue Lodge Brethren to be with us** to welcome Masonic author and commentator Christopher Hodapp (*Freemasons for Dummies...Solomon’s Builders...*) to Denver Consistory. You’ll find a flyer describing the event (other details soon forthcoming) elsewhere in this edition of *Rite Works*.

Gee...Where have I heard that before...?

Just after the New Year, Jana and I finally sat down and streamed the rededication ceremony of Notre Dame de Paris, which took place on December 7, 2024. We visited Paris and toured Notre Dame in 2010, and both of us remember the over-850-year-old cathedral as “impressive, beautiful, but dark, dirty and very much in need of a facelift.” Of course, it was that very renovation effort that served as the backdrop for the devastating fire in April 2019.

I don’t necessarily recommend the show we watched as entertainment, because the first half is mostly pretty bland coverage of arriving guests and dignitaries. But I am glad that we watched this [France24 production](#), via YouTube, because of a short piece of commentary that triggered this article. The anchor for this over three-and-a-half-hour show was a *France24* (basically the equivalent of our PBS) personality, hosting a panel of several experts, each with a different perspective on the restoration and rededication. The other members were Jean (John) Duchesne (Special Advisor to the Archbishop of Paris), Bertrand D’Alemane (Founder of “My Private Paris” a boutique tourist guiding firm) and Kethevane Gorjestani (*France24*’s International Affairs Editor). The panel provided commentary on the arrival of dignitaries, on the finer points of the rededication ceremonies, and served to tie in the comments from several guests (Andrew Yarrow, a journalist and historian; John David, Master Mason at York Minster (York Cathedral) in Britain), et al.)

All of that just to set the stage, really, for a very brief bit of commentary that came late in the program. In the show’s final minutes, discussion turned to the restoration work and the commitment of those who worked on the project, including an American carpenter named Robert DuBois. DuBois, of French Huguenot (Protestant) lineage, went to Paris expecting the work to be mainly an item to “bolster his CV (resumé).” But, within a week, he found himself completely “transformed by the energy and the beauty” of the work.

This prompted what I found to be an inspiring (and rather “Masonic”) comment from Jean

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Duchesne. He observed that, because of restrictions on worksite access (largely due to the toxic lead that covered the site) workers found themselves having to do even the most routine tasks together. They ate together and socialized together ... eventually forming their own recreational groups and even a choir that performed in the rededication ceremonies. It was his remarks on this that set me thinking not only about the recent restoration of Notre Dame de Paris but, of course, also about the work of operative workers on the site 850 years ago:

*When you work on something so big ... so beautiful ... so old ... it cannot be a personal affair ... a personal business. It is something that you quickly realize you can only participate in if you are part of a team. That's not only a team with a specific goal, but something that presupposes ... requires really ... a personal link to others ... to friends ... better to colleagues ... to people you work with. And you come to like them ... you come love them, because you work with them [i.e., on something so engaging and emotionally meaningful. Bill] ... and it's **not** the other way around. You would **like** to work with people you love, but, in this case, you learn to love them **because** you work with them. [Emphasis mine ... Bill]*

That description of the restoration job site hit me immediately! Where have we all heard a similar description of working conditions? The answer, of course, is “in what we know of the operative masons and other workers, as they built those beautiful edifices hundreds of years ago”: the Lodges, where they ate, slept, and lived together and from which they went out to work each day on what we still see today as veritable “miracles” of the builders’ art!

The panel’s discussion even touched upon the role of the Companions of Duty ([Les Compagnons du Devoir](#)) and their role in the restoration. Because French authorities decided so quickly after the fire to steer clear of most modern touches in the work, the project needed artisans skilled in trades little-changed from medieval times. Les Compagnons du Devoir sent many skilled craftsmen and women to the site: especially to work on the extremely challenging rebuilding of the massive timber “forest” that supports Notre Dame’s roof. The work on Notre Dame, commented one panel member, “will be felt for forty years” in the practice of these trades.

For Scottish Rite Masons, it is especially interesting that those who are accepted as apprentices with Les Compagnons are referred to as “Aspirants.” “After an official ceremony known as ‘Reception,’ the Aspirant becomes a ‘Traveling Companion.’ For one or two years more, he undertakes a journey, from one site to another, (called the “Tour de France” ... not to be confused with the cycling competition), as his skills grow and he coaches his youngest colleagues. Finally, the ‘Traveling Companion’ sets up roots somewhere, and he becomes a ‘Sedentary Companion.’¹

Is it any wonder that workers under such conditions—forced centuries ago by the realities of their time and more recently, at Notre Dame, by the dangers of the project—would develop bonds with their fellows that transcended the workplace? We now are the heirs of their experience: the realization that the work in which they were engaged was larger than themselves; that it was, and is still, a profound metaphor for the building of a virtuous life! Their reliance on those with whom they lived and worked each day became then, and is still today, the basis for a brotherhood as real as a bond of blood relation.

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The more that things are different, the more they are the same!

¹ <https://worldinparis.com/compagnons-du-devoir>

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Last Month's Trivia Question: What was the first paper published in the Scottish Rite Research Society's annual publication *Heredom*, who wrote it, and when was it published?

Answer: Volume 1 of *Heredom* went out to members of the Scottish Rite Research Society (founded in 1991) in 1992. The first paper published in Volume 1 was *Why 33?* by Ill. S. Brent Morris and Ill. Arturo de Hoyos. The paper is now the basis of a course, with the same title, in the Master Craftsman® Online College and Leadership Academy.

This Month's Trivia Question (answer in next month's Rite Works): What is the function of Memorial Lodges (currently four in number) under the jurisdiction of the M.:W.: Grand Lodge of Colorado, A.F.&A.M.?



A "Brief" History of Colorado's Masonic Heritage

First Recorded Lodge - 1859

Grand Lodge Founded - 1861

Warrants from Kansas

Kansas' Warrants were from Missouri, GL founded in 1856

Missouri's Warrants were from Pennsylvania, GL founded in 1821

Pennsylvania's Warrants were from England

First Recorded Lodge in 1731

Provincial Grand Lodge in 1731

Provincial Grand Lodge (Antients) in 1761

Independent Grand Lodge 1786

Presidents of the United States Who Were Freemasons

George Washington, James Monroe, Andrew Jackson, James K. Polk, James Buchanan, Andrew Johnson, James A. Garfield, Theodore Roosevelt, William H. Taft, Warren G. Harding, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Harry S. Truman, Lyndon B. Johnson*, and Gerald R. Ford.

(LBJ only took the 1st degree and is thus not technically considered a "Mason". He intended to complete his journey, but duties as a member of Congress and later Vice President and President precluded him from advancing. It does not explain why he might not have pursued the craft after leaving politics though.)

Information from Pick & Knight "The Pocket History of Freemasonry" 6th ed. 1977



Member in the Spotlight By Jeremy DeBard, 32° KCCH

1st Lieutenant Commander
Colorado Council of Kadosh

Russell Anthony Magyar, 32° A Masonic Journey of Service and Growth



Russell Anthony Magyar was born on August 21, 1966, in Orlando, Florida. At the age of two, he and his family relocated to Missouri, where Russell grew up in a small farming community in Everton, Missouri. His youth was marked by the hardworking life of a farm family, driving tractors and farm trucks by the time he was 12. While he didn't initially enjoy the hard work, in hindsight he reflects fondly on a childhood full of experiences that shaped his character. Russell attended Everton School from kindergarten through 12th grade.

In 1984, seeking a broader life experience, Russell enlisted in the United States Navy. After completing "A" school, he was assigned to the VA-115 Attack Squadron aboard the USS Midway, where he served as an Aviation Electronics Technician. His service stationed him in Yokosuka, Japan, and in 1988 after four years of service, he was honorably discharged.

Russell's professional journey continued in aviation, working throughout the United States and South America until the year 2000, when he transitioned to the role of a factory representative for Head Tyrolia Winter Sports. This new career path took him to Colorado, where he had the opportunity to ski in some of the most beautiful locations across Colorado, New Mexico, and Wyoming.

In 2012, Russell shifted again, this time entering the mining industry. He began working as a Diagnostic Electrician at Freeport McMoRan's Henderson Mine, and his dedication and expertise led to a supervisor position in Electrical Maintenance in 2024. Over the years, he has earned respect for his work ethic and leadership in the industry.

On a personal front, Russell found love in Colorado. In 2016, he married Andi Anderson, a native of Colorado, and together they reside in the picturesque town of Idaho Springs. They are proud parents to a 24-year-old daughter, Haley, who lives in Casper, Wyoming. Russell also has a sister, Eva, who remains in Missouri.

Outside of work, Russell is an avid enthusiast of camping in his RV and enjoys riding motorcycles, finding peace and joy in the open road and the great outdoors.

Russell's journey in Masonry began in 2017, a pivotal decision that has had a profound impact on his life. The fraternity has provided him with opportunities for personal growth, encouraging him to be a better man, and has introduced him to a community of inspiring individuals. He has become deeply involved in the Masonic fraternity and holds numerous leadership roles across various organizations.

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Masonic Achievements and Leadership:

Blue Lodges:

Home Lodge: Idaho Springs #26
Initiated: September 6, 2017
Raised: June 1, 2019 (Ghost Raising in Nevadaville)
Senior Warden of Idaho Springs #26 for 2025
Worshipful Master of Central Lodge #6 for 2025
Junior Warden of Georgetown #12 for 2025

Denver Consistory:

Consecrated: November 18, 2021
Venerable Master of Denver KSA from March 2024 to March 2025
York Rite Companion Sir Knight Templar, 2024
Scottish Rite Ambassador, 2024
Classroom Committee Member, 2022 to present
Director of the 19th Degree, 2023 to present
Bailiff in the 29th Degree, 2022 to present
Guard in the 5th Degree, 2023 to present
Appointed Lieutenant of the Guard, Colorado Council of Kadosh, January 20, 2025

Russell's Masonic journey continues to evolve, and he remains dedicated to both his personal development and his contributions to the fraternity. Through his leadership roles, Russell demonstrates the ideals of Masonry, striving to be a better man while fostering a sense of brotherhood and service in all his endeavors.

As he moves forward, Russell's journey reflects a commitment to not only improving himself but also uplifting the community and the organizations he is part of, making an impact both within and outside the walls of Masonry.



A Bit of U.S. Navy and Masonic History

John Paul (who would later add his uncle's name "Jones") was made a Freemason in St. Bernard's Lodge #122, Kirkcudbright, Scotland, on November 27, 1770. Houdon made a bust of Jones for the Lodge of Nine Sisters in Paris, France. He died in Paris on July 18, 1792, and was buried in the Protestant Cemetery there. For over 100 years his body remained in this resting place, then it was conveyed to America. In 1913 it was placed beneath the domed Naval Chapel at the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland. It is said that no other Naval Commander had so elaborate a tomb. Among the cherished mementos is John Paul's letter requesting admittance to the Scottish Lodge (there were no formal petitions then.)

At one time, there was a detail of 40 Marines guarding the crypt and tomb 24x7, but in 2014 they were removed and sent to war in Southwest Asia. It is said that the Marines still guard the tomb when the public is admitted (and it is generally open to the public during normal business hours). So it is not exactly clear what role the Marines have today.

FEBRUARY

Special Birthdays

90 Years "YOUNG"

Charles Edward Burrows

80 Years "YOUNG"

James Walter Black

Thomas Samuel Lincoln

David Chas Schweitzer

Robert Eddie Lee Thomas

70 Years "YOUNG"

Bartley Arthur Corfee

60 Years "OLD"

John Sterling Babcock

40 Years "OLD"

Daniel Curtis Martin

30 Years "OLD"?

Corey David Thomas Clerkin

Our February Youngster

Sean Mykhal Davis Nelson (21)

(Is also our **YOUNGEST** member)



Interesting Facts about February

The month is named for the Latin word *febru-*um which means purification. It is the shortest month of the year. The Welsh call February "y mis bach" which means "little month". It is the third month of winter.

Two zodiac signs for February are Aquarius (January 20 - February 18) and Pisces (February 19 - March 20). The month has 29 days in leap years, when the year number is divisible by four. Viola (plant) and the Primrose are the birth flowers. The birthstone for February is Amethyst. The length of February was finalized when Julius Caesar remade the Roman calendar and assigned the month 28 days and 29 days. In 713 B.C., February was officially added to the Roman calendar. Over time, the length of February kept changing. At one point, it had as little as 23 days.

Did you know that "February" is one of the most misspelled words in the English language? Even the White House has misprinted the word "February" before in a press release!

The Saxons called February "Sol-monath" which means "cake month," because they would offer cakes to the gods during February. In Old English, February was called "Solmonath," which means "mud month," due to the wet conditions typical of this time of year in England. A lesser-used term was *Kale-monath*, which meant "cabbage month." Perhaps, the medieval English were eating a lot of cabbage in February?

February is the only month where it's possible to go the entire time without having a full moon.

The odds of being born on February 29th are about 1 in 1,461. Those born on a leap day can be called a "leaper" or "leapling."

Now you know more than you wanted to know about February. You're welcome.

MEMORIAL SCROLL

Donald Keith Carroll, 32°	12/26/2024
David Owen Harrold, 32°	12/15/2024
George Frederick Knowles, 32°	11/05/2024
Samuel Petroff, 32	10/23/2024
Marvin J. Sellinghausen, 32° KCCH	01/02/2025
Jeffrey Vernon Swim, 32°	12/07/2024



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

The current members of the Denver Consistory Rose Croix Funeral Team are: Keith M. Anderson, 33° - Chairman; Thomas W. Adair, 32°; Scott A. Bates, 33°; John H. Buchanan, 33°; Pablo Columban, 32° KCCH; 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°; 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 Illustrious Brother Keith Anderson, 33° for more information.



KSA BURNS SUPPER and
WHISKY COLLEGE 2025
See what you missed?



There was NO HAGGIS left!

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January 20, 2025
Stated Meeting
Installation of Officers

COLORADO JOB'S DAUGHTERS
BETHEL #40
INVITES YOU TO ATTEND

Honor Masonic Family Night

Please come and join us to honor our
Masonic family

We invite those in attendance to join the
Daughters on the floor to shadow them for
the evening

Reception to follow

February 5, 2025
350 S Broadway, Denver, CO 80209
6:55 pm

District Lecturer's Workshop

Hosted by Idaho Springs Lodge No 26

210 17th Avenue, Idaho Springs, CO



Saturday, February 22, 2025



Schedule of Events

1:00 – 2:00 pm – Light Lunch (Sandwiches)

2:00 - 5:00 pm – Workshop

This workshop will focus on information meant for newer members and officers but will also include beneficial insights for even the most stalwart Past Masters. Primary topics will include Lodge Opening & Closing, Deacon's floorwork, Steward's duties, protocols for Brothers on the sidelines and more.

While this workshop is primarily intended for Lodges in District 50 (Central, Idaho Springs, Georgetown, Nevada), we welcome **all Master Masons** who can benefit from additional instruction, or a refresher.

This workshop will be followed by dinner at 5:30 pm and an Actual Past Master's Degree, again hosted by Idaho Springs Lodge No 26 and the Gold Country Actual Past Master's Association at 6:30 pm. **This APM is open only to Past and/or current Worshipful Masters.**

Please **RSVP** to WB Danny Tomlinson so he has an accurate count for meals. dtomlinson@msn.com

Limited space available – RSVP ASAP!!
Mike Tims, PM, DL District 50

Actual Past Master's Degree

Hosted by Gold Country Actual Past Master's Association and Idaho Springs Lodge No 26

210 17th Avenue, Idaho Springs, CO



Saturday, February 22, 2025



Schedule of Events

5:30 – 6:30 pm – Dinner & Fellowship

6:30 pm – Actual Past Master's Degree

This degree is open to any current or Past Master of a Colorado Lodge. Degree work will immediately follow dinner. Please **RSVP** all attendees for both dinner and the degree to WB Danny Tomlinson so we have an accurate count for meals. dtomlinson@msn.com

Please include the names of any candidate, identifying them by their proper name, mailing address and Lodge number so certification cards can be prepared (Example: WM John Smith, 123 Main Street, Littleton, CO 80123, Central Lodge No 6).

Cost for dinner is \$20/person. There is limited parking around the Lodge, but a large pay parking lot is just to the South. Free parking after 6:00 pm.

Limited space available – RSVP ASAP!

Mike Tims, PM, DL District 50



2025 Easter Sunrise Service

100th Annual and oldest in Colorado

Presented by the Knights Templar Association of the
Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Colorado

Sunday April 20, 2025 at 0630

Doors open at 0530

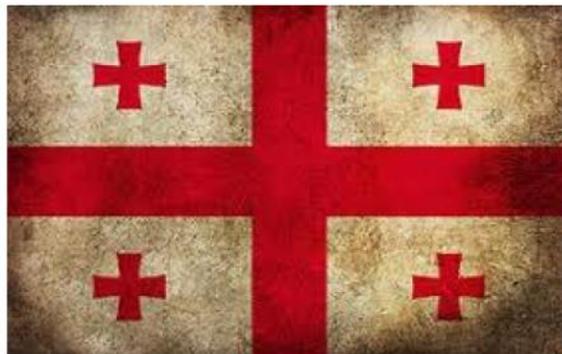
Denver Consistory – 1370 Grant Street

Rev. Dr. A.J. Bush, Pastor

Parking Garage available

Breakfast to follow service

Breakfast tickets available at www.coloradokta.org – limited and always sells out



For further information please visit www.coloradokta.org

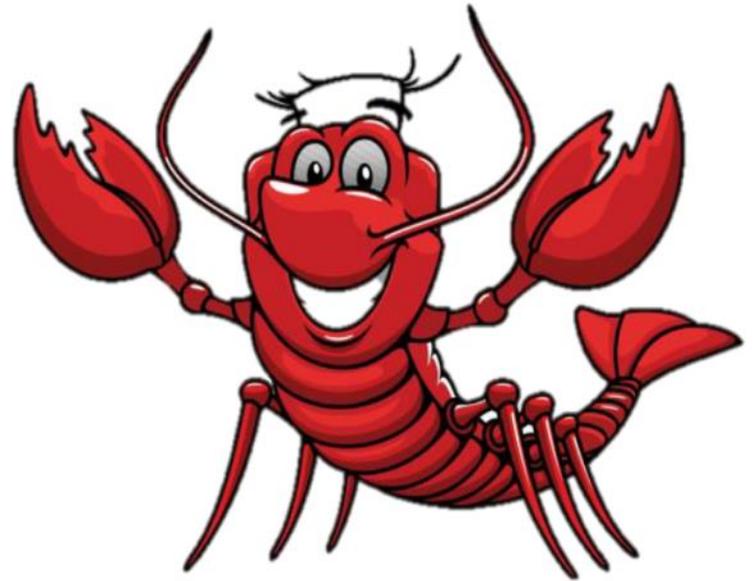
Or Joe Magoffin joe@milehighsf.com 720.371.7224

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Please DO NOT park in the PERA lot directly behind the Consistory. The church across the street has exclusive use of that lot on Easter Sunday and we could damage what relationships we have in getting occasional use of the lot if we abuse that privilege.

PAUL REVERE LODGE #130

INVITES YOU TO OUR

3rd Annual Crawfish Boil



When:

Saturday, April 26, 2025

11:00 am to 2:00 pm

Where:

Highlands Masonic Center

3550 Federal Boulevard

Denver, Colorado 80211

Cost:

\$25.00 One Pound of Louisiana Crawfish with Potatoes, Corn, Andouille Sausage and a Drink

\$20.00 Two Fried Catfish Filets, French Fries, Hushpuppies, and a Drink.

\$5.00 Slice of Pepperoni or Cheese Pizza and a Drink

Purchase tickets by Wednesday April 16th

<https://www.paulreveremasons.org/category/crawfish-boil>



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Denver Consistory May 8, 9, 10, 2025

AN OPPORTUNITY TO REUNITE WITH YOUR BROTHERS
REVISIT THE TEACHINGS



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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CLAYS FOR A CAUSE

2025 Scottish Rite Shooting Clays Classic



Registration is now open for the 4th annual Scottish Rite Sporting Clays Classic on
May 23rd, 2025

Join us for a fun time and a great cause in support of the Scottish Rite Masonic Center and benefiting



at **Colorado Clays**
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Door Prizes, Lunch, Awards and More!!



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www.scottishriteclays.com

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Golf Cart Sponsor - \$160

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Platinum - \$10,000
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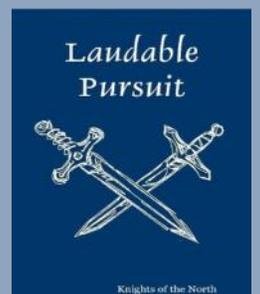
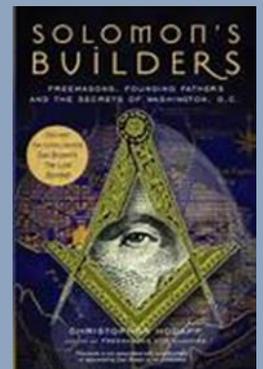
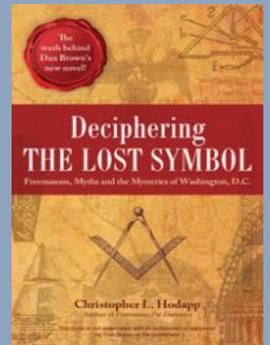
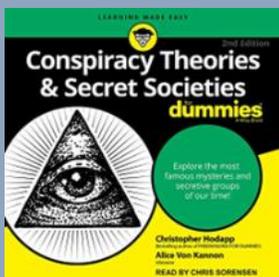
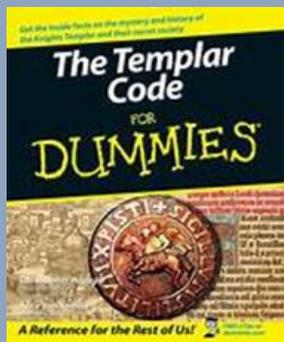
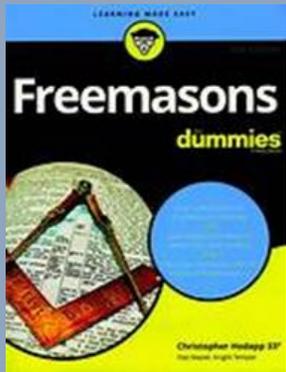
Silver - \$2,500
includes 4 shooters

Trophies for
1st Place - 2nd Place - 3rd Place
Best Woman - Best Team - Worst Shot

June 16, 2025

Save the Date...and Spread the Word!

Christopher Hodapp, 33°



Acclaimed Masonic author, editor, blogger and commentator will speak (topic TBD) and sign books!

All Masons and Their Guests are Welcome!



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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
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Any questions? Contact Pablo Colomban
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