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New Parking Garage Management Company – The owner of the parking garage hired a new company to manage the garage, which will impact how we have been allowed to use the garage for our meetings, reunions, Friday lunches, and special events. Denver Consistory does not own the garage, and we do not manage the garage. The ground lease between Scottish Rite Properties and the garage owner allows the Consistory to use the garage on a restricted basis.

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.**



DENVER CONSISTORY PETITION FOR MEMBERSHIP—NEW QR CODE

Pocket petition cards with the new QR code are on the Tyler's desk. Pick up some of the new cards and discard the cards you have been saving in your wallet. The QR code on the old cards is no longer valid.

PLANNING CALENDAR

DECEMBER 2025

Mon, DEC 1	7:00 p.m. KSA Meeting in Lodge Room
Fri, DEC 5	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (\$13 - Fried Chicken)
Fri, DEC 12	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (\$13 - Bangers 'n' Mash)
Sat, DEC 13	12:00 noon Wreaths Across America (Fort Logan National Cemetery)
Mon, DEC 15	Stated Meeting - Parking Garage Available Member Appreciation Night; Ugly Sweater Night
	5:30 p.m. Red Room Business Meeting
	6:00 p.m. Dinner (Ham Steak, Mashed Sweet Potatoes, Chocolate Cake)
	7:00 p.m. Entertainment
	7:30 p.m. Split Meeting: Annual Election of Officers for 2026
Fri, DEC 19	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (\$13 - Soup & Salad & Sandwiches)
Wed-Fri, DEC 24,25,26	Consistory CLOSED for Christmas Holiday NO LUNCH ON FRIDAY 26th

JANUARY 2026

JAN 1	Consistory Closed for New Year Holiday
Fri, JAN 2	NO LUNCH— Holiday Weekend
Sat, JAN 3	9:00-11:00 a.m. Un-decorating Party—All members, officers & wives invited
Mon, JAN 5	7:00 p.m. KSA Meeting in Lodge Room
Fri, JAN 9, 16, 30	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (\$13—Fried Chicken on JAN 9)
Sat, JAN 17	8:00 a.m.—noon Officers' Meeting and Installation Practice
	5:00 p.m. KSA Whisky College (in classroom) Parking Garage Available
	6:00 p.m. KSA Burns' Supper Parking Garage Available
Mon, JAN 19	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
	PUBLIC Installation of Officers
Fri, JAN 23	NO LUNCH—Consistory Closed for Grand Lodge

FEBRUARY 2026

Mon, FEB 2	7:00 p.m. KSA Meeting in Lodge Room
Fri, FEB 6, 13, 20, 27	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (\$13—Fried Chicken on FEB 6)
Mon, FEB 16	Stated Meeting - Feast of Kadosh Parking Garage Available

EDITOR'S BRESTLEBOARD



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MANIPULATING THE NEWS



The year is 1971. I am finishing up my sea tour as a newly commissioned naval officer aboard USS RANKIN (LKA-103). I receive orders to the Naval Communications Station in Newport Rhode Island as the Officer-in-Charge of a Communications Security Detachment subordinate to the Commander, Naval Security Group Command. CNSG ran the cryptologic technician and the Special Duty Officer (Cryptology) programs. But, before I can assume the OIC position, I must first get a “special” Top Secret clearance—(today I can say it but back then I couldn’t) involving Communications Intelligence, or COMINT above and beyond a “normal” Top Secret Clearance. That’s so I can attend a special communications training class at the Naval Security Station in Washington DC. That class is one month long, entitled “Manipulative Communications Cover and Deception.” Basically we studied many of the classic deceptions that militaries had conducted since the time of Roman Legions up to the more recent (then) 7 Day Israeli War. Some of the plans were TRULY “classic.”

This class was taught by two officers who were part of what the navy called the “On The Roof Gang” - a select group of radiomen who monitored Japanese communications in the Pacific and broke the JN-25 code (we called it “Purple”) which led us to provide critical information to Admirals Nimitz and Halsey at the Battle of Midway - widely regarded as “the” turning point in the War in the Pacific. It also allowed us to intercept the communications giving us the travel itinerary of Japanese Admiral Yamamoto which allowed us to intercept and shoot down that plane.

For those of you too young to know, Admiral Yamamoto was the architect of the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941—a day which will live in infamy—so said President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

These two instructors brought a wealth of information, experience, and background to the class.

WHY am I talking about this here and now? Well, as I’ve said in the past, AI (Artificial Intelligence) is here to stay, and it’s certainly complicating everything. You can’t read or watch the news today without having some influence being made by AI resources.

Remember, this class took place in 1971—that’s almost 55 years ago now. The UPSHOT of the class was to teach us that news media are resources for deception plans—by our government as well as our adversaries. Think about that for a moment.

Is our media being USED by governments, agencies, and special interests to DECEIVE us? Of course! It's been going on since the Roman Times, why would you think it isn't going on today? The technique is simple, yet very complicated. All you have to do is PLANT false information into the news pipelines—but wait, they typically check their sources, right?. So, the complicated part of this is ... those who KNOW the information is false and being used to deceive must comprise a VERY SMALL and VERY SECURE group. One slip, and the deception is discovered and ruined. (Think about the old slogan “loose lips sink ships.”) Sometimes, you plant misleading, but generally true and verifiable information for YEARS to build your reputation as a “reliable source” before the decision is made to release the real deceptive information. But today, AI makes deception SOOOO much easier to accomplish.

In the news media, getting information out FIRST is essential. When a BIG story is breaking, the competition to be first on the scene with updates gets you the ratings (translation: \$\$\$). SO, at some point, after many years of giving you information that was not really all that important (but true) and painting a slightly different “spin” on it has put you in the position of being a “reliable source.” Now, when you release intentionally false information that SOUNDS like it might be true, those media outlets you have so carefully primed over years are willing and able to believe what you are saying, so this time they don’t check their sources as deeply as they might have in the past—because they trust you—your prior leaks have been golden for years. And, AI can make photos and graphics LOOK so much more valid.

Think about this. Do you and I KNOW without a shred of doubt, that the information we’re getting from our news feeds online, from TV, radio, print media, or whatever, are TRUE? Nothing but the WHOLE TRUTH? Unless you are intimately involved in the collection of the information, dissemination of the information, and have insight into where it came from and whether or not the sources are reliable and competent, you can NOT say with 100% confidence that the information you are getting is 100% true. You may WANT it to be true, you may BELIEVE it to be true, but you can not PROVE it to be true!

In other words, how is it you can TRUST the news you are getting? Well, you do exactly the same thing that the deception folks are doing. You look at historical performance of your trusted sources. If they’ve always been good in the past, you have no reason to believe they won’t be good today or in the future. Until, at least, that ONE DAY they release the deception. SO, now how do you separate “the wheat from the chaff” in the news? Especially now that AI is inserting items that are soooo well crafted and believable, but not always verifiable?

You do the hard thing: TRUST, BUT VERIFY! This means you have to have more than ONE source of information, and it also means you can’t just trust those sources that are your favorite or that have always told you what you wanted to hear in the past.

Paranoid yet? Remember THEIR JOB is to persuade you that they are giving you good solid information that is true. They will rarely also include alternative sourcing information when they give you this information—you have to go dig for it yourself. They get paid well to do that job, and they do those jobs very well. AI is only making their job a little easier ... but it’s making YOUR job (to TRUST, but VERIFY) that much harder.

CAVEAT EMPTOR (let the buyer beware) was created as a watchword for consumers, but it applies in spades to news information as well. Today, as never before.

Bill



From the Secretary's Desk

Matt Raia, 33°



CONISTRY OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Thursday 7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Friday 7:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Being economical is a way to spend money without getting any fun out of it.

PARKING PERMIT REQUIRED - A Denver Consistory parking permit **MUST** be displayed on the lower left of your vehicle windshield. (Where the emission certificate is usually 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 are available in the Consistory Office.

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 Jay Bobick, 33°; Illustrious Brother Dan Conway, 33°; Illustrious Brother Bart Corfee, 33°; Illustrious Brother Steve Jaouen, 33°; Illustrious Brother Joe Kier, 33°; Illustrious Brother Tom Thompson, 33°; Brother Bill Achbach, 32° KCCH; Brother Thayne Coulter, 32° KCCH; Brother Jerry Edwards, 32° KCCH; Brother Greg Harris, 32° KCCH; Brother Michael Rudloff, 32° KCCH; Brother David Spence, 32° KCCH; Brother Mike Tims, 32° KCCH; Brother Benjamin Bridge, 32°; Brother Stephan Grenier, 32°; Brother Mark Hogan, 32°; Brother Roy Ince, 32°; Brother Melvin Kemp, 32°; Brother Joe Kent, 32°; Brother Michael Loehrig, 32°; Brother Mike McMinimee, 32°; Brother Hoss Monsebroten, 32°; Brother Thomas Rentzios, 32°; Brother Timothy Soule, 32°; Brother James Yarbroke, 32°; 2025 Fall Reunion Class; Denver Chapter #2 R.A.M.; Scottish Rite Outpost #1.

Cathedral Club Memberships: Congratulations to **Illustrious Brother Keith Anderson, 33°**, and **Brother Stephan Greiner, 32°**, for achieving Bronze level membership in the Endowment Fund Cathedral Club for donating \$5,000.

A special thank you to **Denver Chapter #2, Royal Arch Masons**, for their donation of \$10,000 to the Endowment Fund, toward obtaining Diamond level membership.

Friday Lunches - We may be forced to discontinue our Friday lunches in 2026, due to a lack of participation. The Executive Committee will decide during their December 12, 2025 meeting if the lunches will continue, cut back from once a week to biweekly or once a month, or to discontinue the lunches. Please come and have lunch with your brothers. Bring your family, friends, and lodge prospects, and enjoy an all-you-can-eat buffet lunch.

2025 Membership fee was payable December 31, 2024. If you have not yet paid your 2025 membership fee, please do so and do not become delinquent. \$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 membership in the Scottish Rite worth more to you than a cup of coffee? Please do your part to help sustain the operation of Denver Consistory by paying your 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. **You must contact me. We can't help you if you don't ask.**

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

Automatic Membership Fee Renewal Program

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

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS are an ideal way to avoid paying future membership fee increases. A Life Membership guarantees that you will never be suspended for non-payment of membership fees should your future financial situation change. It also ensures that should you no longer be able to take care of your finances, you will not be suspended for non-payment because your Scottish Rite Membership is of no significance to the individual handling your finances. By purchasing a Life Membership, you leave a continuing legacy to Denver Consistory after your death.

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Current Life Membership Fee Structure

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

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

Younger than 62 years old - a single payment of \$2,500

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

Fall Reunion - Our 64th Reunion was held November 6, 7, 8, 2025. Welcome to the new 32° Masters of the Royal Secret. **Brothers William Bridgham, Kenneth Sowder, Gregory McComas, Steven Schieferrecke, Nicholas Orozco, Michael Pineiro, and Gary Parrott.**

Member Appreciation December 15th. 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 a 5% discount, a 50 year member a 50% discount, etc.) **You MUST make a dinner reservation.**

December 15th Stated Meeting will be the election of officers for 2026 and announcement of 2026 appointments. Entertainment for the evening will be provided by "The Yuletide Carolers." <https://www.theyuletidecarolers.com/> Invite your family, friends, neighbors, and lodge prospects to join you for an enjoyable dinner and wonderful Christmas entertainment program.

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

COMING EVENTS

Fri Jan 2 **NO LUNCH—Holiday weekend**

Sat Jan 3 9:00-11:00 a.m. Un-decorating Party

Mon Jan 5 7:00 p.m. KSA Meeting

Fri Jan 9 11:30-12:30 Lunch

Fri Jan 16 11:30-12:30 Lunch

Sat Jan 17 5:00 p.m. Whisky College in Classroom

6:00 p.m. Burns' Supper in Dining Room

Mon Jan 19 7:00 p.m. Stated Meeting (Installation of Officers)

Fri Jan 23 **NO LUNCH - Consistory closed for Grand Lodge Communication**

Fri Jan 30 11:30-12:30 Lunch

Good News!!!

**The Scottish Rite Masonic Center
Endowment Fund has reached the
matching Challenge Goal of**

\$25,000

With one month to go.

Even Better News!!!

**THE CHALLENGE AMOUNT HAS BEEN
INCREASED TO \$35,000.**

**The members of the
Endowment Committee**

**have committed that they will personally
match up to \$10,000 more in contributions
if received before December 21, 2025, just
in time to meet the year-end deadline for
charitable contributions.**



Celebrating Captain Bobby Juchem



We invite you to honor Captain Juchem
upon his retirement, recognizing his 23
years and 5 months of dedicated
service with the Colorado Patrol!



DATE: December 12, 2025

TIME: 1300-1500

WHERE: Building 100
Camp George West
15055 S. Golden Road
Golden, CO 80401



Contributions towards the purchase of Captain Juchem's duty weapon can be
made to Lisa Frank via Venmo @Lisa-Frank-2009 or Cash.



venmo



Bill Achbach, 32° KCCH

Master of Kadosh
Director of Education
New Opportunities



Just a couple of housekeeping items to begin...

First, Brethren, please note the flyer elsewhere in this issue promoting the entertainment at our annual holiday Stated Meeting event on December 15. The Yuletide Carolers will join us for entertainment to help celebrate the season. Family and guests are welcome for the open portion of the meeting and, of course, for dinner before the meeting.

Second, don't forget about the [Annual Burns Supper and Whisky College](#), on Saturday, January 17. Whiskey College is at 5PM and the supper at 6PM. Also see the flyers elsewhere in this issue of *Rite Works* for details.

Finally, I want to give everyone an advance heads-up about the entertainment for our Ladies at the February, 2026, meeting. The *Wine and Chocolate* event, last year, was so well received that we're going to repeat that experience on February 16, with more in the way of pairing information, in answer to a request from the Ladies. It's just a couple of days after Valentines Day. Mark your calendars!

New Opportunities!

Sometime each year, I like to make everyone aware of new educational opportunities of possible interest. Just before the Fall Reunion, I became aware of **four new courses** in the **Master Craftsman Online College & Leadership Academy[®]** program:

1. The Freemasons and the Great Seal:

The Freemasons and The Great Seal is a fun and thought-provoking Master Craftsman mini-course that invites you to explore one of America's most enduring mysteries: is there a true connection between Freemasonry and The Great Seal of the United States, famously printed on every one-dollar bill? Drawing from in-depth historical analysis and rich visual symbolism, this course unpacks the origins of the Seal, the roles played by early American leaders, and the emergence of Masonic imagery in American culture. You'll examine the eye-in-the-triangle, the unfinished pyramid, and the rise of conspiracy theories - while separating myth from fact in the multi-media learning materials. After this course, you'll be able to decide for yourself if there are legitimate symbolic or historical connections between the Masonic fraternity and The Great Seal.

2. The Devil & Albert Pike: Exposing the Lie That Haunts a Masonic Legacy

For more than a century, conspiracy theorists have circulated the idea that Scottish Rite Past Grand Commander Albert Pike promoted Luciferian worship within the pages of "Morals and Dogma". But where did this myth come from? And what did Pike actually say?

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Plus:

- The origins of the so-called “Lucifer quote” and its context in Pike’s writing.
- The infamous Léo Taxil hoax.
- The true meaning behind Pike’s use of the word “Lucifer” - including the linguistic and biblical origins.
- How the name Lucifer became synonymous with Satan.
- How to effectively debunk modern anti-Masonic myths using historical, theological, and linguistic evidence.

In this eye-opening mini course, students will examine the misunderstandings and outright lies that fueled decades of anti-Masonic rhetoric. This course will help you separate fact from fiction and gain a deeper understanding of how and why Freemasonry’s most pervasive myth was born.

3. The Signers (Part 1)

How many Masons signed the Declaration of Independence? Who were they and what role did they play in separating from Great Britain? And how do we know they were Masons? In this Master Craftsman Mini Course, you’ll meet the Masonic signers of the document that established our independence from England. You’ll learn about the role they played in their respective states and get the facts on their established connections to Freemasonry.

4. The White House & The Freemasons

From George Washington laying the U.S. Capitol cornerstone in 1793 to modern presidential encounters with the Craft, this course traces how Freemasonry intersected with American civic life at the highest levels. You’ll follow the builders and brothers who shaped the early federal city and helped shape our nation throughout its history. You’ll also examine the politics of the Anti-Masonic era, the roll of Freemasonry following the American Civil War, and how Masonry continued to influence the Presidency into the 20th century. From Washington to Jackson, Johnson to Roosevelt, Taft, Truman and beyond, The White House & The Freemasons will help you understand the true role that Masonry played and continues to play inside the White House. [NOTE: This Course requires the text *The White House and The Freemasons* by B. Chris Ruli, 32° KCCH, purchased separately. Students may also use the Kindle version or the Audiobook on Audible.

I’ve also recently been introduced to an interesting program, that may be of special interest to Brethren who assist with the educational program in their Blue Lodges. It’s called [MasonicFind](#), and, while not a new resource per se (having been around since 2013), it was new to me and looks like it offers a variety of resources that might be helpful all the way from prospect mentoring to deep study for veteran travelers. Here’s what the organization has to say about itself ...

Since 2013, MasonicFind has been dedicated to teaching members and non-members about Freemasonry.

We do this by:

- Publishing informative and entertaining content on our blog.
- Advising aspiring Freemasons on how to get started in Freemasonry.
- Create and release self-published books about various topics related to Freemasonry.
- Digitize and safekeeping large volumes of long-lost and forgotten Masonic books.
- Building a thriving community of like-minded men.
- Maintain an email newsletter, now with over 3000+ readers.

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I wish all of you a Happy Thanksgiving and hope to see you for our Ugly Christmas Sweater and Holiday Entertainment on December 15!

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Last Month's Trivia Question: How many Service Jewel Points are awarded for each of these Consistory Activities: (Six Listed Activities)

Answer:

Attending a Stated Meeting? **10**

Providing transportation to an ill or disabled member or widow? **10**

Serving as a Degree Cast Member? **10**

Assisting in a Rose Croix Service (Team Member)? **30**

Attending a Degree Rehearsal (Cast Member)? **10**

Being a First Line Signer on a Degree Petition? **150**

This Month's Trivia Question (answer in next month's Rite Works)

Which of the four officer lines is responsible for each of the following functions at the Valley of Denver?

Entertainment for Valley Stated Meetings and Special Events

Calling Committee

Feast of Tishri

Volunteer events at Ft. Logan National Cemetery

WHY DO WE HAVE REUNIONS?

Rekindling Bonds: Reunions provide a unique opportunity to reconnect with our Brothers, especially those we may not have seen often.

Strengthening Relationships: These gatherings help to strengthen our fraternal ties and foster a sense of belonging as well as creating lifelong memories.

Preserving Heritage: Reunions are crucial for preserving and passing down our fraternal history and traditions, ensuring that the legacy of the Craft lives on.

Personal Growth: Reunions promote personal growth by understanding our history and encouraging meaningful conversations.

Celebrating Shared Identity: Reunions serve as a celebration of our shared history and identity, reinforcing the importance of fraternal connections.

Overall, reunions are significant events that help maintain relationships and celebrate our shared heritage as Brothers in the Craft.



From Denver Consistory West

**Gregory D. Koenig
32° KCCH
Prior**



I am honored and humbled to write to you from the Prior's corner of the Consistory. Should I be elected to the East and serve as Master of Kadosh for the upcoming year, I pledge my efforts and energy to make this next year the best that I can.

The year ahead is an important one, both for the organization and for the officers in our line.

The Denver Consistory officer line is tasked with providing entertainment and education at our stated meetings, as well as entertainment for the Ladies at the breakout sessions. Our team is poised and ready to deliver on those duties.

We are thrilled to add Brother Jerry Edwards, 32° KCCH, to our officer line as the Lieutenant of the Guard. He will join our team that consists of Brothers Sterling Field, Stephan Grenier, Shawn Calder, Mike Lazalde, and Dave Spence. This all-star lineup will be the team I will lean on throughout the year to accomplish our goals and tasks ahead. I am humbled to have this group as the officers of the Denver Consistory Line. I have great confidence that these Masons will excel in the work that they will perform for the upcoming Masonic year.

The goals of the Consistory Line for 2026 will revolve around five major objectives:

1. Provide High Quality Entertainment (HQE) for the members and Ladies for the Stated Meetings when assigned. We will publicize the events in advance and announce Ladies' entertainment to help spur more engagement.
2. Add an educational element to the Stated Meetings where possible. Degree lectures and historical presentations to continue our journey for more Light.
3. Develop our team within our officer line. We have new officers in place, and need their input, ideas, and talents. I will work to support our team so that we can be the most effective group that we can possibly be to fulfill our goals as officers.
4. Engage and collaborate with the other officer lines and departments within the Consistory to help drive interest and attendance at the meetings. There are several overlapping opportunities that we can combine our efforts on.
5. Organize four outside events for our members, family, and prospects to participate in. The goal will be to connect in a fun and interesting way that builds camaraderie and interest.

These goals are important, as they build upon the progress and improvements that have been made each year from our prior leadership. Our previous Masters of Kadosh have done a great job of advancing the structure and the delivery of meaningful and varied events, and we want to continue that growth.

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One of my main goals is to provide our Ladies with entertainment that makes the second part of our meetings enjoyable and interesting for our Ladies and guests.

With this being said, I will be reaching out and tapping on the shoulders of our members to help us with these lofty goals. We need help with the following:

1. Presentations and presenters that can entertain our ladies when we break out. There are so many of you that have interesting stories, ideas, and contacts for content that can be presented in a window of 30-45 minutes. Please step forward if you have a contribution to offer.
2. Degree lecture presenters. We have several beautiful degrees that have lectures that are deeply meaningful, and worthy of review and further discussion. If you have an idea or are willing to present a lecture, we want to hear from you! Otherwise, I will reach out to you and ask for your help.
3. Feedback and ideas for what YOU would like to see. Our officers are ready to respond and incorporate ideas as they come in. This is YOUR consistory, tell us what you want to see!

In conclusion, I believe this is a great time for us to be able to pique the interest of men and present Masonry to those that are looking for answers.

Of course, it all starts in our Blue Lodges, but we have a role in providing the new Brothers a place to come to that is worthy of the time and effort required to be a Scottish Rite Mason. The Reunion is perhaps one of the greatest draws to our Fraternity, but there must be more to keep them coming. My hope is that we can provide a bit more for them to look forward to, and keep them coming to the meetings.

I have read and hear statistics of how today's young men are seeking a guiding light. They are looking for answers to life's questions, and yes, camaraderie with other men who can be trusted, share values, and have a quest for more meaningful knowledge. This is a great time for us to build our membership!

We can be that answer for those that are true and virtuous. But, we need to also provide a reason for them to devote their time, energy, and resources to be a part of something bigger than themselves.

My aim for the upcoming year is to provide the entertainment value, the educational value, and Ladies' entertainment in a way that further builds on the successes that we have enjoyed so far and set the foundation for future successes.

Thank you

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Member in the Spotlight

By Jeremy DeBard, 32° KCCH

1st Lieutenant Commander
Colorado Council of Kadosh

Dr. Robert F. "Trey" Perrin III, 33°



If you've ever been at a Denver Scottish Rite reunion and heard a big, contagious laugh rising above the crowd, odds are it belonged to Trey Perrin. Born and raised in Roanoke, Virginia, Trey comes from solid Masonic stock: his maternal grandfather and uncle were both active Brothers, and his grandfather spent the last ten years of his life as General Secretary of the Scottish Rite Valley of Roanoke. In recent years Trey discovered an even deeper legacy - three great-great-great-grandfathers on his father's side were also members of the Craft. Masonry, it seems, was in the blood long before Trey ever knocked on the door of Pleasants Lodge No. 63.

That knock came in December 1994. He was raised in his hometown lodge and, just a few months later at the Spring Reunion of 1995, he joined the Scottish Rite in Roanoke - after completing his Eagle Scout project for the Valley's Summer RiteCare speech clinic at James Madison University. Thirty years and one cross country move later, he's still going strong in the Denver Valley.

Trey's path to Colorado began with higher education and a serious love of snow. After earning a History degree (with a Political Science minor) at Virginia Tech, he headed to James Madison University for his master's in Audiology and then to the Arizona School of Health Sciences for his doctoral degree - finishing his Master's work with a volunteer clinical internship at the old Denver VA hospital. Along the way he spent an astonishing 19 ski seasons—18 of them teaching snowboarding at Copper Mountain. The mountains won, and he now calls Federal Heights home (better known to him as "the WaterWorld neighborhood at 84th and Pecos.")

In Colorado, Trey affiliated with Georgetown Lodge No. 12, serving as Worshipful Master in 2008 and again in 2016-17. In the Scottish Rite he has been a steady and respected leader: Past Venerable Master of the Centennial Lodge of Perfection (2012) and Venerable Master of the Knights of Saint Andrew in 2005. These days, he's co-chair of the Costumes Committee - which means, as he puts it with a grin, "I think I'm required to be at the upcoming reunion."

Ask Trey what he loves most about the Scottish Rite and his answer is immediate: the socializing. "We don't hang out enough outside of meetings anymore," he says. Reunions give him the chance to catch up with Brothers he might not see the rest of the year, and that fellowship is the heart of the Rite for him. He's spent most of his degree time in the 29th (with shorter runs in the 5th and 22nd), but the real highlight is always the conversations before and after.

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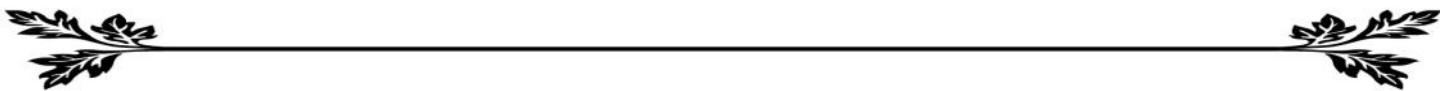
Member in the Spotlight - Illustrious Brother Robert F. "Trey" Perrin III, 33°

When he's not in lodge, you'll find Trey carving turns on his snowboard, hurling with the Denver Gaels (the Irish sport that's a glorious mix of hockey, lacrosse, and controlled chaos), watching soccer, or serving with the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary.

After three decades in the fraternity—building on a family legacy that stretches back generations - Trey was honored with the 33rd Degree (Coronation) at the Denver Valley's Fall 2023 Honors ceremonies. He distills everything Masonry has taught him into eight quiet words: "Be a good Brother and be more kind."

So, next time you're at a reunion, look for the tall Virginian-turned-Coloradan with the easy smile and the deep Masonic roots. Say hello, swap a story, and thank him for carrying forward a family tradition while reminding the rest of us that, at its core, this fraternity is about friendship and kindness.

We're honored to walk the same path your grandfathers did, Illustrious Brother Trey.



Scottish Rite Foundation MISSION

The mission of the Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado is to enhance the quality of life for Colorado's children and their families by supporting high quality, collaborative programs for the prevention and treatment of childhood language disorders.

We provide sustaining grants to partner programs that offer speech, language, and learning therapy for children, parent education, and/or family and community language and literacy enrichment programs.

We support student and professional education and training in prevention and treatment of childhood language disorders.

Scottish Rite Foundation VISION

The vision of the Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado is that all Colorado children with language disorders will have the opportunity to receive treatment and care.



Denver Consistory Knights of St. Andrew

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Venerable Master**



Burns Night Supper & Whisky College

Saturday, January 17, 2026

Scottish Rite Masonic Center, 1370 Grant Street, Denver, Colorado 80203

Scottish Music ☒ Silent Auction ☒ Burns Poetry

Presented by the Denver Knights of Saint Andrew



Whisky College | 5:00 p.m. | \$55 – Adult (21 and over)

Join us for a captivating Scotch whisky tasting and educational journey led by a true expert. This year's special class features selections from Glenmorangie Distillery, showcasing how a single malt evolves through time and craftsmanship. Discover how age, cask type, and maturation techniques transform aroma, taste, and finish—revealing the subtle complexities that make each expression uniquely exceptional. *Price includes a commemorative tasting glass!*

Dinner & Entertainment | 6:00 p.m. | \$74 – Adult (13 and over)

Pear Salad, Haggis, Filet Mignon, Asparagus, Twice Baked Potato, Chocolate Mousse

Join us for a lively dinner in honor of Robert Burns: Celebrate Scotland's beloved bard with an evening of traditional fare, poetry, and song. Enjoy the stirring sounds of the El Jebel Pipe Band and the Celtic folk tunes of Gobs o' Phun. Raise a glass to heritage, humor, and Highland pride in true Burns Night fashion!

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Proceeds support RiteCare Colorado's programs for childhood language disorders and the Scottish Rite Masonic Center building preservation

Whisky College

Year 12

Saturday, January 17, 2026

5:00 p.m. **PROMPTLY**



For the past 11 years, Professor Stan Holtzwart has taken the class on some pretty special journeys discovering some unique and rare whiskies (and whiskeys as well). This year, he will have a special class using Glenmorangie Distillery's products of various ages and maturation casks to show how a single malt from one distillery will change it's taste, finish, and other unique characteristics as it ages and is matured in different casks and combinations of casks.

This is an unique opportunity, not to be missed. Remember, seating is limited (fire code) so you don't want to postpone your reservation once it is announced by the KSA in association with their Burns' Supper announcement later this year...so keep your eyes open and be ready for what could be your most unique "post-graduate" Whisky College experience yet.



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Jeffrey Alan Wilson, 32°	09/05/2025



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:

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Roger Allen Wainwright

40 Years "OLD"

Matthew Byron Clark

Matthew James Madrid

Our December "YOUNGSTER"

Colin Nickolas Hause (34)



December 20, 2019

(Our youngest service: 6 years old)

Interesting Facts About DECEMBER

December's name originates from the Latin word "decem," meaning ten. It was originally the tenth month in the Roman calendar, which began in March.

December has three birthstones: turquoise, zircon, and tanzanite. Each of these stones is known for its beautiful blue color, symbolizing a happy life filled with good fortune.

The month's traditional flower is the narcissus, which represents hope and wealth.

December's zodiac signs are Sagittarius (until December 21) and Capricorn (December 22 onwards). Sagittarians are known for their adventurous spirit, optimism, and love for freedom. Capricorns, on the other hand, are praised for their discipline, practicality, and patience.

The constellation Orion dominates the sky in December. Look southeast to find three stars lined up in a row. This is "Orion's Belt." Rigel, a bright white star, forms Orion's knee. And to the upper left of the belt, is Beetlejuice. Congratulations! You've identified Orion. Just don't say Beetlejuice three times. Also, look our for Sirius, the brightest star in the winter night sky.

The strangest and most intriguing festivals happen in December. Are you ready to get weird? First, there is Krampusnacht in Austria. This is where Santa's evil twin Krampus, a half-goat/half-man demon, chases naughty children through the streets.

How about the Burning Clocks Festival in Brighton, England? This is where paper lanterns are burned in an enormous bonfire on December 21st to mark the shortest day of the year.

Last, but not least, the Night of the Radishes. This radish-carving festival is celebrated every December 23rd in Mexico.

2025 Scottish Rite Foundation

Dwight A. Hamilton Scholarship Awards



On September 15, the 2025 Dwight A. Hamilton Scholarship Award Ceremony was held at the Denver Consistory. This scholarship is named after our Illustrious Brother Dwight A. Hamilton, whose leadership and vision expanded RiteCare clinics across Colorado and strengthened our mission of supporting children with communication disorders. For the first time, the Foundation has expanded the program from six to nine scholarships and increased the award from \$5,000 to \$6,000 per recipient. We were thrilled to award scholarships to outstanding graduate students pursuing degrees in Speech-Language Pathology at the University of Colorado Boulder, Metro State University, and the University of Northern Colorado.

These students embody service, integrity, empathy, and excellence, and each is committed to building a career that helps children, especially those in rural and underserved areas of Colorado, find their voices. These scholarships are more than financial awards; they are a symbol of our trust in these students and in the future they represent. We celebrate not only their academic achievement but also the potential to transform lives through compassion, expertise, and dedication.

Congratulations to our 2025 recipients. This milestone marks the beginning of many great things to come.

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Sarah Booth lives in Denver, Colorado, with her husband and two children. She has always lived on the Front Range and has primarily worked in non-profits, including a local literacy program that partners with public schools. This experience led her to pursue education in Speech Language and Hearing Sciences to work as an SLP in language and literacy in early intervention or in elementary schools. She began by taking leveling courses at MSU Denver and is now an MA-SLP student at CU Boulder. She is grateful for all the opportunities and support she has experienced on this career path.

Madeline Dannewitz is a first-generation college student who attends the University of Northern Colorado for her Master's Degree in Speech-Language Pathology. She currently works as a graduate assistant for the Communication Sciences and Disorders department and as an in-home health caregiver. Madeline combined her love of the outdoors with her advocacy interests in underrepresented communities by initiating a novel research project through the McNair Scholars Program, which focused on expanding inclusivity and access for the Deaf community in National Parks. Madeline was raised in a rural community and educated in a K-8 school that had only 50 students. These experiences have formulated her desire to work as a rural SLP and act as a pillar within smaller communities.



Catrina Harrell is a second-year graduate student in the Speech-Language Pathology program at Metropolitan State University of Denver. With less than 3.5% of speech-language pathologists in the U.S. identifying as women of color, Catrina is deeply committed to advocating for the Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) community. Catrina is a first-generation college student and a single mother of four, balancing full-time graduate studies with parenthood. She pursued this path not only to make a meaningful impact in her profession but also to show her children that your beginnings do not define your future. Outside of school, she enjoys giving back through community service, teaching Sunday school, playing volleyball, traveling, and attending her children's sports events.

Joe Hoover, a graduate student in Speech-Language Pathology at Metropolitan State University of Denver, is driven by a deep belief that communication is a fundamental human right. For nearly a decade, he has supported children and families in classrooms, clinics, hospitals, and homes, work that has shaped his commitment to reaching those in rural and underserved Colorado communities. Joe's clinical passions include helping children build strong language and literacy skills, supporting individuals who use AAC, and providing gender-affirming voice care. Looking ahead, Joe hopes to work in pediatric medical settings, where he can support children and families during critical and often high-stakes moments, while also mentoring the next generation of speech-language pathologists.



Sara Jenkins, a graduate student in the Speech-Language Pathology program at Metropolitan State University, was born and raised in Colorado. She chose to pursue a career in Speech Language Pathology because it combines her love of language and communication with her desire to have a positive impact on the community. She strongly believes that communication is the basis of interpersonal connection. She was a Spanish teacher in Denver before switching careers to support others in a more individualized and impactful way. She looks forward to serving her home community by utilizing her bilingual skills to provide services to Spanish speakers, as this is a significant area of need not only in Colorado but throughout the United States.

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Monica Kaven is a bilingual graduate student in Speech-Language Pathology (SLP) at the University of Northern Colorado (UNC) and a Certified Speech-Language Pathology Assistant (C-SLPA) working at NoCo Speech and Diagnostics. Her career is rooted in her bicultural upbringing on the border between Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua, Mexico, and El Paso, Texas. Immersed in diverse languages and cultures from a young age, Monica has developed a lifelong commitment to serving multicultural communities and overcoming linguistic and cultural barriers in healthcare. With over 15 years of experience, Monica's professional journey includes roles as a Registered Behavior Technician (RBT) in Applied Behavior Analysis and an SLPA in home health, schools, and private clinic settings. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Multidisciplinary Studies and a Master's degree in Linguistics from the University of Texas at El Paso. Monica's expertise lies in delivering individualized and culturally sensitive speech-language therapy, particularly to Hispanic and Latino families. Her work emphasizes equity and access for underserved populations.



Sara Kurutz is a second-year graduate student in Speech-Language Pathology at the University of Colorado Boulder. She was born and raised in Denver, and after spending some time away, including earning an undergraduate degree in New York City and volunteering as an English teacher in Taiwan, she is thrilled to be back home in beautiful Colorado. When she is not studying, she is out hiking, paddleboarding, camping, or doing anything that takes advantage of the outdoors. In her graduate work, she has been particularly passionate about supporting underserved student populations, including bilingual students and those with autism spectrum disorder. Sara's goal is to work as a school-based SLP in Denver Public Schools, continuing to grow as a clinician while giving back to her hometown.

Emerald Vaca is a second-year graduate student in Speech-Language Pathology (SLP) at the University of Northern Colorado (UNC). A first-generation college student, Emerald was born and raised in Grand Junction, Colorado, and it remains near and dear to her heart. Emerald has worked at the Mesa County School District in Grand Junction since 2008. Due to teacher shortages, she was able to work as a Speech-Language Pathologist in the school district under a Temporary Educator Eligibility license for the past year. Emerald is excited about how speech-language pathology is a continuously evolving field, with new developments to learn about. Emerald plans to continue working with children and their families in her beloved Grand Junction, believing wholeheartedly that communication is one of the most powerful tools a child can have.



Sophia Wonneberger is a second-year graduate student in the MA-SLP program at the University of Colorado Boulder. Originally from Maryland, Sophia has resided in Colorado for the past decade. She received a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and a Bachelor of Music in Viola Performance from the University of Colorado Boulder in 2020. After college, she worked as a preschool teacher, which is where she developed an interest in speech therapy and a passion for supporting children's communication skills. During graduate school, Sophia worked as a graduate teaching assistant and research assistant, and has also served as a graduate student clinician in the CU speech, language, and hearing clinic. Sophia has particularly enjoyed her pediatric clinic placements and plans to work in a school setting after graduation. Outside of speech-language pathology, Sophia enjoys exploring Colorado, creating art, and spending time with friends, family, and her cat, Gandalf.

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