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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.**

WHAT PAIRS BEST WITH WINE & CHOCOLATE?

OUR WONDERFUL CONSISTORY LADIES!

During the February 16 Ladies' Meeting

Save the date!

Bring your Lady!

Planned and Presented by the Consistory Line Entertainment & Education Group



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 The QR code on the old cards is no longer valid.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

FEBRUARY 2026

Mon, FEB 2	7:00 p.m. KSA Meeting in Lodge Room
Fri, FEB 6	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (\$15 - Fried Chicken)
Fri, FEB 13	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (\$15 - French Dip Sandwiches)
Mon, FEB 16	Stated Meeting - Feast of Kadosh Parking Garage Available
	5:30 p.m. Red Room Business Meeting
	6:00 p.m. Dinner (\$25 Reservations Only - Smothered Pork Chop)
	7:00 p.m. Entertainment (President's Day, Valentine's Day)
	7:30 p.m. Split Meeting— Almoner & Life Membership Annual Reports to CLOP; 5 min oration—Orator, CLOP
Fri, FEB 20	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (\$15 - Pulled Pork Sandwiches)
Fri, FEB 27	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (\$15 - 5-way Chili)

MARCH 2026

Mon, MAR 2	7:00 p.m. KSA Meeting in Lodge Room
MAR 5-7	Supreme Council Leadership Conference—Las Vegas
Fri, MAR 6	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (\$15 - Fried Chicken)
Thu, MAR 12	7:00 p.m. Degree Council Meeting
Fri, MAR 13	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (\$15)
Mon, MAR 16	Stated Meeting - Parking Garage Available
	<u>Sports Team Shirt Night</u>
	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—Orator, Rose Croix Line
Fri, MAR 20	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (\$15)
Fri, MAR 27	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (\$15)
Sat, MAR 28	9:00-11:00 a.m. KSA Spring Cleanup

APRIL 2026

Fri, APR 3	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (\$15 - Fried Chicken)
Sun, APR 5	6:30 a.m. Knights Templar Association Easter Sunrise Service
Mon, APR 6	7:00 p.m. KSA Meeting in Lodge Room
Fri, APR 10	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (\$15)
Fri, APR 17	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (\$15)
Mon, APR 20	Stated Meeting - Parking Garage Available
	5:30 p.m. Red Room Business Meeting

EDITOR'S RESTLEBOARD



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Change of Pace



I want to change things up a bit this month. As I was migrating and sorting through the myriad of files I have (multiple terabytes of data) trying to get rid of outdated files and applications that have just hung around over the years since I started this microcomputer gig (built my first microcomputer in 1977 while stationed in Scotland). In this particular case, years ago when I first became a Scottish Rite Mason, I stumbled upon a couple of references to a "Knight Kadosh Funeral Service" (as opposed to the Rose Croix Funeral Service), but I never was able to find much about it. Fast forward to my "clean up" efforts recently, and I stumbled onto a few references that mentioned that service, but still nothing concrete about it other than some indicators of HOW the service was performed, not the ritual itself.

I will bet that 99.44% of us have never heard of Illustrious Brother James (Jim) Daniel Richardson. There is an article from the Murfreesboro Post that elaborates in much more detail than I'm going to provide here, so if you're interested, here are the links of interest:

[James D. Richardson - Wikipedia](#) and [Richardson, James Daniel | Tennessee Encyclopedia](#)

I'll "cut to the chase" here and tell you that IB Richardson was the 11th SGC of the A&ASR (SMJ) from 1901 until his death in 1914. He was also responsible, as Commander, for the purchase of land on the current 16th Street N.W. campus in Washington D.C. that would become the current House of the Temple. He did not live to see the completion of the HoT, but he led the effort and held the groundbreaking and laying of the cornerstone ceremony for the HoT. Our current House of the Temple is indeed a monument to IB Richardson's vision of the future of the Scottish Rite.

Read these two documents about our Illustrious Brother—he was quite accomplished, not just as a Mason and a politician but also an orator. He served in the Civil War - at age 18, he volunteered as a private in the Confederate service, joining the 45th Tennessee Infantry. He served as a private until the battle of Shiloh, when he was promoted to adjutant-major of the regiment and filled that position until the surrender at Bentonville, NC.

Just before the surrender, he married Rebecca Alabama Pippen, and "read" law with Judge Thomas Frazier (this was before you had to take the LSAT and go to law school to practice law) and continued in the practice of law for the rest of his professional career.

Here's the significant piece of information about the Kadosh Funeral Service:

IB Richardson died on July 25, 1914. At that time, the Kadosh funeral service was reserved for very senior Masons in the Scottish Rite – only those who were 33° Scottish Rite Masons. His was the only such funeral held in Tennessee at that time. It was unique in that it consisted of two special trains carrying Masons and friends from Nashville to Murfreesboro. The funeral began on the night of July 26th. According to the records, 150 Nashville Masons came to conduct the service, over 1000 people gathered 12 hours prior to the ceremony to ensure they were admitted to the church from 11:00 p.m. until the service began at the midnight.

Politics, Masonry, and his law practice divided his attention (note: it says nothing about “family” as you would expect). He served as a deacon in the Central Christian Church of Murfreesboro. As a democrat (in a democrat-dominated state), he was elected to state and then National office. At age 28, he was Speaker of the House for Tennessee, and in 1873 he was elected to the state senate (served as a member of the judiciary committee) - he was elected to that office before legal constitutionality of age. He was later elected to the U.S. Congress and subsequently elected to nine terms from 1885-1905.

He was a prolific writer, and was asked—as a scholarly gentleman—to compile and edit “The Messages and Papers of the Presidents 1789-1897.” Later, he compiled “The Messages and Papers of the Confederacy,” which contained the official words of Jefferson Davis and the secret correspondences that passed between the Confederate Secretaries of State and foreign commissioners. But, because Richardson was a Confederate soldier, he had to get permission from the U.S. Congress to publish the work. Other works include “Women of the Confederacy” which was an article in the magazine “Confederate Veteran.”)

SO ... as you can see, IB Richardson was not just an important figure in Masonry and the Scottish Rite, he was also significant in the politics of post-Civil War Tennessee.

Wouldn't it be a shame if the recent hysteria of removing all vestiges of the Confederacy had deprived us of the knowledge of this man and Brother?

Our collective history is more important than political divisions, religious divisions, or ethnic divisions. It's what allows us to put where we are today into perspective and understand how and why we got where we are today. Masonry teaches us that we can disagree with each other, but still treat each other with respect and kindness as Brothers (and yes, sisters). It's just a pity that the philosophy we, as Masons, cherish isn't widely accepted all over.

Bill



Franklin Delano Roosevelt (FDR) was a member of Holland Lodge #8 in New York, and was elected President of the United States (as a democrat) in 1932. In 1936, Republican Alfred M. Landon of Kansas was a candidate for the presidency against FDR. He was a member of Fortitude Lodge #107. He received the electoral votes of only two states—Maine and Vermont. Two Masons from opposite parties vying for the highest office in our nation.

Wouldn't it be nice if we could somehow manage to have our current politicians behave with the same civility and dedication to the people instead of the party? It seems the influence of Masonry on our politicians has waned over the years.



From the Secretary's Desk

Matt Raia, 33°



CONSISTORY OFFICE HOURS

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

Occasional failure is the price of improvement.

FRIDAY LUNCHES - The Executive Committee decided to continue to offer lunch on Fridays for our members, their families and friends, and prospects. **The cost of lunch is increased to \$15 per person**, to help reduce the deficit realized between the income and the cost to provide the lunch. Please come out and enjoy an all-you-can-eat buffet consisting of salad, entrée, dessert, and beverage and help us maintain the ability to continue to provide the Friday lunches.

THANK YOU - to those who helped put away the Christmas decorations on January 3rd.

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.

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 Wayne Arner, 33°; Illustrious Brother Ron Birely, 33°; Illustrious Brother Claud Dutro, 33°; Illustrious Brother Bob Gregory, 33°; Illustrious Brother Joe Kier, 33°; Illustrious Brother Charlie Shaeffer, 33°; Illustrious Brother Jim Schneider, 33°; Illustrious Brother Danny Tomlinson, 33°; Brother Bill Achbach, 32° KCCH; Brother Jerry Edwards, 32° KCCH; Brother Mike Tims, 32° KCCH; Brother Kevin Trabert, 32° KCCH; Brother Howard Zouflay, 32° KCCH; Brother Bryce Dunn, 32°; Brother Scott Haldi, 32°; Brother Mike McMinimee, 32°; Brother Thomas Peter, 32°; Brother Richard Shyrigh, 32°; Black Hawk Lodge #11; Centennial Lodge of Perfection.

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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.



PASSPORT JEWEL - A special passport jewel is now available for those who have completed a Reunion Passport. If you have completed a passport, see Illustrious Brother Alex McIntosh to receive your passport jewel. If you received a double eagle jewel for completing a passport, turn it in to Alex and he will give you a passport jewel.

Donate Your Car - Do you have a car you no longer need? You are not required to be a member of Denver Consistory to participate - ANYONE can participate. Tell your family, friends, and neighbors to donate their car for the benefit of the Scottish Rite Masonic Center and be eligible to receive a tax deduction for the donation.

It's easy to donate your vehicle to charity for the benefit of the Scottish Rite Masonic Center. Go to www.carsforcharity.net and click on "Donate My Car." Scroll down the list of charities and click on "Scottish Rite Masonic Center." After you have completed the form, you will be contacted with information about picking up the car. When the car has been sold by Cars for Charity, the Scottish Rite Masonic Center will receive payment. This is a great way to support the Scottish Rite Masonic Center in obtaining funds for the ongoing operation and maintenance of our building.

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.

Burns Supper January 17th - The Knights of Saint Andrew held their annual Burns Supper and Whisky College on January 17th, both of which were sold out. If you procrastinated and didn't make a reservation, you missed out on a great time. Congratulations to the KSA on an outstanding event. Mark your calendar for the 2027 Burns Supper (**January 16, 2027**) so you don't forget next time. Don't wait until the last minute to make reservations ... they can definitely sell out both events quickly.

January 19th Stated Meeting - We watched a very interesting short video by Illustrious Brother Maynard Edwards, 33°, about Harry Houdini. Was he REALLY a Mason? Here's a link to the video for those who didn't get to see it:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1FGci8PRx0jqciYEJpLFZiouUnJtHbbOZ?usp=sharing>

Illustrious Brother Ron Birely, 33°, Personal Representative, presented a condensed version of the 2025 Annual Reports.

Illustrious and Most Worshipful Brother Karl Hinkle, 33° (Active), S.G.I.G., conducted the public installation of officers for 2026.

2026 Membership fee was payable December 31, 2025. If you have not yet paid your 2026 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.**

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

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.

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.

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.

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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.

COMING EVENTS

Monday, February 2nd @ 7:00 p.m.—KSA meeting in the Lodge Room. All Scottish Rite members are invited to attend.

Monday, February 16th Stated Meeting - Feast of Kadosh. Annual report of the Life Membership Fund, the Almoner's Fund, and the SRMC Endowment Fund. We will also have an oration by the Orator of the Centennial Lodge of Perfection, and a presentation on the 18th degree. The ladies will enjoy wine tasting and chocolates during their meeting while we conduct our business meeting. (See flyer in this issue.)

Easter Sunrise Service - The 101st Annual Easter Sunrise Service will be hosted by the Colorado Knight Templar Association on April 5, 2026. (See flyer in this issue.)

Spring Reunion May 7, 8, 9 - If you normally work in a degree during the Spring Reunion, start brushing up on your part. We will have the Degree Council meeting on Thursday, March 12th at 7:00 p.m.

It is NOT TOO EARLY to turn in petitions. Membership is the lifeline of the Denver Consistory. We cannot survive without a constant renewal of our membership.



Who was William Wyler? Wyler was an academy award-winning motion picture director who directed, among many other films, the production of *Ben Hur*, written by Civil War General Lewis Wallace, a member of Fountain Lodge #60 of Indiana. Wyler was a member of Loyalty Lodge #529 of California.

Who were some of the Freemasons enumerated by Henry C. Clausen in his booklet *Masons Who Helped Shape Our Nation*? Douglas Fairbanks, Harold Lloyd, Frank Lloyd, Wallace Beery, Louis B. Mayer, Tom Mix, Hoot Gibson, James E. Blackmore, George Brent, Eddie Cantor, Joe E. Brown, Charles Coburn, Dan DeFore, Gene Autry, Will Rogers, Roy Disney, Cecil B. DeMille, and Ernest Borgnine. For some reason, Clausen didn't mention Roy Rogers and a host of other Masons involved in the motion picture industry.



Bill Achbach, 32° KCCH

Master of Kadosh
Director of Education

The Wellspring of Virtue



Theologians and moral philosophers (Yep! The latter is actually “a thing!”) generally agree that “pride” is at the root of much (arguably all) of moral shortcomings ... transgression ... sin (the latter not a popular or politically correct term these days ... judgmental language rarely is ... “these days”). I mean, think about it! The “other six” of the Seven Deadly Sins...

- Greed: the intense desire for material wealth or gain, often **at the expense of others**.
- Wrath: feelings of anger, hatred, and vengeance. Leads to a desire for revenge ... justified by a **focus on one's self**.
- Envy: Envy is the desire for what others possess. Leads to resentment and a **lack of appreciation for one's own blessings**.
- Lust: Lust is an intense longing, particularly (but not exclusively) for sexual pleasure. It can lead to immoral actions and a focus on **one's own physical desires** over spiritual or emotional connections.
- Gluttony: overindulgence, particularly (but not exclusively) in food and drink. It reflects a lack of self-control and can lead to negative health consequences and a **disregard for the needs of others**.
- Sloth: Sloth is the avoidance of physical or spiritual work, leading to neglect of responsibilities, **in favor of one's own preferences**.

... all rooted in everyone's favorite #1 on the list ...

- Pride: an excessive belief in one's abilities, leading to a disregard for others. Pride says “it's all about me” and “I'm above the rules that apply to everyone else!”

So, Brothers, knowing the way my odd little alleged mind works, you might well figure that the question that pops into my head is this: Might there not also be a virtue that serves as the root of all other virtues, much like pride serves as the wellspring of the opposite? I'm satisfied that I found that very concept in the lessons of the 6th Degree. So, dust off your copy of *Morals and Dogma* or, if you prefer, *Bridge to Light* and follow along for a moment!

King Solomon garners praise, both in scripture and in the legends of the Craft, for his wise decisions and judgements: largely owing to his ability to cut to the heart of an issue and render verdicts uniquely appropriate to the situation. He is, indeed, essentially a type for the whole concept of a wise judge and ruler: one able to rise above circumstances and disregard his own interest in the outcome. This latter character trait—beautifully illustrated in the 6th Degree—is defined as “disinterestedness,” and this, I would suggest, is the gateway to all other moral virtue.

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I do, however, pose one caveat in saying that disinterestedness serves this moral role. There's a particular threat to the ego in looking at the concept this way, because, whereas pride is an excessive (i.e. unwarranted) belief in one's own abilities, disinterestedness demands that one be willing to defer to the wishes or plans of another (for the sake of a relationship, to promote harmony, or just for the general benefit of another), even when—perhaps even **ESPECIALLY** when—our own private interests are better served by having our own way. I've seen "neutrality" given as a synonym for disinterestedness ... and I do not accept this as a valid idea!

Neutrality implies that one really is ambivalent regarding the outcome of a given action ... that a person have "no dog in the fight," as the old saying goes. It seems to me that true disinterestedness calls upon us to defer to the interests of others, in some situations (and as Solomon does in the 6th Degree), even when there may be a clear advantage to us in pressing our own advantage, and to do so for the sake of a higher purpose. All human beings are "self-interested" creatures, but there is also a concept known as "enlightened self-interest," which is the idea of "acting to further the interests of others (or the interests of the group or groups to which they belong), so as to ultimately serve one's own self-interest as well."

Disinterestedness—being able to suspend one's own demand for primacy in every situations, even while being aware of it—seems to me to lie at the very foundation of true charity... indeed of all virtue. As SGC Pike phrased it, in his own commentary on the 6th Degree:

It should be objection sufficient to exclude any man from the society of Masons, that he is not disinterested and generous, both in his acts, and in his opinions of men, and his constructions of their conduct.¹

Bill

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¹ Hutchens, Rex. *Bridge To Light: A Study in Masonic Ritual & Philosophy* (pp. 47-48). The Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite. Kindle Edition. (DeHoyos annotated *Morals and Dogma*, Kindle Ed., Location 6463/42413.

Answer: (A) The three most senior officers in each line are elected by the Valley, upon nomination by the Personal Representative. (B) The four most junior officers in each line are appointed by the Personal Representative with the assistance of the Executive Committee. (C) The Personal Representative, Treasurer, Secretary/Recorder/Registrar, Almoner, Prelate, and Tiler are appointed by the SGIG. (D) The Personal Representative appoints the Chairman of the Executive, Finance, Cathedral, SRMC, and SR Properties.

This Month's Trivia Question: (A) In what year was the current House of the Temple (Headquarters of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, SJ) opened? (B) Who was the Chief Architect of the building? (C) Who were the two Sovereign Grand Commanders who began and completed the project?

2026 KSA WHISKY COLLEGE—A SELLOUT AS WELL!



The “Whisky College” began as an “experiment in 2013, and with the exception of the COVID year, we have held a session each year since. In the 12 years we have held the College with “Professor” Stan Holzwart (he took a “sabbatical” in 2023) has guided us through 53 Whiskies (Scotch) and Whiskey’s (Irish and Bourbon) - most of which have been “Single Malt Scotch” - many of which were rare or hard to find here in the U.S.A. This year, he started off with “Heaven Hill Bottled in Bond 7 year old Kentucky Bourbon” - WHY? BECAUSE the rest of the session focused on Glenmorangie, and they used the Heaven Hill Barrels in their aging process. We sampled Glenmorangie “Original” 10 year old, Lasanta 12 year old in Sherry Finish cask, Quinta Ruban 14 year old in Port Finish cask, The Nectar 16 year old in Sauternes and dessert finish casks, and the Extremely Rare 18 year old to wrap up the session. We learned about the coming crisis in getting appropriate barrels for the aging and finishing processes, the impacts on future availability of the spirit and costs associated, and how the various distilleries are positioning themselves in the market to maintain viability and marketability as these conditions change and impact on the Spirit business community. While Stan will not be with us next year, we will find a suitable “substitute” professor for the 2027 session.

2026 KSA BURN'S SUPPER—A SELLOUT!



**2027 Burns Supper
Saturday, JAN 16, 2027**

**Be sure to mark your
calendars so you don't
miss that one!**





Member in the Spotlight By Jeffery L. Gowin, 32° KCCH

1st Lieutenant Commander
Colorado Council of Kadosh

Stephan Grenier, 32°



This month, we are proud to spotlight Stephan Grenier (formerly Stéphane), a brother whose journey spans continents and trades. Since joining Brighton Lodge #78 in 2016, Stephan has become a cornerstone of our Masonic community, currently serving with distinction as the Master of Ceremonies for the Scottish Rite officers' line.

A native of Québec, Canada, Stephan's professional roots are in the high-voltage world of electrical work. After completing his IBEW Lineman Apprenticeship, he spent years working on transmission and distribution systems across 38 states and all of Canada before settling in Colorado in 2015. Today, he splits his time between Lone Tree, CO and Naples, FL.

Stephan was a cadet at a Military School in Valcartier, Canada, from the ages of 12 to 16. The Royal Canadian Hussars is one of the oldest cavalry and armored units in Canada, with a history dating back to the late 18th century. Today, it serves as a reconnaissance unit. This cadet program probably created Stephan's lifelong affinity for discipline, tradition, and historical institutions - a trait that clearly influenced his later dedication to the history and rituals of Freemasonry.

Stephan's commitment to Masonry is extensive, spanning memberships in Brighton #78, Nevadaville #4, and Central City #6, as well as the Scottish Rite, KSA, and El Jebel. He has served in nearly every chair of the Blue Lodge. Stephan has just finished as the Worshipful Master of Brighton Lodge #78. For Stephan, the heart of the Craft lies in the balance of history and brotherhood - finding as much value in a complex ritual as he does in the fellowship of a social gathering.

Stephan shares about some of his interests, both inside and outside of Masonry, below:

What are your favorite hobbies or pastimes outside of Masonry?

Supercars, Cigars, Spirits/wine, Fine dining, Hockey, Boxing, MMA, Walking, Horses, Volunteering, and Mentorship.

What do you enjoy most about the Spring and Fall Scottish Rite reunions?

The fellowship and degrees.

Which degrees have you participated in during these events:

11° and 29°, and I have helped with the Class Committee

What do you appreciate most about the Scottish Rite overall?

Formal, Historical, Values, Fellowship, Networking.

What draws you to Masonry in general?

History and Brotherhood

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Did you know?

- French Connection: French is Stephan's first language.
- Renaissance Man: While he spent his career as a lineman, he has a deep love for classical music - the violin is his favorite instrument.
- Cultural Connoisseur: He is an enthusiast of international food, culture, and fine dining.
- Resilient Start: He was born prematurely at seven months, a fitting start for a man who has lived a high-energy life of hockey, horseback riding, golf, basketball, and working in extreme conditions

Are you planning to attend the upcoming reunion?

Yes, of course.

When reflecting on his Masonic journey, Stephan keeps one question at the forefront: "Am I an asset or a liability to the world?" This focus on legacy and mentorship defines his approach to the Scottish Rite where he values the formal traditions and the opportunity to network with men who share a commitment to being a positive force in society.



The Funniest Language You Ever Did See

We'll begin with a box, and the plural is boxes.
But the plural of ox is oxen, not oxes.
Yet the plural of mouse should never be meese!
Then one fowl is a goose, but two are called geese!
You may find a lone mouse or a whole nest of mice,
Yet the plural of house is houses, not hice!
If the plural of man is always men,
Why shouldn't the plural of pan be called pen?
If I speak of a foot, and you show me your feet,
And I give you a boot — would a pair be called beet?
Then one may be that and three would be those,
Yet hat in the plural would never be hose,
And the plural of cat is cats, and not cose!
We speak of a brother, and also of brethren,
But though we say mother, we never say methren!
Then the masculine pronouns are he, his and him,
But imagine the feminine, she, shis, and shim!
So, English I fancy, you all will agree,
Is the funniest language you ever did see!

Anonymous

The Philalethes, February 1973

MEMORIAL SCROLL

James Philip Earhart, 32°

12/24/2025

James Alton Farmer, 32°

12/08/2025

Terry Joe Hudson, 32°

12/16/2025

Theodore Paul Rinker, 32° KCCH

11/10/2025



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:

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



Special Birthdays

90 Years "YOUNG"

Lewis Robert Branch
Edwin Morgan Cotton
Leslie J. Tincombe
Byron George Walker

80 Years "YOUNG"

David Donald Salmon
David James Wagner
Walter Duane Wheeler

70 Years "OLD"

Gordon Chris Ulrickson
Calvin Eugene White

50 Years "OLD"

Cris Pastrana Advincula, Jr.

Our February "Youngster"

Sean Mykhal Davis Nelson (22)

Interesting Facts About FEBRUARY

1. February was not always the second month of the year. In the ancient Roman calendar, it was originally the last month, following January.
2. The name "February" comes from the Latin word "februum," which means purification. It was named after the Roman festival of purification called Februa.
3. February was added to the Roman calendar around 713 BCE by Numa Pompilius, the second king of Rome. Before this, the Roman calendar had only 10 months.
4. In Old English, February was called "Solmonath," which means "mud month," due to the wet conditions typical of this time of year in England.
5. In leap years, February has 29 days instead of 28. This extra day is added to keep our calendar aligned with the Earth's revolutions around the sun.
6. February was almost eliminated from the calendar by Julius Caesar's astronomers when they were creating the Julian calendar around 45 BCE. Instead of removing February, they decided to add the leap day to this month every four years.
7. February can sometimes pass without a full moon – this astronomical event is called a 'Black Moon' and occurs approximately once every 19 years.
8. The chance of being born on February 29th is about 1 in 1,461. People born on this day are sometimes called "leaplings" or "leapers."
9. In some traditions, women are allowed to propose marriage to men on February 29th. This custom is known as "Bachelor's Day" or "Ladies' Privilege." (Think "Sadie Hawkins Day")



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Sunday, April 5th
6:30am

Denver Scottish Rite Consistory
1370 Grant Street

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INVITES YOU TO OUR

4th Annual Crawfish Boil

When:

Saturday, April 18, 2026
11:00 am to 3:00 pm

Where:

Highlands Masonic Center
3550 Federal Boulevard
Denver, Colorado 80211



Cost:

\$20.00 All You Can Eat Louisiana Crawfish with Potatoes, Corn, Andouille Sausage and Drink

\$15.00 Two Fried Catfish Filets, French Fries, Hushpuppies, and a Drink.

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

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