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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.**

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 The QR code on the old cards is no longer valid.

NEW CARD READER ON GLASS DOOR ENTRY: Please see the Secretary’s column for information on the new card reader recently installed on the glass door entry to the building.

PLANNING CALENDAR

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, 10, 17,24	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (\$15 - Fried Chicken on April 3)
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
Mon, APR 20	Stated Meeting - Parking Garage Available 5:30 p.m. Red Room Business Meeting 6:00 p.m. Dinner 7:00 p.m. Awards and Announcements Celebration of Remembrance and Renewal
Thu-Sat, APR 23-25	Southern Colorado Consistory Spring Reunion
Thu, APR 30	Grand Junction Consistory Reunion

MAY 2026

Fri-Sat, MAY 1,2	Grand Junction Consistory Reunion
Fri, MAY 1, 15, 29	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (\$15 - Fried Chicken on May 1)
Mon, MAY 4	5:30 p.m. Special Officers Meeting to read petitions 7:00 p.m. KSA Meeting in Lodge Room
Wed, MAY 6	5:15 p.m. Children's Hospital RiteCare Presentation
Thu-Sat, MAY 7-9	Spring Reunion (65 th) Parking Garage Available
Sat, MAY 9	5:30 p.m. Banquet and 25 & 50 year Presentations
Mon, MAY 18	Stated Meeting (Feast of Consistory) Parking Garage Available 5:30 p.m. Red Room Business Meeting 6:00 p.m. Dinner 7:00 p.m. Awards and Announcements, Entertainment, Memorial Day

EDITOR'S WRESTLEBOARD



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Retention and Recruitment



So, let's do a couple of things this month. FIRST, let's talk about retention numbers. I've written many times about how Freemasonry in the USA and Canada (in general) has been losing 5% to 5.5% PER YEAR for the last 50 YEARS! Those numbers come from the Masonic Service Association. They have been collecting Grand Lodge data for longer than that. OK, we have a milestone to reference today. Then we'll talk about what we can and can't do about them.

If you attended the last stated meeting OR you found yourself looking at the QR code they gave to allow you to examine the "eye chart" of numbers that are normally presented at the January meetings, you would have seen the following:

MEMBERSHIP

January 1, 2025	1,277
14 initiations	1,291
3 Affiliations	1,294
1 Reinstatement	1,295
60 Deaths	1,235
21 Demits	1,214
15 Suspensions (Blue)	1,199
December 31, 2025:	1,199

Here's some pretty simple math: $1,277 - 1,199 = 78$ members LOST (1 reason or another)
 $78/1,277 = 6.1\%$ of our membership was LOST last year. That's a bit higher than 5% or 5.5%.

Now, we can all argue that we can't stop DEATH, which is the majority. If we subtract all other sources of loss, we're still talking $60/1277=4.7\%$ a bit lower than the "norm" of the last 50 years, but still "close enough" for government work. If you know of someone in your lodge that has been suspended, you CAN try to address that situation, but sometimes it's beyond our control. We don't know WHY someone demits—it could easily be associated with a work or family move out of the area—so the Scottish RITE in general MAY or MAY NOT HAVE LOST that brother, but WE did.

The last couple of classes were small—less than 10 in one case...so no matter what, we would not be in a position to even attempt to address suspensions or demits and keep

CLOSE to staying even.

Here's a question to ponder: From what we are seeing and hearing, the YORK RITE is succeeding in attracting new members in bigger numbers than the Scottish Rite. Of course, SOME of those new YR members are indeed already members of the Scottish Rite, but not all of them. WHY is the YR able to get the attention of the Blue Lodge members at a higher rate than the Scottish Rite? What is it they bring to the table that we do not?

Have we asked our departing (living) members WHY they are not showing up? Look, recall in the past I told a story about attending a Consistory meeting in Great Falls, MT. There were only 12 of us in their auditorium at the time, and they only had ONE officer in the east—he wore ALL FOUR “hats” of the bodies! When I asked the General Secretary where the members were, he shrugged and simply said “NO ONE comes to the stated meetings—they're boring. But, when we have a special event, we'll get 200-300 members and their families coming to it.”

Harken back to our recent “special event” - the Burns Supper. We had a SELLOUT! Just a couple shy of 200 at the dinner. We also had a Whisky College SELLOUT at 60 (all the Fire Code will allow in the classroom). SO, it's CLEAR that when WE have a “special event” such as a Burns Supper, we CAN get around 200 attendees. Clearly, you can't have too many “special” events during the year, or they cease to be really “special” and your attendance drops accordingly.

I know we cancelled the last family summer dinner, and we've had significantly less than 200 show up for those in the past as well. There can be LOTS of reasons why someone doesn't come to a summer/special event, but when you KNOW that you can get 200-ish folks showing up, you have to start thinking, WHY didn't we get even close to that kind of attendance at other special events? Frankly, it's because either the cost was outside what your audience felt was appropriate OR the meal/events didn't “grab the attention” of the majority, OR they already had plans and maybe we waited too long to get the word out. Some of these things are fixable, some aren't. But, if we don't look to fix those that we CAN fix, we're probably not going to see the kind of crowd that we see at Burns. And, by the way, the word on the street here in the Denver Metro area is that WE, Yes, Denver Consistory, have the LARGEST Burns Supper in Colorado! Think about that. Bigger than the Scottish-American Society!

Yes, cost is a consideration and a factor, but if people know what they're getting for that cost, they can make an intelligent decision as to whether they think it's worth it. Your attendance will give you the feedback you need to adjust in the future. Yeah, I heard a lot about the cost of Burns and Whisky College—but **clearly, those in attendance thought both events were worth it.**

Businesses pay close attention to numbers (profit, customer numbers, etc.). They react appropriately, and if they don't adapt, they go out of business. Pay attention to your demographics. In our case, we're not JUST looking at MEMBERS of the Consistory, we're also looking to PROSPECTS in the Blue Lodges and potential Blue Lodge candidates looking to see what Freemasonry in general is all about. CAVEAT EMPTOR!

Bill



From the Secretary's Desk

Matt Raia, 33°



CONSISTORY OFFICE HOURS

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

Most of us will never do great things, but we can do small things in a great way.

NEW DOOR ENTRY SYSTEM!!! - a NEW ENTRY SYSTEM HAS BEEN INSTALLED ON THE FRONT DOOR. The card scanner has been removed and replaced with a “tap” reader. See Illustrious Brother Alex McIntosh to obtain a sticker with an NFC chip to attach to your dues card. **DO NOT PUT THE STICKER OVER THE BAR CODE ON YOUR CARD!** The Tylers scan the bar code when you check in. Life members and 50-year members with “Gold Cards” see Alex to obtain a sticker.

Each year when the Supreme Council issues new dues cards, you will need to obtain a new sticker. You may opt to keep your old dues card as a “door card” but that will require you to carry two cards instead of one.

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°; Brother Bill Achbach, 32° KCCH; Brother Jerry Edwards, 32° KCCH; Brother Mike Tims, 32° KCCH; Brother Kevin Trabert, 32° KCCH; Brother Robert Hampe, 32°; Brother S. Logan Matthews, 32°; and Brother Mike McMinimee, 32°.

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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.

February 16th Stated Meeting - Eighteenth Degree cast members presented a portion of the degree and facilitated a discussion about the concept of "Good versus Evil." The annual report of the Almoner was given by **Illustrious Brother Joe Kier, 33°**, the annual report of the Life Membership Memorial Fund was given by **Illustrious Brother Bob Gregory, 33°**, and the annual report of the SRMC Endowment Fund was given by **Illustrious Brother Ron Birely, 33°**. **Brother Kevin Trabert, 32° KCCH**, Orator of the Centennial Lodge of Perfection, delivered his oration.

Degree Council Meeting - Thursday, March 12th at 7:00 p.m. for all degree directors, assistant directors, and committee chairmen, to plan the Spring Reunion.

March 16th Stated Meeting - Will be **Past Presiding Officer Recognition AND "Wear Your Favorite Sports Team Shirt Night."** We will present Patents and class photos to the members of the Fall 2025 Reunion class, Double Eagle Jewels, pins, passport jewels and pins. **Brother Joe Beaton, 32°**, Orator for the Rocky Mountain Chapter of Rose Croix, will deliver his oration.

KSA Spring Cleanup - Saturday, March 28th from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. is the Knights of Saint Andrew Denver Consistory Spring Cleanup. Come out and help the KSA spruce up our building in preparation for the Easter Sunrise Service and the Spring Reunion.

Easter Sunrise Service - April 5th at 6:30 a.m., the Colorado Knight Templar Association will hold the 101st Consecutive Easter Sunrise Service at Denver Consistory. (See Flyer)

Spring Reunion: May 7-9, 2026 - WE NEED PETITIONS! Turn in petitions as soon as you receive them, **do NOT wait until the April 20th Stated Meeting!** Encourage your candidates to use the electronic petition. When completed, the petition is sent to the Denver Consistory Office. **May 4th at 1:00 p.m. is the deadline for receipt of petitions.**

First Line Signer Incentive Program: **THREE** petitions in a calendar year will pay your membership fee for a year. If you are a life member, it entitles you to receive free stated meeting dinners for a year.

DENVER CONSISTORY PETITION FOR MEMBERSHIP:



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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. Please do your part to help sustain the operation of Denver Consistory by paying your membership fee. 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.

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.

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.

Scottish Rite Cathedral Association Year In Review

The Cathedral Association had a very productive 2025. Unless something BIG happens, we do not notice the work that is being done to keep the building functioning. Below is a list highlighting **SOME** of the activity. The SRCA spent \$70,000 in 2025 on building maintenance/improvements.

- Upgraded electrical wiring throughout the cathedral building
- Replaced light fixtures in the game room, mezzanine, mechanical room, and hallway with LED fixtures
- Repainted the kitchen service hallway, mezzanine ceiling, game room ceiling, steel beams on the roof-top beer garden, and cathedral building window grates.
- Purchased new replacement convection ovens for the kitchen
- Replaced fire alarm monitoring system and elevator emergency phone hard wire phone lines with a wireless system
- Authorized installation of a chairlift on the north stairs leading to the mezzanine

A sub-group of the SRCA is the Capital Expenditure Team, which is responsible for planning and implementing improvements costing more than \$25,000. Below is a list of CET projects:

- Authorized the replacement of the outdated elevator mechanical and operating systems—\$120,000
- Replace air handler pneumatic controls, steam pipe upgrades, and steam traps—\$85,500
- \$192,800 worth of projects are in the planning stages for 2026/2027

COMING EVENTS AT THE CONSISTORY

March 2nd: 7:00 p.m.—Knights of Saint Andrew Meeting in Lodge Room

March 12th: 7:00 p.m.—Degree Council meeting

March 16th: Stated Meeting—Sports Team Shirt Night

April 5th: 6:30 a.m.—Easter Sunrise Service

May 7th-9th: Spring Reunion

August 10th: Fifth Annual SRMC Golf Tournament

September 19th: Fifth Annual SRMC Sporting Clays Tournament





Stephan and Thuan did a Fabulous Job presenting wine & chocolate pairing at the February Stated Meeting Ladies break out group!

A Big
THANK
YOU!





Bill Achbach, 32° KCCH Director of Education



Bicenquartial? Quasquicentennial? Semi-quasquicentennial?

We're all aware, by now, that July 4, 2026 marks the 250th anniversary of the United States, commemorating the signing of the Declaration of Independence ... although there is considerable debate as to when the signing (or, more likely, signings) actually occurred. The official term being used, I believe, is semi-quincentennial ... that's "semi" (half) + "quin" (five) + "centennial" (hundred year anniversary). I've been intrigued by the terminology, ever since my little Ohio village celebrated its sesquicentennial (150th anniversary) when I was ten years old, and two years of Latin only heightened my interest (Thanks, Mr. Schindler!). When our republican experiment hit that magic bicentennial anniversary in 1976, I had just witnessed the Scottish Rite degrees two months earlier ("The American Patriots Class"... there were 279 of us!), in the Valley of Dayton (NMJ), but I was (and remained for most of the intervening decades) blissfully ignorant of the history of the Rite!

Fast forward to ... oh ... around 2015-2016 ... when I affiliated with Idaho Springs #26 and then with the Valley of Denver: former history teacher ... retired ... lots of relatively free time ... and eventually writing these monthly pieces! Suddenly ... "Hey, Masonic history is pretty interesting!" Ultimately, for me, it was taking one of the Master Craftsman mini-courses ... ([Ordo Ab Chao](#) ... I highly recommend it!) that made me aware of the early history of the Scottish Rite and its founding in the U.S. in 1801. Wait! 1801? That makes the Rite just twenty-five years younger than the nation and 2026 the 225th anniversary of the Mother Jurisdiction of the World!

So, for the next few months, I'm going to highlight some of the more important events and milestones in the 225 years of Scottish Rite Masonry. But, to make a credible start to that journey, it's really necessary to understand a little something about what came before that seminal event, in Charleston, SC, in July of 1801. The first installment in that series, therefore, will be a bit about ...

Pre-1801 Higher Degrees and Degree Systems

Call them "higher degrees," *haut grades* ... whatever ... The reality is that Freemasonry exploded out of the gate following the start of the Grand Lodge Era in 1717. In the decades immediately following, it seemed the appeal of fraternal association, symbolism, esotericism, and humanism (all focal points during the intellectual wildfire of the mid-18th century) motivated anyone with the intellectual tools (and, frankly, some without them) to invent and promote "degree systems" of various sorts, and to then make the effort to load it on the bandwagon of "Freemasonry."

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The first “higher degree” was, of course, that of Master Mason ... extant by the early 1720s and a matter of verified Lodge record by 1725. But the Master’s Degree was only a single innovation, and it fit well into the context of the existing Craft experience, and so it did not bring about the formation of an entirely new body, within the context of the Fraternity. Still...

When we consider the creation of the Master Mason’s Degree, the first “high degree” added to Craft Masonry, it is a remarkable fact that high degree Masonry is virtually as old as Speculative Freemasonry itself. Other high degrees also followed quickly on the footsteps of the Master Mason’s Degree. As early as 1733 a reference to a “Scotch Masons’ Lodge” appeared in a manuscript list of lodges by Dr. Richard Rawlinson, and the following year it was again mentioned in a printed list of Masonic Bodies.¹

It is interesting that what became the Royal Arch seems to have also originated within these systems dubbed “Scotts,” “Scotch,” or “Scottish” ... all these terms being used to designate a definite “type of Masonry practiced, rather than referring to native Scotsmen.”² The point here is that these were all degrees conferred upon men already made Master Masons, so they were **in addition** to the recognized (if still developing) Craft Degrees.

Originating (for the most part) in Britain ... evolving in France ... and, typically, taking on Scottish titles, these degrees and sets of degrees became increasingly in vogue, as Masonry spread and flourished on the continent. An English Lodge (*Loge L’Anglaise*) in Bordeaux founded *Loge la Française*, and that French Lodge became especially involved in conferring and popularizing the *haut grades* (*high degrees*), founding *Loge Parfaite Harmonie* in 1743. One of the founders of *Loge Parfaite Harmonie* was a man indispensable to the eventual formation of the Scottish Rite: Étienne (Stephen) Morin!

In 1761, Morin was issued a patent by the French Grand Lodge, acting in concert with a French body conferring a series of superior degrees, styling him *Grand Inspector* and authorizing him to “establish perfect and sublime Masonry in all parts of the world.” By 1763, Morin had developed a rite of twenty-five degrees ... an amalgamation of many of the popular *haut grades* of his day, which he entitled the “Order of the Royal Secret.” It was a system most likely of his own invention, although he let it be supposed that the French body responsible for his title of Grand Inspector was responsible for the organization.

Also in 1763, Morin journeyed to Jamaica and introduced his degree system there, whence it jumped to New Orleans and took root there. Henry Andrew Francken, a Dutch Mason, transported the Order of the Royal Secret to New York (with Morin’s authorization) and began to confer the high degrees there. Brother Francken then appointed Moses Michael Hays as his Deputy Inspector General for all the West Indies and for North America, and Hays, in his turn, appointed eight Brethren as Deputy Inspectors General.

Among those eight Brethren, was one Barend Moses Spitzer ... a resident of Charleston, SC ... who then appointed John Mitchell to the same office. Mitchell, likewise, in 1801, bestowed the title upon the Reverend Frederick Dalcho. Thus, via a succession of appointments to the rank of Deputy Inspector General of the Order of the Royal Secret, did the precursor to our Supreme Council come to exercise nominal authority over a loose union of degrees and

bodies that existed in the United States, as the 18th became the 19th century.³

Brethren, to conclude this initial article, I'll recommend three sources for those interested in a deeper look at these times and events. If you're mainly interested in having some source to read on your own, [this material](#) (which is also contained in The Southern Jurisdiction's *Presenting the Scottish Rite, SJ, USA*) is an excellent start. Want to take a bit deeper dive? Then, perhaps, a section in *Scottish Rite Ritual, Monitor & Guide* entitled "A Brief History of Freemasonry and the Origins of the Scottish Rite" would suit you better. Of course, if you really want to take the plunge and immerse yourself in not only the origins and early history of the Rite, but its history right up until recent years, then a work such as William Fox's *Lodge of the Double-Headed Eagle* will be just what you need.

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¹de Hoyos, Arturo. *Scottish Rite Ritual Monitor & guide* (pp. 141-142). Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite, 33°, Southern Jurisdiction, USA. Kindle Edition.

²de Hoyos, Arturo. *Scottish Rite Ritual Monitor & guide* (p. 142). Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite, 33°, Southern Jurisdiction, USA. Kindle Edition.

³All of this material on the evolving *haut grades*, their organization, and spread to America is excerpted from *Presenting the Scottish Rite, SJ, USA*.

Last Month's Trivia Questions: (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?

Answers: (A) October 18, 1915 (B) John Russell Pope (C) SGC James D. Richardson oversaw the planning and initiation of the massive project. Upon his death, on July 24, 1914, Lieutenant G.C. George Fleming Moore became Acting SGC. He was elected to succeed Illustrious Brother Richardson on October 14th of the same year and saw the project through to its completion a year later.

This Month's Trivia Question: When was the current ritual of the Scottish Rite, SJ adopted.



**From the Rose Croix East
To Be A Soldier of the Light**

By Tom Adair, 32° KCCH

Wise Master, Rocky Mountain Chapter



It has been said that Evil is born of a cold heart and a weak mind, one that cultivates destruction over creation. Hearts and minds where the light made from the destructive fires of envy and self-loathing illuminate the dark and empty void. As Scottish Rite Masons we are called upon to be more than mere participants in a fraternity; we are summoned to serve as Soldiers of the Light. This title is not one of martial conquest but of unwavering fidelity to truth and rectitude of behavior. Our charge is clear: to uphold the pillars of civility, liberty, and rule of law in a world increasingly seduced by the chaos of the mob. Soldiers of the Light reject the reprobate mind that thrives on ignorance, violence, and emotional whimsy. Our duty is to illuminate the path of virtue for others, reminding ourselves and our brethren that truth is the unyielding foundation upon which we build our moral edifice. These timeless principles, drawing from the wisdom of our craft to fortify our resolve against the encroaching darkness, are what separate us from the minds of King and beast.

At the heart of our Masonic obligation lies an unalterable commitment to protecting truth from those pursuing its subjugation. Words have meaning to all but tyrants and fools, and this idea is foundational to recognizing objective truth. Truth is not an illusion, like some desert oasis where we perceive water, but the sand remains dry. Would honest men bathe in those sands once the mirage is dispelled? Should we encourage others to do that which we know to be foolish? No—we must recognize and assert the truth to those who roll in the sand and bathe in delusion.

As a former crime scene investigator, I embraced my duty to seek truth wherever it may lead, advocating for analysis based on the rational and dispassionate examination of evidence. In doing so, sometimes the monsters evaded justice, but this was preferable to a world where facts could be twisted to fit a desired outcome. A desire often fueled by anything but justice. Consider the etymology of “rational”—derived from the Latin *ratio*, meaning reason or reckoning. It demands we weigh evidence without prejudice, much like our Masonic pursuit of Light.

Yet, in our modern age, countless self-proclaimed experts favor the imaginable over reality, indulging fantasy to affirm their wandering emotions. Every feeling must be validated, every impulse excused. This path leads inexorably to chaos, a realm where vice masquerades as duty and virtue is condemned as sin. We witness the normalization of intimidation through threats and violence, unfettered rage that poisons honest discourse. Those who suffer this suicidal empathy often weave narratives of grievance to justify the barbarity. But I ask you, what beauties has the ruthless hand of ignorance ever crafted? Recall the barbarous force that destroyed the Temple of Solomon—what did the barbarians replace it with? Only broken tools and columns leading to darkness upon the land and ignorance among the people. The

Light of Truth is that one force capable of guiding humanity away from that spell of darkness which douses the flame of Liberty, Equality, and Fraternity.

Honest discourse rests upon the foundation of agreed premise, for without it, dialogue devolves into discord and neighbors are soon branded as enemies. This behavior is food and fuel for the demons inside each of us and we cannot allow ourselves to cultivate it. As Freemasons, we neither comfort evil nor feed the wicked heart. Instead, we starve our demons until they are too weak to pursue us. The Bible reinforces this: Exodus 23:2 admonishes,

“Thou shalt not follow a multitude to do evil; neither shalt thou speak in a cause to decline after many to wrest judgment.”

Rules, civility, and manners matter profoundly among a moral people. Should we not strive for a world of civil disagreement rather than one built out of a violent conformity of thought? Truth must be the square upon which we interact and the angle of the compasses by which we circumscribe our actions. Ask yourself: do you faithfully follow the Charge given to you as an Entered Apprentice?

The mob embodies the antithesis of these ideals—vigilantes who favor chaos and violence, wielding fire and force to impose their will and intimidate those who dare to hold a different view. Each new lie they propagate serves only to feed the pyre of ignorance and destruction. A pyre that, left unchecked, will eventually consume us all. This league of fools caters to the reprobate mind, where the Golden Rule—intended as a tool of self-reflection for judging the righteousness of our actions—is weaponized for the subjugation of thought and action. It pains me to see so many suffer under the veil of ignorance or, worse, cloaked as ruffians demanding a reality adjacent to the one promised by divine order and obtained through the patient pursuit of morality. They prefer to dwell comfortably in an alternate universe where truth is but a distorted reflection in a house of mirrors, insisting on their own “reality” and “truth.” How dark these hearts must be. How prudent our cause to carry the Light!

As Masons, we thrive as builders, not destroyers. We rely on the Divine blueprint provided by the three great lights: the Holy Bible, Square, and Compasses to build our temples. These simple tools, when used properly, ensure a civil society based on truth, equality, and justice. In our pursuit of truth we must endeavor to subdue our passions, for they always cause trembling hands upon the working tools.

Our fraternity cannot survive if we abandon truth. One must choose to become a Soldier of the Light, regardless of consequences to rank or reputation, lest we be consumed by the mob of darkness. We should welcome Truth into our hearts as we welcome the sojourning Mason into our Lodge, fostering an environment of enlightenment and brotherhood.

In conclusion, let us go forth into battle under the banner of Light and govern ourselves accordingly. As Soldiers of the Light, we stand resolute against the tides of ignorance and mob rule. By embracing truth, civility, and rectitude, we not only honor and preserve our ancient craft but illuminate the world by the Light of builders. Renew your commitment today—be the advocate for truth, the builder of virtue, and the Vanguard against wickedness. In doing so, we honor our obligations and ensure that the light of Freemasonry endures for generations to come.



Kevin Trabert, 32°KCCH

Orator

Centennial Lodge of Perfection

I Do So Promise and Vow



I was initiated into the Order of DeMolay at the age of 13 and was immediately intrigued by the lessons I learned in the degrees. I began studying all the materials provided to me upon my initiation and came across a picture of a stained-glass window displayed proximately within the Frank S. Land Memorial Room at the DeMolay International Headquarters. Dad Land, as he was affectionately called, was the founder of the Order of DeMolay and upon his passing the stained-glass was commissioned as part of the memorial to commemorate his legacy. The stained-glass window depicts a young man kneeling at the altar, his hand resting upon the Holy Bible, taking his vows to become a DeMolay. At the bottom of the stained-glass is an inscription “I do so promise and vow.” The image of that stained-glass window, and more particularly the inscription, resonated with me as I had just taken my own vows at the altar of DeMolay. I did not know it at the time, but the phrase “I do so promise and vow” would reappear multiple times as I continued my Masonic journey, and each time I would be re-energized with a feeling of honor and commitment.

Recently, I was again reflecting upon these six, seemingly simple words, and began to feel their weight but also began questioning “what have I promised and vowed” so many times over the past 30 years? You may be shocked to learn that each of us on our Masonic journey, ascending from an Entered Apprentice to a Master of the Royal Secret, have made over 70 separate promises throughout the degrees. While a lot of us will likely remember the promises made in the craft degrees, as we had to complete a proficiency to advance, it is not expected that we memorize the promises made during the higher degrees; yet we are solemnly bound to keep them. After combing through our ritual, I found the 70+ promises are encapsulated by these five key themes.

1. Maintain secrecy and practice fidelity

It should not be a surprise to anyone here that a common theme throughout the degrees is our requirement to conceal and never reveal the secrets of our craft. This is both a good business practice and a test of our fidelity, indicating our readiness for increased responsibilities and additional light. By binding oneself to silence, the Mason proves he is the master of his own impulses. We should, therefore, frame the discipline of secrecy as an act of faithfulness to our brethren; an unbreakable bond of brotherly love.

2. Universal brotherhood

Consistent with the Landmarks of Freemasonry, we are all created equal and meet on the level. It is our bond of fraternal affection that transcends societal views and individualism to achieve a level of interpersonal harmony. Remembering the golden rule, we must sacrifice private grievances for the betterment of our order. We are explicitly forbidden from

harboring resentments, piques, and grudges at the altar of Freemasonry.

3. Defend civil and religious liberty

We are the defenders of civil and religious liberties; freedoms that are all too often taken for granted in some societies and oppressed in others. It is our sworn duty to protect the right of individuals to practice their religion and voice their political opinions without fear of persecution or unjust imposition of burdens. We are called to protect democratic processes and resist despotism, spiritual tyranny, and bigotry. It is through our virtuous example that the war against fanaticism and intolerance may be won.

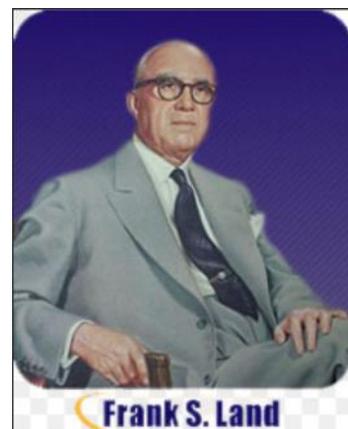
4. Moral self-mastery

It is the goal of every mason to become the absolute master of his own passions and opinions by removing the influence of the vices and superfluities of the profane world. Several of the promises and ritual acts throughout the degrees focus on the purification of the heart, mind, and soul, laying the foundation for self-mastery. By embodying virtues like humility, patience, and self-denial, the mason realizes moral self-mastery, acting based on conscience and intellect rather than necessities, passions, or follies.

5. Benevolence

A common thread during our entire masonic journey is our duty to be charitable with our money and time and our responsibility to look after the widows and orphans. A mason's hands should never be defiled by covetousness or unjust gain but rather be used to benefit our fellows. It shall be your cheerful duty to aid and assist your brethren, to attend to the sick or suffering, and protect the helpless. Let us remember that any wealth or power are blessings entrusted to us for the benefit of humanity.

In conclusion my brethren, as I reflect on that stained-glass window, I realize that it is not just a piece of art, but rather a blueprint for a life well-lived. Those six simple words - I do so promise and vow - are not merely a repetitive ritualistic formula or a relic of our institution. They are a living, breathing contract with our creator and our brethren. Whether we are protecting the sanctity of our secrets, defending the liberties of our neighbors, or mastering the passions of our own hearts, we are the architects of a temple that is never truly finished. As you leave here today, I challenge you not to just remember all the promises you have made, but to embody the five themes we have discussed. Let us ensure that when the world looks at a Scottish Rite Mason, they do not just see a man of titles, but a man of his word – a man who understands that his honor is his most sacred currency. For in the end, we are defined not by the degrees we have received, but by the vows we have kept.





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

1st Lieutenant Commander
Colorado Council of Kadosh

Otto “Van-Troi” Perozo, 32°



Let me introduce you to Otto “Van-Troi” Perozo; he goes by his middle name. He states, “If you call me Otto, I know you went to High School with me.” He was born in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. Van-Troi has been in the U.S. for the last 32 years, most of that time in Colorado. When he saw that the sun shone here even when it snows, he knew this would be the place to stay. He graduated from Hospitality and Restaurant Management School in the Dominican Republic. This allowed him to travel the world, explore different cultures and ways of life, and eventually settle in Denver, a place he now calls home after all these years.

Van Troi was a single dad with full custody of his first son, so he did not have the time to serve in the military. Single fatherhood meant carrying two roles in one heart — provider and nurturer — often simultaneously. No backup shift. No emotional outsourcing. He had to be a steady presence — homework helper, disciplinarian, comforter, and coach. Van Troi’s now-adult son, Van-Troi Camillo, is a Mason and a U.S. Marine. Van-Troi is incredibly proud to have raised someone who has chosen a life of honor, courage, and service.

Van-Troi himself began his Masonic journey 15 years ago. His grandparents and great-grandparents were very big promoters of the Craft. He was honored to serve as Worshipful Master of Denver Lodge #5 in 2014 and is currently the sitting Master of Research Lodge of Colorado. As he is now retired from business administration, he has more time to pursue further Light.

Van-Troi is an innate learner and ritualist. He enjoys all aspects of the Masonic tradition and participates in degree work both in Blue Lodge and the Scottish Rite. After a long hiatus, he’s finally getting involved once again in the York Rite. He considers the ceremonies and mysteries held and passed down through generations to be of great importance in his life, and those around him concur. Van-Troi says, “To me, the single act of Coming to Light is the closest you can get to a quasi-religious experience. It's something that has left an indelible mark on my mind and conscience.”

When he started his Masonic journey, he found himself having more questions than answers. The solemnity of it all left his mouth agape. Knowing that he had become a link in a chain of greater men in history was a formidable step and something that, to this day, he considers one of his greatest accomplishments.

He says, “At the time, a couple of Brothers and I began socializing outside of Lodge to discuss what we had gone through, trying to organize our thoughts and better understand what it

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meant in our future conduct and actions. Thus began the "Celtics," a group of like-minded brothers who enjoyed a good bottle of Scotch and a cigar. We would meet in this (now defunct) Irish/Celtic-inspired cigar lounge in Downtown Denver to discuss Freemasonry, its tenets, and strengthen our Fraternal and intellectual bonds. This is still a good way to continue the Masonic journey with Brothers of all paths and backgrounds, meeting on the Level, to talk about this "Way of Life" we all love and enjoy."

Van-Troi goes on to say: "What keeps me coming back around, not only to the degree work, Reunions, and Lodge in general, is the sense of duty to make the world a better place, for ourselves and future generations. We need Masonic Light in the world, now more than ever. I can only imagine what kind of society we would have if our elected leaders followed the steps of our Founding Fathers. Integrity and moral rectitude, charity, equality, and mutual respect would be the norm, not the exception."

The symbolism of Masonry, the layers of understanding and meaning, have had a profound impact on his life, and it's something he hopes his three sons see as an example to follow. He wishes that they find the Fraternity as enjoyable and supportive as he has, and impart the true meaning of Brotherhood of Men to their children and their children's children.

Lastly, Van-Troi states, "I thank the Grand Architect of the Universe every day for the opportunity to serve and for the inspiration I draw from the path my Masonic mentors have laid before me."



A Misguided "Tribute" to Saint Patrick (Murphy)

If anything can go wrong, it will.

Nothing is as easy as it looks.

Everything takes longer than you think.

Left to themselves, things tend to go from bad to worse.

Every solution breeds new problems.

Nature always sides with the hidden flaw.

Smile ... Tomorrow might be worse.

Everything goes wrong ... all at once.

If you're feeling good, don't worry. You'll get over it.

There's always an easier way to do it.

When things just can't get any worse, they will.

Anytime things appear to be going better, you overlooked something.

No matter what goes wrong, it will probably look right

Thus ...

Murphy was an OPTIMIST.



DENVER-FITZSIMONS #37
NATIONAL SOJOURNERS,® INC.
TWO SCOUT CAMP, HEROES OF '76



Denver-Fitzsimons Chapter No. 37 of National Sojourners, Inc. meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the Golden Corral Restaurant at Riverpoint (Hampden Avenue & Santa Fe). The meetings start promptly at noon, so most members arrive early in order to finish lunch prior to the meeting start. We recently were honored to initiate Brother Jered Minter, 32° KCCH as our newest Chapter No. 37 member.

We encourage all Brothers who are veterans to join our Chapter. Our ladies are always welcome to attend the meetings and we meet at least twice a year on Saturday morning or in an evening in order to allow all Brothers the opportunity to attend. If you are interested in joining our Chapter, please contact Brother Danny Tomlinson at dtomlinson@msn.com for more information.

“The purposes of National Sojourners shall be to organize current and former members of the uniformed services of the United States and Honorary Members, who are Master Masons, into Chapters, for the promotion of good fellowship among its members, for assisting such as may be overtaken by adversity or affliction, for cultivating Masonic ideals, for supporting all patriotic aims and activities in Masonry, for developing true patriotism and Americanism throughout the nation, for bringing together representatives of the uniformed services of the United States (past and present) in a united effort to further the military needs of national defense, and for opposing any influence whatsoever calculated to weaken the national security.”



THIS IS ONLY A TEST! — (ANSWERS)

This test did NOT measure your IQ, your fluency with words, and certainly NOT your mathematical ability. It did, however, give you some gauge of your mental flexibility and creativity. In the years since this test was developed (1980), few people have been able to solve more than half of the questions on their first try. Many, however, report getting answers long after the test had been set aside. Each equation below contains the initials of words that will make it complete. Find the missing words. For Example: $26=L$. of the A. (Letters of the Alphabet)

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| 1. $64=S$. on a C. | Squares on a Chess/Checkers Board |
| 2. $7=W$. of the A.W. | Wonders of the Ancient World |
| 3. $1001=A$. N. | Arabian Nights |
| 4. $12=S$. of the Z. | Signs of the Zodiac |
| 5. $54=C$. in a D. (with the J.) | Cards in a Deck (with the two Jokers) |
| 6. $9=P$. in the S. S. | Planets in the Solar System (despite Pluto's debated status) |
| 7. $88= P$. K. | Piano Keys |
| 8. $13=S$. in the A. F. | Stripes in the American Flag |
| 9. $18=H$. on a G. C. | Holes on a Golf Course |
| 10. $90=D$. in a R. A. | Degrees in a Right Angle |
| 11. $200=D$. for P. G. in M. | Dollars for Passing Go in Monopoly |
| 12. $8=S$. on a S. S. | Sides on a Stop Sign |
| 13. $3=B$. M. (S. H. T. R.) | Blind Mice (See How They Run) |
| 14. $4=Q$. in a G. | Quarts in a Gallon |
| 15. $24=H$. in a D. | Hours in a Day |
| 16. $1=W$. on a U. | Wheel on a Unicycle |
| 17. $5=D$. in a Z. C. | Digits in a Zip Code (before the Zip+4 expansion) |
| 18. $57=H$. V. | Heinz Variety |
| 19. P. on a F. T. | Players on a Football Team |
| 20. $1000=W$. that a P. is W. | Words that a Picture is Worth |
| 21. $29=D$. in F. in a L. Y. | Days in February in a Leap Year |
| 22. $40=D$. and N. of the G. F. | Days and Nights of the Great Flood |
| 23. $32=D.F$. at which W. F. | Degrees Fahrenheit at which Water Freezes |
| 24. $128=C$. F. in a C. of W. | Cubic Feet in a Cord of Wood |



PUDDER'S LAW: Anything that begins well, ends badly. If it begins badly, it ends worse.

HOWE'S LAW: Everyone has a scheme that will not work.

THE UNSPEAKABLE LAW: As soon as you mention something ... if it's good, it goes away. If it's bad, it happens.

JOHNSON & LAIRD'S LAW: Toothaches tend to start on Saturday night.

MEMORIAL SCROLL

James Walter Buckley, 32°	04/17/2025
David Kendall Craiger, 32°	01/12/2026
Clinton Leroy Eddy, 32°	01/23/2026
George Zary Janich, 32°	01/15/2026
Kent Rey Rose, 32°	12/31/2025
Bruce Emmett Snelson, 32°	01/30/2026
Gerald Richard Thorndyke, 32° KCCH	02/05/2026
James Bernard Warner, 32°	01/08/2026
Richard E. Williams, 32°	01/19/2026



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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John William Sherak, Jr.

Donald Everett Strand, Jr.

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Robert Carl Porter

60 Years “ALMOST Young”

Omar Sami Alabassi

50 Years “OLD”

Benjamin Francis Williams

40 Years “OLD”

John Randal Clarkson

Roger Joseph Lawley

Our March “Youngster”

Austin Gailey (29)

Interesting Facts About MARCH

When: Third month of the Gregorian calendar

Days: 31

Birthstone: Aquamarine

Flower: Daffodil and Jonquil

Zodiac Signs: Pisces (Feb 19 – Mar 20)

Aries (Mar 21 – Apr 19)

Season: Spring in Northern Hemisphere

Autumn in Southern Hemisphere

1. March was originally the first month of the Roman calendar, marking the beginning of the military campaign season.
2. The month is named after Mars, the Roman god of war.
3. In Old English, March was called “Hlyd monath” meaning “Stormy month.”
4. The [Ides of March](#) (March 15) was famously the date of Julius Caesar’s assassination in 44 BCE. “Beware the Ides of March” is a famous phrase from Shakespeare’s play “Julius Caesar.”
5. March Madness, the NCAA Division I Men’s Basketball Tournament, typically begins in mid-March.
6. An old weather proverb states, “A dry March and a wet May fill barns and bays with corn and hay.”
7. In Roman times, it was considered bad luck to marry in March.
8. According to folklore, if March comes in like a lion, it will go out like a lamb, and vice versa.
9. Some believe that the number of foggy mornings in March indicates the number of rainy days in June.
10. March 14th is a day of celebration for math enthusiasts everywhere, as “Pi Day” honors the never-ending decimal that is the mathematical constant pi.





101st Annual
Knights Templar Association

Easter Sunrise Service

Sunday, April 5th

6:30am

Denver Scottish Rite Consistory
1370 Grant Street

Optional breakfast to follow the service
You may purchase breakfast tickets from www.ColoradoKTA.org

Everyone is welcome - bring your family and friends

Free parking in the PERA lot behind the Consistory
You may **not** park in spaces 1-9 or 41-42

Paid parking available in the garage
Pay using your smartphone by scanning the QR code outside the garage door

Limited street parking nearby

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Contact SK Lee Miller for more information
(303) 961-6455 or jlmwright@gmail.com



PAUL REVERE LODGE #130 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.

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

Purchase tickets by Friday, April 10th

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

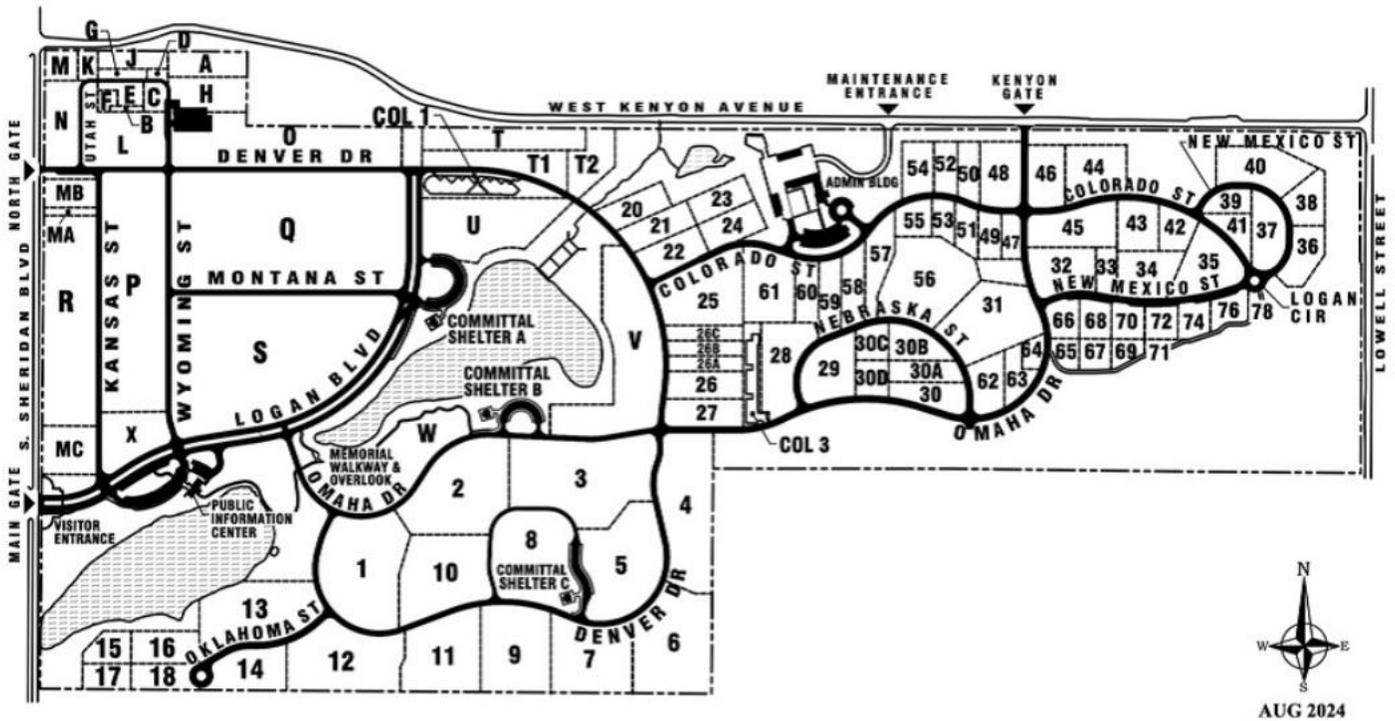
FLAGS FOR FALLEN VETS

**SUNDAY – 24MAY2026 – 0900 HOURS (9AM)
VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!**



Flags for Fallen Vets is a national program that annually takes place at a number of national or military cemeteries across the country. The Rocky Mountain Chapter of Rose Croix of the Scottish Rite and Masons throughout Colorado have proudly supported and participated in the event for the past several years. The mission is to ensure that an American flag is placed at the grave of every veteran resting in these cemeteries.

- This year's family-oriented event will take place on Sunday, May 24 at 9am at Fort Logan National Cemetery in Denver. We need volunteers to assist with placing the flags on May 24 and then with the retrieval of the flags on Saturday, May 30. Volunteering is very easy - just follow these steps:
- Go to <https://flagsforfallenvets.com/> and click on 2026 Volunteer Form
- Select Fort Logan National Cemetery - Denver in the drop-down menu and then enter your email address
- In the "Group" menu, select "Mason" or "Masonic" and Section "S"
- Add the number of volunteers you will be bringing with you that day
- **Plan to arrive by 8 am on Sunday, May 24, 2026**
- We (the Masonic family) will be focused on Section S of the cemetery, just a couple of blocks from the main entrance on Sheridan Boulevard. See the map below. We will be responsible for the entire section and all graves in the section. **Please plan to arrive by 8:00 am.**
 - Contacts:
 - Danny Tomlinson – Section Leader – dtomlinson@msn.com
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 - Tom Adair – Wise Master of Rocky Mountain Chapter of Rose Croix –
 - bromagic153@outlook.com
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Thank you all for your support!

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5th Annual Scottish Rite Golf Classic

At the exclusive Hiwan Golf Club
In Evergreen, Colorado



Monday, August 10, 2026– shotgun start at 1:30 pm

Check-in at noon

Format will be 4-golfer scramble

Golfer fees are All-inclusive –

- lunch at 12:30
- Awards Reception
- Player “goodie bag”

Proceeds will benefit the Scottish Rite Masonic Center, the Scottish Rite Foundation and RiteCare (juvenile speech and hearing therapy and treatment)

Register now at www.scottishritegolf.com





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