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 The QR code on the old cards is no longer valid.

PLANNING CALENDAR

JUNE 2026

Mon, JUN 1	7:00 p.m. KSA Meeting in Lodge Room
Fri, JUN 5	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (\$15 - Fried Chicken)
Fri, JUN 12	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (\$15 - BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwiches)
Mon, JUN 15	Stated Meeting - <u>Hawaiian Shirt Night</u> Garage Available 5:30 p.m. Red Room Business Meeting 6:00 p.m. Dinner (\$25 by reservation only—Chicken Cordon Bleu) 7:00 p.m. Entertainment: Special Presentation: The Morgan Affair
Fri, JUN 19	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (\$15 - Make Your Own Sandwich & Soup)
Sat, JUN 20	11:30 a.m. Ladies Luncheon (Hawaiian/Polynesian theme)
Fri, JUN 26	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (\$15 - Hamburgers)

JULY 2026 (DARK)

Fri, JUL 3	NO LUNCH—Holiday Weekend—Office Closed
Fri, JUL 10	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (\$15 - Fried Chicken)
Fri, JUL 17	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (\$15 - Baked Fish)
Fri, JUL 24	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (\$15 - Chicken Fried Steak)
Fri, JUL 31	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (\$15 - Pizza Party & Soup)

AUGUST 2026 (DARK)

Fri, AUG 7, 14, 21, 28	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (\$15 - Fried Chicken on 7AUG)
Mon, AUG 10	1:00 p.m. SRMC Golf Tournament - Hiwan Golf Club in Evergreen
Wed, AUG 12	6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Officers' Midyear Planning Meeting at Denver Consistory
Thu, Aug 20	7:00 p.m. Degree Council Meeting

SEPTEMBER 2026

Fri, SEP 4	NO LUNCH—Holiday Weekend
Mon, SEP 7	Consistory Closed for Labor Day
Fri, SEP 11	NO LUNCH - Consistory Closed for Grand York Rite Session
Fri, SEP 18	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (\$15 - Fried Chicken)
Sat, SEP 19	8:00 a.m. SRMC Sporting Clays Competition - Kiowa Creek Center
Mon, SEP 21	Stated Meeting Parking Garage Available 5:30 p.m. Red Room Business Meeting 6:00 p.m. Dinner 7:00 p.m. Scottish Rite Foundation Scholarship Program 7:30 p.m. Split Meeting
Fri, SEP 25	11:30 a.m. Consistory Lunch (\$15)



Happy 225th Anniversary to the Supreme Council, 33^o, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry

How do I attend a Stated Dinner at the Denver Consistory?

Go to the Consistory's website www.denverconsistory.org, just left of the Search field in the top right corner under Members, click on Marketplace and purchase a meal. The office will get a notification of your order that will then put you on the reservation list. To allow us time to prepare the meals and set up, reservations are cut off at noon on the Monday of a Stated meeting.

On the stated meeting night, after checking in with the Tilers, turn around and get your dinner ticket at the dinner check in table.

No one should enter the dining room after 5:30 pm without a dinner ticket. The dining room is set up based on the number of reservations. A reservation = a chair. If you have a dinner reservation and are late, KSA or a server will assist you in the dining room.

If you have a dinner reservation and will not be attending, please contact the office as soon as possible (before noon). If a meal is prepaid and/or reserved, a seat and a meal are ready and waiting for you.

Please do your part and help the office and servers.

EDITOR'S RESTLEBOARD



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King Solomon's Yacht Club



From time to time, I reach back into my archives of the SMP (Sunday Masonic Paper) that was generated by my friend and Brother Wayne Anderson in Canada. Over the years, he put out 1000 of these gems on various topics. This one is #13, by Illustrious Brother Pete Normand out of Texas. When we lament that we just aren't getting candidates like we used to, and they just don't seem to stay around very long, we don't really take a hard look at what WE are providing in return for their interest, time, and money. Without further ado, here's **SMP #13—King Solomon's Yacht Club.**

This is the story of a young man who, not unlike many young men today, being fairly new in town and having settled into his new job, was told by a friend about a club, The King Solomon's Yacht Club, and decided to join. He had owned a sailboat as a boy and had always enjoyed sailing. Being the gregarious sort and feeling a need to fill his free hours with worthwhile endeavors, he decided to join.

On the first meeting night he attended, the members assembled with their wives and had a wonderful meal followed by a business meeting. The business got a bit tedious at times, long recitation of minutes, arguing over bills and expenses, etc.

But, at length it came time to announce the new members, and he was brought before the assembly and introduced. The "Skipper" of the club rose to his feet and asked him the customary test question. "What do you most desire?" Taken somewhat by surprise, the young man thought for a moment and then answered, "To sail the sea!"

"To sail the sea!" the members echoed as they rose to their feet and raised their glasses in a toast to their newest member. "To sail the deep blue sea!" And they all joined in a rousing chorus of "Anchors Aweigh." He was instructed to come on Saturday ready to work, and this he did. As he boarded the old vessel that the club kept in dry dock, he was handed a bucket and brush and a handful of rags and was set to work polishing the brightwork from stem to stern. He worked hard from sunup to sundown polishing every bit of brass no matter how small. Some of the fixtures no longer served any purpose and might have been better preserved in a nautical museum, leaving the boat more streamlined for sailing, but he didn't complain nor shirk his duty but appeared for work on time every Saturday for a month until the work was finished.

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On the fifth Saturday he came early. "Surely today we will go sailing," he thought. The boat was now completely seaworthy and ready for the water. "Sailing?" the skipper asked in surprise. "Sailing? This is no time for play, my boy! There's work to be done." And he was handed the same bucket and brush and was put back to work on the same familiar pieces of bright-work that he had laboured over for the past month. Well, I don't need to tell you this boat hadn't been on the water for many years, and with the current members probably would not again for many more.

Our young friend soon became disenchanted with a yacht club that did not sail, and he dropped his membership.

But it wasn't too long until another friend told him about another club, the "Blue Skies Flying Club." He had always been fascinated with airplanes and had thought that one day he might earn his pilot's license, and so this seemed to be the perfect opportunity. He accompanied his new friend to the next meeting of the club where the members assembled with their wives and had a wonderful meal followed by a business meeting. The business got a bit tedious at times, long recitation of minutes, arguing over bills and expenses, etc. But at length it came time to announce the new members, and he was brought before the assembly and introduced. The "Commander" of the Club rose to his feet and asked the customary test question, "What do you most desire?" Taken somewhat by surprise, the young man thought for a moment and then answered, "To fly!"

"To fly!" the members echoed and rose to their feet, raising their glasses in a toast to the new member. "To fly the wild blue yonder!" To his surprise he wasn't given any work to do, but was encouraged and reminded to attend all the meetings of the club which he did faithfully. Soon he began to ask around and was surprised to learn that the club had no airplane. Many of the members were old Air Force pilots but no one had a current pilot's license. He made a few suggestions to the older members. He suggested they find an old warhorse and fix it up, or take classes and renew their licenses. At the very least they could have some programs at their monthly meetings and have speakers come and talk about airplanes.

The topics would be interesting and informative, airplanes of World War I, the Lafayette escadrille, airplanes of World War II, the Battle of Britain, The Flying Tigers, The Black Sheep Squadron, etc, etc. Finally the older members tired of his suggestions and took him aside and explained they were not interested in flying or airplanes, that he was just making trouble. They were perfectly happy meeting once a month, eating spaghetti, arguing over bills and playing dominoes. If he was interested in flying he should go somewhere else besides the "Blue Skies Flying Club."

Well, I don't need to tell you that our young friend soon became disenchanted with a flying club that cared nothing about flying or airplanes and he dropped his membership.

But it wasn't too long until he met another new friend who was a very active Mason. The young man was not unfamiliar with the Fraternity. His father, grandfathers and uncles had all been Masons, and he had always been intrigued by what Masonic philosophy and symbolism he had heard and seen. He thought one day he might become a Mason and better himself by gaining Masonic enlightenment.

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He asked the right questions, returned his petition and was elected to membership. On the night of his initiation he presented himself at the lodge and was brought before the membership.

At one point of the ceremony the Worshipful Master of the lodge asked him the customary question, "What do you most desire?" Not the least bit surprised, the young man forthrightly answered without any prompting, "Light, Masonic Light!"

Now if you have been following along you surely know this is not the end of the story. Either the young man did or did not receive what he came looking for. Who is the young man? He is every member of your lodge, and of my lodge, and of every lodge in the country. Does he receive Masonic Light at your lodge, interesting programs at your monthly stated meetings, or does he receive a plate of spaghetti, a long recitation of minutes and an argument about the utility bill?

Now, this article was originally penned and published around October of 1995! Has much changed in the intervening years? Perhaps not in the "global" sense. Certainly, there are lodges and Masonic bodies that offer what this (and other) young man wanted and needed. But, sadly, far too many simply do not. They've always done it this way and see no need to change with the times.

Change is not to be feared or resisted. It's been that way for millennia. But, as Masons we typically tend to resist change with every fiber of our being ... simply because we are comfortable with the way things WERE when we first became Masons.

The COVID pandemic can be blamed for a lot of things, but our problems have been in the making long before COVID hit. It just exacerbated our members' responses and attitudes. They got used to staying home, not being social, and they like it that way. What WE have to do is give them a solid REASON to break out of that shell and return to lodge, chapter, Consistory, or whatever body we are talking about.

BUT ... here's where we are missing the boat. If we only focus on recovering our existing members, we won't be providing our organizations with sorely needed NEW BLOOD to sustain our growth into the future. It's a double-edged sword. You can't ignore EITHER of the groups. You need the long term members for stability and "heritage" - and you need the younger new members for growth and sustainability. To forget either group is a sure fire path to disaster.

There was an age-old adage when I was in the navy: "If you try to please everyone, you'll only succeed in pissing everyone off. This is where LEADERS step up and take charge. This month, we'll focus on one thing, next month, we'll focus on something else. You have to keep changing things up—to appeal to a diverse audience of members and keep them coming back for more.

Years ago, the Consistory's membership chairman shouted his motto "membership is a CONTACT sport" at every meeting. He meant it, and it is probably the only effective way to get new members AND to re-engage our existing members who have drifted away.

Bill



THE WISE



DO NOT WRESTLE WITH CHAOS

DISCERNMENT IS WISDOM. CONTROL IS POWER. PEACE IS STRENGTH.

DO NOT WRESTLE A BULL

BRUTE FORCE MEETS BRUTE FORCE. POWER ANSWERS POWER AND BOTH GET DESTROYED.



PRINCIPLE: NOT EVERY FORCE IS MEANT TO BE CONFRONTED. UNDERSTAND, REDIRECT, OR TRANSCEND IT.

DO NOT STAND BEHIND A HORSE

MOMENTUM DOES NOT STOP FOR IGNORANCE. YOU WILL GET KICKED.



PRINCIPLE: ALL ENERGY MOVES ACCORDING TO LAW. KNOW THE DIRECTION OF FORCE OR GET HURT BY IT.

DO NOT ARGUE WITH AN IDIOT

IGNORANCE IS UNPREDICTABLE. IT DRAGS YOU DOWN TO ITS LEVEL AND BEATS YOU WITH EXPERIENCE.



PRINCIPLE: DISORDERED CONSCIOUSNESS CANNOT BE REASONED WITH. PROTECT YOUR MIND. GUARD YOUR PEACE.

THE DISCIPLINED MIND CHOOSES.

NOT EVERY BATTLE IS YOURS. KNOW WHERE YOUR ENERGY IS SACRED.



KNOW WHEN TO SPEAK



KNOW WHEN TO BE SILENT



KNOW WHEN TO ACT



KNOW WHEN TO WALK AWAY

BUILD YOURSELF. GUARD YOUR PEACE. WALK IN WISDOM.

BLUE COLLAR FREEMASON



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.

*There is a surefire way to double your money:
fold it and put it in your pocket.*

Elevator Replacement – The mechanical and operating systems of the elevator will be replaced June 22 – July 22. We will use the west stairs to access the dining room and the third floor office. Lunch will continue to be served while the elevator work is taking place.

Fall Reunion Special – The Executive Committee reduced the fee for membership from \$400 to \$225 for the Fall Reunion in honor of the 225th anniversary of the Southern Jurisdiction Scottish Rite. It would be fantastic if we have 225 candidates. (Like the 1940's) The goal is a minimum of 25 candidates. The fee will go back to \$400 for the Spring 2027 Reunion.

DENVER CONSISTORY

PETITION FOR MEMBERSHIP



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 to 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.

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No RiteWorks – RiteWorks will not be published for the months of July and August. The next edition will be September.

Friday Lunch – Friday lunches 11:30 AM-12:30 PM, will continue during the summer. Bring your family, friends, and prospects with you to enjoy an excellent all you can eat buffet, including beverage and dessert, all for only \$15, and enjoy the fellowship with your brethren. (**REMEMBER** - Lunch is not served the Friday before a holiday weekend)

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 Ron Birely, 33°; Illustrious Brother Bobby Juchem, 33°; Illustrious Brother Grover Sardeson, 33°; Brother Bill Achbach, 32° KCCH; Brother Jerry Edwards, 32° KCCH; Brother Tim Hogan, 32° KCCH; Brother Mike Tims, 32° KCCH; Brother Paul Chamberlin, 32°; Brother Robert Heikens, 32°; Brother Mike McMinimee, 32°; Brother Marty Carter, 32°; Brother Frank Stapleton, Jr., 32°; Brother Tommy Thamma-vongeko, 32°; Brother Ronald Tanski, Sr. 32°; Ms. Lelia Emry; 2026 Spring Reunion Class.

Congratulations - and thank you to **Illustrious Brother Grover Sardeson, 33°**, who attained "Silver Membership" in the Scottish Rite Masonic Center Endowment Fund Cathedral Club, for making cumulative donations totaling \$10,000.

Donate Your Car - We have a donation plan in place to give you a receipt for a tax-deductible donation to the Scottish Rite Masonic Center. Donate your car, truck, RV, or boat. Go to www.carsforcharity.net to donate for the benefit of the Denver Scottish Rite Masonic Center.

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

The Supreme Council will mail the 2027 membership fee notices in August of 2026. Your 2027 membership card will be included. Please pay your membership fee when you receive the notice and do not lay it aside and forget about it and then become delinquent.

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.

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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.

Spring Reunion May 7, 8, 9, 2026 – Thank you to the degree directors, cast members, and the committee members who made the Reunion a success. Welcome to the following new Masters of the Royal Secret. **Brother Christian Brock, 32°; Brother Chris Chiari, 32°; Brother Toby Handy, 32°; Brother Joe Johnson 32°; Brother Alberto Lupercio, 32°.**

Thank you to the members of the Spring Reunion class for the donation of \$1,050 to the Scottish Rite Masonic Center Endowment Fund.

Thank you also to Ms. Lelia, who donated \$202 to the Scottish Rite Masonic Center Endowment Fund, from the money received from the contributions of members who enjoyed the donuts she provided.

Twenty-Five Year Member – Illustrious Brother Dan Conway, 33°, was presented his 25-year membership patent and pin, by SGIG Hinkle.

May 18th Stated Meeting –A wonderful Memorial Day program was presented, and Brother Joe Beaton, 32°, Orator of the Rocky Mountain Chapter of Rose Crois, delivered an oration.



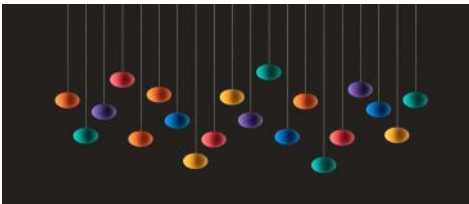
ORATION

By Joseph Beaton, 32° Orator of the Council of Kadosh



The rugby masters build

Introduction: The Mid-Life Huddle



First and foremost, I want to thank my mentors, family members, and others in this room and those that are in the celestial lodge above that brought me to this moment.

I had a few topics for my oration that I had ready but tonight with the sports theme, I felt in my heart that this is where I wanted to go. In my years of sports shirt night I have not worn the same one twice, the one I wear tonight has been worn many times when I was younger as an athlete and with that I will begin.

Gentlemen, look around this room. We are in the "mid-life huddle." At 50, the first half is done. The referee has blown the whistle, the adrenaline of our 20s and 30s has faded, and we're staring at the scoreboard. Some of us are up, some are down, and some are just trying to figure out how to stop the bleeding.

We are all Brothers, not just in a lodge and here in the Scottish Rite and other appendices bodies, but in the game of life. We are at that critical age where we realize that life isn't just about gaining ground; it's about holding it.

In Masonry, we are taught to use the tools of our profession—the plumb, the level, the square, the rough ashlar and the perfect ashlar — to build a temple not made with hands, but a temple of character. Today, I want to talk about taking those tools onto the rugby pitch of life.

The Plumb Line—Integrity Under Pressure



When a rugby player is running full speed, the only thing that keeps them upright is their core strength. In life, that's your integrity. The **Plumb Line** teaches us to walk uprightly in our several stations before God and man. The rough ashlar is that youth that we all have flaws and rough edges going through our stages of development.

At 50, we can't fake it anymore. We can't dummy-pass our way out of character flaws. The world has seen us rumble; it knows if we are a "prop", a hooker, or a flanker, who can hold the scrum, or collapse it because we are overexuberant or maybe we are a scrum half who can lead the way on the pitch or in life in business or in a personal life. or maybe like a pretty winger who may crumble under the pressure of the hit.

Most of you will not get the rugby terms yet you will understand where you may have been in your 20's, 30's, 40's. That progress and self development within yourself in the field of life.

That could be your career path, your personal friend growth, your faith, your path toward something within Freemasonry or just within your family.

Are you, in the words of Brother John Wayne, "saddling up anyway" when you are scared to death? Inspiration isn't about having no fear; it's about having inner standards worth fighting for, even when the match is going against you.

Part 2: The Level—Brotherly Love & Teamwork

The **Level** reminds us that we are all equal. It doesn't matter if you're the CEO or the worker in the packing shed—in the final 10 meters, we all need a teammate to pass to.

We learn that the opposing side doesn't rate or respect you; they want to win. But they can't take your dignity. The 50-year-old journey is about realizing that "Brotherly Love" isn't a passive phrase; it's the guy who binds with you in the ruck when you are outnumbered.

If you are going through hardships and decide not to surrender, that is strength. But true strength is knowing when to ask for a lift. We are all "rough ashlar" being polished, and sometimes, it's a Brother's hand that rubs off the jagged edges.

Part 3: The Square—Virtue and the Game of Inches



Finally, the **Square**. It teaches us to regulate our actions by the square of virtue.

Life, my friends, is a game of inches or centimeters. The margin for error is small. One half-second too slow, one bad pass, one missed tackle, and you're in the dirt. But the beauty of the craft—and the game—is that as long as there is time left on the clock, you can change your strategy.

At 50, we are perfectly placed to "tear ourselves and everyone else around us to pieces for that distance". Not for money, not for applause, or a ribbon on our chest but for the legacy we are building within our lives and within the

Craft. The "47th Problem of Euclid" teaches us that order, precision, and the search for "further light" matters.

Conclusion: The Final Whistle

As we move toward the second half of life and are becoming those mentors that we once looked up to for guidance... I challenge you:

Do not be a monument to the past, a statue that sits there collecting guano but be a movement towards the future. Be the one in masonry everywhere you go, in the blue lodge, York Rite, here at Denver Consistory but also in your life of business,

your family and the partnerships with those you love throughout your neighborhood and life. Because we are about Faith, Hope and Love (Charity).



Faith, Hope, Love (Charity)

Use the **Level** to build your brotherhood

Take the **Plumb** and check your uprightness.

Apply the **Square** to your actions.

Be virtuous, be strong, and by all means, brothers... keep moving forward

Pain is temporary, but the pride of pushing through lasts forever. When the final whistle blows, may you not ask "what if?" May you stand, bruised and battered, but able to say, "I left everything on the field." That my rough ashlar may not be perfect but its smooth as it could be in the eyes of God.

Be virtuous, be strong, and by all means, brothers... keep moving forward.

Police in Oakland California surrounded a house where a gunman had barricaded himself inside. When they couldn't talk him out, the cops shot tear gas canisters through the windows. But, nothing happened until the police found that the gunman was standing outside right next to them, calling toward the house, "Please come out and give yourself up."

Why is a severe and prolonged interrogation called "the third degree?"

In Freemasonry, the third degree is the highest degree attainable—the degree of Master Mason. For a long time, people believed that in order to qualify for this degree, a Mason had to undergo a series of severe proficiency tests. The tests are really quite simple, but because of this belief, the term "third degree" came to refer to any severe interrogation.

Why is a Jeep called a Jeep? When this vehicle, a quarter-ton reconnaissance car, was first delivered to the army, it was called a "general purpose" vehicle with the letters "GP" stenciled on it. At first it was just called a JeePee, later shortened to Jeep.



Bill Achbach, 32° KCCH

Director of Education
Ordo Ab Chao:
The Stormy 19th Century!
(Part 2)



A bit of (un)usual housekeeping...

My first duty this month is to correct a bit of an editing and formatting problem from last month. My reference end-notes and trivia were inadvertently deleted from the May article, so, first the notes ...

Presenting the Scottish Rite, SJ, USA: A Quick Reference Guide; 2017, pg. 17 (Kindle edition)
de Hoyos, Arturo. *Scottish Rite Ritual Monitor & Guide* (p. 150). Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite, 33°, Southern Jurisdiction, USA. Kindle Edition.

Lodge Loge aux Trois Globes (Lodge of the Three Spheres) in Brunswick
de Hoyos, Arturo. *Scottish Rite Ritual Monitor & Guide* (p. 154). Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite, 33°, Southern Jurisdiction, USA. Kindle Edition.

de Hoyos, Arturo. *Scottish Rite Ritual Monitor & Guide* (pp. 155-156). Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite, 33°, Southern Jurisdiction, USA. Kindle Edition.

Brothers, I'm sorry that, for those interested in these sources, this will necessitate going back and forth between this and last month's issues of *Rite Works*. Last month's trivia simply becomes this month's offering.

The Stormy 19th Century! (Pt. 2)

The nineteenth century was a transformative era for the Supreme Council, 33°, SJ. The organization spent its first few decades as a loose, geographically fractured entity with minimal centralized cohesion. As detailed in William L. Fox's definitive Masonic history, *Lodge of the Double-Headed Eagle*, the period between 1820 and 1900 saw the Southern Jurisdiction evolve from a fragile, geographically fragmented body into a robust, highly structured fraternal powerhouse. This dramatic evolution was shaped by structural stagnation, the cataclysm of the American Civil War, and the profound, sweeping influence of a single individual: Albert Pike.

The Antebellum Era: Stagnation and Fragmented Foundations (1820–1850)

During the 1820s and 1830s, the Scottish Rite in the Southern Jurisdiction struggled significantly to expand or even maintain an active presence. The fraternity faced a massive cultural headwind in the form of the Anti-Masonic movement, sparked by the 1826 disappearance of William Morgan. This populist backlash caused a sharp decline in overall Masonic membership across the United States, forcing many Lodges to close or operate in strict secrecy. My home Lodge in Ohio, for example, came out of the Anti-Masonic Period unable to provide

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sufficient evidence of its own origins to claim a number reflecting its seniority, when imperfect Grand Lodge records likewise failed to corroborate its claims!

Beyond external societal pressures, the Scottish Rite suffered from internal structural flaws. The advanced degrees (from the 4th to the 32nd) were rarely communicated via theatrical, full-scale ritual conferrals. Instead, they were typically "communicated" textually (meaning that a traveling inspector or a local council leader would simply read the secrets, signs, and descriptions directly to a candidate from a manuscript). *[Brothers, think what our Reunions would be like for candidates, if all the degrees were communicated in the classroom rather than portrayed in the Cathedral Room!]* Moreover, the rituals themselves were unpolished, translated haphazardly (mainly from French roots), and often philosophically disconnected. As a result, the Rite lacked the dynamic communal appeal found (despite the many jurisdictional variations in ritual) in the foundational "Blue Lodges" of the Craft.

The Arrival of Albert Pike and Civil War Disruption

The turning point for the Southern Jurisdiction arrived in the 1850s when Albert Pike, a brilliant polymath, lawyer, and writer, entered the order. Pike was initiated into the Scottish Rite in 1853 and quickly recognized that the fragmented rituals needed deep philosophical and literary revitalization. In 1859, he was elected Sovereign Grand Commander, a position he would hold until his death in 1891.

Pike's early tenure was immediately disrupted by the outbreak of the American Civil War (1861–1865). The conflict deeply fractured the nation and profoundly impacted the fraternity. Pike aligned himself with the Confederacy, briefly serving as a Brigadier General (Nov. 1861–July 1862). Leveraging his extensive Masonic connections, Pike famously negotiated alliances between the Confederate States of America and several Native American nations in the Indian Territory. He resigned his command largely due to what he felt were violations of these treaties and the Confederacy's breaking of trust with native peoples.

The war severely disrupted the Southern Jurisdiction's infrastructure. Lodges were burned, members fought on opposing sides of the conflict, and institutional growth ground to a halt. Yet, the underlying principles of Masonic brotherhood often transcended the battlefield, and the story of a future President's (Brother William McKinley), first impressions of the Craft, as a young Union officer, was told in this space previously. The war generated a distinct sub-genre of fraternal history, where Masonic signs and shared bonds were frequently utilized across enemy lines to secure medical aid, humane treatment for prisoners of war, or proper burials for fallen soldiers.

Post-War Expansion and the "Pike Revolution"

Following the Civil War, the Southern Jurisdiction faced the monumental task of reconstruction. Pike shifted his focus entirely toward reimagining the Rite. Operating from his headquarters at the House of the Temple, he undertook a massive literary endeavor to rewrite and standardize all twenty-nine degrees of the Scottish Rite curriculum. In 1871, he published his masterpiece, *Morals and Dogma of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry*.

This monumental volume synthesized:

- Comparative religion and ancient mysteries
- Western esotericism and Kabbalah
- Classical philosophy and political ethics

Pike envisioned the Scottish Rite as an elite university of moral philosophy. His rewritten rituals transformed the degrees from dry recitations into elaborate, allegorical stage plays designed to teach profound lessons about liberty, tolerance, and civic duty. This intellectual overhaul coincided perfectly with the late-nineteenth century "Golden Age of Fraternalism" in America. As the country industrialized and urbanized, millions of American men sought out fraternal organizations to build community and secure mutual aid ... as well as to replace the comradery they had experienced in the war! Pike's revitalized Scottish Rite became incredibly appealing, drawing thousands of new members.

Institutional Maturity at the Turn of the Century (1880–1900)

By the 1880s and 1890s, the Southern Jurisdiction was no longer a small, localized Southern body. It aggressively expanded its territory westward into the Mississippi Valley, the Great Plains, and the Pacific Coast, ultimately establishing a massive geographic footprint that spanned most of the territory of the United States.

To accommodate the influx of new candidates, Scottish Rite valleys began constructing specialized, majestic "Scottish Rite Cathedrals." These buildings featured state-of-the-art theatrical stages, drop curtains, costume wardrobes, and special effects equipment specifically engineered to perform Pike's rituals with maximum dramatic impact.

When Albert Pike passed away in 1891, he left behind a highly organized, rapidly growing, and financially stable institution. By 1900, the Southern Jurisdiction had firmly cemented its status as a powerhouse of American fraternal culture, successfully bridging the gap between its early nineteenth-century esoteric roots and the highly structured, nationwide organization that would continue to flourish throughout the twentieth century.

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March's Trivia Question: When was the current ritual of the Scottish Rite, SJ adopted?

Answer: The current ritual, officially referred to as The Revised Standard Pike Ritual, was adopted by the Supreme Council in 2000. The *Committee on Ritual* explained the need for this work, as well as its objectives in undertaking it, to include...

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| 1. Preservation of the content of the Albert Pike ritual. | 2. Retention of historical and ritualistic validity. |
| 3. Deletion of repetitive passages. | 4. Clarity of meaning and purpose. |
| 5. Enhancement of dramatic impact. | 6. Ease of staging. |
| 7. Eloquent simplicity of sentence structure and diction. | 8. Preservation of Degree continuity & chronology. |
| 9. Logical transition from one Degree to another. | 10. Preservation of ritual's formal integrity. |

This Month's Trivia Question: In what year did Albert Pike... (1) Receive the 33rd Degree? (2) Become an Active Member of the Supreme Council (3) Become Grand Commander of the Supreme Council?



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

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Charles F. Shaeffer, 33°



Meet Illustrious Brother Charles Frederick Shaeffer, 33° - A Life Dedicated to Music, Family, and Fraternity. He just celebrated his 80th trip around the sun.

Charles Frederick Shaeffer - better known to friends as Charles or Charlie - has lived a life rich in service, musicianship, and community involvement. Born in Denver, Colorado, at Mercy Hospital on March 12, 1946, Charles grew up in the close-knit community of Kittredge, where his lifelong passions took root. He attended grades 1-5 at that elementary school, then grade 6 at Wilmot Elementary in Evergreen, and progressed to Evergreen Jr. High, graduating from Evergreen High School in 1964. He studied music and theater in high school. He began studying piano at age 6, clarinet at 10, saxophone and organ at 12, and bagpipes at 30. After he became proficient at the pipe organ, he began his first church job at the age of 14. Over the years, he has served as organist and choirmaster in over half a dozen churches, sharing his musical talents with countless congregations.

After graduating from high school, Charles enrolled at Colorado State College, majoring in Music Education with an emphasis in Instrumental Music. While in college, he was a member of Acacia, a social fraternity; Kappa Kappa Psi, an honorary band fraternity; and Phi Mu Alpha, a Sinfonia fraternity. His major instruments were clarinet, saxophone, piano, and organ, and he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Music Education in 1968. He taught band in the St. Vrain Valley Schools in Longmont from 1968 to 1971. While there, he was the organist at the First Methodist Church, the principal clarinetist with the Longmont Symphony, and the accompanist with the Longmont Choralaires. He completed his Master of Arts in Music Education in 1972 at the University of Northern Colorado. After he left teaching, he served an apprenticeship in piano tuning and has, for over 54 years, shared his expertise with the community.

Charles and his wife, Thelma, will celebrate their 55th anniversary on June 12, 2026. Together, they have one daughter, Shannon, who completed her Master of Science Degree in Nursing as a Nurse Practitioner from Regis University. Shannon, along with her significant other, Don Vergo, have lived with Charles and Thelma for many years. Vergo is a Marriage and Family Therapist and has his own practice, Harmony Counseling Services. They have four cats and two dogs.

At age 21, Charles petitioned for membership in Evergreen Lodge #179, marking the beginning of a lifelong commitment to Masonic service. He was Initiated on May 16, 1967, Passed on September 1, 1967, and Raised on November 7, 1967. He is currently a member of Idaho

Member in the Spotlight: Charles F. Shaeffer, 33° (continued from previous page)

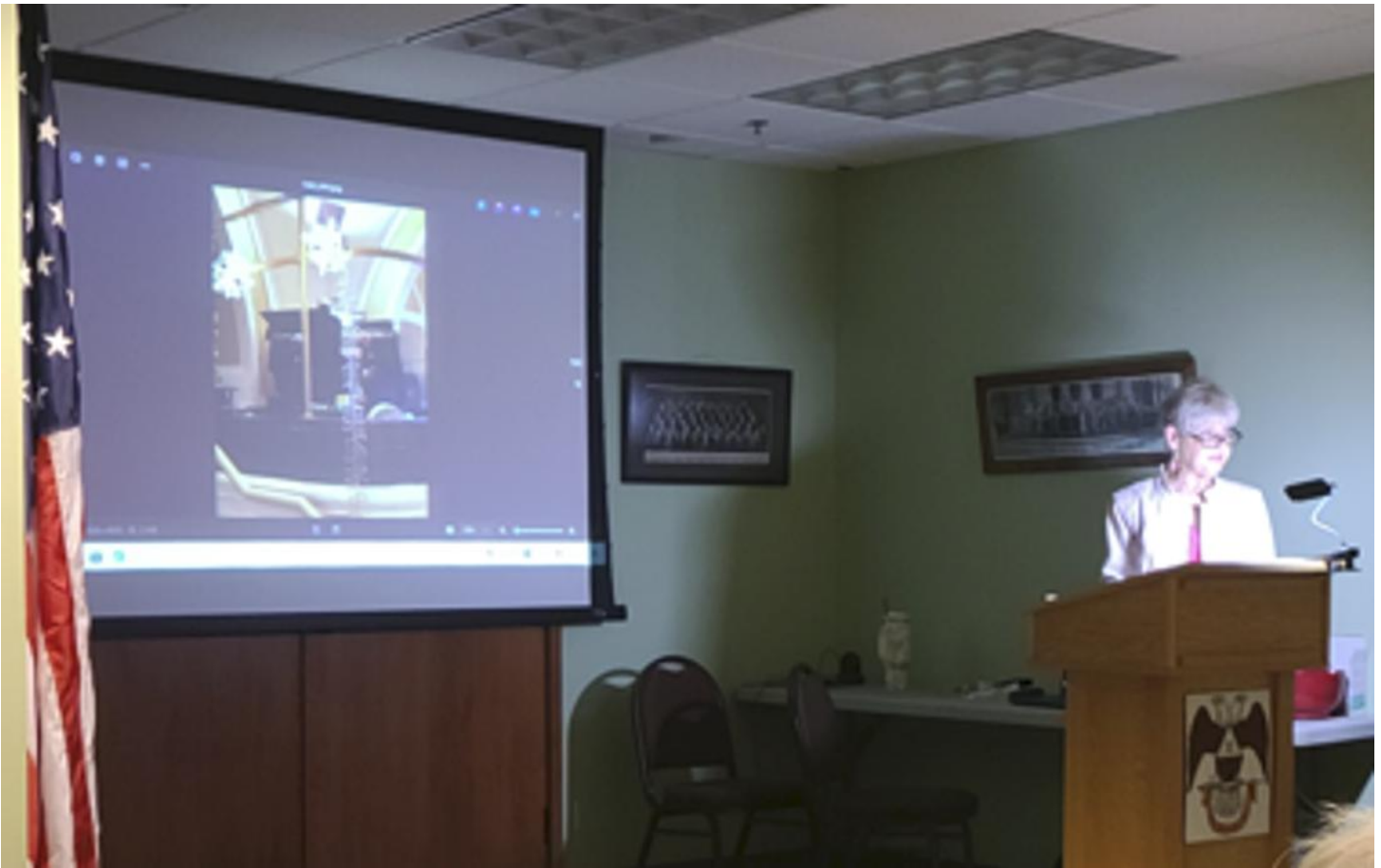
Springs #26. His maternal great-grandfather, A.W. Davis, was W. M. of Jackson Lodge #35 in Good Hope, West Virginia, for several years in the 1880s. His father joined Berkeley Lodge in the early 1920's. He joined the Rocky Mountain Consistory shortly thereafter and the El Jebel Shrine about 1927. He was a member of the Drum and Bugle Corps and, in 1937, was a founding member of the Shrine Hillbilly Band. In 1953, he became a charter member of Evergreen Lodge #179. He served as its secretary until his death in 1960. Of Charles' four uncles, three were Masons; Gordon Kennedy, Denver #5; Claude May; and Howe Money Penny, Harmony #61. Howe was W. M. in 1941. He was Grand Tyler in 1972 and 1975.

Charles joined the Rocky Mountain Consistory in May of 1973 and the El Jebel Shrine in November of that year. He also belongs to the Denver Council of Cryptic Masons, Triad Chapter of Royal Arch Mason, and Coronal-Ascalon Commandery of Knights Templar. In 1973, he served as his Mother's Worthy Patron when she was Worthy Matron of Echo #147, Order of the Eastern Star. His father was her Worthy Patron in 1956. Charles is now affiliated with Mt. Zion, #133. He was a member of the El Jebel Shrine Pipe Band for 15 years, having been elected Pipe Major Emeritus in 1987 and inducted into the Pipe Band Hall of Fame in 1988. Charles was fortunate to have been elected as President of S.C.O.T.S. (Imperial Pipe Band Assoc.) in 1990. After Charles's time in the Pipe Band, he joined the Shrine Band as a single reed player. In 2011, he was elected to the Board of the Shrine Bands of North America. He set up the band competition at the 2013 Imperial Session in Denver.

The activities Charles enjoys the most are traveling with Thelma in the RV, attending concerts, collecting clocks, silver spoons, family heirlooms, and antiques. He participates in all of the Scottish Rite degrees that require music. One of his greatest joys has been his supervision of the restoration of our Kimball Pipe organ, which took place from 2007 to 2010. There are always unexpected aspects of each reunion. Charles cherishes the friendships and camaraderie found within the Scottish Rite, and, even more so, the lessons learned in his thirty years as organist—lessons that continue to inspire his service to others.



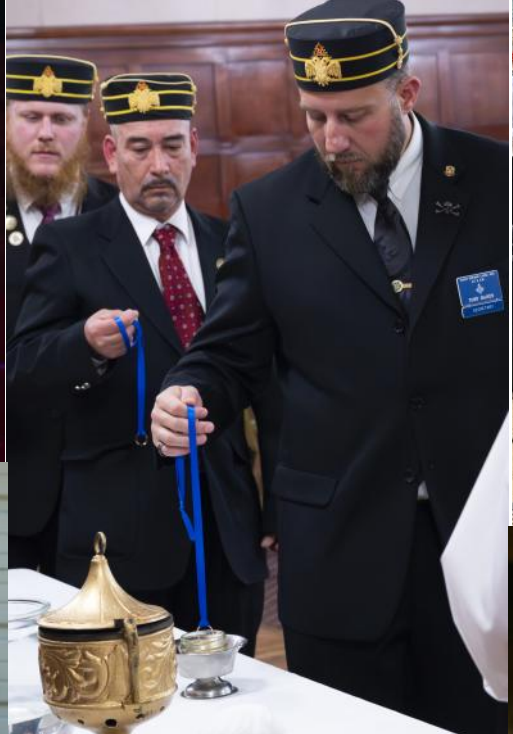
TOTAL ORGAN RESORATION IN 2010



Mrs. Thelma Shaeffer did a lovely, informative presentation on the Cathedral room organ for the ladies group at the May Stated Meeting.

Did you know?

- Denver Consistory's organ has 1,495 pipes.
- The (more reliable) lead tubing supplies air to the entire organ console.
- Pipes taper down to the toe (bottom) where the air goes in, and the mouth is the horizontal hole on the front of the pipe where sound comes out.
- The blower for the organ is located in the Consistory basement and is 5' in diameter with a 10 horsepower motor that supplies 10 to 15 inches of wind pressure. This is a high-pressure blower because most churches are 2-3" of wind pressure.
- The Consistory organ blower supplies 17 ranks with 10 inches of wind pressure.
- The diaphone and tuba ranks are on the 15 inches of wind pressure.
- Since Morel & Associates are no longer in business, Chris Harris now maintains the organ, and does organ restorations.
- January 1971, an overheated steam pipe caused a massive explosion where the entire east side of the building was blown out, exposing the solo chamber organ pipes to the weather elements for a period of time. Debris was strewn far and wide with everything in front of the proscenium destroyed (backdrops, some sets, and a grand piano was lost).
- The Cathedral Room dome stained-glass oculus was constructed in 1924-25 by Watkins Stained Glass, a fifth-generation business here in Denver.



MEMORIAL SCROLL

Darrell Lee Fisher, 32°	05/08/2026
Lloyd Harlow Leeper, 32°	01/20/2026
Dallas Wayne Tourney, 32°	01/28/2026
Byron George Walker, 32° KCCH	05/16/2026



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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George Robert Lewis

90 Years "YOUNG"

Kenneth William Harmon

70 Years "YOUNG-ISH"

Jerry William Blecha

Don Carroll Hale

Bruce Wayne Schwartz

60 Years OLD

Scott Allen Bates

Kurt Michael Blair

Alberto Lupercio

Lee Marvin Monsebroten

50 Years OLD

Michael Joe Archer

Our June "Youngster"

Samuel Logan Mathews (25)



Special Birthdays

100+ Years "REAL YOUNG"

Horace Michael Moore (107)

90 Years "YOUNG"

Edward Roland Shockley

80 Years "YOUNG"

Stephen Jay Altman

Douglas Wilson Nutt

Richard Lee Wingate

70 Years "YOUNG-ISH"

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Louis Baird Kasunic

Curtis Wayne Kiesling

Alex George Ragulsky, Jr.

40 Years OLD

Bradford Michael Adragna

Jayson Cameron Leyh

Our July "Youngster"

Tommy Thammavongkeo (34)



14 JUNE 1775





Special Birthdays

90 Years "YOUNG"

Kenneth Lee Conway

80 Years "YOUNG-ISH"

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Edward Oscar Rendon

70 Years OLD

Stuart Francis Asay

Randall Lee Crask

Thomas Dewey Houston III

60 Years "Sorta" OLD

Russell Anthony Magyar

50 Years "Almost" OLD

Richard James Briggs

Roy Douglas Evans III

Joshua Seth Zucker

30 Years Old - Are you kidding?

Connor Davis Riddle

(Also our Youngster for the month)



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EVER WONDER WHY?

He-men sailors of old wore earrings?

In the days of wooden sailing ships, there was no certainty that sailors setting out on a long voyage would ever see their homeland again. To prepare for the worst, sailors took to wearing gold earrings so that if there was an accident and their bodies were washed ashore on some foreign beach, the gold in the earrings would pay for a decent burial.

A Quarter is called "two bits"?

The bits referred to are actually pieces of a Spanish coin popular in the 18th century. The coin, the Spanish "dollar" was made of silver and was so large that it was often cut into 8 smaller pieces each worth $\frac{1}{8}$ of a dollar, or 12.5 cents. Thus, when the American quarter came into use, it would be worth "two bits" of the silver coin.

Judges wear black robes?

Judges' robes were not always black. They were very colorful until the death of Queen Mary II in 1694. At that time, they were changed to black to mourn her death and have never been changed back.

A ten-dollar bill is called a "sawbuck"?

A sawbuck is another name for a carpenter's sawhorse. The fact that the end of a sawbuck looks like an "X," which is the Roman numeral for 10, gave someone the idea of calling a 10 dollar bill a "sawbuck."

Ships and aircraft in trouble use "mayday"?

This comes from the French *m'aidez*, which means "help me" and is pronounced "mayday."

DENVER CONSISTORY

SCOTTISH RITE FREEMASONRY

JUNE 15, 2026 ✦ 7:00 PM

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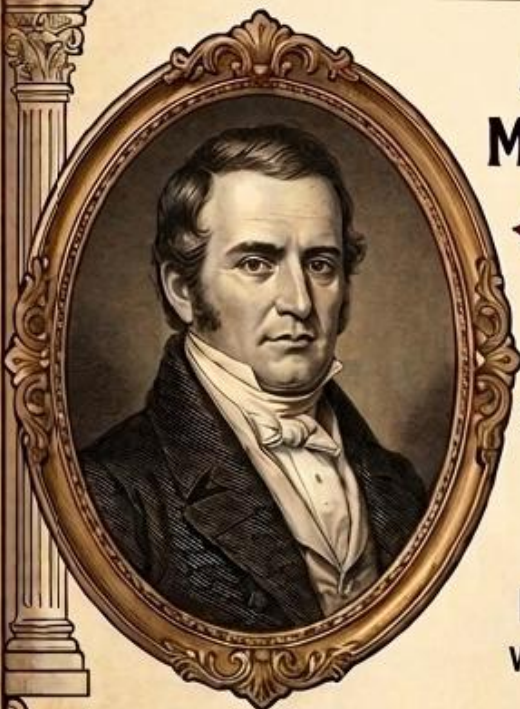
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Soup

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- Roast Beef & Cheese
- Ham Salad

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