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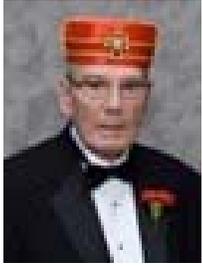
Some encouraging news for the New Year!

It is not everything we would like to see, but there are some significant improvements under way. The vaccine(s) are beginning to roll out. Time will tell if this is the major step forward in fighting this pandemic that we are hoping for. Initial results are encouraging but only time will tell. We need extremely wide distribution to have a major impact. In the meantime, we are still under significant restrictions - both from the Government and Health Department side and the Grand Lodge of Colorado. Our brothers on the Western Slope have been successful in meeting the requirements of the 5-Star program and are looking towards in-person meetings soon.

I am repeating the information from last month on getting ready for our 3-day Reunion in late April. "We are still looking forward to a 3-day reunion in April 2021. There is work to do. The conferral of our degrees requires significant manpower and commitment from a large number of our Brothers, in order to be successful. In hopes that we will be able to hold a Reunion in April 2021, I have directed the Director General (Ill Br. Barry Nightingale, [barry@ncnfinancial.com](mailto:barry@ncnfinancial.com)) to begin the work to get both the degree casts, as well as the supporting Departments, ready for a successful Reunion."

Last month I also forgot to include my email address for brothers that have not been part of our virtual meetings and would like some assistance in getting online for the meetings. I am particularly interested in reaching our Brothers that either live too far away to attend in-person meetings or those that for one reason or another are house-bound currently. The virtual (Zoom) meetings will continue even after all the constraints for in-person meetings are lifted. If you are in a position where you cannot attend our meetings but would like to access them via Zoom, please email me ([bcooksc@gmail.com](mailto:bcooksc@gmail.com)) and we will work on getting you online. Our meetings are going to take on the regular appearance of our normal stated meetings. That means we will open and conduct our business and education tasks like usual. Please consider wearing your cap – it helps to get the feel of a regular meeting even if it is virtual. Feel free to participate during the education parts and share your thoughts on the topics being presented.





**Br. Bob Harper, 32° KCCH**  
Commander, Council of Kadosh

### 22° Knight Royal Axe or Prince of Libanus

The lesson of this degree reminds us that work is the mission of man. The degree teaches us that work is a privilege and we work to sustain ourselves and those we care about. That an upright, honest, laboring man is the peer of kings and idleness is disgraceful.

The working tools of this degree are the saw, plane and axe.

"The saw symbolizes that steady patience and persevering determination by which the resolute man makes his way to the object of his endeavor through all obstacles."

It teaches that laboring for the improvement of the world, a state, community or organization is a slow and sometimes difficult process.

"The plane cuts down the inequalities of surfaces, it is a symbol of Masonry, which cuts off the prejudices of ignorance, the absurdities of superstition, and aids to civilize mankind."

"The axe, (the jewel of this degree), is nobler than the sword...the sturdy pioneer, armed with the axe, strides to promote civilization...the great trees fall before him never to rise again..."

For Masons the great trees represent the vices of intolerance, bigotry, superstition, un-charitableness, and idleness - all which we endeavor to fall.

This degree focuses on the virtue of work. We are taught that all work is noble and sacred and is the source of virtue.



**Bro. Mike Mabbitt, 32°**  
Venerable Master, Lodge of Perfection

VIRTUS JUNXIT MORS NON SEPARABIT  
“Virtue Has United, and Death Shall Not Separate”

When was the last time you heard or saw the phrase VIRTUS JUNXIT MORS NON SEPARABIT?

I’ll give you a hint...



Virtue, by definition, is the **moral excellence of a person**. Morally excellent people have a character made-up of virtues valued as good. They are honest, respectful, courageous, forgiving, and kind, for example. They do the right thing, and don't bend to impulses, urges or desires, but act according to values and principles. As Masons we all share in these virtues and they are what unite us.

As Masons we also believe in the immortality of the soul. There are many definitions and theories on what that means but they all seem to come back to the fact that after we die, we will be treated blessedly by the gods and he will be able to converse with other men who had died.

As stated by Albert Pike, *“It is for each individual Mason to discover the secret of Masonry, by reflection upon its symbols and a wise consideration and analysis of what is said and done in the work.”*

As you reflect upon the phrase “VIRTUS JUNXIT MORS NON SEPARABIT” I would ask that you not dwell on the past but focus on the future and how you as a Perfect Elu can assist, encourage and defend the brethren by showcasing those virtues that make us who we are.

Fraternally, Bro Mike

## ***January Events***

6 January – Southern Colorado Consistory Zoom gathering  
Check your eMail for login details from the secretary

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...and with our Grand Master's edict a number of online "Fraternal Gatherings" now meet regularly. The response has been very positive with the ability for Brothers to make the stay-at-home order a bit less lonely and keep in touch with one another and share Masonic education. All is public information, nothing tiled.

The following is a schedule of those gatherings as of this letter. If you're aware of others please let us know.

All meeting are weekly gatherings:

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday

Lumen Artis #190, 7pm. Contact Russ Mason, [secretary@lumenartislodge.com](mailto:secretary@lumenartislodge.com)

Colorado Springs York Rite, David Reynolds, [davidd1@comcast.com](mailto:davidd1@comcast.com)

Thursday

G L Education Committee, 7pm, Dave Williams, David Reynolds, [davidd1@comcast.com](mailto:davidd1@comcast.com)

Friday

Virtual Happy Hour, 6pm, Michael-Ryan Fletchall, [manitoulodge68@gmail.com](mailto:manitoulodge68@gmail.com)



## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS!

Larry Anderson

Robert Burr

Warren Higgins

David McKey

David Nuss

L Oxford

Howard Pease

Ronald Peck

Robert Robertson

Herbert Romero

Dale King

Earl Phelps

Warren Weaver

Lester Tedrow

Frank Krutzke

Eugene Colwell

Kenneth Hoskin

Dennis Kost

Robert Allen

Dwayne Weyers

Larry Holland

Harold Dickerson

Jeffrey Gronski

Charles Honaker

Larry Allen

James Rawlings

Richard Calhoun

Vernon Ingraham

Larry Childs

Joseph Hill

Eugene Dobrzelecki

Lester Nowell

Michael Favre

Kevin Churchill

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Michael Price

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Richard Stewart

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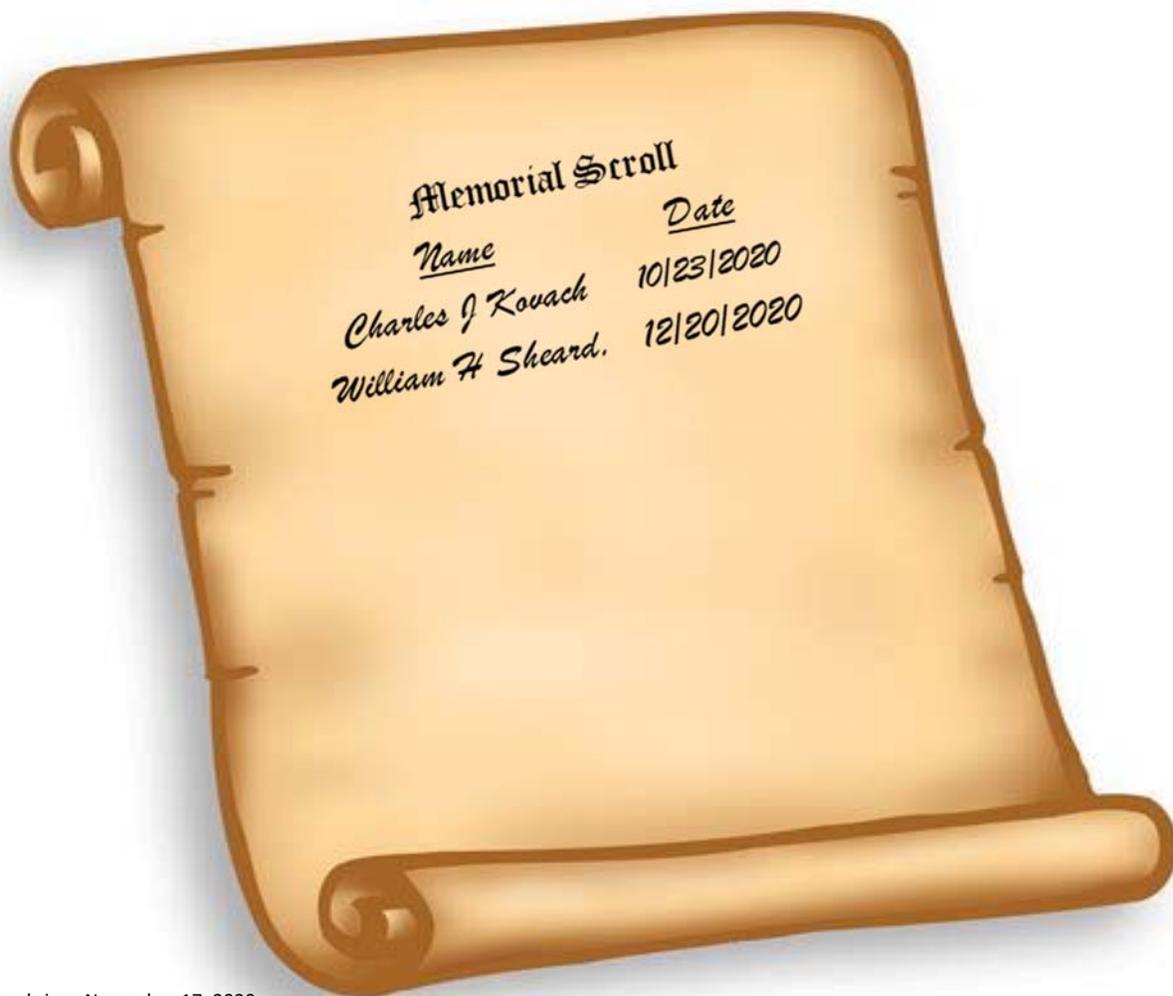
Craig Fabec

David Cox

Floyd Davis

Raymond Lingley

William Twyman



Notices received since November 17, 2020

#### ROSE CROIX FUNERAL TEAM

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 Southern Colorado Consistory Rose Croix Funeral Team are: Wise Master, Ronald Smith, 32° KCCH; Senior/Junior Warden, Charles Lewis, 32°; Junior Wardens, Blake Simmons, 32° and John Weed, 32°. If you are interested in joining the Rose Croix Funeral Team and helping them, contact the office or Jason Bunch 32° for more information.



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We constantly work to ***develop*** meaningful Degrees and Programs  
We endeavor to ***create*** opportunities for our Members  
We ***believe*** in Fellowship  
We ***encourage*** in Personal Growth  
We ***care*** for our Members  
We strongly ***support our charity*** RiteCare  
(Speech and language therapy for children in need)

We ***cherish*** in our Historical Presence  
We ***honor, respect and promote*** Patriotism and support our Troops / Veterans

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