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**Ill Bob Cook, 33°
Valley Personal Representative**

Finally!!

OK, so we are finally going to be able to meet in person (unless the directions of the authorities again fall back on more mandates and restrictions). But we, the Southern Colorado Consistory, are moving ahead with plans for a full in-person meeting, augmented with a virtual component also. In September we will meet on Wednesday, September 1st at the Masonic Center. This will not only be a great time to reconnect with Brothers that we have maybe only seen on our computer screens, but also a time of some celebration. Brothers that are new members will be recognized and be able to participate in a more formal capping ceremony. Also, patents that have been delayed will be presented. (More details are available in Br. Vince Johnson's column.) One important note though, he mentioned business casual for a dress code and guests are encouraged – but in keeping with a long-held tradition in SCC it will be Hawaiian shirt night. Not sure how that fits in with business casual but let's all remember our caps and the Hawaiian shirts!

We should recognize our brothers that have been selected to receive Scottish Rite honours. Brothers Vince Johnson and Jerry Underwood have been selected to receive their 33° Inspector General Honorary honor and Brothers Jason Bunch, Craig Fabec, Billy (Bud) Gressett and William McKee have been selected to receive their 32° Knight Commander of the Court of Honor at a separate ceremony for the Orient of Colorado in late September.

Our October meeting will again be a hybrid of in-person at the Masonic Center and virtually via Zoom. This will be a special night focusing on the Feast of Tishri celebration. This is an important and essential celebration for the Scottish Rite. Br. Mike Mabbitt and the Lodge of Perfection will be hosting the meeting. Please bring quests to enjoy our celebration of this important activity of the Consistory. Br Mike is working an impressive presentation of this important Feast and possibly a guest speaker. More details will follow in the next newsletter.



Vincent T. Johnson, 32° KCCH
Secretary/Recorder/Registrar

My Brothers,

Today, I present you two items which I'd like you to pay particular attention too, the first is information regarding the Supreme Councils' membership recruitment effort. The second, is regarding the open portion of our September Stated Meeting.

Recently, the Supreme Council initiated two new programs both aimed at providing incentives for Membership Recruiting. The first program was for top line signers. The other provided the Valley savings on their Property and Casualty insurance premiums.

An explanation on the two programs is detailed below:

- **If a member, who is also the top line signer recruits up three (3) new members they would get their following year's dues paid, and the Valley would have your per capita waived.** This would be great for the Rite and the SCC, so my brothers, please get out there and recruit, it could be lucrative for you, and the Valley leadership would really appreciate it greatly.
- **A Valley discount on the SCC's Property and Casualty (P&C) insurance premiums. In this initiative, you as a member, will have the opportunity to assist the Valley by reducing the premium we will have to pay for our P&C, currently sitting at \$924.00. This payment as you can see is considerably large for such a small Consistory, and you have an opportunity to greatly impact that. How may you ask? Well, and I'm going to dispense with the calculations that Supreme used and let you know that if we were to follow the guidance provided by Supreme. Every member we recruit over the average number of candidates we have recruited the past 10 years, created that "MAGIC" number of four (4) we would get a discount of \$30 for every new candidate recruited over that magic number. So now, I am on my knees, Brothers, you don't have to put a lot of effort into help the Rite and the SCC, please get out there and recruit one member. I know that we each know some brother who might be missing that one something he's been looking for in Masonry, or might not yet know, a Brother who would be a great addition to our Rite. I am also sure that once he becomes a member, and learn what we really do, he will thank you for enlightening him to the education that we provide, and the Rite will be better for it.**

As always, if more clarification is needed, I can be reached at 719.330.1735.

Our September Meeting:

On another note, our September open meeting we will be having a few events that I think will be a great start to our return to SCC in-person meetings, and such an unusual summer. Most of us, tired of COVID, and the constant roller coaster we've been on, just can't wait to return to communicating with our Brothers. Some of us haven't seen some of our family members for well over a year, but it is time for us to have something that, will again, put a smile on our faces, and give us a reason to get together again. We have learned what not to do when we go out and when in groups. I believe that if we practice social distancing, we will have a great and safe meeting and we all get to see some friends we haven't seen for a while.

We will be conducting a Cap Crowning, and Patent Ceremony, where we will not only announce the members our latest class of Masters of the Royal Secret, and as they have already received their Caps, will be

present them again in the presence of his family and friends and lastly his peers. This will be done in a ceremony whereby their significant other, or someone else that is special to him, will Crown them. This will be followed by the Personnel Representative who will present them with their Patent. These promise, to be a proud moment for the member, and another step in his quest for further light through education, and in the best organization, ready and willing to provide it.

Secondly, a small but an important part of the history of Southern Colorado Springs/Pueblo Consistory, yes, that is our official name, unofficially, changed after we moved from Pueblo, will return to us, and we will conduct a ceremony to continue its rich history. We have a copy of the history of the now SCC that I think you would find very interesting and if you want to know more, come by the office, I'd be glad to let you review our history which was crafted by Ill Bro. DJ Cox 33°. After we moved here, the building passed through several hands to several organizations to include a few of the Pueblo Lodges finally ended with its purchase by Parkview Hospital. During its teardown we retrieved the Time Capsule, contents unknown, and will open it in this meeting. Every Colorado Mason should try to attend and experience the opening of a Masonic Time Capsule. We will also be invited other members of the community of Pueblo, who may have spent time in our birthplace, and some may have artifacts that they may know something about.

As you can see, our September meeting is going to be packed, so I would mark the date and get there early, I will be looking forward to seeing you all. Oh, before I forget, since I see this as a special meeting, please dress Business Casual and remember your Caps, and if you can't find it, call me, I may have a spare for purchase, or able to order one for you before the meeting.

V/R,

Vincent Johnson, 32° KCCH
Secretary



**Br. Clifton Snow, 32° KCCH
Treasurer**

Brethren,

Our Balances as of June 30, 2021:

Investments \$702,381.41

Cash ENT Checking/Savings \$12,787.17

All bills have been paid through the end of June.

Br Cliff Snow, 32° KCCH, also request assistance in moving the cornerstone on September 18th. Contact Br. Cliff at socolorcoscott@qwestoffice.net or call the office at 719-471-7966.



Ill Barry Nightingale, 33°
Director General

My Brothers,

One of the keystone events of the Scottish Rite, especially in the Southern Colorado Consistory, has always been our Reunions. During them we have the opportunity to re-connect with existing members of the Craft, as well as provide new candidates the opportunity to be introduced to the Scottish Rite, and to begin their learning through our degree presentations.

We have all found these Reunions to be great experiences for all, and very rewarding experiences for what we provide to the candidates in terms of education.

Of course, these Reunions don't just magically "happen" all by themselves. They require many hours for both preparation and execution, and of course, also require the active participation of our members.

It has been nearly two years since we conducted a full Reunion, and we have our next one planned for November 2021. We can look forward to the opportunity to re-connect, and to teach.

BUT – we have a challenge that will take all of us, working together, to overcome.

We have a great need for support from all of you, in the form of volunteers to help us pull these important Reunions together.

First – we need volunteers to work in the various Supporting Departments (wardrobe, property, lighting, sound, audio/visual, etc.). Under the experienced supervision of Brother JD Potter, these Departments are absolutely essential to the Reunion experience. We currently have opportunities for several positions and duties, and we absolutely need your service to the Craft in filling these duties.

Second – we need volunteers to take on ritual roles in the various degrees. Not all of these parts require major memorization or acting skills. We have roles to fill that are only small parts for those of you that wish to "tip toe" into ritual work. For the more experienced of our Brethren, we have larger parts that are critical to the presentation of the degrees to our candidates. Our Director of Degrees, Bro Jerry Underwood coordinates and supervises all degree teams and degree work.

Third – for a few of you that may desire to take on some leadership responsibilities, we have a few opportunities to work either as Degree Masters or assist the Director General staff.

My Brothers – we need your help. We MUST fill these openings soon, so that we have enough time to prepare you for your important work during the Reunion.

Please help. I do not want to have to tell Illustrious Bob Cook that we can't conduct the November 2021 Reunion, because we don't have enough volunteers. Please help.

Feel free to contact me (Bro Barry Nightingale at barry@ncnfinancial.com) , or the Director of Degrees (Bro Jerry Underwood at gunderwood32@gmail.com), or the Director of Departments (Bro JD Potter at jd_potter@msn.com), and volunteer your services.

The success of our Reunions depends on your support.

Barry Nightingale, 33°
Director General



Brother Bob Harper 32° KCCH
Commander, Council of Kadosh

Brethren I share with you some thoughts to ponder from an essay titled, "Humility".

It is said that humility is the greatest of virtues and the mother of all others. It is the foundation of strength and the outer manifestation of wisdom. Upon it alone an upright and beautiful character may be erected.

To any brother who has made a great effort to study the Mysteries, Teachings and Symbols of Freemasonry and to make himself worthy of high honors cannot help but know that he is but an atom in an infinite universe. He must therefore be humbled by the realization of his own inferiority when his accomplishments are compared with those of the infinite power which controls our destinies.

In the life of the conscientious Mason must be fought the battle between pride and humility, and for the Mason worthy of high honors, humility will be the victor. That Mason will best exemplify the Teachings of our Ancient and Honorable Order.

In conclusion let us have pride in our achievements, pride in the honors bestowed on us, but let us be humble as dignifies the members of our great Fraternity.



Bro. Craig Fabec
Prior, Consistory

I hope all of you are enjoying this down time during our time of darkness, and I look forward to seeing all of you soon, hopefully in person. We as Masons often sacrifice our free time with family and friends to attend meetings, reunions, and other Masonic activities with the goal of being better men that we were prior. Much of our work we are unable to share with our family, but still, they are supportive knowing it is important to us. It is my hope that this break gives all my brothers time to relax, recharge, and focus on their family and friends. The past year has brought us all to new areas in Masonry that personally I never thought we would experience. Though it has been excellent to continue our work and meeting digitally, nothing will replace our in-person meetings and the connections we form during them. I wish all of you a great summer, and am excited to see where the last half of 2021 takes us in masonry.



Br. Blake Simmons 32°
Wise Master, Chapter Rose Croix



In 1953 in Denver Colorado, the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States initiated a program to help children. This was the RiteCare Scottish Rite Childhood Language Program. (SRCLP)

Currently in every State in the Union, similar programs have been instituted by the Scottish Rite. Now, with over 200 centers operating nationwide, Scottish Rite is the largest private sponsor of communications therapy programs in the United States.

“ Today there are SRCLP clinics, centers, and special programs operating or planned for children and therapists located throughout the United States, Each facility is staffed by speech-language pathologists or other trained personnel. Through the support of Scottish Rite members, these clinics, centers, and programs continue to increase.”

*(Scottish Rite - RiteCare webpage- [<https://scottishrite.org/philanthropy/ritecare/ritecare-srclp/>]

Brothers, for almost 70 years, we here in Colorado have been following the principles of Faith Hope and Charity as so well demonstrated in the Scottish Rite Philanthropic efforts in RiteCare. Once you have heard the testimonials from the recipients of help from Rite Care, how they were so challenged as young children, but with the aid of RiteCare, have grown into wonderful, productive, and successful adults, you are amazed.

Many young children cannot talk or read and are destined to a difficult and challenging life, but with the successes of the clinicians in cooperation with the parents, things that could only be imagined only a few years ago are now possible.

Brothers, take time to learn about Rite Care, it is one of the greatest endeavors that the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States, which you are a member of supports and operates.

** As always, one of the greatest services that Scottish Rite Brothers can do for the fraternity is to take part in the Rose Croix Memorial team. We also need assistance with aiding out Brothers in times Sickness and distress. Please contact Wise Master Brother Blake Simmons to get involved.*

Remember

“ Charity, which is Beauty, and alone makes animated, united efforts possible”

Albert Pike

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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:

1st & 3rd Wednesday

Lumen Artis #190, 7pm. Contact Russ Mason, secretary@lumenartislodge.com

Colorado Springs York Rite, David Reynolds, davidd1@comcast.com

Thursday

G L Education Committee, 7pm, Dave Williams, David Reynolds, davidd1@comcast.com

Friday

Virtual Happy Hour, 6pm, Michael-Ryan Fletchall, manitoulodge68@gmail.com



JULY BIRTHDAYS!

Leland R Barden
Franklin D Baxley
Daniel L Brooks
Harvey W Bucholtz
James G Burger
John F Carr
Jerry L Cowden
Edward D Crum
William Davidson
Darrell T Davis
Richard L Davis
Ernest A Dierk
Fred F Falk
Eugene L Farish
John B Fink, III

Michael R Fletchall
Ian A Forbes
Rodger D Fuller
Ronald D Garrett
Frederick W Glauner
Barton R Guthrie
John A Indermuehle
Lyle T Japhet
Tim J Johnson
Fred B Kiger
Charles E Lewis
Rodney E Metz
William L Michael
Timothy W Mills
Arnold A Montoya

Wilson C Moulton
Ralph E Newby
Eric E Peterson
Billy Ray Rider, Jr
Russell M Sharpe
Robert A Shepherd
John Skoglund, III
Keith B Stockman
Eddie Taylor
Alexander Aloyious Van Arsdale
George Walk, Jr
Robert J Ward
Thomas Gordon Wilf

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS!

James O Adeyelu
Jerry L Allin
Raymond L Barbour
Shawn D Beyer
James D Brehm
John P Brown
Robert E Burkepile, Sr
Robert H Buxmann
Aaron W. Celaya
Roger E Chilcoat
G L Cook, Sr
Michael A Cruz

Richard Thomas Deluca
Robert G Dwyer
Norman A Farrington
Thomas A Fortner
Elmo H Gardner, Jr
David R Guevara
Robert D Hamilton
Phillip E Leggitt
David E Linebaugh
Michael Blaine Mabbitt
Michael L McMillan
Bill McMurdo

Robert D Mouirguies
William R Pedley
John M Potter
David L Reynolds
Henry Saldana
Wayne R Sauer
Timothy A Shrodes
Wayne E Smisek
Billy R Swartz
Bob Vunovich
Timothy E Watts



Memorial Scroll

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
<i>Daniel A Payne</i>	<i>1/1/2014</i>
<i>Wayne E Thompson</i>	<i>5/16/21</i>
<i>Wayne K Clark</i>	<i>6/16/2021</i>
<i>Paul Sazonick</i>	<i>7/28/2021</i>

Notices received since May 24, 2021

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 Blake Simmons, 32° for more information.



*You will never be forgotten,
we pledge to you today,
a hallowed place within our hearts,
is where you'll always stay.*

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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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