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Ill Bob Cook, 33°
Valley Personal Representative

Finally!! (not actually what we hoped for)

It is true that the September stated meeting of the Southern Colorado Consistory will be an in-person event. It will be preceded by a great sounding dinner and include the capping ceremony for our newest Masters of the Royal Secret and the presentation of their patents. The education part of the evening will be presented by Br. Blake Simmons, Wise Master of the Chapter of Rose Croix. If you have not seen the invitation for the meeting, please contact Br. Vince Johnson ASAP for more details and to make reservations. And as is our long-standing tradition, it will be Hawaiian shirt night. Come dressed for the occasion and enjoy a great meal and the fellowship we have sorely missed over the last several months.

So, what did not work? I had announced last month that we expected to have our first hybrid meeting (in person at the Tempe and virtually via the Zoom platform). We have failed to solve the technical issues to make the virtual component work. I am disappointed in this set back, but I am also now more determined than ever to make this work. We have had good attendance in the past several months from Brothers that either reside too far away to make an in-person meeting or are otherwise house-bound. Brothers from the four bodies have done an exceptional job of bringing our programs to a new level of participation. We are not strictly making a presentation but encouraging a discourse on some the principles of Masonry and the Scottish Rite in particular. The leaders of the four bodies have made improvements every month to stimulate the conversation about these principles. This is how we are fulfilling our goal of improving ourselves as Masons and humans. It is encouraging also to see that in our open sessions, contributions from others that are not Scottish Rite brothers or maybe not even Masons (yet) have added to the discussion.

If you have any experience with how to help us get this “hybrid” meeting in working order, please contact myself or Br. Vince Johnson.

We are looking forward to the October meeting which will feature our annual Feast of Tishri. Br. Mike Mabbitt, Venerable Master of the Lodge of Perfection, has been diligently working to make this a Do Not Miss event. It will be an open meeting so feel free to bring guests and let them see how this most Scottish Rite of ceremonies is conducted and how we affirm our key principles. Br. Mike is also working to get an informative presentation on Rite Care. More details will be available in the next newsletter.



Br. Clifton Snow, 32° KCCH
Treasurer

Brethren,

Our Balances as of July 31, 2021.

Investments \$739,390.51

Cash ENT Checking/Savings \$14,847.20

All bills have been paid through the end of July.

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



Ill Barry Nightingale, 33°
Director General

Well Brothers, we are well on our way to a November Reunion. We have multiple candidates that have submitted petitions, and we are of course hopeful that we will receive more.

As we work to build both degree teams, and Brothers to help with the supporting Departments, I often get asked the simple question: "What does volunteering involve?"

First of course – volunteering is very simple. Get a hold of our Director of Degrees (WB Jerry Underwood) or the Director of Departments (WB JD Potter), and simply tell them that you want to volunteer.

If you want to be part of a degree cast, there are several different roles in every degree to be filled. Maybe you only want a non-speaking part initially, until you have more experience. Fine – we've got those parts. Maybe you can handle a small speaking part and the memorization of a few lines. Fine – we've got those parts. Maybe you have been motivated by the lessons of the degrees and want to get heavily engaged in a cast. We CERTAINLY have roles for you!! The bottom line is that we have a great need for your support, and we can use you in a variety of roles.

If you don't have the time to memorize a degree part, then we still have LOTS of ways you can help. WB Potter manages a team with a broad spectrum of responsibilities. In all of those areas, he can provide training so that your prior knowledge of a particular area is not essential. Maybe you would like to help with computers and audio/visual. We need that help. Maybe you want to help with setting up the property for the

degrees. We need that help. Maybe you would like to help with the management of all of the hundreds of costumes that we have. Fine, we need that help too. By simply contacting WB Potter, he can talk with you about your interests, and maximize your help to our hard-working Departments. And he will always be there to help train you in your new responsibilities.

PLEASE step up and step up now. It takes a lot of preparation well in advance of a Reunion to get everything ready, so please reach out now and volunteer. The Brothers that have come before you worked hard to provide you with a meaningful introduction to the Scottish Rite. We need your help in doing the same for the coming generations of new Scottish Rite members. If you can't reach either WB Underwood or WB Potter, then simply call WB Vince Johnson, the Consistory Secretary, and he will "hook you up"!!

I am looking forward to working alongside each of you, and seeing you at the November Reunion.



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

Thoughts on the symbol of the Bee Hive

The Bee Hive, Masonically, is an emblem of Industry. The ritual recommends that industry be practiced by all beings. It tells us we should never be content to be idle, especially when we can help our fellow man by exerting a little effort.

When and why the hive of the bee entered Freemasonry as a symbol no one knows. Much has been written on the subject. It has been pointed out that the hive picture in all Masonic Monitors is manmade. The bee, however, does make the comb a geometrical perfection. Its six-sided cells provide more storage space for the honey from a weak material, wax, than could any other design. This is certainly a sign of industry and a symbol of Perfection.

We must assume the Bee Hive became an important symbol in Freemasonry the way the other symbols entered it. It symbolized what the cathedral builders did and the way they did it. The bee is industrious. He works hard and tirelessly, not for himself, but for the swarm. He has a strength and knowledge of materials that cannot be duplicated. He works in complete cooperation, and without dissension, with his fellow bees. He protects the Queen, refuses admittance to enemies, builds makes honey, and lives in a society ruled by law and order.

What bees do can be compared to the cathedral builders of centuries ago. The builders worked as a unit. No man worked for himself but worked with his fellowmen to achieve a common goal. They worked under conditions that would stop modern architects and engineers. They had only man, beast, and ropes to put the pieces together. Every man had to do his part, his share, to take pride in his assignment, large or small. One

man alone could accomplish little or nothing. Undoubtedly, the operative masons saw their duplicate in the bees. They could readily see in the honey-producers the symbol of the industry they, as the builders of the great cathedrals, practiced.

Definitely some good ideals and principles we should emulate in our daily lives.



Br. Michael Mabbitt, 32°
Venerable Master, Lodge of Perfection

Freedom is regarded, in our century, as a precious and absolute right which is what it should be. Not just for us but for all people on this earth. And, in an earlier century, the American Declaration of Independence tells us how highly freedom was prized then.

“We hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness ... “

The founding fathers of the American republic certainly understood that liberty, freedom in an individual and in a social sense, was vital and essential. Those who have freed themselves from political, religious or military oppression have an appreciation of the value of freedom that we, living our comfortable middle-class existence in the twenty-first century, may never be able to grasp.

So let us try to examine what freedom means in a Masonic context. Whenever and wherever freedom is mentioned, there it has an immediate consonance with Freemasonry. In what dimension do we speak of Freemasonry and freedom in the same breath? Which aspects of freedom are most immediately identifiable with the pursuit of self-knowledge and moral improvement? In the process of gaining inner light, what role does freedom play?

“Are you a free man, and of lawful age?” This was the first question we were asked on being admitted to the Lodge for initiation. At first sight this question seems to be in conflict with what we were doing. After all, we had just given up our freedom. We had just been blindfolded, and we were unable to navigate freely and properly. We were led here and there, with no means of exercising our own freedom to determine our path. But when we answered “I am”, we did so in the knowledge that we were exercising the ultimate freedom, the freedom to say “I place myself unconditionally in the hands of the Supreme Being, that presence of God that I understand lays the solid foundation for all Masonic pursuits”.

What a sense of freedom that can give us! The pursuit of moral improvement requires that, in a Masonic context, we make ourselves free of any social, career or ideological baggage we might have been carrying around, as such would impede our progress. The real question is, to what extent I will allow myself to be shaped by my own selfish impulses, and to what extent shaped by the new life offered through Freemasonry. When I am able to say “my impulse is to go this way, but I am being asked to give up selfish impulses, so I will go that way instead”, then that offers a real freedom, a freedom from selfish indulgence.



Br. Craig Fabec, 32°

Prior, Consistory

As masons we tend to always be looking for deeper meaning in our degrees and lessons, and many of us benefit from diving into those deeper meanings. We also need to remember the value of the upfront lesson we learn in Scottish Rite and their value to society today. The dedication to the duty of our job and station, the dignity of labor, free thought and free speech, and our rights, are a few of the lessons we learn in our journey. From some viewpoints it seems society may be moving further and further from these values. "What can I get" instead of "what can I provide." Open discussion on different opinions has almost completely ceased in some circles, being replaced with anger and accusations when someone disagrees. As masons it is our job in the coming months and years to lead by example using these lessons in hope of influencing those around us. If we start small our circle of influence can grow. We may not be able to guide everyone, but we definitely can "Be the change you want to see in the world."

I look forward to our discussions and fellowship in the coming months!

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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

Upcoming Educational Presentations hosted via Zoom. Formal invitations will be sent out from the Grand Lodge 1-2 weeks in advance of any presentation.

September 9th @ 7pm – Eric Weddington – Renaissance Symbolism - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88361750702>

September 23rd @ 7pm – Ray Dunn – Freemasonry & Civil Discourse - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84374176785>

Quill and Scroll Editor/Web/Social Media Request for Volunteers

As the new editor of the Quill and Scroll and being in charge of the Web and Social Media, I am looking for Volunteers who would like to assist me in serving the Southern Colorado Consistory in achieving its communications goals. I am looking for brethren with some specific skills so we can spread the workload across many brothers. *Many hands make light work.* Below is what I am looking for. Please email me at ralphnewby@yahoo.com if you have one or several these skills and are willing to volunteer.

- Proficient in WordPress to make changes to the SCC website and support management of the site.
- Background in making a newsletter look good and easy to maintain from month to month.
- Experience in web design to assist in planning design changes to the SCC website.
- Experience in promoting via Social Media and monitoring Social Media presence and responses to promote Scottish Rite Masonry and Masonry in general.

Br Ralph Newby, 32°

Brother William Sheard Memorial Service

Saturday September 11, 2021 2:00pm

Ascension Episcopal Church

18th and Grand

Pueblo, CO 81003

Followed by Masonic Service at Pueblo Shrine Club



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS!

Roscoe A Ake	Earl L Fields	Robert C Miller
Marc J Appiano	T'Christopher Gardner	Larry G Moore
Ralph B Baumer, Jr	Jerome L Hansen	Barry D Nightingale
Kyle M Becker	Donald L Hansen	Larry E Page
George A Benson	John J Harrington	Pedro W Perez-Sanchez
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Wm Keith Book	Larry R Heersink	Denton R Roberts
Dailey G Broaddus	Hector V Huertas	Steven J Roshek
Franklin A Clark	Robert W Isaacs	Nicholas F. Ruybalid
William C Clulo	Terry L Kershaw	Ralph Singmaster
David L Coberly	John O Larson, III	Noble Spencer, Jr
Robert R Cook	Joseph D Law	Dale E Spradley
Richard B Cranford	LeRoy A Lindsey	David L Tennis
James S Eaches, Sr	Lawrence S Martin	Bailee J Velasquez
Warren C Edick	Frank E Meacham	



<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
William Dak	11/25/2019
Wilson C Moulton	2/9/20
Eloy C Cordova	3/19/2021
Donald A Bosin	8/17/2021

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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