



# Quill & Scroll

## Southern Colorado Consistory (SCC)



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

### Changes

Our October meeting was a great event. We had two Rite Care presentations from Br. Bryant Harris, 32° KCCH, the new Executive Secretary, and Dr. Kristen Uhler, Ph. D., Kelley Family/Schlessman Family Scottish Rite Masons Chair in Childhood Language Disorders. We got updates on the services the Rite Care provides and Dr. Uhler read a couple of letters from parents whose children are receiving care in the program. It is always inspiring to hear from actual recipients of the services of Rite Care

Br. Mike Mabbitt had an informative and well-planned presentation for the Feast of Tishri. Our meal plan was hampered some by the supplier, so we had a little delay in getting started. Br. Mike also had a presentation for the Feast of Tishri, including the obligatory toasts – well done by the leaders of the various bodies. This is a required ceremony that speaks to some very special ideals that we need to aspire to as Freemasons.

As most know by now, we were unable to get enough support to put together our Fall Reunion. Our brothers in Denver will accommodate our three candidates as courtesy work for Southern Colorado. This will be a unique experience and the combination of our candidates and theirs should result in a reasonable class size. If you would like to attend any of the Reunion, please look at the Denver web site ([denverconsistory.org](http://denverconsistory.org)) for the schedule of days and times for the degrees.

While we are still working hard to put together the support needed to have our own Reunion in the Spring, remember to ask your brothers that we have not seen at our stated meetings the last couple of months if they need a ride. The degree masters are continuing to practice for the eventual Reunion. We are still desperate to get additional help on the logistics. Help is needed in almost all areas: properties, costuming, A/V and lighting.

Another part of having a successful Reunion in the Spring will be to have a class of brothers who want to become Masters of the Royal Secret. Remember, attend and support your blue lodges – this is where our growth comes from. Participate in the blue lodge meetings and degrees. Keep the activity supported at this level and we will eventually have new members. Please invite interested brothers to any open meetings we have.



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

Brethren,

Our Balances as of September 30, 2021.

Investments \$719,172.73

Cash ENT Checking/Savings \$30,502.94

All bills have been paid through the end of September

Thanks go to all Brothers who have paid their dues for 2022.

Also, a big thanks to the many Brothers who have made donations in addition to their dues. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!



**Ill Barry Nightingale, 33°  
Director General**

My Brothers,

Although we will not have the pleasure of holding a Reunion this November for Southern Colorado Consistory, we should not allow that to keep us from doing a couple of things:

First – When was the last time you pulled out a copy of Bridge to Light, and reviewed some of the degrees? I don't know a single Scottish Rite Mason that can claim to fully understand all of the degrees. Our Scottish Rite Degrees offer great opportunities to exam different ways of thinking, different philosophical and spiritual lines of thought, and to do some introspection of our own lives. Each of us joined Scottish Rite to learn and grow as Freemasons. Don't let the time pass by, and not take advantage of our rich lessons.

Second – Have you enrolled in any of the Master Craftsman courses? Available both in hard copy and online, these courses offer tremendous opportunities to not only learn about the Scottish Rite, but also to explore aspects of the Blue Lodge ritual and lessons. While there is a cost for the courses, it is quite low, and the value of your increased understanding of both your Blue Lodge and of the Scottish Rite will be tremendous.

Third – Have you yet volunteered to assist the Consistory in future Reunions, by joining one of the Degree Casts, or one of the Supporting departments? Our Reunions are only as good as the participation level by ALL of our members. PLEASE reach out now to either Ill Bro Jerry Underwood (Director of Degrees) to volunteer to help with a degree cast, or WB J.D. Potter (Director of Departments) to help with providing support to the conduct of the degrees. We need your support!! Please give back to future classes, by sharing your work and your knowledge.

So many of our members miss the golden opportunities that exist to expand their Scottish Rite experience after they complete their initial degree work. Take advantage of the opportunities and become a more enlightened Scottish Rite Mason.



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

My Brethren,

Thoughts on the Northeast Corner

Any of us who have spent time studying Freemasonry, or those who heard the ritual many times, know that Geometry and Astronomy are an important part in our rituals. What may not be known is that a large part of our Symbolism, which requires these sciences for its interpretation, is based upon beliefs that existed before the full development of these sciences.

The Northeast Corner is an example. Its Symbolism was ancient even at the time when King Solomon's Temple was built. As the Lodge is symbolic of the world as pictured in ancient times, when it was believed to be an oblong square, so our Northeast Corner is symbolic of the northeast corner of that world as it was mapped. It was the point in the annual course of the sun where it reached its northern limit, marking the summer solstice and the day of the year of greatest light. The youngest Entered Apprentice in the Northeast Corner stands near the Worshipful Master, who symbolizes the sun in the east, whence comes the light.

In some primitive religions the northeast corner was the seat of Deity and became a symbol of sanctity and virtue. Freemasonry retains that symbolism for its Northeast Corner when the Worshipful Master informs the youngest Entered Apprentice: " My brother ....."

In Operative Freemasonry the first stone was laid in the Northeast Corner, and upon it was built a temple or other building, strong and beautiful. The youngest Entered Apprentice should use the Lessons and the Teachings of the Northeast Corner to erect his Temple, temporal and spiritual, strong and beautiful.

The youngest Entered Apprentice, placed by the Senior Deacon, in the Northeast Corner stands symbolically halfway between darkness in the North and light in the East. It is for him and him alone to decide if he will retreat into darkness or advance forward to the light.



**Br. Craig Fabec, 32° KCCH**  
Prior, Consistory

As the last two months of the year approach us we are usually preparing to close out the year with some major holiday celebrations. We are concerned with how much we can eat during thanksgiving and still fit into our lodge jackets, who is going to get what gift, and where we will be ringing in the new year. We also need to remember those who protected our rights to celebrate our particular holidays, gather as masons, and every other freedom we enjoy on a daily basis.

Every year Veterans Day falls on November 11th. All of the rights and freedoms we enjoy as masons and citizens are because of these brave men and women who have served our country over the last 245 years. More than forty-two million American men and women have served their country in time of war, and more than a million have gave their lives to secure the blessings of liberty. As we are preparing our annual celebrations let us take time on the 11th day of the 11th month to thank our veterans who knew they would spend holidays away from their families, and may be called upon to make the ultimate sacrifice to secure the liberties we enjoy in this great nation.



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

## **The Temple of King Solomon**

### **The construction and rebuilding of the Temple of Solomon from the Rose Croix information and Historic references**

The Hebrew Bible suggests that the Original Temple of Solomon was first built in the fourth year of the ear of King Solomon, which was about 970 BC. However, there remains no solid evidence of where it was located. However, experts believe that the King Solomon's Temple was first built on Mount Moriah in 950-970 BC. Still, there isn't any archaeological proof of the temple's existence to this day.

All we have to go by are the texts contained in the religious books.

## **Let us look at how Biblical History plays a role in the degrees of Chapter Rose Croix**

- **1Kgs 6:37-38** [37]the fourth year the foundation of the house of the Lord was laid, in the month of Ziv.[38] In the eleventh year, in **the** month of Bul, which is the eighth month, the house was finished in all its parts, and according to all its specifications. He was seven years in building it.

The Jerusalem temple said to have been built by Solomon was destroyed in 587/586 B.C.E., when the Babylonians captured the city, torched it, and exiled the Judean leadership to Babylon.

- **2Kgs 25:8-9** describes the final days: [8] in the fifth month, on the seventh day of the month—which was the nineteenth year of King Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon—Nebuzaradan, the captain of the bodyguard, a servant of the king of Babylon, came to Jerusalem. [9] He burned the house of the Lord, the king's house, and all the houses of Jerusalem; every great house he burned down.

### From Rose Croix information

- Zerubbabel asks Cyrus, king of Persia, to allow the restoration of the Temple
- Cyrus at first refuses, but after Zerubbabel gains his trust is invested with the Treasures of the temple and the authority to rebuild it.

King Cyrus of Persia conquered the Babylonian empire in 539 B.C.E., subsumed that empire under his own rule, and permitted Judeans to return to the land and rebuild the temple

- **(Ezra 1)**. [2]"Thus says King Cyrus of Persia: The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth, and he has charged me to build him a house at Jerusalem in Judah.[3]Any of those among you who are of his people—may their God be with them!—are now permitted to go up to Jerusalem in Judah, and rebuild the house of the Lord

**Ezra 3** depicts the beginning of the restoration, with the building of the altar and setting the temple foundations. Restoration languished for 17 years until Darius ascends to the Persian throne in 520BCE.

- In the Rose Croix knowledge we learn, Zerubbabel , from the House of Solomon and a Prince of Judah, travels to Persia and gains an audience with Darius.
- According to **Ezra 4**, however, enemies interfered by reporting to the Persian king that the builders were a rebellious people.
- After these and other delays, the temple was completed in 516/515 B.C.E, during the time of the Persian king **Darius** (525-486 B.C.E.).

Again, In the Rose Croix knowledge we learn we find that the Temple has been besieged by Lysias, entered by Pompey, robbed by Crasus, and ravaged by Sosius.

The Temple was then remodeled to a greater splendor by Herod in 20 BCE

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Temple was built in 70 A.D. but was eventually destroyed by fire under the siege of Titus.

The degrees of Scottish Rite of Rose Croix not only have wonderful meaning and knowledge for Scottish Rite Masons, but also follows Biblical history. The study of these degrees is an interesting study for Masons looking for deeper knowledge and meaning, but also the history it enlightens us to as well.



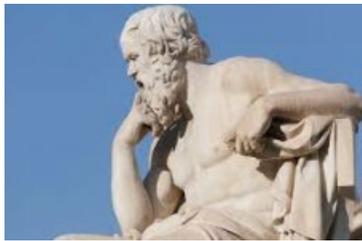
**Br. Michael Mabbitt, 32°**  
Venerable Master, Lodge of Perfection

## Are you a Master architect?

Faith in morality and virtue and in God in today's environment can be a test of our resolve. Moral decision making can sometimes be very difficult. Especially when there are multiple options that all seem morally defensible, or perhaps, no options seem morally acceptable. So, what do we do? Do we fall back on the lessons, advice, and direction we received in our youth, or do we rely on what we have learned in manhood or in age. Perhaps our decisions are made based on our virtues which are demonstrated by consistent virtuous action over our lifetime - moral virtues such as honesty, generosity and knowledge are demonstrated by a lifetime habit of consistent action to achieve these virtues, and this guides us and provides us the wisdom to make the right decision in any given situation.



Wisdom is a gift from God and should be preferred over riches. This is a lesson we learn as we endeavor to become a Master Architect. Wisdom and knowledge bring honor, discretion, and understanding. So, in our daily lives when we face the challenges that test our resolve do we live by the wisdom and knowledge we have embraced?

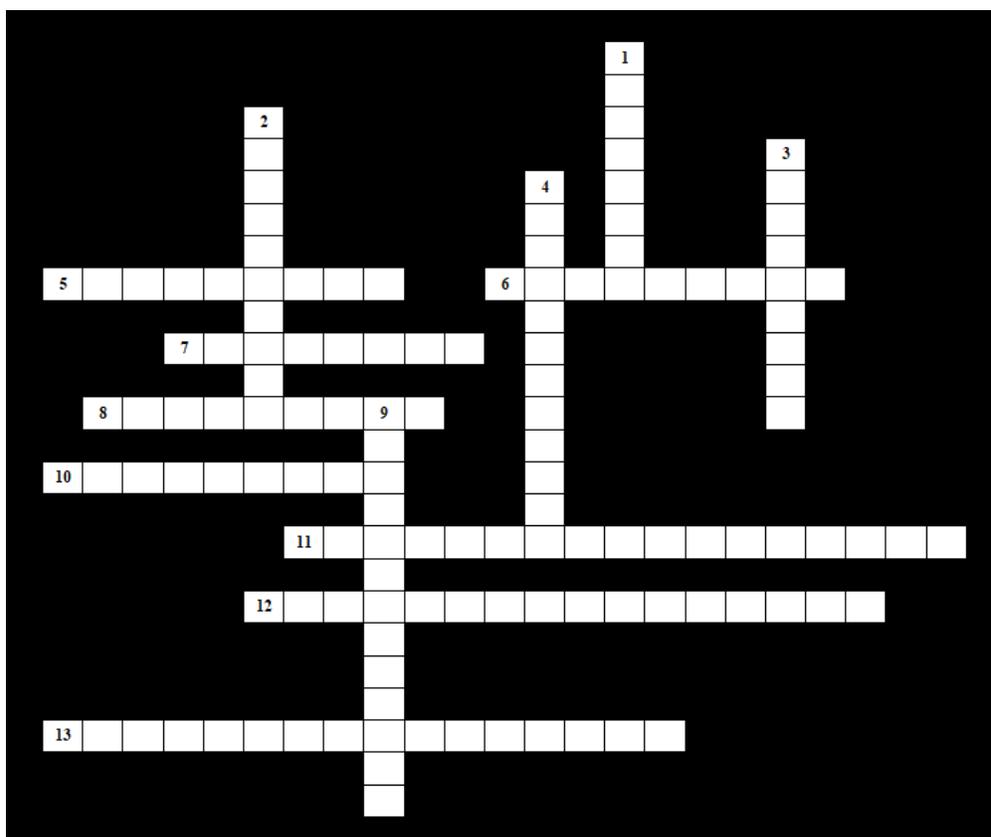


Life is what each man makes of it; the optimist turns a trial into a blessing. Your present life is the result of all the choices you have made up until this moment. You are the only one responsible for where you are right now, for how your life looks, for how you are being treated by those around you and for the level of happiness or unhappiness present in your life. If you limit your choices only to what seems possible or reasonable, you disconnect yourself from what you truly want, and all that is left is compromise.

As a Master Architect we are able to bring honor, discretion, and understanding to every situation and through example, enlighten those who struggle in the realization that life, no matter what the current challenges are, is a blessing.



# Famous masons in history

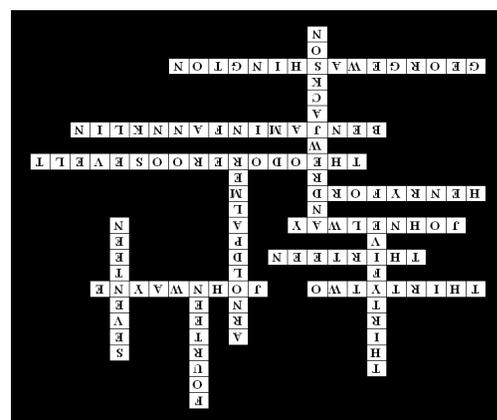


## Down

1. Number of Presidents of the United States were Masons.
2. Number of United States Supreme Court Justices were Masons.
3. Number of United States Senators were Masons.
4. Famous Golfer who has a drink named after him.
5. American lawyer, soldier, Mason and statesman who served as the seventh president of the United States

## Across

6. Number of United States Military Leaders that were Masons
7. Famous western actor, also known as the Duke.
8. Number of signers of the Constitution that were Masons
9. This Mason is an American professional football executive and former quarterback who is the president of football operations for the Denver Broncos
10. This mason created the first automobile that middle-class Americans could afford
11. Twentysixth President of the United States
12. Proved that lightning is electricity by flying a kite in a storm.
13. First president of the United States



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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.

Thursday

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

## 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 may brothers. *Many hands make light work.* Below is what I am looking for. Please email me at [ralphnewby@yahoo.com](mailto: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°

# CALENDAR

We are endeavoring to provide you with a calendar of events so that you can plan for your participation in Scottish Rite activities. We will be enhancing this area of the next few months

## **November 3, 2021**

7:00 PM Regular meeting – no meal

Council of Kadosh leads

Program by Eric Weddington

Title: Knight Kadosh - In the Face of Conflict

Description: One of the themes of the 30th degree of the Scottish Rite, Knight Kadosh, is standing up for what you believe in, in the face of conflict. We will explore and discuss the nature of conflict and what it means. Is conflict good for us, as individuals, and as a group? Why would it be good for us? What happens when we have little to no conflict?

## **December 1, 2021**

7:00 PM Elections – no meal

## **January 5, 2021**

Installation – more information to come



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| <u>Name</u>                | <u>Date</u>       |
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| <i>John B Cooper</i>       | <i>8/1/2021</i>   |
| <i>Robert D Mouirquies</i> | <i>10/2/21</i>    |
| <i>James L Nunn</i>        | <i>10/26/2021</i> |

Notices received since September 30, 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.



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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  
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