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Ill Bob Cook, 33°
Valley Personal Representative

Let's get back to work – Reunion time!

We are committed to getting back into the swing of things regarding Reunions. Our Spring Reunion is still planned. We are committed to putting on the Reunion on our 3-day schedule. We will put this Reunion on even if we do not have any candidates (hint: please work on getting some petitions for this Reunion). The decision to move ahead with a Reunion was designed to get us back in the mode we were in 3 years ago. We will exemplify the 5 mandatory degrees (4°, 14°, 18°, 30°, and 32°) and probably add a couple more to the schedule for exemplification. Our degree masters have been working hard to schedule practices and fill open slots. Degrees not exemplified will be communicated with education in addition to the degrees. Some of the logistics will still need work and volunteers are desperately needed. The challenge now is to continue to work on more degrees for exemplification. More details will be provided over the next month - stay tuned.

Since the recent snowstorm had us fall back to a virtual stated meeting in February some of the scheduled meetings have been revised. Check the calendar for the updates. We are working to get back to dinners and a social hour before our meetings. We are still planning on a Jeopardy contest among the four bodies. This will provide some entertainment and education. I am really looking forward to our April stated meeting. The Chapter of Rose Croix will be presenting our Remembrance, Renewal and Commitment ceremony. The brothers in the Chapter have really stepped up their game to present an impressive and meaningful ceremony. This will be an open meeting so invite friends and family while we demonstrate our commitment to remembering the brothers we have lost over the last year and renew our commitment honor their contributions to our Craft.

Our petition for membership has been revised and by the time you read this newsletter it will be online. Supreme has created an online petition that will greatly streamline the process and reduce some of the workload for the Secretary. Although this will be an online petition, it will be possible for those that do not want to process it online to print the petition from the Internet and fill it out by hand. Specific instructions will be given at the March stated meeting.



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

Brethren,

Our Balances as of January 31, 2022.

Investments \$698,386.81

Cash ENT Checking/Savings \$27,373.45

All bills have been paid through the end of January

To those Brothers who are current in your dues, we thank you.

To those Brothers who have paid their dues, and in addition have made donations, we thank you for your generosity.

We still have over 40 Brothers who have not paid 2022 dues. If there are circumstances that need our attention regarding this, please inform us.



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

My Brothers – as you have probably heard, we will in fact be holding a Southern Colorado Consistory Reunion at the end of April.

I am especially happy with Illustrious Brother Bob's decision on this issue and look forward to a good time of education and fellowship for everyone.

This will be a 3-day Reunion, with our work beginning on Thursday morning 21 March, and culminating in a Consistory dinner on Saturday 23 March.

We will be exemplifying 7 degrees: 4th, 5th, 14th, 18th, 20th, 30th, and 32nd. The Degree Masters are working hard at arranging their casts, and scheduling rehearsals. Other degrees will be communicated.

- If you are a cast member, please support them by attending all scheduled rehearsals.
- If you aren't a cast member, we still have openings in several degrees. You should contact Illustrious Brother Jerry Underwood to get involved with degree cast work.

We also have significant need of volunteers to work in our supporting departments, such as Property, Costumes, Sound, Lighting, A/V, etc.

- You don't have to have experience with these areas, but you do need to be available to help us and need to be willing to work.

We are working on changing the venue / location for the conduct of the communicated degrees, so that more Brothers may attend these fascinating sessions.

Finally – this Reunion is NOT just about doing degree work. It is about fellowship, learning, and creating a great introductory environment for our new members. And of course, we hope that new Brothers that we have gained over the past 2 years will ALL attend this very special event.



Br. Bud Gressett 32° KCCH
1st Lt Commander, Council of Kadosh

It's time to be Mason's again.

It's time to be Mason's again. Last June, I made that statement to a lodge where I was Worshipful Master at the time. A time when the pandemic was still raging but had quietened enough that we could all begin meeting in person again.

The silence in the room was as thick as a Spring fog and I dared not comment any further. Not for fear of the reaction but because I knew there were as many ideas on what being a Mason was as there were Masons.

But I know this also. After years of asking what it meant to be Mason, there were always a few answers that we all had in common. It doesn't take a psychologist or a statistical genius to know that when everyone has a few opinions that are common, it means that those opinions are likely the most valuable.

Brotherhood... Charity... Ritual...

These are the most common that I've heard so far. The pandemic had robbed us all of the three for more than a year. Nevertheless, because of Zoom, the lodge had managed to renew brotherly associations with not only our local members but also with brothers who had moved away. It just wasn't the same without the handshakes and whispering the words in the ears of each other to open our fellowship. We also managed to do one act of charity in our community. But the fear of COVID, muffled its effectiveness. Then there was Ritual. We couldn't so much as prepare those moving up in degree for their proficiencies.

If brotherhood, charity, and ritual is the common opinion among the fraternity of what it means to be masons, it was time to be masons again for we had almost forgotten the joy that those things bring us. Even still, we haven't fully ramped up to the lodge we were. But we are all anxious to do so.

Brotherhood. The holy writings tell us that there is a friend that sticks closer than brother. I have found this to be the most important part of freemasonry. Although I technically agree that we are not here to be a social club, without the fellowship that develops into something stronger than blood relation, it seems there would be no joy at all in the other things we do. But with brotherhood, the other things we do becomes a joyous pleasure instead of chore. I challenge the reader to ask himself, has the work he has done become a chore instead of a pleasure? Then its time be masons again. Remember the brotherhood as you consider the work ahead.

Charity. I've been told that one form of charity is just being kind. I agree. But I also think how pitiful it is that we can muster no more charity than that of being kind. Kindness is the beginning of charity but compassion is it's middle work and relief is its end. To me, charity can't be just any one of these. It must be all of them in concert. Has my charity diminished to just kindness? I admit that through the pandemic, it has. So now it's time for me to be a mason again.

Ritual. Ritual is NOT some silly act we do for the sake of distinguishment. Nor is it a religious act. It is an act of reverence and intention. Religion requires reverence and intention also, but also worship. Ritual may omit worship, if it is proper to do so, and still have purpose. Ritual is a repetitive act meant to inculcate its purpose so deep into our minds and hearts that it makes the change it was intended for without the drudgery or discipline of study. Inculcate is the operative word of ritual. Looking at ritual on its surface, it could be misinterpreted as tradition. The acts may seem without purpose and making little sense for the sake of the obvious. But when repeated sincerely, they make ideals become realities for each and every one of us. When we practice ritual and teach others to do so in our meetings, it gives purpose and persistence to our goals to improve ourselves. Having our rituals quenched by the pandemic for a couple of years made it easy for me to falter in the discipline it takes to perform them. It's like taking a break from a daily habit of exercise to find it's harder to start again. It becomes easy to not take our craft as seriously. It is indeed time for us to be masons again.

I miss what the pandemic has robbed masonry of. Especially in the Scottish Rite where it takes a few hundred to perform the ritual instead of dozen or so. Not to mention the fellowship and charity of so many working together as one. Yet we can barely muster 50. So, to my brothers in the consistory, I ask with a yearning heart, can we be masons again?



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

Hello and greetings from Chapter Rose Croix!

Brethren, now more than ever we need to reach out to our Brothers and engage with them again. If you know a brother that has not attended for some time, reach out in Brotherhood and invite them back to our meetings. Brotherhood is the Cement that bonds us all together in the Masonic Fraternity, while education and knowledge is the purpose which Scottish Rite is dedicated to. Just a few minutes with Brothers is a blessing for each of us and now, more than ever, we need the blessing of our Fraternity. This month Venerable Master Mike Mabbit is directing us all in a Jeopardy game which he has designed. This is such a learning and bonding experience and will continue for a few months at various meetings. Come bring your brothers and take part and support the contestants who will represent the various bodies of the Consistory. Remember, time spent learning together in Brotherhood is one of the greatest benefits of our Great and historic Fraternity. I hope to see you all again.

“One thing and only one thing a Masonic Lodge can give its members which they can get nowhere else in the world. That one thing is Masonry.” George Washington



WB Joe Surek 32°
Senior Warden, Chapter Rose Croix

Brethren,

As it is a duty of the Chapter of Rose Croix to aid in the understanding of the symbolism of our Rite – ‘to help the brethren find the diamonds amongst the sands’ – we continue on our lecture series covering each of our Scottish Rite degrees.

This month’s video will cover the 5th Degree – Perfect Master, and for those who need to catch up, our past video is included as well.

[AASR 4th Degree - Secret Master](#)

[AASR 5th Degree - Perfect Master](#)



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

Living our daily lives as a Scottish Rite Mason

When you wake in the morning, what is the first thought that crosses your mind? How can I assist, encourage and defend the Brethren... How can I labor to eliminate vice, purify humanity... How can I labor unceasingly for the good of mankind... as a Soldier of the People, how can I encourage men to be self-reliant and independent... where is the bathroom...



No matter what it is, how we spend our days, weeks, months and years practicing the virtues we have sworn to uphold is what's important. So what is important to you? Is it the same as it was yesterday, last week or even last year. If not, what has changed.



As we move through our daily lives and try to digest what we see and experience every day, every once and a while we should revisit the lessons of the Rite, see how they apply today and how we can apply them in the future. You will find that they are more relevant today than they were before.

As Perfect Elus we are both bound and free: bound by our obligation and free from prejudice, intolerance, and envy. We are supposed to assist, encourage and defend the Brethren, enlighten the people, protect the oppressed, relieve want and distress, and strive to be true to ourselves and our God. But how often do we do any of these things. I hold my hand on my heart when I say I hope more than not.



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

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

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 over the coming months

March 2, 2022

Open Meeting – Council of Kadosh in charge

Surprise – Mardi Gras theme

We will be holding our first round of the Scottish Rite Jeopardy tournament

5:30 PM Social Time

6:00 PM Dinner – meal, cost, and RSVP info to be emailed.

Cost: \$25

Meal:

Grilled all-natural chicken breast, Chimichurri sauce

Cilantro rice

Chef's seasonal vegetables

Warm buttered garlic baguette

RSVP due by noon February 25, 2022 (SCCDinnerReservation@gmail.com)

7:00 PM Meeting

April 6, 2022

Open Meeting – Chapter of Rose Croix in charge

5:30 PM Social Time

6:00 PM Dinner – meal, cost, and RSVP info to be emailed. RSVP due by noon April 1, 2022

(SCCDinnerReservation@gmail.com)

7:00 PM Ceremony of Remembrance, Renewal and Commitment

May 4, 2022

Open Meeting -

5:30 PM Social Time

6:00 PM Dinner – meal, cost, and RSVP info to be emailed. RSVP due by noon April 29, 2022

(SCCDinnerReservation@gmail.com)

7:00 PM Meeting

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Monthly Stated Meeting Announcement

March 2, 2022

Social: 5:30PM Dinner: 6:00PM Meeting: 7:00PM

On Wednesday, March 2, 2022, the Southern Colorado Consistory will be holding our first round of the Scottish Rite Jeopardy tournament. This will be an open meeting so please feel free to invite family and friends!



Surprise – Mardi Gras theme



MENU

Grilled all-natural chicken breast, Chimichurri sauce
Cilantro rice
Chef's seasonal vegetables
Warm buttered garlic baguette

The cost of the meal is \$25 per person and reservations must be received no later than noon on Friday, February 25, 2022.

Please send your dinner reservation (to include the number of meals you wish to purchase) to: SCCDinnerReservation@gmail.com. Funds will be collected at the Consistory, and we accept cash or check.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Squarely and Fraternally,

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MARCH BIRTHDAYS!

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Fred R Tomlin

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Lewis W Young

Steven C Zerger



Memorial Scroll

Name
Tim J. Johnson

Date
1/28/2022

Notices received since February 26, 2022

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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