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Ill Barry Nightingale, 33°
Valley Personal Representative

My Brothers,

As we discussed at last month's meeting, we are once again approaching "Reunion" time for Southern Colorado Consistory. And we already have multiple petitions for membership.

We traditionally only think of a Reunion as a time to bring together degree teams, and bring new Brothers into the Scottish Rite.

BUT – that actually is not meant to be the sole intent of the Reunion. At its heart, it is meant to be a gathering of current members in fellowship, and with the opportunity to re-new our commitment to the Rite, to review (and in some cases "re-learn") the lessons of our degree work, and to share both our fellowship and knowledge with new members.

Our focus should not be only on providing degree teams. We should also focus on opportunities to come together to learn and recall our own degree experiences.

As we approach the April Reunion, I would ask that each of you do your best to:

- Reach out to active and inactive members, and let them know that you will be attending the Reunion.
- Reach out to inactive members, and see if we can assist them / motivate them to attend and renew the fellowship with the Consistory. I'm not even concerned about whether or not they are current on their dues – they are our Scottish Rite Brothers, and perhaps they will become more active again if they share in the fellowship and learning.

- Attend as many of the degree presentations as possible – to learn and to show your interest to the new members.
- Join in the classroom discussion led by our Director of Education, and actively participate. The classroom experience is open to EVERYONE. I personally enjoy being reminded about the lessons of the degrees, and the sharing of some philosophy and perspective about the degrees. I learn something new every time I attend a degree presentation, or join in with a degree discussion.
- RSVP to the notice and come to the dinner on Saturday to formally welcome our new members and their families to the Scottish Rite.

I get excited as we approach a Reunion, and I hope that all of you do so as well. I hope to see all of you in April!!



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

Brethren,

Our Balances as of February 28, 2023.

Investments \$ 619,215.63

Cash ENT Checking/Savings \$ 9,500.40

All bills have been paid through 2/28/2023.

Thank you to all Brothers that are Current in your dues.

We show 13 Brothers who have not paid 2022 Dues. We show 44 Brothers who have not paid 2023 Dues. Please contact the Consistory Leadership if there are any issues with back dues that need attention.



Ill Bob Cook, 33°
Secretary/Recorder

Secretary’s Corner
Coming Up

Our regular stated meeting in April (4/5/2023) will include a presentation by the Chapter of Rose Croix of the Ceremony of Renewal, Remembrance and Commitment. We will have a punch bowl at 5:30PM followed by dinner at 6:00PM and start our meeting promptly at 7:00PM. There will be a presentation of the patents that have accumulated since the pandemic. The meeting will be a short business meeting and then an open session for the Ceremony.

Stats

1/1/2023	422	2/1/2023	419
0	Gains	0	Gains
5	Losses	2	Losses
2/28/2023	417	2/28/2023	417



Here is the link for the online petitions.
Make sure your candidates know this is available.

URL for the online petition: <https://scottishrite.iotform.com/213205802575956>

Our Spring Reunion is April 27-29,2023, so we need to get to work on those petitions. Have you checked with Master Masons in your Blue Lodge to see who would be interested in the next part of their Masonic journey? What else can we do to improve delivering on the promises of the Scottish Rite?

2023 Dues (and 2022 dues)

The Secretary’s office has had a couple of requests for 2023 dues cards – some did not receive them or did not notice they were in with the Supreme dues notice. I can make dues cards in our office – they will be official, but not the plastic version sent originally. Call or email if you need one.

We still have 13 brothers that have not paid their 2022 dues. Please check and if you are not sure if you have paid for 2022, contact me or call the office and leave a message so we can review the situation and determine a course of action. I will be contacting all these brothers to verify or correct our records. We are currently

down to only 46 brothers that have not paid their 2023 dues. If you are not sure if your 2023 dues have been paid, contact me via email (bcooksgcc@gmail.com) and I will research your records.

Please contact me if you are having a hardship with your dues but still want to remain a member of the Scottish Rite and the Southern Colorado Consistory.



Br. John Montoya 32°
Commander, Council of Kadosh

Greetings Brethren:

Well, it is getting really busy, and a lot is going on this summer. I am excited to be the new District Lecturer for Rocky Ford, Lamar, Trinidad and La Veta. I have also joined the Mule train and looking forward to riding a mule in the parades and helping them out the best I can. Scottish Rite has been a new adventure and I sure enjoy the meetings, fellowship and all the new things we are learning. Blue lodge is always a priority, and I am thankful for Pueblo Lodge 17 celebrating my 40th year. I am excited to be attending more Shriner events and surely appreciate Illustrious Bill and Lady Rhonda for inviting me to the dinners, events, and just great company with the other Nobles. In closing I want to thank PGM Ralph Newby and Brother Joseph Surek for welcoming into York Rite meetings. Brothers always remember use of kind words can motivate or deter a brother, welcome them to our Great Masonic family.



Aaron Langeven, 32°
Venerable Master, Lodge of Perfection

Hello Brethren,

As I was enjoying the educational presentation at the February meeting discussing the 31st degree, I was struck with a thought. We discussed right and wrong and the appearance of doing good in our lives. The lesson of the degree focused on the judgement of one's life in the Egyptian tradition of weighing one's heart. For some reason this reminded me of a custom which is rising in popularity or perhaps just discussion called Malicious Compliance. This involves a form of rebellion against companies primarily who may change a policy that may have been beneficial to the employee. The employee rebels by following the rules to the letter which due to a lack of forethought creates issues

for the company, costing them money or productivity that they had taken for granted. The employee is not breaking any rules and therefore cannot really be held accountable.

My thought when it relates to this degree as well as Masonry as a whole, is that following rules to the letter is not really the most productive or reasonable thing to do for the Order. This can be just doing the bare minimum that is required per our bylaws and constitutions. While some may consider this a good thing, I do not believe that it promotes success. I have even heard this stated at a recent class from those in elevated positions. We can lose the spirit of the rules when focusing on only complying to the letter. We must look beyond the letter of the rules to push the limits of what we CAN do to the benefit of all who share this journey as well as those who come behind us. We cannot grow simply by doing the least that we have to do. We cannot and should not feel that we did our jobs well when being honest with ourselves and when the time comes, our scales will not balance. We must balance our scales by knowing truthfully that we did our best for the Rite and Masonry, while staying within the constraints of spirit of the rules.



Br Joe Surek 32°

Wise Master, Chapter Rose Croix

Brethren,

As you are likely already aware, our upcoming meeting is the Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal – Mystic Banquet.

Why do we do this?

This evening is a special time to remember all our Knights Rose Croix who have passed to the celestial lodge above within the past year. As we personally recall their lives and their contributions, we can further consider all those who throughout history have come into this world and tried to bring more light into the darkness. With each loss, it seems the light fades. Yet we are not without hope! We can commit ourselves to carrying on their work, and through our lives, carry the torch forward, to share our light with those yet to come.

Who might find this of value?

I personally find this ceremony to be one of the most beautiful and inspiring rituals in our craft. For this reason, we will allow this to be an OPEN event. Whether prospective Scottish Rite Masons, prospective candidates for the first three degrees, family, friends, all are welcome, and will likely find this to be something inspiring and of value to their own lives. The ceremony will begin at 7:30pm, so please ensure guests arrive on time. Please spread the word to all who may find this of interest.

On behalf of the Southern Colorado Chapter of Rose Croix, we look forward to seeing all of you at our upcoming meeting!



Br Joe Surek 32°
Wise Master, 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 17th Degree – Knight of the East and West, and for those who need to catch up, our past videos are included as well.

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

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

[AASR 6th Degree - Confidential Secretary](#)

[AASR 7th Degree - Provost and Judge](#)

[AASR 8th Degree - Intendant of the Building](#)

[AASR 9th and 10th Degree - Elu of the Nine and Fifteen](#)

[AASR 11th Degree - Elu of the Twelve](#)

[AASR 12th Degree - Master Architect](#)

[AASR 13th Degree - Royal Arch of Solomon](#)

[AASR 14th Degree - Perfect Elu](#)

[AASR 15th Degree - Knight of the East](#)

[AASR 16th Degree - Prince of Jerusalem](#)

[AASR 17th Degree - Knight of the East and West](#)

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Wages
 Warden
 Warrant
 White
 Widow's Son



Pedal
 Penalty

Perfect Ashlar
 Perfect Points of Entrance
 Perfect Square



Scythe
 Seal
 Secrecy
 Secrets
 Secret Societies



Uniformity of Work
 Unity
 Unmasonic Conduct
 Veiled in Allegory
 Visitors



Tenets of Freemasonry
 Testimony
 Tetragrammaton
 Three Burning Tapers
 Three Great Lights



Raise
 Raised
 Refreshment
 Regalia
 Regular

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Promotion Of Masonry: www.beafreemason.org

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

April 5, 2023

Chapter of Rose Croix in charge
Closed meeting and then guests invited in for program.

Details

5:30 PM Punch Bowl

6:00 PM Dinner

Menu: Bolognese Lasagna, crisp tossed salad, vinaigrette dressing, garlic butter baguettes and dessert tray.

Dinner cost is \$25.00/person (cash or check). To reserve your dinner(s) email sccdinnerreservation@gmail.com or call the Consistory office at 719-471-7966 and leave a message. Reservations required before 4:00PM on Friday, March 31, 2023.

7:00 PM Meeting

7:30 PM guests invited in for program of **Ceremony of Remembrance, Renewal & Commitment**

April 27-29, 2023

Spring Reunion

Details regarding schedule will be emailed out and posted on the web site (SoCoConsistory.org) when it a final schedule is available.

May 3, 2023

Lodge of Perfection in charge

Details

5:30 PM Punch Bowl

6:00 PM Dinner

Menu to be determined

To reserve your dinner(s) email sccdinnerreservation@gmail.com or call the Consistory office at 719-471-7966 and leave a message.

7:00 PM Meeting

Program: Book of Enoch (subject to change)

June 7, 2023

Consistory in charge

Details

5:30 PM Punch Bowl

6:00 PM Dinner

Menu to be determined

To reserve your dinner(s) email sccdinnerreservation@gmail.com or call the Consistory office at 719-471-7966 and leave a message.

7:00 PM Meeting

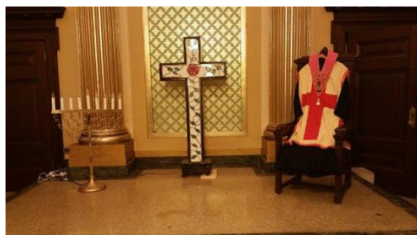
Program: Symbolism of the Tetractys (subject to change)



This is a time when we recall our brothers lost in the past year, and further reflect on the loss of all those who have come into this world simply trying to bring a little more light. We commit ourselves to pressing onward in the great work, picking up where they left off, and carrying the torch forward.

DATE: Wednesday 04-05-2023
TIME: 7:30PM

For further information please email Wise Master Joseph B. Surek (jb_surek@hotmail.com)





APRIL BIRTHDAYS!

Harry A Andrews	Henry J Hrabik, Jr	Robert S Riebel
Christopher Todd Bliesman	Vincent Thomas Johnson	Diego A Rodriguez
Scott W Casey	Dale W Kunz	Randall Ray Sanger
Brian Lee Cotter	Richard James Landry	Richard L Sater
Ronald D Crymble	Aaron D Langevin	Earl R. Schaffer
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Herschel L Funk	Ottis L Neal	Kim D Sturdy
Bud Gressett	Norman A Pechacek	Timothy Harvey Wolfe
Scott D Hall	Charles W Rector, Sr	Robert O Woods
Douglas R Hatton		



Notices received since February 20, 2023

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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ALLEGIANCE

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We aspire to ***inspire*** our Members
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

All of this requires strong and dedicated members to accomplish our goals and tasks. And, unfortunately, ever increasing financial support. Please consider SCC in your estate planning. Planned gifts, also known as legacy gifts, are the result of financial planning often involving a future estate. These gifts include bequests in wills, trusts, life insurance, personal property, and annuities. Such gifts would allow SCC to continue Scottish Rite activities. Thank you in advance for any and all support!