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**Ill Barry Nightingale, 33°
Valley Personal Representative**

My Brothers,

Well, another Reunion done, and many successes for all of you, by all of you. The work of the Casts and the Supporting Departments was wonderful!!

- I have to especially commend the Degree Masters that worked so hard to rehearse and prepare their teams

Of course, as our overall membership drops, it becomes harder and harder for us to present high-quality and meaningful degree work.

- On 1 December, the Scottish rite leadership in Colorado is meeting, and one of our top agenda items will be how to foster better / closer cooperation between the Valleys.
- Sharing of resources, personnel, and – most importantly – good tips on how to present a high-quality Reunion, maybe be critical to the future of our Reunion.

I want to again discuss what I put into a previous Newsletter --- the need to engage our respective Blue Lodges.

- We have the ability to assist with their educational programs, WITHOUT making any kind of a “recruiting pitch”
- We have both presentations and speakers, ready to go
- All that we need is an invitation from a Lodge, and enough lead time to prepare the presenters

We must project our resources and knowledge, for the benefit of our local Lodges, and the Craft as a whole

- But we don’t need each of you to be prepared to make presentations yourselves
- We simply need you to meet with your Worshipful Masters, and make sure they know that we are ready to help with their programs

Please – please – make a special effort to talk about us with your Lodges, and work for the benefit of the entire Craft.



Br. Clifton Snow, 32° KCCH
Treasurer

Brethren,

Our Balances as of October 31, 2022.

Investments \$ 566,103.46

Cash ENT Checking/Savings \$ 19,443.13

All bills have been paid through the end of October

Thanks to all Brothers who have already paid 2023 dues. Your prompt response is appreciated.

Special thanks to those Brothers who, in addition to paying their dues, make additional donations. Your generosity is exemplary and greatly appreciated.



Ill Bob Cook, 33°
Secretary/Recorder

Secretary's Corner

Coming Up

The December stated meeting (December 7th) will be a combination of closed and open sessions. This meeting is our annual reports, nominations, elections, and installation for 2023. The first part of the meeting will be tiled (closed) and after we close the stated meeting there will be an open session for the installation of 2023 officers. We will have a punch bowl at 5:30PM followed by dinner at 6:00PM and start our closed meeting session promptly at 7:00PM.

Stats

1/1/2022	440
13	Gains
23	Losses
11/16/2022	430



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>

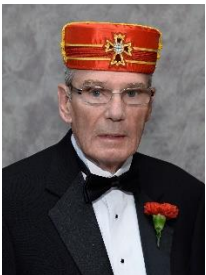
Our Fall Reunion saw 2 new Masters of the Royal Secret join our ranks. Our Spring Reunion is in April 2023, so we need to get to work on those petitions. Have you checked with Master Masons in your Blue Lodge, to see who would be interested in the next part of their Masonic journey? We have worked hard as a Valley to improve our education and streamlined the business part of the meetings. What else can we do to improve delivering on the promises of the Scottish Rite?

2023 Dues (and 2022 dues)

Those Brothers that have paid their 2022 dues before August 1, 2022, should have received their 2023 dues card along with a letter from the Grand Commander reminding you to pay your 2023 dues. If you had not paid your 2022 dues, then you received a letter reminding you to pay them (and your 2023 dues) so a card can be issued. If you have paid your 2022 and 2023 dues recently, then contact me (bcooksgc@gmail.com) and I will get your 2023 dues card to you.

We still have 11 Brothers that have not paid 2021 and 2022 dues. I am in the process of contacting these Brothers to determine if we can help get the arrearage settled before the end of November. If you are unsure of where you stand on 2021 and/or 2022 dues contact me directly (<mailto:bcooksgc@gmail.com>) or call the office and leave a message (719/471-7966). We also have 18 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.

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. Bob Harper 32° KCCH
Commander, Council of Kadosh

My Brethren,

Some thoughts on the Twenty-four Inch Gauge.

In some jurisdictions Freemasons are taught that the Twenty-four Inch Gauge is divided into three equal parts. While the gauge of the operative mason always will be divided into three equal parts, could it not be that our Symbolism is better when we divide our Symbolic Gauge into three parts, without a measurement of time for each part. Masons should be able to divide their time in a way that is becoming to Masonry.

An important point that may have been overlooked by some Brethren is the is that the Twenty-four Inch Gauge leaves no wasted time. Even the time allotted for refreshment and sleep is not wasted since it prepares a Mason for the service to God and his fellowman as well as his necessary vocations. Rather than idle time, I'm sure we have all said at least once, if not more often, there isn't enough time in the day. And so it may be for the Mason who seriously considers the Lessons and Symbols which have been presented to him, and gives them the time required to study, understand and exemplify them.

If the Twenty-four Inch Gauge teaches one thing it is that a Mans' and Masons' day is a full one. There is no time that should be wasted away.

Time is the only thing that men have in equal amounts. It should be divided into portions and used wisely, any second wasted is lost forever. Time is the one commodity that can never be recovered.



Br 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 13th Degree – Royal Arch of Solomon, 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](#)



Br Joe Surek 32°

Senior Warden, Chapter Rose Croix

Brethren,

In the 14th degree we learn what it means to be part of a Perfect Brotherhood. What does that mean to you? I would encourage all our brothers, new and old, to review our rituals and teachings and consider such a question.

I think it is safe to say, our brotherhood is more perfect with each of you! A heartfelt thanks to all who assisted in our recent reunion. Together we have welcomed two new Masters of the Royal Secret into our ranks – Bro Peter Sabino and Bro Edwin Alas.

I look forward to us all getting to know one another more and join together in the excellence of perfect brotherhood.

Excellence is only achieved through a pursuit of perfection!



Br. Michael Mabbitt, 32°

Venerable Master, Lodge of Perfection

Where do we go from here?



As we come to the end of yet another year in the Southern Colorado Consistory, I can't help but reflect on the lessons that I have applied to my daily life. It would be impossible to relate all the lessons from the Rite that were

applied as they, in some instances, have become second nature. If we strive to attain excellence and superiority and do our whole duty in the most perfect manner¹, then you will find that the lessons you learn will be ingrained in your daily lives and become, for a lack of a better term, muscle memory.



As we look to the future and wonder where we go from here, we need to remember that we have the key to success. That key that not only demonstrates that we discretion in the choices we make, but that it is up to us to either stand at the gate and stare through the slats at self-knowledge, or to unlock the gate, walk through, attain and apply that knowledge in search of *truth*.



By unlocking and walking through that gate we can gain knowledge, truth, and education. This will allow us to better grasp and solve the great problems presented to us by our daily interactions and communicate freely our knowledge to others. There is a big difference between absorbing information and putting what you have learned into practice. Without doing the latter, the knowledge you've acquired will go to waste.

So where is your key? Is it still shiny and without scratches from not being used to unlock the gate? Or is it worn due to continually unlocking that gate looking for more knowledge and striving to get to the *truth*.

As you look to the future and reflect on the past, remember what you have already learned and that you have the key.

¹ Scottish Rite Ritual Monitor & Guide, pg. 752

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Blessings
Celebrant
Faith
Feast of Trumpets
Orthodox
Passover
Sanctuary



Yom Kippur
Christmas
Festive
Santa Claus
Saint Nicholas
Day of Atonement
Kris Kringle
Elves



Jolly
Reindeer
Caroling
Mistletoe
Frankincense
Myrrh
Nativity
Yuletide

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Snowman
Christmas tree
Jack Frost
Sleigh bells

Tinsel
Kaddish
Stocking
Presents
Fruitcake
Chimney
Spirit
Scrooge



Gingerbread house
North Pole
Chestnuts
Angel



Fall Reunion November 3-5, 2022



Fall Reunion

November 3-5, 2022



**BROTHERS, I WANT TO HEAR
FROM *YOU*!**
**WHAT DIRECTION DO *YOU* WANT
TO TAKE COLORADO MASONRY?**



**WHO: FREEMASONS OF ANY
*DEGREE***

**WHAT: OPEN FORUM
DISCUSSION WITH THE GRAND
MASTER**

WHEN: THU, DEC 29TH 7:00 PM

The Town Hall will be via Zoom. Reference the link
and log-in information below.

When Logging-in, please include:

- Your Full Name
- Your Lodge Name and Number

MEETING LINK

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83538003506>

MEETING ID: 835 3800 3506

PASSCODE: 650166

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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

December 7, 2022

Lodge of Perfection in charge

Our December Stated Meeting will be held at the Masonic Center on Wednesday evening, December 7, 2022. Punch Bowl at 5:30PM. Dinner will begin at 6:00PM. Our closed stated meeting will begin at 7:00PM. After the stated meeting is closed, we will hold an open installation of officers for 2023.

Details

Dinner will begin at 6:00PM. The meal will be catered by The Picnic Basket. The dinner will be a Chimichurri Chicken dinner (grilled chicken breast with chimichurri sauce, cilantro rice, seasonal vegetables and garlic baguettes). The cost of the dinner is \$25.00/person (checks or cash only). Reservations are absolutely required. Please respond no later than 5:00PM, Thursday, December 1st. Email dinner reservations to sccdinnerreservation@gmail.com or call the office at 719.471.7966 and leave a message including your name and the number of attendees for dinner.

The stated meeting will be closed to only Scottish Rite Masons. We will conduct the necessary business - reports, elections, appointments. After the business is concluded we will close the meeting. The Temple Room will then be opened for an open installation of officers for 2023.

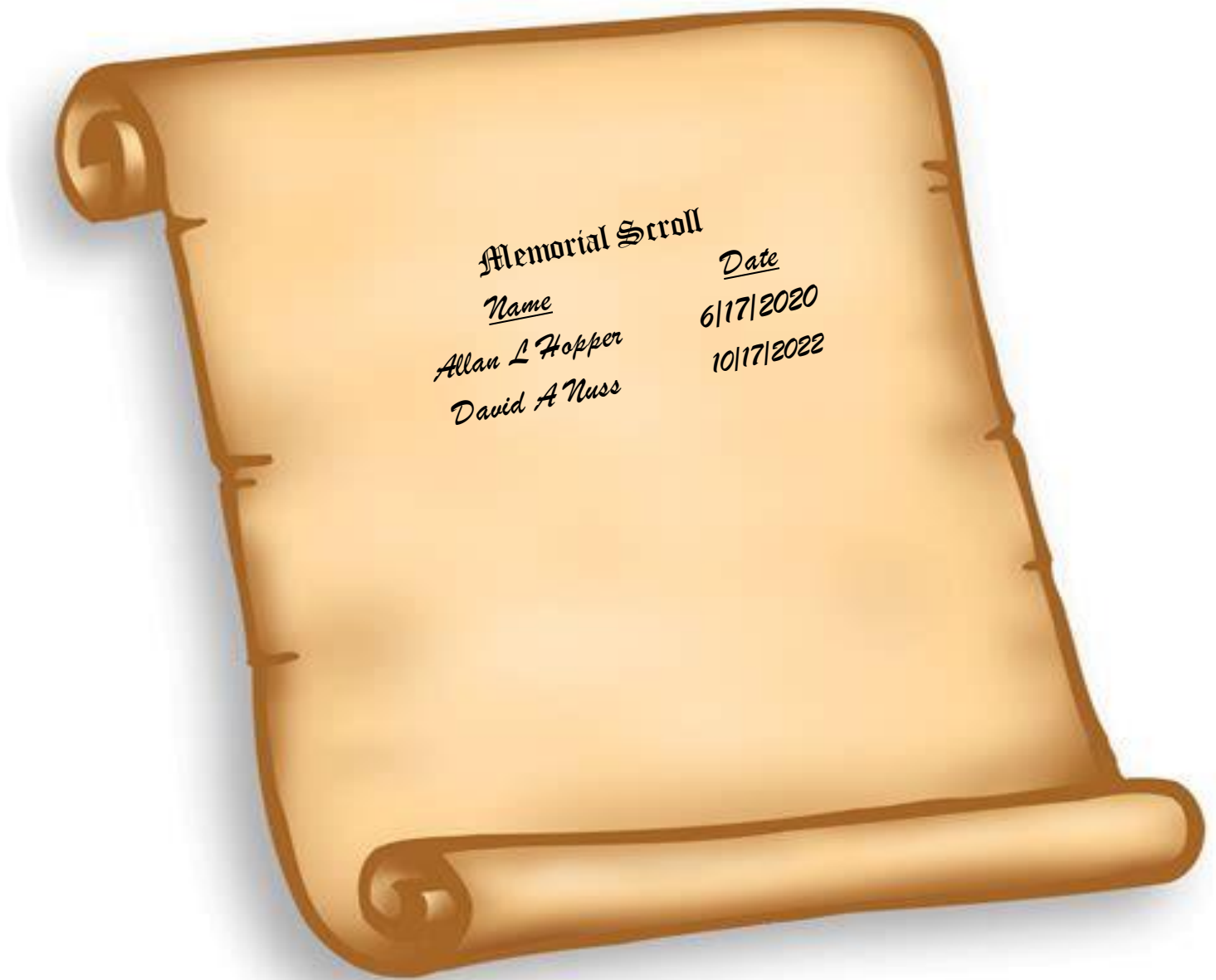
January 4, 2023

February 1, 2023



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS!

Scot M Autry	Kennard D Henry	Terry J Nothaft
Ronald A Bowen	Charles C Hillyer, III	Charles Leo Phillips
Daniel J Campbell, II	Dean S Hopkins	Samuel J Pisciotta
Eugene R Canady, Jr	Dwain P Jack	Harold G Rominger
Daniel E Coburn	James G Johnson	Earl H Sandman
Nick G DeBono	William T Johnson, Jr	John R Stulp
William R Ferrier, Jr	Michael A Kruse	Henry H Taylor, Jr
Darrell T Fulkerson	Sam León	Tam M Tran
Richard Brent Fyock	Christopher J Madril	Robert G Trevorow
Mark Andrew Giffin	Charles H Magness	Vernon R Turner
William D Greathouse	Michel-Paul Gerard Maurais	Larry W Ward
Carl G Hagans	John R McConnell	Ian A Wood
Ricky J Haskell	James R Myrick, Jr	James C W Wright
Maurice Heikes		



Notices received since October 30, 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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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!