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Southern Colorado Consistory (SCC)



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Ill Barry Nightingale, 33°
Valley Personal Representative

My Brothers,

As we enter the New Year, I hope that this finds that you all had a wonderful Holiday season!!

At tonight's Executive Committee meeting, I asked the four bodies to help the Consistory in two major areas:

- First, I asked them to appoint one officer each to the Finance Committee and the Endowment Fund Committee. We need to re-energize these two committees, which oversee the management of our funds, as well as develop and present for approval, the annual budget for each year. If any of you wish to serve as an officer in one of the four bodies, and then serve on one of these committees, please contact the leader of the particular body, and volunteer your services.

- Second, I asked them to develop a plan for how the four bodies can best serve the entire Consistory. Brother Joe Surek volunteered to head up the effort, and bring together the leadership of the four bodies so that they might develop a plan for approval. I will ask them to consider how best to support such things as contact with our existing membership, outreach to our area Lodges, planning and conducting social activities for the Consistory, support of the Rose Croix teams, development of an internal Master Craftsman program (in conjunction with Brother Craig Fabec), and such other initiatives as they may identify. There will always be more work than we have manpower and time to perform, so the four bodies will be looking at not only deciding where to place our efforts, but also how best to apply our membership time.

It may seem strange that I am asking them to develop a "concept plan" instead of just "telling" them what they must do. I believe firmly that many of the best ideas come from Brothers that are doing the work, or that desire to become more involved in the work of the Consistory. We ALL have a stake in the future of the Craft, and of the Consistory, and I will not presume to have all the answers.

We'll provide more information in future newsletters about both the progress of the two committees, as well as the planning efforts of the four bodies.

My best wishes to all for a happy and prosperous New Year !!



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

Brethren,

Our Balances as of November 30, 2022.

Investments \$ 629,649.62

Cash ENT Checking/Savings \$ 17,953.72

All bills have been paid through the end of November

Please be reminded that 2023 dues are now due. Those who have paid, we thank you.

Also, many of you make additional contributions when paying your dues. Thank you for your generosity.



**Ill Bob Cook, 33°
Secretary/Recorder**

Secretary's Corner Coming Up

Our regular stated meeting in January (1/4/2023) will include a presentation and discussion on symbolism. We will have a punch bowl at 5:30PM followed by dinner at 6:00PM and start our meeting promptly at 7:00PM.

Stats

1/1/2022	440
20	Gains
32	Losses
12/28/2022	428



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)

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 (bcookscc@gmail.com) and I will get your 2023 dues card to you.

We still have 9 Brothers that have not paid 2021 and 2022 dues. Several have been contact either by phone or email. If you are unsure of where you stand on 2021 and/or 2022 dues contact me directly (<mailto:bcookscc@gmail.com>) or call the office and leave a message (719/471-7966). We also have 15 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. John Montoya 32°
Commander, Council of Kadosh

Greetings Brethren:

I would like to start by congratulating all the Brethren that were elected and installed at the last meeting. I have been to 3 meetings since I began and find myself in a position that I'm not quite sure of and definitely not confident in how it going to go, but, I have faith in all of you and I will do the best I

can to not let anyone down. I hope everyone had a Holiday that was memorable and had quality time with family and friends. As the new year approaches the officers In the Council of Kodosh would like to challenge ourselves by being present at every meeting in 2023. As I close may we keep all our Veterans that could not be home for the Holiday in our prayers as well as all our Loved Ones that have left us way to soon.



Br Joe Surek 32°
Wise Master, Chapter Rose Croix

Brethren,

As we have begun a new calendar year, I think it only appropriate that we self-reflect on our past year, and consider the year ahead. I am reminded of some our lessons echoing through the Chapter of Rose Croix - an idea of a 'Refinement by Fire.'

What 'fire' have you faced in the last year? Have you overcome it? How has it strengthened you or changed you? Has it helped you burn away lesser aspects of your character?

This time of year, many people make New Year's Resolutions. As we consider the year ahead, what do you resolve? Are you who you want to be? Are you still on that journey towards perfection? What would you like to improve about yourself and your own character? Can you leave behind what was holding you back the past year, and confidently take new steps down the path of virtue this year ahead



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 14th Degree – Perfect Elu, 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](#)

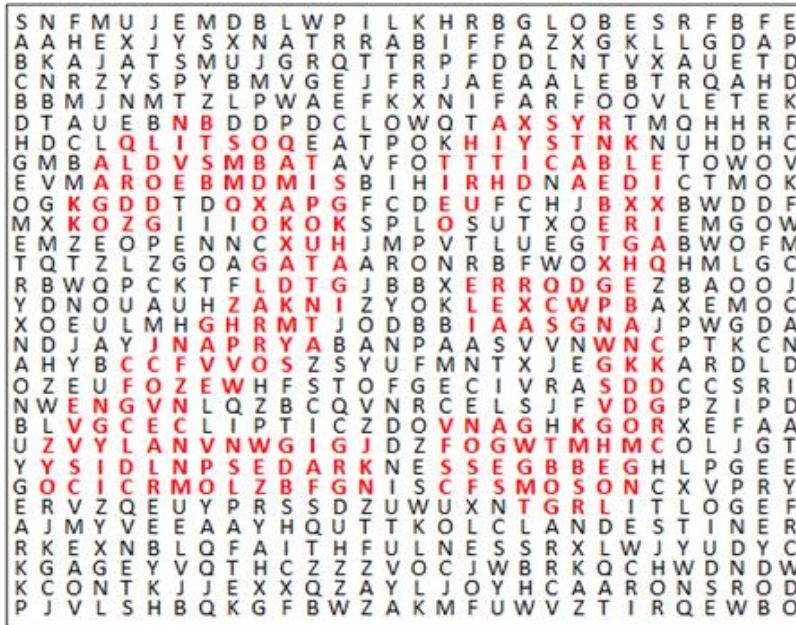
[AASR 12th Degree - Master Architect](#)

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

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

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Aaron
 Aaron's Rod
 Abif
 Abraham
 Acacia



Darkness
 David
 Deacon
 Death
 Dedication



Badge of a Mason
 Ballot
 Balloting
 Banishment
 Barefoot



Ear, The
 East
 Eavesdropper
 Ecliptic
 Edict



Faith - trust, reliance
 Faithfulness
 Fatherhood of Good
 Faithful Breast
 Feast



Gage
 Gavel
 Geometry
 Globes
 God

Clandestine
 Cable Tow
 Candidate
 Canopy
 Cardinal

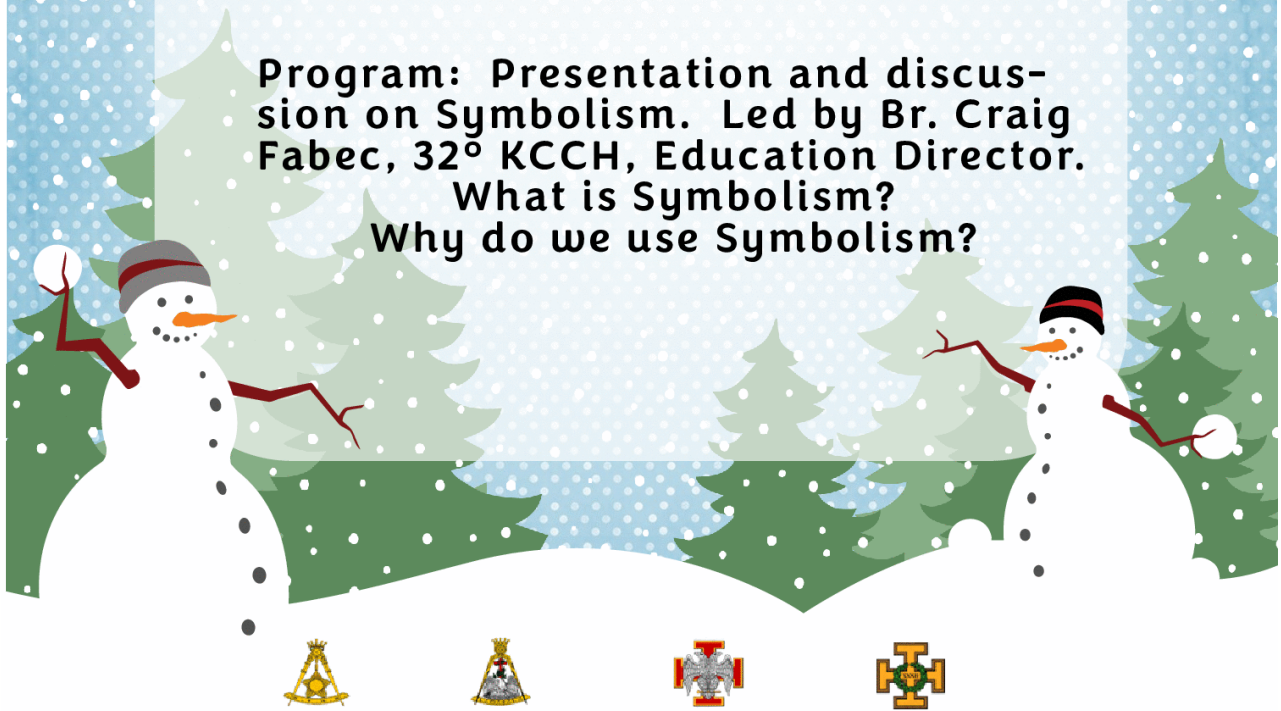
January 4, 2023 Stated Meeting Southern Colorado Consistory

Date: Wednesday, January 4, 2023
Schedule: 5:30PM Punch Bowl
6:00PM Dinner
7:00PM Stated Meeting

Menu: Pulled Pork Sandwich on Brioche Bun, BBQ Sauce, Baked Potato Salad, Tossed Salad (House Vinaigrette or Buttermilk Ranch), Brownies, Bars, Cookies, Tea, Coffee, Water.

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.

Program: Presentation and discussion on Symbolism. Led by Br. Craig Fabec, 32° KCCH, Education Director.
What is Symbolism?
Why do we use Symbolism?



Installation December 7, 2022



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Grand Lodge Members: <http://members.grandlodgeofcolorado.org/>
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

January 4, 2023

Consistory in charge
Closed meeting

Details

5:30 PM Punch Bowl
6:00 PM Dinner

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7:00 PM Meeting

Program: Presentation and discussion on Symbolism. Led by Br. Jason Bunch, 32° KCCH, Education Director. What is Symbolism?
Why do we use Symbolism?

February 1, 2023

Lodge of Perfection in charge
Closed meeting

Details

5:30 PM Punch Bowl
6:00 PM Dinner

Menu to be determined

7:00 PM Meeting

Program to be determined

March 1, 2023

Council of Kadosh in charge
Closed meeting

Details

5:30 PM Punch Bowl
6:00 PM Dinner

Menu to be determined

7:00 PM Meeting

Program to be determined

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 to be determined

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 as it approaches



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS!

Larry D Allen	Jeffrey P Gronski	Lester H Nowell
Robert Allen	Warren W Higgins	L G Oxford
Charles J Buck, Jr	Larry L Holland	Earl M Phelps
Robert M Burr	Charles R Honaker	Michael R Price
Richard G Calhoun	Vernon B Ingraham	James W Rawlings
Eugene Colwell, Sr	Dale R King	David B Reitan
John J. Cummings	Dennis Kost	Robert B Robertson
Floyd M Davis	Frank T Krutzke	Herbert C Romero
Harold D Dickerson	Richard C Larke	Peter A. Sabino
Eugene J Dobrzelecki	Raymond Donald Lingley	Robert Francis Sobczak
Craig J Fabec	Maurice D Masdeu	Richard G Stewart
Michael W Favre	David W McKey	William Joseph Twyman
Yusuf Habib Ghodgeri	Davaughan T Mitchell	Warren C Weaver
Louis M Graner		



Notices received since November 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

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