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

My Brothers,

On 21 February, the Orient of Colorado will begin a 60-day fundraising program, to raise funds for a perpetual scholarship fund in the name of our Past SGIG – Illustrious and Most Worshipful Stephen Munsinger.

This fund will be used to award an annual scholarship to Colorado students, with preference being given to the family members of Colorado Masons, or to Colorado Masons themselves.

The scholarship program will be coordinated through the Scottish Rite Foundation of the Supreme Council but raising the funds to support the scholarships rest on the shoulders of the Scottish Rite Brothers of Colorado.

Donations will be tax-deductible, as the Scottish Rite Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization. Donations can be made by check or by credit card. Instructions on exactly how to make the check payable, or who to contact directly for credit card payments, will be sent out to all members shortly.

There is no minimum donation, and all amounts are welcome. Of course – “the more, the merrier !!”

Some of us work for firms that will match such charitable donations, and I hope that all of us will endeavor to seek out those contributions as well.

This scholarship enables us to do at two things:

- contribute to the higher education of our citizenry, which is a key tenant of our Scottish Rite philosophy and degrees

- honor the name and accomplishments of one of the finest Scottish Rite Masons that most of us have ever known

I ask that all of you think carefully about this program and consider contributing to this amazing effort for the good of Freemasonry and the good of the people of Colorado.

I will personally match the first \$ 1,000 of donations contributed by the Valley.



Br. Clifton Snow, 32° KCCH
Treasurer

Brethren,

Our Balances as of January 31, 2023.

Investments \$ 591,302.78 (as of 12/31/2022)

Cash ENT Checking/Savings \$ 22,201.29

All bills have been paid through 1/31/2023. The Treasurer is pleased to report that, for the first time since the Covid period, we are current on our rent.

To those Brothers who have paid 2023 dues, we thank you. To those Brothers who make contributions over and above their dues, we thank you for your generosity.

Second dues notices for 2023 have been sent. We show 53 Brothers have yet to pay dues for 2023. We show 13 Brothers yet to pay dues for 2022. Please contact Consistory leadership regarding any circumstances regarding past dues that need our attention.



III Bob Cook, 33°
Secretary/Recorder

Secretary's Corner
Coming Up

Our regular stated meeting in March (3/1/2023) will include a presentation and discussion on some principals from the 24th degree with ideas from the Book of Enoch and the Flood. We will have a punch bowl at 5:30PM followed by dinner at 6:00PM and start our meeting promptly at 7:00PM.

Stats (correction for end of 2022 numbers)

1/1/2022	440	1/1/2023	422
20	Gains	0	Gains
38	Losses	3	Losses
12/31/22	422	1/31/2023	419



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 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 of these brothers to verify or correct our records. We currently have 53 brothers that have not paid their 2023 dues.

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. Luis Flores 32°
Second Lt. Commander, Council of Kadosh

Greeting brethren, first let me start by applauding all the brothers who have been doing education on our stated meeting. The ability that each one of them have to present their material and have the rest of the brethren engage in conversation, discussion, and able to see each other's point of views in different topics.

On our last stated meeting Bro. Joe Surek 32°, talked about 31° Inspector Inquisitor. The following will be related to how this lecture personally made me reflect on my life. This degree taught me as a person but more especially as a Mason to always be aware of my thoughts and actions on a daily basis. That the mistakes I have made in the past should be used as a teaching and to try to avoid making the same mistake again. I should always try to be a better man each and every day, spread the love and light to other men and eventually you will walk with a glow around you where people will hopefully say "Now there is a good man, a good Mason, a good father, and a good husband."

A quote that stood out to me was "Judge yourself in the same light as you judge others." Never talk about people since people can talk about you. Understand what other people are going thru and offer your help "as far as your cable tow allows you to". A good example for this lecture would be the following questions.

If you see a man steal a loaf of bread and some bologna to feed his children? Do you judge him as a thief, or do you praise him for doing what it took to feed his children?

If a fellow brother needs a place to stay, how long is too long?

There is a Mexican phrase that goes "A dead body starts to stink after 3 days". This means if you have someone living with you and not trying to help themselves, is when people usually start to feel like they are being taken advantage of.

So, brethren, always walk with you head high and eyes open for we all know, we at one point or another need a helping hand, a shoulder to cry, or just even a willing ear to listen to us.



Harry Andrews , 32°
Master of Kadosh, Consistory

Time, time is our greatest enemy and is the factor in everything that we do in life. We as Masons were taught to remember that the 24 Inch Gauge is an instrument used by operative Masons to measure and lay out their work, but we as Free and Accepted Masons are taught to make use of it for the more noble and glorious purpose of dividing our time. Being divided into twenty-four equal parts, it is emblematic of the twenty-four hours of the day, which we are taught to divide into three equal parts; whereby we find a portion to the service of God and distressed Worthy brethren, a portion for our usual vocations, and a portion for refreshment and sleep.”

It seems that times have changed, we are in a society that demand instant results, and the teachings taught no longer can guide us. We give up one thing for another to make time effective, we work longer hours so we can get our work done and pay our bills, we drive faster to get where we need to go, we order fast food instead of cooking at home, we call friends and family on our cell phones instead going to visit, we even have groceries delivered to our homes to save us time.

Some people do not comprehend how precious time is, until it is taken from us. I don't know about other Masons, but it seems like it's going by faster and faster as I get older, maybe subconsciously I know that with each passing day, I lose more time than I gain, and I must strive to make the most of it.



Br Kurt Zimmermann 32°
Senior Warden, Chapter Rose Croix

Cheers Brothers!

“Gude Ale Keeps The Heart Aboon”

-Bro. Robert Burns 1795

So how did your lodge cope with the recent plague? Some of the brothers of UGLE (that's United Grand Lodge of England, not to be confused with any ugly brothers) found a brilliant way to pass the time while engaging in regular fellowship. They started the first Masonic beer lodge, the Masonic Craft Beer Society (MCBS). The MCBS grew out of a group of Masons during the lockdowns of

Covid. They were using Whatsapp and Zoom to keep in touch. Every Friday night they found the discussion would turn to the different beers they were drinking. They then decided to launch a FaceBook group with the idea of creating a database of beers and a rating system for them. Within 24 hours they had around 300 members all eager to take part. The intention was to unite Masons and take their mind off the monotony of the lockdowns. Before long there were about 2500 members in the FaceBook group. One of their goals was to celebrate and promote craft breweries. Local breweries were contacted to see if they would be interested in joining the zoom calls to present their products. Boxes of beer from the featured breweries were sold to members prior to the meetings so they could take part in a virtual tasting session. These virtual meetings eventually transitioned to in person meetings. In the summer of 2020 about 70 members were able to take part in a social where three beers were presented by a member who was also a commercial brewer.

Horus Lodge No. 3155 was warranted on 22nd February 1906 and consecrated on 14th May 1906 at New Gaiety Restaurant, Strand, London. Despite their long history the lodge was struggling to stay together post-covid. Eventually the brothers of MCBS were approached and asked if they would be interested in taking over the struggling lodge. On May 22 the MCBS held their first meeting under the warrant of LodgeHorus No. 3155 where they had petitions for over 100 new members. The MCBS drew members from Durham, Lancaster, Kent, Dorset, Scotland, Ireland, Spain, Bolivia, Canada and Ghana and even one member from the US. For now, they are planning two meetings per year where they will get together at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queens Street, London in Lodge Room 10, the Egyptian Temple, which suits the Horus name. MCBS also continues to be an E-lodge conducting online tastings and discussions as well. One other thing the brothers are especially proud of is the charity aspect of the lodge. They created and quickly sold MCBS badges and were able to donate £1,000 to charity from the proceeds. The virtual happy hour still continues along with the festive board of Horus. But Horus is now their official home.



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 16th Degree – Prince of Jerusalem, 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](#)



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Cardinal Virtues
Catechism
Chalk, Charcoal and Clay
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Temple
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Emblem
Emblematical
Embroidered
Emulation
Eminent



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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

March 1, 2023

Council of Kadosh in charge
Closed meeting

Details

5:30 PM Punch Bowl
6:00 PM Dinner

Menu: Pulled Chicken, BBQ sauce, brioche buns with baked potato salad, tossed salad (house vinaigrette or buttermilk ranch dressing), brownies, bars and cookies tray. 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. Reservations required before 5:00PM on Thursday, February 24, 2023.

7:00 PM Meeting

Presentation and discussion on some principals from the 24th degree with ideas from the Book of Enoch and the Flood.

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

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

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

April 27-29, 2023

Spring Reunion
Details regarding schedule as the reunion approaches

May 3, 2023

Who is in charge and open or closed to be announced in future newsletters

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

Who is in charge and open or closed to be announced in future newsletters

Details

5:30 PM Punch Bowl

6:00 PM Dinner

Menu to be determined

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7:00 PM Meeting

Program: Symbolism of the Tetractys (subject to change)



MARCH BIRTHDAYS!

David K Ashley	Terry R Gumlich	Douglas Alexander Paul
Brett M Axton	William R Heintzen	Lenard D Rieth
Colt Euitt Barker	Walter C Iiams, Jr	Gerald R Russell
Jack Lee Brown	Donald L Johnson	Thomas C Sanderson
Paul E Cooper	Jared Lee Maddox	Patrick W Soddy
Jim D Dederick	R Wayne McAllister	Loran F Thompson
Raymond Hadyn Dunn	William Robert McKee	Fred R Tomlin
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Fred Johnny Garcia	Gerald W Nightingale	Steven C Zerger
Rodney B Gray	Kevin G Nunn	



Notices received since January 31, 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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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)

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