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

My Brothers,

As we get ready to go dark for a couple of summer months, I would ask that you keep four things at the top of your mind:

1. The Consistory never goes to sleep. The leadership team of the Consistory and all four of our bodies will be continuing to work throughout the summer. There is always more work to be done, and there is always a place for those of you that have the time to help out.
2. Study of the degrees of the Scottish Rite, and the lessons contained therein, should be an ever-present activity of all of us. I don't know that there has ever been any Brother of our Rite that has mastered all of the important philosophical points in all 29 degrees. Even those Brothers that complete the Master Craftsman program, quickly learn that they have even more to gain from further study. I encourage each and every one of you to continue your growth within the Rite through study.
3. Let's never forget the importance of the work done in our Craft Lodges. Our local Lodges NEED our support, and we must always make sure that we are contributors to that work. What better way to show everyone that the Scottish Rite is committed to the betterment of Freemasonry, than by demonstrating our commitment to all of our Brothers??
4. Especially during the summer months, it is appropriate to ask ourselves: "Do I have a proper balance between the effort and support that I give to Freemasonry, and the effort and support that I give to my family? All too often, Brothers may tell their family (and themselves !!) that "it is just one night a month", or "two nights a month", without realizing that 2 nights a month to their Craft Lodge, and one night a month to Scottish Rite, and one night a month to York Rite, and one night a month to the Shrine, suddenly begins to mean that you are away from the family several nights a month. And other Masonic activities (like our Reunions) can make the challenges on family life even greater. I am NOT saying that you should not support your Masonic bodies - - I am simply saying that we need to balance work / Masonry / family and other activities, to ensure that no one is neglected.

I hope that all of my Brothers have a great summer.



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

Brethren,

Investments \$ 634,748.65 as of 3/31/23

Cash ENT Checking/Savings \$ 5781.81 as of 4/30/23

All bills have been paid through 4/30/23.

We show 9 Brothers have not paid dues for 2022 and will soon be suspended for non-payment of dues..

We show 32 Brothers have not paid dues for 2023.



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

Secretary's Corner Set Back?

Our stated meeting in May was supposed to be another step forward in our social event (dinner) and more education for all the members that could attend the stated meeting. We were planning a Cinco de Mayo dinner and reservations for the dinner have been trending up for the last few months. Just a day before the stated meeting we were informed that one of our members had tested positive for COVID and out of an abundance of caution we cancelled the dinner and alerted members that the meeting would be a short business meeting and then adjourn. No additional reports of COVID positive tests were reported and the attendees seemed to have been careful. We decided to push the education program forward to the June stated meeting. We are also planning on having our Cinco de Mayo dinner (Séptimo de Junio?) so watch for the announcement or use the reservation link from the announcement from last month.

Our regular stated meeting in June (6/7/2023) will include a presentation and discussion about the Book of Enoch. If you want to study beforehand, there are references to Enoch in the Bridge to Light and discussions on the Internet.



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 2023 Reunion is scheduled for November 2-4, 2023. The stated meeting in June will have a stack of business cards with instructions on how to access our online petition available for you to assist any prospectors. We will also have handouts of simple instructions for you to help any prospectors.



Br. Luis Flores, 32°
2nd Lt Commander, Council of Kadosh

What does the Scottish Rite mean to me.

The Scottish Rite is an appendant body of my Masonic journey. It consists of two major Jurisdictions in the United States, and other major Jurisdictions in countries around the world.

The Scottish Rite is often called the “University of Masonry,” but if I may suggest a more appropriate title to me would be “Graduate School of Masonry.” The three degrees that I endeavored in my Blue Lodge provide the solid foundation lessons of the beginning of my Masonic journey. The 29 degrees of the Scottish Rite provided me opportunities to build upon those teachings. The Scottish Rite places a heavy emphasis on education. It allows me to express myself, my beliefs and to understand and learn from the brothers around me.

The obligation that I undertook as a Master Mason focuses primarily on my responsibilities to the grand lodge, my lodge, and other Masons. However, as a Scottish Rite Mason I have undertaken further obligations to serve my community. In the 32nd Degree, I vowed to serve as a “True Soldier” who seeks truth and knowledge, someone who demands freedom of voice, vote, and opinion for all people, combats spiritual tyranny with reason and truth, encourages men to be self-reliant and independent, and performs zealously his duties to **God**, his country, his family, his brethren, and myself.

In my Blue Lodge, I wear my apron symbolically inheriting the traditions of the operative stonemasons, men who were builders, as we are called to be in our Blue Lodges. In the Scottish Rite, we are called to be soldiers and defenders, which is why we wear caps symbolic of the medieval tradition of knighthood. As a Scottish Rite Mason, I am called to don my helmet, pick up my symbolic sword and shield, and live up to the obligations that I have made.

So, what I have leavened in the teachings and education in the Scottish Rite in the short time I’ve been there is **PRICELESS**. I believe that this journey that I’m in will be a rewarding of lifetime teachings.



Aaron Langeven, 32°
Venerable Master, Lodge of Perfection

Hello Brethren,

I never know what to write for these articles. I truly believe that it's one of my biggest weaknesses. Not necessarily because I can't write, but rather because I don't know what to write. I may not have the deep well of Masonic Knowledge that many that I look up to do, yet, but I am willing to share my thoughts and what I know.

Recently I have had many discussions with brothers about what is important to me in Masonry, or what it has given me, and how it has made me a better person. As I have thought on this and through the discussions, I have determined that it's YOU. One of best things about the fraternity is the fellowship we have with each other. I love going to lodge, or visiting other lodges, to see my Brothers. The Brothers are what make us what we are, not some document that authorizes us. Scottish Rite has really become an extension of this. I get to see Brothers from many lodges all at once, in one place. It's always a pleasure to come into a room filled with friendly smiles and warm embraces. You all are my family, and though we may not see each other all the time, when we come back together it's like coming home. We have made good strides for furthering this fellowship by having some additional time after the meetings to come together in a relaxed atmosphere and catch up. I encourage everyone to spend a little time after the meetings to catch up. This along with the dinner beforehand are for us to spend time together and not worry about the "work" of the many bodies. I look forward to having many more years of fellowship with each of you and I hope that you feel the same.



Br Joe Surek 32°

Wise Master, Chapter Rose Croix

Brethren,

It was an honor and pleasure to reunite with all of you at our recent reunion, and furthermore, to welcome two new Masters of the Royal Secret.

During our 32nd Degree we took a series of vows – to be ‘Soldiers of ___’

What does it mean to you to be a Soldier of Light? Liberty? Freedom of Religion? The people? And of Scottish Rite Masonry?

How do we ‘fight’ in the modern world?

How far would YOU go?

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Highlights from the April Scottish Rite Reunion





Ceremony of Remembrance, Renewal & Commitment April 5, 2023



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Grand Lodge Members: <http://members.grandlodgeofcolorado.org/>
Promotion Of Masonry: www.beafreemason.org

CALENDAR

June 7, 2023

Consistory in charge

Details

5:30 PM Punch Bowl

6:00 PM Dinner

Menu: Shredded chicken and ground beef enchiladas in corn tortillas with Charro beans and refried beans, mild queso, Mexican rice, mixed shredded cheese, pico de gallo, guacamole, salsa and chips. Small churros for dessert.

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 4:00 PM on Monday, June 5, 2023.

7:00 PM Meeting

Program: Book of Enoch

July 2023 – No Meeting

August 2023 – No Meeting



JUNE BIRTHDAYS!

Charles R Armour

Lance R Barron

Paul M Campbell

Robert T Cleek

Gerald W Comstock

Bolivar Anthony De La Cruz

Sean P Dirks

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Notices received since April 20, 2023

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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 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

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