



# Quill & Scroll

## Southern Colorado Consistory (SCC)



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

My Brothers,

Well – here we go!! Our Spring Reunion begins in just a few days (27 April). We have new candidates for the degrees, and our Director General (Ill Bro Jerry Underwood) tells me that preparations are going well.

Remember – a Reunion is not just about conferring degrees – it is also about gathering together as Brothers, continuing to learn about our degrees and their lessons, as well as join together in friendship and brotherhood. All of our members are welcome and encouraged to spend some time with the candidates during the classroom periods. Listen, contribute, ask questions, and just generally participate in the learning process.

I know that we still have a couple of last-minute cast positions to fill, so PLEASE contact the Director General or the Director of Degrees (Bro Jason Bunch) if you are willing to help out.

I also want to let everyone know that our efforts to raise funds for the new Munsinger Scholarship were successful, and we met our initial goal, Orient-wide. For those of you that could not contribute due to timing, or that want to continue to contribute, please contact me or the Secretary (Ill Bro Bob Cook) for how you can help going forward.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the Reunion.



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

Brethren,

Our Balances as of March 31, 2023.

Investments \$ 634,748.65

Cash ENT Checking/Savings \$ 4,817.90

All bills have been paid through 3/31/2023.

To those current on your dues, we thank you.

Many of you, in addition to your dues, make additional contributions and we thank you for your generosity.

We show 35 Brothers who have not paid 2023 Dues.

We show 11 Brothers who have not paid 2022 Dues and will be soon subject to suspension.

Please contact the Consistory leadership if a hardship prevents your outstanding dues balance.



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

### **Secretary's Corner Coming Up**

Our regular stated meeting in May (5/3/2023) will include a presentation and discussion about the Book of Enoch. If you want to study before hand, there are references to Enoch in the Bridge to Light and discussions on the Internet. There will be a presentation of the patents that have accumulated since the Pandemic. We will have a punch bowl at 5:30PM followed by dinner at 6:00PM and start our meeting promptly at 7:00PM. How about a Cinco de Mayo dinner before the meeting? Watch for the announcement and make your reservations.

### **Stats**

1/1/2023	422	3/1/2023	417
1	Gains	0	Gains
13	Losses	7	Losses
3/31/2023	410	3/31/2023	410



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. Please come for some of the degree presentations and participate in the classroom discussions. There will be box lunches on all three days and the dinner on Saturday evening will be a time to congratulate our newest Masters of the Royal Secret. Have you checked with Master Masons in your Blue Lodge to see who would be interested in the next part of their Masonic journey? Our Fall Reunion is being scheduled and we are looking for more candidates.

### **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 are making progress on 2022 dues but still have 11 brothers that in arrears. 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 33 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](mailto: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. Zack Smith 32°**  
1<sup>st</sup> Lt Commander, Council of Kadosh

My Brothers,

As we go into our Reunion, we are often admonished how important it is for us to each reach out to our Blue Lodge brethren and invite them to join the Scottish Rite. While I will never disagree with getting new members, I think the most important idea is to keep the members we have. Personally, I would much rather see a black hat show up who hasn't been to a meeting all year than see a new black hat be given. We just went through our ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal and it got me thinking about all the Scottish Rite brothers I haven't seen in a while. I was warned off from joining the Scottish Rite for years by a brother who joined, had a poor experience, and subsequently

demitted from a valley in another state. He was my top line signer and once I was raised, I was asking him about all the other groups I could join and brought up the Scottish Rite. He warned me off saying “They will do everything they can to make a new member, but won’t do anything to keep a member.” That really stuck with me and it kept me from joining for fourteen years and a move across the country. When I did decide to join, I made a conscious decision to make sure that I would put my effort into making connections with the brothers that are there instead of bringing in new brothers. I also happen to believe in Blue Lodge, Scottish Rite, or any other Masonic body, if you make your members feel welcome and give them a reason to show up, recruiting will take care of itself. Instead of asking each brother who shows up on a regular basis to be an evangelist for the body to non-members, we should be reaching out to the brothers who don’t show up and find out why.

We have two reunions a year and they are vitally important to our continued existence. We should earnestly focus on making the best possible experience for our new members. That leaves ten months a year that we can focus on our existing members. We have already taken great strides with the after meeting social and I am very happy to see more brothers showing up at our meetings. If we can find out other ways to make more brothers come to meetings, then our reunions will be the better for it. The most important focus for us should be our existing members and making sure they know that we value them and want to see them. If you see a face at the meeting who you haven’t seen in a while, take them aside and tell them how nice it is to see them. If you see a brother at Blue Lodge who hasn’t come to Scottish Rite this year, invite them. If we, as a valley, make sure our members feel valued, the reunion classroom will fill itself.



**Aaron Langeven, 32°**  
Venerable Master, Lodge of Perfection

Hello Brethren,

We recently had our Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal at the April general meeting. It was very well done and a beautiful ceremony to honor our lost Brothers. As I reflected, I found it fitting that we would be having our Spring Reunion the same month. While it is good to remember and memorialize those we have lost, we should not lose sight of those we still have. The Reunions are a perfect opportunity for this as it allows us to see our Brothers who may not be able to make it to our monthly meetings. I look forward to attending the Reunions as they offer not only the education but also the fellowship of spending time with my Brothers in the Scottish Rite. We often think of fond memories of our late Brothers as the Memorial Scroll is being read and often wish that we could have spent more time with them. The reunions are a perfect place to spend that time and create new memories to reflect upon. Frequently in Masonry, we remember Brothers by their ritual work; I know that I always hear certain pieces in a particular Brother’s voice. Others we remember by their smile, handshake or maybe even a certain shirt or hat they were fond of wearing. I hope that we can all plan and make an effort to spend more time together so that we will not just be reflecting that we wish we had when sadly another name is added to the scroll and read. We all know the inevitability of our names someday ending up on that page. Let us rejoice in the time that we are together and make

that day a little less sad by leaving happy memories. I know that I am writing this prior to the Reunion and you are reading it afterwards but I know that I enjoyed my time with you and will hope to see even more of you at the Fall Reunion.



**Br Jerry Campbell 32°**  
Junior Warden, Chapter Rose Croix

## HOW OLD IS FREEMASONRY?

When asked “how old is Freemasonry?” most Masons cannot point to a single date.

Many refer to the date when an ad appeared in the London newspaper announcing the formation of a Grand Lodge by four constituent lodges in 1717. But this is not the earliest Masonry, as the constituent lodges were obviously all in existence before the Grand Lodge (which later went on to become the United Grand Lodge of England, UGLE) was formed.

It was after this time that the Anderson’s Constitutions was published, in 1723. Also in this era, a set of Constitutions was published in the London Post-Boy (2/26-28/1723.) This same year a satire of Masonry was published, also in the Post-Boy.

Earlier than this, in 1641 there is a record of Sir Robert Moray being initiated into a Scottish lodge, although this initiation took place on English soil. Scottish Masonry may have come before English Masonry, as there is a 16th century source that identifies two Scottish lodges in France, in 1535.

Even before that, the Regius Poem (also known as the Halliwell manuscript) has been dated to 1390. This is a complex set of Constitutions, regulating how a lodge should operate. This is the earliest known example of a Masonic publication, and the earliest written record of Masonry. Its dating is presumed to be fairly exact, as it was written before legislation enacted in 1425 which banned the annual assemblies of masons, but apparently after the 1351 Statute of Laborers, which required a written Charter or Letter of Patent allowing the organization of a labor guild.

In his book *Born in Blood*, Br. John J. Robinson postulates that Masonry was born in the suppression of the Knights Templar in 1307. He argues (among other points) that many of the parts of the obligation do not make sense for a stonemasons’ guild, but do for an underground organization on

the run. These include attending to signs and summonses, secrecy, and a cellular structure, and most notably the penalties.

While this is indeed early, it does not match the claim in Pennsylvania ritual that “Freemasonry may be traced by history and tradition to the remotest ages of the world ...”) There is one potential piece of evidence that could do so, however. This is the presence in the base of what is now known as Cleopatra’s Needle of stoneworkers various implements.

Cleopatra’s Needle is one of a pair of obelisks that were originally created for the Temple of Amen (or Atun or Aten) in Heliopolis. This temple was built by Thutmose III during his reign ca. 1457 - 1425 BCE. When this obelisk was crated for shipment to New York City in 1877, the following items were found in four compartments under the base:

- A. A polished cube of syenite (finished ashlar?)
- B. A rough cube of syenite (unfinished ashlar?)
- C. A polished square of syenite
- D. Trowel, cemented to a block of hard limestone
- E. Soft pure white limestone
- F. An axis stone, etched with figures (trestle board?)
- G. A marked stone (gage?)
- H. A corner stone, containing a perfect right angle, at the east corner
- I. A plumb bob (plumb?)
- J. An instrument with a diamond inscribed in it (square?)

No level was found (I am convinced that they would have used a water level). Other than that, the parallels to modern Freemasonic symbols are quite striking. Does this mean that the ancient Egyptians had Masonic lodges? The answer is lost to history.



**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 18th Degree – Knight Rose Croix, and for those who need to catch up, our past videos are included as well.

We have had quite a busy journey so far through this video series, and there will be a brief break before we delve into the Council of Kadosh. Additionally, I’d appreciate any feedback for improvement of future videos, so feel free to email me at [jb\\_surek@hotmail.com](mailto:jb_surek@hotmail.com) with your thoughts and comments.

[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](#)

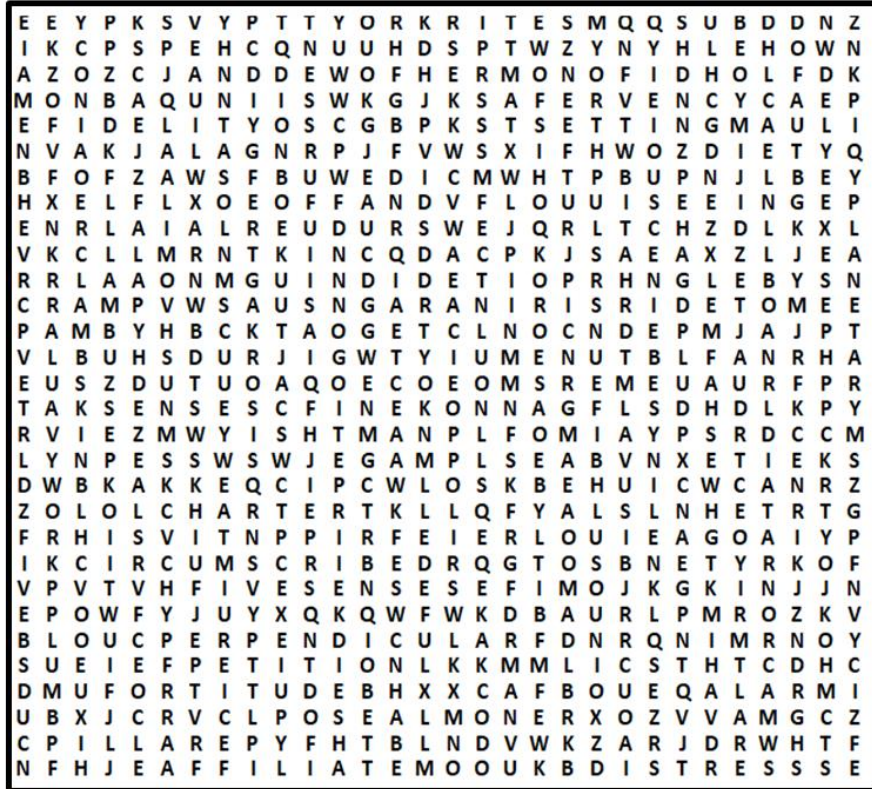
[AASR 15th Degree - Knight of the East](#)

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

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

[AASR 18<sup>th</sup> Degree – Knight Rose Croix](#)

# “THE STRENGTH OF FREEMASONRY IS IN ITS LOYALTY TO EACH OTHER.” – VASILIOS KARPOS



Perpendicular  
Petition  
Pillar  
Planetary  
Plumb

Seeing  
Seek  
Senior Warden  
Senses  
Setting Maul

Feeling  
Fellowcraft  
Fervency  
Fidelity  
Five



Affiliate  
Affirmation  
Alarm  
Allegiance  
All Seeing Eye



Charter  
Checkered Floor  
Circumambulation  
Circumscribed  
Circumspection



Five-Pointed Star  
Five Senses  
Floor  
Fortitude  
Foundation



Ladder  
Lamb  
Lambskin  
Landmark  
Language



Almoner  
Almsgiving  
Altar  
Amen  
Anchor

Work  
Working Tools  
Worshipful  
York Rites  
Zeal



Destitute  
Dew of Hermon  
Diety  
Dispensation  
Distress



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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

## April 27-29, 2023

Spring Reunion

See the schedule below

## May 3, 2023

Lodge of Perfection 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](mailto:sccdinnerreservation@gmail.com) or call the Consistory office at 719-471-7966 and leave a message. Reservations required before 4:00PM on Monday, May 1, 2023.

7:00 PM Meeting

Program: Book of Enoch

## 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](mailto: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)

Saturday, April 29, 2023

8:00AM	Communicate 27°	Classroom
8:30AM	Communicate 28°	Classroom
9:00AM	Communicate 29°	Classroom
9:30AM	BREAK	Murray Hall
9:45AM	Exemplify 30°	American/ Egyptian
10:45AM	Communicate 31°	Classroom
11:15AM	Exemplify 32°	American Room
12:30PM	LUNCH BREAK	Murray Hall
1:30PM	Elections/Photos	
2:30PM	DEPART	
5:30PM	Punch Bowl	Murray Hall
6:00PM	Dinner	Murray Hall

## Southern Colorado Consistory Scottish Rite Reunion



### 195<sup>th</sup> Reunion Class In Memory of III Lester Eugene Tedrow, 33°

April 27 – 29, 2023

Valley or Colorado Springs – Pueblo  
Orient of Colorado

1150 Panorama Drive  
Colorado Springs, CO 80904

Thursday, April 27, 2023

Friday, April 28, 2023

7:30AM	Reunion Prolog/Agenda	Classroom
8:15AM	Symbolism of the Scottish Rite	Classroom
8:50AM	Exemplify 4°	Egyptian Room
9:50AM	Exemplify 5°	American Room
10:50AM	BREAK	Murray Hall
11:00AM	Communicate 6°	Classroom
11:25AM	Communicate 7°	Classroom
11:50AM	LUNCH BREAK	Murray Hall
12:55PM	Communicate 8°	Classroom
1:20PM	Communicate 9°	Classroom
1:45PM	Communicate 10°	Classroom
2:10PM	Communicate 11°	Classroom
2:35PM	BREAK	Murray Hall
2:50PM	Communicate 12°	Classroom
3:15PM	Communicate 13°	Classroom
3:45PM	Exemplify 14°	American Room
4:45PM	WRAP UP	

7:30AM	Q&A/18° Attestation	Classroom
8:00AM	Communicate 15°	Classroom
8:15AM	Communicate 16°	Classroom
8:30AM	Communicate 17°	Classroom
8:45AM	BREAK	Murray Hall
9:00AM	Exemplify 18°	American/Egyptian
10:45AM	Communicate 19°	Classroom
11:15AM	LUNCH BREAK	Murray Hall
12:15PM	Exemplify 20°	American Room
2:00PM	Grand Master visit	Classroom
2:20PM	BREAK	Murray Hall
2:30PM	Communicate 21°	Classroom
3:00PM	Communicate 22°	Classroom
3:30PM	Communicate 23°	Classroom
4:00PM	BREAK	Murray Hall
4:15PM	Communicate 24°	Classroom
4:45PM	Communicate 25°	Classroom
5:15PM	Communicate 26°	Classroom
5:45PM	WRAP UP	



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## 2023 Spring Reunion

Place: Masonic Center, Colorado Springs

Dates: Thursday, April 27, 2023 (7:30AM – 4:45PM)  
Box lunch 11:50AM, cost \$10.00 (cash or check)

Friday, April 28, 2023 (7:30AM – 5:45PM)  
Box lunch 11:15AM, cost \$10.00 (cash or check)

Saturday, April 29, 2023 (8:00AM – 2:30PM)  
Box lunch 12:30PM, cost \$10.00 (cash or check)

Saturday, April 29, 2023 Dinner/celebration  
Punch bowl 5:30PM  
Dinner 6:00PM  
Cost \$30.00/person (cash or check)

Menu: Chimichurri Steak – grilled, sliced sirloin with Chimichurri sauce, cilantro rice, seasonal vegetables, buttered garlic baguettes, brownies, bars, and cookie tray. Coffee and tea included.

Reservations are required for the lunches and the dinner. To reserve your meals, call the Consistory office at 719/471-7966 or email [sccdinnerreservation@gmail.com](mailto:sccdinnerreservation@gmail.com). NOTE: Reservations required before 4:00PM on Wednesday, April 26, 2023.





## MAY BIRTHDAYS!

Alva B Adams

Travis D Ashley

David C Bowling

Jason Michael Bunch

Gerald R Campbell

George W Estep

James W Hauck

Warren E Jones

Dexter D Koons

Robert H McCormick

Brian Neuhauser

Alexander Pettigrew

Darrel Lee Phelan

Christopher J Rodriguez

James W Ross

Larry D Smith

Leon E Sonksen

James S Tatum

Charles E Tedrow

Roger Duane Tigner

Gerald Patrick Underwood

Clifford R Wieger, Jr

Kurt A Zimmermann



*Memorial Scroll*

<i>Name</i>	<i>Date</i>
<i>Fred F Falk</i>	<i>9/27/2022</i>
<i>Rodney B Gray</i>	<i>1/11/2023</i>
<i>Robert Allen</i>	<i>3/8/2023</i>
<i>Jerry D McGill</i>	<i>3/24/2023</i>
<i>LeRoy A Lindsey</i>	<i>3/27/2023</i>
<i>James S Tatum</i>	<i>3/31/2023</i>

Notices received since April 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.



*You will never be forgotten,  
we pledge to you today,  
a hallowed place within our hearts,  
is where you'll always stay.*

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We *believe* in Fellowship  
We *encourage* in Personal Growth  
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