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

My Brothers,

I think one of the best kept “secrets” in Freemasonry is in fact, the Scottish Rite. We offer the opportunity for all Freemasons to explore new ideas, learn, argue, and just generally gain more Light from our Scottish Rite works.

But –

- When was the last time that you heard a presentation (NOT a simple “recruiting pitch” !!) in your Blue Lodge about the Scottish Rite?
- When was the last time that you heard a discussion of any of our key tenants, led by a Scottish Rite Brother, within your Blue Lodge?
- When was the last time that you coordinated with your Worshipful Master to have a Scottish Rite guest speaker come to your Lodge meeting, to make an educational presentation?

Too often, the only time that Scottish Rite is mentioned in a Lodge, is when one of our members is trying to “recruit” or pass out petitions. And that means we have things completely backwards.

We advertise ourselves as being the “University of Freemasonry” that engages in the discussion and education about higher ideals, more complex philosophies, etc. Yet, we are not living up to that claim.

Sure – we often hold “open” meetings where any Freemason can come, but we only see a small number of non-Members actually come to those meetings.

Instead of trying to “recruit”, we should be focusing on going out to Blue Lodges, assisting them with their educational efforts, and showing them just what the Scottish rite is all about.

About now, at least some of you will be thinking “but I wouldn’t know what to say” or maybe you are thinking “I don’t have anything to present”. We have an excellent Director of Education, working for the Director General, that can assist with both of those issues. Several of us would very much like to have an invitation to address Lodges, and we would be available if invited.

I want to see what we can do in the coming year to increase our engagement with all Lodges in an educational mode, and not in a recruiting mode. “If we build it, they will come” is a good thought. For the Scottish Rite, it should probably be “if we show them what we are about, they will come and share their knowledge with us”. Let us help grow all of Freemasonry, while we expand our own learning.



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

Brethren,

Our Balances as of September 30, 2022.

Investments \$ 566,103.46

Cash ENT Checking/Savings \$ 19,262.27

All bills have been paid through the end of September

Statements for 2023 dues have been mailed.

Several Brothers have paid their 2023 dues already and we thank you.

Special thanks to Brothers who, in addition to paying their dues, make additional contributions. We are grateful for your generosity!



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

Secretary's Corner

Coming Up

The November stated meeting (November 2nd) will be a closed meeting. There will an education program: We will be discussing what we feel are the most important lessons Masonry has taught us, and how Masonry has helped us improve on a personal level. This program/discussion will be led by the Consistory team with assistance from the Education team. The meeting starts promptly at 7:00PM. December will be our annual reports and nominations, elections, and installation for 2023.

Stats

1/1/2022	440
11	Gains
21	Losses
10/25/2022	430



Here is the link for the online petitions. Make sure your candidates know this is available.

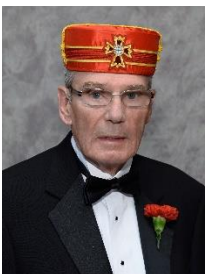
URL for the online petition: <https://scottishrite.iotform.com/213205802575956>

We need more petitions to overcome the losses (mostly deaths, followed by suspensions). We have worked hard as a Valley to improve our education and streamlined the business part of the meetings. What can we do to improve delivering on our 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 your 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 (bcooksc@gmail.com) and I will get your card to you.

We still have 12 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:bcooksc@gmail.com>) or call the office and leave a message (719/471-7966). Please contact me if you are having a hardship with your dues but still want to remain a member of the Southern Colorado Consistory.



Br. Bob Harper 32° KCCH
2nd LT Commander, Council of Kadosh

WHO WOULD NOT BE A MASON

By Bro. Charles F. Forshaw, M.D.
(From Masonic Constellation, St. Louis, Mo., Nov., 1905)
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BOOK OF POEMS
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Who would not be a Mason
And wear the apron white?
And feel the bonds of Friendship
The rich and poor unite?
To know Masonic virtues,
To do Masonic deeds?
And sympathetic minister
Unto Brother's needs?

Who would not be a Mason
And join the brethren true?
To see our noble teachings
Their glorious work pursue?
To feel a bond fraternal
Is theirs where 'er they go?
And find a hearty welcome
As they journey to and fro?

Who would not be a Mason
A craftsman just and fair?
To meet upon the level
And part upon the square?
To hear the voice of Charity,
Where'er our Lodges be?
And to know our Grips and Passwords

And share in all our glee?

Who would not be a Mason

To labor day by day?

And laboring try to lessen

The thorns upon life's way?

To help to form a column,

All perfect and complete?

Fit for building that great Temple

Wherein we hope to meet?



WB 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 12th Degree – Master Architect, 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](#)



Br. Michael Mabbitt, 32°
Venerable Master, Lodge of Perfection

Not to be taken lightly



As Scottish Rite Masons, we are taught to be careful, to watch ourselves and those bound to us by virtue's ties; to practice virtue, shun vice, and place sentinel at our lips. That learning outlasts physical monuments and that duties are not to be performed expecting rewards but expecting personal satisfaction.

So let us talk about virtue. How do we practice it? In order to practice virtue, we need to identify which virtue we need the most. Is it generosity? Is it patience? Is it trust in God? Is it all three? Or it is something else. Defining what we believe is virtuous is something we all have to figure out as well as how we going to practice it each morning, afternoon and evening.

The practice of virtue is like acquiring stamina through walking or hiking every day. We can't see an improvement day-to-day, but if sit around and don't do anything for a month we notice a decline in our stamina the next time we try to walk or hike the same path that we have in the past. It is the same with virtue. We are only moving ahead through the day-to-day practice of the virtue(s) we have decided are important to us.

Aristotle defines virtue as a disposition to behave in the right manner. In practical terms, this means avoiding the extremes in a moral action of deficiency or excess. In the virtue of courage, for example, it's important to follow the golden mean between impulsiveness, an excess of courage, and cowardice, a deficiency of courage¹.

Albert Pike stated that "Virtue is but heroic bravery, to do the thing thought to be true, in spite of all enemies of flesh or spirit, in despite of all temptations or menaces²."

Some virtues are acquired through seeing them in the good example of others and through education in their value and methods to acquire them.

The virtues of faith, hope, and charity should not be foreign to you as they are taught us as Masons. But are they practiced in our daily lives.



¹ www.enotes.com/homework-help/how-does-aristotle-define-virtue-2436827

² <https://www.inspiringquotes.us/author/9520-albert-pike/about-virtue>

“The strength of Freemasonry is in its loyalty to each other.” – *Vasilios Karpo*

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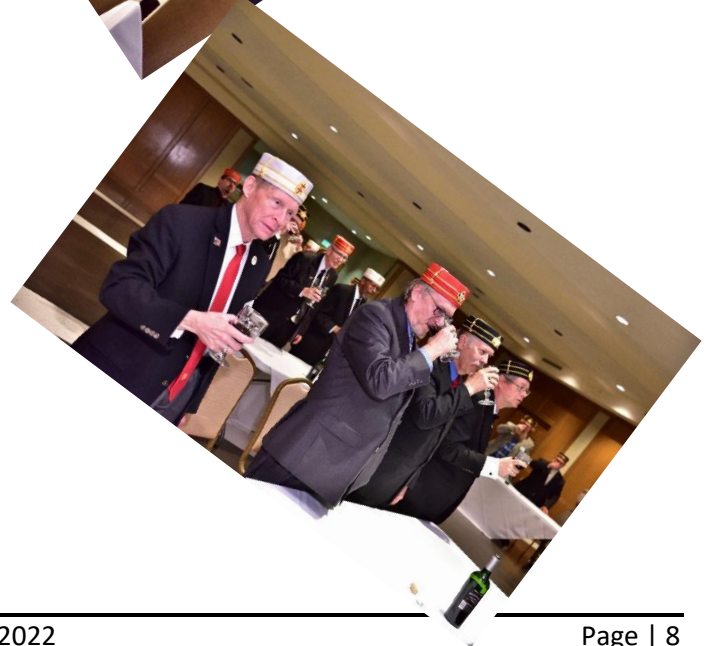
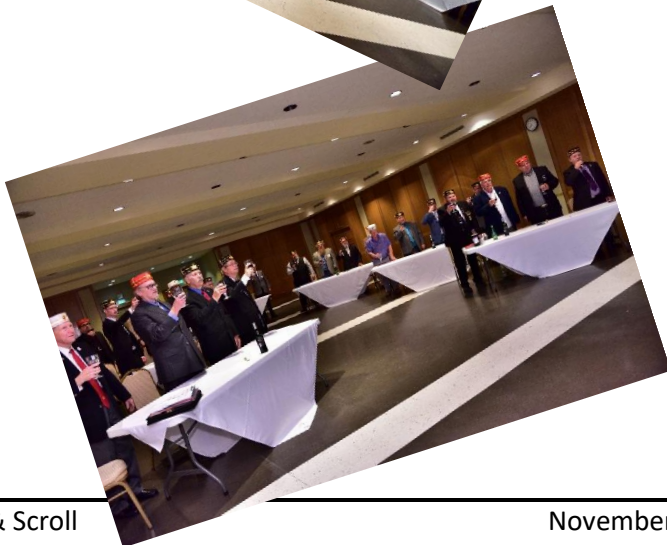
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Feast of Tishri October 5, 2022



**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: MON, NOV 28TH 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

Reunion Agenda

THURSDAY NOV 3RD 2022		
0730-0815	Classroom	Reunion Prolog/Reunion Agenda
0815-0845	Classroom	Symbolism of the Scottish Rite
0845	Move Upstairs	
0850-0945	4th Degree Egyptian Room	Exemplified
0945	Move to the American Room	
0950-1050	5th Degree American Room	Exemplified
1050-1100	BREAK	
1100-1125	6th Degree Classroom	Communicated
1125-1150	7th Degree Classroom	Communicated
1150-1250	LUNCH	
1255-1320	8th Degree Classroom	Communicated
1320-1345	9th Degree Classroom	Communicated
1345-1410	10th Degree Classroom	Communicated
1410-1435	11th Degree Classroom	Communicated
1435-1450	BREAK	
1450-1515	12th Degree Classroom	Communicated
1515-1540	13th Degree Classroom	Communicated
1545-1645	14th Degree American Room	Exemplified
1645-1700	WRAP-UP	
FRIDAY NOV 4TH 2022		
0730-0800	CLSRM Qs & Comm/18th attestation	Classroom
0800-0815	15th Degree Classroom	Communicated
0815-0830	16th Degree Classroom	Communicated
0830-0845	17th Degree Classroom	Communicated
0845-0900	BREAK	
0900-1040	18th Degree American Room/ER	Exemplified
1045-1115	19th Degree Classroom	Communicated
1115-1215	LUNCH	
1215-1400	20th Degree Classroom	Communicated
1400-1420	GM VISIT	
1420-1430	BREAK	
1430-1500	21st Degree Classroom	Communicated
1500-1530	22nd Degree Classroom	Communicated
1530-1600	23rd Degree Classroom	Communicated
1600-1615	BREAK	
1615-1645	24th Degree Classroom	Communicated
1645-1715	25th Degree Classroom	Communicated
1715-1745	26th Degree Classroom	Communicated
1745-1800	WRAP UP	
SATURDAY NOV 5TH 2022		
0800-0830	27th Degree Classroom	Communicated
0830-0900	28th Degree Classroom	Communicated
0900-0930	29th Degree Classroom	Communicated
0930-0945	BREAK	
0945-1045	30th Degree American Room	Exemplified
1045-1115	31st Degree Classroom	Communicated
1115-1230	32nd Degree American Room	Exemplified
1230-1330	LUNCH	
1330-1430	ELECTIONS/PHOTOS	
1430	DEPART	
1730-1800	PUNCHBOWL	
1800-2030	DINNER	

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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

We are endeavoring to provide you with a calendar of events so that you can plan for your participation in Scottish Rite activities. We will be enhancing this area over the coming months

November 2, 2022

Closed Meeting – Consistory in charge
No Meal – Fellowship to follow meeting
7:00 PM Meeting

November 3-5, 2022

Fall Reunion
See schedule in newsletter

December 7, 2022

Meeting Closed– Lodge of Perfection in charge
Election of Officers and Installation
Installation Open
No Meal
7:00 PM Meeting



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS!

Paul L Bailey

Jeffrey S Beauprez

David R Burrous

Leslie V Cahill, II

Norman C Churchill

Lloyd H Collins

Darren Wayne Culpepper

Henry B Eastland

Eugene E Emery

Stanley A Gardner

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Karl J Hinkle

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Joe E Kier

Edward O Kinzie

Robert D Mangin

David M McCann

Edward J McClyment

Jerry W McCray

Robert L McFeeters

Leland M Mehsling

Vivian B Miller

Roger E Mishmash

Robert S Mitchell

Ernest R Moneymaker

Ernest G Montgomery

Harold S Moore

Stephen M Munsinger

Marvin K Narragon

Ben A Neilson

Allen C Nicol

Edward J Powszukiewicz

Richard J Reich

Clifton Leo Snow

William Keenan Stankiewicz

David P Stevens

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Joe S Tilley

Raymond R Tiner

George E Tracy

Lee H. Waters

John L Weed

Laurence M Weed

Jeffrey S Weiner

James B. Wiley



Notices received since September 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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