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

My Brothers,

The Scottish Rite gives us many opportunities to learn from each other, to share knowledge and ideas, and explore new topics together. But of course, in order to maximize the opportunity that we receive, we must BE together.

I was impressed by the number of Brothers that were able to attend last month's Stated Meeting, and I thank all of you for your participation that evening.

I want to continue to encourage all of you to make some time each month to come to our Stated Meetings, and share ideas and learning with your Brothers. In the coming months, we will be working through the Director General to increase our study of our Craft, with our Rite, and how those philosophies affect our everyday life.

All of us have many demands on our time, but I personally find the time that I spend with my Scottish Rite Brothers to a great enrichment to my life. I am sure each of you do as well, but we can only maximize that enrichment by being present at our activities.

If any of you want to attend our meetings, but have challenges with transportation, please send a note to our Secretary (Ill Bro Bob Cook) or reach out to another member and ask for his support.

I want to remind everyone of our upcoming Reunion on 3-5 November. As always, we look forward to getting petitions so that we can share our Rite with more Masons. We also need your continued support for our Supporting Departments under the tutelage of Brother JD Potter, and for our various degree casts under the oversight of Bro Jason Bunch. I hope each of you will reach out to one of those two Brothers (or both !!), and volunteer to help us prepare for and conduct the Reunion. If you have any questions about how best to support a Reunion, reach out to our Director General, Ill Bro Jerry Underwood, for recommendations on how best to help.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the October Stated Meeting, which will focus on our annual Feast of Tishri.



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

Brethren,

Our Balances as of August 31, 2022.

Investments \$ 610,792.12

Cash ENT Checking/Savings \$ 15,769.46

All bills have been paid through the end of August

Dues notices have been mailed by Supreme Council.



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

Secretary's Corner Coming Up

The October stated meeting (October 5th) will be our annual Feast of Tishri. The Lodge of Perfection is planning to build on their ceremony from last year. There will an education program regarding this celebration including video presentations explaining the importance of this Feast for all Scottish Rite Masons. The November stated meeting (November 2nd) will probably be brief because the Fall Reunion is set for November 3-5. December will be our annual reports and nominations, elections, and installation for 2023.

Stats

1/1/2022	440
11	Gains
17	Losses
9/27/22	434



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

We need more petitions to overcome the losses (mostly deaths, followed by suspensions). We cannot prevent deaths but suspensions and dimits are things we have some control or influence over. 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?

Where is my 2023 dues card?

The 2023 dues cards have been printed and in the mail. If you have paid your 2022 dues, then you should receive a letter and your dues card in the mail. There are seven different letters and dues card scenarios. I will put together a separate notice giving more details. If you are unsure of where you stand on 2022 and/or 2023 dues contact me directly (bcooksc@gmail.com) or call the office and leave a message. We are receiving dues from brothers that have gotten their notices. Please contact me if you are having a hardship with your dues but still want to remain a member of the Southern Colorado Consistory.



Ill Gerald Underwood, 33°

Director General

Brethren,

As we approach the end of 2022, I cannot help but reflect upon the many challenges we've faced this year both in our communities and in our Lodges – but despite our challenges (not least of which is COVID), I am amazed at how much we've accomplished.

Triggering one of the sharpest declines our fraternity's history, the COVID pandemic all but decimated our membership. We lost far too many brothers – some to the virus, and others who couldn't risk going out due to weakened or compromised immune systems, and still more who simply got out of the habit of attending public engagements, once virtual meetings became 'the new normal.' The result of this, at least for us in Southern Colorado, was that we no longer had enough brothers in our supporting departments to perform a Reunion. For this reason, the decision was made to send our candidates to Denver in the Fall of 2021.

The new normal, it seemed, would be that Southern Colorado could no longer perform Scottish Rite Reunions; and were it not for a few dedicated brothers, were it not for you, that would be our reality today – but

refusing to give up and lay down your working tools, we achieved what few thought possible...we held a Reunion. Degree Masters labored tirelessly to assemble their casts, schedule and conduct practices, and fill last minute vacancies. Cast members committed to re-learning parts they hadn't performed in two years, and in many cases, took on additional roles; the education team communicated twice the number of degrees with half their number of staff, and Everyone lent a hand to set up and tear-down degrees. All this, so that we may offer our candidates a quality-focused experience; an experience that is more personal and rewarding than even the grand productions put on by Denver or Guthrie.

Brethren, I am encouraged by your resilience, I am proud of your dedication, and I am humbled by your sense of duty. As it is said in the 4th Degree "duty, is with us always" and each of you represent the very essence of that principle.

Finally, I am looking forward to the Fall Reunion on November 3rd, 4th, and 5th. Like all Reunions, there will be challenges and there will be setbacks but at the end of the day, we will do what Southern Colorado Masons have always one... we will do good work, we will celebrate our fellowship, and we will continue to lead the way for Scottish Rite!

Let there be Light! Brethren.



Br. John Montoya, 32
2nd LT Commander, Council of Kadosh

Greetings Brethren:

As I have been reflecting on what words I can share with you, I thought of all the emotions I have after the Passing of my Dearest Wife Debra. After 48 it is still too complicated to understand her absence.

Loneliness, depression, anxiety and tearing at unexpected times and feeling robbed with no explanation.

I am beginning a journey that is frightening, overwhelming. I know of Brothers who have lost their spouses and thank you for the kind words.

When I see you, I may seem a little broken, confused a little different, please be patient I am just trying to get on without her.

In closing, I would like to thank all of you who sent flowers, food, and cards.

Spend time with your loved ones and please let them know how much you care and love them. I look forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting.



Br Craig Fabec, 32° KCCH
Master of Kadosh, Consistory

Brothers

With our upcoming reunion I want to remind everyone that we will be holding our education in the same manner as we have in the past. Though we are focused on engaging our candidates (and time constraints) all members are welcome to sit in and share a few ideas as we discuss various topics.

I am also excited to share we have had some members contact me wanting to take part in a monthly Master Craftsman study. It was suggested that we hold off starting those discussions until after the reunion in case any new brothers would like to participate.

If you are interested in taking part, please let me know at

Afamfabec@gmail.com



Br. Blake Simmons 32°
Wise Master, Chapter Rose Croix

Brothers, sometimes in our lives we have a chance to see things in a different light. This has recently happened to me. I have faced a challenge this year and will continue to face it for the years to come. Masonry has been and continues to be a force on nature in my life. Before this challenge I am facing, I was attached to Ritual, History, Brotherhood, Fraternity, and the business of membership. As Wise Master of Chapter Rose Croix, I am dedicated to the aid of those in distress, but I am now facing my own distress. Through the truly dark and difficult times, I have maintained a positive attitude and dedicated myself to prevailing from the Cancer I am fighting. The main thing that I have found is that all the things that I held most valuable have not been the sustaining factors in my journey. What is the singular blessing in this fight is the true meaning that I have learned in Masonry and most especially in Scottish Rite. Now the things I have been most attached to which I listed are still very important and necessary for the Masonic experience, but the meaning and teachings of Masonry are the true essence of the power of Masonry. When you are alone in the troubled times, Ritual, History, Brotherhood, Fraternity, and the business of membership have little to offer you in the darkness. However, the teachings of Masonry are the thing that sustains you through these times. My doctors often say that I am one of their most positive patients even though I have very advanced Cancer and when they ask how I do it, I tell them that I am a Freemason. This does not explain to them what it is but it says it all. I have learned that the singular most important thing that this Brother has in his life is

the tools and knowledge gained from Masonry, like “Time, Patience, and Perseverance accomplish all things” (3rd degree)

What a great lesson for life. While I am still dedicated to the Ritual, Fraternity, Search for knowledge, and all things Masonic, the deeper meaning is most important to me and the sustaining factor that carries me forward.

Let us embrace and teach the deeper meaning of Masonry that enriches and sustains the lives of our brothers, and they will never leave and others will truly seek us out to enrich their lives with the true Beauty and Meaning of Masonry.

Just one man’s observation.



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 11th Degree – Elu of the Twelve, 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](#)



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

Applying the Rite

In the Scottish Rite, we are taught to aid mankind's search for identity and destiny in God's universe. To produce wiser, happier men and therefore better men in a better world. But how do we do that? Do we do it by example, hoping others are paying attention and will, on their own, realize their behavior isn't conducive to a better world and change it? Do we do it by stepping in when we see bad behavior and help them to understand their actions aren't conducive to a better world?

In the Military, Industry and as a parent we are taught to lead by example. To ensure those who follow us, know that you should do something because it needs to be done. Not for reward or recognition, but that it feels good to do it.

“Procrastination usually results in sorrowful regret. Today’s duties put off tomorrow give us a double burden to bear; the best way is to do them in their proper time.” —Ida Scott Taylor

How often have we been asked if we had done something about a problem or issue we were aware of and we answered, “No, I wasn’t told to do anything about it”. Or, how often have we seen someone struggling and simply walked away because we were too busy or thought it would be a good lesson for them to figure out on their own? After all, it builds character, right?

“In a moment of decision, the best thing you can do is the right thing to do. The worst thing you can do is nothing.” —Bro. Theodore Roosevelt

Once we walk away we lose the opportunity to apply those valuable lesson’s we have learned in the Scottish Rite and help someone who currently might not be off the path, but is starting to turn the wrong way.

“Deliberando saepe perit occasio [The opportunity often slips away while we deliberate on it].” —Syrus

Doing the right thing could mean making a decision that isn’t based on personal needs, will not improve your popularity, or challenge your personal beliefs. It simply means doing what is “Rite” for the greater or common good.

**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: WED, OCT 26TH 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

Tentative 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 Egyptian Room	Communicated
1125-1150	7th Egyptian Room	Communicated
1150-1250	LUNCH	
1255-1320	8th Egyptian Room	Communicated
1320-1345	9th Egyptian Room	Communicated
1345-1410	10th Egyptian Room	Communicated
1410-1435	11th Degree Egyptian Room	Communicated
1435-1450	BREAK	
1450-1515	12th Degree Egyptian Room	Communicated
1515-1540	13th Degree Egyptian Room	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
0854-0900	BREAK	
0900-1040	18th Degree American Room/ER	Exemplified
1045-1115	19th Degree Egyptian Room	Communicated
1115-1215	LUNCH	
1215-1400	20th Degree American Room	Exemplified
1400-1420	GM VISIT	
1420-1430	BREAK	
1430-1500	21st Degree Egyptian Room	Communicated
1500-1530	22nd Degree Egyptian Room	Communicated
1530-1600	23rd Degree Egyptian Room	Communicated
1600-1615	BREAK	
1615-1645	24th Degree Egyptian Room	Communicated
1645-1715	25th Degree Egyptian Room	Communicated
1715-1745	26th Degree Egyptian Room	Communicated
1745-1800	WRAP UP	
SATURDAY NOV 5TH 2022		
0800-0830	27th Degree Egyptian Room	Communicated
0830-0900	28th Degree Egyptian Room	Communicated
0900-0930	29th Degree Egyptian Room	Communicated
0930-0945	BREAK	
0945-1045	30th Degree American Room	Exemplified
1045-1115	31st Degree Egyptian Room	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

October 5, 2022

Open Meeting – Lodge of Perfection in charge

Feast of Tishri

No Meal – Fellowship to follow meeting

Brethren,

The October meeting will consist of an education program on the Feast of Tishri. This annual Scottish Rite event celebrates the completion and dedication of King Solomon's temple, which is of utmost importance to Freemasonry and to the Scottish Rite. The program will begin at 7pm and you are encouraged to stick around for fellowship immediately following the meeting.

November 2, 2022

Closed Meeting – Consistory in charge

No Meal – Fellowship to follow meeting

7:00 PM Meeting

November 3-5, 2022

Fall Reunion –information located in PR, DG, and Sec articles

December 7, 2022

Meeting Closed– Lodge of Perfection in charge

Election of Officers and Installation

Installation Open

No Meal

7:00 PM Meeting



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS!

Chad Ivy Chaddick

Donald R Clowers

Eric L Ellithorpe

Jededia V Ellithorpe

D Duane Esarey

Todd E Gould

Joseph E Hadad

Arthur S Hagan, Jr

Robert W Harper

Arthur D Jones

Otis E Littlepage

Charles C Martin

Jerry D McGill

Larry J Neu

Stephen G Pease

Wray S Pedro

Michael T Perez

Sumner W Pressey, III

Blaine William Roeder

Nathan S Rolofson

Thomas J Scheulen

Christopher B Simmons

Douglas F Smith

Jack I Stivers

Harley L Thompson

James C Warren, III



<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Phillip E Leggitt	2/15/2022
James L Mitchell	6/3/2022
Eddie Taylor	8/28/2022
Chalmer N Ferguson	9/15/2022

Notices received since August 31, 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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