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

My Brothers,

As we return from our summer break, we have a great number of “happenings” in our Consistory.

As shown later in this newsletter, we are very happy to announce that the Supreme Council has approved our nominations for Honours for 4 of our members!! Honours are only presented to deserving Brothers once every two years, and requires a specific number of years of membership between the 32nd Degree and KCCH (Knight Commander of the Court of Honor), and then again a specific number of years of service between KCCH and the 33rd Degree. The selection process takes into account not only their service (and potential for future service) to our Consistory, but also to the Craft as a whole, and to their community. Please join me in congratulating these fine Brothers, who are serving our Craft so well!!

And of course – the November Reunion is approaching VERY fast!! Our Director General – Illustrious Brother Jerry Underwood and his entire team are working hard to prepare us for both the opportunities of the Reunion, as well as the challenges of presenting the Degree work. PLEASE – if you are not actively involved in either one (or more !!) of the degree teams, nor participating in one of the supporting departments, PLEASE get in touch with Ill Brother Jerry as soon as possible to volunteer your time and energy, and show your support for the Consistory.

Brother Craig Fabec, 32° KCCH, has prepared some excellent educational presentations for the Fall meetings, and I strongly believe that they will be not only of great interest, but also add to our knowledge of the Craft and the Consistory.

And of course, the Feast of Tishri will be a big part of our Fall agenda.

LOTS of things happening, and I hope that all of you (and a few new members . . .) will join us for our meetings, and support our Reunion efforts.



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

Brethren,

Investments \$ 679,762.81 as of 7/31/23

Cash ENT Checking/Savings \$ 7,795.07 as of 7/31/23

All bills presented have been paid within budget.



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

**Secretary's Corner
Hawaiian shirt night!**

September is our usual Hawaiian shirt night at the Consistory meeting. Our stated meeting in September will be Wednesday, September 6, 2023. We are planning a dinner before the meeting. Watch for the announcement and reservation information.

We are working on the education programs for the rest of 2023. As soon as the schedule is completed it will be available on the web site. Over the last couple of months, our newsletter editor and web site guru has been working on moving our web site to a new hosting service. This change was required as the Grand Lodge is also moving their web site hosting. By the September meeting we will probably have a brief update on where things stand with the move.

Our Fall 2023 Reunion is scheduled for November 2-4, 2023. We still 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 prospects. We currently do not have any petitions in the office. If you are working with a Brother that has an interest in the Scottish Rite, please contact the office if you need any material or help with the petition.



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>

Dues notices are being prepared and mailed from Supreme. Please remember that your 2024 dues card may be included in the letter. If you are behind in your dues, then the 2024 card will not be in the letter. If you are having trouble with dues in arrears, please contact myself, Bob Cook, at bcooksc@gmail.com so we can discuss options to keep you in good standing.



Br. John Montoya, 32°
Commander, Council of Kadosh

Greetings Brethren:

I hope all of you are enjoying your summer, hoping that the challenges of life haven't been too difficult. As we get ready to start on the first Wednesday of September, it is now to focus on all our Masonic responsibilities.

The summer has been very busy visiting a lodge in ST. Maries Idaho, visiting Trinidad #28 to assist in degree work, attending parades with the Mule train and other Shrine activities have kept me busy.

So, I will leave you this message by Most Worshipful H.L Haywood:

The individual who secures membership in a Masonic lodge becomes thereby the heir to a rich tradition, that to which initiation gives him access is not something put together in a day, and it will profit him little if he makes no attempt to enter into his patrimony. He must learn something of the history of Masonry; of its achievements in the great nations; of its outstanding teachers, and what they have taught; of its principles, spirit. Initiation alone does not confer this knowledge (and could not) the member himself strives to make his own inexhaustible riches of the order.



Br. Aaron Langeven, 32°
Venerable Master, Lodge of Perfection

Hello Brethren,

This has felt like a long summer away from all of you, but now it's time to get back to work. We have our Hawaiian shirt night for the September meeting; I personally think that we need more of these. The timing of it this year may take some of the playfulness out of it with the recent tragedy in that state. Please keep the people there and especially our Brothers in your prayers. I am sure that there will be ample opportunity to aid in their troubles and recovery. Please be safe when choosing to donate as it seems to also offer opportunity for scams. Keep an eye out for communications if any Masonic specific donations come up. It's also time to prepare for the Feast of Tishri in October. I encourage all to evaluate and ensure that we are living the life we should as we prepare to re-dedicate our Temples. I will leave it there to leave room to expand next month. I look forward to seeing all of you at the upcoming meetings.



Br. Joe Surek 32°
Wise Master, Chapter Rose Croix

Brethren,

Where light is, darkness is not...

Let us ever strive to continue to enlighten ourselves and carry that light into world.

As we are back to light this month, I for one am eager to get back to work. Looking at the upcoming calendar, our reunion is coming up fast. Though we are a relatively small group, we are incredibly dedicated brothers and we do great things together.

As many of our blue lodges are now also resuming their labors from being dark, this is an opportune time to consider who you may know that would find value in our Scottish Rite degrees. Let's inspire them to discover and share in our perfect brotherhood. Let us share our light with all the craft.



Br. Michael Mabbitt, 32°
Captain of the Host, Lodge Of Perfection

Are you a Master architect?

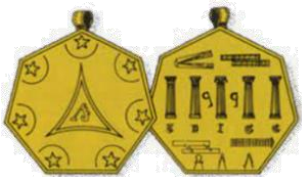
Faith in morality and virtue and in God in today's environment can be a test of our resolve. Moral decision making can sometimes be very difficult. Especially when there are multiple options that all seem morally defensible, or perhaps, no options seem morally acceptable. So what do we do? Do we fall back on the lessons, advice and direction we received in our youth or do we rely on what we have learned in manhood or in age. Perhaps our decisions are made based on our virtues which are demonstrated by consistent virtuous action over our lifetime - moral virtues such as honesty, generosity and knowledge are demonstrated by a lifetime habit of consistent action to achieve these virtues, and this guides us and provides us the wisdom to make the right decision in any given situation.



Wisdom is a gift from God and should be preferred over riches. This is a lesson we learn as we endeavor to become a Master Architect. Wisdom and knowledge bring honor, discretion, and understanding. So in our daily lives when we face the challenges that test our resolve do we live by the wisdom and knowledge we have embraced?



Life is what each man makes of it; the optimist turns a trial into a blessing. Your present life is the result of all the choices you have made up until this moment. You are the only one responsible for where you are right now, for how your life looks, for how you are being treated by those around you and for the level of happiness or unhappiness present in your life. If you limit your choices only to what seems possible or reasonable, you disconnect yourself from what you truly want, and all that is left is compromise.



As a Master Architect we are able to bring honor, discretion, and understanding to every situation and through example, enlighten those who struggle in the realization that life, no matter what the current challenges are, is a blessing.

CONGRATULATIONS

TO OUR SOUTHERN COLORADO CONSISTORY 2023 HONOURS SELECTEES



This Brother has been selected by the Supreme Council
to receive the 33° Inspector General Honorary

John David (JD) Potter

CONGRATULATIONS

TO OUR SOUTHERN COLORADO CONSISTORY 2023 HONOURS SELECTEES



These Brothers have been selected by the
Supreme Council to be invested with the designation of
Knight Commander of the Court of Honor

Michael Blaine Mabbitt
Ralph Edward Newby
Joseph Benjamin Surek

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Ancient
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Annual Proceedings
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Colors



Blue Lodge
Boaz
Book of Constitutions
Book Of The
Brazen Pillars
Breast to Breast



Healed
Hemisphere
Hieroglyphics
High Twelve
Hills and Valleys
Hiram



Divest
Doric
Dotage
Dove
Due East and West
Due Form



Lapel Pin
Lawful Age
Lawful Information
Lecture
Left Hand
Legally Constituted

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

CALENDAR

September 6, 2023

Closed Meeting – Chapter Rose Croix in charge: Hawaiian Shirt Night

Details

5:30 PM Punch Bowl

6:00 PM Dinner

Menu: Lemon Basil Chicken with beurre blanc sauce, house salad, house vinaigrette, rice pilaf, fresh seasonal vegetables and garlic-buttered baguettes.

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 Friday, September 1, 2023.

7:00 PM Meeting

Program: Digital review for the classroom

September 17, 2023

2:00 PM Memorial Service for Illustrious and MWB David Coberly 33°

American Room – Consistory Building

October 4, 2023

Open Meeting – Lodge of Perfection in charge

Details

5:30 PM Punch Bowl

6:00 PM Dinner

Menu: TBD

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.

7:00 PM Meeting

Program: Feast of Tishri

November 1, 2023

Closed Meeting – Council of Kadosh in charge

Details

5:30 PM Punch Bowl

6:00 PM Dinner

Menu: TBD

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

7:00 PM Meeting

Program: TBD based on needs for the reunion

November 2-4, 2023

Fall Reunion –information will be available in future newsletters

December 6, 2023

Open Meeting – Consistory in charge

Details

5:30 PM Punch Bowl

6:00 PM Dinner

Menu: TBD

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.

7:00 PM Meeting

Program: Election (closed) and Installation (open)



JULY BIRTHDAYS!

Leland R Barden

Franklin D Baxley

Daniel L Brooks

Harvey W Bucholtz

James Gene Burger

Jerry L Cowden

Edward D Crum

William Davidson

Darrell T Davis

Ernest A Dierk

Eugene L Farish

John B Fink, III

Rodger D Fuller

Frederick W Glauner

Barton R Guthrie

John A Indermuehle

Lyle T Japhet

Charles F Jones

Fred B Kiger

Charles E Lewis

Rodney E Metz

William L Michael

Timothy Wayne Mills

Kurt M Murray-Cameron

Ralph Edward Newby

Eric E Peterson

Russell M Sharpe

Robert A Shepherd

John Skoglund, III

Keith B Stockman

Alexander Aloyious Van Arsdale

George Walk, Jr

Thomas Gordon Wilf



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS!

James Oladimeji Adeyelu

Jerry L Allin

James S Archuleta

Raymond L Barbour

Shawn D Beyer

James D Brehm

John P Brown

Robert E Burkepile, Sr

Robert H Buxmann

Aaron Wayne Celaya

Roger E Chilcoat

G L Cook, Sr

Robert G Dwyer

Norman A Farrington

Thomas A Fortner

Elmo H Gardner, Jr

Mark D Griswold, Sr

David R Guevara

Robert D Hamilton

David E Linebaugh

Michael Blaine Mabbitt

Michael L McMillan

Bill McMurdo

William R Pedley

John M Potter

David L Reynolds

Henry Saldana

Wayne Richard Sauer

Timothy Alexander Shrodes

Wayne E Smisek

Billy R Swartz

Bob Vunovich

Timothy Eugene Watts



Notices received since May 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.



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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
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