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## Southern Colorado Consistory (SCC)



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

My Brothers,

As we get ready to go into our Fall Reunion, I am filled with optimism for the Consistory and its future.

- Our attendance is up, and seems to be growing a little bit each meeting
- Our projected candidates for the Fall Reunion are more than we have had in a couple of years

We'll all be talking a lot at the Reunion about our future endeavors, but please let me make a couple of observations:

#1 – I often hear from Masters of Lodges that “Scottish Rite pulls Brothers away from our meetings”.

- I hope we can change that perception. Scottish Rite and the Craft Lodges should not be competitors, but rather complementary Masonic activities. Through the “University of Masonry”, we provide our members with additional information / thoughts / ideas / personal goals, that they should be taking back to share with the Craft Lodge Brothers.

#2 – In that vein, we should be working with all of our Lodges to get invitations to participate in the Lodge educational program.

We have lots of ways that we can augment the Lodge educational efforts, that directly address the lessons of the first three degrees

#3 – Please continue to reach out to our members that have not yet returned to our monthly meeting, and encourage them to come

I think the educational efforts of the Director General and his team have added a lot to the quality of our meetings, and they will continue to get better, and better, and better . . .

As part of that effort, please reach out to any members that need transportation assistance, so that they may join the fellowship

I look forward to talking with many of you at the Reunion, and hope that you will share your ideas with me, and the Director General, on how we can continue to improve the Scottish Rite experience in Southern Colorado.



**Ill Bob Cook, 33<sup>o</sup>**  
**Secretary/Recorder**

## Secretary's Corner

### Reunion November 2-4, 2023!

Since last month, we have received 4 new petitions! Great work by the first and second line signers. One of our 5 candidates will be attending the Denver Consistory Reunion two weeks after ours in Colorado Springs – thanks, Denver for helping this brother with an unavoidable work conflict. Our attendance at stated meetings is still short of where we were before the pandemic. For the brothers that have been attending, how about contacting some of the brothers that have not gotten back in the habit of spending the first Wednesday evening with us. Have you been in touch with any of the brothers from your Reunion class? Maybe try to get some of them together for a few degrees and lunch during the Fall Reunion.

2024 dues are due and we now have 72 members that are all paid up. And thanks to those that have also contributed to the Scottish Rite Foundation or made a donation to the Almoners fund. We still have a quarter of our members that have not paid their 2024 dues. If you are not sure where you stand, email me ([bcooksc@gmail.com](mailto:bcooksc@gmail.com)) and I will look up your record and give you an update.

The Spring Reunion will be upon us sooner than you think. 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. The online petition process is quick and easy. Check the link below.



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

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



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

## **Why is Freemasonry dwelling in membership?**

Freemasons have long wielded the qualities most irresistible to thriller writers and conspiracy theorists — secrecy, politics, power and celebrity. Among their members are Founding Fathers, presidents, musicians, artists and businessmen. But today, as membership plummets within one of the oldest international fraternal organizations ever to exist, a new question persists: What is the point? What's in it for me?. I've even heard what does it pay?

I believe that the challenges facing the organization have been decades in the making. While part of the problem is that Americans simply don't join clubs or fraternities as often as they used to, some people may argue that Masons have also struggled to keep up with the changing time and technology.

I as a freemason argue that the reason to uphold the fraternity goes beyond maintaining historic traditions or belonging to something that once bore immense influence. It might not be a secret society full of presidents and powerful men pulling the strings of society from the shadows, but that's never been the point for us as freemasons. Instead, we joined to establish friendships outside of work, and vibe with a community that isn't divisive.

I believe people are isolated, locked in their apartments, or locked in their room on their phone, computer or gaming system and don't associate with each other and social media has them screaming at the computer screen at 3 in the morning. Every Mason you talk to will stand there and say, 'Yeah, we're needed now more than we've ever been needed.'

In conclusion, I believe that as the times have changed. We as freemasons should also change with the era of technology. We should be more active on social media and television.

With that knowledge in mind, I hope that you all wear your aprons a little straighter and hold your heads a little higher when you put them on. You are wearing an honor that was beyond the wildest dreams of most men, when worthily worn.



**Br. Kurt Zimmermann 32°**  
Senior Warden , Chapter Rose Croix

### **The Final Complete Composition Of Bro W.A.Mozart, The Little Masonic Cantata K.623**

When you think of Masonic musicians, Mozart often is the first name that comes to mind. He was admitted as an Entered Apprentice to the Viennese Masonic lodge "Zur Wohltätigkeit" on December 14, 1784, promoted to Fellowcraft on January 7, 1785, and became a Master Mason shortly thereafter. If you have seen the movie Amadeus (which took many dramatic liberties) you may believe that he was composing the final bars of his Requiem on his deathbed. This was not the case. It actually required a substantial amount of work after he died at 35 and was completed by his student Franz Sussmayr.

The Final completed work of Mozart however was The Little Masonic Cantata K.623 which was first performed on November 18, 1791 and was written for the dedication of a new lodge in Vienna. Mozart had composed and orchestrated the score and the text was provided by Emanuel Schikander (he had also collaborated with Mozart on the Magic Flute). A cantata is a narrative piece of music for solo voice, chorus and instrumental accompaniment. The score in this case calls for orchestra, an all male chorus and soloist. Mozart's wife Constanze noted that he was rather proud of this work and stated, "If I didn't know that I had written better things, I would regard this as my best work". Performances of the work are available for your listening pleasure on YouTube. Below is an excerpt from the text.

For the first time, noble brothers, this new seat of Wisdom and Virtue encloses us. We consecrate this place as the sanctuary of our work, which is to reveal to us the great secret.

Sweet is the feeling of the  
Mason on so festive a day, which ties anew,  
and more closely, the chain of brotherhood;  
sweet the thought that humanity  
has now once more won a place among  
men; sweet the memory of the place where  
every brother's heart is assured of what  
he was, what he is, and what he can  
become; where example teaches him,  
where true brotherly love cares for him,  
and where the holiest, first of all virtues,  
the queen of all virtues, Benevolence, is  
enthroned in quiet splendor.



**Michael B. Mabbitt, 32<sup>o</sup>, KCCH**

How do they relate?

In the beginning...no not that one... the beginning of our journey in the Scottish Rite...we are taught, over a weekend, lessons for the 4<sup>th</sup> – 32<sup>nd</sup> Degrees. Each degree has anywhere from five to eight lessons (or more) which are either communicated or exemplified in ways to impress upon us the rich symbolism within those degrees. We can, through discussion, deliberation and reflection, discern the truth imparted in each degree and ultimately the truth within ourselves.

In the Lodge of Perfection (4<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup> Degrees) we investigate and contemplate the ineffable name of Deity. Albert Pike notes that *“The Deity is thus not an object of knowledge, but of faith; not to be approached by the understanding, but by the moral sense; not to be conceived, but to be felt”*.



In the Chapter of Rose Croix (15<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> Degrees) the degrees are religious, historical, moral and philosophical. We learn the Pythagorean Tetractys and the Hebrew mysticism called the Kabbalah and that all that is worth learning is not always self-evident.

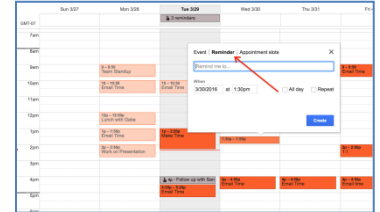


The degrees of the Council of Kadosh (19<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> Degrees), as identified by Albert Pike, are chivalric and philosophical and are complex panoramas of mystical symbolism. They are designed to further the moral, political and religious lessons we learned in the 4<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> Degrees.



The Consistory Degrees (31<sup>st</sup> – 32<sup>nd</sup> Degrees) teach us the relationship between human law as achieving justice and divine justice as an ideal.

So how do we relate the lessons we have learned in the degrees above to our daily lives? After all, there were allot of lessons, which by the end of the weekend, all began to run together. For me, the easiest way is to create a reminder, each month, of the lessons taught in two or three of the degrees on my calendar. So each morning, I start my day with a brief summary of the lessons for that month and a simple question of how do the lessons relate?



I think you will find, as I have, that they relate more than you think. This simple reminder of the lessons learned in the Scottish Rite has helped me to try to unravel the mysteries of my own life and reach harmony, unity, and respect for others. After all, we all share the same divine nature, intelligence and ordeals.

Saturday, November 4, 2023

## Southern Colorado Consistory Scottish Rite Reunion

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	Elections/Photos	
12:15PM	LUNCH BREAK	Murray Hall
1:15PM	Exemplify 32°	American Room
2:30PM	DEPART	
5:30PM	Punch Bowl	Murray Hall
6:00PM	Dinner	Murray Hall



**196<sup>th</sup> Reunion Class  
In Memory of  
III & MWB David L. Coberly, 33°**

November 2-4, 2023

Valley of Colorado Springs – Pueblo  
Orient of Colorado

1150 Panorama Drive  
Colorado Springs, CO 80904

Thursday, November 2, 2023

Friday, November 3 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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# CALENDAR

## November 1, 2023

Closed Meeting – Council of Kadosh in charge

### Details

5:30 PM Punch Bowl

6:00 PM Dinner

Menu: Shredded chicken and ground beef enchiladas in tortillas with Charro beans, mild queso, Mexican rice, mixed shredded cheeses, pico de gallo, guacamole, salsa and chips. Dessert.

Dinner cost is \$20.00/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 before noon on Monday, October 30, 2023

7:00 PM Meeting

Program: Brief business meeting – prep for Reunion.

## November 2-4, 2023

Fall Reunion –See schedule in this newsletter

## December 6, 2023

Open Meeting – Consistory in charge

### Details

5:30 PM Punch Bowl

6:00 PM Dinner

Menu: TBD

Dinner cost is \$20.00/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.

7:00 PM Meeting

Program: Election (closed) and Installation (open)



## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS!

Edwin Javier Alas	Edward O Kinzie	Marvin K Narragon
Paul L Bailey	Robert D Mangin	Ben Andrew Neilson
David R Burrous	David M McCann	Allen C Nicol
Leslie V Cahill, II	Edward Joseph McClyment	Edward J Powszukiewicz
Norman C Churchill	Jerry W McCray	Clifton Leo Snow
Darren Wayne Culpepper	Robert L McFeeters	William Keenan Stankiewicz
Henry B Eastland	Leland M Mehsling	David P Stevens
Eugene E Emery	Vivian B Miller	Matthew David Thomas
Stanley A Gardner	Roger E Mishmash	Raymond R Tiner
Ralph E Hathaway	Robert S Mitchell	Lee H. Waters
Gary L Hendren	Ernest R Moneymaker	John L Weed
Karl J Hinkle	Ernest G Montgomery	Laurence M Weed
Terry C Johnson	Harold S Moore	Jeffrey S Weiner
Joe E Kier	Stephen M Munsinger	James B. Wiley



Notices received since August 26, 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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