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Ill Barry Nightingale, 33°
Valley Personal Representative

My Brothers,

With just one meeting to go before our summer break, my thoughts turn to three different topics.

First and foremost – I pray that all of you stay safe this summer, wherever you may travel. I value the fellowship and comradery with each and every one of you, and do not wish to have a hole in my heart should we lose any of you, or members of your family.

Second – continue to take the opportunity with your home Lodges to offer the service of the Consistory in supporting their Masonic education programs. We continue to be under-utilized, and I hope that we can work with our Lodges to expand our educational support. Spread the Word!!

Third – never miss the opportunity to spread the word about Scottish Rite Masonry to individual Masons. As we see younger generations of Masons attend our Reunions, I find that many of them don't really understand "who" we are, or "what" we are. They come to us because another Brother has turned them in our direction, but they don't really understand the great importance of what we do. Spread the Word!!

Best wishes to the entire Consistory. We will be back together in September.



III Bob Cook, 33°
Secretary/Recorder

Secretary's Corner

How To - Online Petitions

The candidates from the last class all used the online petition form. Now that we have had several petitions entered this way, it is probably time to review the best practices for the use of the online system. The mechanics are simple – scan the QR code below or use the URL listed. Make sure you give your candidate your name and email address – this is needed to complete the verification of your recommendation. It also requires two recommenders so get the second line signer's name and email address. The petition gives the petitioner an option to pay online with a credit card or send a check to the Consistory office. We have handout cards with the QR code to put in the hands of potential candidates. The cards include space on the back of the card for your name and email address along with the second line signer name and email address. If you want some, please contact me (bcookscc@gmail.com) and I will get them to you.



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>

Also, remind your candidate of the schedule for the upcoming Reunion – it's three full days with a dinner on Saturday evening. They will get a copy of the book A Bridge to Light. We will need to get a cap size and ring size. This is easiest done by having your candidate meet me at the Masonic Center to try on rings and caps.



Blake Simmons, 32°
Wise Master
Chapter Rose Croix



Brethren, Chapter Rose Croix is often referred to as the Scottish Rite Body that is concerned with sickness and distress, but it goes much farther. In fact, it is our duty to see to the care and consideration of our brothers needs. One of the most important parts, possibly the most important part of Scottish Rite, is the quest for knowledge. Scottish Rite is generally considered the University of Freemasonry, so as such, we all are here to seek more knowledge. If you simply joined to become a 32° Mason, you are missing the greatest gift this Masonic organization has to offer. Going through the degrees and attending meetings is so very important, not only to strengthen our fraternal bonds with one another, but to learn with and from each other. But that is not enough. Individual study is also a very important part as we dive deeper into the meanings of our degrees and what they truly can teach us, but that also is not enough. Fortunately, the Scottish Rite organization offers many additional education resources online which are easy to access. The very best recommendation I can make for every brother is to take advantage of the Master Craftsman course. It is an in depth study of the Symbolic Lodge, the Ritual and History of Scottish Rite Masonry, and the Philosophy of our body of Masonry and even more. This is basically the study course provided by the Supreme council for the enrichment of knowledge for all Scottish Rite Masons and is a tremendous way to learn and increase the understanding of what we have to offer you in enriching your lives and those around you through a deeper and better understanding of our teachings. Although I realize that I have so much to learn, this course has opened my mind to a new and broader understanding and increased my dedication to gain more knowledge and understanding. I cannot recommend it more. If knowledge, light, and improvement in your understanding of our teachings is what you are here for, as it should be, this is a must for you. I hope you all take a look at it and enroll.



Cliff Wieger, 32°
Venerable Master
Lodge of Perfection

As I thought about what to write I was reminded what the second part of the Master craftsman/ Scottish Rite ritual and history was about. So I present to you the essay I wrote at the time I studied it.

“As I read through this section, I struggled to comprehend much of it in one reading. I found myself going through several sections more than once. The 14th was especially challenging. I was intrigued by the symbolism of the working tools used by the three ruffians to take the life of Hiram Abiff. It seems to me in stark contrast to the meanings laid out in the Blue Lodge degrees. But as I remembered at the beginning of this study, it was pointed out that much of the symbolism in Masonry has multiple meanings. So I have found out as this story unfolds. Even the explanation of what Jubela, Jubelo and Jubelum represent, revealed more of the story of Hiram Abiff means. It is interesting how much these ancient writings and teachings apply to today’s world. Considering what is going on today especially in our country, we need more good men to be exposed to the teachings of Masonry. Hopefully it would put us back on the right track of morality and good virtues.”

May 1st 2024

Dear Members of the Southern Colorado Consistory,

It is with heavy hearts that we mourn the passing of our dear Brother, Jason Bunch. Jason's presence among us was not only significant but also deeply cherished, and his loss leaves a profound void within our Consistory.

Jason's dedication to the Southern Colorado Consistory was unparalleled, particularly during his time serving in the classroom, then the Director of Degrees. His commitment to excellence and tireless pursuit of improvement significantly enhanced our educational experiences, leaving an indelible mark on all who had the privilege of learning from him. Through his leadership, guidance, and unwavering support, Jason positively impacted the lives of countless members, shaping the future of our Consistory for years to come.

Beyond his Masonic contributions, Jason embodied the true essence of brotherhood. He exemplified the principles of Freemasonry in every aspect of his life, displaying integrity, compassion, and kindness to all who crossed his path. His genuine concern for the well-being of others, coupled with his humble demeanor, made him a beloved figure within our Masonic community and beyond.

As we reflect on Jason's legacy, let us remember him not only for his remarkable achievements but also for the profound impact he had on each of us personally. Let us honor his memory by continuing to uphold the values of Freemasonry and by striving to emulate the exemplary qualities he embodied as a man and Mason.

In this time of mourning, let us turn our thoughts and prayers to Jason's family and loved ones, during this difficult period. May they find solace in the cherished memories of Jason and the knowledge that his spirit will forever remain a guiding light within our Consistory.

Fraternally,

✚ Jerry Underwood, 33°

Director General

Southern Colorado Consistory

Spring Reunion 2024



Ibrahim Abdallah



Chad Breiner



Harrison Richardson



Gregory Puerto



Zachary Butler



HOT Pipe Organ Capital Campaign

Since 1916 the Temple Room at the House of the Temple has had an Organ to make our events even more special with music. The Shantz organ console located behind Lieutenant Grand Commander's Chair controls the sound from the 1,417 pipes located high above floor level. The acoustics perfectly allow the room to be flooded with sound. Typically, the organ is played by the Grand Organist for various Masonic events and ceremonies. On occasion, guest organists hold concerts in the Temple Room. The public also visits the Temple Room every week during tours at the HOT.

The current Shantz Organ needs rebuilding and improvement. Currently, only about 50% of the keys will produce correct sounds. This is why the Scottish Rite has opened the HOT Pipe Organ Capital Campaign to save our treasured Organ. We formed a committee of members with vast knowledge and experience in Organs to plan this work. We need to keep music as an important part of the ceremonies and rituals of our fraternity.

Our goal is to raise \$400,000 to pay for restoration, improvements to the instrument, and provide an endowment to pay for its maintenance and repairs in the future. Members all around the Southern Jurisdiction are giving, and we are making progress, but we are counting on every member's help – and your help – to reach the goal.

Gifts to this Capital Campaign are tax deductible as allowed by law. Your gift made payable to the **HOT Historic Preservation Foundation** can be mailed to:

Supreme Council - Development Office
Attn: Caitlyn Kent
1733 16th Street N.W.
Washington, DC 20009-3103

Or you can simply call Caitlyn Kent at (202) 777-3111, tell her your gift is for the "Pipe Organ Campaign" and give her your card payment information to complete your gift. All information will be kept confidential.

You can also make your gift directly online by going to: www.ScottishRite.org. Hover over "How to Give", then "Giving Types" and left click on "Cash Gifts". You will gain access to a secure jotform with blanks in which to type your information.

- Select House of the Temple Historic Preservation Foundation, Inc.,
- Select "House of the Temple Pipe Organ Capital Campaign"

- And continue completing the questionnaire/form.

If you would like more information about this work or the campaign, please reach out to Donor Officer Phil Shortt at (240) 608-7425 or PShortt@ScottishRite.org.

Help keep our rich music culture alive in the Scottish Rite by helping with this earnest effort.

The January/February edition of the Scottish Rite Journal has greater detail about saving the House of the Temple's Musical Treasure. Go to <https://scottishrite.org/media-publications/scottish-rite-journal/the-scottish-rite-journal/> for even more.

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www.sococonsistory.org

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

CALENDAR

June 5, 2024

Meeting open

Details

5:30 PM Punch Bowl

6:00 PM Dinner

Menu: Pollo Verde Casserole: Layers of chicken, tomatillo salsa, sour cream, corn tortillas, jack, cheddar, Cilantro rice, Chipotle frijoles, Calabacitas (squash, cherry tomatoes, corn, zucchini, onion). Appetizers and Desserts!

Dinner cost \$25 (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 12:00PM on Friday, May 31, 2024.

7:00 PM Meeting program: MW Brother Ray Dunn will present a talk on the Kabbalah. All Brothers and guests are invited.

July and August dark. Next meeting September 4, 2024



JUNE BIRTHDAYS!

Ibrahim G. Abdallah

Charles R Armour

Lance R Barron

Robert T Cleek

Gerald W Comstock

Bolivar Anthony De La Cruz

Sean P Dirks

Steven B. Dustrude

David E Eckman, Jr

Richard E Hair

Richard A Hanson

John J Harrington, III

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Robert W Kohn

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Antonio J Quintana

Edward J Roberts

Lionel G Robertson

Frank E Ruybalid

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William Paul Seifert

Samuel L Sharp

Brian K Smith

Joseph Benjamin Surek

Mervin E Terrill



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

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Eugene L Farish

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Rodger D Fuller

Frederick W Glauner

Barton R Guthrie

John A Indermuehle

Lyle T Japhet

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Fred B Kiger

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William L Michael

Timothy Wayne Mills

Kurt M Murray-Cameron

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Eric E Peterson

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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

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Memorial Scroll

Name
Jason M Bunch

Date
4/22/2024

Notices received since April 23, 2024

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, Jim Wiley 32°; Senior Wardens, Aaron Langevin 32° and Blake Simmons 32°; Junior Wardens, Edwin Alas 32° and Blake Simmons 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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ALLEGIANCE

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We aspire to *inspire* our Members
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

All of this requires strong and dedicated members to accomplish our goals and tasks. And, unfortunately, ever increasing financial support. Please consider SCC in your estate planning. Planned gifts, also known as legacy gifts, are the result of financial planning often involving a future estate. These gifts include bequests in wills, trusts, life insurance, personal property, and annuities. Such gifts would allow SCC to continue Scottish Rite activities. Thank you in advance for any and all support!