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My Brothers,

I hope that this summer has been a great opportunity to share some fun time with family, Brothers, and friends.

We have a busy 4 months coming up, with:

A meeting open to ALL Masons in September (remember those Hawaiian shirts !!)

- Feast of Tishri in October
- The Fall Reunion in November
- Elections and Installation in December
- And some great education
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We are still looking for members that would be interested in learning how our Treasurer does his important job, and who are willing to assist with that work.

And as always, we are looking for candidates for the Fall Reunion.

In December, we will be holding elections to fill many of the officer chairs of the four Bodies, and I hope that several of you will volunteer to take on the opportunity to serve the entire Consistory by taking one of those important positions.

So – LOTS on the plate, and I look forward to a great, productive, and educational Scottish Rite year!!



III Bob Cook, 33°
Secretary/Recorder

Secretary's Corner

I Have Mine – Do You?

The dues notices have been sent out. As a reminder, if your 2024 dues were paid, then the dues notice will also include your 2025 dues card. The Supreme Council sends out 7 different kinds of letters. Please read them carefully to make sure you understand how the dues cards are being handled. If you believe you should have received your 2025 dues card but did not find it in your letter – please email me (bcooksc@gmail.com) and I will help you find your card. I get all the cards that were not sent with the original dues notices. If yours was lost, please let me know and we will get you your dues card if you have paid your dues.

How to pay your dues? You have several options to pay your dues. The simplest option is to pay your dues online. If you do not have a login for the Supreme Council web site, let me try to help you. If you prefer to pay your dues directly to the Southern Colorado Consistory office, send in a check. Also, check the other areas for other donations. We have options for the Scottish Rite Foundation (tax deductible); the Almoners Fund (not tax deductible); and, funds for the operation of the Consistory (not tax deductible).

Master Craftsman – now on line. Next month I will have some links to get to the courses that are offered by the Supreme Council.



Blake Simmons, 32°

Wise Master

Chapter Rose Croix

What is the singular purpose of Masonry?

Some say Brotherhood, some say knowledge (but knowledge of what), some say history, some say unity with other like-minded men. There is Faith, Hope, and Charity. There is Morality, Virtue, and honesty, and there is much more, but these are the results and endeavors of Masonry. What is that singular nucleus of the Atom of Masonry?

In Lodge we are taught that we have one primary requirement to become a Mason, a belief in deity. We also need to be basically good men to join, willing to take an active part in our journey, and assist the lodge and our brothers in their Masonic journeys. We are taught to learn ritual, gain knowledge, be charitable, and help to improve ourselves, the lives of those around us, in our communities, and mankind in general. We are taught to be good and faithful citizens and law abiding. We are also taught not to discuss Politics or Religion in lodge; however, we operate in a governing style, and require a belief in deity, have a book of faith which we call the rule and guide of our faith. Does this mean that we should not discuss spirituality? In Scottish Rite, we do discuss topics of different faiths to learn other knowledge, perspectives, and beliefs to expand our knowledge.

Let us remember the 3 primary Blue Lodge degrees. In each degree, Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft, and Master Mason, we are asked what we desire, our answer is always Light. Is this the light knowledge, communion with our brethren, or much more? I believe from what Masonry and study teaches me that it is actually Enlightenment “the state of having knowledge or understanding”. But much more, Spiritual Enlightenment.

Let us take a moment to look at what great faiths of the world consider enlightenment to be:

- Buddhism defines it as “the experience of true reality, an “awakening” through which one could comprehend the true nature of things” and the word **Buddha** means “enlightened”.
- In Hinduism, the Vedas say “enlightenment is actually the perception of the truth of Brahman as an experience in one's consciousness at all times and this leads to immortality” .
- Judaism calls enlightenment “**Haskala, or Haskalah**” is from the Hebrew word *sekhel* (שכל) “the intellect.”
- In Christianity there are many references to enlightenment “Paul writes a prayer in the beginning of Ephesians that the eyes of the believers’ hearts become enlightened to understand their spiritual inheritance in Christ. Paul is admonishing an experiential, relational knowing of Jesus, the light of the world, that transforms our entire being. The “heart” Paul refers to is the inner man - the center of our mind, will, and emotions.
- Islam refers to enlightenment many times in the Quran, here is one, “When Allah saves man from ignorance and false beliefs and brings him to the light of true belief and logic, then such man is known as enlightened person”.

- In the Rose Croix Memorial service, it is stated that “we honor our Brother after the manner of Masonry, knowing that when we do this, it is not done for those undiscerning as fallen trees, but for those whose souls yet live, and are now nearer God than we”

I reference all of these to illustrate that enlightenment in many great faiths refers to the changing of a person through knowledge to a different state of understanding and being. A place of oneness with deity. Sounds Spiritual to me. Scottish Rite is dedicated to knowledge and education which assists us in becoming more enlightened Men and Masons.

So, back to the original question, what is the singular purpose of Masonry? Many Masonic books have addressed this issue, but at the core of the teachings and diagnoses of our rituals, teachings and deeper meanings is the center purpose. To prepare us in this life by learning to improve ourselves to serve this world better and so that when the inevitable time comes, we are ready and prepared for our next existence. What more do we need? What greater purpose can it serve for us and mankind? This principle is well laid out by William Wilmshurst, and English Masonic Scholar, lecturer, and author.

When we ask what do we have to offer men in Masonry, this is it, potentially the most important thing possible in their lives, ***how to prepare oneself to be ready for your next existence***. It is that simple, and that complex.

As always, these are the considerations of one Mason gathered through his research. I do not expect you to agree with them, but simply consider them.

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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Grand Lodge Members: <http://members.grandlodgeofcolorado.org/>
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CALENDAR

September 4, 2024

Meeting open

Details

5:30 PM Punch Bowl

6:00 PM Dinner

Menu: Grilled, sliced Chicken breasts with Cavatappi Pasta, Bolognese or Alfredo sauce, house tossed salad, house vinaigrette, and garlic-buttered baguettes. Appetizers and Desserts!

Dinner cost is \$25.00/person (cash or check). To reserve your dinner, call the Consistory office at 719/471-7966 or email sccdinnerreservation@gmail.com. NOTE: Reservations required before 4:00PM on Friday, August 30, 2024.

7:00 PM Stated Meeting/Open.

October 2, 2024

Meeting (open or closed TBA)

Details

5:30 PM Punch Bowl

6:00 PM Dinner

Menu: TBA

Dinner cost TBA (cash or check). To reserve your dinner, call the Consistory office at 719/471-7966 or email sccdinnerreservation@gmail.com. NOTE: Reservations required.

7:00 PM Feast of Tishri.

November 6, 2024

Meeting (open or closed TBA)

Details

5:30 PM Punch Bowl

6:00 PM Dinner

Menu: TBA

Dinner cost TBA (cash or check). To reserve your dinner, call the Consistory office at 719/471-7966 or email sccdinnerreservation@gmail.com. NOTE: Reservations required.

7:00 PM TBA.

November 7-9, 2024

Fall Reunion –information will be available in future newsletters



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS!

Roscoe A Ake

Christian James Allen

Marc J Appiano

Ralph B Baumer, Jr

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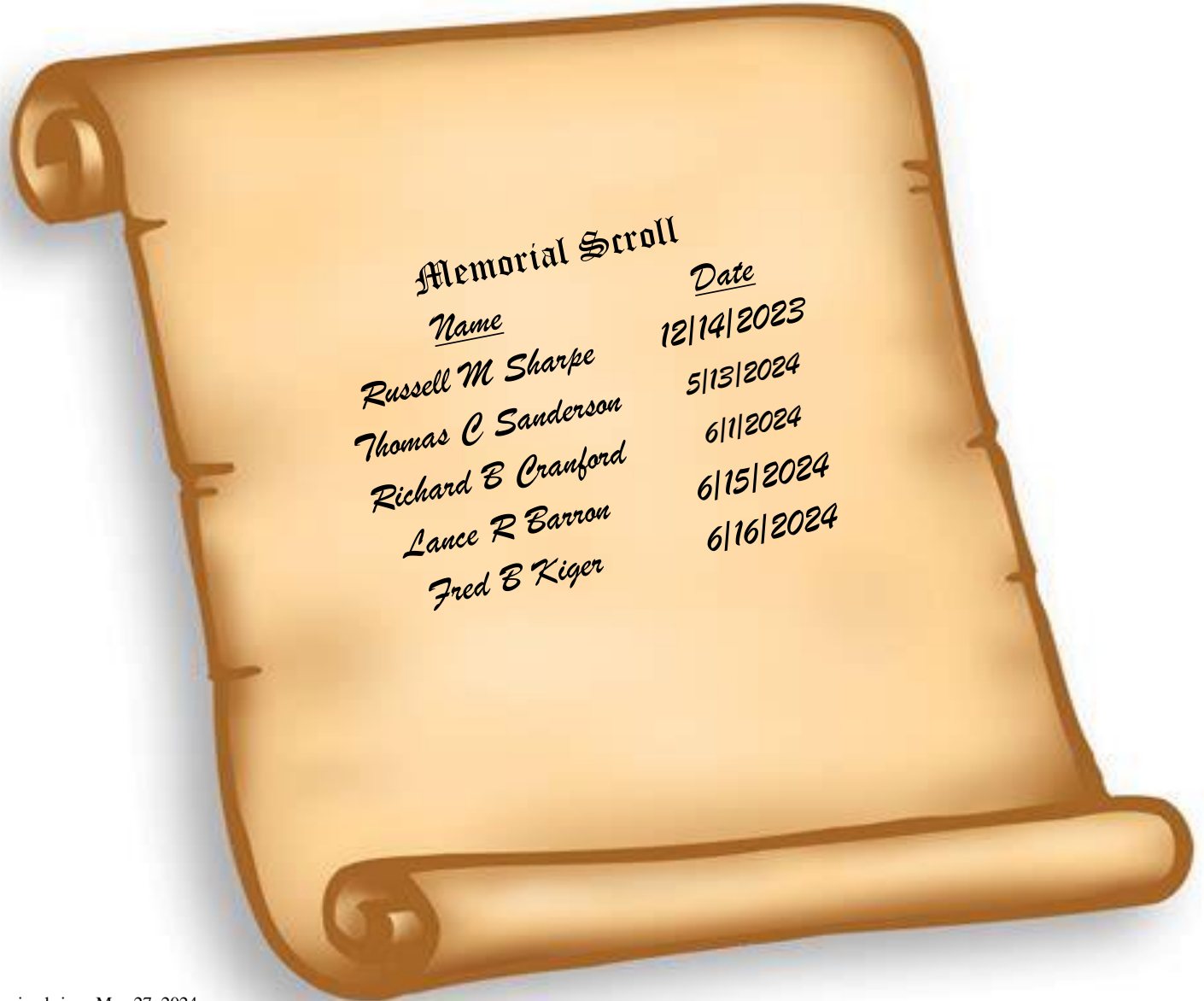
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Dale E Spradley

David L Tennis

Jake Velasco

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Memorial Scroll

<i>Name</i>	<i>Date</i>
<i>Russell M Sharpe</i>	<i>12/14/2023</i>
<i>Thomas C Sanderson</i>	<i>5/13/2024</i>
<i>Richard B Crauford</i>	<i>6/1/2024</i>
<i>Lance R Barron</i>	<i>6/15/2024</i>
<i>Fred B Kiger</i>	<i>6/16/2024</i>

Notices received since May 27, 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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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!