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Ill Barry Nightingale, 33°
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My Brothers,

As we near the Reunion in just a few days, I am reminded of the reason that we call it a “Reunion” and not something like “Degree Days”.

Reunions are meant to be just that – a Reunion of the Brethren. A time to socialize and catch-up on each other’s lives. Also, an opportunity to again see or hear degrees that we may not fully remember.

I know of no Brothers who fully remembers all 29 degrees of the Scottish Rite. Which also means that I know of no Brothers who remember and understand all the lessons of the Scottish Rite degrees.

It is an understatement to say that the Scottish Rite degrees can be complicated, can provide multiple symbols for us to interpret, and for multiple lessons for all of us to learn and use in our lives.

Try to remember what it was like for you when you were receiving the degrees, and how much information was given to you in three short days!!

We have new candidates that will be in that exact position during the coming Reunion. Your presence in the classroom will do two things:

- Refresh your own memories and perhaps impart knowledge that you had not previously absorbed
- Assist the Class Director in imparting the degrees, and sharing your impressions of the degrees, their symbols, and their lessons

I look forward to seeing every member of the Consistory at the coming Reunion. Come, share, learn.



III Bob Cook, 33°
Secretary/Recorder

Secretary's Corner

Reunion!

We are ready to hold our 198th Reunion. We have 2 candidates; both are excited to enjoy the experience. One of the candidates completed his online petition during the social hour after our June Stated meeting. The degree teams are holding practices. Our classroom is sure to be a hotbed for discussion and education. Br Zach Smith will be presiding over the classroom. He is encouraging members to join in the discussion and add to the experience for our candidates. Lunch is scheduled for all three days. Come enjoy a good sandwich and opportunities to share updates with your Brothers. The dinner on Saturday will be a great meal and a time to celebrate our newest Masters of the Royal Secret.

The Master Craftsman Online College and Leadership Academy now has most of the courses online. This is an opportunity to expand your knowledge about our Fraternity. Some courses are even available for Master Masons, not just Masters of the Royal Secret. How about **Why 33?** Try the **Master Craftsman® Online College Quick Start Video**. Here is the link to Our College <https://www.mastercraftsmancollege.org>.



Blake Simmons, 32°
Wise Master
Chapter Rose Croix

Masonic ritual is of great importance within Freemasonry

“¹⁻² It serves as a vehicle for moral instruction, using allegories and symbols to convey lessons related to virtues such as honesty, integrity, charity, and brotherly love³. Rituals fulfill functions of initiation, transmission of knowledge, and investiture in specific roles⁴. Through its richly moral rituals, Freemasonry aims to make good men better by altering their level of consciousness through a gradual process of internal change⁵.”

Often, excellence in ritual work is not considered in regular meetings and only when special circumstances happen do we strive to do our best work. In many ways, Masonry has become casual. Informality is often the norm and Formality in our work becomes lax. I understand that the stories of men being dedicated to lectures and work with perfection is often looked at as un-needed. The often-

told story is of a Brother, usually one who has been in the craft for many years, who is a stickler for every word just right, and every move just so, and how he is ready to correct errors. This is often seen as just someone who is difficult and critical. Let us look at this differently. Masonic Ritual, is the vehicle through which we transmit our most valuable lessons and knowledge. If the meaning is diluted, or changed by the way we perform it, then our teachings also change and the ancient teachings which are as valid today as they were in ancient times are no longer consistent.

Remember the Fellowcraft G lecture where it tells us that the secrets of Freemasonry are transmitted from the instructive tongue to the attentive ear and then stored in the faithful breast, and thus, through a succession of ages, are transmitted, Unimpaired, the most excellent tenants of our institution.

If we do not make the effort to keep the ritual we perform accurate, then it is no longer unimpaired and becomes, not only more casual, but changes. Over time, this change could result in our teachings having different meanings than what they originally meant. This would change Masonry from what it truly is. I am not one who needs every word perfect, or perfect squared corners and such, but we all must always strive to do our best and stay true to the ritual and most importantly to convey the meanings of the teachings to our Brethren.

Give honor and reverence to Ritual and inspire others to do the same as it not only teaches new members, but also each one of us to improve ourselves and Masonry. After all we must all build the finest temple of ourselves and showing our finest work in the craft is one part of that excellent life we all are striving to create.

As always, this is the opinion of this Brother from his experiences. Agree, or disagree, either is fine, but discuss it and compare perspectives, so we can all learn and grow in knowledge.

Sources;

- 1 - www.nhgrandlodge.org
- 2 – The Masonic Trowel
- 3 - www.thesquaremagazine.com
- 4 - Oxford Academic
- 5 - The “Magic” of Masonic Ritual By Brother Akram R. Elias

Saturday, November 9, 2024

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	LUNCH BREAK	Murray Hall
12:30PM	Elections/Photos	
1:30PM	Exemplify 32°	American Room
2:45PM	KSA Knighting Ceremony	
	DEPART	

5:30PM	Punch Bowl	Murray Hall
6:00PM	Dinner	Murray Hall

Southern Colorado Consistory Scottish Rite Reunion



**198th Reunion Class
In Memory of
Br Jason Michael Bunch, 32° KCCH**

November 7 - 9, 2024

Valley of Colorado Springs – Pueblo
Orient of Colorado

1150 Panorama Drive
Colorado Springs, CO 80904

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Thursday, November 7, 2024

7:30AM	Reunion Prolog/Agenda	Classroom
8:15AM	Symbolism of the Scottish Rite	Classroom
9:15AM	Exemplify 4°	Egyptian Room
10:15AM	Communicate 5°	Classroom
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	

Friday, November 8, 2024

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	



**Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, S.I.
Orient of Colorado Valley of Colorado Springs – Pueblo**



Southern Colorado Consistory 1150 Panorama Dr Colorado Springs, CO 80904-1715

2024 Fall Reunion

Place: Masonic Center, Colorado Springs

Dates: Thursday, November 7, 2024 (7:30AM – 4:45PM)
Box lunch 11:50AM, cost \$10.00 (cash or check)

Friday, November 8, 2024 (7:30AM – 5:45PM)
Box lunch 11:15AM, cost \$10.00 (cash or check)

Saturday, November 9, 2024 (8:00AM – 2:45PM)
Box lunch 11:15AM, cost \$10.00 (cash or check)

Saturday, November 9, 2024 Dinner/celebration
Punch bowl 5:30PM
Dinner 6:00PM

Cost **\$20.00**/person (cash or check)

Menu: Pollo Verde Casserole: Layers of chicken, tomatillo salsa, sour cream, corn tortillas, jack, cheddar, cilantro rice, chipotle frijoles, calabacitas. Appetizers and dessert. Coffee and tea included.

Reservations are required for the lunches and the dinner. To reserve your meals, call the Consistory office at 719/471-7966 or email sccdinnerreservation@gmail.com. **NOTE: Reservations required before 4:00PM on Wednesday, November 6, 2024.**





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CALENDAR

November 6, 2024

Meeting closed

Details

No Meal

7:00 PM short meeting.

November 7-9, 2024

Fall Reunion –information will be available in future newsletters

December 4, 2024

Meeting open

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 Election and Installation of Officers



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS!

Edwin Javier Alas

Paul L Bailey

David R Burrous

Leslie V Cahill, II

Norman C Churchill

Darren Wayne Culpepper

Henry B Eastland

Stanley A Gardner

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Notices received since September 27, 2024

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