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

My Brothers,

How many of you have visited the website for the Southern Jurisdiction? How many of you have an understanding of all the resources that are available on that site? Let's explore one of them.

Many of us have from time to time enrolled in the Master Craftsman Program of the Supreme Council. We have gained valuable knowledge and skills from completing those courses. Though of the highest quality, the courses were somewhat limited in content and in scope of their education. I think that when I entered the program, it had only 3 courses, and all of them were completed by correspondence and written tests.

The Supreme Council, with a lot of work and contributions by our Brothers throughout the Southern Jurisdiction, created a newer, more complete, online multimedia system called the "Master Craftsman Online College & Leadership Academy". It is a multi-media system, currently spanning 9 courses, with a broad spectrum of knowledge and "More Light" that covers not only Scottish Rite subjects, but knowledge about the Craft Lodge as well. Candidly – this is NOT a re-packaging of the old Master Craftsman program, but rather a much expanded and updated series of courses, presented in a much easier to learn format.

Though there is a small fee for the courses, the content will more than justify taking each course, and you will quickly be asking to take another course.

Your next steps in learning, and being able to contribute to the further enlightenment of your Brothers, should be to log into the Scottish Rite website for the Southern Jurisdiction, and begin enrolling in the courses. I think you will be truly amazed by the content, and once immersed in the studies, will see the value to both the Scottish Rite and your Craft Lodge experience.



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

Secretary's Corner

Ready for the Spring Reunion?

Due to the snowstorm in November last year, we had to cancel the Fall Reunion. Two brothers that had completed their petitions online. The Valley of Denver was willing to take one or both candidates as courtesy work for their Fall Reunion, but both candidates decided to wait for the Spring Reunion this year. I know that there are 2 more petitions in the works. Let's see if we can get our class up to more than 5 for this upcoming Reunion. Information for the online petition is below – this is the quickest way to get a petition into our system. (Remember – make sure that your candidates have your name and email address to go with the petitions.)

Br Craig Fabec, 32° KCCH has developed a new education program for our monthly stated meetings. Without giving away any specific details, I can say he has worked with the bodies to present a review of a degree each month. There are a couple of months that we will have special events, but for the most part, we will get a refresher on the degrees of the Scottish Rite. Details of the degree selections will be available in the monthly newsletter. Get your Bridge to Light book out and study ahead.

Dues – dues are our only source of income and we are still not able to get all of the dues for 2024 paid. If you have not paid your 2024 dues (we are still missing 25 brothers). We are also getting a little behind on 2025 dues. If you have not paid your 2025 dues, please see if you can get them paid early this year. Please contact me (bcooksc@gmail.com) if you have any questions. I will be sending out notices for dues that are delinquent. If you get a notice and believe you have paid your dues, please contact me so we can get our records corrected.

In case you need information for your candidates on the online petition please see below.



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



Blake Simmons, 32°

Wise Master
Chapter Rose Croix

Hello Brethren, well, it is March and the 2025 year moves ahead. Last month, one of our long term Masons, a 74 year Mason and the Prelate of the Consistory and member of the Chapter Rose Croix, and a friend and Dear Brother of ours and especially of mine, Brother Charles Lewis traveled on the Celestial Lodge. With the April Remembrance and Renewal Ceremony approaching on April 2nd, this makes our coming together even more important for us this year.

Brothers, I often say that our journey does not ever end, but when we leave this material world, we simply travel on to our next Journey. This is true with all our dear departed brothers and eventually with each of us. So, what do we do in this life to “make a difference”? Is it our careers, our families, our community service, our faith, our dedication to our service organizations, our dedication to Masonry, or all the other things we do in life? I propose that all of those things and more are part of our contribution, but what is truly the greatest contribution that we can make to all of mankind?

Albert Pike, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council, Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction from 1859 to 1891, said it very clearly

“What we do for ourselves dies with us. What we do for others and the world remains and is immortal”

Each year, the Scottish Rite body assembles and remembers our dear departed Brothers and renews the bonds we each share with our Brothers who we are still traveling with. This is in my opinion, the MOST IMPORTANT ceremony of the year. We are a body of Brothers with like mindedness, all working together to learn, improve and make ourselves and the world a better place. Is that not how we each, “make a difference” in the world?

In *Morals ad Dogma Annotated Edition* by Arturo De Hoyos, there is a passage in the 15th degree section (The Knight of the East or of the Sword, or of the Eagle) when talking about the rebuilding of the temple, that sums this up for me” (7) “But gloomy and discouraging as was the prospect, with Luke warmness within, and bitter opposition without, our ancient brethren persevered. Let us leave them engaged in the good work, and whenever to us, as to them, success is uncertain, remote, and contingent, let us still remember that the only question for us to ask, as true men and Masons, is, what does duty require; and not what will be the result and our reward if we do our duty. ***Work on, with the Sword in one hand, and the Trowel in the other!***”

Brothers, let us remember our Brothers that we worked with and learned with and from who have traveled on. More importantly, let us renew our bonds of Masonry and Brotherhood with our Brothers who we are still traveling through this uncertain world with together.

Please make every effort to attend the April 2nd Wednesday, Remembrance and Renewal Ceremony and invite your Brothers in Masonry as it is open to all Masons from Entered Apprentice to Master Masons and also bring your families and interested friends as this ceremony is an open event.

As always, these are the considerations of one Mason,



Zach Smith, 32°
Commander
Council of Kadosh

My Brothers,

I am very excited to make an announcement in my capacity of Venerable Master of the Knights of St Andrew. At our March meeting, we will be having a Knighthood as our education. All Masters of the Royal Secret who have not been honored with KCCH or the 33rd degree are eligible to join. Many Scottish Rite Masons can go their entire career without seeing a KSA Knighthood, as they only happen at reunions and usually only are attended by KSA Knights.

To give a quick overview of the purpose and function of the Knights of St Andrew, We are a service organization to provide support to the Valley in all areas, including but not limited to membership recruitment, fundraising, public relations, and other activities as required. We display membership by wearing Black Watch tartan, and members can be called upon for any help that they need.

If anyone is interested in joining the KSA, please contact me directly. I look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting.



Mike Mabbitt, 32°, KCCH
Orator
Lodge of Perfection

Oath and Obligation. Do we apply them in your daily life?

As Masons, we take several Oaths and Obligations throughout our Masonic life. They are ties, bonds, agreements, profession of intentions, responsibilities, duties that are agreed upon, constraint of actions, pledges, and acknowledgments of promises made.

The obligations we make are high-minded duties voluntarily assumed by us as part of our progress in becoming a Brother of the Ancient Craft. The oaths we take are an attestation of the validity of the covenants we make.

As we advance towards the light, move along all lines of progress (moral, intellectual, spiritual), we learn that knowledge without application is of little value. Yet knowledge, properly applied, results in wisdom. So what have we learned? Are the obligations we have taken just words we are required to memorize in order to move forward in the craft?

Being a Mason, we are men who have no particular ambition, or who do not aspire to greatness, but who have picked up the collective obligation to ensure the well-being of future prospects of the Order, and have

devoted our abilities to support that collective obligation as our way of fulfilling our obligations. We quietly work in the background – voicing our opinions as appropriate, but never endeavoring to usurp authority or protocol. We see something that needs to be done and, without acting unilaterally, we do it.

We are bound by duty, honor, and gratitude to be faithful to our trust; to support the dignity of our character on every occasion; and to enforce, by precept and example, obedience to the tenants of the institution. So when faced with adversity, either at home, in the workplace, or about town, do we deal with it free from prejudice, ignorance, or envy? As Masons we are taught to meet on the level. Not just with fellow Masons but with all mankind. Applying this one trait in our daily lives and in all situations at times can be hard. We must remember that moral character is a habit and is not formed in the moment.

It is easy to get wrapped up in the emotions of a moment and lean towards the collective decision that is uninformed, ignorant of the facts, and is the easy way out. But we are all upright men “and” Masons and are charged to walk and act as such. Applying our obligations and oaths in our daily lives “and” applying them by example, we will be the inspiration, encouragement and direction society desperately craves.

Albert Pike teaches us that what we do for ourselves dies with us. But what we do for others’ lives forever. Remember that life is a school and, if lived properly, this life is a bridge to eternal life.



Russ Rogers, 32°
Venerable Master
Lodge of Perfection

As we make our way toward Spring, it’s useful to stop and consider the coming equinox and the parallels it has to our Scottish Rite. The Spring vernal equinox occurs on March 20th of this year and is the day when both hemispheres of the planet receive the same amount of daylight and darkness. In essence, the light and the darkness are evenly distributed. What makes the Spring equinox so special for us is that the amount of light begins increasing during this time. The cold Winter months now behind us mean we have warmer temperatures coming, and we’ll likely be spending more time outside and socializing in the light.

This time of transition in Nature allows our crops to grow, our kids to play outside with friends, and our families to spend important time together, creating memories. The Earth and the people around us blossom again in the warmth of the light. As the University of Freemasonry, the Scottish Rite also provides increasing Light and learning through our education to our brethren. It’s a time of growth for us all. Likewise, as we get out of our house we can spread the Light within our communities, helping to make the world a better place. We should strive to be like Nature during this time, taking advantage of the longer days of sunlight to grow create greater Light within ourselves through learning, research, and sharing.

I want to encourage all the brothers to take the time to feel the Light on your face again and let it once again spark life within you for education and exploration. Take advantage of the warm evenings in the golden light

of the sun to sit in quiet thought and retrospection on the truths of this life and after. But also chase the Light, like Indiana Jones through the temples and caverns of unknown and unexplored knowledge. What treasures will you find in your search for Light this Spring? What treasures will you share with your brethren to aid them on their quest for Light?

MEMORIAL LODGE #2 PRESENTS THE 3RD ANNUAL

MASONIC FUNERAL SERVICE

WORKSHOP

15 MARCH 2025



Memorial Lodge #2 will be conducting a workshop on Masonic Funeral Services. The workshop will provide instruction on where we can give a Masonic funeral , who can receive it , how to work with the family , funeral director and much more.

Come hear stories from Brethren with first hand experience on how the service went well, not so well and get tips on how to conduct a successful, reverent and memorable service.

At the end of the Workshop, you will be afforded the opportunity to meet with a District Lecture and get your proficiency card for conducting a Masonic Funeral Service.

The Workshop will be conducted on 15 , March 2025, from 0830 ~1200 (light refreshments from 0830-0900) at the Colorado Springs Masonic Center.

For more information Contact;
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**** Prior to attendance it is recommended you become familiar with the funeral service as written in the Clear Text Key.**



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CALENDAR

March 5, 2025

Meeting closed

Details

7:00 PM Presentation on the 29th degree and a knighting ceremony for KSA.

April 2, 2025

Meeting open or closed TBD

Details

7:00 PM Remembrance and Renewal Ceremony

April 24 – 26, 2025

Spring Reunion

Details

More information to come

May 7, 2025

Meeting open or closed TBD

Details

7:00 PM Program TBD



MARCH BIRTHDAYS!

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Name
Charles E Lewis
Date
2/10/2025

Notices received since January 27, 2025

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, Aaron Langevin 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 strongly *support our charity* RiteCare
(Speech and language therapy for children in need)

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