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

My Brothers,

The Reunion is barely over a month away !! As always, I know that we will provide an outstanding experience for our candidates.

In order to do that, we will need all of the support that you can each provide to the Consistory and all of its functions.

- Yes, the Reunion is 3 days long, and we can certainly use help on all three days.
- Yes, I know that many of you cannot be there all of that time, and that is fine.
 - if you can help with just a single cast part, in a single degree, that would be awesome
 - if you can provide some manpower to the Supporting Departments for one day (or even part of one day), that would be helpful
 - if you can attend one or more of the exemplified degrees, having you in attendance is a blessing to our efforts and to the experience of the candidates
 - if you can participate in the classroom discussions for a period of time, that would be great for the candidates, AND it would likely provide you with an opportunity to refresh your own Scottish Rite knowledge, and perhaps lead you to even greater involvement in our Reunion, and the Consistory in general.

Okay – how do you find out what casts need help, or how do you find out when to show up for the classroom sessions, or who do you contact to arrange to help in the Supporting Departments ?

- We will have a schedule out shortly, either via this Newsletter or shortly thereafter.
- BUT – the best way is to contact the Director General (Ill Bro Jerry Underwood) or the Director of Education (Bro Craig Fabec) or the Director of the Support Departments (Bro Mike Mabbitt). Each of them can give you critical information, and maybe even point you towards the way that you can provide the greatest contribution to the Reunion.

Ill Bro Jerry can be contacted via email at gunderwood32@gmail.com

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Please do whatever you can to make this a great Reunion experience for yourself and for our candidates.



Ill Bob Cook, 33°
Secretary/Recorder

Secretary's Corner

Ill Bro Bob Cook is still hospitalized.

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

Brothers, every time this year, we take time Remember our Brothers who have traveled on past this life to the next one. We also take time to renew our fraternal bonds to each. We travel this life on a journey filled with many experiences, but one of the most rewarding and fulfilling must be the journey of Masonry. In Masonry, we do not travel alone; rather, we travel with others like us who share in a unique experience. To be not only friends and Masonic Brothers, but to become truly enlightened by the lessons which Masonry has for us to embrace and thereby enrich ourselves as humans in the material world and also as souls in the spiritual world. As we learn in our first degrees, we are stones, imperfect and in need of shaping in which to be useful to the Celestial Builder, the Supreme architect of the Universe. By learning with our brothers who we not only teach, but learn from as well, we strive to be those "living stones, for that temple not made by hands, Eternal in the Heavens." This is truly the goal of our lives, to be better men, humans, Spirits, and Masons. When we are in

lodge together, it is always special to take a look at the men around you in the lodge room and realize that they are traveling on the same road, although sometimes through different routes, but still on the same road to the same destination. That is truly a gift in this life. Embrace the time we spend together, Renew your bonds, not only at this time of year, but every time you met another Brother. Remember, we Honor our Brothers past as we take the experiences we shared with them along our journeys. Eventually, we will all travel on to the next life. What will we leave for others to travel with? Meditate on this every time you go to lodge or meet a brother and you will see your influence on him and his on you in a new light. Most importantly, remember what we always ask for, LIGHT, or should I say, Enlightenment?

I say to you all, Let there be light!

As always, these are the considerations of one Mason,



Jerry Byassee, 32°
Master of Kadosh
Consistory

Information from the Scottish Rite Member Development Handbook

LEADERSHIP:

Leadership is a complex and ever moving target. In fact, volumes of information have been written on the subject. In fact, much of leadership has already been learned by us in our degrees and dogma. However, that said let's emphasize the importance of some skills needed by each member of the Rite.

- >Listening
- >Learning
- >Balance
- >Influence
- >Understanding
- >Organization
- >Buy-in
- >Respect

Developing leaders is a challenge. Leadership ability is always the cap on personal and organizational effectiveness. If the leadership is strong, the cap is high. If it's not, then the organization is limited. Scottish Rite Leadership has discussed five levels of leadership:

1. Position/Rights level - People follow you because they have to.
2. Permission/Relationship level - People follow you because they want to.
3. Production/Results level - People follow you because of what you have done for the organization. People see success and feel the growth within the organization.

4. People development/Reproduction level – People follow you because of what you have done for them. This is the most important level that a majority of organizations lack. When you start developing people; they are yours for life.
5. Personhood/Respect level – People follow you because of who you are and what you represent.

There are plenty of misconceptions and myths the people embrace about leaders and leadership. The ability to lead is a collection of skills, all of which can be learned and improved. This process does not happen overnight. Many factors that come into play in leadership are intangible. That is why leaders require so much seasoning to be effective.



Russ Rogers, 32°
Venerable Master
Lodge of Perfection

Just like that, I'm already 25% of the way through my time as Venerable Master for the Lodge of Perfection this year. My pursuit for furthering my own education and seeking Light has led me to one of the Southern Jurisdiction's online educational courses based on Albert Pike's "The Blue Porch and the Middle Chamber". The book is quite literally a tome of information, covering the ancient days of Freemasonry, up to our modern practice, and the creation of the Scottish Rite, itself. It's been a fascinating course so far. Bro Arturo De Hoyos has done an exceptional job of providing historical context on Masonry and the Scottish Rite in this book.

For example, did you know that the precursor story to our legend of Hiram Abif was based on the great Biblical character Noah, and his three sons? There was also a "Planer's Guild" in Germany around the same time the Masons were organizing that would lay the candidate on a table as a raw piece of wood and go through the motions of "planing" the candidate to remove imperfections and make him smooth, much like we do with the rough ashlar.

If you're seeking to learn more about Masonry or the Scottish Rite, I whole-heartedly recommend the courses available at our SR SJ website at <https://www.mastercraftsmancollege.org>. The course I'm taking covers the original Scottish Rite degrees. But there are plenty of other options for you to choose from. Regardless of where you choose to learn, it's important to continue your journey and I encourage you to stay on course with your own education. As a bonus, you'll have a lot you can share with your brethren in the Scottish Rite!

To close out this month's entry, I want to send our best wishes for a speedy recovery to our beloved Secretary, IB Bob Cook who valiantly battled a stair dragon at our last meeting and is currently recovering. IB Bob does so much for us all, and his presence is sorely missed.



Masonic Brothers, each year, Scottish Rite assembles in the spirit of Fraternity to renew acquaintances, remember our friends, and pledge ourselves to aiding Humanity.

It becomes our duty, therefore, to honor our Brethren past as we renew our fraternal ties to our Brethren present.

This is one of the most important and moving Masonic ceremonies of each year, not only to Brothers of Scottish Rite, but to all Masons as a whole.

This Ceremony is open to all Masons, Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft, and Master Masons, and guests

Join with us this April 2nd at 7PM and be a part of this a wonderful opportunity to experience another part of Masonry and share brotherhood while learning more about the wonders that Masonry has to offer each one of us.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Ceremony begins at 7PM and we welcome you.

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 Grammar
 Grand Master
 Grave
 Great Lights
 Ask, Seek, Knock
 Aspirant
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 Atheist
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 Common Gavel
 Communication
 Compasses

The symbol most widely recognized as Scottish Rite Masonry is the Double-Headed Eagle of Lagash. It is one of the oldest Royal Crests in the existence. This symbol has been in use at least a thousand years before the Hebrew Exodus from Egypt and more than 2,000 years before the building of King Solomon's Temple.



Records indicate that in the early days of modern Freemasonry the Double-Headed Eagle was first used around 1758 by a Masonic body in Paris. That Masonic body was known as "The Emperors of the East and West", and controlled the advanced Degrees then in use. It is these degrees that became a precursor of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite.

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CALENDAR

April 2, 2025

Meeting open

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

June 4, 2025

Meeting open or closed TBD

Details

7:00 PM Program TBD



APRIL BIRTHDAYS!

Harry A Andrews

Christopher Todd Bliesman

Brian Lee Cotter

Ronald D Crymble

Donald B Davidson, Jr

Galen F Feedback

Warren K Fox

Herschel L Funk

Bud Gressett

Douglas R Hatton

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Ottis L Neal

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Randall R Sanger

Earl Robert Schaffer

Douglas Walter Shock

Brent E Skipper

Zachary Campbell Smith

Kim D Sturdy

Timothy Harvey Wolfe

Robert O Woods



Memorial Scroll
Name Date
No Deaths reported this month

Notices received since February 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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ALLEGIANCE

The bodies of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, sitting in the Valley of Colorado Springs/Pueblo, Orient of Colorado, acknowledge and yield allegiance to the Supreme Council (Mother Council of the World) of the Inspectors General, Knights Commander of the House of the Temple of Solomon.

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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

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