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## Southern Colorado Consistory (SCC)



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

My Brothers,

It is my great privilege to be able to announce that the Supreme Council has approved the nominations of the following Brothers to receive honors:

Brother Craig Fabec, 32° KCCH, to be coroneted with the 33° (Inspector General Honorary)

Brothers Blake Simmons and William Tywman to be recognized as a 32° KCCH (Knight Commander of the Court of Honour)

Once every two years, in odd-numbered years, we are able to nominate a small number of our Consistory for special honors to be approved by the Supreme Council. These honors are not bestowed upon a Brother simply because he has served in the Scottish Rite, but they also take into consideration service to all of Freemasonry, as well as to their community. The nomination process takes into account not only the service to the Valley, but also the potential service and leadership to the Valley in the future. Nomination is made by the Valley of Colorado Springs-Pueblo, for review and forwarding by the Deputy of the Supreme Council for the Orient of Colorado, and approval by the Supreme Council for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States. The respective ceremonies will take place in September.

Brief Masonic biographies follow.

Please join me in congratulating these distinguished Brothers!!



**Craig Fabec, 32 KCCH**  
Director General

### **33° Honourman**

Craig Fabec, born January 6, 1987, in Pueblo, Colorado, has distinguished himself through dedicated and impactful service within both his Blue Lodge and the Southern Colorado Scottish Rite Consistory. His Masonic journey began at South Pueblo Lodge #31, where he was initiated on January 10, 2009, passed on February 19, and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on April 16 of the same year. His leadership matured quickly, culminating in his service as Worshipful Master in both 2014 and 2018—reflecting a trusted, enduring role in lodge governance and ritual mentorship.

In the Scottish Rite, Craig was advanced through the degrees over the course of a single reunion: Lodge of Perfection on April 27, 2017; Chapter of Rose Croix and Council of Kadosh on April 28; and finally, the Consistory on April 29. Craig served as the Master of Kadosh in 2021 and 2022. His contributions to the Consistory have been marked by both education and executive leadership, having served as Director of Education and currently holding the high office of Director General. On September 25, 2021, he was honored with the Knight Commander of the Court of Honour (KCCH), recognizing his merit and devotion to the Rite. His efforts span ritual excellence, educational enrichment, and administrative guidance, reinforcing the values and continuity of the Consistory.

Craig has also taken on significant responsibility at the state level, currently serving as Junior Grand Steward in the Colorado Grand Lodge for 2025. His leadership continues into the York Rite, where he has held every major office: High Priest of Pueblo Chapter #3, Thrice Illustrious Master of Pueblo Council #6, and Commander of Pueblo Commandery #3. His completion of the leadership line across all three York Rite bodies has earned him membership in the Knights of the York Cross of Honour (KYCH). He currently serves as Treasurer for the Pueblo York Rite bodies. Craig is a Past Grand High Priest of Colorado Royal Arch Masons (2023–2024) and is actively progressing through the elected line of Colorado Cryptic Masons. In broader York Rite leadership, Craig was Past Governor of the Southern Colorado York Rite College and currently serves as Puissant Sovereign of the Sangre De Cristo Conclave of the Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine.

Craig's consistent presence in ritual, governance, and inter-body collaboration reinforces his role as a pillar of Colorado Freemasonry—bridging tradition, instruction, and unity across Lodge and Consistory.



## **Blake Simmons, 32**

**Wise Master  
Chapter of Rose Croix**

### **KCCH Honourman**

Blake Simmons, born October 8, 1957, in Springfield, Missouri, has shown extraordinary commitment to Freemasonry, particularly through Ute Pass Lodge #188 and the Southern Colorado Scottish Rite Consistory. His Masonic journey at Ute Pass #188 began formally with his petition on April 19, 2016, leading to his election in May, initiation that September, passed in April 2017, and raising to Master Mason on January 18, 2018. His proficiency was recorded in March 2018, after which he began ascending the officer line.

From 2018 through 2025, Blake steadily took on more responsibility, serving as Senior Deacon (2018), Junior Warden (2019, and again 2023–2025), Senior Warden (2020), and Worshipful Master in 2021. Blake holds plural membership with Cripple Creek #96 (2023–2025) and Eureka #66, where he served as Senior Deacon in 2023 and Junior Warden through 2024–2025.

In the Scottish Rite, Blake received his degrees during the May 9–12, 2018 reunion at the Denver Consistory. Within the Chapter Rose Croix, he joined the Funeral Team and rose through the officer line as Senior Warden (2019) and Wise Master (2020–2021, 2023–2025). He took medical leave in September 2021 and later returned to office in 2023. His ritual work spans multiple reunion degrees, including the 14th, 18th, 30th, and 32nd. In 2023, he completed the Master Craftsman Series—covering Ritual and History, Philosophy, and Symbolic Lodge.

Blake's expanding leadership in York Rite began with a full progression through the Chapter and Council degrees in 2024, culminating in his installation as Master of the 2nd Veil in the Royal Arch Chapter and Conductor of the Council in the Cryptic Council in July 2025. He is preparing to join the Commandery and to serve as Sentinel for the Colorado York Rite Grand Chapter in 2025.

His broader Masonic influence also includes membership in the El Paso County Actual Past Masters Association since 2021 and Allied Masonic Degrees (AMD) in 2025, affirming his status as a respected Masonic leader and dedicated ritualist across multiple bodies and jurisdictions.



**William Twyman, 32**  
Secretary/Recorder/Registrar

### **KCCH Honourman**

Born on January 6, 1988, Bill Twyman was initiated into Manitou Lodge #68 in Colorado Springs, Colorado, on March 3, 2016, passed to the degree of Fellowcraft on January 19, 2017, and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on April 8, 2017. He completed his proficiency on May 18, 2017, and quickly became an active and dedicated member of the Lodge. He served as Worshipful Master in 2021 and currently holds the offices of Secretary and Director of the Work, both beginning in 2023. In addition to his service in Manitou Lodge, he affiliated with Memorial Lodge #2 on January 4, 2020, and Ramah Lodge #165 on November 14, 2022. His commitment to Masonic education and ritual excellence is further reflected in his appointment as District Lecturer #61 under the Grand Lodge of Colorado, a position he has held since 2022.

In the Scottish Rite, Brother Twyman began his journey through the degrees in 2019, receiving the Lodge of Perfection on March 6, the Chapter of Rose Croix on April 27, and both the Council of Kadosh and the Consistory on September 20 of that year. His leadership and administrative skills were recognized with his appointment as Secretary of the Southern Colorado Consistory in 2025.

Beyond the Lodge and Scottish Rite, Brother Twyman is active in several other Masonic bodies. He joined the York Rite in 2023, receiving the degrees of Royal Arch Mason in Colorado Springs Chapter #6 on April 8, Cryptic Mason in Zabud Council #8 on June 9, and Knight Templar in Pike's Peak Commandery #6 on July 8. In 2025, he was elected King of Colorado Springs Chapter #6, Illustrious Deputy Master of Zabud Council #8, and Generalissimo of Pike's Peak Commandery #6. He became a member of the Southern Colorado York Rite College on February 1, 2025, and was admitted to Sangre De Cristo Conclave of the Red Cross of Constantine on June 14, 2025. Additionally, he joined Gofannin Council #315 of the Allied Masonic Degrees on May 29, 2025.

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# CALENDAR

## July and August 2025

Dark during the months of July and August– no meetings

## September 3, 2025

Meeting open or closed TBD

### Details

7:00 PM Program TBD

Hawaiian Shirt night

## October 1, 2025

Meeting open or closed TBD

### Details

7:00 PM Program TBD

## November 5, 2025

Meeting open or closed TBD

### Details

7:00 PM Program TBD



<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Rodney E Metz	12/5/2023
Edward O Kinzie	3/4/2025
Louis M Graner	7/2/2025
Donald B Davidson, Jr	7/6/2025
John R Stulp	7/7/2025
Ricky J Haskell	7/8/2025
Ronald A Bowen	7/10/2025

Notices received since May 26, 2025

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We endeavor to *create* opportunities for our Members  
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(Speech and language therapy for children in need)

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