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

My Brothers,

We have the beginning of a new class of candidates for our November Reunion. They were not “recruited”, but simply shown what the Scottish Rite has to offer to any Freemason.

This causes me to stop and think about the “value proposition” of the Scottish Rite. All too often, we talk about “getting petitions”, or “recruiting candidates”, and that seems completely backwards to me. A movie I’ve watched has the line “if you build it, he will come”.

I believe with all of my heart, that Freemasons will come to the Scottish Rite to learn more about Freemasonry, to expand their knowledge, and to grow within the Rite. But of course, they have to know what the Scottish Rite offers to them – the “value proposition”.

Without doing any “salesmanship” or “recruiting”, I believe that we can get all the qualified candidates that there are in our Craft Lodges.

But – each and every one of us needs to be able (and willing) to talk about the Rite, how we operate, what we do, and most importantly – what it has meant to our own Masonic path through life.

Don’t be afraid to talk about the Rite in your Craft Lodge. Don’t be afraid to tell your personal story of growth through the Rite. Tell our story, and they will come.

## ZOOM CALL WITH GRAND COMMANDER

On Monday, 20 October, at 7 PM. Colorado will hold a Zoom call with the Grand Commander. Everyone is invited to attend.

The zoom link for 20 October is:

<https://scottishrite.zoom.us/j/83927056906?pwd=b4dYwV9kPL6XaGMdI71CaMsVLhvA7.1>

If anyone in the Consistory has any questions, they should get them to Ill Barry not later than 10 October, so that we can consolidate at Denver, and get them to Ill Bro Cole prior to the meeting.



**ILLUSTRIOUS JAMES DEAN COLE, 33<sup>o</sup>**

**SOVEREIGN GRAND COMMANDER  
SUPREME COUNCIL, 33<sup>o</sup>**

**ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE  
OF FREEMASONRY**

**SOUTHERN JURISDICTION OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

James D. Cole, 33<sup>o</sup>, was installed as the nineteenth Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council, 33<sup>o</sup>, Southern Jurisdiction, USA on August 19, 2019.

A Mason since 1983, he served as Worshipful Master of Craighill Lodge No. 160, Elliston, Virginia, in 1987 and as Virginia's Grand Master in 2001. Coroneted a 33<sup>o</sup> Inspector General Honorary on October 3, 2001, on January 1, 2003, he was appointed Deputy of the Supreme Council in Virginia; on October 7, 2003, he was crowned as an Active Member, later serving as Grand Treasurer General and Lieutenant Grand Commander.

He is a Royal Arch Mason, a Knight Templar, a National Sojourner, a Shriner, a member of the York Rite College, a life member of the Royal Order of Scotland, a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, a life member of the Scottish Rite Research Society, a Past Puissant Sovereign of the Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine, a Past Sovereign Master of the Allied Masonic Degrees. He holds 9th Grade membership in the Masonic Societas Rosicruciana and remains active in the Grand Lodge of Virginia, serving as Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of England and as a member of the Code Commission.

His honors include: honorary membership in eleven lodges; the Legion of Honor from DeMolay International and honorary membership on the International Supreme Council; the Grand Cross of Color from the Rainbow for Girls; the Pierpont Edwards Medal from the Grand Lodge of Connecticut for outstanding Masonic Service; the Grand Lodge of Virginia's highest award, the George Washington Distinguished Service Medal; commission as an honorary Kentucky Colonel; the Odie R. Howell Leadership Award from the Virginia DeMolay Foundation; the Albert Mackey Medal from the Grand Lodge of South Carolina; and Honorary membership in the Conference of Grand Secretaries of North America.

Born in Asheville North Carolina in 1958, he moved to Virginia in 1969, where he and his wife Mary Ann reside; they have two children and five grandchildren. Formerly employed as CEO of the Masonic Home of Virginia, Brother Cole is a CPA whose previous professional experience includes practice with an international accounting firm and almost twenty

years in a variety of positions at Virginia Tech, a large public university. He holds both a Bachelor's and a Master's degree from Virginia Tech. Both an author and consultant, he has served numerous companies, universities, and non-profit organizations, including Masonic groups, throughout the country and has been a frequent speaker at business conferences.

Brother Cole has been active in community and church service, including more than twenty-five years teaching an Adult Bible Class and serving as an active lay speaker since age fifteen. He has been a high school basketball referee, a baseball umpire, a youth basketball and baseball coach, and a high school football announcer. In his spare time, he enjoys playing with his grandchildren, reading, and golf.

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**William Twyman, 32° KCCH**  
**Secretary**

### **Dues Notices**

The dues notices have been sent out by Supreme. As a reminder, if your 2025 dues were paid, then you should have received a 2026 dues card in advance. If you have not paid the 2025 dues, then the dues notice will be listed for the years you are behind. If there is a mistake (which we have already found one), please do not hesitate to let me know directly so I can investigate further and fix the mistake in the system and get your 2026 dues card to you as expedited as possible. The best way to get a hold of me is via email at [twyman55@gmail.com](mailto:twyman55@gmail.com).

How do you pay your dues? You have several options to pay for them. You can simply pay your dues online by logging into your Supreme Council website. If you are unfamiliar with that website, again, please reach out and I will do my best to assist you in setting that system up. You can also mail a check. In all forms of payment, you can opt to make a donation to the Scottish Rite Foundation (tax deductible), the Almoner's Fund (not tax deductible) and fund for the operation of the Consistory (not tax deductible).

As always, thank you to the Colorado Consistory as a whole for everything that you all do for Scottish Rite, your Blue Lodges, and your communities.



**Russ Rogers, 32°**  
**Venerable Master**  
**Lodge of Perfection**

Brethren,

Not many brothers know this, but I've been a University professor for many years. While most of my courses are directly related to computer and network security, I've had the opportunity recently to take over a different sort of course. The title of the course is "Technology, Society, and Ethics". When offered this course, I jumped at the chance because it aligns with some very core aspects of my identity. The course is very heavy on the ethical and moral considerations of technology and their impacts on individuals and society. Each time I meet with my students I have a unique opportunity to discuss the philosophical application of moral and ethical frameworks against the constant challenges set against us in today's world.

As you're already aware, ethics and morality are key aspects of Freemasonry, and as Albert Pike was authoring his updated versions of Morals and Dogma and creating his Magnum Opus, he rightly leaned heavily on those

concepts to provide guidance to our fraternity. In fact, the word "moral" is featured in the Magnum Opus 333 times! That book is roughly 608 pages long (depending on the version you have at hand). That means it's mentioned more than once every two pages in the book. More impressively, the term "moral" shows up in Morals and Dogma 407 times and that volume is 574 pages long!

The entire Masonic system is built around the idea of personal transformation through moral and ethical development. Men from various backgrounds, religious beliefs, and geographical locations have come together to be part of the Scottish Rite because we all based our lives on Brotherly Love, Charity, and Truth, and our constant quest for further education in these areas. To put it succinctly, we are unified in these philosophies, as Masons, and as brothers in the Scottish Rite.

October is the time when the Scottish Rite celebrates one of its most important holidays, the Feast of Tishri. It's a time of giving thanks for all the blessings in our lives. And while my line is frantically making preparations for our own feast in the coming weeks, it's worth taking a few moments to reflect on how truly wonderful this fraternity is for me. The 14th degree states "The practical object of Masonry is the physical and moral amelioration and the intellectual and spiritual improvement of individuals and society. Neither can be effected, except by the dissemination of truth." Clarifying that a bit, IB Pike is stating that Masonry's primary objective is to consistently improve our understanding of our morals and improve the people, communities, and society through the application of those morals.

Attached to this newsletter is an invitation to our annual Feast of Tishri, where we will provide some background on the holiday, its metaphorical association to the Feast of Tabernacles, and how this celebration of thanksgiving relates to the 14th degree. I hope you'll join us as we celebrate this most sacred of Scottish Rite holidays together.



**Blake Simmons, 32° KCCH**

Wise Master  
Chapter of Rose Croix

Brethren, one of the greatest services you can do for your Brethren in your Blue Lodges is to expose them to the opportunities that Scottish Rite has to offer. In the 3 degrees of Blue lodge, we are asked what we most desire from Masonry, and our answer is always Light. The main purpose of Scottish Rite is to provide further light to Brother Masons. Certainly, there are many aspects of Scottish Rite which include more opportunities for involvement, expanded brotherhood, more Brethren to share our Masonic journeys with, and expanded horizons in Masonry to discover, but our primary purpose is the expansion of Masonic knowledge and enlightenment.

The Scottish Rite is referred as the University of Freemasonry for good reason. When asked what Scottish Rite is, I often liken it to our education systems. Blue lodge is where we attend different degrees to achieve what could be likened to Elementary school, High School, and our Bachelor college degree. Treat it with full respect. However, many brothers are searching for more enlightenment and meaning. This is compared to further education like a Master's degree or eventually a PHD or even multiple degrees. For Freemasonry, Scottish Rite is the Fraternity that offers these opportunities. It is not about additional Masonic degrees and becoming a 32°

Mason, it is completely about gaining a further understanding of the teachings that Masonry can offer to each of us and the beauties of self-improvement that affect us, our families, friends, and humanity as a whole.

In the Rose Croix Remembrance and renewal Ceremony we come together to Renew our friendships, remember our brothers passed, and pledge ourselves to aiding Humanity. Let us all Pledge ourselves to aid our Masonic Brothers in assisting them to attain more of the light they so desire. Do not look at the Membership endeavor as simply increasing our numbers, but at the real purpose, possibly one of the greatest things you can do for them, Bring them to more light.

Brothers, it takes us all. Most of all, “Be a Living Example for all to See”

From the Supreme Temple website;

“So, what makes the Scottish Rite so special? In a word: more. More light in Masonry, more educational opportunities, more opportunities for fellowship, more opportunities for service, more opportunities to practice charity, and more role models and mentors from whom to learn. The Scottish Rite does not replace the Blue Lodge experience but complements it in a very positive way. However, the Scottish Rite is not meant to be a passive activity—it is not a “spectator sport.” By becoming a 32° Degree Mason, we take obligations to serve not only our brethren, but also humanity and our community. These commitments and the brethren that fulfill them are what makes the Scottish Rite so unique and special, and why I’m proud to call myself a Scottish Rite Mason.”



**Craig Fabec, 33°**  
Director General

Brothers,

We are about a month away from our reunion on the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> of November.

I am excited to say we have a few petitions for this reunion!

Please make some time to come down to the classroom and assist with our discussions and watch a few degrees! My suggestion, which still stands, from the last article was to pick a degree(s) you are unfamiliar with and sit through the communication and discussions. Everyone can contribute and learn!

A few notes-

All degree masters must communicate with the director with all of their needs immediately.

We will have a banquet on Saturday evening, and I encourage all members to attend to welcome our new Masters of the Royal Secret.

I look forward to working with everyone at this reunion!

# Feast of Tishri

Presented by the Colorado Springs / Pueblo Valley



## A Celebration of Thanksgiving and Unity Wednesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025

**All masons and their families are welcome!**

Colorado Springs Masonic Center  
1150 Panorama Dr., COS, CO 80904

We begin with a social gathering at 6:30pm followed by a delicious Italian buffet dinner (\$20 per person) beginning around 7:20pm. Our “Feast of Tishri” presentation will follow dinner, where traditional toasts will be observed.

Please RSVP by the following link before midnight on Sep 27th, 2025:  
<https://forms.office.com/r/a7xkJFYz0g>

**Point of Contact:** Russ Rogers, 32°  
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# Hawaiian Shirt Night September 3, 2025



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# CALENDAR

## October 1, 2025

Meeting open

### Details

6:30 PM Social Gathering

7:20 PM Italian buffet (\$20 per person)

Please RSVP by the following link before midnight on Sep 27th, 2025:

<https://forms.office.com/r/a7xkJFYz0g>

Program: Feast of Tishri presented by the Lodge of Perfection following dinner

## November 5, 2025

Meeting closed

### Details

7:00 PM Short meeting before reunion starting November 6

## November 6-8

Fall Reunion

## December 3, 2025

Meeting closed for elections/open for installation

### Details

7:00 PM Officer election

7:30 PM Installation



## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS!

Chad Ivy Chaddick

Donald R Clowers

Eric L Ellithorpe

Jededia V Ellithorpe

Todd E Gould

Joseph E Hadad

Arthur S Hagan, Jr

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*Memorial Scroll*

*Name*  
*Edward J Powozukiewicz*

*Date*  
*8/15/2025*

Notices received since August 26, 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 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

*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!*