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Ill Barry Nightingale, 33°
Valley Personal Representative

My Brothers,

I look forward to seeing one and all at our September stated meeting. It has been a good summer, but I have missed the fellowship of your presence!!

We have some special honours that I will talk about in greater detail during the meeting, that have been bestowed on some of our Brothers. I hope that all of you can attend so that we may properly congratulate them all on their well-earned honours. At least one of them will be a great surprise to many of you, so please don't miss the meeting.

And - we have a very busy Fall ahead of us. We have some business to conduct on our budget, thanks to the great work of two of our Committees. We of course have a Reunion at the start of November, and we'll need to hear where we are on petitions, degree teams, etc. We'll be holding elections for the four bodies before Christmas, and we have some great education and social time planned. A busy Fall indeed.

Welcome back !! It will be good to see all of you at the meeting on the 3rd of September.



Russ Rogers, 32°
Venerable Master
Lodge of Perfection

Welcome back, Brethren! It's been a beautiful summer here in Colorado. Although the Consistory was "dark" during July and August, several committees remained active behind the scenes. The Lodge of Perfection, Finance Committee, and Endowment Committee continued their work, ensuring we stayed on track with the approved 2025 budget—including scheduled investment withdrawals. Thanks to their efforts, our financial obligations have been met on time.

Looking ahead, the Finance Committee is preparing the final proposed budget for 2026, which will be presented to the Consistory for approval within the next 45 days. This proactive planning ensures we enter the new year with a clear financial roadmap—not only to meet our obligations, but to support the long-term vitality of the Consistory.

Planning is also underway for the upcoming Feast of Tishri in October. This symbolic celebration within Scottish Rite Masonry draws inspiration from the Jewish Feast of Tabernacles (Sukkot), honoring themes of thanksgiving, unity, and spiritual reflection.

For Scottish Rite Masons, the Feast of Tishri is a time to reaffirm brotherly love, human concord, and devotion to the Great Architect of the Universe. Often called the "Masonic Feast of Feasts," it blends solemn reflection with joyful fellowship—a tradition we're proud to uphold.

We're also excited to share some wonderful news: thanks to the generous support of our brothers at L.N. Greenleaf Lodge #169, we're once again able to enhance the Reunion experience for new Scottish Rite candidates, instructors, and volunteers.

Their \$10,000 donation has been earmarked for both technical upgrades—such as wireless microphone systems, spotlights, and a new classroom laptop—and practical supplies like candles, batteries, and branded notepads and pens. We're deeply grateful for L.N. Greenleaf's continued partnership and their commitment to the success of Scottish Rite Masonry in Southern Colorado.

As we return to the Consistory and prepare for the final months of 2025, I encourage every Brother to reflect on the talents they can offer in support of our shared work. We're always in need of help across many areas—training, leadership, finance, bookkeeping, acting, technology, and more.

If you're interested in getting involved, please don't hesitate to reach out. I'll gladly help you find the best place to contribute. And to those who continue to volunteer their time and energy: thank you. Your dedication does not go unnoticed, and it is deeply appreciated.



Blake Simmons, 32

Wise Master
Chapter of Rose Croix

Hello Brethren, and welcome back! I want to express how wonderful it is to be joining again with you all in our Masonic endeavors. This article is about something we often talk about, and need to involve ourselves in, membership. I was recently asked to be our Valley representative for membership and am glad to be of assistance to the Consistory and the Valley of Colorado Springs and Pueblo. My first action was to find two outstanding men who would serve on a committee, and they agreed. Brother Russ Rogers, and Brother Zach Smith, and I will serve as the committee, but that does not include other brothers who will also add valuable assistance and experience to this endeavor. Frankly, I have always said that membership is a function of every member, and that every member is a valuable asset in these efforts. I have met Brother Mike Tibbs from the Denver area who is the Membership contact for the Orient of the State of Colorado, and he will also be working with us.

OK, enough of that. Let us talk about what we want to do. First, we are generally known as the “University of Freemasonry”, not because we are the smartest, most dedicated, or super special masons. We are known for that because Scottish Rite is about education and knowledge. As Masons, the main thing we most desire, is Light, or better said, Enlightenment. We will make a dedicated effort to take education to our brothers in Blue lodges to assist them. We are not soliciting membership, we are spreading Masonic knowledge, goodwill, and Brotherly assistance to our Blue Lodge Brothers. We all benefit when one Brother benefits. I ask each of you to let us know what type of education is of interest to you and your lodges and start a discussion with your Blue lodge Brothers about us coming and being of assistance. Also, we will be making an effort to contact brothers who are not currently attending, find out why, and see how we can address these concerns.

I often hear that as Masons, we are dedicated to serving Masonry. Let me be clear about this. while that is true, **Masonry Is Here To Serve Us**. Masonry is here to help us to be better, not than others, but better than ourselves. When it stops being of service to us, it loses its value and Brothers feel that it is no longer something they need in their lives, Then, we lose them. We Must make our Masonic experience Fulfilling. I recently had a brother tell me that when he comes to lodge, it nourishes and refreshes him so that he walks out of Lodge feeling differently than when he came in.

THAT IS OUR GOAL.

Help us attain this goal. Please contact me with your suggestions, Blue lodges that will welcome education, and suggestions of types of education that interest our Brothers. If we serve our brothers in Blue Lodges, they will take interest in Scottish Rite and want to take part, but it starts with us, so let us begin with the first step. **YOU!**



Craig Fabec, 32 KCCH
Director General

Brothers,

I would first like to thank Ill. Brother Jerry Underwood for all of the hard work and dedication he committed to our reunions during his time as Director General.

Our reunion in November is quickly approaching, and this is my monthly request for assistance.

We are focused on trying to strengthen the currently exemplified degrees, and I believe all of the degree masters would gladly accept any help offered. The goal is to slowly add degrees in the coming years to enhance the experience for both candidates and brothers attending. This will not be a fast transition but over the next few years I believe we can start to build a more balanced reunion.

Though the reunion is a lot of work there are multiple opportunities to enjoy fellowship and our masonic traditions. We will release the reunion schedule soon and I have two requests of my brothers.

1. Look at the schedule and find a day or a few hours you can attend a degree or help during the November reunion. You do not have to stay all day and watch every degree, nor does it have to be an extremely involved task, any involvement is appreciated and rewarding.

2. Identify one or more communicated degrees that you are not familiar with, and read that section in Bridge to Light, Ritual Monitor and Guide or any other source. Come into the classroom during that degree's scheduled communication and take part in the discussion. Our education team is awesome and is always welcoming to brothers that want to sit in.

The work we do together is not just about the degrees we exemplify, or the work we perform, its end goal is to strengthen the fraternal bonds that tie us together. Every contribution helps create a more enriching experience. As we continue to support, enjoy time with one another, share our knowledge and skills, Southern Colorado Consistory's reunions and fellowship will continue to grow and thrive.

I am excited to see everyone at our November reunion, and am looking forward to creating an unforgettable experience for all brothers involved.



Michael Mabbit, 32 KCCH
Director of Degrees and Departments

Communication and Exemplification of Degrees

The reunion is the first experience our new members will have with the Scottish Rite and first impressions are everything. The importance of a professional, well-rehearsed, and scripted presentation of the 4° - 32° can't be overstated. Our candidates will have to ingest a large amount of information and how we interact with them, our vocal inflection, communication styles, nonverbal cues (posture, body language, and facial expressions) all play a significant role in shaping and influencing their first impression.

As we prepare for the upcoming reunion through degree rehearsals, try to transport yourself back to the time and place where the degree would have taken place. Invest yourself in the role and become the Mason you are representing. Truly listen and react in character, to the interactions with other cast members and your performance will become dynamic and authentic. The candidate will sense the truthfulness of the performance, making the scene more immersive.

Classroom instructors, Degree Masters, and the departments (lighting, sound, wardrobe, properties) are the conductors of the symphony that is our reunion. Working together, they orchestrate one of the best experiences a Mason can have. But they can't do this without everyone's dedication and support. There is always a need for cast members, support to the departments, and providing your experience in the classroom so please help us out.

I will be requesting an update to cast lists, practice schedules, and soliciting any needs our conductors may have. Keep an eye out for a virtual meeting request so as a team, we can identify and work through any challenges we may have.

I am very excited for our upcoming reunion and am confident that as a team, we will once again make it a success.



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CALENDAR

September 3, 2025

Meeting closed

Details

7:00 PM Program: Presentation on the 28th degree

Hawaiian Shirt night

We will be having a get together after the meeting. Snacks and soda will be provided. BYOB

October 1, 2025

Meeting open

Details

7:00 PM Program: Feast of Tishri presented by the Lodge of Perfection

November 5, 2025

Meeting open or closed TBD

Details

7:00 PM Program TBD

November 6-8

Fall Reunion



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS!

Roscoe A Ake

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