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## Southern Colorado Consistory (SCC)



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

My Brothers,

Well, our Fall Reunion was a great success!! We have 7 new Masters of the Royal Secret in our ranks, and I look forward to their active participation.

We had several Brothers take short-notice parts in the degrees, and I thank each and everyone of them for stepping up. All of them have volunteered to take on the parts for the next Reunion in the Spring.

We are making plans to expand our degree offerings and be able to exemplify more degrees in April. I ask all of you to support these efforts, and step forward to offer your services.

We have a busy new Scottish Rite year just around the corner.

- In December, I will nominate for your election a new slate of officers for the four bodies. We will plan to install them that same evening.

- The great work of the Finance Committee is enabling us to provide better resources for our Reunion operations, and we will be looking at some remote participation in our Stated Meetings. More on that project soon.

- I hope to see us get our Craft Lodge outreach program up and running early in the coming year, so that we can help provide educational resources to the Lodges in our area.

I just returned from a visit to the Valley of Grand Junction, which included participation in their Executive Committee meeting as well as their Stated Meeting. We discussed the need to combine the efforts of both of our Consistories to better support our Reunions, as well as share educational resources. Similar discussions are taking place with the Denver Consistory, and I hope to see some of these plans come to fruition soon.

Reunions with more degrees - sharing of education with our Lodges – new officer lines - better coordination between the Valleys – active participation of our new members ----- the future looks good and very busy for our Valley.



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

Brethren,

Our Consistory will soon vote to decide on our elected leaders for 2026. Over the last 12 months I've had plenty of time to think about what makes a good leader in our organization, and how current leaders can help encourage the next generation. The Buddha once said, "What you think you become". I'd like to focus on that for a few minutes.

In 1968, there was a study conducted by a psychologist by the name of Robert Rosenthal and a school principal, Lenore Jacobson. The concept behind the study was that expectations influence outcomes. When a person such as a teacher, mentor, manager expects a person to succeed, that person tends to rise to meet those expectations. Teachers at the school were told certain randomly selected students were "intellectual bloomers".

The teachers changed their interactions (consciously or subconsciously) with the students based on this new knowledge. This includes setting higher expectations of the work submitted by the students and providing feedback encouraging them to meet their potential. Over time, those randomly selected students showed significantly greater academic improvement than their peers, due to the change in the teachers' expectations and interactions. This is now referred to as The Rosenthal Effect.

Similar research has been repeated several times by different groups around the world, and the results are nearly always the same. Expectations shape behavior, and there really IS such a thing as a self-fulfilling prophecy. In essence, we can create more and better leaders if we simply expect more of them. The leaders in our Scottish Rite have the responsibility to set appropriate expectations of our brothers, and to encourage their potential in our feedback and guidance to them. It's akin to "whispering wise counsel".

It's also important to note when I use the term leader, it's not specific to the person sitting in a chair, leading a committee, or opening our meetings. A leader is looked up to by our brethren; someone they respect and seek out for guidance and knowledge. You may never know who's looking to you as a role model, yet YOU have become that leader. Each one of us is that teacher in the classroom, and our interactions with our brothers help shape who they become and how they contribute. If you intentionally project your belief in others' capacity to grow, you help elevate their performance and deepen their level of engagement. As we look to elect our leadership for the coming year, remember leadership is a responsibility that falls upon each one of us, and our interactions define the Consistory's future.



**Blake Simmons, 32° KCCH**

**Wise Master**

**Chapter of Rose Croix**

## The Blessings of December

At this time of year, we are preparing to close one chapter and prepare to open another with the new year approaching. Now we all need to take time to realize the many blessings we have and we give to this world during our lives. As Masons, we all are a part of something much greater than ourselves. We are Brothers united in a single cause, to make ourselves and this world a better place. Take pride in the Fraternity and yourselves as such good men that care. In our world of so much confusion, we still unite, we come from different backgrounds, have different occupations, even different political views, and follow different faiths, but when united, we are one Brotherhood in unity striving to bring light into a world often in darkness. I often say that Masonry is not something I do, rather, it is who I am. We are all so lucky to be part of the Masonic Family, Symbolic Blue Lodge, Scottish Rite, York Rite, and Shriners. Good Men all!

December is also special to Masonry as it is the time to celebrate the winter solstice which is the shortest day and longest night of the year, marking the astronomical start of winter. It occurs around December 21st in the Northern Hemisphere.

We also celebrate one of the Patron Guides of Masonry. St. John the Evangelist's Day is celebrated on December 27 in the Western Church.

” The Masonic importance of the winter solstice is rooted in its symbolism of hope, renewal, and the triumph of light over darkness. It aligns with Masonic principles through reflection on the past year's darkness, recommitment to virtues, and the expectation of future growth and spiritual enlightenment. Historically, it was also linked to the Feast of St. John the Evangelist, a significant occasion for many lodges, often celebrated on or around this date.”

Take time to renew, refresh, and reunite with family and friends and simply live well. Most importantly, Spread the light of Masonry, and yourself with the world. A greater gift you cannot give.

I look forward to seeing you all as always, my Brothers, Happy Holidays.



**Michael Mabbit, 32 KCCH**  
Director of Degrees and Departments

### Personal thanks

Brethren, I would like to personally thank all of you who not only attended the reunion but assisted in the communication of the degrees in the classroom and the various departments (wardrobe, lighting, properties, sound, electrical) setting up the exemplified degrees.

There is always a concern leading up to every reunion that we will not be able to provide the support needed to make the reunion a success yet on game day, thanks to your help, we make it happen.

It warms my heart to know that we are united by the principles that define who we are and what we stand for as Scottish Rite Masons. These are blueprints for a meaningful life, offering lessons centered on moral and spiritual development, emphasizing Brotherly Love, Tolerance, Charity, and Truth.

Our core values are what put us on a “solid” common ground: Reverence for God, devotion to country, integrity, justice, and a selfless commitment to service. These values guide our actions and shape our character.

In the spirit of these values, I want to express my gratitude. The stress that builds up prior to every reunion is quickly relieved by the help that you provide. This assistance is a testament to the very principles we cherish—demonstrating in action the brotherly love and charity we strive to uphold.

Thank you for embodying these ideals and for the help that makes our shared endeavors successful. Let us continue to build a future grounded in these enduring truths.



**Craig Fabec, 33°**  
Director General

### Brothers,

Last month we had a very memorable Southern Colorado Consistory Reunion.

To all my Brothers who helped make this event special, thank you! Our reunions are more than putting on degrees, they are a reminder of our shared commitment to learning, working for something larger than

ourselves, and the passing down of the values of our Craft. The success of this event would not have been possible without the hard work and long hours of all those involved.

To the degree teams, properties, wardrobe, sound / lighting operators, and classroom staff, thank you for the countless hours you have invested in perfecting your tasks. Your skill and passion for what you do brought our lessons and teachings to life in a powerful way for both the candidates and attendees.

To our secretary, treasurer, thank you for the planning, resource gathering, scheduling and outreach you handled months prior to the reunion.

To those brothers who shared their wisdom, time, and talents that I may have inadvertently forgotten... Thank you, this reunion would not have been as successful and memorable if you were not there!

To our candidates, thank you for taking this first and important step in your Scottish Rite journey. Your enthusiasm and discussions in the classroom have inspired and reminded us of the importance of this work.

We have some great education lined up this coming year, and I am excited to see the Craft grow and become reenergized.

Only 150 days until our Spring Reunion!

# Fall 2025 Class



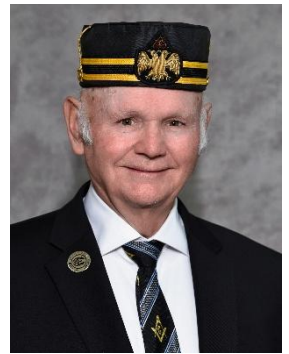
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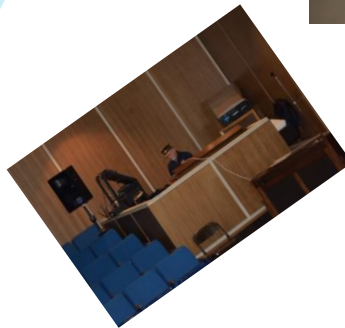


Richard W Pintler

# Fall 2025 Reunion Candid Shots



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# CALENDAR

## **December 3, 2025**

Meeting closed for elections/open for installation

### **Details**

7:00 PM Officer election

7:30 PM Installation

## **January 7, 2026**

Meeting TBA

### **Details**

7:00 PM program TBA

## **February 4, 2026**

Meeting TBA

### **Details**

7:00 PM program TBA

## **March 4, 2026**

Meeting TBA

### **Details**

7:00 PM program TBA



## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS!

Scot Morris Autry

Daniel E Coburn

Nick G DeBono

William R Ferrier, Jr

Darrell T Fulkerson

Richard Brent Fyock

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Carl G Hagans

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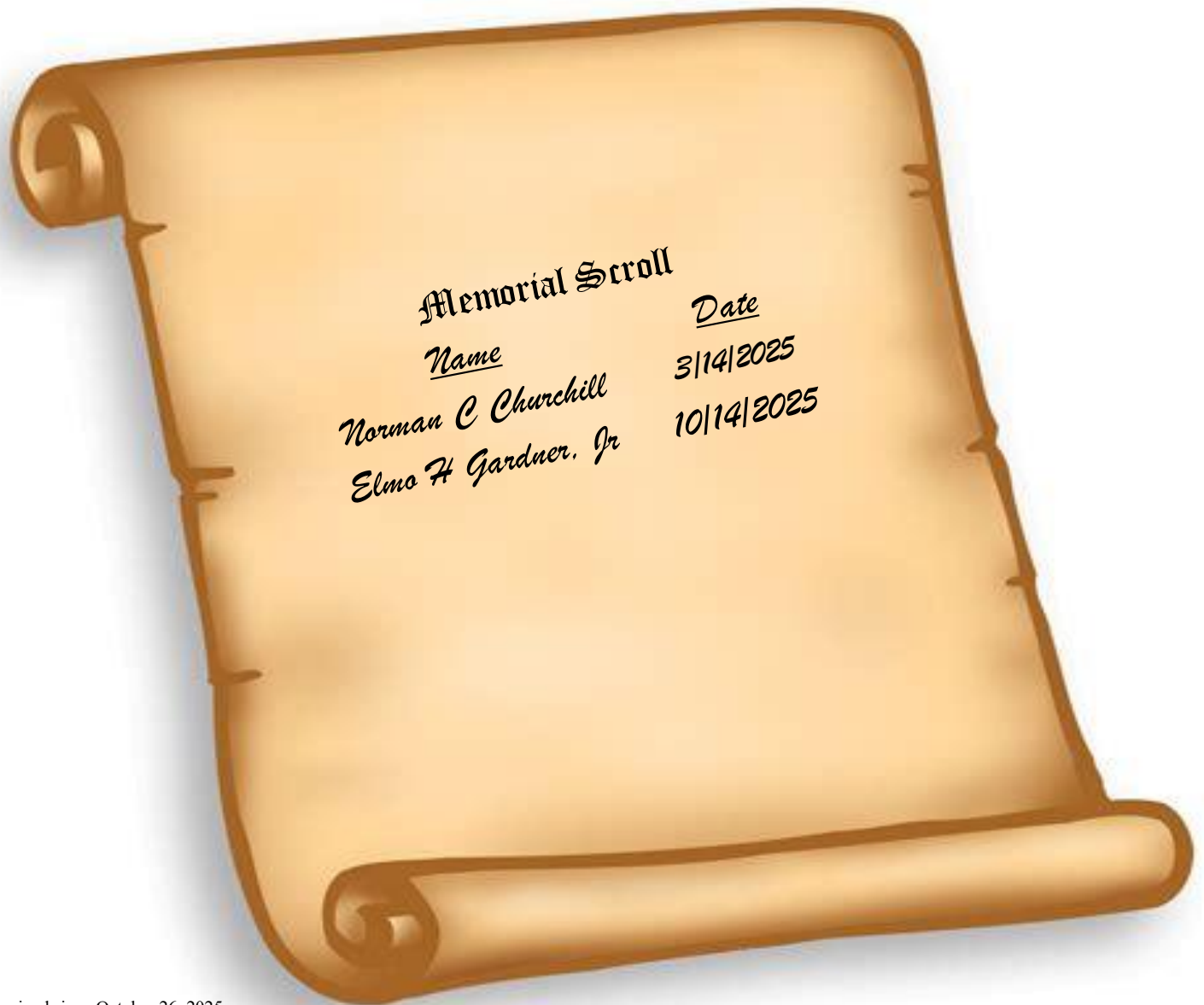
Robert G Trevorrow

Vernon R Turner

Larry W Ward

Ian A Wood

James C W Wright



## Memorial Scroll

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Norman C Churchill	3/14/2025
Elmo H Gardner, Jr	10/14/2025

Notices received since October 26, 2025

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(Speech and language therapy for children in need)

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