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

My Brothers,

As we start a New Year, we have great opportunities ahead of us!!

We'll have new Officer lines for our 4 bodies, with elections and installations happening in January.

We'll have a Reunion in April to work towards, with the expectation that we will be able to begin expanding the number of degrees that we exemplify, thus making the Reunion an even better experience for our Candidates. And -- and -- for the rest of us, the opportunity to see degrees that have not been presented in recent memory in our Valley.

Of course, we'll need to find good Master Masons to join our band. Talk to your Brothers, but make sure that they understand that we want them to remain active in their Craft Lodges, and that the Scottish Rite enhances their Masonic experience, but does NOT take the place of their Craft Lodge roles and experiences. We want Brothers to contribute to the Valley, and not just seek recognition as 32 degree Masons.

Hopefully, many of you will be able to work with your Worshipful Masters and offer our ability to conduct part of the Lodge education program.

And so, we start a New Year, with opportunities to grow ourselves, and grow the Valley. We will learn, discuss, and experience the Scottish Rite contributions to Freemasonry, and then be able to pass that along to Masons that have not yet decided to join our band.

A great year to look forward to for all of us!!!



William Twyman, 32° KCCH
Secretary/Recorder/Registrar

Happy New Year!

As we turn the page on 2025 and welcome 2026, I feel like we need to take a moment to remember the Brothers that we have lost to the Grand Architect of the Universe. While they have all left a void in our lives and the Fraternity, we also get to celebrate bringing in new Brothers through the reunions and with that new opportunity to learn from each other. Our new officer elections and installations will no doubt continue the momentum of growth that the Colorado Springs-Pueblo Consistory has enjoyed through 2025.

I absolutely love New Year's but not for the party or watching the ball drop. It is estimated that 70-80% of people set goals or a New Year's Resolution but only about 5-10% write their goals down and even fewer (8-13%) of those who write down goals have a specific, written plan to achieve their goals. I absolutely love research and more specifically help in my personal life lead patients into achieving their health goals. The gap of stating a goal (resolution) and achieving it falls into one of three categories:

- Fear-fear of failure or judgement of setting a goal
- Clarity-not being specific and not having a define goal with a timeline
- Self-not believing that you are capable of achieving a BIG goal

Some of my 2026 goals for the Scottish Rite Secretary position is to have better communication on membership, ways to grow (and pass all Colorado Consistories in the number of Brothers in one of our two reunions this year) and clarity to all the Brothers on education opportunities within our meetings and outside of them. Each of you will be a part of that plan as our 2026 calendar is presented and I hope that we can all make 2026 the best year for our Scottish Rite that we are capable of.



Russ Rogers, 32°
Venerable Master
Lodge of Perfection

As we wrap up the final days of 2025, we, as Scottish Rite Masons have an opportunity to usher in 2026 with intention and planning. I'm sure you've all heard of New Year's Resolutions and perhaps a few of you have even been successful with them in the past. But did you know that IB Albert Pike wrote on similar topics in his famous book *Morals and Dogma*?

In fact, IB Pike wrote frequently on the need for brothers to exercise governance over themselves in order to stay on the path of Light. This is the basis of New Year's Resolutions, where we set goals for ourselves in the coming years in an attempt to improve our lives. Pike speaks to this process in *Morals and Dogma* when he states, "The sovereignty of oneself over oneself is called Liberty." This statement emphasizes the internal

authority a man has over his own life, allowing for personal freedom and autonomy. But additionally, it suggests that true liberty is not merely the absence of those external restraints which keep us from a path or action, but the internal mastery a mason must strive for over his internal life.

As we look forward into the unknown that is 2026, none of us can predict the challenges that may lay before us; but what we do have control over is how we plan our time and our actions. Similar to our renewal of purpose in the Scottish Rite around the time of The Feast of Tishri, the concept of New Year's Resolutions can help us focus on those actions and ideals we want to achieve in the new year.

It's good to go into the new year with a game plan, whether that's to become more active in our Consistory, work with purpose to provide for our community, focus on education, or to increase our personal impact on those in need, through philanthropical and charitable works. I would urge every brother to take just 20-30 minutes and create a list of those things important to you, so you can focus your efforts in 2026 and have a greater and intentional impact on the world around us.

Happy New Year my brothers. I'm excited to see what we achieve in the coming year.



Blake Simmons, 32° KCCH
Wise Master
Chapter of Rose Croix

Hello Brothers. As we proceed to 2026, we begin again with new brothers and a renewed sense of purpose. As Wise Master of Chapter Rose Croix, it is my duty to see to the health of the order. Not only sickness, distress, and memorials, but for solidifying the brethren, reuniting with Brothers who are not presently attending, and exposing new Master Masons to the beauty and wonders of enlightenment that Scottish Rite offers to us all.

In these efforts, I am pleased to announce the membership leader team. I, along with Brothers Russ Rogers, Zach Smith, Charlie Kendir and Edwin Alas are the members. Brothers, membership efforts are team sport, meaning that we need each and every one of the Brethren be involved. This year, we are implementing a new plan and direction. I am looking for brothers to assist in these endeavors and will be working toward recruiting some of you to be part of this great service to the fraternity.

I believe that Scottish Rite Masonry has many purposes, but chief among them is enlightenment through knowledge and education. Also, we are men of service. First to ourselves and families, our occupations, our faith, and our community. But very importantly to Masonry and Scottish Rite. Through this service, we enrich ourselves and our Fraternity.

Thank you all for all you do, and I wish us all a Happy and Prosperous New Year with the promise of new positive growth in our lives, our Fraternity, and the world we live in.

Thank you all for being my Brothers.



Michael Mabbit, 32 KCCH
Director of Degrees and Departments

As the new year approaches, many of us reflect on the past and consider how we can improve in the year to come. Beyond typical resolutions like exercising more or getting organized, the new year offers a valuable opportunity to recommit to our moral standards.

This involves not just setting goals but cultivating a mindset and daily habits that align with our deepest values. As a Scottish Rite Mason, some of those values are Reverence for God, Devotion to Country, Integrity, Justice, Tolerance, and Service to Humanity which form the foundation of the core principles of the Rite. These are not just abstract ideals but are meant to be a guide for a Mason's daily life, inspiring self-improvement and a commitment to a higher purpose.

Instead of making broad resolutions that are easily broken, consider a more holistic approach by setting intentions for the new year. An intention is less about a specific outcome and more about the "why" and "how" behind your actions, focusing on how you want to feel and who you want to be as a Mason. I have recently taken some time to reflect on the past year, identifying what brought me happiness and what I found challenging. This self-reflection helped me clarify my core values and what I want more or less of in my life and I definitely want more of a balanced life dedicated to faith, fairness, personal growth, and a dedication to making "better men in a better world" just to name a few.

As you begin the new year, I ask that you understand that your moral standards are more than just a list of rules. It's about living a life of purpose and integrity, guided by your deepest values. By setting clear intentions, taking consistent action, and practicing self-compassion, you can make the coming year your most ethical and fulfilling one yet.

I wish all of you a happy new year and look forward to seeing all of you soon.

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CALENDAR

January 7, 2026 – Consistory in Charge

Meeting closed for elections/open for installation (Canceled in December due to weather)

Details

7:00 PM Officer election

7:30 PM Installation

February 4, 2026 – Council of Kadosh in Charge

Meeting closed

Details

7:00 PM - The Traitor Discussion by Craig Fabec

March 4, 2026 – Lodge of Perfection in Charge

Meeting closed

Details

7:00 PM - 9th and 10th Degree Overview and discussion



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS!

Larry D Allen

Charles J Buck, Jr

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David B Reitan

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Richard G Stewart

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Warren C Weaver



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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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