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

My Brothers,

This weekend, I had the opportunity to join several of my Scottish Rite Brothers in a Masonic environment, where I was privileged to talk with them about Freemasonry in general, and Scottish Rite Masonry in particular.

Our focus turned to the purposes of Freemasonry, and how the Scottish Rite supports, or maybe even expands those purposes.

We talked at length about the stated goal of Freemasonry "to make good men better". But "why"? What happens then? So we have a better man. What does that accomplish?

My answers all went back to the Master of the Royal Secret. In that degree, we take several obligations, to include becoming

- A Soldier of Light
- A Soldier of Liberty
- A Soldier of Freedom of Religion
- A Soldier of the People
- A Soldier of Scottish Rite Masonry

As Scottish Rite Masons, we aren't supposed to be satisfied with being "better men". We have taken an obligation to be proactive, to work for a better society, to be Soldiers that constantly strive to improve the lives of the people around us, and to pass on to more men, our education and our passions for helping society.

I ask each of you: What are you doing to be that Soldier for society, for mankind? What have you actually done? What have you actually tried to do? Our Scottish Rite obligations are very clear: sitting at home and

reading a book can certainly give us good education, but it does not put us "in the ring", fighting to improve the lives of our fellow citizens. Let us honor our founders, and let us honor each other, by honoring our obligations. Let us be those Scottish Rite Soldiers to help improve the world in which we live by being proactive, not passive.



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

March brings us the vernal equinox, when the planet turns into the light of the Sun more quickly than at any other time of year. For Masons, this turning of the season is more than a natural event. Nature's turning becomes a mirror for our own journey: from darkness toward illumination, from contemplation toward action, from the seed of understanding toward its flowering.

The Lodge of Perfection welcomes this season of renewal as we open our monthly meeting and present this month's educational offering. Just as the trees awaken and stretch toward the returning sun, and the creatures of the earth emerge from their winter burrows to receive warmth and light, so too do we consider the awakening of our Brethren as Spring arrives, reminding every Mason to reach once more toward the Light.

Our topic this month centers on the power and necessity of working together to understand the Divine, reaffirming the timeless truth that no man advances toward the Light alone. Through thoughtful, empathetic sharing of our insights and perspectives, we strengthen one another, shaping the collective progress of the Craft and supporting each Brother along his path.

As an added benefit, this month's meeting and educational program are OPEN to all Masons in our area. It's a wonderful opportunity to invite your fellow Freemasons to experience the Scottish Rite, an evening of meaningful education, warm fellowship, and genuine connection with our AASR Brothers. I sincerely hope to see you there.



**Charlie Kendir 32°**  
Commander  
Council of Kadosh

I have been thinking about the symbol of the 'square' quite a bit lately. In the Entered Apprentice Degree, we are told that it is to 'square our actions'. In its arrangement at the Altar, it blocks both points of the compasses. As we receive more and further light in Masonry, the 'Square', though it gets more meaning, starts to fade into the background while the compasses move to the foreground. That is, until we sit in the Master's Chair and wear the symbol around our necks.

The Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite makes more explicit statements regarding the square. As it is used to make sure the foundations of buildings and corner stones are square; it is a symbol of the earth. While the compasses are used to design the arches closer to the Heavens are a symbol of that, the Heavens. The 4th Degree literally has a material 'square' blocking the candidate's vision from seeing what is right in front of him.

Having just finished my year in the East of Centurion Lodge #195, I have realized what a fitting symbol the 'Square' is for a Master of the Lodge to wear. Much of my time was dedicated to the logistics of running a Lodge. Making sure the stated meetings were planned and running smoothly; Having meaningful education scheduled; Organizing degrees for candidates and brothers; Overseeing community involvement with awards and scholarships; last minute curve-balls that every Master experiences; And trying to generally make Masonry worth every brother's time. These are all 'earthly' thoughts that occupied my mind over the course of last year.

It is hard not to have the same set of 'earthly' or 'logistical' thoughts after getting installed as the Commander of Southern Colorado Council of Kadosh. I want to have a good understanding of what the Body's responsibilities are, and should be, to the Craft. I want to have a plan in place to execute those responsibilities. I want to make sure that I do what I can in this role to make Masonry and the Scottish Rite worthwhile.

It is my intention to keep you all informed with my 'earthly' thoughts throughout the year in this newsletter. It is my hope, however, that by the end of the year, we can start to look past the logistics of the 'Square' and find greater light together!



**Craig Fabec, 33°**  
Director General

Brothers All,

We are just under 60 days away from our April Reunion!

Our reunions are a success due to the hard work put in by every brother and I cannot thank you enough for all that you will be doing.

We have a few holes in our different degree casts if you are interested talk to WB Mike and Ill. Bro. Barry. We will have a full report on spots needing filled during our March meeting.

The offer still stands for all brothers to join in on our classroom discussions to learn and add to the conversations. The beauty of our Consistory is in the discussions and what we learn from each other. We had some great education lined up for this coming meeting and it is open to ALL Masons. Bring a brother from your lodge to show him what Southern Colorado Consistory is all about!

Thank you for all the hard work.



To Masons all, family, and guests, each year the Southern Colorado Consistory of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry assembles in the spirit of Fraternity to conduct their most special Remembrance and Renewal Ceremony.

It becomes our duty, therefore, to Honor and pay Tribute to our Brethren past as we renew our fraternal ties to our Brethren present, and pledge ourselves to aiding Humanity.

This is one of the most important and moving Masonic ceremonies of each year, not only to Brothers of Scottish Rite, but to all Masons as a whole, and their families.

**This Ceremony is open to all Masons - Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft, Master Masons, all family, and guests**

Join with us this April 1st at 7PM and be a part of this a wonderful opportunity to experience a beautiful part of Masonry and share in fraternal brotherhood while learning more about the wonders that Masonry has to offer each one of us.

***We look forward to seeing you there!***

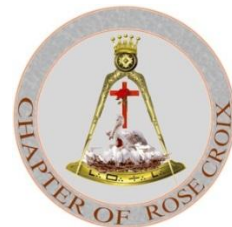
The Ceremony begins at 7PM and we welcome you. (Please arrive by 6:30)

The **Ceremony** will be held in the Colorado Springs Masonic Center at:

1150 Panorama Drive, **Colorado Springs, Colorado 80904**

Contact Wise Master Chapter Rose Croix Brother Blake Simmons if you are in need of more information.

Blakester1008@gmail.com



# Photos from February 4 Meeting



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**Secrecy**  
**Seraph**  
**Solomon, King**  
**Speculative Masonry**  
**Stewards**

**Masonic Law**  
**Masonic Organizations**  
**Masonic Regalia**  
**Master**  
**Notice**



**Sublime**  
**Summons**  
**Symbolic Lodge**  
**Temple**  
**Tyler**  
**Wardens**

**Deacons**  
**Dimit**  
**Dotage**  
**Emulation**  
**Esoteric**  
**Hecatomb**  
**High Priest**  
**In Good Standing**  
**Light**  
**Masonic Clothing**

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**Opening a Lodge**  
**Operative Masons**  
**Past Master**  
**Penalties**



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# CALENDAR

## **March 4, 2026 – Lodge of Perfection in Charge**

Meeting open to all masons

### **Details**

#### **7:00 PM - The evening's topic is "Seeking a Collective Truth."**

"Why is understanding the nature of the Great Architect so difficult? When we consider the intimate relationship between the Creator and his creations, it seems as if we should have the inside track on understanding. Over thousands of years our most sacred religious texts have provided one consistent comment on this struggle: God is too big for man to fully understand. During this education we'll talk through these challenges and highlight how our fraternity enables men to gain a clearer understanding of and connection to the Creator."

All Masons—of any degree—are warmly invited to join us for this thoughtful and inspiring discussion. After the meeting, we'll gather in Murray Hall to share a beverage and enjoy fellowship with Brothers from across the region.

We hope to see you there for an evening of Light, conversation, and connection.

## **April 1, 2026 – Rose Croix**

Meeting open to public

### **Details**

7:00 PM - Remembrance and renewal

## **April 23-25, 2026 – Spring Reunion**

### **Details**

Look for information to come out in April

## **May 6, 2026**

Meeting closed

### **Details**

7:00 PM - TBD



## MARCH BIRTHDAYS!

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Date  
*1/28/2026*

Notices received since January 26, 2026

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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  
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