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Southern Colorado Consistory (SCC)

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Ill Barry Nightingale, 33°
Valley Personal Representative

My Brothers,

I regret, that in all likelihood, I will miss the November Stated Meeting of our Consistory. My wife is facing significant surgery, and each day requires more personal care. I thank you for your understanding.

The November Reunion for the Denver Consistory is just days away (12 - 14 November). We have 3 great Brothers that will be receiving their Master of the Royal Secret in Denver.

- The Denver Reunion "experience", because of their large membership, provides multiple opportunities to see many of the Scottish Rite degrees.

- All Scottish Rite Masons of the Valley of Colorado Springs / Pueblo, are welcome to attend and watch the many degrees. No reservations are required.

- If you wish to attend any of the meals, including the final Banquet, contact our Secretary, WB Bill Twyman for information on reservations.

- I think that there will be car-pooling opportunities, so don't be reluctant to reach out to your fellow members, and see if we can create a warm welcome into the Rite for our new members.

I look forward to seeing many of you in Denver.

And our Director General needs our support as well. We have some significant "rebuilding" of our own casts and supporting departments.

- You don't have to already know a part in a degree

- You don't have to already know how to operate our sound systems, lighting, costumes, etc.

- What we need most of all are Brothers of the Rite that are willing to share in the experience that they had receiving the 32nd Degree, and who are willing to work hard to provide new members of the Rite with the same or better experience.

- PLEASE - reach down deep into your available time, and give back to the Rite through active participation in our Reunions.



William Twyman, 32° KCCH
Secretary/Recorder/Registrar

Brothers,

A few important details to help everyone prepare for the upcoming **Denver Consistory Reunion, November 12–14, 2026**.

Address
1370 Grant Street, Denver, Colorado 80203

Parking
The parking garage adjacent to Denver Consistory will be available to reunion attendees free of charge on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. A security guard will be stationed at the Grant Street entrance to assist with entry. You may park in any space on the basement, 2nd, or 3rd floors, except for tandem (double) spaces and those are reserved for Denver Consistory staff.

Daily Check-In
Please check in with the Tiler each day. The Tiler will be located just off the main lobby.

Lunch

- **Cost:** $15 per person
- **Menu:** All-you-can-eat lunch, including salad, entrée, dessert, and a drink.
- **Tickets:** No RSVP is required. Lunch tickets can be purchased in advance at the office or from a representative in the dining room during lunchtime.

Saturday Evening Banquet

- **Cost:** $55 per person. Please write checks to "Scottish Rite" and I will handle getting payments to the appropriate people.
- **RSVP Required:** Please submit your RSVP directly to me no later than **Monday, November 6, 2026**.
- **RSVP Submit:** sococonsistorysecretary@gmail.com OR twyman55@gmail.com

Breakfast and Morning Refreshments

- **Donuts and coffee:** Available downstairs in the dining room each morning. Donations are appreciated.

- **Breakfast burritos:** Available in the Properties Room. Donations are appreciated.

Agenda

- **Online:** Denverconsistory.org under the events tab or click the following link to go directly to it:
- https://denverconsistory.org/events/reunion-schedule/
- **Brief Schedule:**
- Thursday: Class Registration and Welcome at 7:30 AM and 17th Degree start at 5:11 PM with Class Adjourned at 5:20 PM
- Friday: Class Convenes at 7:30 AM and 29th Degree starts at 4:19 PM with Class Adjourned at 5:15 PM
- Saturday: Class Convenes at 7:30 AM and 32nd Degree starts at 1:29 PM, Ring Ceremony at 5:30 PM and Reunion Banquet at 6:00 PM



Russ Rogers, 32°
Venerable Master
Lodge of Perfection

The Orient of Colorado recently lost one of its brightest lights with the passing of Illustrious Brother John Moreno, 33°. His influence reached far beyond any single Valley and touched Brothers across the entire state. John was a builder of men, a driver of ideas, and a leader who consistently lifted others upward. He never accepted simply being a spectator. He embraced his role as an actor, wearing his plague mask with zeal and throwing himself fully into the work. He believed Masonry was a living force that required action, courage, and participation. His example reminded us that the strength of our fraternity depends on those willing to step forward, do the work, and be a leader. His years of photographs serve both as a history of the Craft and a testament to the man behind the camera.

His passing has stirred a deeper reflection in many of us. We often say that tomorrow is another day, as though time is an endless resource. Yet traditions far older than our own, including Buddhism, teach a more sobering truth. Today is one less day we have. John understood this instinctively. He lived with urgency, not haste, and with purpose rather than pressure. I like to believe he poured himself into Masonry because he recognized that every day offered a chance to build something meaningful, strengthen a Brother, or leave the Craft better than he found it.

The Scottish Rite teaches that our labor becomes sacred when it is intentional. IB John embodied that principle. He showed us that leadership is not a title but a posture. It is a willingness to serve, to teach, to inspire, and to act even when others remain comfortable on the sidelines. His life reminds us that our days are numbered and that the value of each one is measured by the good we choose to do with it.

As we honor Illustrious Brother Moreno's memory, may we also honor the lesson he lived so well. Every Brother in the Orient of Colorado can pay tribute to his life and labors by using his example as a guide for how

we contribute, how we lead, and how we strengthen both our fraternity and the communities we serve. John showed us that each day offers a chance to build something worthwhile, to support one another, and to move Masonry forward with vitality and purpose. Let us meet each sunrise with gratitude, determination, and the quiet resolve to make our remaining days count.



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

Traveling Man

As Masons, many of you have been asked, “Are you a traveling man?” of course, the answer is yes. Masons are widely known as traveling men. We travel to meetings, we travel to lodge, and we travel to ceremonies, rituals, education, community events, and more. But is that all there is? No, as Masons, it is our greatest hope and desire that we will ”Never, Never, no Never, Die”. So what does that mean?

Brothers recently on the 24th of October, we celebrated the life of Illustrious Brother John Moreno, a truly inspirational and beloved brother known wide and far. There was a Masonic Funeral, followed by the Rose Croix Memorial Service and then people came together for refreshments and conversation following. While we all were here in this world Honoring and paying Tribute to the life works of our dear departed Brother, he is still living and now traveling in the next world where we are all destined to go. We DO NOT STOP. We simply travel through this world and when the time comes, as it will for all of us, we travel into our next existence. A Masonic ceremony explains it best, “Wherever they may be, the Knights Rose Croix form a circle which encompasses the past as well as the present. The same vows and duties that bind us to each other bind us to our ancestors. This Fraternal Chain, called the Mystic Circle, is forged of links which pass into eternity. It becomes our duty, therefore, to honor our Brethren past as we renew our fraternal ties to our Brethren present.”

So, I say to all the Brothers Present and Past, Travel Well my Brothers, Travel Well.









Charlie Kendir 32°
Commander
Council of Kadosh

Brethren,

When I heard that our Reunion had been canceled following the passing of Brother John Moreno, it struck me just how much one man can become a part of the work we do.

We spend a great deal of time in Masonry talking about ritual, degrees, traditions, and the institutions that preserve them. Because many of these things have existed long before any of us arrived, it can be easy to think of them as permanent. The degrees are written down; the ritual has been passed from one generation to the next; the Reunion has happened before, and it will happen again. But none of those things happen on their own. They happen because men show up.

There are Brothers who learn the parts, move the scenery, find what is missing, make the phone calls, take pictures, answer the questions, and somehow know what needs to happen before anyone else realizes there is a problem. Much of that work happens quietly, and often we do not fully recognize how much a man contributes until he is suddenly no longer there.

It has made me think about how much of Masonry really lives in its members.

Our buildings matter. Our ritual matters. Our history matters. But without the men who care enough to give those things their time and attention, they are only words on a page and rooms waiting to be filled. The strength of our fraternity has never really been in its permanence. It has been in generations of men who have decided, for whatever amount of time they were given, to take part in the work.

Eventually another Reunion will be held. The degrees will be performed, the parts will be filled, and the work will continue. But it will not be exactly the same. There will be a Brother missing who helped make that work what it was. I think it is worth stopping for a moment to recognize that.



Craig Fabec, 33°
Director General

Brothers,

Last month I made the difficult decision to cancel Southern Colorado Consistory's Fall Reunion. During that month we were hit with many personnel issues that greatly impacted our abilities weeks before our scheduled reunion. I want SCC's reunions to be known for- our degree work, discussions, and preparing our candidates for the lifetime of learning that is ahead of them. Given these circumstances I did not believe we could put on the quality of work we are known for with the challenges we were facing.

This will not become a regular occurrence, and I plan on actively addressing these issues over the next coming weeks to make sure our spring reunion happens.

I want to thank all of you, the cast/department members, for the hard work in prepping for all of our reunions. These events go extremely well due to the hard work all of you put into them.

Thank you all for your dedication.



Michael B. Mabbitt, 32°, KCCH
Director of Degrees
Director of Properties

Masonic Leadership, Virtue, and the Preservation of the Soul

In the Scottish Rite, we are taught profound lessons in the relationship between personal character, moral responsibility, and leadership. Through its degrees, teachings, and traditions, it encourages us to pursue knowledge, practice virtue, serve humanity, and continually labor to improve ourselves. At its heart is the understanding that a Mason's true greatness is not measured by the title he holds, the authority he commands, or the honors he receives, but by the integrity with which he lives and the good he accomplishes for others.

We all know that the Scottish Rite builds upon the foundational principles of Freemasonry: Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth**.** Brotherly Love calls us to treat others with dignity and compassion. Relief reminds us of our obligation to assist those in need. Truth demands honesty, fidelity to our principles, and the courage to stand for what is right, even when doing so comes at a personal cost.

These principles are strengthened by lessons in justice, tolerance, humility, self-discipline, and the pursuit of wisdom. The Scottish Rite challenges us to look inward, confront our weaknesses, and recognize that moral development is a lifelong undertaking. Its teachings remind us that knowledge without wisdom can become arrogance, ambition without restraint can become greed, and authority without virtue can become oppression.

The ultimate work of a Mason is therefore not simply to advance through degrees or attain recognition within the fraternity. It is to build a better character, cultivate a more enlightened mind, and become a positive influence in his family, lodge, community, and the world.

Leadership carries responsibilities that extend far beyond the duties associated with a particular office. Whether serving as a presiding officer, committee chairman, degree director, or mentor to a younger Brother, a leader is entrusted with the welfare of the fraternity and the confidence of those he serves.

A worthy leader understands that his office is not a throne but a place of service. He listens before judging, considers counsel before deciding, and exercises authority with fairness rather than favoritism. He recognizes that leadership is not the privilege of being obeyed, but the responsibility of setting an example worthy of being followed.

The strongest leaders do not demand respect through rank alone; they earn it through consistency, humility, accountability, and compassion. They give credit generously, accept responsibility when things go wrong, and remain willing to learn from those who hold no office at all. Their conduct demonstrates that the dignity of a position is determined by the character of the person occupying it.

Power presents one of leadership's greatest moral tests. When a Mason is elevated to some of the highest positions of authority, he may begin to confuse the respect afforded to his office with the worth of his own character. Pride can replace humility, personal ambition can overshadow the common good, and the desire to control others can quietly displace the obligation to serve them.

To guard against this corruption, a Masonic leader must practice regular self-examination. He should ask himself: *Am I making this decision for the good of the Craft, or for the advancement of my own interests? Am I listening to honest criticism, or surrounding myself with those who merely agree with me? Would I consider this conduct honorable if another man in authority practiced it against me?*

These questions are not signs of weakness; they are instruments of moral strength. A Masonic leader must welcome accountability, respect established rules, remain transparent in his decisions, and accept that no title places him above the principles he has pledged to uphold. He must also remember that his office is temporary, while the consequences of his conduct may endure long after his term has ended.

Most importantly, he must preserve the distinction between having power over others and having mastery over himself. The man who cannot govern his own pride, anger, jealousy, or ambition is ill-prepared to govern responsibly. True strength lies in restraint, true wisdom in humility, and true authority in the willingness to do what is right even when no one is watching.

The Scottish Rite reminds every Brother that the labor of Freemasonry begins within the individual. Leadership offers an opportunity to put its teachings into practice, but it also magnifies the character of the man who holds the office. A virtuous man can use authority to inspire, uplift, and unite; a man governed by ego can use that same authority to divide, intimidate, and diminish others.

Let every Masonic leader remember that he is first a Brother, first a servant of the principles he professes, and always a man accountable for his own conduct. When his term has ended and the symbols of office have been laid aside, what remains is the legacy of his actions and the character he has revealed.

The true measure of a Scottish Rite leader is not how much power he possesses, but how faithfully he serves without allowing that power to corrupt his soul. For the greatest honor is not to stand above one's Brethren, but to stand among them with clean hands, a humble heart, and a conscience at peace.

Are you such a leader?

John A Moreno 33° Memorial









John's Daughter

Speaking at Service

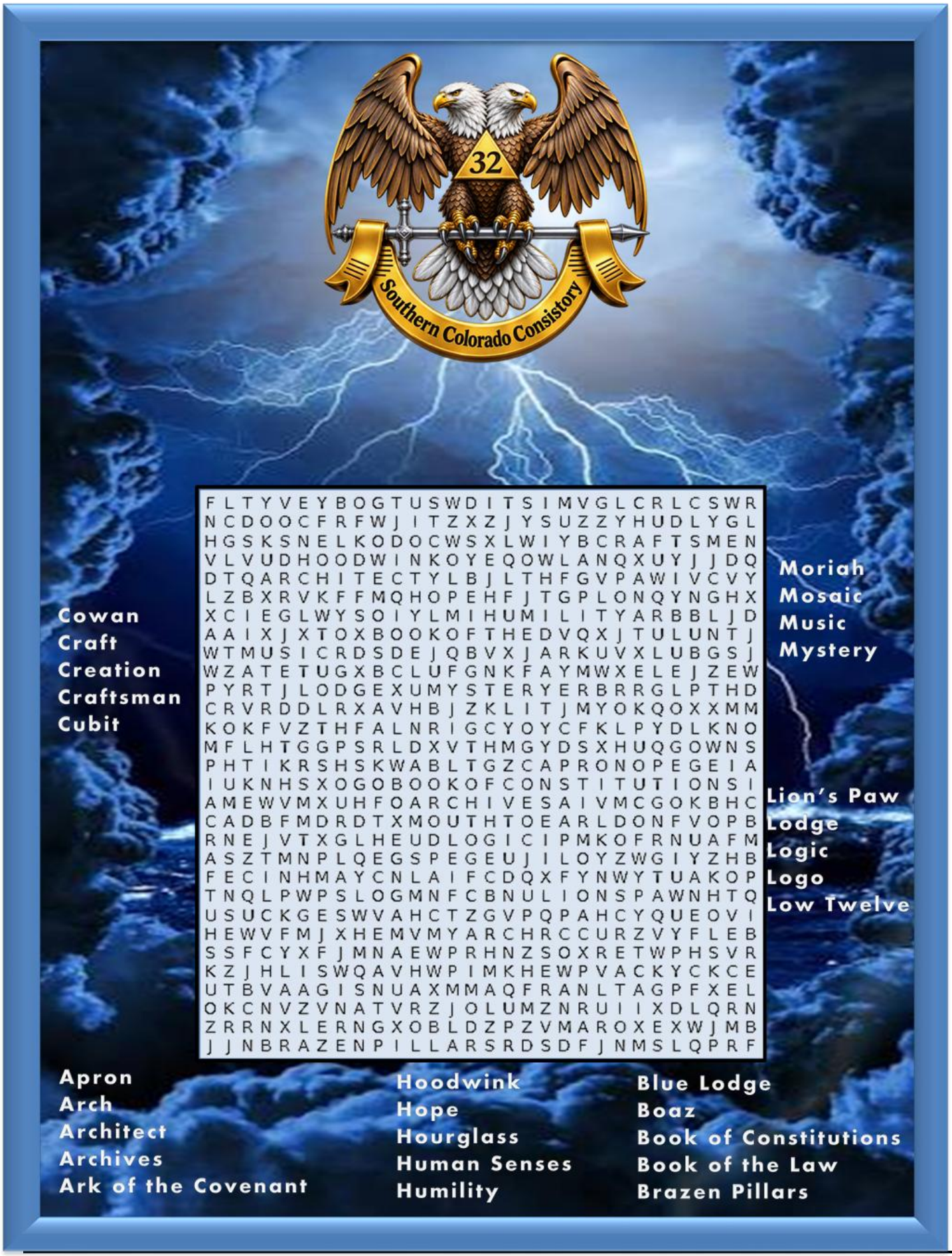






Reception Following John A Moreno 33° Memorial




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CALENDAR

November 4, 2026

Meeting closed

Details

7:00 PM

November 5-7, 2026

Fall Reunion – cancelled

November 12–14, 2026

Denver Fall reunion

See Brother William Twyman article for details

December 2, 2026

Meeting open

Details

7:00 PM

Officer Election and Installation



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS!

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Laurence M Weed

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Notices received since September 26, 2026

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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