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The Hot and Cold facts!

by Darrell L. Tygart Sr. 33°

I would like to take this opportunity to tell you one of the big building accomplishments that occurred in 2007. Thanks to the overwhelming generosity of one of our brethren we were able to install an air-conditioning system in the old building to include the auditorium and the north lodge room. The system was in place and functioning for the Regional Reunion that we hosted in May. It was probably one of the most comfortable Spring Reunions we have ever held.

Our Fall Reunion, unfortunately, was not quite as comfortable and the November Stated Meeting was very uncomfortable as it was hot. So the membership stays informed and understands that we invested the building funds wisely, I would like to explain how the current system works.

The old building, or Cathedral, is heated by steam generated by two boilers in the basement. This same building is cooled by an air-conditioning system whose chiller is on the roof. Both systems have their conditioned air circulated through the system of tunnels and ducts that were made an integral part of the building in 1925. Unfortunately, only one system can be energized at a time. As was the case in November, the chillers were turned off in October and the boilers turned on. We can control the hot water that circulates through the system with thermostats, but the steam is a little more elusive. Some steam, even a small amount, will always be in the system. Add to this the very warm temperatures we had in November and we end up with a hot building.

There is an improvement we can add to the current systems that will allow some automatic control of which system functions based on the outside air temperature. This improvement is not cheap but worth looking into. We are just getting used to this new air-conditioning so bear with us until we have it "dialed in."

Centennial Lodge of Perfection Budget -2008

- 2008 Budget is \$518,347. This figure represents \$57,162 less than the approved budget for 2007
- Reviewed and recommended for approval by unanimous vote of the Finance and Executive Committees on 12/14/07
- Presented to Membership for final approval on 12/17/07
- Primary Sources of Revenue for 2008:

\$150,640	Dues
\$ 74,040	Life Membership Dues
\$ 18,750	Reunion Fees
\$ 69,682	Income from Investments
<u>\$154,450</u>	Scottish Rite Parking Inc
\$467,562	Total from Primary Sources of Revenue
- The complete and detailed budget is available in the Secretary's Office during normal business hours for review by any member.

2008 Tentative Denver Consistory Schedule

January

Tues., Jan. 1st Closed for New Year's Day

Sat., Jan. 12th
Officers Breakfast and Installation Practice 8AM

Mon., Jan. 21st Stated Meeting
Red Room Business Meeting 5:30 PM
Dinner 6:00 PM
Annual Installation of Officers 7:00 PM

Chicken Wellington
Chef's choice vegetable
Green salad
Rolls and butter
Carrot Cake

RESERVATIONS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY
at 303-861-4261 before 12:00 P.M., Friday,
January 18, 2008

Parking garage available

Fri., Jan. 25th Closed for Grand Lodge

February

Sat., Feb. 2nd
Robert Burns Dinner at El Jebel Shrine Center

Mon., Feb. 18th Stated Meeting
Red Room Business Meeting 5:30 PM
Dinner 6:00 PM
Entertainment 7:00 PM

Meat Loaf
Mashed Potatoes and gravy
Salad and Vegetables
Rolls and butter
White Chocolate Mouse w/ strawberry sauce

RESERVATIONS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY
at 303-861-4261 before 12:00 P.M., Friday,
February 15, 2008

Parking garage available

March

Mon., - Mar. 17th Stated Meeting
Red Room Business Meeting 5:30 PM
Dinner 6:00 PM
Officers Recognition and
Celebration of Remembrance/Renewal 7:00 PM
5 minute oration by Centennial Lodge of
Perfection Orator

Parking garage available

Fri., March 21st Closed for Good Friday

April

Sat., Apr 19th 9 Health Fair 7 AM - Noon

Mon., Apr. 21st Stated Meeting
Red Room Business Meeting 5:30 PM
Dinner 6:00 PM
Entertainment 7:00 PM

Parking garage available

Fri.- Sun. Scottish Rite
Apr. 25th - 27th Regional Reunion III
Santa Fe, NM

May

Fri. - Sat Leadership Conference
May 2nd & 3rd Seattle, WA

Thur.- Sat. Spring Reunion -
May 8th - 10th 32nd consecutive

Parking garage available

Sat., May 17th Ladies & Widows Lunch
11:30 AM

Parking garage available

Mon., - May 19th Stated Meeting
Red Room Business Meeting 5:30 PM
Dinner 6:00 PM
Officers Recognition and
Entertainment 7:00 PM
5 minute oration by Rocky Mountain Chapter of
Rose Croix Orator

Parking garage available

Mon., May 26th Closed for Memorial Day

June

Sat., Jun. 14th Shrimp Boil 6:00 PM

Parking garage available

Mon., Jun. 16th Stated Meeting
Red Room Business Meeting 5:30 PM
Dinner 6:00 PM
Entertainment Hawaiian Shirt Night 7:00 PM
5 minute oration by Colorado Council
of Kadosh Orator

Parking garage available

July

Fri., Jul. 4th Closed for Independence Day
Sat., Jul. 12th Committee Chairmen,
Officers and Wives Picnic

August

Wed., Aug 20th Officers Meeting 6:00 PM

September

Mon., Sep. 1st Closed for Labor Day

Mon., Sep. 15th Stated Meeting

Red Room Business Meeting 5:30 PM
Dinner 6:00 PM
Officers Recognition and
Scottish Rite Foundation Program 7:00 PM
5 minute oration by Denver Consistory
Minister of State

Sports Team Shirt Night

Parking garage available

October

Sat., Oct 18

Oktoberfest at El Jebel

Shrine Center 5:00 PM

Mon., Oct. 20th Stated Meeting

Red Room Business Meeting 5:30 PM
Dinner 6:00 PM
Entertainment 7:00 PM

Feast of Tishri Observance

Parking garage available

November

Fri.- Sat.

Fall Reunion -

Nov. 14th - 15th *33rd consecutive*

Parking garage available

Mon., Nov. 17th Stated Meeting

Red Room Business Meeting 5:30 PM
Dinner 6:00 PM
Entertainment 7:00 PM

Veterans Recognition Program

Parking garage available

Sat., Nov 22nd

Consistory Decorating Party 9:00 AM

All members, officers and wives are invited

**Thur.-Fri., Nov. 27th-28th Closed for Thanksgiving
Observance**

December

Sat., Dec 6th

*Scottish Rite Foundation &
Consistory Children's Christmas
Party* 10:00 AM

Parking garage available

Mon., Dec. 15th Stated Meeting

Red Room Business Meeting 5:30 PM
Dinner 6:00 PM
Entertainment 7:00 PM

Annual Election of Officers

Parking garage available

**Thur.-Fri., Dec. 25th-26th Closed for Christmas
Observance**

~ In Memoriam ~

Brother

Died

Malcolm Gene Atkins, 32°	10/15/2007
Darrel Dwain Backus, 32°	11/26/2007
Lester Dean Barkey, 32°	10/04/2007
Ralph Milton Barnett, 32°	09/23/2006
Charles Leroy Bell, 32°	11/17/2007
Howard Edward Boling, 32°	11/29/2007
Harold Allen Bowman, 32°	10/29/2007
Elmer L Burkhard, 32°	02/27/2007
Roy Ralph Craig, 32°	05/13/2007
Dale Charles De Weese, 32°	11/28/2007
Robert North Foulk, Jr., 32°	11/14/2007
George Edward Fox, 32°	11/26/2007
William Stanley Freberg, 32°	12/02/2007
Michael Gale, 32°	08/30/2007
Carol Dee Grimes, 32°	10/03/2007
Bruce John Grinnell, 32°	10/13/2007
Albert Hradsky, 32°	03/01/2006
Rockford Julius Johnson, 32°	11/19/2007
Henry Vincent Kayes, 32°	11/15/2007
Kenneth Samuel Kleinknecht, 33°	11/20/2007
John William Larson, 32°	10/05/2007
Carl Ray Link, 32°	07/01/2007
Frank Leslie Logan, 32°	10/15/2007
Robert Herbert Marcus, 32°	10/16/2007
Keith Leighton Massey, 32°	10/07/2007
Gerald Mc Gregor, 32°	09/01/2006
Clark Ralph Noble, 32°	10/03/2007
Charles Henry Nobles, 32°	10/14/2007
Richard Earl Pence, 32°	05/14/2007
John William Perdue, 32°	04/15/2007
Fred Harold Rosenquist, 32°	10/16/2007
Wesley Richard Tull, 32°	11/03/2007
John Martin Waugh, 32° KCCH	11/28/2007
Kendall Oliver Whittenburg, 32°	12/06/2006
Jack Mead Winton, 32°	09/26/2007
Hubert Work, II, 32°	08/04/2007

NOTICE

The staff **strongly** suggests standing reservations for all stated meeting dinners. Reservations can be cancelled for any particular dinner until noon on the day of the meal. If not cancelled, the member will have to pay for the meal. No reservations will be taken for meals after Friday noon immediately before the Monday stated dinner.

Vegetarian meal requests must be made at the time of the reservations. There won't be any extra meals for walk-ins.



From the Secretary's Desk

by Darrell L. Tygart Sr. 33°

Happy New Year! It is my hope that this message finds you well, in good spirits, and looking forward to a successful and prosperous new year, for all facets of your life! For the business of the Denver Consistory, the new officers have been elected, the 2008 budget approved, committee changes in place, and proactive goals and objectives set for a successful Masonic year. The only other thing we need is your ideas, your support, and your personal goal for success!

In our last newsletter I asked that you all check to see that your information is correct in the Supreme Council Sentinel database. I am pleased to report that many of you have done so and by the time you read this article we will have already successfully sent our first "E-message" through the database. That notification was for the private preview of the National Treasure Movie that the Denver Consistory hosted on the morning of December 24th. We have a couple of search parameters to correct but the system is working as well as we had planned. As of this writing we have 1273 members who we have e-mail addresses for. If you have not already corrected your personal information please follow the instructions in the Nov-Dec 2007 newsletter and bring your file up to date. This newsletter can be found on our website if you do not have the printed copy. Just a reminder: the extended version of this newsletter will be sent by "E-message" beginning with our Mar-Apr 2008 edition. The printed and mailed version will be sent to those without e-mail but will be a simpler and shorter version of the same newsletter.

I would like to personally commend Brother Gerry Screws, Chairman of the Membership Committee, and the whole group, for their tireless efforts to set attainable 2008 goals and objectives and designing a plan to bring it all to life! They are authoring a Membership Manual, planning for new membership activities, improving the blue lodge Ambassadors Program and laboring to help the symbolic lodges with their work to meet their own membership goals. I would like to commend each and every one of them and recognize all they have done for Freemasonry.

We have budgeted for an approximate \$58,000.00 savings in the 2008 budget under the 2007 budget: this in light of the increased cost of almost everything! Part of this savings plan was to change how the Denver Consistory manages its meal preparation and service costs. Beginning on January 1, 2008 the Consistory will no longer employ a Chef or his staff. We have entered

into an agreement with a local caterer who will provide all of the meal requirements that we will incur throughout the year. The caterer will be responsible for all of his food costs, preparation costs, and all labor costs associated with meal preparation and cleanup. You should see no change in the quality or variety of any meal served. We had a long relationship with Chef Herbert and the change was difficult for us to make. But the costs to maintain a kitchen, the staff, and the food costs itself, was simply too expensive. We wish Chef Herbert well and thank him and his staff for their labors in our behalf.

Thank you for your support of the Denver Consistory, its work, and all you do for the good of Freemasonry.

KNIGHTS of ST. ANDREW

by William Hickey 32°

Almost immediately from his death in 1796 and onwards, Scots and Masons (as well as others) have met on or around the 25th of January each year to pay tribute to a farmer turned "gauger" (excise officer), but more importantly the acknowledged poet laureate of Masonry (and Scotland, by the way). Many of us recognize the tune Auld Lang Syne that is sung mostly at New Year's. But, the body of his poetry was quite large and impressive, even if not particularly understandable by today's lingo.

The Denver Consistory chapter of the Knights of St. Andrew will host their annual Burns' Night supper at the El Jebel Shrine on 02 February. While some of the finer details are still being ironed out, we DO know that Haggis will be OPTIONAL, as it has been in the past. So, don't let your preconceived notions of the meal stop you from coming out and having an enjoyable evening. There will be three choices of entree this year: Cabieclaw Cod, Highland Spiced Beef, and Caledonian Shepherd's Pie. There will be Hors d'oeuvres before the meal, Haggis (of course, what would a Burns' Night be without it?), Cock-a-Leekie soup, Stuffed tomatoes, Kailkenny Potatoes, and Rowies (Aberdeen Rolls) with a Raspberry Cranachan dessert. Coffee and Glasgow Naval Punch.

So, set aside February 2 on your calendars, We'll start the social time at 6pm and dinner will be at 7pm. Entertainment will be provided. Cost will be \$35 each, or ... if your lodge or group wants to purchase a table of 8, \$240 for the table (\$30 each).

Happy New Year

Daniel is Talking

by Vern Ingraham, 33°

Three-year-old Daniel was diagnosed with a profound bilateral hearing loss about one year ago. As you can imagine, his language and speech development were severely affected.



In January 2007 Daniel's speech therapist - Mitzi Berger at The Children's Hospital - began working with he and his family. Mitzi recently reported that "Daniel has made remarkable progress – from not being able to hear the difference between 'cat' and 'hat' to following complex directions; from communicating with two-word phrases such as 'mouse jump' to telling complex stories about what happened at preschool."

After he was diagnosed, Daniel's parents were understandably overwhelmed not only with the vast amount of information they had to assimilate but also with understanding the very substantial costs that loomed ahead. "We began considering the sacrifices that we and our other children would have to make. Already some of our significant financial concerns have been allayed by the generosity of the Scottish Rite Foundation. Know that the positive impact of these dollars will be embodied in the life of our child and our entire family."

Financial support from the Scottish Rite Foundation is allowing Daniel to continue the speech therapy which has been instrumental in his progress toward successful communication. We had the pleasure of meeting Daniel, his parents, and siblings when they were our special guests for a program at The Children's Hospital last Spring.

Notice

There will be a meeting of the Scottish Rite Research Society on Wednesday, January 30 at 7:00pm in the library at the Consistory. You do not have to be a member of the SRRS to attend.

Tentatively, the meeting will be focused on Egyptology. For more information, contact Brian House at 303-425-6385.

Research Corner Zero, Part II The Sequel

by Brian House, 32°

I was recently talking with an astrophysicist who is working on a project studying the areas of space where there appears to be nothing. I told him that I found the subject interesting as I had just written an article on "zero" and how I thought that nothingness" does not exist. I asked what he thought would be found in those areas of space where nothing appears. He said he believed that with all the energy in the universe, that something would be found. Zero, which was originally based on the Hindu and Buddhist ideas of nothingness, appears differently to people depending on their education. To many engineers "zero" is an actuality. To many physicists it is unobtainable. To illustrate this point the astrophysicist told this story.

There are 6 engineers and 6 physicists on one side of the room. On the other side is a pretty girl. The engineers and physicists are given the task of crossing halfway across the room, and then halfway across the remaining distance, and half again of that remaining distance, and so on, until they reach the pretty girl. At that point, they can kiss the pretty girl. The physicists immediately leave the room angry and disgusted because they know they will never get there. The engineers remain because they know they will get close enough for all practical intents and purposes.

What Equals 100%? What does it mean to give MORE than 100%? Ever wonder about those people who say they are giving more than 100%? We have all been in situations where someone wants you to GIVE OVER 100%. How about ACHIEVING 101%? What equals 100% in life? Here's a little mathematical formula that might help answer these questions:

If: A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z is represented as:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26.

Then: H-A-R-D-W-O-R-K =
8+1+18+4+23+15+18+11 = 98%

And: K-N-O-W-L-E-D-G-E =
11+14+15+23+12+5+4+7+5 = 96%

But: A-T-T-I-T-U-D-E = 1+20+20+9+20+21+4+5 = 100%

A ROUND the TABLE




Denver Consistory Ladies

by Kay Applegate

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Deyo McCullough, 32° played in this year's Tuba Concert for the umpteenth time....**Wally Moffett, 32°** also performed....*every day more money is printed for Monopoly than the U.S. Treasury*....**Vince Fisk, 32° KCCH**, and Judy returned from a 10 day cruise down the Mexican coast....**Marv Feldman, 33°** and Marlene took a cruise thru the Panama Canal....*men seem to be able to read small print better than women: women seem to hear better (you bet)*....**Jack Wyatt, 32°** was appointed to the El Jebel Shrine Band Board....**Rick Frolick, 32° KCCH** and Linda have enrolled in a circus band class in Florida. Class is for a week, and upon completion, they will play in an actual circus....*the cost of raising a medium-sized dog to the age of eleven is \$6400.00. cats are more expensive; sacks and sacks of kitty litter*....**Greg LaFavor, 33°** and Kitty spent 2 weeks in Italy, and 1 day in Switzerland. They also climbed the Matterhorn....*the average number of people airborne over the U.S. in any given day, is 61,000*....**Jim Fuller, 32°** (a US Marine veteran) and Vicky are back in their home in Matzatlan until summer....*if a statue in the park of a person on a horse has both front legs in the air, the person died in battle. If the horse has one front leg in the air, the person died as a result of wounds received in battle. If the horse has all four legs on the ground, the person died of natural causes*....**Marv Feldman, 33°, Steve Munsinger, 33°, and Harry Lindstrom, 33°**, (a US Marine veteran) played in the Castle Rock Municipal Band for a Christmas Concert. **Eddie McGrady, 33°** (a US Marine veteran), and **Jerry Fenimore, 33°** were in attendance.

We need your "happenings" for this column. Your Brethren are interested. Send to the addresses listed at the start of this column.

Happy New Year! We hope you had a great holiday season. Didn't the Consistory look great in all its holiday finery? Thanks to all of you who turned out to decorate—especially the new class members. All the help was very much appreciated.

The Children's Christmas party was a success and we were glad to have the students from the University of Colorado Hearing and Speech Program to assist Santa and talk to the children. There are still a couple of containers of stuffed toys but Valerie from the Audiology Dept at Children's Hospital thought a couple of the satellite clinics around the State would like to have some. She mentioned the clinic in Montrose, Colorado would be interested—she will let us know what other clinics in the State would like the stuffed animals.

At our January meeting the ladies will not have a separate meeting but join the men for the annual installation of officers. There will be a program at our February meeting. At our March meeting we will move on to our next project of working with tote bags.

A volunteer or two is needed to send out greeting cards to members who are ill, lost a loved one or need a "thinking of you" card. Would any of you be interested in volunteering for this activity? We will furnish the cards. If you are interested in volunteering or if you know someone who is in distress or needs to be acknowledged in some way, please contact the Consistory office.

WHERE THE FAST LANE ENDS by William "Ray" Fischer
Members come to Masonry for many reasons: a relative, a friend, fellowship, curiosity, or maybe because they think they will get ahead. The reason we join is irrelevant. After joining, we find men who treat us with brotherly love. This, in turn, relieves the stress of the day. It also gives us a feeling of self worth. It helps us see the true meaning of Freemasonry. The fast movement of everyday life causes many changes in our life style. We move from one situation to another at such a pace that, most of the time, we fail to see the conclusion of one problem before another comes. However, if it doesn't turn out right, we hear every detail of what went wrong. That is where Masonry comes in. We come to lodge to meet old and new friends demanding nothing from us. Thus, we demand nothing from our Brethren. We teach and are taught a more even way to live. We learn that all that matters is within ourselves. We learn, through watching others, that a better way to do things is through love, understanding and trust. As we speed on through this ever changing world, we come to lodge for a little bit of peace and understanding. We come to slow down. We come because this is...*Where The Fast Lane Ends*.

The Masonic Compact was developed by the Grand Lodge of New York and distributed by Grand Master Neal I. Bidnick. He states that it "is a way to re-state our agreement to bring the best we have to offer to the craft, and to trust that our lodges and our Grand Lodge will stand and work alongside us to become the best they can be."

Masonic Compact

Because I am a Freemason . . .

☞ . . . I believe that *freedom of religion* is an inalienable human right and *tolerance* an indispensable trait of human character; therefore, I will stand in my Lodge with Brothers of all faiths, and respect their beliefs as they respect mine, and I will demonstrate the spirit of Brotherhood in all aspects of my life.

☞ . . . I know that *education* and the rational use of the mind are the keys to facing the problems of humanity; therefore, I will bring my questions and my ideas to my Lodge, and strive to advance the growth of my mind alongside my Brothers.

☞ . . . I know that the rich *tradition of Freemasonry* and its framework of *Ritual* are important platforms for growth and learning; therefore, I vow to stand upon these platforms to improve myself as a human being, and I vow to help in the mission of the Craft to provide tools, atmosphere, challenges and motivation to help each Brother do the same.

☞ . . . I know that *charity* is the distinguishing human virtue, and that *personal community service* is the best demonstration of one's commitment to humanity; I acknowledge that words without deeds are meaningless, and I vow to work with my Lodge to provide service to the community, and to promote charity, friendship, morality, harmony, integrity, fidelity and love.

☞ . . . I know that my obligation to community extends beyond my local sphere and is partly fulfilled in my *patriotism*: love of my country, obedience to its laws and celebration of the freedoms and opportunities it symbolizes.

☞ . . . I know that *leadership* is best demonstrated by *commitment to serving others*; I will therefore participate in, and help work at improving individual leadership skills, and serve the Brothers of my Lodge to the best of my ability.

☞ . . . I know that *friendship, fidelity and family* are the foundations of a well-lived life; I therefore vow to be a faithful friend to my Brothers, as I expect my Lodge to respect my personal obligations, and to treat my family as though my family were their own.

☞ . . . I know that the last great lesson of Freemasonry — *the value of personal integrity and the sanctity of one's word* — is a lesson for all people in all times; I therefore vow to be a man of my word.

☞ . . . I know that *Masonry's power is best exercised when its Light is shared* with the world at large; I therefore vow to bring the best of myself to my Lodge, in order that my growth might be fostered and nurtured, and to present myself to the world as a working Freemason, on the path to building a more perfect temple.

Because I am a Freemason,

these values and aspirations are guideposts for my progress through life.

ALLEGIANCE

The bodies of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, sitting in the Valley of Denver, Orient of Colorado, acknowledge and Yield allegiance to the

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