



The Civil War Degree

by Ted G. Ottinger, RAM

The spirit of Freemasonry has seldom been as noticeable as it was during the Civil War. Stories abound of men risking their lives and position to render aid to brothers on the opposing side of battle. There are even tales of Union and Confederate soldiers sitting in lodge together, wherever they could find the space, and conferring degrees on other soldiers. It is in celebration of this brotherhood that I had the opportunity to witness a re-enactment of a Civil War Master Mason Degree.

After pressing for information, I found out that it was to be conferred in a Barn, and was to be supposed to be identical to the degree a civil war soldier could've expected to receive at the time. I grew excited. I knew this would be a treat. It took a bit of work to find a good set of directions, but finally, map in hand, I headed out.

The drive over was more rural than I would've expected, and I had to use my trip odometer and Mapquest directions, so I would know when the next turn would be coming up. At one point, I passed a herd of goats, and I couldn't help but grin, wondering if one of them was waiting for the candidate at the ranch. After a few more miles, my odometer showed that I was getting closer, and I saw a very subtle wooden sign, about knee level, hammered into the ground. It was spray painted with a rough square and compasses, and an arrow pointing the way. From there, I followed the signs, until I found myself pulling up to a ranch. The barn was enormous, and looked like it was barely standing. I was greeted by a number of Masons dressed in both Union and Confederate Army uniforms. I met a few brothers, and then was tried by the man who would be conferring the degree, and portraying King Solomon. After a quick ham sandwich, we headed up the stairs to the loft, where a rough lodge room was waiting.

The Setting

The Altar, and all three podiums were made of wooden crates, and the floor was strewn with vintage Army blankets. The Holy Bible was small, as one would expect a soldier to carry, and appeared to be the proper age. 2x6 boards lay across hay bales to provide us seating, and hurricane lamps sat on shelves attached to the roof supports. The three burning tapers, which are normally represented by light bulbs in Tennessee, were actual candles, and fortunately, the loft of the barn was much more stable than the appearance of the walls would lead you to believe. Lodge was opened, and a dispensation by the Grand Lodge of Tennessee was read, which allowed the sponsoring lodge to remove

What's Inside

Consistory Schedule	Page 2
Stated Meeting Night Program	
From the Secretary's Desk	3
Masonic Cornerstone Ceremony Children's Hospital at Fitzsimons	4
"...AND THE GREATEST OF THESE IS CHARITY"	
A Round The Table	5
Denver Consistory Ladies	
In Memoriam	6

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

Supreme Council

(Mother Council of the World)
of the Inspector General, Knights
Commander of the House of the Temple of
Solomon of the Thirty-third degree of the
Ancient Scottish Rite of Freemasonry
For the Southern Jurisdiction of
The United States of America

Ronald A. Seale, 33°

Sovereign Grand Commander
Supreme Council, 33°, Washington, D.C.

Stephen M. Munsinger, 33°

Sovereign Grand Inspector General
of The Supreme Council

David W. Powell, 33°

Personal Representative of the
SGIG in Colorado
for Denver Consistory

Venerable Master
Centennial Lodge of Perfection
Claud E. Dutro, 33°

Wise Master
Rocky Mountain Chapter of
Rose Croix
Gerald F. Baker, 32° KCCH

Commander
Colorado Council of Kadosh
James (Jay) C. Bobick, 33°

Master of Kadosh
Denver Consistory
James T. Preston, 33°

Almoner
M. Edward Johnson, 32° KCCH

Treasurer
Donald L. Emarine, 33°

Secretary-Recorder-Registrar
Darrell L. Tygart Sr. 33°

2006 Denver Consistory Schedule

Consistory office closed

Labor Day observance

September 4, 2006

STATED MEETING

Sports Shirt Night

September 18, 2006 **Dinner** -- 6:00 P.M.

Chicken Cordon Blue
Roasted new potatoes
Mixed Vegetables
Mixed Greens salad
Assorted Cream Pies
Rolls-Coffee-Tea-etc.

RESERVATIONS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY
at 303-861-4261 before 12:00 P.M., Wednesday,
September 13, 2006

SHRIMP BOIL

September 30, 2006 – 6:00 P.M.

Chilled Shrimp w/ cocktail sauce
Pasta Salad w/ vegetables
Fruit Salad
Corn bread

Make your own sundae

RESERVATIONS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY
At 303-861-4261 before 12:00 P.M., Wednesday,
September 27, 2006

Widows Lunch

October 7, 2006 – 11:00 A.M.

Drivers needed!!!

Parking garage available

STATED MEETING

October 16, 2006 Dinner -- 6:00 P.M.

Beef Stroganoff w/fettuccini
Peas w/ pearl onions
Mixed greens salad
Assorted Fruit Pies

Rolls - Coffee--Tea--etc.

RESERVATIONS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY
at 303-861-4261 before 12:00 P.M., Wednesday,
October 11, 2006

Joint Consistory- Shrine Oktoberfest Celebration

October 21, 2006 -- 6:00 P.M.

El Jebel Shrine Center

German fare dinner w/live German band

November

Thurs. thru Sat - 9th - 11th

Fall Reunion

Parking garage available

Calendar of Events

At all Consistory functions, children 12 and under are complimentary.

Vegetarian plates available at all functions upon request with reservations.

All lunches are \$10.00 donation per plate

All Dinners are \$15.00 donation per plate

**LUNCH SERVED EVERY FRIDAY AT
NOON
WITH THE 1ST FRIDAY RESERVED FOR
FRIED CHICKEN**

Stated Meeting Night Program September 18, 2006

During the 7 o'clock entertainment hour, the SGIG will recognize four graduate students in speech-language pathology who were recently awarded a total of \$20,000 in scholarships for the 2006-2007 school year. The recipients are attending the University of Colorado in Boulder and the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley. Two of the scholarships were awarded by the Colorado Masons' Benevolent Fund Association. The other two scholarships are named in honor of Ill. Brother Dwight A. Hamilton and were awarded by the Foundation.

The Foundation will present its Honors of the Foundation award to Illustrious Brother William D. Hewit, 33°, and its Distinguished Service Award to Brother Ashley S. Buss, 32° KCCH. Also being recognized are 24 individuals – Masons and non-Masons – for their sustaining support to the Foundation. These individuals will be distinguished as Fellows of the Foundation. The minimum contribution for this recognition is \$10,000 or more over a period not to exceed three years. The total contributions for the 2006 Fellows exceed \$3 million.



by Darrell L. Tygart Sr. 33°

From the Secretary's Desk

I hope this Newsletter finds you in good spirits, good health and enjoying your summer. Our work at the Denver Consistory continued through the summer and plans are being prepared for both our Fall Reunion and the Scottish Rite Regional Reunion planned for May of '07. Construction is about to begin on the Ladies Restroom planned for the first floor and we are in the process of completing an Engineering and Design Study for the air conditioning in the "Old Building." Both the Scottish Rite Foundation and your own Finance Committee are monitoring our investments during this time of market uncertainty and the Executive Committee, Membership Committee and the Cathedral Board labor tirelessly. The good work and influence of the "Bodies" continues year 'round.

Each member of the staff of the Denver Consistory Bodies, including myself, believes that their most important function is to the service of the members of our fraternity. Each has an understanding of Freemasonry in Colorado and completely understands the importance of their duties to the support of that cause. If there is anything we can ever do to improve our level of service or to help you in any manner, you need only call or stop by.

As we begin our fall labors, there's much to do with our great Masonic Family around the state. Shriners will be attending the Central States Shrine Association from August 30th to September 2nd; the Grand York Rite Sessions will be at the Stapleton Doubletree on September 7th thru the 9th; the Grand Master for the Grand Lodge of Colorado has initiated a meeting of all of the membership committees throughout the Colorado Masonic Family to make recommendations at the September Cabinet Meeting; and the Denver Consistory and El Jebel Shrine are co-hosting a "Come Together" Oktoberfest to be held at the Shrine Center on October 21st. Remember to wear your favorite

sports team jersey for our September Stated Meeting. See you there!

Masonic Cornerstone Ceremony Children's Hospital at Fitzsimons Saturday, October 7, 2006

by Stephen M. Munsinger, 33°, SGIG



At 2 p.m. on Saturday, October 7, 2006, the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Colorado and the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Colorado and Jurisdiction will conduct a commemorative cornerstone ceremony for The Children's Hospital at the new hospital complex being constructed on the Fitzsimons medical campus in Aurora.

Special guests include Colorado's First Lady, Frances Owens; Mayor Ed Tauer of Aurora; former Mayor Paul Tauer of Aurora; and Dr. Dori Biester, President and CEO of The Children's Hospital. The U.S. and Colorado flags will be presented by the Civil Air Patrol cadets. The Masonic youth groups will lead the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Also participating in this event will be our Civil War Band which will provide a half hour pre-program entertainment beginning at 1:30 p.m. and the El Jebel Pipe and Drum Corps which will accompany the Presentation of the Colors.

In addition to the Grand Lodge officers, Masonic guests will include leadership from various Masonic organizations and the Shrine. Sponsoring lodges will present their banners. All official Masonic

dignitaries, including Worshipful Masters of sponsoring lodges, will be contacted well in advance of the program for instructions regarding the performance and their formal march-in to the ceremonial area.

Following the program, the assemblage will retire to the refreshments tent for light refreshments. For those interested, informal presentations in the tent will be given by Dr. Deborah Hayes and her staff regarding the new hospital facility.

The program will take place on the west side of the hospital near the Emergency Room entrance. Outdoor seating will be provided for 300 guests. Additional guests may stand.

The ceremony will take place on a raised platform so that all may see. Masons should wear one of the following: (1) Masonic apron only, (2) Scottish Rite cap only, (3) Fez only, or (4) York Rite regalia. We would like to have in evidence as much Masonic affiliation as possible through this dress code.

Parking will be provided on the west side of the hospital complex near the ceremonial area. An overflow area will be provided nearby with

attendants at the entrance of the lot for parking directions. Please give yourself sufficient time to park and be seated in the ceremonial area.

The new hospital, which will be completed in the fall of 2007, is being built near the intersection of East Colfax Avenue and Ursula Street on the Fitzsimons campus. It has a southwest orientation (facing Colfax Avenue) and sits between the former Army Fitzsimons Hospital building and Colfax Avenue. Ursula Street may be entered from Colfax Avenue (at the traffic light) and runs directly north ending in front of the old hospital building. The new Children's facility is on the east side of Ursula Street and the north side of Colfax Avenue.

For further information please contact Ill. Brother Vern Ingraham, 33°, Executive Secretary of the Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado. His office telephone is 303-861-2410 and his e-mail address is vern754@earthlink.net. I sincerely hope you will be able to join us for this milestone event in the history of Colorado Freemasonry.

“...AND THE GREATEST OF THESE IS CHARITY”

By Lincoln C. Soule, 32° KCCH

One of the “secrets” of our Consistory is the cabinet in the Green Room near the Almoners desk. This former Lawyers Bookcase has been transformed into a repository for donated items such as pins, tie tacks, books, tie bars and other assorted pieces of Masonic regalia. This was established in 2001 as a place where brethren or their families could donate Masonic items that others may wish to own or those they have no further use for.

Generally, the items in this case are offered for a suggested donation to the Almoners Fund at about half of what seems to be retail price, based upon some of the recent catalogs. Some items are placed for the purpose of directing the donation to the King Wheeler Fund or to the Scottish Rite Foundation, as well. In the past 5 years this has raised hundreds of dollars for these charitable endeavors of your Consistory.

So, here's how it works. A brother or his family may donate items by leaving them with the office. They may earmark where they would like the donation directed, but if they are not so earmarked, the proceeds go to the Almoners Fund. The items will be marked and placed in the cabinet. Both the office and I have keys to retrieve any item desired. You make a donation, receive an item at a nice discount, and we are all ahead.

So as you come to meetings or reunions or Friday lunch, take a peek and see if there might be something of interest. Also, take a look around your dresser at home. See if there might be something you have no use for and would like to donate to one or the other of your Consistory's charities. We perhaps we'll see a bit less for sale on e-bay.



Articles for this Column may be FAXED to 303-477-0782 or FAXED to Denver Consistory, 303-861-4269 or e-mailed to HarryL72@aol.com.

The entire contents, including artwork, of this column, is protected by U.S. copyright laws.

SOMEBODY CARES

*Somebody cares for you, cares so much,
That the heart grows glad, at your slightest touch;
And the sound of your voice and the sight of your smile
Makes all the burdens and cares worthwhile.
Somebody cares for you - bye and bye,
When the years roll on, you will know its I;
Then looking back, over the road we have fared,
You will see how much for you, somebody cared.*

Greg LaFavor, 33°, and **Kitty**, have been active in the California Masonic bodies since moving. He is now Secretary for his Lodge.... **Wayne Arner, 32° KCCH** is recovering from recent knee surgery....”government's view of the economy: If it moves, tax it; if it keeps moving, regulate it: And if it stops moving, subsidize it”- **Ronald Reagan.... George Beverly, 32°** and **Doris**, and **Harry Lindstrom, 33°** and **Eleanor** had lunch recently at Jefferson County Airport.... **John Sells, 32° KCCH** has taken on the task of managing the Shrine German Band that played at the Eastern Star and Masonic Center recently. The Band consisted of **John Sells, 32° KCCH**, **Jim Fuller, 32°**, **Ric Dana, 32°**, **Wally Moffett, 32°**, **Deyo McCullough, 32°**, and **Harry Lindstrom, 33°**.... **Bill Lloyd, 32°**, **Paul McCabe, 33°**, and **Jerry Baker, 32° KCCH**, were part of the Credentials Committee at the last Budget Session of the Grand Lodge.... **Harold Brenneis, 33°**, has a new address. Contact the Office....”*Hey Steve, how did you find the weather on your last trip to Montana?... Oh Eddie, I just opened the front door, and there it*

was"... **Marvin Feldman, 33°** and Marlene took a trip by air recently to attend a wedding.

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



Consistory

Ladies

By Angel Tygart

I would like to take this opportunity to greet all of the ladies of the Denver Consistory and welcome you back from what I hope has been an enjoyable and relaxing summer. Both Heidi Harris and I have agreed to help organize the upcoming activities of the ladies but need the help and assistance from all of you.

I would like to introduce myself to you. I was born in Pennsylvania, raised in Henrietta, New York and migrated to Colorado in 1992 with my three children. I currently work at the Westminster Police Department where I serve as a Records Specialist and coincidentally met my husband, Darrell. My hobbies are running, sewing, traveling and our almost 9 grandchildren.

The next meeting of the Denver Consistory Ladies is on Monday, September 18, 2006. The men have been asked to wear their favorite sports team jersey and I hope the ladies will join them. I have learned from my husband that the informal shirts worn in June and September is an old tradition as the building is not air conditioned and these months are typically hot. The speaker for this evening will be Doctor Deborah Hays, or her representative, from Children's Hospital. Doctor Hays is the Director of the Rite Care Program for the Scottish Rite and we are hoping that either she or her representative can take a few extra minutes to meet with us and talk about our "toy strategy" for the coming year.

One item for discussion on this evening will be our assistance with the Consistory Widow's Luncheon to be held in October. We would like ideas for table decorations and favors. We hope to enlist the aid of a committee of ladies to help with this event. We will have more information regarding this event as well as future events at the September meeting. One project already planned is nametags for the ladies and any input or suggestions you might have would be appreciated.

I look forward to meeting and getting to know all of you in the coming months. I hope to see you at the September meeting. Thought for the month: ***"Sometimes a change of focus is all it takes to help us appreciate what's good in our lives!"***

In Memoriam

Brother

John E. Bahde, 32°
 Edwin L Belfield, 32°
 Charles L Binna, 32°
 Carl A Bottolfsen, 32°
 Robert F Butz, 32° KCCH
 Donald H Callon, 32°
 Louis Canaiy Jr, 32°
 Arnold H Cook, 32°
 Earl H Cook, 32°
 William R Coon, 32°
 Cornelius H Bushnell Jr, 32°
 Lewis E. Ecker, 32°
 Anthony F Fanganello, 32°
 Edgar F. Gerould, 32°
 Howard W Hampton, 32°
 Blaine C Hayes, 32°
 Mcleed Hittson, 32°
 John H Hockett, 32°
 Alvey A. Hostetter, 32°
 Don D Howard, 32°
 Lewis K Hyer Jr, 32°
 Doyle D Jackson, 32°
 Walter H Leuthard, 32°
 Thomas W Linam Jr, 32°
 William M. Lizenbery, 32°
 James W Malone, 32°
 Edward L Mc Daniel, 32°
 Frank L Mc Leod, 32°
 Lavore H Mesloh, 32°
 David L Meyer, 32°
 Arlo E Myers, 32°
 Irvin D Nash, 32°
 Edward R Naylor, 32°
 William T Nelson, 32°
 Walter G Nemeth, 32°
 Thomas D Odwalt, 32°
 Mark D Pullen, 32°
 Alan J. Roberts, 32°
 Harvey H Rosenbaum, 32°
 Marvin P. Roth, 32°
 Earl K Sandusky, 32°
 Karl A Sarlund, 32°
 Emil H Scheel, 32°
 Milton Sherman, 32°
 David Silver, 32°
 Bruce L Smith, 32°
 Charles F Templeton, 32°
 Dalphy E Tolbert, 32°
 Frederick L Weigand, 32°
 Tilden R Wells, 32°
 Robert J Langdon, 32°
 George E Wengert, 32°

Died

5/26/2006
 12/22/2005
 5/31/2006
 4/1/2005
 7/5/2006
 5/13/2006
 5/31/2006
 4/9/2006
 6/9/2006
 5/22/2006
 2/18/2006
 12/31/2005
 5/20/2006
 7/3/2006
 12/19/2005
 4/14/2006
 5/9/2006
 6/19/2006
 1/17/2006
 3/16/2006
 6/15/2006
 5/1/2006
 12/13/2004
 12/11/2005
 6/28/2006
 6/8/2006
 1/3/2005
 7/16/2006
 6/25/2006
 3/4/2006
 12/28/2004
 12/31/2005
 2/20/2006
 5/22/2006
 7/19/2006
 6/17/2006
 9/25/2005
 7/19/2006
 3/4/2006
 6/17/2006
 6/10/2006
 6/10/2005
 10/31/2004
 3/23/2006
 5/31/2006
 3/2/2005
 5/31/2006
 7/1/2006
 12/27/2004
 5/31/2006
 2/27/2006
 6/6/2006

their charter, and bring it to the ranch for the purpose of conferring the degree. The candidate wore flannel underclothes, with an apron tied around his face, and a storm began outside, peppering the old roof with the heavy barrage, of a Tennessee thunderstorm. The staccato of the rain, and the unexpected thunder provided the rustic feeling of a battlefield in the distance. In fact, the appearance of the lodge room, and brethren, coupled with the sounds of the storm made it very easy to picture oneself in the center of the Civil War.

The Work

The circumambulation was tight, and the brethren were constantly careful of the tapers. The ceremony was very nearly flawless, with the WM needing prompting only once during all three sections. The Senior Deacon's part is a lot more verbose than I am used to and, although he did very well, he was corrected at each mistake, showing that these gentlemen take their ritual very seriously. The landmarks were the same, but there were a few very noticeable differences. The language is more modern than in Colorado, and not as wordy, but there are entire sentences, and statements which do not exist in Colorado ritual. Additionally, the second section is a good bit longer than I am accustomed to, containing all of the same elements, but being more detailed, and telling a more cohesive story. I found that I missed some of the wording I am used to, but truly enjoyed the additional parts, and thought that, as a candidate, the story would make more sense. As if in agreement, the lecture indicated that it is not necessary to recount all of the events that occurred in the second section. The apron lecture that I normally see given on the first degree was given and the candidate was presented with his leather apron. He was then taught to wear it with the flap turned DOWN and the right corner turned UP. (*The right corner was lowered at his raising*).

As the sun went down, the candles and lamps became less effective. The second ruffian, who had stepped in to fill the part at the last minute, had to read a good bit of his work from a ritual book, and I could almost feel how badly it must have hurt his eyes to read such small print in darkness. At a point it became so dark, that during the lecture, a hurricane lamp had to be positioned directly in front of the tarp upon which was painted the illustrations

of the lecture. Between the confined quarters, and the unpleasant weather, the darkness became almost stifling, but the brothers persevered, and gave their very best to bring their Fellowcraft brother to the only light that was to be found. After the brother had received the full secrets of a Master Mason, a more relaxed atmosphere prevailed, and the lodge, as well as the Brother's friends presented him with several tokens of their esteem.

After his presentations, the candidate was asked to speak, and he was fighting back tears as he thanked everybody involved. At the end of the ceremony, we all introduced ourselves and acknowledged our mother lodges. There were eight states represented that night. I left feeling great. I had learned much more than I had expected.

My Two Cents

I admit that at times, I have looked around at the discord and private committees in our lodges, and have wondered if Masonry is still a laudable pursuit. I saw that night that the spirit of Masonry is alive and well in our craft. The darkness that night did it's very best to overtake the ceremony, but the candles, the sheer will of the brethren, and the light of Masonry cut through the darkness. So, I believe, will the light in our hearts and in our craft cut through the darkness of ugly times. If the spirit of Masonry could overcome the animosities of war, then I have no doubt that it will overcome the animosities of petty politics.

Scottish Rite Foundation Financial Recap (based on audited financial statements)

2003-2005 Grants to Clinics	- \$3.8 million
2003-2005 Donations Received	- \$1.8 million
2003-2005 Children Served	- 2,130 children
2003-2005 Overhead Rate	- 2.3%

Scottish Rite Research Society Meeting

The Scottish Rite Research Society will meet on Friday, October 27 at 7pm in the library at the Denver Consistory. All members of the Scottish Rite are invited (you do not have to be a member of the Scottish Rite Research Society to attend). For more information call Brian House at 303-425-6385.

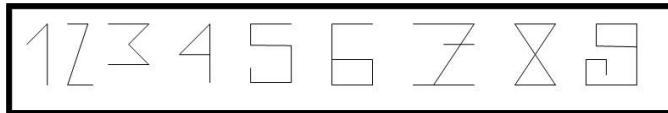
Scottish Rite Research Society Thoughts

By Brian House, 32°

At the last meeting of the Scottish Rite Research Society we discussed the numeric symbols of different ancient civilizations. Our modern "arabic" number system was actually discovered by the Arabs during their conquests into India and then introduced into Europe by them.

One of the members of the group, Dan Hayman, provided me with the following possible theory on how numbers as symbols came to be used. With that in mind, here are Dan's thoughts. Per discussion today, and semi-on topic with last night's discussion, I took the time to TRY and reproduce a presentation which was free-hand drawn for me by a linguistics professor, some years ago. This theory postulates that the numeric symbols we accept today were derived from this system of symbology which was created so that the uneducated could better understand any given number when presented. The way this works is genius. If you take the time to count the corners on each symbol, you will find that each corner adds up to the value of that symbol. As an example, if you look at the number "4" in the picture attached, count each inside and outside corner. You should see four corners. By this method, any person who was taught the system, but not necessarily basic math, could read a numeric value. Some people believe that this is where and why ligatures on letters and numbers came from--from this and any given regional style, it is easy to see how the font might have developed -- or at least from where its roots come.

Apologies for my own lack of artistic ability in reproducing the concept in perfect form. Of course, the above does not take in to account the number "zero", but that is an interesting story for another time.



DENVER CONSISTORY NEWS STAFF
Darrell L. Tygart, 33° Bulletin Advisory
John A. Moreno, 32° KCCH, Staff Photographer
Charles Roessler, 32° KCCH, Staff Photographer
D. J. Cox, 32° KCCH, Editor
Ashley S. Buss, 32° KCCH, Webmaster
denverconsistory@denverconsistory.org

DENVER CONSISTORY OFFICE
(303) 861-4261 FAX (303) 861-4269
1-877-861-2123 Toll-Free Long Distance
Denver Consistory News is published six times a year. Deadline for articles is six weeks prior to the first of the issue. For example, articles for the Nov-Dec issue are due in the Consistory Office by September 22nd.

**CENTENNIAL LODGE OF PERFECTION
DENVER CONSISTORY
Darrell L. Tygart Sr., 33°, Secretary
1370 Grant Street
Denver, CO 80203**

**Non-Profit Organization
U.S. Postage
PAID
Denver, Colorado
Permit No. 83**