



South Denver #93 Trestleboard



Stated communications the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month September–May

CALENDAR – September 2016

September 6th

“Hawaiian Shirt” night with
BBQ Cook-out and salad at the
Lodge.

September 20th

A Presentation from Brother
Scott Sworts

Greetings from the East...

May brotherly love prevail, and every moral and social virtue cement us.....

Welcome back from what was hopefully a wonderful summer! As we begin the second half of the year I want to extend a warm thanks to my Brethren for a productive and fulfilling first half of the year. I hope to continue the momentum throughout the fall.

Fall happens to be my favorite season of the year! This year fall arrives at 4:21 a.m. ET on Wednesday, September 23. For many cultures this time of year is seen as a period of transition, as the northern hemisphere progresses toward the winter solstice and the southern hemisphere looks forward to the summer season. And throughout history, the autumnal equinox in our half of the world has been observed as a time of preparation and reflection.

In Greek mythology, the autumn equinox marks the return of Persephone to the underworld to be with her husband Hades, where she must return after walking the Earth for half the year as the goddess of spring growth.

In China, the Moon Festival celebrates the harvest during the 15th full moon of the Chinese Year, which falls around the autumn equinox. In Japan, Buddhists observe *higan*, a memorial service when people visit family graves to comfort their ancestors' spirits.

The arrival of the autumn equinox is also evidenced in the animal kingdom, especially in the migratory flight of many species of birds. It is during this time that the Arctic Tern makes its annual 11,000 mile trip south and the Bar-Headed Goose soars to heights above 28,000 feet (that's over five miles up!) as they skim over the Himalayas on their way to warmer climes.

And we find ourselves doing our own part during this time of transition, preparation and reflection as we begin preparing our lawns and gardens for the change in seasons, pulling out our winter clothing from storage, and enjoying body-warming and soul-stirring soups and stews.

Yes, the arrival of autumn is indeed a time of change. I hope the return of cooler weather, longer nights and the anticipation of the upcoming holiday season fills your heart and finds you spending the first and third Tuesdays of the month in Lodge with your brethren.

Fraternally,

Todd Warburton W. M.

Secretary's notes...

Brethren, Welcome back to Light...On September 6th we will have our D.L. Theo Jones presentation on “Freemasonry in the Kingdom of Hawaii” and on the 20th we will have a presentation by Brother Scott Sworts.

I sincerely hope your summer was filled with Joy and peace.

Message from the West...

Brethren it is an absolute joy to return to the light this month refreshed and eager to continue the work of Masons. I hope all the brothers had a wonderful summer enjoying the beautiful weather with their families and friends. Although I greatly enjoyed this summer myself, I have to say I am very excited to be returning to the light. It reminds me very much of being a young child returning to school in the late summer/early fall. By late May of every school year I always awaited the fun activities and lack of schoolwork and studying. However, after several months that seemed to last forever, I was ready to begin again with school. The novelty and excitement may have worn off, but that excitement to begin anew again did not abate year after year.

However, as I grew older, I found that the seemingly 'forever-lasting' summers grew shorter and shorter, and that more serious pursuits began to consume those shorter summers. Internships, jobs, projects, and other pursuits made the summers seem to be just another part of the year. Naturally, the warm, sunny weather inspired outdoor activities, BBQ's, and sometimes summer trips. Yet I feel that masonry exciting in me the same excitement and intrigue that I once remembered experiencing as a young boy. Who will I meet this masonic year (newly made brothers and candidates), what will we do and learn this year (how will the work inspire me to be a better man and mason), what are the new skills that I will excel at and master are exactly what I wondered about and were what excited me about each new school year as the last days of summer waned. I remember also that the best academic years of my life were the ones that I started off more energetically where I really focused my excitement and eagerness for the New Year, and I believe that the same principle applies to our masonic work and careers. Let's return to the light with a renewed sense of vigor to engage assiduously with our brethren in the noblest work of Masonry. It's good to be back in the light!

Fraternally,
Andrew Schnackenberg

From the South

It is Back to School time for school aged children. While some are excited to reconnect with their friends after a summer's absence; others are not looking forward to the inevitable homework that comes with school. The reason for the summer break in education was, historically, so that children could return to the family farm and provide labor and help the family survive. Returning to school often starts with a good deal of review of the past year to help overcome the long break's abandonment of reading, writing and arithmetic. Perhaps the break is a good thing and children come back refreshed and ready to do the work necessary to climb to the next grade.

It takes work to grow in any discipline and work is rarely fun. The path is often made better by the companions we choose along the way. I hope to see you back in South Denver. So that we can walk the path to improvement together.

Brother Paul Harrison J.W.