



South Denver #93 Trestleboard



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

Dinners at 6:30 pm - \$10

Lodge opens at 7:15 pm

CALENDAR – February 2015

Feb. 3rd - Stated Communication

Dinner 6:30 – Meatloaf and mashed potatoes
Ladies and Guests Invited

Lodge opens 7:15

“Math, Nature, and Masonry”
Brother Michael Madura

Feb. 5th – Lodge Visit To:

Englewood Lodge #166
225 Acoma Street, Denver, CO
Dinner: 6:00 pm – Lodge: 7:00 pm
First Degree Ceremony
RSVP to our JW Andrew Schnackenberg

Feb. 10th – Officers Practice – 6:00 pm

All Masons welcome

Feb. 17th – Stated Communication

Dinner 6:30 – Pork tenderloin & roasted vegs
Lodge opens 7:15

“Interviewing Visiting Brethren”
Wayne Arner, PM

“Candidate Investigation Committees”
John Buchanan, PM

Feb. 24th – Officers Practice – 6:00 pm

All Masons welcome

Feb. 26th – Finance Committee – 6:30 pm

All Masons welcome

Feb. 28th – Special Communication

Third Degree Ceremony – 10:00 am
Coffee/donuts – 9:30 am

Greetings from the East...

"To whom so much is given, much is expected."

To the Brethren of South Denver,

Masonry and change...change and Masonry...no matter how you state it, your first impression is that the words Masonry and change are usually not used together is the same sentence. Dutifully, we vow and acknowledge the importance of not making innovations to the landmarks of Masonry, but in reality, everything else about Masonry is about change, from ourselves to the world we live in.

The degrees of Masonry are about changing ourselves in mind, body, and soul. We resolve to make positive changes as husbands and fathers, productive citizens in our community, and charitable helpers of our brethren and all mankind. To follow the path of a Masonic life is to seek out and embrace the changes which make us better men.

Many things seem to be changing in our lodges. We communicate via email, and you are probably reading this Trestleboard via the internet. During lodge, the phrase “brethren be clothed” is commonly followed with the admonition “silence your cell phones”. Candle light slides for degree work have been replaced with PowerPoint presentations. We welcome these changes, while seeking comfort and reassurance in the unchanging ritual work of Masonry.

The most important change to Masonry is the quality of the men coming into the fraternity. These new brethren are back-filling the ranks of that lost Masonic generation of baby boomers, of which I am a member. They bring a thirst for an environment where they can have serious pursuits about the meaningful questions of the world. The trivial concerns of the profane and material world do not provide the satisfaction they seek. Masonry is attracting a new generation of true hearted Masons. Change is good for Masonry.

Just as many Masonic symbols conceal rather than reveal their meaning, Masonic change may seem to be too slow and not obvious in our daily life. In fact, do an internet search on “masonry and change” and you won’t find any meaningful references. Even though the internet may not know about “masonry and change”, you can take heart that you, as a Mason, are a powerful agent of change in the world and everything you touch.

Fraternally yours,

Curtis A. Lipkie, Worshipful Master
South Denver Lodge #93

Message from the West...

It's February and love is in the air as romantics around the world celebrate St. Valentine's Day by expressing their love on February 14. But when Pope Gelasius declared February 14 the feast day of St. Valentine in A.D. 496, even he was not sure who Valentine was or what he had done to deserve the veneration. In fact, it's not even certain that he knew which Valentine was to be honored.

According to theologians and experts, there are about a dozen St. Valentines, three that were martyred on February 14. But legend has settled on only two possible Valentines - one a priest in Rome and the other the bishop of Terni, a city in central Italy. Both lived in the second half of the third century, both were imprisoned for promoting their religion, both suffered awful deaths under Emperor Claudius, and both are buried along the Via Flaminia, an ancient highway that connected Rome to northern Italy.

Both are also readily associated with courtly love. Saint Valentine of Rome was imprisoned for performing weddings for Roman soldiers, who were forbidden to marry, and converting the new couples to Christianity. While in jail, he tried to convert the Emperor himself, a brave act that earned him his beheading.

St. Valentine of Terni was awaiting execution by the very same Emperor Claudius when he is said to have healed the blind daughter of his jailer. On the eve of his execution, according to legend, he penned a farewell to the young girl, with whom he had fallen in love, imploring her to keep true to her new faith. He signed the letter "from your Valentine," which some consider to have been the first Valentine ever written.

Scholars still debate which Valentine is the true patron saint of lovers. Many believe that they are actually one and same. Regardless, their dedication to love, romantic or otherwise, paid with the ultimate sacrifice, can serve as an inspiration to us all.

Fraternally yours,

Todd Warburton, Senior Warden

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From whence he came... ...your Worshipful Master

I was born in 1952 and grew up in the small German farming community of Scotland, South Dakota, but never heard the sound of a bagpipe or saw a kilt until my adult life. To be even more confusing, I had a French grandmother. This sounds like the perplexing lineage of Masonry in general. I guess I was destined to be a Mason.

While most of my high school classmates were fated to work on a farm, the dairy creamery, or the local cement plant, I had the good fortune to follow the foot steps of my older brother and graduate from college with a degree in Mathematics from the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology in 1974. My primary interest was computer technology, even though there were few college courses or majors in the field at the time. I spent my career working in high technology, developing computer hardware and software for a variety of industrial applications. My work entailed extensive travel in Europe, the Middle East, and the Orient; thus giving me a perspective of the world at large, and meeting many good and interesting people.

My wife and I have spent 40 amazing years building a family and life that has exceeded all expectations. Our three children (2 daughters and a son) have blessed us with love and life experiences of immense joy and happiness. Our children are all now grown and married, and we even have grandchildren.

Our oldest daughter, Heidi, had the good fortune to marry a Mason, Worshipful Brother L. Bryant Harris. My first introduction to Masonry was when Bryant invited us to the open officer installation where he joined the South Denver #93 officer line as Marshal. At the time, I had no idea what that installation ceremony meant, but I do remember being impressed with the people, the Temple, and the words spoken on that night. It took several years, but I eventually made the consequential leap into Masonry. I was initiated, passed, and raised in 2008, and soon entered the officer line. I recently became a member of the Scottish Rite. Coming to Masonry late in life affords me the advantage of identifying with all the generations of Masons in the Lodge. Young in Masonry to keep on the learning fast track, and old enough to appreciate the intricate paths of life.

Greetings from the South...

In the month of February, we will be charging ahead with more fellowship, light, and delicious meals. Brethren, please join us a wonderful dinner on Tuesday, February 3rd of meatloaf and mashed potatoes. On our 2nd stated communication on February 17th, we'll be having pork tenderloin with roasted vegetables.

Andrew Schnackenberg, Junior Warden

The Secretary's Message

Brethren, it is an unfortunate duty of the secretary to remind the membership to pay their dues each year. This year is no different. Please remember that the timely remittance of your dues keeps the lodge running smoothly. Please send in your dues as soon as possible. If you're having trouble paying your dues, please let us know so we can take appropriate action to help. Help make this the last notice of this kind I need to send this year!

Fraternally and sincerely,
Bryan P. Schultz, Secretary

LIVING & ACTIVE PAST MASTERS

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| Edward Singleton | 1964 & 1988 |
| Floyd C. Simmons | 1966 |
| David M. Naiman | 1968 & 1989 |
| Donald F. Schultz | 1969 |
| Wayne G. Arner | 1974 |
| Harold E. Naiman | 1975 |
| Clinton E. Bromley | 1976 |
| Michael E. Hessel | 1978 & 1984 |
| Gerald A. Ford | 1979 + % |
| John H. Buchanan | 1980 ^ * |
| Raymond G. Hanson Jr. | 1984 |
| Stephen J. Kaplan | 1986 |
| David J. Thomas | 1990 |
| Gary Wm. Noth | 1992 |
| James C. Emas | 1992 |
| Gary Hanneman | 1993 |
| Ronald L. Bush | 1994 |
| David Wilkerson | 1996 |
| Phillip Coomber | 1997 * § |
| Ronald R. Kammerzell | 1998 |
| John Warren | 1998 * |
| Bryan P. Schultz | 2000 & 2004 |
| Burney Brandel | 2002 |
| Clinton Keithline | 2003 |
| Jaime Gatseos | 2005 |
| Alfred Ulibarri | 2006 |
| Christopher Staton | 2007 |
| Mark Ellsworth (Honorary) | 2007 |
| Christopher Ross | 2009 |
| Daniel A. Rivers | 2010 |
| Matthew Simmons | 2011 |
| L. Bryant Harris | 2012 |
| Joseph L. Mitchell | 2013 |
| Scott Olson | 2014 |

AFFILIATED:

Charles F. Fraley
Ben Williams

% Past Grand Master of Masons

+ Past Grand Secretary

^ Past Grand Lecture

* Past Grand Orator

§ Honorary Member

Dispensation Granted: February 9, 1893

Charter Granted: September 20, 1893

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