



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 www.SouthDenver93.org



CALENDAR – November 2015

November 3 – Stated Communication

Dinner 6:30 – Fried Chicken
Open presentation – RWB John Buchanan
“Patriotic Salute To Our Veterans”
Lodge opens 7:30
Roundtable Discussion –
“How We Express Our Free Will”
Ladies and guests program – 7:30
“Holiday Story Telling” –
family traditions / share and tell

November 4 – Bethel #40

“Honor Masons Night”
South Denver Temple – 7:00 pm

November 10 – Senior Warden’s Dinner

by invitation only

November 17 – Stated Communication

Dinner 6:30 – Roasted Turkey Breast
Lodge opens 7:15
“Tuesday Night Lights” –
presentations by brethren of the Lodge

November 18 – Finance Committee

Meeting at 6:00 pm
All Masons welcome

November 19 – Visit Prince Hall Lodge #27

Daniel "Chappie" James Jr. Military Lodge
1625 Florence Street, Aurora, Colorado
Lodge opens 7:30
All Master Masons welcome
Bring your apron and white gloves

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Greetings from the East...

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

To the Brethren of South Denver,

Do you remember your mother baking cookies in the kitchen? And then she left the room. You just had to have a cookie, even though she said to wait. There must have been a million cookies on that table, each begging to be eaten. How would she know one was missing?

Sounds like one of the first moral dilemmas we had to face when growing up. How could it be wrong if no one “saw the crime” or noticed any affect of our wrong doing? A common definition of “morality” is “what you do when no body is watching”. Moral decisions are self imposed, not enforced from outside. These decisions face everyone, from the school boy in mom’s kitchen, the business man in his office, our leaders in government service, and the Mason struggling with “circumscribing his desires and keeping his passions within due bounds”.

The moral man does the right thing, not because of external restraints, but because he knows it is right. Decisions in that “gray area” between right and wrong become easier for the man with a moral compass, because he becomes his own enforcer, and not relying on the fear of being found out and having to suffer the consequences.

Where do we develop this moral compass? Some of us learn from those instructive moments as a child, such as when mom noticed that one of the cookies was missing, and you still had chocolate on the corners of your mouth. Learning by example from those we admire in life provides us with our role models. Our churches provide the parables and exalted imagery of those of virtue. And of course, we all learn the most simple of moral lessons, the Golden Rule, which admonishes us to “do unto others as you would have them do unto you”.

Our Masonic ritual is laced with references to the morality play that we call life. To be “good and true” is the first lesson we are taught in Masonry. We learn that “Truth is a divine attribute and the foundation of every virtue”. Justice requires our moral application of fairness to all mankind. When we “meet on the level” with our Brothers, we are reinforcing our commitment to the Golden Rule.

The moral path in life for a Mason is not easy. We all have a tough and rugged road to travel, beset with ruffians. Remember in whom you put your trust.

Fraternally yours,

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

Message from the West...

No matter how hard we try to deny it, there are only 24 hours in a day. And once you've dedicated most of those to making that important deadline, spending time with family and friends, and hopefully squeezing in a stated communication or two, there aren't many hours left over for that little thing called "sleep." If the sleep debt you've accrued could make an insomniac shake in his slippers, then it's time to take advantage of National Sleep Comfort Month this November.

Sure, with the holiday season right around the corner, making time for more sleep can seem downright impossible. But if you can get seven or eight hours of sleep each night, you'll start to see benefits you've only dreamed of. Here are a few things your more rested self can expect to see:

Better mood – If your family knows not to speak to you before the third cup of coffee, this one's for you. Adequate sleep can make rising with the sun a little bit easier to handle.

Better memory – Ever lost your keys and then found them in the fridge? Forgot to wish your best friend happy birthday? Being forgetful isn't just caused by getting older; sleep plays a huge part as well.

Better immunity – If you hate the way tissues make your nose raw or being unable to taste your food, then sleep may be the answer. Getting enough sleep every day can do a lot to keep the doctor away (that apple they recommend can't hurt either).

Healthy appearance – Dark under-eye circles and a poor complexion are two of the ways minimal sleep takes a toll on your appearance. Sure, the "vampire" look has been all the rage the past few years, but characters in fiction novels tend to pull it off better than we can.

Lower stress – OK, so it's not a weeklong vacation in a tropical locale, but sleep can be (almost) as restorative. If you can't commit to a full eight hours each night, then start small, with a nap. That delicious two-hour break can make you feel like a whole new person. Kids may fight it but most grownups will cherish the time.

As the end of the year approaches, I wish you and your loved ones restful nights and the happiest of days.

Fraternally yours,
Todd Warburton, Senior Warden

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From whence he came... ...your Junior Deacon

I was born in a small New England town in Connecticut called Mystic. It was a ship building community and many of the original people in the town [settled in 1717] were captains, shipwrights, and wood smiths. I grew up among some of the oldest families in the town and many of our fathers were Masons. Mine however, was not a Mason. My dad was a retired Lieutenant Commander in the Navy and had little time for much else aside from his Profession and his three kids.

We were all into sports, my brother was a star basketball player, my sister was involved in the cheering program and school politics. I was a football player and after being bumped around for a couple years in high school I decided to pursue an academic career while in college. I went to a private college in Connecticut and there became a classically trained Psychologist. I dabbled in various Counseling jobs until I realized I enjoyed working for good causes and people, but that clinical psychology was not my true calling. I had always been interested in new technology and working with large national-scale nonprofits. So, I changed focus to begin bringing technology to the world of fundraising, and I worked for some of the largest nonprofits on the globe including, The Make-A-Wish Foundation, United Way and Goodwill. It wasn't until I was in my 30's and well into a career focused on cloud technology that I began to inquire about Masonry with a good friend of mine Scott Olson.

Scott and his family are close friends of my family, and it was Scott who brought me to the light. Being a busy man, I took quite a while to go through my degrees, and I enjoyed every step of the way. I was able to grow strong roots in Freemasonry because I had such a good mentor and guide, and I was very inquisitive about the craft. I've always been a builder, it comes from growing up among shipwrights and seeing how people could take big oaken timbers and craft a tall ship out of them. I have a deep love of all things wooden, and I have a woodshop and many carvings around my home to attest to my love of wood and stone. It came as a bit of a surprise to me that when learning about the craft I began to see that my life had already been shaped by so many of the working tools of Freemasonry. An old stone mason boss I used to have, told me you could see the soul of a man by how well his rock wall stood the test of time. Was it built in a simple stack and crumbled in a matter of years? Or did he take the time to understand the level of the job, the plumb sides and how the individual stones fit together? In a way, my actions and deeds as a young man were shaped by the operative tools of the stone mason, and thus the level, square and plumb became teachings tools for me and meant much more to me than simply laying down stone. As a Master Mason at South Denver 93, I thoroughly enjoy my brothers and learning more about the craft. I look forward to continuing in Masonry and evolving as a seeker of the light.

Fraternally, Michael Madura, Junior Deacon

Message From the South...

Brethren,

In the month of November, we are all reminded to express our thankfulness for our gifts and the wonderful things in our lives. Let us not forget that there are those who are indeed less fortunate than ourselves, and to remember our commitment to charity and the relief of those we find to be in great need. I would like to share with you an encouraging Bible verse that reminds me of thankfulness:

Do not be anxious about anything,
but in everything by prayer and
supplication with thanksgiving let
your requests be made known to God.
- Philippians 4:6

Fraternally,
Andrew Schnackenberg
Junior Warden
South Denver 93

LIVING & ACTIVE PAST MASTERS

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
Thomas M. Laughlin	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

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Charter Granted: September 20, 1893

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