



# South Denver #93 Trestleboard



Stated communications the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of each month September–May

## CALENDAR – May 2016

### May 3, 2016 Stated Meeting

- Garden Salad, Vinaigrette Dressing, Bread & Rolls w/ butter
- Spaghetti with Meat Balls and Italian Sausage
- Market fresh vegetables
- Warm Chocolate Brownie w/ ice cream

### May 17, 2016 Stated Meeting

- Tossed Salad, Italian Dressing, Bread & Rolls w/ butter
- Escallops of Turkey w/ Capers and Lemon
- Mashed potatoes and fresh vegetables
- Fresh fruit parfait w/ strawberries and

### Secretary's notes...

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of Brother Keith Peterson: Keith passed on Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> in Key Largo Florida, from pancreatic cancer. He was 57 years old. He was a Perpetual Member of South Denver Lodge # 93, Denver, Colorado. Survived by his wife Marie, and several relatives. Contributions to TCH Adaptive Sports Program Aurora Colorado.

Please remember to bring in your donations for the Garage Sale this summer.

“Remember we are doing first degrees on both the 30th of April and the Special communication on the 10th at 5:30. W.M.”

## Greetings from the East...

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

Each year, on the last Monday in May, the United States observes Memorial Day. This unofficial start of summer is so much more than a day off from work. The federal holiday started after the American Civil War as a way to honor fallen soldiers. That tradition continues today, now extended to honor all Americans who have sacrificed their lives while fighting for our freedom in the armed forces.

Many also use the occasion to remember family members who've passed, whether military or not. Our Lodge and our Fraternity as a whole have lost many members this past year who have served our country. A national moment of remembrance takes place at 1 p.m. local time; another tradition lowers the flag to half-staff from dawn until noon. Of course, it's not unheard of to dust off the grill and enjoy a day outside, perhaps even in our beautiful mountains.

As our Lodge prepares to go dark during the summer months, I want to thank all of the Brethren for their support during the first half of the year. As well, please stay tuned to our website and look for my emails for the myriad of festivities we will be having during the summer. Finally, regardless of how you spend the Memorial Day holiday, I hope you'll be surrounded by family and friends.

Worshipful Master Todd Warburton

## Message from the West...

Brethren the month of May brings warmer and longer days, which is very welcome indeed. We're spending more time outdoors and with our families, friends, and brothers. It's absolutely incredible that we get to do so in a state as wonderful as Colorado. And as many in lodge attested before our Grand Master of Masons in Colorado, I'm proud to be a Mason in Colorado. Colorado offers an astoundingly beautiful landscape in which to engage in those outdoor activities. As many of the brothers know, my fiancée and I travel when we can and enjoy doing so immensely. I know that whenever we travel, we are always glad when we arrive back home, and I become energized anew to be back home. Master masons are also entrusted with the right to travel and do work in foreign places. And that is an honor and an extremely enjoyable pursuit. But as you read this trestle board, I encourage you to be thankful and appreciative that your masonic home is in the great state of Colorado. And what better way to outwardly show that appreciation than by taking a brother out for a coffee on a patio on a warm, sunny morning? Or by getting several brethren and our families together for a hike in the foothills? Enjoy the warming of the weather brethren, we are all incredibly blessed to be present in a state where The Great Architect did some of His finest Work.

Fraternally,  
Andrew Schnackenberg  
Senior Warden

## From the South

Brethren,

We can define our time in Masonry by the Brothers we got to know or didn't get to know. Gerry A. Ford is one of those Brothers. This is the second part of my mid-December (2015) interview with Gerry.

I asked if the Officers did more preparation work because the Lodge was fuller, implying that there was competition to get into the officer line. Gerry responded by informing me that the officer line was full, but there were very few (one or two) side-liners at meeting. In his memory, this was the expectation of all officers: to know all the parts.

He told me that the duties were a bit different. For instance, the Tyler was outside the Lodge room, with the door closed. The Stewards were responsible for refreshments (having dinner at Lodge didn't start until 1978, unless it was for a Third Degree). The Senior and Junior Deacons were responsible for posting. The Junior Warden was responsible for finances. The officers used to wear tuxedos or black suits. Smoking was allowed in Lodge, but not while sitting in an officer's chair - Wayne Arner takes credit for removing smoking from South Denver. He once told me it was because he had buried too many Brothers who smoked. The balcony was used for the choir during a Third Degree. South Denver Lodge was opened at 7:15, rather than 7:30P.M. as now.

He told me that as Junior and Senior Steward, he would come to Lodge at least one night a week to work on posting candidates. This was in large part how he learned the degree work; going from room to room and degree to degree. Gerry reminded me of the importance of doing the work face-to-face. According to him the work must be done with Brother-to-Brother and that was a way to get to know one another.

Other Brothers have had an impact on my understanding of Masonry, but none quite like Gerry. I encourage younger Masons (by either biological age or years in Masonry) to seek out long time Masons and ask them their stories. They will always be ready to give, as you are to receive, instruction.