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Examining the DCSR's First Decade: 1870 to 1880

By B. Chris Ruli, 32°, Valley Archivist and Historian

As we celebrate our 150th anniversary in December, let's take a brief look back at the people, places, and events that helped shape the Scottish Rite's first decade in the District.

Mithras Lodge of Perfection began with a small but dedicated group of charter members. On December 30, 1870, Grand Commander Albert Pike and Secretary-General Albert G. Mackey consecrated Mithras Lodge and installed their first officers. Without their own dedicated space, Mithras held their first stated meetings in a member's parlor - Joseph W. Nairn - while they negotiated use of the Royal Arch room in the masonic temple on 9th and D streets. They occupied the room until 1875 when the DCSR moved to their first hall on the fourth floor of the Bank of the Republic building on 7th and D streets.

Future President James Abram Garfield submitted his petition for the degrees on April 4, 1871 during Mithras' eighth stated communication. Garfield, a member of Pentalpha Lodge No. 23, applied while serving in the U.S. House of Representatives for Ohio's 19th district. Garfield was an active mason but did not progress further than the 14°. Like his fellow classmates, he received the degrees in increments. He began on May 12, 1871 with the 4° and 5° and concluded eight months later on January 2, 1872 with the 14°.

Mithras reported 21 members during their first year, which grew to 101 in 1881. The total grew exponentially to 400 by 1891. Cost may have been a contributing factor as candidates paid \$30 to receive the 4°-14°. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the average income for a government employee, which was the principle employer

for most of the District's freemasons at the time, was around \$500. Thus, the average candidate paid around 6% of their annual income to join Mithras. Those interested in the higher degrees paid up to \$160 to join the remaining bodies - a grand total of \$190 or 38% percent of their annual income! Petition fees for chapter, council, and consistory were \$30, \$75, and \$55, respectively.

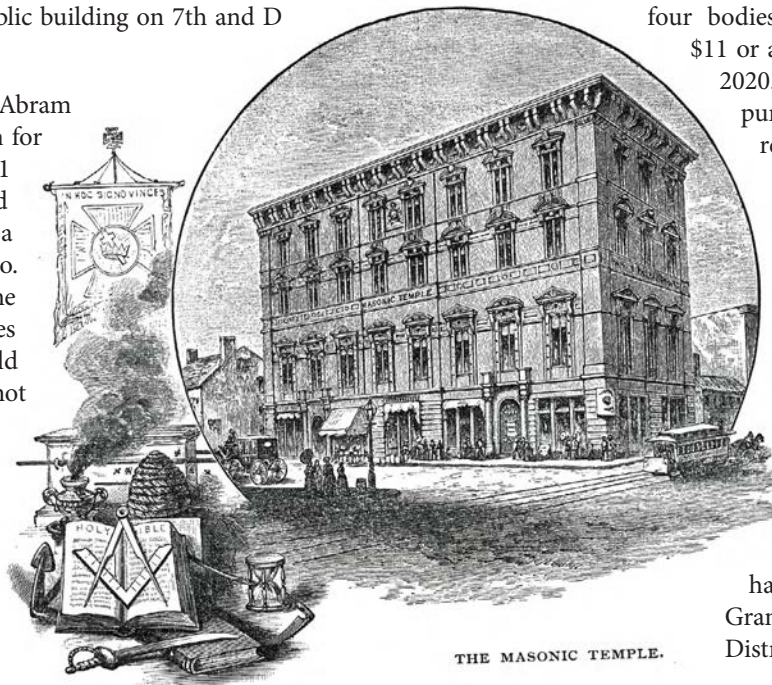


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Annual dues across the four bodies totaled

\$11 or around \$265 adjusted for inflation in 2020. Members were also responsible for purchasing their own aprons and other regalia. The caps, which are prevalent today, were not institutionalized across the Scottish Rite until the turn of the twentieth century.

A candidate petitioning for the Scottish Rite degrees during the first decade waited several years to complete the process. Evangelist Chapter Rose Croix formed in 1872, Robert de Bruce Council of Kadosh in 1874, and Albert Pike Consistory in 1876. Thus, prior to 1876, the higher degrees had to be conferred personally by Grand Commander Albert Pike, the District's SGIG, or an appointed deputy. A similar scenario occurred when the Supreme Council established the Knight Commander of the Court of Honour (KCCH). The KCCH is now awarded to 32° masons in recognition of their service to the Craft and is a requirement prior to receiving the 33°, Inspector General Honorary. Several D.C. masons



THE MASONIC TEMPLE.

Masonic Temple on 9th and D streets - home to the first DCSR meetings

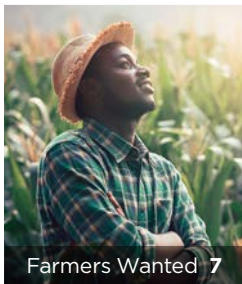
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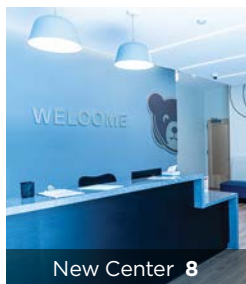
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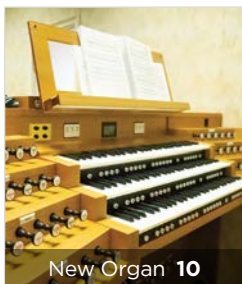
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SGIG Message




Illustrious Leonard Proden, 33rd
SGIG in the District of Columbia

In his 1856 novella, *The Wreck of the Golden Mary*, Charles Dickens wrote with respect to the "electric telegraph" that it "will never be a substitute for the face of a man, with his soul in it, encouraging another man to be brave and true." I hope this summer edition of the *Progress* finds that you and your loved ones have been able to stay safe during these last months.

We miss seeing you at the Rite, miss seeing you at our special programs and activities, and miss interacting with you at other masonic events. Weeks of isolation last Spring soon turned into months of being apart and we were forced to explore virtual options for us to gather and connect. While there is verity in Dickens' lament, we find ourselves grateful for zoom.us in at least affording us an opportunity to see each other's faces. If you aren't using this reliable cloud platform, I urge you to consider it. It is a great electronic medium and the only requirements to participate are a good internet connection or wireless service and a computer or mobile device (a microphone and camera allows you to fully participate). Even if you just have a landline phone, you are able to access the audio. If you need assistance with making use of zoom and to see our schedule of upcoming **Zoom** meetings, please visit our website: www.dcsr.org or give our office a call.

At this writing, with the COVID-19 virus still pervasive in our community and the resulting directives from local government (coronavirus.dc.gov), we have decided to cancel our in-house SR meetings and activities for September and October. We will instead meet via Zoom on alternate Tuesdays commencing September 1st (please see the calendar in this issue for specific dates and times). It is our tentative plan to resume regular meetings in November and our 150th Commemorative Reunion is still on the schedule for November 7th. However, *tentative is the operative word*.

Whenever we can return to in-person activities in our building, be advised that we will be utilizing all protocols and guidelines to ensure and maintain a sanitized environment. Please continue to follow the established personal guidelines and protocols in your space as your health and safety is as important to us as it should be to you.

Be well, be brave and true, and thank you for being a Scottish Rite Mason. 

SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATE

The company engaged by the Supreme Council to develop and maintain our mobile app has finally pulled the plug. We hope to have a new and improved mobile app before too long. In the meantime, you can continue to keep up with the latest Valley news, announcements and SR-related discussion via our Facebook group. After a quick search for **DC Scottish Rite Members Only Group**, you can apply for membership in the group by submitting your SR membership number (found on your dues card) and your email address. DCSR also operates a public Facebook "page" which is intended solely as a presence for non-members. 



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received the 33° through Grand Commander Pike before their election as a KCCH.

The DCSR bodies operated a bit differently during their formative years. Officers served three-year terms and the bodies held triennial sessions to elect and appoint new officers. Each body had its own secretary and treasurer and conferred the degrees on its own schedule. The DCSR now operates with a General-Secretary and General-Treasurer to help coordinate and facilitate operations across all bodies. Members pay annual dues to a single body instead of keeping four separate records. In October of 1892, the DCSR transitioned to reunion-style degree conferrals that continue today.

Another substantial change is that we began the first decade with five Scottish Rite bodies instead of four. On December 7, 1871, the members of Mithras Lodge assembled to

William Ireland, the first head of the Mithras Lodge of Perfection and 3rd SGIG

organize Evangelist Chapter Rose Croix and *Kedron Council of Princes of Jerusalem*. Kedron conferred the 15° and 16° while Evangelist conferred the 17° and 18°. In 1872 the Supreme Council voted to transfer the two council degrees into Rose Croix chapters, which effectively reduced the number of DC Scottish Rite bodies to four. Kedron Council submitted their last report to the Supreme Council in 1874.

Perhaps the most striking characteristic of the first decade was Albert Pike's involvement in the District's activities. Pike moved the Supreme Council offices to Washington in Summer/Fall 1869 and routinely attended DCSR meetings. He accepted invitations to confer degrees, provide lectures, and requested the local bodies help to perform courtesy degrees. While Pike published *Morals and Dogma* prior to his move

to D.C., he made several revisions to his ritual after the relocation.

In 1871, Pike's son Luther submitted a petition to join Mithras. Luther received the degrees in Little Rock, Arkansas but moved to D.C. to join his father's law practice. Like his father, the younger Pike was an active member in the DCSR and served as Evangelist Chapter's second Wise Master from 1875 to 1878.

The DCSR experienced dramatic growth in the ensuing decades but credit must be given to the small cadre who laid the initial foundation. Members devoted considerable time and resources to develop a Scottish Rite presence in D.C. While the degree conferral process was slow and costly, their proximity to the Supreme Council and relationship with Albert Pike placed them in a unique position. It was in DCSR meetings where Pike witnessed and revised the Scottish Rite's ritual. Thus, perhaps the DCSR's most enduring legacy may be the Scottish Rite ritual we use today. 🦿



16th degree Jewel.
Princes of Jerusalem



Luther Hamilton Pike



Evangelist Chapter Apron



Joshua Otis Staton, the first
Wise Master of the Evangelist
Chapter of Rose Croix



Silva Development Celebrates Topping Out

By Ill. Carroll J. Collins, 33°, General Secretary

The apartment building construction that has been ongoing for the past year or so at the rear of the Scottish Rite reached a milestone on July 2, 2020 when the Topping Out was celebrated with a box lunch on the site sponsored by the prime contractor, Davis Construction. A view of the construction is available at <https://app.oxblue.com/login>, username: secretary@dcsl.org, password: davis2020. A time-lapse view of the construction may also be selected at this URL.

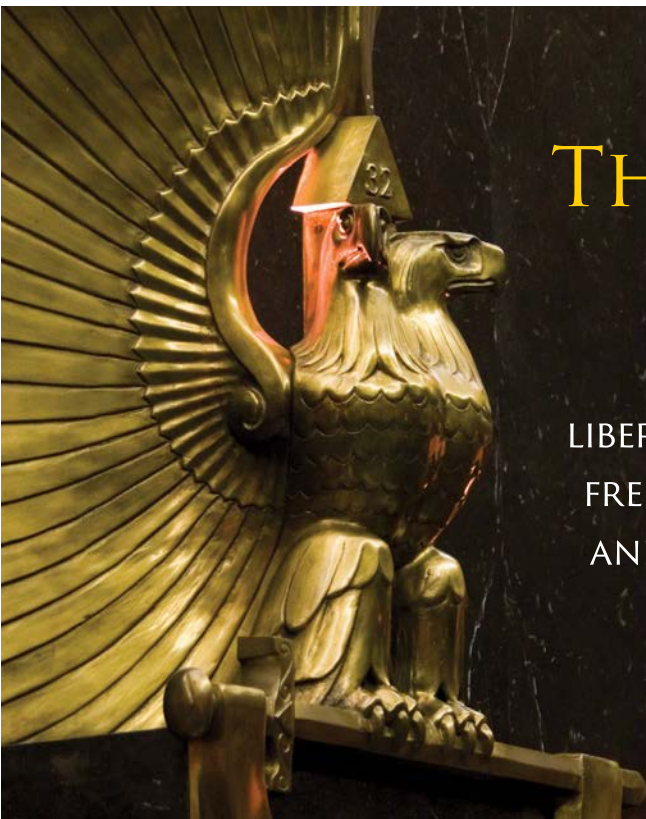


Ill. Carroll J. Collins, 33°

Eastbanc, Inc. and Mitsui Fudosan America are the developers of the nine-story, 172-unit building where, as the advertising proclaims, “sleek apartments meet coveted amenities in the heart of Adams Morgan.” “The Silva,” as it has been named, is scheduled to be available for occupancy in July 2021. 



THE SILVA



THE SCOTTISH RITE CREED

HUMAN PROGRESS IS OUR CAUSE,
LIBERTY OF THOUGHT OUR SUPREME WISH,
FREEDOM OF CONSCIENCE OUR MISSION,
AND THE GUARANTEE OF EQUAL RIGHTS
TO ALL PEOPLE EVERYWHERE
OUR ULTIMATE GOAL

Sesquicentennial of the DC Scottish Rite: Repositioning Today... and Celebrating Tomorrow!

By III. Akram R. Elias, 33°, Chairman, Sesquicentennial Committee

As we all continue to adapt to the new reality created by the COVID-19 pandemic, our DC Scottish Rite remains as committed as ever to make the most of our 150th Anniversary.

A Sesquicentennial is a precious moment in the history of any institution, more especially one like our DC Scottish Rite. On the one hand, it is a joyous moment for celebration, recalling our Rite's past achievements in our Nation's Capital. On the other hand, our 150th Anniversary is a unique moment for the repositioning of our Rite to meet its future goals in a rapidly changing world covered with a *fog of information*.

Celebrating the Past in the Future

Given the ongoing restrictions on large gatherings, we have decided to postpone to next year the celebration part of our Sesquicentennial. In 2021, we will kick off the next 150 years of our DC Scottish Rite with a big celebration of our glorious past. If all goes well, we plan to hold a members-only banquet on December 15, 2020, to harness the holiday energies and boost our batteries in preparation for the big celebration in 2021:

- The Cosmos Club evening with Nobel Laureate and Astrophysicist Dr. Adam Reiss will take place on March 21, 2021.
- The black-tie Gala dinner with Gen. David Petraeus at the Library of Congress is set for May 23, 2021.
- The *Reunion of the Elements* concert at the DC Scottish Rite will enchant us on November 14, 2021.

Repositioning for the Future Today

While postponing the celebration part of our Sesquicentennial to next year makes sense, the repositioning of the DC Scottish Rite could not and need not wait. Making the most of the readily available virtual technology, Scottish Rite meetings have been held on a regular basis and will resume as such in September following


our usual summer break. Each of our meetings is squarely focused on the *exceptionalism* of the Scottish Rite:

- a. To help Master Masons aided by the teachings of the Scottish Rite degrees better understand the deeper meanings of the Craft which are veiled in the allegories and hidden in the symbolism of the first three degrees of Freemasonry; and
- b. To equip and empower Scottish Rite Masons to become engaged free and enlightened citizens who are committed to the betterment of their respective communities and the world at large.



III. Akram R. Elias, 33°

I stated earlier that we live today in a world covered by a *fog of information*. Indeed, we are submerged by data of all kinds and types that create more confusion with little clarity. To be informed citizens, however, we need knowledge, not simply data. Furthermore, the acquisition of knowledge requires first, time and effort to discern with a degree of clarity actionable information from data, and second, silence to internally assimilate that information. Finally, we need wisdom to guide us as we act on that acquired knowledge. Regrettably, the profane seem to be obsessed with instantaneous data, the need for immediate gratification, and the unending quest for "noise" – any type of noise to avoid silence.

Fortunately, however, the Scottish Rite is here to the rescue. The repositioning that we launched this year on the occasion of our Sesquicentennial is of the utmost importance and relevance to us as we today through enlightened actions can lay the foundation of a much brighter future for us, our country and the human condition. Let us remain vigilant in our quest and rejoice in the knowledge that the teachings of the Scottish Rite are the precious gold in times of disruption and uncertainty. *ORDO AB CHAO.* 



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Rite@Home Brings DCSR Meetings to You

With the assistance of Supreme Council and our own Illustrious Scott E. Brown, 33°, Director of Work, DCSR was pleased to host a series of successful and well-attended virtual meetings last Spring using the Zoom video conferencing format. We are pleased announce that these virtual meetings

will resume with Mithras Lodge of Perfection at 7:30 p.m. on **Tuesday, September 1st**. This kick-off to our Fall Series will feature a special program by noted

Rite @Home

Masonic leader, author and luminary, Illustrious Robert G. Davis, 33° Grand Cross (robertgdavis.net).

Visit our website, <https://www.dcsr.org/>, for information and instructions about accessing our virtual (Zoom) meetings. While we wait to determine the format of our November and December meetings, we can confirm for you the following dates for October and November virtual meetings in 2020:

- **Tuesday, Sept 1st:** Mithras Lodge of Perfection
- **Tuesday, Sept 15th:** Robert de Bruce Council of Kadosh
- **Tuesday, Oct 13th:** Evangelist Chapter of Rose Croix
- **Tuesday, Oct 27th:** Albert Pike Consistory



On April 28th, 125 DCSR members participated in our first virtual meeting.

An Evening with Bob Davis Rite@Home on September 1st

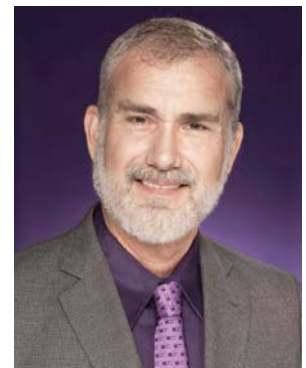
For the Mithras Lodge of Perfection virtual meeting at 7:30 p.m. on September 1st, DCSR is pleased welcome back Illustrious Robert G. Davis, 33° G.C., Secretary Emeritus of the Scottish Rite Bodies in Valley of Guthrie and Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma. He is the author of three books, including *The Mason's Words*, outlining the history and evolution of the American Masonic ritual; *Understanding Manhood in America*, focusing on the fraternal quest for the ideals of masculinity; and *The Journey of the Elu to Enlightenment*, providing a contemporary interpretation of the degrees of the Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite. The subject of his discussion with us on September 1st will be this third book with a focus on how the Elu Principle calls on us to examine the rags of our righteousness.



Ill. Robert G. Davis, 33° G.C.
robertgdavis.net

Chuck Dunning Joins Us Rite@Home on October 27th

Mark your calendars now for the Albert Pike Consistory virtual meeting at 7:30 p.m. on October 27th. Our featured speaker then will be none other than Brother Chuck Dunning, 32° KCCH. Brother Dunning is an advocate, facilitator, trainer, and consultant in contemplative practice, with more than 30 years in the professional fields of higher education and mental health, as well as in Masonry and other currents in the Western esoteric traditions. Chuck's consistent commitment is to the actual practice of contemplative disciplines to facilitate and enhance experiences of personal growth, social wellbeing, and spiritual initiation and transformation. With that aim, as a Mason he has authored *Contemplative Masonry: Basic Applications of Mindfulness, Meditation, and Imagery for the Craft* (2016), and *The Contemplative Lodge: A Manual for Masons Doing Inner Work Together* (coming in 2020), and was a contributing author in *The Art and Science of Initiation* (2019). Chuck is the founding Superintendent of the Academy of Reflection, which is a chartered organization for Scottish Rite Masons wanting to integrate contemplative practice with their Masonic experience. He is also a co-founder, trainer, and facilitator for the Masonic Legacy Society, which freely introduces the inner work of Masonry through online documents and facilitated activities and training.



Chuck Dunning, 32° KCCH
chuckdunning.com



Farmers Wanted

By Ill. Marlon K. Curtis, 33°, Membership Chairman

Imagine, if you will, that the Orient of D.C. is like a farm. However, rather than it being an area of land for the agricultural process of cultivating food, here we are cultivating Masons and providing them with the necessary nutrients essential for personal growth and the maintenance of life.




We are counting on you for a plentiful "harvest" at the 2020 Fall Reunion

In order to accomplish this, we must plant new seeds each year, the seeds of new Scottish Rite Masons. It's up to each of us to gather these seeds and plant them in the rich soil of the Orient of D.C. We must then cultivate them with mentoring and fertilize them with Masonic Education of the highest grade. There's nothing more rewarding or beautiful than seeing a seed grow into something more wonderful than it was.



Ill. Marlon K. Curtis, 33°

Saturday, November 7th is planting day. So we need each of you to don your coveralls, roll up your sleeves to become the farmers of the DC Scottish Rite and begin to immediately gather up as many Master Masons as you can to insure a bountiful harvest. They are the seeds of our future but nothing grows without the farmer's labor. We're counting on you! 

Sign 3, get 1-year FREE annual dues! Also, Opportunity to Earn a Life Membership!

Here's the deal: Any member of the Valley who signs as top-line signer on three (3) petitions in any calendar year, then for the following year the top-line signer's dues are FREE. Also, any member who signs as top-line signer for ten (10) petitions over the course of two consecutive Reunions will be rewarded with a DCSR Life Membership.

DC SCOTTISH RITE'S 2020 FALL REUNION SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

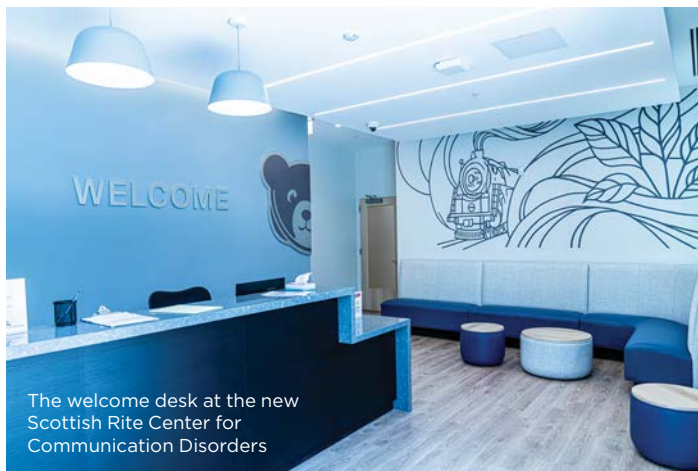
For information and a petition visit:
dcsr.org/forms-and-petitions



Children's National Hospital Opens New Scottish Rite Center for Communication Disorders

By Dr. Tommie L. Robinson, Jr., Director, Scottish Rite Center for Communication Disorders

In 1989 the Scottish Rite Center for Childhood Language Disorders was dedicated by then First Lady, Mrs. Barbara Bush. The center has been in operation at 1630 Columbia Road, NW since its inception. As a 10,000 square foot building, it has served over 20,000 children and their families. In addition, the Scottish Rite Foundation has invested \$2.15 million to help prevent, identify, and treat speech, language and hearing disorders in children and adolescents.



The welcome desk at the new Scottish Rite Center for Communication Disorders

In December 2017 the Scottish Rite Center, as we knew it, discontinued to exist. The building was razed to make way for a new housing partnership with the Scottish Rite Foundation. The staff were sent to the many Regional Outpatient Centers and continued to offer speech, language and hearing services.

As I prepare this message, I am pleased to announce the opening of the new Scottish Rite Center in Takoma Park, D.C. The old Takoma Theater was completely gutted, renovated and repur-

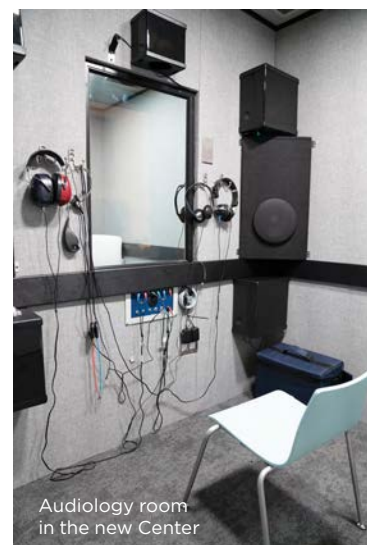
posed into a Regional Outpatient Center for Children's National Hospital. In addition to the Scottish Rite Center, the building houses: psychology; psychiatry; neuropsychology; neuro-genetics; and neurodevelopment. This creates many opportunities for research and inter-professional practice to better meet the needs of the patients we serve... all in one building. This new beginning also allows an opportunity to rename the center to reflect the comprehensive services that are provided. The new name is the **Scottish Rite Center for Communication Disorders**, reflecting both the practice of speech-language pathology and audiology. The contact information is as follows:

The Scottish Rite Center for Communication Disorders
6833 4th Street, NE
Washington, D.C. 20012
202-745-2000

As we enter into this new environment, we are looking forward to our continued effort of meeting the needs of our patients through providing comprehensive evaluation and treatment of children with communication disorders. 🐼



Dr. Tommie L. Robinson, Jr.



Audiology room in the new Center



Dr. Tommie L. Robinson, Jr. (center) with his staff at the new Scottish Rite Center for Communication Disorders

Introducing DCSR Cares

By Rick Mubarak, 32°, Chairman, DCSR Cares

The Visitation & Sick Committee is now **DCSR Cares**. Our purpose is to serve as the Valley's committee for receiving and reporting the well-being of members through the promotion of prayer, visitation, outreach, and relief for members who are sick and shut-in; and sharing member announcements of births, deaths, marriage, and other special life events.

Since our mission requires the input and feedback of all members of the valley, everyone is a committee member! To achieve our objectives, we have established the following new projects:

- **Rite Keepers Project** - We will be working to ensure that our brothers who are hospitalized or shut-in are visited regularly by fellow members of the valley;
- **Rite Notices Project** - will serve as our way for each of us to stay connected with the happenings and other special life events shared by members through DCSR publications, email and social media.



Please contact the committee to provide announcements, wellness updates or to report the recent news-worthy health status of yourself or a brother DC Scottish Rite Mason. Also, if you would like to join or support our projects, please email the committee chairman.

Contact:

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Chairman

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care@dcscr.org or noblemaster32@gmail.com



Rick Mubarak, 32°



AMSRB NATO Club News

By Ill. James Barrett, 33°, Personal Representative and Secretary

Since the arrival of the pandemic all in-person gatherings and activities have necessarily been halted but the Club members are successfully keeping in touch via Zoom. It is hoped that the Club will be able to proceed with plans to hold a Reunion in Vicenza, Italy on October 8-9, 2020.

Congratulations to our Brethren who have been elected to serve as 2020 officers in the following capacities:

Club Officers

President: Brother Anthony Ward;
Vice-President: Brother David McLean;
Secretary: Ill. James Barrett, 33°;
Treasurer: Ill. Paul Curran, 33°; **Director No. 1:** Brother Luis Baez-Delgado;
Director No. 2: Brother Larry Painter, 32° KCCH; **Director No. 3:** Brother Andreas Schoenwandt, 32° KCCH


Knight of Saint Andrew

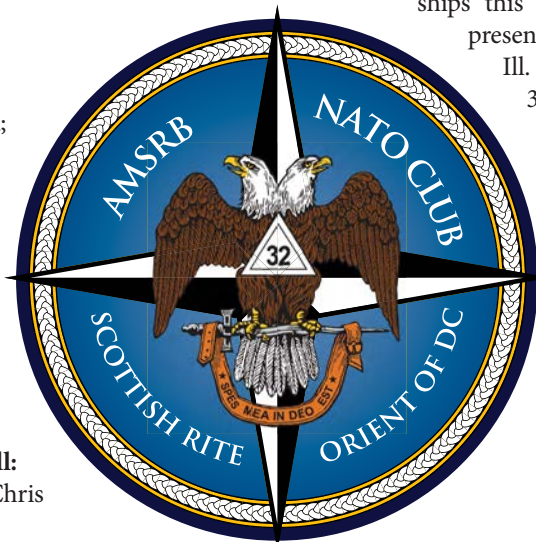
Chieftain: Brother David McLean; **Marshall:** Brother Carl Butler; **Prior:** Brother Chris

Edwards; Secretary and Treasurer are the same as for the Club; **Italy Representative:** Brother James Conselmo

Philanthropy

The Club presented four scholarships this year (two were presented in Italy by Ill. Ron Reynolds, 33° and one went to a student in Wiesbaden

Germany.) This year three ROTC Awards were given to Lakenheath, Ramstein, and Alconbury. A donation was sent to the Scottish Rite in Australia to provide support following the rampant wildfires in that country. At the last Reunion \$1200.00 was collected for charity from the AMSRB Club members of the entire AMSRB and given to the Valley. 



Ill. James Barrett, 33°

A New Organ for the Scottish Rite

By Ill. Paul D. Dolinsky, 33°, Chairman, Music Committee

The thrilling sound of the pipe organ immediately sets a mood of grandeur and anticipation for any occasion. The Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Valley of Washington, Orient of the District of Columbia has benefited from having a fine pipe organ in its auditorium. Music has always been associated with the many processions, rituals and festivities that have been held there. It enhances the experience, creates a contemplative or exciting mood, and introduces entrances and exits. The majestic sound of the full pipe organ not only gets our attention, but also clearly heralds the beginning of something exciting and very important to our Craft.

The original pipe organ in the auditorium of the Scottish Rite Building was installed in 1937 by the Washington, D.C. organ building firm of Lewis & Hitchcock. Theodore C. Lewis & William I. Hitchcock established the company in 1915 after they installed the E.M. Skinner Pipe Organ in the Bethlehem Chapel of the Washington National Cathedral.



Ill. Paul D. Dolinsky, 33°



The E.M. Skinner Organ Company was one of the preeminent builders of pipe organs in the United States. Lewis & Hitchcock continued that American Classic Organ tradition in Washington, D.C. This tradition is noted for the clearness and clarity of sound of 20th-century American Organs. For organ enthusiasts, the Scottish Rite organ is a two-manual and pedal console with 657 pipes and nine ranks. An organ keyboard is typically 61 keys and a rank is the set of 61 pipes for each organ stop or sound. The Lewis & Hitchcock organ at the Scottish Rite represents the small-scale orchestral organ that was very popular during the Pre-World War II era with many of the sounds borrowed, shared and extended with upper and lower registers among the keyboards and pedals.

The Lewis & Hitchcock organ ranks of pipes are as follows:

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow said, "Music is the universal language of mankind". How singularly appropriate it is to include it in our masonic rituals. Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, one of history's most notable masonic composers, wrote no less than 10 pieces for use in lodge ceremonies, let alone The Magic Flute which is rich in Masonic symbols. Full of moral enrichment, his Masonic Funeral music is among his most moving works. Numerous other classical composers have also written masonic pieces or music otherwise appropriate for our needs.

Most masonic lodge rooms have either a piano or organ that may be used to entertain, to accompany degree work or to celebrate important events such as a Grand Lodge visitation. There are fine organs in the lodges of Washington, D.C., some of which are seldomly used or are in disrepair. As such, and with the absence of a lodge musician, many degrees go either unaccompanied or recorded music is used as an alternative. The experience of live music makes a far deeper impression on our new candidates as well as attending brethren. For example, The Star-Spangled Banner is far more meaningful when introduced and accompanied by an organist or pianist. Similarly, contemplative and introspective moments are beautifully highlighted by quiet musical accompaniment.

16'	Bourdon	(73 pipes)	(dark tone flute pipe)
16'	Gedeckt	(85 pipes)	(flute tone pipe)
8'	Diapason	(61 pipes)	(large scale principal pipe)
8'	Diapason	(73 pipes)	(small scale principal pipe)
8'	Gemshorn	(85 pipes)	(flute/string hybrid pipe)
8'	Salicional	(73 pipes)	(string tone pipe)
8'	Voix Celeste	(61 pipes)	(flute/string pipe)
16'	Oboe	(85 pipes)	(reed Pipe)
8'	Vox Humana	(61pipes)	(reed pipe)

Although it has served admirably and has been well maintained by Lewis & Hitchcock over the past 80 years, the instrument is now in need of a substantial rebuilding. The significant cost of this project suggested exploring other alternatives for providing music to accompany the needs of the Scottish Rite and greatly expand the opportunities that a new organ might provide.

The new organ would have to serve many functions. First, it had to be able to support the Scottish Rite degrees and accompanying rituals. Furthermore, if we were to invest in a new instrument, it should

be sufficiently versatile concert organ for expanding the outreach of Freemasonry in general with events that would showcase the instrument. A new traditional pipe organ with such capabilities was prohibitively expensive. Consequently, we began exploring digital organ companies. Digital organs utilize audio samplings of significant pipe organs around the world to create an authentic pipe organ sound through extensive technology and speaker systems. Four digital organ companies were studied, and the final choice was one of America's preeminent firms, Rogers Organs.

Rogers Organs was established in 1958 by two engineers and organ enthusiasts, Roger Jenkins and Fred Tinker. They were committed to capturing the essence of pipe organ sounds and making it economically accessible to places of worship, universities, music schools and enthusiasts around the world.

Based in Oregon, Rogers early organs utilized transistor-based oscillator circuits, but they have continuously explored new and cutting-edge technologies to reproduce authentic pipe organ sounds. The new Scottish Rite organ reflects the epitome of digital technology and as such, the most authentic reproduction of the pipe organ experience. Our new organ is a Rogers "Artist Series 599T" and equivalent to a 48-rank American Classic pipe organ spread over three manuals and a pedal keyboard. In addition, there are four succinct digital organ 'sounds' within ours. They represent sounds characteristic of three other organ building styles from around the world. Many organists prefer alternate sound options. These options will now be available at the push of a button. R.A. Dapher Organs, Inc of Jessup, Maryland is the local representative for Rogers Organs and they installed our new instrument. It was quite a challenge wedging the large console into our small choir loft, but the challenge was skillfully met by their very professional staff. Additionally, David Lang, a local church and concert organist, spent a week individually voicing the digital sounds for our auditorium. He said the results were exceptional, even by his very high standards, and he looks forward to providing us a concert recital.

The German Baroque option has the characteristics of an organ built by Arp Snitger, a 17th century German organ builder of instruments known for their bright tonal spectrum. The French Romantic option has warm ensembles and fiery reeds characteristic of the 19th century French instruments built by Cavaille Coll. The English Cathedral option has broad fundamental tones and smooth reeds characteristic of organs built by Henry (Father) Willis, one of the foremost English Victorian organ builders and the prestigious firm of Harrison & Harrison.



New speakers installed in the Auditorium for the new organ

Our new organ is composed of digital sound samplings equaling the 48 ranks of American Classic pipes as well as ranks from German, French and English organs from famous installations around the world for a total of 192 stops. Additionally, we have a MIDI (Musical Instrument Digital Interface) library of 92 stop options, plus an orchestral library of 31 stops featuring many options such as chimes, hand bells, harps, trumpets and tympani. The sound combination opportunities are as endless as the future potential of how the Scottish Rite will use this organ.


For organ enthusiasts, here is the base specification of the new Roger's Artist 599T:

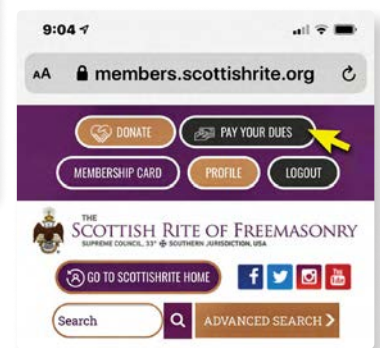
Great Division	Swell Division	Choir Division	Pedal Division
16' Violone	8' Geigen Principal	8' Diapason	32' Contre Bourdon
8' Principal	8' Bourdon	8' Holzgedackt	16' Principal
8' Bourdon	8' Viola Celeste II	8' Unda Maris II	16' Subbass
8' Gemshorn	4' Prestant	4' Principal	8' Octave
4' Octave	4' Flute Traverse	2' Octav	8' Bass Flute
2-2/3' Quinte	2-2/3' Nazard	1-1/3' Larigot	4' Choral Bass
2' Super Octave	2' Block Flute	IV Rauschwerk	16' Bombarde
IV Fourniture	1-3/5' Tierce	16' Corno di Bassetto	8' Trumpet
8' Waldhorn	IV Plein Jeu	8' Clarinet	4' Clarion
	16' Trombone	8' Fanfare Trumpet	
	8' Trumpet		

The organ console is located in the choir loft along the south wall of the auditorium. A new speaker system has been installed along the rear, east wall. The console is beautifully-constructed of white oak and emulates the tradition of classical French organ building in that the draw knobs are arranged in waterfall tiers flanking the keyboards.

The future of our new organ is limitless. We are looking forward to a dedicatory recital when Masons, friends, and family can all gather safely together. It was also be used for degree accompaniment, Grand Lodge communications, plus some extremely creative and entertaining opportunities such as Halloween Holiday Season concerts and sing-alongs for many years to come. 🦃

Dues News

We are pleased to announce a change to the way “hard-copy” membership ID (dues) cards will be distributed. For the convenience of you, our members, those who pay annual dues will receive by mail directly from the Supreme Council their 2021 dues cards upfront and automatically along with their membership account statements. **However, in order to retain your membership in good standing, you must still pay the amount due as indicated on your statement.** By far the easiest way to pay your dues is via the Supreme Council’s Scottish Rite Members Only Portal. If you have not yet created your online member account, it’s easy to create one at <https://scottishrite.org/members/profile>. 



Be Kind to Your Wallet—Use Your Digital Membership Card!

Whether your wallet is already over-stuffed, or you simply prefer the minimalist lifestyle, your Scottish Rite Member ID card is now available online and on your mobile device with a single click anytime you need it. Just follow these simple steps:

STEP 1

Log on to scottishrite.org on your computer, tablet or smartphone.



STEP 2

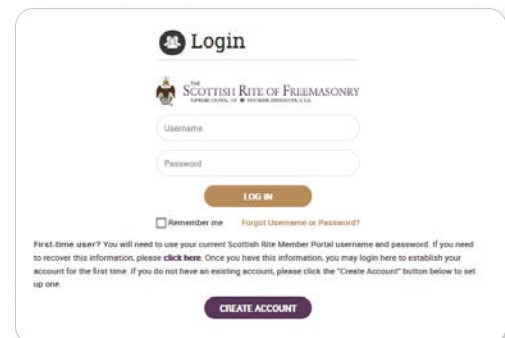
Next, click “Member Login” to access the Members Only portal.



STEP 3

Login with your username and password.

(If you’ve never set up your username and password, you will need to do so using your Member ID number which can be found on your Member ID card. If you need assistance in setting your account up, simply email membership@scottishrite.org)



STEP 4

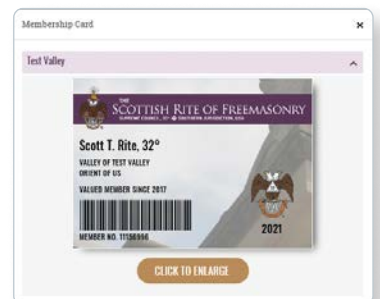
Once you are logged in to the members area, simply click the “Membership Card” button at the top of the page.



STEP 5

When you click the Membership Card button, your Member ID card will be instantly displayed.

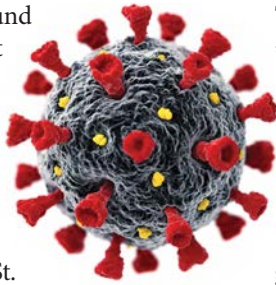
Once you are logged in, you will be able to access your ID card with a single click, unless you log out, clear your history or update your device. Your digital Membership ID card can be used in place of your standard Membership ID Card to gain entry to Scottish Rite Valley meetings anywhere in the Southern Jurisdiction. If you have questions about your Digital Member ID card, or you need help accessing your online account, contact the Supreme Council Membership Services Department at membership@scottishrite.org. 



Joint Effort Assists Brethren Affected by the Pandemic

By Morgan P. Corr, 32° KCCH, Senior Grand Deacon, Grand Lodge of D.C.

The Joint Masonic COVID Relief Fund established earlier this year to assist our Masonic family during this crisis continues to need the support of the Valley and its membership. Under the leadership of our Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Michael D. Nicholas, Sr. and the Grand Lodge, the DC Scottish Rite, along with partners such as MESH Charities, St. John's Mite, the Masonic Foundation of D.C., founded the Fund in March, and have raised over \$130,000 to date. Many lodges, chapters, commanderies as well as individuals across the jurisdiction have generously given to the Fund.



There is great need among our brothers and our D.C. Masonic Family due to the economic impact of the virus and public health measures during this shutdown. More than \$80,000 has been given in direct relief to assist brothers with such things as medical bills, housing, utilities, and groceries. This need is only increasing, so if you, your Masonic lodges or appendant bodies can help, please do.

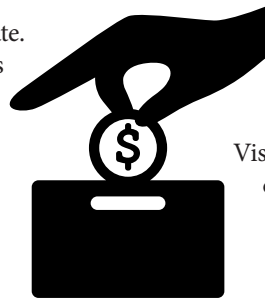


Morgan P. Corr, 32° KCCH



MESH Charities

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Visit www.meshdc.org/donate to contribute to this crucial project. And if you or someone you know is in need, the form for assistance is found at <https://www.meshdc.org/covid-relief>. 

If Your Scottish Rite Ring Could Speak

Suppose by some magic your Scottish Rite Ring could speak. What would it say?

"I SYMBOLIZE the Scottish Rite and, as such, like Aladdin's lamp, I am possessed of miraculous powers, for...

"I BRING YOU riches far greater than all the wealth of fabled El Dorado: I can summon to you the help and the strength of your Scottish Rite Brethren throughout the nations of our worldwide Masonry...

"I BRING YOU the grandeur and the splendor of a Scottish Rite Ritual: That portrayal from antiquity through the golden pen in poetry and the sacred fire in drama that inculcates lofty patriotic sentiments, high moral values, and noble spiritual aspirations...

"I BRING YOU the magnetism of a Scottish Rite Mission: That never-ending fight for human rights and resources – freedom of the body, freedom of the mind, freedom of the Soul...



"I BRING YOU the beauty of a Scottish Rite Vision: That revelation of truth and greatness dimly seen in the mystic light that follows purification, initiation, and moral perfection...

"I BRING YOU the insight of a Scottish Rite Philosophy: That progress in human development which transforms natural ignorance into sublime wisdom, self-discovery, self-awareness, and self-enrichment...

"I BRING YOU the confidence of Scottish Rite Courage: That self-reliance in daily living born of an abiding faith in the guidance of Him who holds the whole world in His hands...

"THESE ARE some of the things I bring to you, a true Freemason of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite."

– Ill. Henry C. Clausen, 33°, *Sovereign Grand Commander (1969-1985)* 



In Memoriam

ROSE CROIX NOTICE

THOSE THINGS THAT SURVIVE US – OUR WORKS, OUR WORDS,
OUR IMMORTAL THOUGHTS, OUR INFLUENCES AND THE
EFFECTS OF OUR GOOD DEEDS, ARE MORE TO THE WORLD THAT
SURVIVES THAN ARE WE OURSELVES.

NAME / DEGREE	BIRTH DATE	14° DATE	DATE OF DEATH
Peter M. Bauer, 32°	9/23/1937	1/18/1969	9/21/2018
Paige L. Chandler, 32°	3/4/1934	11/8/2013	6/8/2020
Ill. Dean Suter Clatterbuck, 33°	3/28/1937	3/15/1960	5/29/2020
James Leroy Colebank, 32°	3/25/1944	4/5/1975	12/16/2013
Clyde W. Emmart, 32°	4/30/1931	11/1/1969	3/10/2020
Donald G. Farran, 32°	6/17/1928	10/12/1965	1/23/2020
Elton C. Jones, 32°	3/11/1919	3/4/1947	5/19/2014
Noff S. Lockard, 32°	6/13/1933	10/24/1970	8/18/2014
James R. McDaniel, 32°	5/18/1927	1/14/1969	1/30/2020
Richard B. Nelson, 32°	6/24/1947	7/27/1974	1/13/2020
Ill. Patrick I. Quinn, 33°	1/14/1939	10/11/2003	3/4/2020
Joseph R. Schaap, 32°	11/22/1936	5/11/1961	12/9/2019
Philip R. Shelton, 32°	5/26/1943	10/12/1974	4/16/2020
Galinsky Smith, 32°	9/28/1974	5/8/2015	3/30/2020
David T. Williams, 32°	8/23/1943	11/1/1969	11/23/2018



Listen To Your Heart




Are you including heart-healthy cardio activities in your day? Get lasting feel-good benefits with these ideas to help you move more:

- **Make a date.** Plan fun exercise ideas during your after-work or family after-school routine. Swap screen time for a walk, bike ride, or hoops. Turn up tunes and dance through chores.

- **Walk farther.** Take an extra turn around the block with your dog. Walk to errands or park far from the door. Pretend you're late to reach a brisk, heart-pumping pace. Walking at least 150 minutes a week can help improve blood pressure and increase energy levels, but even smaller amounts of exercise are better than none.

- **Try intervals.** Interval training alternates short periods of intense exercise with rest time, for example, 30 seconds of jumping jacks followed by a 15-second rest, then 30 more seconds of jumping jacks. Rest periods can include slowly pacing to catch your breath or active recovery with low-intensity movement such as balance exercises.

Consistent daily movement adds up to help take care of your ticker.


*Courtesy of Bro. Sylvanus Newstead, 32° KCCH
and KP.org.* 

KAISER PERMANENTE  **thrive**

If I Were a Voice

– by Charles Mackay (1814-1889)

If I were a voice, a persuasive voice,
That could travel the wide world through,
I would fly on the beams of the morning light
And speak to men with a gentle might,
And tell them to be true.
I would fly I would fly o'er land and sea,
Wherever a human heart might be,
Telling a tale, or singing a song,
In praise of the right, in blame of the wrong.
If I were a voice, if I were a voice.

If I were a voice, a consoling voice,
I'd fly on the wings of air;
The homes of sorrow and guilt I'd seek,
And calm and truthful words I'd speak,
To save them from despair.
I would fly, I would fly o'er the crowded town,
And drop, like the happy sunlight, down
Into the hearts of suffering men,
And teach them to rejoice again.
If I were a voice, if I were a voice. 





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SCOTTISH RITE CALENDAR


SEPTEMBER THROUGH DECEMBER 2020

SEPTEMBER

1	Mithras Lodge of Perfection Virtual Meeting, 7:30 p.m. (Members only)
7	Labor Day DCSR Temple offices closed
8	Evangelist Chapter of Rose Croix Meeting canceled
15	Robert de Bruce Council of Kadosh Virtual Meeting, 7:30 p.m. (Members only)
22	Albert Pike Consistory Meeting canceled

OCTOBER

6	Mithras Lodge of Perfection Meeting canceled
12	Columbus Day DCSR Temple offices closed
13	Evangelist Chapter of Rose Croix Virtual Meeting, 7:30 p.m. (Members only)
20	Robert de Bruce Council of Kadosh Meeting canceled
27	Albert Pike Consistory Virtual Meeting, 7:30 p.m. (Members only)


 Public event. Family and friends are welcome.




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NOVEMBER

3	Mithras Lodge of Perfection DCSR Temple or Virtual, 7:30 p.m. (Members only)
7	DCSR Fall 2020 Reunion @ DCSR Temple (S.R. Masons only)
10	Evangelist Chapter of Rose Croix DCSR Temple or Virtual, 7:30 p.m. (Members only)
11	Veterans Day DCSR Temple offices closed
17	Robert de Bruce Council of Kadosh DCSR Temple or Virtual, 7:30 p.m. (Members only)
24	Education and Community Service Awards Program DCSR Temple, 6:30 p.m. (Public event) 
26	Thanksgiving Day DCSR Temple offices closed

DECEMBER

1	Mithras Lodge of Perfection DCSR Temple or Virtual, 7:30 p.m. (Members only)
8	Evangelist Chapter of Rose Croix DCSR Temple or Virtual, 7:30 p.m. (Members only)
15	DCSR Sesquicentennial Membership Banquet DCSR Temple, 7:00 p.m. (DCSR Members only) 
24	Christmas Day (observed) DCSR Temple offices closed
28-31	Winter Break DCSR Temple offices closed

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