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### MARCH 2006

1	Dinner	6:00 p
	Stated Communication	7:00 p
15	MM Degree, First Section	4:30 p
	Dinner	6:00 p
	MM Degree, Second Section	7:00 p

### APRIL 2006

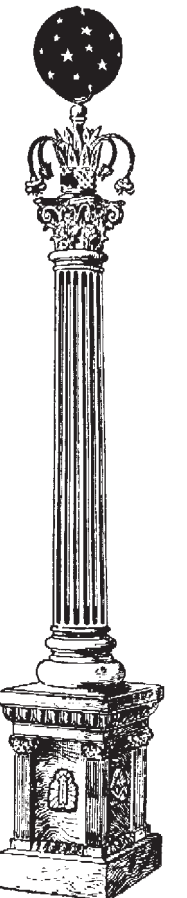
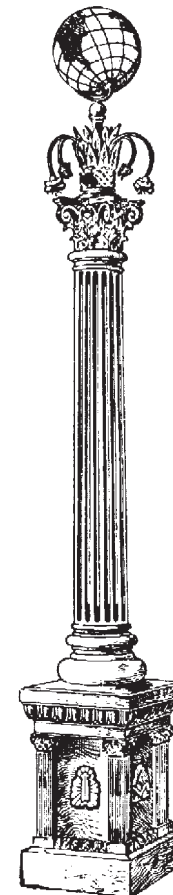
5	Dinner	6:00 p
	Stated Communication	7:00 p

### MAY 2006

3	Dinner	6:00 p
	Stated Communication	7:00 p

Note: There is likely to be degree work scheduled for the Summer months, since we have at least one candidate who is available at that time.

**Bring Spouses and friends to Open Events!**



## Ramblings from the East

Greetings Brethern;



I hope the warm and almost snowless days of January finds you all in good health and high spirits.

On January 18th Minneapolis Lodge#19 and Paul Revere Lodge#321 put on a combined Entered Apprentice Degree for three candidates. One candidate was from Minneapolis 19 and two from Paul Revere. The combined degree work went well and I hope we can continue putting on joint degree work in the future. The 2nd degree will be performed Wednesday February 15th and the 3rd degree on Wednesday March 15th. Come to the Lodge on those two nights to show your support for Masonry and encourage these young men as they join our organization.

Our Tyler, Don Fanning, has been hospitalized and our prayers are with him for a fast recovery. The Lodge is not the same without him. Get well fast Don.

See you all in Lodge.

Don Kujanen W.M.

## In the Spirit of John the Baptist

By Robert Fischer, 32° AASR

As a candidate becomes initiated into the First Degree, he becomes familiar with the Lodge of Masons for the first time. In doing so, he also becomes familiar with “the Holy Saint John” – or, rather, two of them: Saint John the Baptist and Saint John the Evangelist. While consideration of both of them is certainly rewarding, introduction of both is beyond the scope of this article: we will limit ourselves here to an introduction of John the Baptist, and leave John the Evangelist for another article.

John the Baptist was a powerful personality in his own right, and is given a unique role in Christianity due to his precusory relationship with Jesus. Historically, John the Baptist was a very popular Jewish religious leader at the time of the Christ. His message was peaceful righteousness towards brethren and piety towards God, and he reached out to the lame, the outcast, and the despised, including the hated tax collectors. His ministry resonates strongly with the ministry of Jesus, and a non-Christian Masonic student might admire John the Baptist for prototyping those great teachings.

For the Christian Mason, John’s identity and importance is clearly laid out in the gospels. The story of John’s baptism of Jesus is one of the few common accounts in all four Gospels. In all the gospels, John denied being the Lord but acknowledged being one who paved the way for the Lord, and he became one of the first true and outspoken believers in the Christ. This recognition

began when, upon John’s baptism of Jesus, the Holy Spirit came from Heaven as a dove and rested on Jesus. The synnoptic gospels go a step further and have a voice coming from Heaven reaffirm that John’s interpretation. This event was the initiation of Jesus’s ministry, and so John the Baptist holds the unique honor of beginning the story that ends with the cross.

As a Masonic archetype, John the Baptist could represent ‘a voice calling from the wilderness’, a faithful and outspoken leader devoted to God in a time when many have turned away. The story of John teaches us to bring ourselves into order, emulating those great virtues that the Grand Architect has designed into the consciousness of humanity, and to be receptive to the presence and spirit of peace whenever it may appear. To dedicate our Lodge to Saint John the Baptist admonishes us to be pious leaders among people, but not to become self-centered or to forget our due role within this Creation.

May we ever heed that admonishment and act in that model.

## Minneapolis 19 Brothers on the road to Denver

February 2nd -5th, 2006

WB David Epling, Br. Peter Tomlinson, and I with Dustin DuFault from Lake Harriet #277 recently visited the Denver Consistory (Scottish Rite) and Denver #5 Blue Lodge on a recent Masonic pilgrimage to the area.

During our Thursday evening visit to the historic Denver #5 Masonic building, WB David Epling and Br. Roger Wainwright present the Master and Brothers of Denver #5 with our Traveling Gavel plaque. Denver #5 was chartered when Colorado was only a territory in 1858 and, ironically, will be celebrating their 150th Anniversary in 2008, the same as Minneapolis 19. They have quite a history, as well as, the self-proclaimed oldest blue lodge in Colorado designation. You can go to their website at [www.denver5.org](http://www.denver5.org) for more information about them.

The lodge building for Denver #5 resides on the vibrant 16th Street Mall at Welton (similar to our Nicollet Mall here in Minneapolis on a smaller scale) and houses Union #7 blue lodge and various other Masonic bodies on the fourth and fifth floors of the structure and professional and retail space on the lower floors. Each of the retail signs on this building bear the square and compasses with the general entrance having the wording “Masonic Building” emblazoned on the steel canopy. It is an amazing sight to see.

The stated meeting and dinner we attended that evening was impressive. We also witnessed a flawless prove-up by a brother Fellowcraft doing their long format. I believe that everyone present was impressed by the display of competency displayed by this brother.

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During our building tour, we were told that this structure burned to the ground from within (due to arson by one of their tenants) in the mid-1980’s and the only remaining lodge artifacts were the Master’s chair (which fell from the 5th floor to the basement) and their charter which was saved by a brother who entered the burning building to retrieve it. The night of the disaster was actually a meeting night for the lodge. Lucky for them, no one was killed in this massive inferno. The building was rebuilt from within with the external walls being the only remaining part of the original structure.

And yes, we ventured into the mountains. On Friday evening and early Saturday, we visited such areas as Breckenridge, Keystone, and Idaho Springs with a stop over Loveland Pass, or the Continental Divide marker at an elevation of 12,000 ft, for some snapshots. An interesting fact, the Breckenridge Lodge #47 (est. in 1882) just recently sold their main street location in downtown Breckenridge for around \$2 million (we were told) and rebuilt a new lodge structure just outside of town.

The Denver Consistory, or Scottish Rite Temple, resides just within walking distance of the 16th Street Mall and the State Capital in downtown Denver. On Saturday evening, we attended the Denver KSA’s (Knights of St. Andrew) annual Robert Burns Night. With a toast to the Haggis, Scotch tasting, KSA pipe band music, and the reading of some (abbreviated) Burns poems, it was a great evening had by all. And later that evening, we all headed ( with some KSA brothers in kilts) to the British pub called Pints Pub, which supposedly houses the largest available Scotch collection outside of Great Britain.

All in all, the trip was great time of strengthening existing lodge friendships and making new ones with the Denver brothers. I liked it so much that I joined the Denver Consistory and Denver #5 during our visit.

A round of thanks goes out to the Denver KSA, especially VM Trey Perrin, who generously showed us the town during our visit.

Next month, WB David Epling and I will be heading off to Houston, TX for the Central Region Scottish Rite Leadership Conference for the Southern Jurisdiction. I look forward to sharing our trip experiences with you in the next issue.

Roger Wainwright, Junior Warden



### Moving?

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