

# The Asylum

## From the Editor

It has certainly been a busy month. I am so pleased that summer has finally arrived. I love all the green trees, flowers, and warm weather. In this month's Asylum you will find information about Angel on the Rio, and the Grand Sessions for 2022.

Thanks to the SKs of Temple Commandery 23 and Delta Commandery 34, for hosting the Grand Commandery visit to the Western Slope, on 25 April. A pleasant dinner, with ladies, was shared at the Golden Corral, prior to moving back to the Grand Junction Scottish Rite Center. REGC Steve Davis was extremely impressed with the crisp work performed in the ten-man opening.

A dozen Sir Knights attended the Flaming Sword workshop, in Aurora, on 23 April. Thanks to PEGC Scott Wilson for making the pilgrimage from Hotchkiss, to lead the day. For those who attended, skills were sharpened, and good fellowship was shared. Be sure to add the next workshop to your calendar when announced. The Grand Commander encourages all Sir Knights to receive the Flaming Sword Award.

I would encourage all Sir Knights and their Ladies to visit the Grand Encampment Website at [Knightstemplar.org](http://Knightstemplar.org). You will find new bulletins issued by M.E. Grand Master Sir Knight David J. Kussman, and a wealth of other interesting information.

## Message from the Grand Commander

Sir Knights all,

It was my great pleasure to represent Colorado Templary at the Pasture Degrees on June 4th. This is an annual festival, with the full presentation of all Royal Arch Degrees. It is done with dispensation to allow a large class of candidates and is presented outdoors, in the magnificent formations on the Anderson Ranch, outside of Akron.

My compliments to Akron Chapter 26, RAM for their hard work in making this festival a reality. There were seventeen candidates present and I hope to see most (or all) at the Angel on the Rio, in South Fork, July 9th.

The energy and enthusiasm at the Pasture degrees was wonderful. Even though this was not a call for Grand Commandery officers, many of them were there, contributing to the degree teams and the success of the overall event. It reminds me that we wear many hats, in our Lodge, Chapter, Council, Commandery and other Masonic and community groups. The success of one contributes to the success of all.

Steve Davis, REGC



## Angel on the Rio

It is that time of the year again. It is time for all the Sir Knights and their Ladies to meet in South Fork, Colorado at the Masonic Park. Many of us look forward to this event every year. The Templar Orders are all delivered to the new Sir Knights on the beautiful banks of the Rio Grande River. There will be activities for the ladies, great food, and fellowship. After dinner there is usually a game room set up with many different games. The editor of the Asylum has been the Jinga champion for many years and looks forward to taking on all challengers. Our host, Salida Commandery #17, would like you to fill out and return the following registration information, so they can properly plan the meals. The registration form can also be found on [coloradokta.org](http://coloradokta.org), [yorkriteco.org](http://yorkriteco.org), or [yorkriteco.org/gckt](http://yorkriteco.org/gckt). This has become one of the enjoyable summer events. Don't miss it!

## 2022 ANGEL ON THE RIO

SIR KNIGHT: \_\_\_\_\_ TITLE \_\_\_\_\_  
COMMANDERY NAME \_\_\_\_\_ NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_  
LADY'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
CANDIDATES \_\_\_\_\_ CMDRY NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ CMDRY NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ CMDRY NO. \_\_\_\_\_

REGISTRATION FEE \$15 SIR KNIGHTS & CANDIDATES \$ \_\_\_\_\_

MEALS: MEN'S LUNCH \$10 EA. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

LADIES' PROGRAM & LUNCH \$25.00 EA \$ \_\_\_\_\_

SUPPER CHICKEN BREAST \$15.00 X \_\_\_\_ - = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

STEAK \$25 X \_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(PLEASE SEND REGISTRATION BEFORE JUNE 30, 2022)

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO SALIDA YORK RITE

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EVERYONE IS INVITED TO COME TO THE PARK ON FRI. JULY 8 STARTING AT

9 AM TO

HELP SETUP

# 2022 ANGEL ON THE RIO

**THE ANNUAL “ANGEL OF SHAVANO” SUMMER EVENT WILL BE HELD AT MASONIC PARK, IN SOUTH FORK ON JULY 9, 2022.**

**SATURDAY**

7:30am EVENT CHECK IN, COFFEE, FRIED PIES, AND JUICE

8:15AM FLAG PRESENTATION

8:30AM INTRODUCTIONS

9:00AM ILLUSTRIOUS ORDER OF RED CROSS

SHORT BREAK SHORT BREAK SHORT BREAK

10:30AM MEDITERRANEAN PASS & ORDER OF MALTA

LUNCH

1:15PM ORDER OF THE TEMPLE

4:30PM (APPROXIMATELY) LADIES WILL REJOIN THE MEN AT THE RANCH FOR STEAK

DINNER

**THE LADIES PROGRAM THIS YEAR IS LUNCH, PLAY AND SHOPPING IN CREEDE**

WE WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO FEED EVERYONE WHO WANTS TO EAT.

THEREFORE, IT IS

IMPERATIVE THAT WE HAVE RESERVATIONS BY JUNE 30, 2022.



## Honor Flight

The Grand Commandery of Colorado is proud to honor **Sir Knight Danny Tomlinson**. Sir Knight Tomlinson was selected, as a veteran of the U.S. Navy, to participate in an Honor Flight to Washington D.C., in early June. The following is a brief description of the Honor Flight mission, and a brief story on Sir Knight Tomlinson’s service.

Rocky Mountain Honor Flight is a Denver Colorado-based non-profit organization formed in 2007. Our goal is to fly every able and willing Veteran to Washington D.C. to visit the monuments and memorials dedicated to their service.

Danny Tomlinson is a Colorado native who grew up in Idaho Springs, CO. He is a Viet Nam vet, having served in the Navy from 1968 to 1972, where he was a Damage Control officer on the USS Kilauea. The ship spent a majority of this time of the coast of Viet Nam. Following his military duty, Danny became a lobbyist at the Colorado legislature, first for Mountain Bell/USWEST, and then as an independent “contract” lobbyist. His clients included Colorado State University, Ft. Lewis College, AFLAC, Intel and a variety of other business and insurance entities. He retired in 2018 to become a full-time volunteer.

Retirement allowed for a change in venue, so Danny and his wife Amy sold their Denver home and moved to the home where Danny grew up in Idaho Springs. This home was originally the Catholic Church, built in the late 1800’s. In 1957, a new Catholic Church was built and Danny’s parents

bought the old church with attached rectory. Over the years, the home was added to and updated. In 1988, Danny's folks moved to Denver, leaving the home un-occupied. In 2011, Amy and Danny began clearing out and cleaning up, using the house as a base for weekend jeep trips. By 2018, it was ready for full-time occupancy and aptly named "Camp Y-Hike".

Almost instantly upon arrival in Idaho Springs, Danny renewed his interest in Masonry. He became active in the Idaho Springs, Georgetown, Nevada Ville and Central City lodges, as well as many other Scottish Rite entities and Denver lodges. He volunteers for the Clear Creek County Veterans Coalition, which advocates for local vets and sponsors Memorial Day and Veterans Day programs. His summer "daily driver" is "Old Navy", a vintage Jeep, which will lead the annual parade in Georgetown on July 4<sup>th</sup>.



Danny was recently selected to go on an Honor Flight, sponsored by Rocky Mountain Honor Flight, whose goal is to fly every able and willing Veteran to Washington D.C. to visit the monuments and memorials dedicated to their service.

A group of 31 vets and their guardians spent two days in Washington, D.C. visiting war memorials including the Korean War, World War II, the Navy, the Viet Nam Memorial Wall, and others. They also visited the Washington Navy Yard, featuring displays from the Korean and Viet Nam wars. The final stop was the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, where they had priority viewing for the changing of the guard. The cost of the trip, for all 31 vets, was underwritten by donations from Rocky Mountain Honor Flight supporters. This is the 38<sup>th</sup> time that vets have made this trek to D.C. with RMHF. They received a grand welcome at DIA upon their return.

  
**YORK RITE GRAND SESSIONS – SEPTEMBER 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>**  
**Golden Masonic Temple**  
**Golden, Colorado**

Please plan to attend the Grand York Rite session. The committee has worked hard to make this an affordable event for all to attend. Come and renew old friendships, and make some new friends.

The registration form to the Grand Session can be found on [yorkriteco.org](http://yorkriteco.org).

The Chairman of the Session planning committee, Lyle Wilkes, reminds us in his memo below that hotel reservation are going fast.

**Companions:**

This is a friendly reminder that we are approaching the 90-day mark to the 2022 Grand Sessions in Golden Colorado on September 8-10, 2022.

Hotel rooms are going fast within the room block! All reservations must be received on or before Monday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022 (the "Cutoff Date") or the rooms will be returned to the Denver

Marriott's inventory. Your rooming cost will then be \$199+tx per night. So please make those reservations.

You can reserve your room either by calling the Denver Marriott West at 888-238-1803 and ask for the Grand York Rite of Colorado Room Block (\$145+tx) or online at, <https://www.marriott.com/events/start.mi?id=1639936067858&key=GRP>

Companions, see you at the Grand Sessions and have a safe Summer!

Fraternally,

Lyle Wilkes

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Report from the Patriotism Committee

By: J. Randy Penn

Grand Standard Bearer

Greeting Sir Knights! It is was my privilege to work with many of you on the Sunday of Memorial Day weekend at Ft Logan to set flags on the graves of Fallen Vets. We did a great job in a remarkably short time, placing the flags on our sections and moving to others to help there. It was a fitting memorial for Christian Knights and your performance of that sacred duty warms my heart.

We have another duty for our Patriotism Committee. Many of you know of Rocky Mountain Honor Flights. <https://rockymountainhonorflight.org> Their "goal is to fly every able and willing Veteran to Washington D.C. to visit the monuments and memorials dedicated to their service." To this end, we Templars can honor each flight by presenting a KT Sword Salute to each returning flight. We need all available Knights to assemble at the DIA for their return procession.

The Board of Directors of Rocky Mountain Honor Flight are pleased to be back to our mission of honoring Veterans as we resume operations post-pandemic. We take the health and safety of our Veterans, Guardians, and Volunteer Staff very seriously and will continue to make adjustments to our travel logistics as warranted. For the immediate future we will continue to require proof of COVID-19 vaccination for all Veterans, Guardians, and Volunteers who wish to travel with us to Washington, DC.

**Event: Flight #39 – being planned**

Date: June 09-11, 2022 Returning 2110

**Event: Flight #40 – in pre-planning**

Date: September 15-17, 2022

**Event: Flight #41 – in pre-planning**

DATE: October 13-15, 2022

We gather at the trains with many others to receive the returning veterans and their volunteer escorts. We mill about until the 1<sup>st</sup> Vets appear, line up smartly and Present Swords until all pass in review. It is brief but meaningful. We've typically been in Class A but Cap & Mantle would also be welcome. The public doesn't know we're not supposed to mix uniforms & both are impressive.

VEDC Ron Birely will lead the presentation for **Flight #39 on June 09-11, 2022 Returning 2110**.

This flight will be extra special as **SK Danny Tomlinson** of Georgetown Commandry will be an honored veteran! We will be presenting for him as well as the other honored Veterans, Guardians, and Volunteers.

If you have any questions about this honor flight, patriotic activities or suggestions, please let me know. My address is [pennjr@comcast.net](mailto:pennjr@comcast.net) & 303.596.3008 m. There is another project in the works and look forward to more appropriate expressions for our beloved country.

Best Regards,

J Randy Penn