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## **Brother John Albert Elway Jr.**

Brother John Elway (South Denver Lodge No. 93, Denver, Colorado) is a former National Football League (NFL) quarterback and current executive vice president of football operations and general manager of the Denver Broncos. Brother Elway played college football at Stanford and his entire 16-year professional career with the Denver Broncos. At the time of his retirement in early 1999, Elway recorded the most victories by a starting quarterback and statistically was the second most prolific passer in NFL history. He was also a prolific rusher of the ball, being one of only two players ever to score a rushing touchdown in four different Super Bowls and the only quarterback to do so.



After two Super Bowl losses with the Broncos, Elway and Denver won their first Super Bowl title by defeating the Green Bay Packers 31–24 in Super Bowl XXXII. The Broncos repeated as champions the following season in Super Bowl XXXIII by defeating the Atlanta Falcons 34–19. Elway was voted MVP of that Super Bowl, which was the last game of his career, and in doing so Elway set a then-record five Super Bowl starts which was broken in February 2015 when Tom Brady of the New England Patriots started Super Bowl XLIX. As Denver's quarterback, Elway led his teams to six AFC Championship Games and five Super Bowls, winning two. After his retirement as a player, he has led the Broncos as general manager and executive vice president of football operations of the Broncos winning four division titles, two AFC Championships, and Super Bowl 50.

On September 13, 1999, Elway's number 7 jersey was retired by the Broncos during halftime of a Monday Night game against the Miami Dolphins; that same night he was inducted into the Broncos Ring of Fame. He was the first Broncos player to have the five-year waiting period waived. Also in 1999 he was inducted into the Colorado Sports Hall of Fame. On August 8, 2004, Elway was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame. He was elected in his first year of eligibility. He was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 2000.

In the community, Brother Elway founded the Elway Foundation, which combats child abuse, and he has also contributed to The Heroes Foundation, which provides support to American heroes and their families. He has also provided support to the Buoniconti Fund to Cure Paralysis, the Muhammad Ali Parkinson Center, and the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Additionally he and his wife, Paige, have devoted time and funding to the Barbara Davis Center for Childhood Diabetes and Boys & Girls Club of Metro Denver.

For his philanthropic contributions to Denver and Colorado, Brother Elway received the Mizel Institute's prestigious Community Enrichment Award at the institute's annual dinner on May 24, 2017. The institute recognized Brother Elway's notable community efforts going back to the beginning of his days as a Bronco.

Brother Elway is a fine example of what a Master Mason should be, a man who spreads the mortar in his community.

## From The East



August was a great month of Masonry for Kempsville Lodge. We began the month with an Entered Apprentice Degree and finished it with a Fellowcraft Degree. We participated in a District Fraternal Visit to Indian River Lodge over in Chesapeake. We hosted the District Blood Drive on behalf of Willis V. Fentress Lodge. We completed our first night of supporting Kempsville High School Football by volunteering in their concession stand. And we held our monthly breakfast and had an excellent time at our Stated Communication.

The Stated was highlighted by an excellent Mock-Lodge presentation by the Bethel 42 Jobs Daughters. The Stated also included the beginning of our Construction Fund Drive. The fund drive goal was updated to a new fund raising goal of \$120,000. I am happy to report that on our first night, the night the goal and the funding line was officially established, the Brothers in Lodge that night pledged or donated \$10,500 to get us started. That initial thrust was followed by my letter to each of you requesting your further support of our effort. As stated in my last article, I am requesting that 120 Brothers step forward with personal donations of \$1000 individually. But please rest assured that if \$1000 is not within your means, we will be pleased to accept any donation that you are led to make, and as stated in my letter you can make those donations over any time period that suits you and your family. Any help you can provide is greatly appreciated.

The first night of five at the football game was a great opportunity for us to make ourselves known in our community. KHS was more than agreeable for us to display a banner with our name on it expressing support for our local team. We would love to have more Brothers volunteer to help in the concession stand, but if you can't work in the concession stand please come out to futures games and wear your Lodge shirts and hats and cheer on the team. Everything we can do to make ourselves known in our community is a plus.

This month we will be hosting our Annual Family Picnic on Saturday September 9<sup>th</sup>, we will be supporting more KHS Football on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, and we will be doing more degree work. The degree work will be highlighted by our Fall Past Master's Night when the Past Masters will put on an air-tight Entered Apprentice Degree. Looking forward into October, we will head up to Fredericksburg Lodge for our last fraternal visit on

Friday October 13<sup>th</sup>. We plan to leave the Lodge in the mid-afternoon to check into our hotel which is located a block from the Lodge. We ask that you bring your ladies for a fun night wherein we will take a tour of the old Lodge and enjoy dinner with the Fredericksburg Brothers and our ladies.

Please take the opportunity to come out and enjoy some friendship and brotherly love. And keep spreading that mortar! I hope to see you in Lodge soon.

Brother Greg Muir, Worshipful Master

## From The West



As summer comes to a close I am looking forward to things settling down a bit. The hot and humid weather will soon be behind us and cooler days are hopefully right around the corner. Fall has always been my favorite time of year and September makes for a good month to recharge your batteries after a busy summer. I'm not sure why but it always seems that way to me. Perhaps it's because summer can be a little chaotic with grass cutting, long hot days, travel, vacations, and the like. It's nice to get back to a more normal routine. I can't think of a better way to do so than to plug into the upcoming lodge activities. We certainly have a lot going on in September. Starting off with our family picnic on the 9<sup>th</sup> from 1-4PM. It's going to be a fun day of masonic fellowship and fabulous food highlighted by live music from our very own Doug Dunn and his band. Our Stated on the 12<sup>th</sup> is Senior Warden's night and we have a very interesting program planned. Brother Fred Dickson from Howard Lodge #101 in Maryland will speak on The Operative Tools of Masonry. He is bringing stones and tools to show and demonstrate. You don't want to miss this informative talk. The 26<sup>th</sup> is Past Master's night. Come out and see how the pros perform air-tight ritual work. We end the month with our famous lodge breakfast on the 30<sup>th</sup>. What a great month at Kempsville Lodge. I hope you will attend all these events. Your attendance makes the lodge and its programs so much better. If you've been away for a while or haven't attended lodge regularly this is a great time to re-engage and be a part of what makes Kempsville Lodge great. Hope to see you in lodge soon!

Brother Chris Anders, Senior Warden



curious, I did some further research on Freemasonry in Sweden. I knew I was on to something when I saw on the website "masonicinfo.com" that, of all the Grand Lodges listed, the Swedish Order of Freemasons was the only one with a specific note. It read: "Freemasonry in Sweden is quite different than most other places."

The Swedish Rite of Freemasonry is practiced commonly in Nordic countries and to a lesser extent in Germany, with each country having its own Grand Lodge. It consists of ten integrated degrees – there are no appendant bodies in the Rite such as the York Rite or Scottish Rite, although in the later degrees there is some similarity. These ten degrees are divided up into three groups: St John's (Craft) lodges (degrees I-III), St Andrew's lodges (degrees IV-VI), and Chapters (degrees VII-X). Master Masons from other recognized Grand Lodges, such as the Grand Lodge of Virginia, may visit the St. John's lodges, although the ritual performed differs significantly from our Anglo-American ritual.

The Swedish Rite of Freemasonry requires all members to be Christians, and there is a close relationship with the Lutheran Church of Sweden, the state church of Sweden. Priests and bishops of the Church of Sweden have a special role within the Swedish Rite of Freemasonry, particularly in degree VII (Very Illustrious Brother, Knight of the East) and above. Members must also be at least twenty-four years of age. It can take up to two years to become a Master Mason (degree III), and 15-20 years to be elevated to degree X (Very Enlightened Brother of St. Andrew's Lodge). Each degree has its own distinctive apron, and the

Mason's ring is not given until degree VIII (Most Illustrious Brother, Knight of the West).

Freemasonry was brought to Sweden in 1735 by a Cavalry Officer, who had himself become a Freemason in Paris. Swedish King Charles XIII developed the degree system of the Swedish Rite, which was fully developed by 1800. There is less emphasis on rote-learning in the Swedish Rite compared to ours. While Anglo-American Masonry places importance on word-perfect ritual committed to memory, the Swedish Rite focuses more on candidates understanding of the spirit of the ritual.

Much more very interesting information about the Swedish Order of Freemasons (in English) can be found at their website at [www.frimurarorden.se/information-in-english](http://www.frimurarorden.se/information-in-english)

David Trzeciakiewicz, Senior Deacon

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