

**Lightning Data Center
St. Anthony Hospital
Feb. 11, 2000 Minutes**

Quote of the Month:

"The invention of the zero is another seemingly simple discovery which was not made even by classic Greek mathematicians or Roman engineers. Only by the use of some symbol for nothingness can the symbol 1 be used so that it can have the value either of 1 or 10 or 100 or 1000...It was not the Egyptians or the Greeks or the Romans who first invented the zero, but the Maya Indians of Yucatan."

Ruth Benedict in John Carey's The Faber Book of Science, 1995

1. Meeting began at noon and adjourned at 1:20 pm.
2. Members present: Anderson, Bergschneider, Blanke, Cherington, Fahani, Glancy, Gray, Hawkes, Kamin, Lammertse, Langford, Lines, Rackley, Rossie, Schultheis, Sellon, Simmons, Smith, H Wachtel, T Wachtel, Wright, Yarnell.
3. Today's meeting was devoted to an excellent slide presentation and equipment demonstration by Jeff Sellon and Leland I. Anderson on The Life of Nikola Tesla.

Thanks to Jeff and Leland for a most educational and entertaining program!!

4. Notice of upcoming event:

Medical Aspects of Electrical & Lightning Injuries

Underwritten by the Colorado Rehabilitation Insurance Nurses Group
St. Anthony Hospital designates this CME activity for a maximum of 4.5 hours in category 1 credit toward the Physician's Recognition Award.

Faculty are LDC members: Cherington, Kithil, Lammertse, H Wachtel, T Wachtel.

Thursday, April 6, 2000 7:15 am to 12:45 pm.
Inverness Hotel I-25 at County Line

5. These minutes reflect the comments of the members present and do not represent official positions of LDC.
6. Next meeting: Friday, March 10, 2000.

Guest Speaker Ronald L. Holle, MS, National Severe Storms
Laboratory, NOAA, Norman, Oklahoma.
Title: "U.S. Lightning Deaths over the Last 100 Years."

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Cherington, MD