



Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Colorado AF&AM

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From the Junior Grand Warden

Traditions vs. Habits

(Understanding the Difference and Their Roles in Freemasonry)

by

R.W.B. Jerry Underwood, JGW



My Brothers, Colorado Freemasonry stands united in the bonds of our great fraternity, and today I want to discuss a crucial distinction that defines our very essence: the difference between traditions and habits. These terms are often used interchangeably, yet understanding their unique roles is paramount to our success and the longevity of our brotherhood.

Traditions are the sacred practices and beliefs passed down through generations, laden with profound meaning and purpose. They are the bedrock of our Masonic identity, shaping our journey and guiding our steps. Our traditions are the cornerstones of Freemasonry, encompassing the rituals, values, and teachings that we have meticulously preserved over centuries. These are not mere formalities; they are the living embodiment of the wisdom and principles that define us as Freemasons. They guide us in our quest to become better men and foster a deep sense of continuity and connection with the brethren who came before us.

But in stark contrast to tradition are habits. Habits often masquerade as traditions within the life of a Lodge. Over time, they become so ingrained in our culture that we mistake them for tradition. Yet, unlike traditions, habits can and *should* be changed, especially when they become detrimental to our purpose.

Take a moment to look inward, my Brothers. Freemasonry’s current focus on business meetings as the centerpiece of our gatherings is a habit that urgently needs re-examination. Make no mistake, business meetings are essential for running a Lodge, but they should not dominate our labors. In conversations with Masons across our jurisdiction, it is clear that ‘the way we’ve always done it’ is not only failing but driving away our younger members. Is it any wonder that so few candidates complete all three degrees when we prioritize mundane tasks over meaningful



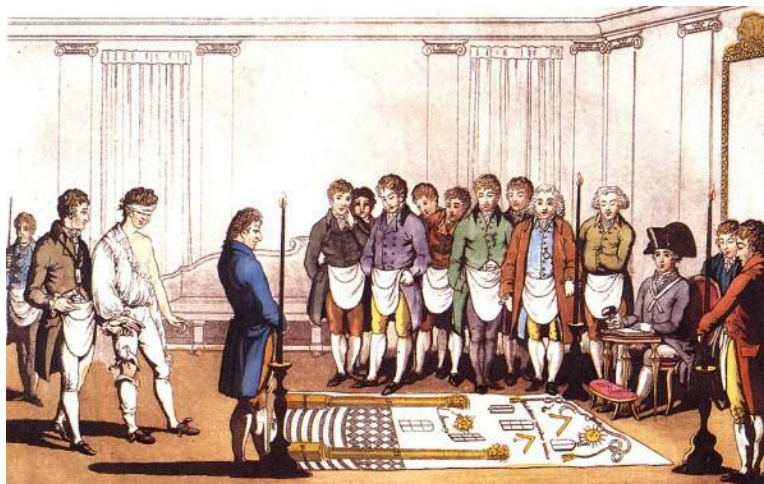
From the Junior Grand Warden (Continued)

discourse? Albert Einstein once said, “The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over, and expecting a different result.” Attracting and retaining the next generation of Masons requires us to put our philosophy into action. We must transcend the mundane and embrace our true purpose – making good men into better men. Educational sessions, discussions on Masonic philosophy, mentorship, and opportunities for personal development are the pillars of our fraternity, not the mere reading of minutes.

In a world where interpersonal connections and face-to-face interactions are rapidly being replaced by the superficiality of social media, Masonic fellowship stands apart. This is our strength. So, my brethren, let us strive to provide more meaningful engagement for our members. Let us strengthen the bonds of brotherhood through shared experiences, mutual support, and genuine fellowship, to foster a sense of belonging and camaraderie.

Let us have the courage to break free from ‘the way we’ve always done it.’ In truth, we haven’t always done it this way, and our founding fathers were unafraid to challenge the norms of their time. They did what was right, not what was expedient. Working together, we can break the cycle of declining membership and forge a brighter, more vibrant future for Colorado Freemasonry.

Let us rise to this challenge, my brothers, and make our fraternity a beacon of hope, a bastion of wisdom, and a true brotherhood that will stand the test of time. Thank you.



From the Junior Grand Warden (Continued)

Brethren:

The resulting article was driven by a conversation that took place returning from the Dove Creek Cornerstone between RWB Jerry Underwood and myself. I was working on a very similar article, but RWB Jerrys article is so good I wanted to share it with each of you. The only portion he omitted was my desire for each of you to look at what you identify as Traditions. Search out and look for the sources of those traditions. Examine them and decide for yourself if they are actually Traditions or reoccurring habits that over the years have been mislabeled as Traditions. Look to the sources of those things you have labeled as Traditions. Examine them to see if you are honoring a past brother, or some other historical or important event. Does what we have labeled as a tradition have meaning? Look to your older Brothers, bring them back into the Lodge, allow them to enlighten the members of the lodge with the rich information and history they carry. This will be both beneficial for the brother and the lodge, "...search out and rescue from forgetfulness..." Record these events for future members to enrich their masonic experiences. Save not only our past histories but create new meaningful Traditions that will enrich your membership and have meaning for the future members of the lodge.

Dave Reynolds, GM

SAVE THE DATE!

100th Anniversary Cornerstone Re-dedication

- **Location:** 1370 Grant St. Denver, CO.
- **Date:** July 20th, 2024
- **Schedule:**
- **2:30pm:** Grand Lodge Ceremony
- **3:00pm:** Open Consistory Tours
- **4:00pm:** Presentation of *The Traitor*
- **5:00pm:** Dignitary Comments
- **6:00pm:** Social hour at Doc's
- **6:30pm:** Dinner (Invitation only event)



Special Notice from the Most Worshipful Grand Master



David L. Reynolds
Grand Master - 2024
1130 Panorama Drive
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grandmaster@coloradofreemasons.org

June 27, 2024

Brethren:

It has come to the attention of the Grand Lodge office that several lodges have lost their Nonprofit status by failing to file their 990's with the IRS. There are reasons to believe that some of those lodges identified are in good standing with the IRS, and this false negative has been caused by a bad EIN number being filed at the Grand Lodge office. Some of the lodges identified have provided proof that they are in good standing. Section 68E of the Colorado Book of Constitution requires every lodge to forward a copy of their filing sent receipt to the Grand Lodge by 15 June each year. I am asking that they also include an accurate EIN and if unable to provide a copy of your filing sent receipt, then a status on where you are in recovering, your Nonprofit status. Please assist the Grand Lodge office in collecting this very important information.

To assist those lodges that have lost their Nonprofit status I have assembled a team to assist lodges in answering questions and directing them in the process to get their status back. The following individuals have agreed to answer questions that come up and advise those lodges working to get their status back. Please be courteous and patient when working with these Worshipful Brothers and remember they are Volunteers. They have agreed to assist the Craft and need our utmost respect for their efforts.

LEGAL ASSISTANCE:

WB John Groves: johngroves@mac.com

Grand Junction

WB Terry Blake: sblaketerry@gmail.com

Denver

ACCOUNTING:

WB Brandon Doellingen: accounts@coloradofreemasons.org

Colorado Springs

Fraternally,

M. W. Brother David L. Reynolds
Grand Master 2024

California to Colorado (A personal look at Masonry)

One of my favorite things in Freemasonry is to visit or travel to other lodges. Not just for the fellowship but to watch and learn how they do their ritual work. Even in the same districts there are differences caused by, traditions, different Officers, coaches, or simply by Accident

I have been to many different lodges in different counties, states and countries, and have not seen any two the same. Actually...there are variations that happen within the same lodge. Ok, we're human and make mistakes but what I mean is there are many different ways our work is accomplished.

I won't speak specifically about the many differences in ritual. But I would like to mention the differences in how we do it, learn it and qualify for offices. And there are many differences between Colorado and California. First, Colorado is Ancient Free and Accepted Masons (AF&AM) and California is Free and Accepted Masons (F&AM), which would naturally have differences.

Some of these are "Traditions" and some are "Ritual". In California, opening the lodge, they do a Jewel March instead of presenting the Tiler with the implement of his office. A Jewel March is where the Master presents each officers the Jewel of his office, as they walk around the floor in front of him.

Differences between the two Jurisdictions:

- The Marshall interviews the candidate in the first degree, not Senior Deacon
- Knocks on the door. By hand in California and by Rod in Colorado
- Opening of the Bible is a random placement in California, not to a specific Chapter or Verse.
- Standing on the level when closing. This shows to even the youngest Entered Apprentice, we all stand as equals, California doesn't have this in their ritual.
- Saying of Psalms 133, in California this First Degree only
- California pass is only collected on second degree only
- Qualification of a Candidate, California there is a timeframe before getting an application.

California to Colorado (A personal look at Masonry cont.)

Can be as long as 6 months in California, where the Prospect must attend Stated Dinners, Coffee and Donuts or other public meetings. He must show his dedication or desire to be a Mason. Once, he receives his application the top line signer usually, becomes his Coach. During the 6 months is when his background check and other requirements are accomplished.

- Coaching of the Candidate, coaching is the responsibility of the Senior Warden in California. He assigns coaches, watches the progress of a candidate, ensures the coach has had the proper classes to be a coach and is the go-to person if they have questions, or if the Candidate or coach has questions about anything in his particular degree or handbook. Also the Candidate takes a written test before proceeding to the next degree in California and is interviewed by the Past Masters after taking that exam.
- After closing the first degree the Candidate receives a Lodge Walkabout, where he is introduced to the furnishing of the Lodge. I have seen this done in Colorado twice, but only after the charge has been read.
- Mandatory California Officer qualifications; Senior Deacon must be able to give the staircase lecture, Junior Warden must be able to give the entire First Degree as Master, Senior Warden the Second Degree and Master all three Degrees.
- In California, the Senior Deacon is Not allowed to touch the candidate at the altar. So, foot placement, due Guard and signs are taught by the coach later.
- Meals before stated meetings/communications. A Stated Meeting (Communication) has a meal before. Not just refreshments but a full meal, usually provided by one of the youth organizations. Cost each diner/member about \$20. The meal is public for family members and prospects. Or anyone who wants to be there. During the meal announcements are made to shorten the time in the meeting, of course, only those for the public.
- California's Grand Communications is a three day event and the budget is decided at that time. California also has Masters and Wardens retreats, to train the incoming Masters and Wardens and also Secretary/Treasurer Retreats for training as well.

California to Colorado (A personal look at Masonry cont.)

- Candidate Interviews, In Colorado this is open and all three interveners attend the interview with the prospective candidate at the same time. This really threw me when I was asked to do an interview, and asked to perform it in the open, in front of everybody. California requires the interview of the prospect be done in secret and that each interviewer do their own separate interviews with the Candidate.

Different rules and actions in BoC & Bylaws of course...there is an availability to look up any California Mason on their Grand Lodge website and it has a dues card on it you can print or for the Tiler to look at if need be.

There are many more differences I could discuss such as; Officers Coaches, District Inspectors, How to practice are performed and scheduled.

I find even though there are many differences between these jurisdictions in how the work is accomplished, and how different it sounds, the meaning is the same. We act and live it in same manner...

For truly we are all on the level

Fraternally,

Worshipful Brother Timothy Sheets

Tejon Lodge No. 104



Why is it so hard for a Mason to forgive? A Poem

Why is it so hard for a Mason to forgive?

Is it because we say we make good men better... that once someone has fallen they're beyond our regard?

Why is it so hard for a Mason to forgive?

Is it because our standards are so high that when we guard the Westgate and seek to let in only the Worthy that if someone fails to follow his obligation we feel he had fooled us and was actually not a good man to begin with?

Why is it so hard for a Mason to forgive?

At one point or another within our Masonic Journey we say that we will whisper Good Counsel into an erring Brothers ear an aide in his Reformation.

Once a brother has fallen is he then beyond us following our obligations and are we not guilty of failing him if we don't try?

Why is it so hard for a Mason to forgive?

Is it easier to create a new Entered Apprentice then to forgive and raise a fallen Master Mason?

Why is it so hard for a Mason to forgive?

There are procedures in place to remove Masons that are Beyond Redemption and forgiveness. No man should be arrested, tried, and convicted by a court of public opinion.

Facts and only facts should be what is used to take a Mason to trial and every state has its own laws rules and regulations established in our Constitution's and administered by the people you elect to execute them.

Are we not all human do we not all make mistakes are we so unwilling to forgive ourselves that we can't even comprehend forgiving a fallen Brothers mistake?

Why is it so hard for a Mason to forgive?

D L REYNOLDS, MWGM

What is Job's Daughters?

This is a question that I hear regularly, even from people familiar with Masonry and its attendant bodies. My answer is usually along the lines of a 30 second elevator speech that goes something like this: "Job's Daughters is an organization for girls between the ages of 10 and 20 that teaches public speaking, leadership, charity, respect for elders and teamwork." But we are so much more than this.

We're a 104-year-old organization for girls that was started to support young ladies as they began to make their way in a world that was rapidly changing. We teach our members foundational principles such as respect for our parents and guardians, our country and its laws. They learn the importance of Democracy and voting, personal responsibility and money management as



Bethel #33—with help from the rest of the state, initiated three new members

What is Job's Daughters? (cont.)

they plan events and fundraisers. Our chapters are called Bethels and are located in US, Canada, Australia, Brazil and the Philippines. Our daughters participate in service projects that support many different types of charities. For example, homeless shelters, animal shelters, mental health services and even Job's Daughters own charity the Hearing Improvement Kids Endowment fund that purchases hearing aids for kids, just to name a few.

Most importantly, they learn the value of having friends and being a friend. Through meetings, activities and events with other Masonic youth groups, their friendship circle widens and strengthens. Through state wide as well as International retreats the opportunities to make connections with daughters and adults alike is vast. The benefit of this is that they have a network of support that can span a city, a nation and sometimes the world.

The confidence gained by feeling welcomed, loved and accepted translates into their everyday life. We've seen members who were unable to speak to adults in any capacity grow to be able to give speeches to a room full of people. Members who would not leave their parents sides, attend international events with other daughters. Members who have found a common ground



Daughters from across Colorado attending Grand Session

What is Job's Daughters? (cont.)

with a teacher because they were both members.

Bloom, Lead and Soar is a motto of Job's Daughters. The young women who leave our organization and step out into the world are forever changed. They have skills and gifts that make them an asset to employers and society as a whole. From planning tasks to speaking to a board they are comfortable and equipped to handle whatever life throws at them. They bloom after joining, they lead as they grow into themselves and into leadership positions, and soar into the world to make a significant difference.

Ms. Christina Page; Grand Guardian



Daughters performing the Closing Cross for the OES—5 State Official Visit

Final Roll Call Honors—Fort Logan National Cemetery

On Tuesday, June 25 the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 1071 held a “Final Roll Call Honors Committal Program” at Fort Logan National Cemetery. This beautiful ceremony was held as a final tribute and interment of the cremains of four veterans.

These men all served their country during the Vietnam War. Their cremains had not been claimed by their families or loved ones after their deaths and were being held at the Arapahoe County Coroner’s Office. The VVA, working with the Coroner’s Office, Olingers Mortuary and Fort Logan National Cemetery to give these men the proper burial they deserved.

This was the third Honors Burial conducted this year by the VVA. Fourteen veterans were honored on April 16, another 13 on April 30 and then four today. These ceremonies are always respectful and meaningful. The gun salute, the bugler playing “Taps”, the solemn march with each veteran’s remains being held by a fellow veteran, the Honor Guard from the American Legion Freedom Riders all make you proud to be an American.

Freemasons share a long history of serving our nation and many Masons are veterans. Several of us have been working with the VVA and are proud to participate. We are honored and humbled to help say “Fair winds and following seas” to these veterans. The Honors Burials are always open and visitors are welcome to attend.

Fraternally,
WM Danny Tomlinson
Blackhawk Lodge No. 11



Veterans and Scottish Rite Masons L-R are Thayne Coulter, Steve Munsinger, Danny Tomlinson, Lee Miller, and Tony Clark.

Final Roll Call Honors—Fort Logan National Cemetery (Cont.)



Application for Matching Grant Award

CMBFA EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP MATCHING GRANT AWARD -- 2024

Lodge Name and Number : _____

1st Recipient Name: _____ High School Senior (Yes/No): _____

College or Institution: _____ Amount Lodge has contributed: \$ _____

2nd Recipient Name: _____ High School Senior (Yes/No): _____

College or Institution: _____ Amount Lodge has contributed: \$ _____

3rd Recipient Name: _____ High School Senior (Yes/No): _____

College or Institution: _____ Amount Lodge has contributed: \$ _____

Amount requested from Benevolent Fund (Same as one-half Lodge contribution in 1, 2 & 2 above up to \$500 each) \$ _____

Remember for matching grant, students must be a 2024 graduating Colorado Public high school senior and attending a Colorado institution of higher learning.

NOTE: THERE ARE TWO WAYS YOU MAY SUBMIT THE GRANT APPLICATION FORM:

1) E-MAIL TO: education@cmbfa.org , AND SEND NO LATER THAN **JUNE 30, 2024.**

Or 2) SEND BY MAIL TO THE SCHOLARSHIP ADMINISTRATOR AT:

CMBFA SCHOLARSHIP ADMINISTRATOR, PO BOX 703, WESTMINSTER, CO 80036-0703 AND BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN JUNE 30, 2024 AND RECEIVED BY JULY 8, 2024.

Lodge Secretary's name and mailing address (reimbursement check will be sent to the Lodge Secretary.):

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (____) _____ E-Mail _____

Membership Awareness and Retention

Greetings Worshipful Masters, Officers, and Brothers:

As 2024 begins and we look to Freemasonry through the lens of membership, awareness, and retention, I wonder how many of our lodges are actively engaged in membership, awareness, and retention in their lodges and in the local communities?

I would like to hear from the lodge representatives on what they are doing to promote the craft from membership to awareness in their lodges and community at large. What are the various ways that you maintain the members' awareness and interest of the craft? What local programs do you have in place to expand your membership locally?

One program for consideration for 2024 is the creation of a Craft Warden position or appointee and I bet that some of the lodges already have a similar position in place, but I would also like to know if that is the case for those that do and those that do not.

The concept of the Craft Warden would be to address the above membership and awareness activities inside the individual lodges and build an interface between the lodges and membership & awareness and the GL district lecturer. The Craft Warden would be responsible for local membership & awareness activities for your lodge and allowing for a larger base of ideas and exchange of information between the GL committee and the lodges. The position could encompass things like holding and scheduling local training and presentations for your lodge as educational, awareness, retention type material, candidate open houses or even scheduling digital meetings based on approved content and format as an open meeting.

A coordinator for any and all membership and awareness, and retention for the members and prospects for your lodge and local area but focusing on membership and awareness. By nature, the responsibilities of the Craft Warden and membership/

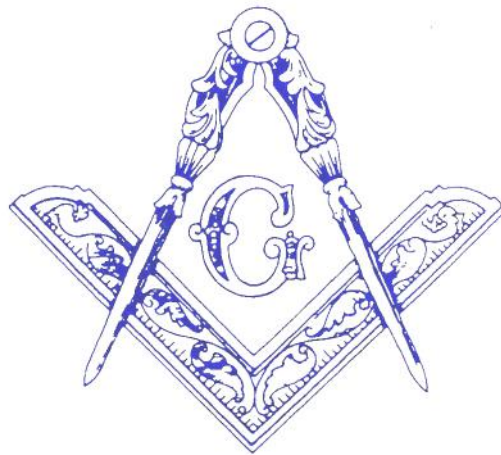
Membership Awareness and Retention

awareness committee and GL District Lecturer will cross over into the education committee arena where the Craft Warden would find online content for various presentations, educational materials and more from the members login from the education portal.

It is time that we engage and invest in the lodges into their future and build on our wider experiences that a lot of us are doing today. I would like to get a feeling from the lodges if such a program would be embraced and if they would consider creating such a position.

Please respond to the few questions above to membership@coloradofreemasons.org and please use a subject line of **2024 Membership Review** so I can easily identify responses.

Fraternally
Pete Finnie
Membership / Awareness Committee



Colorado Masons' Benevolent Fund Scholarship Luncheon July 29th, 2024

Colorado Masons' Benevolent Fund Association

Board of Directors

Gene Hardy , President

Wayne G. Arner Ron Birely

Marvin Feldman John Harrington



Most Worshipful Brother
David Reynolds, Grand Master



Thank you to Jim Betzig and Trinity Wealth
Sponsor of our 2023 Scholarship Luncheon

2024 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Grand Master Award

Cat-Linh Tran

Liberty Common

Fidelity Lodge #19

UC-Denver

Biochemistry



Rosely Gonzalez

Pueblo East HS

CSU-Pueblo

Pueblo #17

Biochemistry

Ryann Mergelman

Rangely HS

Northeastern JC

Rio Blanco #80

Elementary Education



2024 Scholarship Committee

James Farmer - Chairman

Lamar Lodge #
Lamar

Ricardo Dena

Douglas Lodge
Castle Rock

Steven Altman
Columbine Lodge #
Denver

Boe Hopkins
Mancos Lodge #100
Mancos

Ross Allen, Past Grand Master
Mount Lamborn Lodge #
Hotchkiss

John Montoya
Pueblo Lodge #17
Pueblo

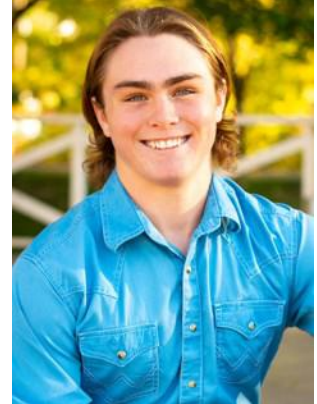
Dwight Anderson
Lumin Artis Lodge #
Loveland

2024 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Bryan Rosas
 Meeker HS
 CSU
 Rio Blanco #80
 Computer Science



Oren Moore IV
 Durango HS
 Colorado School of Mines
 Durango/San Juan Lodge #46
 Mechanical Engineering



Catalina Clay
 Chaparral HS
 CU-Colorado Springs
 Douglas Lodge #153
 Sociology



Bryce Davis
 Central HS, Grand Junction
 Grand Junction Lodge #173
 Colorado School of Mines
 Computer Science/Political



Broc Imel
 Mancos HS
 Colorado Mesa Tech
 Mancos#100
 Electrical Lineworker
 Cert



Narely Oliva
 Meeker HS
 Colorado Northwestern CC
 Rio Blanco #80
 Cosmetology



2024 VOCATIONAL AWARDS

Eli Flowers
 Buena Vista HS
 Mt. Princeton Lodge #49
 Front Range CC
 Welding Fabrication



Parker Neal
 Delta HS
 Colorado Mesa University
 Montrose Lodge #63
 Automotive/Diesel Applied Science



Slaytor Goss
 Merino HS
 Colorado Mesa Univ Tech
 Sterling #54
 Electrical Lineworker



Adrianna Price
 Meeker HS
 Colorado Mesa University
 Rio Blanco #80
 Guardian Ad Litem



Grand Lodge Officers

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|-------------------|--------------------|
| Grand Master | David L. Reynolds |
| Dep Gr. Master | William Marshall |
| Sr. Gr.Warden | Dean McConnell |
| Jr. Gr Warden | Jerry Underwood |
| Gr. Treasurer | Jerry Fenimore |
| Gr. Secretary | Scot Autry |
| Gr. Lecturer | Lawrence Ott |
| Sr. Gr. Deacon | Darren Klinefelter |
| Jr Grand Deacon | L. Bryant Harris |
| Sr. Grand Steward | Jeffery Noakes |
| Jr. Grand Steward | (vacant) |
| Grand Marshal | Vincent Johnson |
| Grand Chaplain | Greg Harris |
| Grand Orator | C. David Tuck |
| Grand Tyler | Jame Wiley |
| Grand Musician | John Trainor |

Calendar of Grand Lodge Events

To help your lodge plan your Official Visits please note that activities may change due to various issues that may arise.

Wed & Thurs July 3-4, 2024

Colorado Masonic High School Band Camp

Description: Come support the kids July 3rd Concert at the University Center (open to public) and [July 4th Greeley Stampede Parade](#).

Saturday July 6, 2024

Pike's Peak National Cemetery Cornerstone with Prince Hall Grand Lodge

Description: Cornerstone ceremony to being at 10am. 10545 Drennan Road, Colorado Springs, CO 80925

Saturday July 20, 2024

100th Anniversary Cornerstone Ceremony Denver Consistory

Description: Please join the MWGLCO and Officers of the Denver Consistory in the re-dedication of their Cornerstone. There will be a special performance of "The Traitor" in the cathedral. [RSVP HERE](#).

Saturday July 27, 2024

2024 Douglas County Fair & Rodeo Parade

Description: Brethren, come march in the annual parade with the Officers of the MWGLCO, MWGLPH, and brethren of Douglas Lodge No. 153. Contact WB Jeffery Noakes at secretary.dl153@gmail.com for more information.

Saturday August 24, 2024

Cornerstone Re-dedication at Park Hill Lodge No. 148

Description: Re-dedication ceremony will begin at 10am. 4819 Montview Blvd., Denver, CO 80207

Saturday September 28, 2024

Annual "Barn Raising" Master Mason Degree

Description: Join the MWGLCO Grand Officer Line in their performance of the Master Mason degree with the Brothers of Douglas Lodge No. 153, Kiowa Lodge No. 116, and Aurora Revelation Lodge No. 156.

High Twelve International

WHO ARE WE?

Founded by Wally Wolcott in 1921, we are an association of Master Masons who desire to gather in fellowship INDEPENDENT of formal ritual.

More than a lunch club, we provide an environment where Master Masons can feel comfortable among brothers with similar values.

Simply put, High Twelve is MASONARY IN ACTION.

Today, High Twelve International has 122 Chartered Clubs in 7 Countries. Those are: United States (113), across 7 states, Japan (2), England (3), Mexico (1), Scotland (1), El Salvador, (1), & Brazil (1). We currently have over 3,000 members + total spread across the world. We are looking to Charter 3 new clubs very soon.



WHAT WE DO?

First and foremost, is to encourage and support good government. This is accomplished through the Wolcott Foundation, which provide fellowships to those who endeavor to pursue a Master's Degree in Federal Government or Foreign Service. These fellowships are provided at George Washington University in Washington DC.

Assist BLUE LODGES in whatever manner is needed. Partner with local lodges to further community objectives,

Service to youth, support and provide assistance to Masonic Youth Groups like DeMolay, Rainbow Girls, Job's Daughters.

WHEN?

Meetings usually begin with a breakfast, lunch or dinner on a monthly basis. Since there is no ritual, members are encouraged to invite, wives, family members or friends to attend. After the meal there usually is a presentation on a topic of interest to the club. These may be Masonic or Non-Masonic.

WHY?

In today's climate, everyone is looking for a group, FAMILY, a cause, FELLOWSHIP, a reason, FUTURE. Everyone eats and is always looking to share a meal with friends. So I ask, WHY NOT.

Our emblem features THREE STEPS which symbolize the three degrees of a Master Mason. The clock is at HIGH TWELVE. But most important is our motto.

To Talk Little
To Hear Much
To Reflect Upon Truth

I challenge you to GIVE US A TRY, JOIN US, you will be glad you did. There are clubs in your area ready to WELCOME you. If a club is not near you, start your own, we'll help and guide you.

Hope to see you soon. For more information contact us at secreary@high12.org

FAMILY, FELLOWSHIP, FUTURE

Al Kaly Membership Trophy



AL KALY SHRINERS Southern Colorado



Al Kaly Shriners have created a new Membership Trophy to be given to a Blue Lodge in Southern Colorado for successfully providing the most, new candidates to be made Nobles to Al Kaly during the course of each Masonic year. This will be an annual award, and it will be “travelling”; that is, we would anticipate a modest competition, and perhaps move to a different lodge each year. 2024 will be the first year, and the award will be presented to the winning Blue Lodge in December. Any questions, can be communicated to Al Kaly’s membership chair, Noble Mark Giffin at 303-304-9115, [Giffin mark@yahoo.com](mailto:Giffin_mark@yahoo.com).



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Angel of the Forest-2024 Commandery Festival



Pueblo Commandery 3 invites you to join them for an enchanting day at Graham Memorial park in Rye, Colorado as they build their ranks and create new Sir Knights within the Order!

When: Saturday July 13, 2024 / 7:30am

Where: Graham Memorial park, Rye, CO (37°57'49.7"N 105°00'56.9"W)

Tickets: \$15.00 available [HERE](#)

Nevada Masonic Lodge No. 4 Mountain Miners Breakfast 2024



COME UP TO THE MOUNTAIN, WE WILL BE WAITING!

Come to Nevadaville for a delicious Mountain Miners Breakfast at the Nevada 4 Masonic Lodge.
We will be waiting tables from 7:00 am to 1:00 pm on Sunday, July 14th 2024

Our Breakfast Fund Raiser is fun for the whole family. Bring your appetite and your friends for good food and excellent entertainment. We would like to thank all of our guests for supporting our beloved mountain lodge restoration efforts. Our Lodge Members will be waiting on tables to take your breakfast order and the DeMolay Boys will be helping out by busing and serving refreshments. We have kicked our food and beverage service into overdrive by increasing our kitchen staff, streamlining our menu and increasing our seating. This year we will be serving Scrambled Eggs, Patty Sausage, Bacon, Pancakes, Hash Browns, Chilled Mixed Berries, Coffee, Milk, and Juice.

While you are at our Mountain Miners Breakfast, please plan a tour of our historic building that was built in 1879 and check out some of our latest renovation projects. We will be showcasing a number of interesting historical items related to our Lodge and the Gold Mining in our area, along with some new artifacts that were uncovered during the construction to expand our facility. The original Nevadaville City Hall and Jail along with the old Kramer Saloon will be also be open for tours.

We are pleased to announce that the very popular musicians and singers from group "Some Sweet Day" are returning to entertain during our event. Typically, Nevadaville is a sleepy community, except when the "Wild Bunch" comes into town. They talk a little history, they talk some trash and they stage gun fights at 10:00, 11:00, and High Noon. These re-enactors do a wonderful job bringing history to life on our street; it is like stepping back in history. Be sure to bring your camera to this event...

We will be giving free Hay Wagon Rides from the parking area to the Lodge building and back to your car. The Hay Ride is accessible from the parking lot near our Masonic Cemetery located at the base of the hill below our Lodge Building. Valet parking is also available at the Lodge for our disabled guests.

We thank you so much for your on-going support.
The breakfast donation is \$15.00 and \$5.00 for children
- First Responders eat free -
All proceeds will be used to support our building renovations

Nevada Masonic Lodge No.4 is located at 1043 Nevadaville Road, Central City, CO 80427
[See photos of our past events on our Web Site at NevadaMasonicLodge4.org](http://NevadaMasonicLodge4.org)



At the end of the run we will have a picnic lunch,

door prizes

and award the winner.

RSVP TO: Pat Hayter

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You're Invited to Celebrate with Us!





Calling All Colorado Masons and Masonic Youth Groups!!

Douglas Lodge No. 153 in Castle Rock invites All Colorado Masons and Masonic Youth Groups to join us marching in the Douglas County Fair Parade Saturday, July 27th, 2024!

This is a great opportunity to enjoy great fellowship and demonstrate Freemasonry's presence in Colorado. We will gather in the Parking Lot of Safeway on Perry and Plumb Creek Streets beginning at 8:30 A.M. Wear Lodge Polos, hats and Sunscreen!

Please contact Brother Dave Tuck at brodavetuck@gmail.com if you have any questions.



Scottish Rite Golf Classic

Bring your "A" game!

To the exclusive [Hiwan](#) Golf Club



Monday, August 12, 2024 – shotgun start at 1 pm

Format will be 4-golfer scramble

Golfer fees are All-inclusive –

- Box lunch
- Awards Reception
- Player "goodie bag"

Proceeds will benefit the Scottish Rite Masonic Center, the Scottish Rite Foundation and RiteCare (juvenile speech and hearing therapy and treatment)



Honor Flight

From the Grand Commandery of Colorado



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. Our priority is with World War II and terminally ill Veterans. We also accept applications from all Veterans. We are a member of Honor Flight Network, which began this activity in 2005 and began flying with commercial charter aircraft in 2006 from Dayton, Ohio. There are now about 130 “hubs”, from which flights originate around the country. National Honor Flight Network provides us with logistical support as well as arranging activities in Washington D.C.

Veterans must fill out an application form, which can be found on our application page <https://rockymountainhonorflight.org/> and printed or downloaded. Trained volunteer guardians accompany all Veterans on each flight. Volunteers can apply to be a guardian by downloading or printing the form available here. Various private and commercial donors support us. We are supported by many Veterans' organizations in the region. We have no paid staff. Our volunteers organize the Veterans for travel, arrange the travel both to and from Washington, and arrange all transportation, activities and meals in Washington. The “journey” is usually 3 days and 2 nights, spending several hours at the World War II Memorial, and visiting other Washington landmarks such as the Korean War Memorial, Vietnam Wall, Lincoln Memorial, Arlington

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National Cemetery and changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknowns and the Marine Corps War Memorial.

At the current time, for obvious reasons, priority is given to World War II Veterans. If a Veteran is certified terminally ill by a doctor but able to travel, he or she moves up the priority list no matter what their era of service. We hope to launch at least four flights per year and perhaps more, providing we get enough financial support.

2024 Flights

Event: Flight #47—In planning

Date: May 23-25, 2024

Event: Flight #48—In pre-planning

Date: September 5-7, 2024

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Traveling Gavels

In an effort to promote visitations among lodges in the state of Colorado we are going to attempt to provide information in each newsletter about where the travelling gavels are located

There are two gavels that travel around the state. One we are going to call the **Regular Gavel** and one the **Western Slope Gavel**. Check the requirements for claiming the gavel including the number of brethren required to attend the visit.

Regular Gavel

Location: Douglas Lodge No. 153 300 Wilcox Street, Castle Rock, CO

Meeting Dates: 1st & 3rd Thursday ;7:30 p.m.

Master: Joel Charles

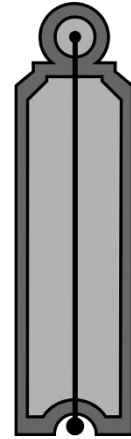
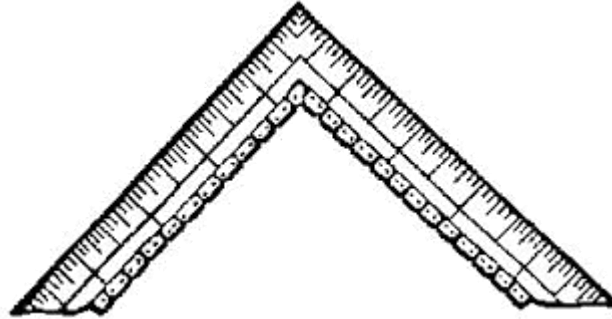
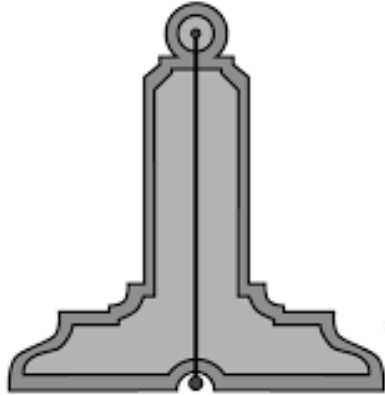


Western Slope Gavel

Location: Glenwood Lodge No. 65, 901 Colorado Ave. Glenwood Springs, CO

Meeting Dates: Meets 2nd Tuesday; 7:00 p.m.

Master: Duke Soddy



If your lodge is having special events or activities please send the information to the Grand Master (grandmaster@coloradofreemasons.org) and the Grand Secretary (grandsecretary@coloradofreemasons.org) so that it can be included in the next edition of the newsletter.

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Submission Deadline

Articles and events that you want included in the newsletter are due to the Grand Master, or Grand Secretary, by the 25th of the month prior to the publication month.



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