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While Worrying About Our Buildings, Have We Lost Sight of Our Purpose?

Many lodges are grappling with a question that has been reverberating in their halls: what is the true purpose of our buildings? Faced with declining membership and the increasingly burdensome cost of maintaining aging structures, many lodges are questioning whether their traditional buildings are truly serving their purpose.

This is not simply a question about bricks and mortar. It is a question about the core of Freemasonry: its commitment to service and community. Are our traditional structures hindering our ability to connect with modern men and provide meaningful service to our communities?

Freemasons of the past built temporary shelters at the cathedral jobsite and when the work was complete, they moved on to the next community project. They were not building temples for themselves but for the community. Did we make a mistake when we began building temples for ourselves?

We must be bold and ask ourselves: is Freemasonry clinging to a model of brotherhood that is no



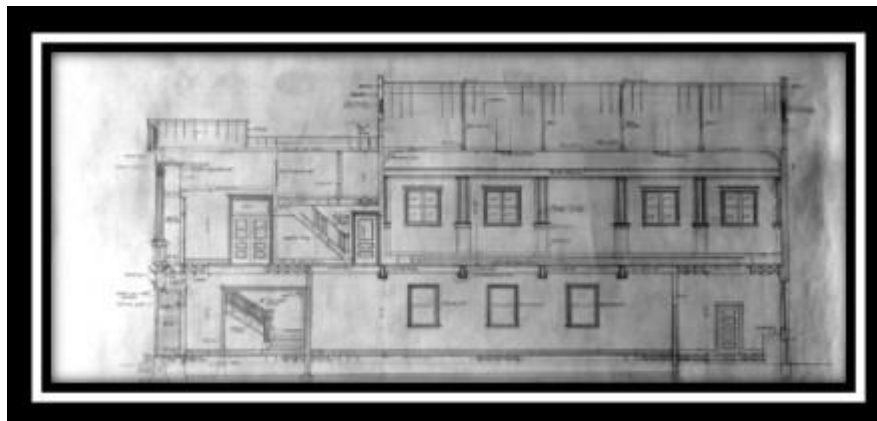
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longer relevant in a world where people are increasingly connected online and seeking authentic, personal connections offline? Are we neglecting the true spirit of Freemasonry by focusing on maintaining our buildings when our resources could be used to make a more meaningful impact on the world around us?

If we believe that our temples are critical to our identity as Freemasons, We are going to have to get creative in solving the economic problems faced by aging buildings. Many lodges have embraced innovative approaches. Would embracing smaller, more intimate groups within larger lodges foster a stronger sense of brotherhood? Should we return to a model of community lodges with geographic boundaries, allowing members to be more deeply invested in their local areas and contribute to service projects that directly impact their neighborhoods?

Many of our buildings have hidden revenue streams – find them and use them!

- Does your temple have a commercial kitchen? Could it be leased to a catering business?
- Does it have large dining space? Rent this out for events and parties, weddings, etc.
- Does it have a theater/auditorium space? This can be used for public events, talent shows, theater events, concerts, etc.
- Do you have parking to lease out on non-meeting nights to provide parking for your city? Lease your parking for local sporting events? Any community event can provide income for vehicle parking so observe your neighborhood to see what's needed.



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The financial realities of lodge ownership are undeniable. Maintaining large buildings can be a drain on resources. Some lodges have chosen to lease or sell existing structures, freeing up funds for more impactful initiatives. The money could be used to support other lodges in need, fund community projects, or create new opportunities for members to engage in meaningful service.

As Freemasons, we are called upon to look inward and examine our own lodges and experiences. The path forward is not necessarily about a singular solution, but about embracing the spirit of Freemasonry: a commitment to brotherhood, service, and personal growth. We must ask ourselves: Are our physical spaces truly serving the needs of our lodges and communities? Are they reflecting the values and ideals that we hold dear? The answers to these questions will guide us as we navigate the future of Freemasonry.



SGD Senior Grand Deacon
W.Bro. Darren R. Klinefelter



JGD Junior Grand Deacon
W.Bro. L. Bryant Harris

District Lecturer's Workshop

Hosted by Union Lodge No. 7

1614 Welton Street

September 7, 2024

11:30 am to 5:00 pm

Casual Dress

Schedule



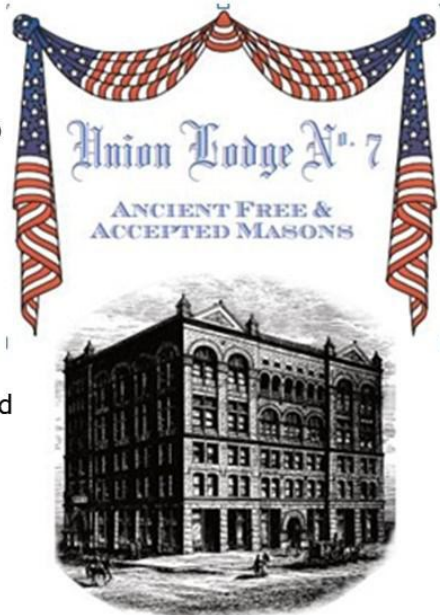
11:30 am – Lite Lunch

12:30 pm – Move to workshop

12:45 pm – Learn the stuff

~3:30-4:00 – Break up

~4:00-4:30 – Enjoy Brotherhood



Learned Staff



W.: B.: Michael Scott
District Lecturer

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District Lecturer

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Come get a good warm up on the fundamentals of opening and closing the lodge before you come back from Summer recess.

The teaching staff will be walking us through the hows, whys, whens, how -comes of opening and closing and answering all those burning questions you've always had.

Come one, come all, bring the newer members E.A.'s and F.C.'s

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Colorado Presents...

The 2024 Colorado Masonic Symposium



What You Can Expect:

- Multiple Speakers
- Masonic Vendors
- All Masonic Banquet
- and More!

September 14, 2024
ALL DAY EVENT

Seek, Discover, Illuminate
MASONRY

Guest Speakers Include:

Dean McConnell

Senior Grand Warden



Ben Williams

Rocky Mountain Mason



John Nagy

Renowned Masonic Author



Also: Boe Hawkins, Martin Sugg, John Piccone, and more!

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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.

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Colorado Springs

Fraternally,



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

Ripples

by Worshipful Brother Tim Sanks

Last month we celebrated the birth of our great nation. Since the beginning, rumors and conspiracies have propagated the idea that the American Revolution was a masonic plot. This belief can often be traced back to a confusion between correlation and causation. Were freemasons involved in the revolution? Absolutely! Many of the key figures and leaders were freemasons. However, just because those freemasons were involved it does not mean that the revolution was a masonic event. There were more non-freemasons involved than there were freemasons. A second flaw in this conspiracy is the fundamental misunderstanding of how freemasons influence the world. We do not bring about change through overt leadership and management. Freemasons bring about change through the ripples we create. Over the last nine months, the brethren of Longs Peak Masonic Lodge #197 have been starting to make ripples again.

In December 2023, Bro. Mark Wright brought forward the idea for our community outreach committee to spearhead an educational program in the local schools to create and spread awareness of the ongoing fentanyl epidemic that is plaguing our community. With the unanimous support of the brethren present, Bro. Mark began by approaching officers of the Loveland Police Department with the idea for such a program. In May 2024, Bro. Mark and I attended the monthly coordination meeting for this awareness program. The conference room at the Loveland Police Department was full with additional representatives attending via phone and video conferencing. In the meeting were personnel from Longs Peak Lodge #197, Loveland Police Department, Loveland Fire Department, Thompson Valley EMS, SummitStone Health Partners, UC Health, Banner Health, Victim Services, Emergency Communications/Dispatch, Northern Colorado Drug Task Force, and multiple subject matter experts. Several project partners who were not able to attend that meeting include the Colorado Public Defender's Office, Teen Court, Thompson School District, and the Drug Enforcement Agency. Additional local, state, and federal agencies, as well as private organizations, continue to reach out and offer their support for our project. During the May meeting it was acknowledged that every organization present has known about the problem fentanyl is causing, but no one could figure out how to get their arms around the problem. This is where Longs Peak Lodge #197 came into the pic-

Ripples (cont.)

ture with a solution: if your arms are not big enough to grasp the problem, get more arms. Thus, our coalition was born. This was ripple number one.

After eight months of diligent work, July marked the beginning of the implementation of the program. The first stages of this program involve marketing and community education. This will culminate in a 2-hour event to be held on 4 September 2024 at Thompson Valley High School. This event will include numerous vendors and educational booths as well as a nationally recognized keynote speaker. While firm numbers are not currently known, we are planning to be able to accommodate hundreds of students and community members. This is ripple number two.

Once our event is complete, representatives from the involved organizations will continue to meet a draft an after-action report. We will examine and document what we did, how we did it, what went right, what went wrong, and what should be changed in the future. We will then distribute this information across the nation and possibly overseas so that the program can be reproduced wherever fentanyl is draining the life out of communities. And there are organizations across the nation that are already awaiting our reports and resources. Throughout this process, members of our coalition organizations have continued to network, attending conferences across the nation, and have been reporting on our efforts here in northern Colorado. The reception has been one of overwhelming anticipation. Communities from around the nation are watching and learning from what we are doing. This is ripple number three.

This awareness program is a shining example of what can be accomplished when a community is united together in pursuit of a common purpose. Our purpose is human driven. Our coalition has been working tirelessly to for the better part of a year to take hold of this deadly problem, humanize the issue, and lessen the future suffering of our families, friends, and neighbors. What follows is a letter written by one of the law enforcement officers involved in this project. Due to the sensitive nature of his assignment I want to share his perspective with you, anonymously, but with his consent.

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The Opioid Crisis and Those Left in Its Wake

This is dedicated to those who are lost, struggling, ashamed, lonely, and who feel unloved and empty.

This is dedicated to those who are searching for answers. Answers as to why this tragedy happened to their loved ones, why this tragedy happened to their children.

This is dedicated to those out there who are searching for their loved ones, praying that they find them, or that they come back home where they will be safe.

This is dedicated to those who are distraught and filled with guilt. Guilt that they should have seen it coming. Guilt that if they only had seen the signs, maybe their loved ones would still be with them today.

To all of you I promise this: I promise to continue to believe, to continue to strive to affect positive change, to bring about the “human experience”, through human connection. A connection more powerful than the tragedy and despair it faces.

As I sat in thought on an airplane, during a recent late-night flight, I couldn't help but think of all those individuals who have lost their struggle and fight as a result of the opioid crisis, or the families and loved ones who are left behind to try and pick up the pieces of their shattered lives that this tragedy has bestowed upon them.

One can only hope and pray that those who have lost their struggle, somehow now have found peace wherever they may be. For the families and loved ones of those individuals, one can only hope and pray that they too find some sort of peace. A peace that only comes from knowing their loved ones are no longer suffering and are in a better place.

It is a situation that no one wants to find themselves in, yet it seems to almost be the new normal anymore. So, what can we do to ensure we are headed in the right direction? A direction that leads us down a pathway of hope. A pathway filled with love, forgiveness, and inspiration.

The answer to that question is critical: For you see, none of us are immune from having

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to search for and find that very same pathway for ourselves. We too are human beings, made up of temptations, bad choices, despair, insecurities, and sometimes hopelessness.

However, as human beings, we possess an incredible power to form a connection with, and affect positive change in, ourselves and others. What a novel concept, effecting positive change in others. As one begins to connect with other human beings, it creates an environment for the “human experience” to occur. A connection so powerful that it can overcome even the worst of tragedies and despair.

However, for the “human experience” to exist, one must first believe that what they are doing makes a difference. An example of this can be found in the timeless “Starfish Story”. The child referenced in that story shows us that everyone can make a difference, even if it's only felt by one person.

Now that begs the question: why must it take a child, in the simplest of stories, to make this point. To show us that one cannot give up and one must believe, without a doubt, that what we do can and will make a difference. It seems that somewhere along the way, at times, we as human beings have lost the ability to believe, or worse yet, don't even bother to try.

I am not foolish enough to think that these words alone will change the entire human race. However, as I stated before, I do believe we have the power to effect positive change in ourselves and others, so that we too may provide hope to those who are struggling and to those who have tragically lost their loved ones because of this crisis.

There will be those who will ask how one could possibly think they can influence positive change in those who are struggling. There will be those who say, “you can't save someone from themselves”. However, I believe if we can provide hope, encouragement, resources, forgiveness, and love then maybe, just maybe, that is what it takes to get those who are struggling, the power and inspiration they need to make that change.

In the end, you may ask, why do I believe this kind of positive change is possible? Why do I believe what we are doing makes a difference? The answer to those questions is not complicated, it is not profound, nor revolutionary- it is actually quite simple. I believe that effecting

Ripples (cont.)

positive change is possible because I, as a human being, have a duty to hope, to believe that what we are doing is making a difference. Why might you ask? Simple. Because the child in the “Starfish Story” told me so.

Will there be more ripples? Possibly. That is the interesting thing with ripples, you never know where they are going to stop or what they are going to touch. For those wishing to join us at the awareness event, you are absolutely welcome. If you would like more information on the fentanyl crisis and its impact on Colorado, make sure to check out the Longs Peak Masonic Lodge #197 Facebook page every Friday leading up to the presentation. I am also including links to several websites and videos that address this issue. I highly encourage you to invest a portion of your time to familiarize yourself with this issue. It quite literally could save your life or the life of someone you love.

That, my brothers, is how freemasonry influences and even changes the world, through our ripples. It starts with one mason with the courage to speak up and expands out to his lodge, to his family, to his community, to his state, to his country, and even across the world. Freemasons lead change by becoming the change. That is our secret. Use your working tools to hone your craft and sharpen your mind; become the change that the world needs. So, who among our gentle Craft is going to start the next set of ripples?



Ripples (cont.)

Links:

Voices of Awareness

<https://voicesforawareness.com/>

“Poisoned by China: One Pill Can Kill Fentanyl Awareness” (video)

<https://youtu.be/ms1TuZfPBfA?si=Act9cX5auV1Z1W4x>

“Michael Fiore Outreach Coordinator” (video)

https://youtu.be/ZXHsgRKHG_c?si=O0c5VwYbv1KQsJIY

“Devastated: Colorado’s Fentanyl Disaster” (video)

<https://www.devastatedco.com/>

Fraternally,

Tim Sanks, PM

Worshipful Master

Longs Peak Masonic Lodge #197

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.

Wednesday September 4th, 2024

Fentanyl Awareness Event: Long’s Peak Lodge and Loveland Police Department

Description: Free educational awareness event & resource fair from 6pm-8pm at the Thompson Valley High School Auditorium.

Saturday September 7, 2024

District Lecturer’s Workshop at Union Lodge No. 7

Description: Refresh on the fundamentals of opening and closing the lodge. Lite lunch followed by instruction and fellowship. 11:30am to 5pm. 1614 Welton Street, Denver, CO

Saturday September 14, 2024

2024 Colorado Masonic Symposium

Description: “Seek, Discover, Illuminate” This free all-day event will host a variety of masonic speakers at the Masonic Center 1150 Panorama Drive, Colorado Springs

Saturday September 21, 2024

120 Year Celebration for Fruita Masonic Lodge No. 120

Description: 10am Tiled lodge meeting to receive the Grand Master and Grand Officers (opening on EA degree). Lunch for Masons, their families, prospects and invited guests. 2PM Cornerstone ceremony and 3PM Open House and Scottish Rite Child ID booth. [Please RSVP here.](#)

Saturday September 28, 2024

Annual Outdoor 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.

Saturday November 2, 2024

Grand Master Class

Description: Colorado DeMolay invites you to an event honoring David L. Reynolds. Door open at 10:30am. Degrees begin at 11am. Denver Consistory 1370 Grant Street, Denver, Colorado.



Eastern Star
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Retirement Campus

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Salute To Service 2024

Now in our second year the Salute To Service Campaign is a special tribute and fundraiser to recognize and honor those who have served and those who continue to serve our country.

Our Salute For Service campaign is an opportunity for you to purchase a 3' x 5' American flag that will be displayed on the great lawn of the Eastern Star Masonic Retirement Campus for the week of November 9-16 in honor of Veterans Day.



- 3' x 5' Foot American Flag \$40
(if you purchased one in 2023 the cost is \$25)
- Flags are limited to 200 and will sell out.
- All names will be included on a banner.
- There is ONLY one flag each for each branch of the service available \$40 | Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, Space Force; Royal Navy, M.I.A./ P.O. W.
- Scan the QR Code to go to Event Brite to reserve your flag and pay online.
- You can pay by check by contacting Pat Sawyer Boes: patis@esmrc.com or 303-753-2160 or Chuck Goodwin 314-703-4966, chuckgoodwin@hotmail.com.
- Please send Pat a picture at patis@esmrc.com and a military bio of the Veteran you are honoring so we can tell their story on our social media pages as well as make a video of all of the pictures and send it to the news closer to Veterans Day.



Masonic Arrowmen at NOAC Participate in Historic Grand Communication

Boulder Lodge # 14, A. F. & A. M., a Masonic lodge founded in 1867, nine years before Colorado became "The Centennial State," was the site of an historic gathering between two Masonic Grand Lodges on Tuesday night, July 30, and it was all brought about because of the Order of the Arrow, a long-established program of the Boy Scouts of America (now doing business as Scouting America).

Most Worshipful Grand Master David Reynolds of Colorado Springs drove two hours along with four members of his Grand Lodge to receive Right Worshipful Brother Alan Smason, the 18th Masonic District Deputy Grand Master of the State of Louisiana, F. & A. M.

In his capacity as a District Deputy Grand Master, Smason represented Most Worshipful Grand Master Larry Plaisance of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana. Smason, who hails from New Orleans, Louisiana, was accompanied by nine other Arrowmen, as members of the Order of the Arrow are known, all delegates or staff members from different states attending the biannual National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) on the campus of Colorado University in Boulder through Saturday.

Founded in 1915 by Masonic Scouter E. Urner Goodman, the Order of the Arrow has been designated as Scouting's official honor society since 1948. This year's NOAC brought more than 6,000 youth and adult members to Boulder.

These Arrowmen were all excused from their respective assignments and missed an arena show on Tuesday night on the university campus in order to take part in this special and historic communication between the Grand Lodge of Colorado, chartered in 1861, and the Grand Lodge of Louisiana established in 1812, nine years after the Louisiana Purchase and six years before Louisiana entered the union.

Smason is the immediate past president of the National Association of Masonic Scouters (NAMS), an organization he helped to found in 2007 at the National Annual Meeting of the Boy Scouts of America. When he knew he was going to be in Boulder as a NOAC staff member working under Special Events with the Religious Staff, he contacted Colorado Grand Secretary Scot Autry to ask for a special dispensation for Boulder Lodge to meet during a month when their lodge would normally be "dark," or closed.

Worshipful Brother Michael Jeffress, the current master of the lodge, opened Boulder Lodge in a specially-dispensated communication from the Grand Lodge of Colorado at 7 p.m. at which time he welcomed the Grand Lodge representatives.

Arrowmen (cont.)

Accompanied by his wife Brenda, Right Worshipful Brother William E. Marshall, the Colorado Deputy Grand Master, headed up the contingent of other Colorado Grand Lodge officers including Right Worshipful Brother Dean A. McConnell, Senior Grand Warden; Worshipful Brother Vincent T. Johnson, Junior Grand Steward; and Worshipful Brother Gregory F. P. Harris, Grand Chaplain.

The process for the meeting was also initially sped along by Right Worshipful Brother Kevin Townley, the Colorado Grand Lecturer and the secretary of Boulder Lodge. Sadly and unexpectedly, Townley died in May but his efforts were continued by Worshipful Brother Tony Clark, a Past Master of Boulder Lodge who is also a life member of NAMS.

Clark joined his fellow Arrowmen, all of whom are active members of their Masonic lodges and involved in their local councils with the programs of Scouting America, which includes the now 109-year-old Order of the Arrow.

While most of the Arrowmen were members of NAMS, some were not. All wore their Scouting uniforms and distinctive white Order of the Arrow sashes bearing red arrows. Many of them also wore their Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Awards, a special joint Masonic and Scouting Award presented to dedicated Scouters who are also Masons.

The awards are nominated first through local Masonic lodges, approved by their local Scouting councils, processed through the Pennsylvania Youth Foundation of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and then forwarded to the Scouter's Grand Lodge for public presentation.

Those fellow Arrowmen and Masonic Scouters in attendance were Worshipful Brother Richard "Mike" Brown of Village Lodge #247 in Burton, Ohio; Brother Philip Craig of Paris Lodge #108 in Paris, Tenn.; Worshipful Brother Todd Gianetti of Anchor Lodge #112 in East Hampton, Conn.; Brother Richard McGuffey of Riverside-Jett Lodge #112 of Wenatchee, Wash.; Worshipful Brother Craig Newell of St. Francisville Lodge #588 of Waylon, Mo.; Brother Craig Rueger of Waterville Lodge #33 of Waterville, Maine; Brother Thomas "Chad" Talton of Tuscarora Lodge #480 of Princeton, N.C.; NAMS director and Worshipful Brother Henry "Hank" Voegtle of George Washington Lodge #1117 of Richardson, Texas; and Worshipful Brother Stephen White of Henderson Lodge #958 of Henderson, Ky.

In his capacity as a District Deputy Grand Master, Smason delivered warm fraternal greetings on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana. He passed out special pins from Louisiana Grand Master Plaisance to all present and then delivered a short address on the historic link between the Masonic fraternity and the Order of the Arrow, whose original ritual work borrowed heavily from Masonry.

Arrowmen (cont.)

Smason also presented Grand Master Reynolds with a special plaque from NAMS celebrating the historic event and handed out special NAMS certificates and challenge coins to each of his fellow Grand Lodge representatives.



Most Worshipful Grand Master of Colorado David Reynolds, left, receives a plaque from Right Worshipful (Louisiana 18th Masonic) District Deputy Grand Master Alan Smason, immediate past president of the National Association of Masonic Scouts.

In response, Grand Master Reynolds presented his own Grand Master's pin to all who were present.



Most Worshipful Grand Master of Colorado David Reynolds, left, with Masonic Scouters from the National Order of the Arrow Conference led by Right Worshipful (Louisiana 18th Masonic) District Deputy Grand Master Alan Smason, center.



Grand Communication led by Most Worshipful Brother David Reynolds, Grand Master of Colorado, center, and Right Worshipful Alan Smason, (Louisiana 18th Masonic) District Deputy Grand Master. Also pictured are Colorado Grand Lodge members Right Worshipful Brother William E. Marshall, Deputy Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother Dean A. McConnell, Senior Grand Warden; Worshipful Brother Vincent T. Johnson Junior, Grand Steward; and Worshipful Brother Gregory F. P. Harris, Grand Chaplain.



Right Worshipful Brother Alan Smason, (Louisiana 18th Masonic) District Deputy Grand Master and immediate past president of the National Association of Masonic Scouters, right, talks about the historic connections between Scouting and Masonry as Most Worshipful Grand Master of Colorado David Reynolds, center, and Worshipful Brother Martin Jeffress, Master of Boulder Lodge #14 in Boulder, Colorado, listen.



Right Worshipful Brother Alan Smason (Louisiana 18th Masonic) District Deputy Grand Master holds a NAMS challenge coin, which he presented to all members of the Grand Lodge of Colorado in attendance.



Worshipful Brother Tony Clark, an Eagle Scout, lifetime member of NAMS and past master of Boulder Lodge #14 speaks at the special grand communication meeting attended by his fellow Scouters and members of the Order of the Arrow, Scouting's honor society.

Prior to the Grand Communication, a hearty meal was served, cooked by one of the ladies of Boulder Lodge and delivered on time despite a troublesome forest fire that closed down the regular road between her home and the lodge.



Grand Lodge of Colorado members enjoy dinner prior to the meeting with Masonic Scouter Arrowmen gathered in Boulder, Colorado for the National Order of the Arrow Conference at the nearby University of Colorado.



Masonic Arrowmen from the Order of the Arrow, Scouting's honor society, enjoy dinner with members of the Colorado Grand Lodge and brothers from Boulder Lodge #14 on July 30, 2024. Also pictured Mrs. Brenda Marshall, wife of Colorado Deputy Grand Master William E. Marshall.



Worshipful Brother Tony Clark, holding pitcher, a past master of Boulder Lodge and a life member of the National Association of Masonic Scouters, welcomes fellowMasonic Scouters and Arrowmen attending the National Order of the Arrow Conference to Boulder Lodge #14 on July 30, 2024.

Boulder Lodge #14 is located less than a 20-minute drive from the Colorado University campus and the Arrowmen returned to NOAC just as the arena show honoring distinguished Arrowmen was ending.

For more information about the [Order of the Arrow](#), [Scouting America](#) or the [National Association of Masonic Scouters](#), please check their respective websites [oa-bsa.org](#), [scouting.org](#) or [nams-bsa.org](#).



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Within the Vault

Letter from Brother George Washington

{Transcription}

December 28th 1790

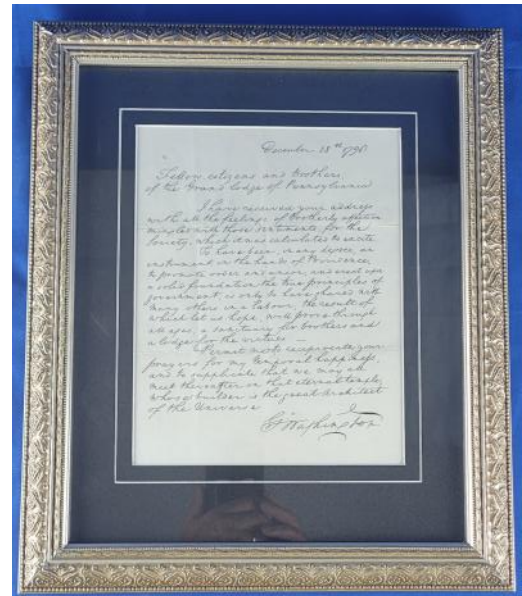
Fellow citizens and Brothers of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania

I have received your address with all the feelings of brotherly affection mingled with those sentiments for the Society, which it was calculated to excite.

To have been, in any degree, an instrument in the hands of Providence, to promote order and union, and erect upon a solid foundation the true principles of government, is only to have shared with many others in a labour, the result of which let us hope, will prove through all ages, a sanctuary for brothers and lodge for the virtues.

Permit me to reciprocate your prayers for my temperal happiness and to supplicate that we may all meet thereafter in that eternal temple, whose builder is the great architect of the universe

G. Washington



This letter gives us an important window into the character of Brother Washington at a pivotal time in our Nation. You can see this letter and other historically significant items donated to the museum to be preserved for the craft.

This is the first of a series of articles to highlight the fascinating artifacts contained within the Grand Lodge Museum that you can see on your next visit. The museum is not supported by the Grand Lodge budget and needs your help to preserve and protect our treasured history. Please contact the Grand Secretary to see how you can help!

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

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/

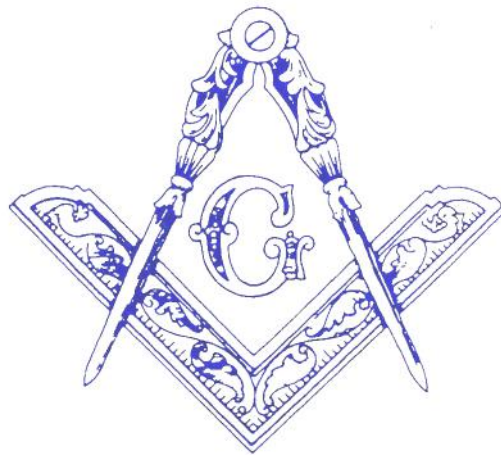
Membership Awareness and Retention

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



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



COLORADO DEMOLAY
COORIDALY INVITES YOU TO A

GRAND MASTERS CLASS

Honoring David L. Reynolds
Grand Master of Masons in
Colorado

**DENVER CONSISTORY
SATURDAY NOV 2ND**

**DOORS OPEN AT 10:30AM
DEGREES START AT 11AM**

All adult members of the appendant Masonic organizations,
as well as all Advisors and DeMolays are welcome to attend.

For questions, contact costatedemolay@gmail.com.

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).



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

Honor Flight

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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 #48

Date: September 5-7, 2024

Event : Flight # 3154

Date: October 3-5, 2024

Honor Flight

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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

“Barn Raising” Degree

2024 Annual “Barn Raising” & Camping Fellowship

September 27th & 28th

Master Mason Degree

Performed by your Grand Lodge Officer Line

Property of Worshipful Brother Hoss Monsebrotten

Kiowa , Colorado



WB Hoss is inviting Brothers and their families to bring their campers and tents Friday for a day of fun, fishing, and fellowship! **Space is limited for larger campers** so please contact WB Hoss (details on following page) to reserve your spot! He has recently stocked his ponds so bring your fishing rods!

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“Barn Raising” Degree (cont.)

Master Mason Degree begins Saturday the 28th at 8am!

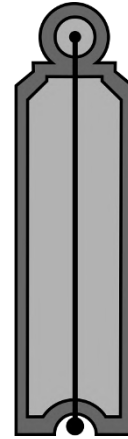
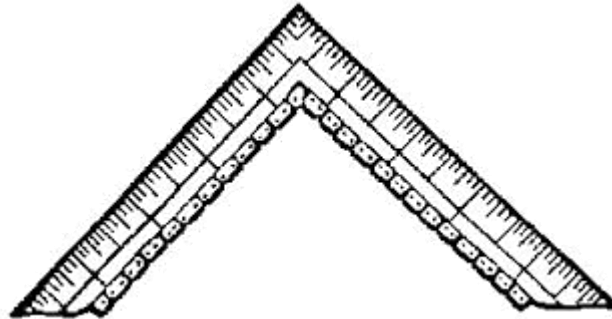
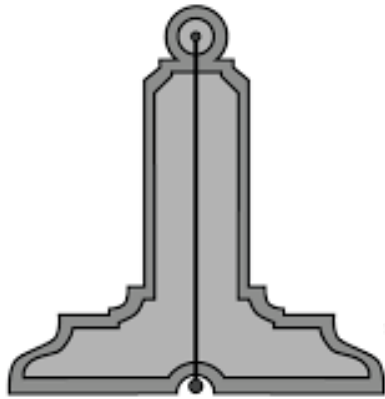
Location:

257 Warsaw Drive

Parker, CO 80138

303-550-8700 / leeslake@gmail.com





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.



COLORADO MASONS - SPREAD THE WORD ON YOUR SOCIAL MEDIA, AND WITH YOUR FRIENDS AND ACQUAINTANCES ABOUT A NEW WEBSITE ABOUT MASONRY: BEAFREEMASON.ORG

The Grand Lodge Office is open Monday through Friday from 8:00am to 4:00pm. All are welcome as long as you are not feeling ill. For the front door please ring the door bell for access.

