



Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Colorado AF&AM

February 1, 2025

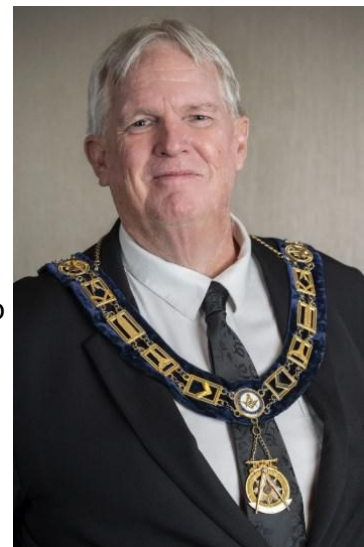
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From the Desk of the Grand Master

Brethren, greetings from the East!

As I write this article the Grand Lodge officers have been installed for just over two weeks. Speaking for myself I am still not used to the title. I am not sure I ever will be. I have been a member of our Fraternity for over 40 years and the title “Grand Master” was reserved for a very select few and of those numbers even fewer visited the lodges in my area. The office of Grand Master carried with it a mystique that I had never even daydreamed about attaining. Today, when someone says “Grand Master” I look towards the door to see if he is entering the room.

The 2025 Grand Masters pin is now making its way into the hands of our Brothers throughout the state and region. The design is based on a view of the Grand Valley standing in Grand Junction looking to the East. The motto “The Art of Brotherly Love” was chosen to encompass all aspects of Free Masonry and what the Fraternity represents to our individual Brothers.



To many of our brothers the “art of brotherly love” means being able to perform ritual and catechism to the best of their ability. To others it means the social interaction with their brothers both inside and outside the tiled confines of the Lodge. And to others it means the joy that is felt when brothers come together to share and experience the beauty of esoteric teachings and study. But the art of brotherly love is not limited to these options. Some Brothers do not have the opportunity to attend lodge frequently and only experience the shared joy of the fraternity by reading the Trestle Board or lodge emails sent out to keep brothers informed of the happenings of the Lodge.

However we define and experience “the art of brotherly love” it is the spark which keeps us interested and motivated to attend Lodge and invest our time and energy in its works. Without



No Place in Masonry (cont.)

this spark we would not be able to feel the real bond shared by our Brothers that we carry in our hearts while we go on about our days. This spark of interest and bond of fraternal affection, however you define it, is the real secret of Free Masonry. It allows us to meet a stranger and immediately greet him as a Brother just from catching a glimpse of a ring or lapel pin. It allows us to travel anywhere in the world and know that there is always a room or a building that contains Brothers practicing the art of brotherly love that we are perfectly welcome to join in no matter the circumstances.

This is what I wish for every Brother in our Grand Jurisdiction; that you go out and practice that art of brotherly love that creates the spark within you and share it with those you care about. Maybe share it by bringing your family to the Lodge dinners to meet your Brothers, or by inviting a man you know who would benefit from the experience to those Lodge activities that are open to the public. Give a talk in your Lodge about a book or resource you found interesting in regards to Free Masonry. Mentor a Junior Officer in your Lodge to prepare him for the principal stations. Share your love of the craft.

I will be discussing the “art of brotherly love” at Official Visits throughout the year. Please come to these OV's and share what created your spark and what keep you coming back to the Lodge. The Grand Lodge Officers will also be traveling about the Grand Jurisdiction and will welcome any comments and stories you would be willing to share.

The Grand Lodge Officers and I would like to express our gratitude and appreciation for electing us into our new positions. It is our honor to serve you, the Grand Jurisdiction of Colorado.

Fraternally and Respectfully,

William E. Marshall

Grand Master



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.

Saturday February 8, 2025

El Paso County Actual Past Master's Association

Description: Annual Communication and dinner (\$20.00) Guamanian Feast of pork, beef, chicken with rice lumpia. Make checks payable to APMA. No reservations accepted after February 1st at noon. Mail checks to 407 Ridgewood Ave., Colorado Springs, CO 80906.

Saturday February 15, 2025

Sweetheart Fundraiser Banquet

Description: Benefiting Highlands Lodge No. 86. Cost is \$50/person. RSVP by February 13th; 9pm. Highlands Masonic Temple 3550 Federal Blvd., Denver, CO.

Saturday February 22, 2025

District Lecturer's Workshop

Description: Hosted by Idaho Springs lodge No. 26. All Master Masons welcome. This workshop will focus on information meant for newer members and officers but will also include beneficial insights for even the most stalwart Past Masters. Primary topics will include Lodge Opening & Closing, Deacon's floorwork, Steward's duties, protocols for Brothers on the sidelines and more. Light Lunch 1pm to 2pm. Workshop from 2pm to 5pm.

Saturday February 22, 2025

Actual Past Master's Degree Gold Country

Description: Hosted by Gold Country Actual Past Master's Association and Idaho Springs Lodge No. 26. Dinner and Fellowship 5:30 to 6:30pm. Past Master's Degree at 6:30pm. Location: 210 17th Avenue. Idaho Springs. CO. Open to any current or Past Master of a Colorado Lodge. Please **RSVP** all attendees for both dinner and the degree to WB Danny Tomlinson so we have an accurate count for meals. dtomlinson@msn.com

Grand Lodge of Colorado, A. F. & A. M.

ORGANIZED, AUG., 2, 1861.

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Grand Master – 2024
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Creation of Spanish Speaking Pilot Lodge for Colorado

Whereas, On February 15th, 1881, the Grand Lodge of Colorado saw that it was good for the Craft and particularly its members to create a German speaking lodge named Schiller Lodge No. 41. This charter was granted upon the condition that the work to be used should be a literal translation, as far as possible, of the ritual adopted by this Grand Lodge. Schiller Lodge was organized by brethren who speak the German language, with authority to work in the German tongue. Shiller Lodge merged over the years and has survived under the current name of Marquis de Lafayette #41 and still performs degree work in the German language ...143 years later.

Whereas, from 2018 to 2022 the Spanish speaking population of Colorado has increased from 11% to 19% with a statistical probability to increase even further. On investigation the Grand Lodge of Colorado has found the neighboring jurisdictions of Arizona, Nevada, and California have found value and success is creating and supporting Spanish speaking lodges.

Therefore, be it resolved that, as of this day, October 9, 2024, the Grand Lodge of Colorado, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons (AF&AM), does hereby create a Pilot Lodge of Harmony Lodge #61 and grants them dispensation to perform Ritual work and Masonic Ceremonies in the Spanish Language. This dispensation is granted upon the condition that the work to be used should be a literal translation, as far as possible, of the ritual adopted by this Grand Lodge.

Be it further resolved, that this dispensation requires that all communication between Harmony Lodge 61 and the Grand Lodge of Colorado AF&AM and all other masonic organizations recognized by the Grand Lodge of Colorado AF&AM will continue to be in the English language and all filings will continue to be in the English language.

In witness whereof, I, Most Worshipful Brother David J. Reynolds, Grand Master of Masons in Colorado, have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Grand Lodge of Colorado to be affixed.

Done at the Grand Lodge of Colorado, this 9th day of October 2024.

Fraternally,



M.:W.: Brother David L. Reynolds
Grand Master of Masons
in Colorado

Attest:



R.:W.: Brother Scot M. Autry
Grand Secretary,
Grand Lodge of Colorado



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Benefiting Highlands Lodge #86, A.F. & A.M.

Saturday, February 15, 2025 from 7:00 PM - 11:00 PM

*Highlands Masonic Temple
3550 Federal Blvd; Denver, Colorado*

\$50/person (Sales end February 13th at 9:00 PM)

<https://highlandssweetheartbanquet.eventbrite.com/?aff=Flyer>

Live Raffle

*Raffle tickets available for purchase at the door.
Cash only! Must be present to win.*

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2025 Easter Sunrise Service

100th Annual and oldest in Colorado

Presented by the Knights Templar Association of the
Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Colorado

Sunday April 20, 2025 at 0630

Doors open at 0530

Denver Consistory – 1370 Grant Street

Rev. Dr. A.J. Bush, Pastor

Parking Garage available

Breakfast to follow service

Breakfast tickets available at www.coloradokta.org – limited and always sells out



For further information please visit www.coloradokta.org

Or Joe Magoffin joe@milehighsf.com 720.371.7224

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SCOTTISH RITE SPRING REUNION

Denver Consistory
May 8, 9, 10, 2025

AN OPPORTUNITY TO REUNITE WITH YOUR BROTHERS
REVISIT THE TEACHINGS



Preparation



Organization



Having Fun

First Line Signer Incentive Program: **THREE** petitions in a calendar year will pay your membership for a year. If you are a life member it entitles you to receive stated meeting dinners for a year.



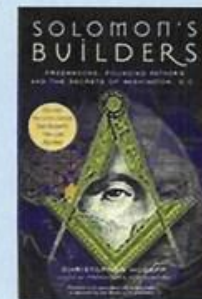
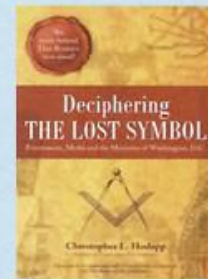
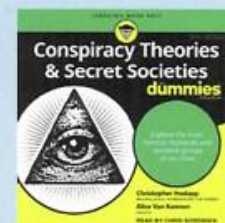
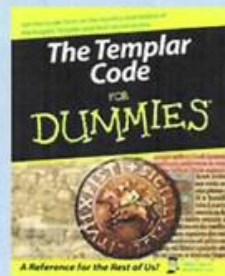
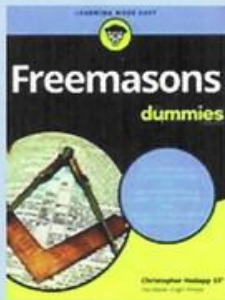
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The Consistory Education & Entertainment Group Presents:

Christopher Hodapp, 33°



**Acclaimed Masonic author, editor, blogger
and commentator will speak (topic TBD)
and sign books!**

**All Masons and Their Guests are
Welcome!**

**Camp is
FREE!**

COLORADO MASONIC Band Camp!



This five-day band camp is held June 30 to July 4, 2025 on the University of Northern Colorado campus in Greeley, Colorado. The camp is a rewarding and exciting opportunity for promising band students to attend a first-rate marching band clinic and meet students from around Colorado.

Music activities are directed by the UNC band faculty and staff. Camp culminates with the performance of an evening concert on campus July 3rd, and marching in the Greeley Rocky Mountain Stampede Parade on July 4th.

Camp is FREE. Costs (excluding travel to and from Greeley) are paid in full by Colorado Masons and affiliates. Student housing, social and recreational activities are sponsored by Colorado Masonic Lodges and affiliated organizations.

The camp accepts talented 9th, 10th and 11th grade students enrolled in a Colorado high school band program during the 2024-25 school year; capable of performing in the parade, and who play at least one marching band instrument.

Colorado high school band instructors are encouraged to recommend at least three promising band students.

Direct questions to:

**Bill Feldman at bandcamp@coloradofreemasons.org
or 303-910-9266**

Registration must be received by April 19, 2025



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COLORADO MASONIC HIGH SCHOOL BAND CAMP

Grand Lodge of Colorado
1130 Panorama Drive
Colorado Springs, CO 80904

Phone 719-623-5342
email: bandcamp@coloradofreemasons.org

DON'T LET THE MASONIC BAND CAMP MARCH WITHOUT YOUR STUDENT

TO: **Masonic Family Members**

FROM: **Colorado Masonic Band Camp**

The Grand Lodge of Colorado is sponsoring the 22nd Annual Colorado Masonic Band Camp at the University of Northern Colorado Campus (UNC) in Greeley, Colorado, from June 30th to July 4th, 2025.

This program is entirely supported by your donations as Masonic bodies. The Grand Lodge and the Band Camp Trustees have raised the suggested donation level to \$400 per student.

Last year 1 of 3 Masonic bodies supported the camp. This year we want to increase support to at least half our lodges and bodies. We encourage your organization to provide a donation supporting the Camp.

Contact: Bro. Dillon Brickhouse (720) 416-8144 dillonbrickhouse@gmail.com with questions about donating to the Band Camp.

Should your organization wish to sponsor a specific student, contact the student's High School Band Director as soon as possible, informing them that you are offering a sponsorship. You may also contact the Band Director of your local High School and ask them to select a student for consideration. If you are unable to find a student(s) to sponsor, the Band Camp will be happy to nominate a student(s) for you as we always have applicants from many areas where there are no sponsors.

Students must be enrolled as 9th grade, 10th grade, or 11th grade during the 2024-2025 school year. They must be experienced ***with at least one marching band instrument***.

We encourage you to bring the student and their parents to your meeting to meet them and present them their scholarship certificate. This is a wonderful meeting night program and great way to promote Masonic awareness.

Application forms or donations should be submitted by April 19, 2025. Recipients will be notified by the first week in May. Enrollment is limited to 120 students, so don't delay in contacting your High School Band Director.

The Colorado Masonic Band Camp is a 501c(3) tax exempt charitable corporation organized under the laws of Colorado. All donations are tax deductible.

Sponsor/Donation form is on the back of this letter

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**COLORADO MASONIC HIGH SCHOOL BAND CAMP
JUNE 30 – JULY 4, 2025**



Mail to:

Colorado Masonic High School Band Camp
c/o Jerry Fenimore, Grand Treasurer
82 Brookhaven Drive, Littleton, CO 80123
email: bandcamp@coloradofreemasons.org

Our organization will participate and we are submitting the following:

We would like to sponsor ____ student(s) for the 2025 Colorado Masonic Band Camp.

The cost to sponsor a student is \$400. Enclosed is our donation of \$ ____.

*Make checks payable to: **Colorado Masonic Band Camp**

NAME & NUMBER OF SPONSORING LODGE OR MASONIC AFFILIATED BODY:

PRINT CLEARLY OR TYPE

Organization Name _____ No. _____

Organization Mailing Address _____

City _____, CO, (Zip) _____ - _____

Name _____ Title _____

(Officer submitting this form)

email _____

If you have contacted a Band Director and have a student, include the student information here:

Name of Student _____ Student' email address _____
(Please print clearly)

Address: _____

City: _____, CO, (ZIP) _____ - _____

Student's Phone: () _____

Guardian/Parent's Name: _____

Guardian/Parent's Home Phone: () _____

Guardian/Parent's Mobile Phone: () _____

Guardian/Parent's email: _____

Name of High School: _____

Band Director's Signature: _____ Phone No _____

Please Print Band Directors Name _____

Marching Band Instrument _____

List musical honors received and chair in HS Band. Please give all facts and details.

CIRCLE: Male Female

CIRCLE: Class in the 2024-2025 School Year 9th grade 10th grade 11th grade

Within the Vault

William McKinley Portrait



During the Inaugural Address by incoming President Trump on January 20, 2025 you may have noticed a reference to the restoration of the name “McKinley” to the highest peak in Alaska. Brother William McKinley was the 25th President of the United States. He was assassinated in the early days of his 2nd term of office. The portrait here is rarely seen in masonic lodges but is a wonderful depiction of the former President in his Masonic Apron standing next to an altar with a book of faith opened on the Master Mason degree. The portrait was designed by D.C.

Fabronius of Chicago, Illinois and published by Joseph Deutsch. The mountain was officially named “McKinley” in 1917 and related to an earlier article pub-

This is the sixth in a series of articles highlighting 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!

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/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.

Membership Awareness and Retention

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

Tax & Non-Profit Assistance

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 upmost 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

Traveling Gavel

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 gavel are located

There are two gavel 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: Egeria Lodge No. 167 49 W. 1st Street, Yampa, CO

Meeting Dates: 2nd & 4th Tuesdays ;8:00 p.m.

Master: Bruce Hinde

Western Slope Gavel

Location: Mesa Lodge No. 55, 2400 Consistory Court, Grand Junction, CO

Meeting Dates: Meets 1st Thursday 7p.m.

Master: Thomas Verdieck

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.

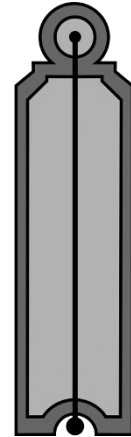
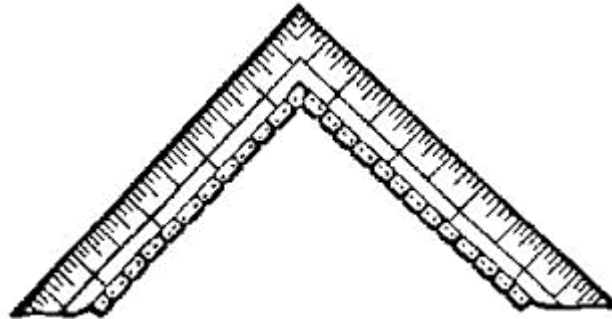
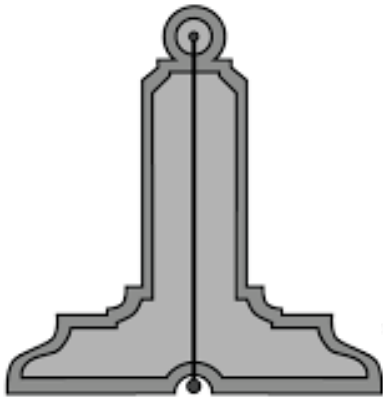
Our emblem features THREE STEPS which symbolize the three degrees of a Master Mason. The clock is at HIGH TWELVE. But most important is our motto.

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



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.

