



# Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Colorado AF&AM

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## Invest in Your Experience: Educational Resources of the Grand Lodge of Colorado

Over the past several years, as I have traveled across our jurisdiction visiting constituent Lodges, one question continues to surface; most recently, during a Scottish Rite Reunion this past November, I was asked again:

1. What is the Grand Lodge doing to support Masonic education?
2. Are there plans to offer more structured educational resources to our lodges?

These are sincere questions. They reflect a real desire among our brethren for substance, structure, and growth, but they also reveal something else.

They tell me we have not done enough to communicate what already exists.



Right Worshipful Gerald Underwood  
Deputy Grand Master

Over the past several years, the Grand Lodge of Colorado has developed and organized meaningful educational resources. From videos, podcasts, and papers, thoughtful work has gone into building materials, curating content, and creating tools for our Lodges. Yet if dedicated Masons across the state are still asking whether we have a plan, then the issue is not absence of effort, it is absence of awareness. This article is written to correct that gap.

**So right now you may be thinking: great, so the Grand Lodge has educational resources, where do I get it?**

Log into the Member Portal.



## Invest in Your Experience (cont.)

Scroll down the Education section. Options include:

- Speakers Bureau
- Educational Library
- Educational Videos (my personal favorite)
- Form Library

### Why This Matters

Attendance alone does not solve our greatest concerns, that is, retention, leadership development and member engagement. Ritual without understanding is meaningless and titles without knowledge are hollow. Although I'm not stating anything you don't already know, education is what transforms a Lodge from a social gathering into a proving ground of character development, moral refinement, and true fellowship.

If we want stronger lodges, we must build stronger Masons.

If we want leaders, we must educate them.

If we want growth, we must invest in our candidates

The resources are already in place and are a great tool for Worshipful Masters to build their education calendars.

Depending on what you're looking for, there is a wealth of information here, and we will continue to add more. If you'd like to submit a paper or presentation for consideration, please feel free to email either RWB Scot Autry at [grandsecretary@coloradofreemasons.org](mailto:grandsecretary@coloradofreemasons.org) or WB William Medina [officeadmin@coloradofreemasons.org](mailto:officeadmin@coloradofreemasons.org) for guidance.

These educational resources have been sitting in our own toolbox for years, we just haven't pointed to them loudly enough, now that we have, let's start putting them to good use.

# 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.

## Friday February 13, 2026

### Legendary Ladies Night

**Description:** Jacques DeMolay Lodge no. 171 cordially invites you to experience a performance by the Legendary Ladies who will perform in period costumes depicting famous women of history. Lodge will open at 6:30pm with the performance starting around 7pm. RSVP no later than 2/10 to WM Tom Abbott at tabbott1043@gmail.com or 303-332-3165. Additional details in flyer on proceeding pages.

## Thursday February 19, 2026

### Annual Grand Court Session of the Amaranth

**Description:** Location 8773 Yates Drive, Westminster, CO 80031. 6:30pm start time. RSVP to Grand Secretary of the Amaranth H.L. Pat Hayter at 303-280-2948 or pathayter1955@gmail.com by January 30, 2026.

## Friday March 13, 2026

### El Jebel Shrine Masonic Evening

**Description:** 3443 S. Gatena St. Suite 250, Denver, CO 80231. Additional details available by contacting Kendy Cisick-Rindone at director@eljebel.org or 303-947-5123.

## Saturday February 28, 2026

### Actual Past Master's Degree

**Description:** Open to any current or Past Master of a Colorado lodge! Location: Idaho Springs Lodge No. 26. 5pm-6pm dinner and fellowship. 6pm; Actual Past Master's Degree. Address: 210 17th Ave., Idaho Springs, CO

## Saturday February 28, 2026

### [Honoring Prince Hall—Guest Speaker WB Tehuti Evans](#)

**Description:** Click link above to get your tickets. St. Vrain Masonic Temple 314 Main Street, Longmont, CO 80501. Lecture and dinner \$45/Lecture only \$20. Doors open 5pm. Lecture at 6pm. Dinner at 7pm.

## Who is Job's Daughters International?



As a Master Mason, have you ever wondered what opportunities are out there for your daughters? An organization where they can gain some of the same friendship, leadership and personal development that you get from your membership in your lodge, but for girls? Some place where the adults share similar values and look out for your kids as if they were your own?

Have you heard of Job's Daughters International? We are an International Organization for girls from 10-20 and in 5 countries around the world. Originally founded in Omaha, Nebraska in 1920, we were the outcome of a progressive idea that young ladies needed a place to learn leadership, public speaking, communication skills, respect for elders and most importantly, teamwork.

Much like the Masons, we require a belief in higher power and welcome members of all faiths. While Job's is religious in nature, we are not a religion and not a substitute for one. All members are encouraged to practice their own faith, in their own way. Our members are of many different faiths and religions and are brought together to improve themselves and do good for their community.

Job's Daughters will be hosting an information booth at Grand Lodge in Grand Junction this year and we would love to talk to you and your families! We would love to get a bethel started on the Western Slope again. We will have some candy and information packets and some past members who have lots to say about the benefits of JDI so come by and see us! Or reach out to us at [cojdigest@gmail.com](mailto:cojdigest@gmail.com) and we will send you information.

Camp is  
**FREE!**

# 2026 COLORADO MASONIC Band Camp!



**This five-day band camp is held June 30 to July 4, 2026** 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 3<sup>rd</sup>, and marching in the Greeley Rocky Mountain Stampede Parade on July 4<sup>th</sup>.

**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 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students** enrolled in a Colorado high school band program during the 2025-26 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](mailto:bandcamp@coloradofreemasons.org) or 303-910-9266**

**Registration must be received by April 18, 2026**



## *To the Sisters and Brothers of Eastern Star*

*Jacques DeMolay Lodge #171 is cordially inviting you to our **Legendary Ladies Night** for our wives, girlfriends and friends, the evening before Valentine's Day, Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup>.*

*The Lodge will open at 7:30 pm and the performance will start somewhere around 8:00 pm. The lodge is located at 1370 Grant St (at the Scottish Rite Consistory Building) and there is free on street parking after 6 PM. There is an attached garage, but they charge around \$15 to park in it. There is additional uncovered parking about a block north on the east side of the street and that lot charges \$10. The building is handicapped accessible.*

*The performance is open to the public but I need a head count estimate, so we have room to accommodate everyone. There will be refreshments after the event.*

*The **Legendary Ladies** will be dressed in period costumes and portray a famous woman from the past, giving details about her life during that time. <https://www.legendaryladies.org/> It should be an incredibly fun evening.*

**RSVP: No Later than 2/10**  
**to [tabbott1043@gmail.com](mailto:tabbott1043@gmail.com) or**  
**(303) 332-6135 text or call**

*Thank you and I hope to see you there!*

*Tom Abbott*  
*Worshipful Master*  
*Jacques DeMolay Lodge #171*

101<sup>st</sup> Annual  
Knights Templar Association

# Easter Sunrise Service

Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>  
6:30am

**Denver Scottish Rite Consistory**  
1370 Grant Street

Optional breakfast to follow the service  
You may purchase breakfast tickets from [www.ColoradoKTA.org](http://www.ColoradoKTA.org)

**Everyone is welcome - bring your family and friends**

**Free parking in the PERA lot behind the Consistory**  
You may **not** park in spaces 1-9 or 41-42

**Paid parking available in the garage**  
Pay using your smartphone by scanning the QR code outside the garage door

Limited street parking nearby

**ANNO DOMINI 2026**  
Knights Templar Association  
Contact SK Lee Miller for more information  
(303) 961-6453 or [jlmwritco@gmail.com](mailto:jlmwritco@gmail.com)

# Within the Vault

## “Centennial Drinking Horn”

This beautiful brass cupped drinking horn on a silver base was gifted to the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge for the Centennial Anniversary in 1961 at the Annual Communication. Unfortunately, there are no references to it’s source or how it may have been used. If you have any information about this horn the museum and library committee would love to hear from you!



This ongoing series of articles highlights 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](mailto: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](mailto:johngroves@mac.com) Grand Junction

WB Blake Terry: [sblaketerry@gmail.com](mailto:sblaketerry@gmail.com) Denver

**ACCOUNTING:**

WB Brandon Doellingen: [accounts@coloradofreemasons.org](mailto:accounts@coloradofreemasons.org) Colorado Springs

# 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.

## Front Range Gavel

**Location: Union Lodge No. 7**

1614 Welton Street, Denver, CO

**Meeting Dates:** 2nd & 4th Saturdays; 6:00 p.m.

**Master:** Chris Advincula



## Western Slope Gavel

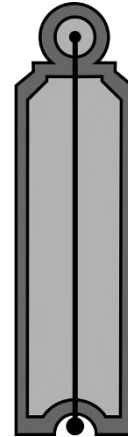
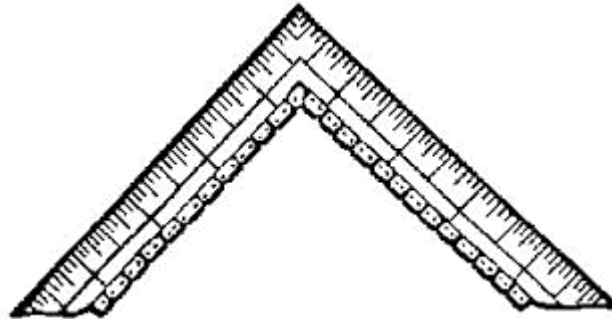
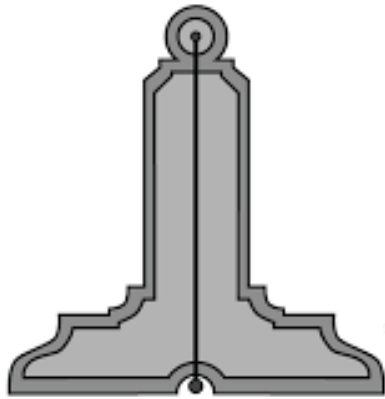
**Location: Boulder Lodge No. 14**

4665 Nautilus Ct. S., Ste 100, Boulder, CO

**Meeting Dates:** 1st & 3rd Tues. ;7:00 p.m.

**Master:** Chris Hanson





**If your lodge is having special events or activities please send the information to the Grand Master ([grandmaster@coloradofreemasons.org](mailto:grandmaster@coloradofreemasons.org)) and the Grand Secretary ([grandsecretary@coloradofreemasons.org](mailto: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](http://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.

