



# Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Colorado AF&AM

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## History of the Grand Lodge Building

Greetings my Brothers, I'd like to present some history on the Grand Lodge Library, Museum, and Offices.

You may wonder why this building is referred to as the Library, Museum, and Offices rather than simply the Grand Lodge Building. The reason is that the Grand Lodge of Colorado A.F. & A.M., as a 501(c)(8) fraternal organization, cannot receive the same tax benefits on a building that are available to other types of nonprofit organizations.

Over the past year and a half, the Grand Lodge Office has reviewed proceedings, paper files, historical records, and financial documents to gather as much information as possible regarding the history of this building. While additional information may still exist, the research had to be concluded so that we could continue our primary mission of serving the Masons of Colorado.



Right Worshipful Scot M. Autry  
Grand Secretary

The complete research document is available on the Grand Lodge Google Drive: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Wq19SZm00HjSAzEr2FmmyN4t1KYi3Dyg/view?usp=sharing>

### Early Grand Lodge Offices

In 1889, the Grand Lodge Offices were located on the third floor of the building at 1614 Welton Street in Denver, occupying approximately 3,800 square feet.

In 1954, Most Worshipful Brother Donald W. Shaw recommended in his Grand Master Address that the "Grand Lodge acquire its own building to prevent the sudden and unexpected necessity of



## History of the Grand Lodge Building (cont.)

finding new and adequate quarters.” Action began on this recommendation in 1961, when Most Worshipful Brother Leon H. Snyder appointed the Committee on a Proposed Grand Lodge Building and proposed a \$1.00 per capita assessment to begin the financing of this project.

The committee was tasked with studying the need for a Grand Lodge building and reported the following findings:

1. The Grand Lodge of Colorado did not own the building in which its offices were housed.
2. The Grand Lodge did not own any other real estate suitable for housing its offices.
3. The Grand Lodge was a tenant at 1614 Welton Street in Denver and could be required to relocate at any time.
4. The Grand Lodge should begin planning toward ownership of its own building.

### Committee Recommendations

The committee recommended that the Grand Lodge:

1. Investigate the type of building needed.
2. Determine the cost of such a building.
3. Recommend a suitable location.
4. Propose a method of financing the project.

### Planning and Site Selection

By 1962, the committee had developed preliminary plans for the building. From 1963 through 1969, reports focused primarily on finances and the difficulty of locating a suitable site.

By 1970, finding a location had become a high priority. In 1971, it was reported that the offices at 1614 Welton Street had become inadequate in space and functionality, yet no site had been selected.

## History of the Grand Lodge Building (cont.)

In 1972, recognizing the urgency of the situation, the committee distributed a questionnaire to all Lodges in Colorado asking the following questions:

**Question 1** "Do you agree that the Grand Lodge should have a building of its own to adequately house its offices, library, and museum?"

- Yes: 110 Lodges
- No: 13 Lodges

**Question 2** "Do you agree that such a building could serve the Grand Lodge equally well if centrally located in the state, whether or not within the Denver metropolitan area?"

- Yes: 88 Lodges
- No: 35 Lodges

**Question 3** "Does your Lodge have an available site of approximately three acres to recommend?" Several sites were offered by Lodges throughout the state. The committee's 1972 report concluded that the offer made by El Paso Lodge No. 13 and the Colorado Springs Masonic Building Society represented the most viable option.

### Move to Colorado Springs

In 1976, the Grand Lodge moved to its present location at:

1130 Panorama Drive  
Colorado Springs, Colorado 80904

Additional details regarding the site selection process and construction of the building can be found in the Grand Lodge Building Research Document available on the Grand Lodge Google Drive.

### Addressing Common Rumors

Over the years, several misconceptions have circulated regarding the Grand Lodge Building. The following information is provided to clarify some of those rumors.

## History of the Grand Lodge Building (cont.)

**Rumor: The Grand Lodge Building is the large two-story building at the southwest corner of Fontmore Road and Panorama Drive.**

This is not correct.

The large two-story building is the Colorado Springs Masonic Center, located at 1150 Panorama Drive and is owned by the El Paso Lodge No. 13 and the Colorado Springs Masonic Building Society. The Grand Lodge Building is actually the single-story building immediately south of the Masonic Center and is located at 1130 Panorama Drive.

**Rumor: The Grand Lodge Building's boiler is failing and will require replacement at a cost of thousands of dollars.**

This is not correct.

The Grand Lodge Building does not have a boiler. It utilizes an electric hot water heater, which was replaced in 2011.

**Rumor: The Grand Lodge Building's roof is failing and requires replacement at a cost of thousands of dollars.**

This is not correct.

Following a significant hailstorm the roof was replaced in 2015. The north HVAC system that is on the roof was also replaced because of the same storm.

**Rumor: The interior of the building is a mess and full of junk.**

This statement contains some truth.

Over the past fifty years, the building has accumulated many items that were saved with the intention that they might someday be useful or historically significant. As a result, storage areas became overcrowded with materials of varying value.

The Grand Lodge Office has been working under the supervision of our Curator, Julie Doellingen, to organize, catalog, preserve, and where appropriate, dispose of accumulated materials.

## History of the Grand Lodge Building (cont.)

In the spring of 2024, with the assistance of volunteers, a 30-yard dumpster was filled with miscellaneous items that had accumulated in the basement from numerous donations and decades of paperwork.

We have also identified several items that may be useful to constituent Lodges. These items are currently being cataloged, and a list will be distributed to the Lodges when the inventory is complete.

### Conclusion

The history of the Grand Lodge Library, Museum, and Offices demonstrates that the decision to locate the facility in Colorado Springs was not made quickly or casually. It was the result of years of research, planning, studies, discussion, and input from the Lodges of Colorado.

We hope this information provides a better understanding of our history of our Library, Museum, and Offices Building, commonly referred to as “the Grand Lodge Building”, and helps preserve the history of how it came to serve the Craft in its present location.

We encourage all members, their families, friends, and interested visitors to tour our Grand Lodge Library, Museum, and Offices and experience the rich history preserved within its walls. Among the many artifacts on display are Abraham Lincoln’s walking cane, a stone from the White House, L. N. Greenleaf’s desk, and numerous other items that reflect the proud heritage of Freemasonry in Colorado and throughout the United States.

We look forward to welcoming you and sharing the history of Colorado Masonry with future generations.

## 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 June 6, 2026

#### York Rite Pasture Degrees

**Description:** See flyers below in the newsletter. Activities begin at 6am at the Anderson Ranch. Contact WB Dana Speaks 970-768-3517 or [dasinv@msn.com](mailto:dasinva@msn.com) for additional details.

### Saturday June 13, 2026

#### Official Visit and Awards Night—Telluride Lodge No. 56

**Description:** 10am to 1pm. Located at 200 E. Colorado Ave, Telluride, CO 81320. Contact WB John A. Thomason (719) 339-3013.

### Tuesday June 16, 2026

#### Official Visit and Awards Night—Constitution Lodge No. 184

**Description:** 7pm to 9pm located at 2255 Lake Ave., Thornton, CO 80241. Contact WB Michael Scheles 720-636-1216

### Friday June 19, 2026

#### Annual Kokomo Night—Corinthian Lodge No. 35

**Description:** Join the brethren of Corinthian Lodge for their annual Kokomo night celebration starting at 7:30pm. Address is 619 Harrison Avenue in Leadville, CO 80461. Contact WB George Benson 303-513-1344 for additional information.

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## Saturday June 30 thru July 4, 2026

### 23rd Annual Colorado Masonic Band Camp

**Description:** This five-day band camp is held on the campus of the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley. This is an exciting opportunity for promising band students to attend a first rate marching band clinic and meet students from around the state. The camp culminates with an evening concert on July 3rd and marching in the Rocky Mountain Stampede Parade July 4th, our semiquincentennial! See flyers below in the newsletter for registration and attendance details.

## Friday July 3, 2026

### Colorado Masonic Band Evening Concert

**Description:** Please join us for a free concert performed at the campus of the University of Northern Colorado Campus by students of the Colorado Masonic Band Camp. Contact WB Bill Feldman at [bandcamp@coloradofreemasons.org](mailto:bandcamp@coloradofreemasons.org) or 303-910-9266 for concert times and details.

## Saturday July 4, 2026

### Greeley Rocky Mountain Stampede Parade

**Description:** Come out and support the students of the Colorado Masonic Band Camp as they march in this historic semiquincentennial parade! Contact WB Bill Feldman at [bandcamp@coloradofreemasons.org](mailto:bandcamp@coloradofreemasons.org) or 303-910-9266 for concert times and details.

## 2026 Matching Grants for Lodge Scholarships

Colorado Masons and their lodges have enjoyed great success with the Matching Grant program for many years. Students from all over Colorado have had financial assistance from their local lodges participating in Matching Grants. The Board of the Benevolent Fund sincerely appreciates the support shown by the lodges and is most pleased to continue the Matching Grant program.

The Matching Grants for 2026 will be up to \$500.00. To qualify for the full \$500 match, the Lodge would need to award an educational grant to a 2026 public high school graduating senior who will attend a Colorado institution of higher education. If the Lodge gives a total of \$1,000.00 or more to their chosen student, the match would be for half that amount, or \$500. If a lodge gives less than \$1,000, the match would be for half of the amount of the lodge grant. It is highly recommended that the Lodge checks be made out to the school or to the student AND the school.

One change in the Matching Grant program retained from last year is that a lodge can give a scholarship to more than one student in their area and apply for a match for each scholarship granted.

The deadline for requesting the matching grant is June 30, 2025. The form should be returned by email to: [education@cmbfa.org](mailto:education@cmbfa.org), or by snail mail to Scholarship Administrator, PO Box 703, Westminster, CO. If using regular mail, it must be postmarked by June 30, 2025 and received by July 8th. Checks will be distributed to Lodges the end of June or end of July depending on when the request forms are received and logged in.

If you have any questions about the Matching Grant program, contact Grover Sardeson, the Scholarship Administrator. He can be reached by email at [education@cmbfa.org](mailto:education@cmbfa.org) or by phone at 719-623-5349.

**CMBFA EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP MATCHING GRANT AWARD -- 2026**

Lodge Name and Number: \_\_\_\_\_

1<sup>st</sup> Recipient Name: \_\_\_\_\_ High School Senior (Yes/No): \_\_\_\_\_

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

2<sup>nd</sup> Recipient Name: \_\_\_\_\_ High School Senior (Yes/No): \_\_\_\_\_

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

3<sup>rd</sup> 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 & 3 above up to \$500 each) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Each lodge contribution up to \$1000/student is matched 50%)

Remember for matching grant, students must be a 2026 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](mailto:education@cmbfa.org) , AND SEND NO LATER THAN **JUNE 30, 2026.**

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, 2026 AND RECEIVED BY JULY 8, 2026.**

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

# Getting Your Rainbow Girls Tax Refund?



## Are you getting a Colorado Income Tax Refund?

### Why not donate part of your refund to Colorado Rainbow Grand Assembly.

Beginning in 2020, you may donate part of your Colorado Income Tax refund to the eligible charity of your choice. And your choice can be Colorado IORG!!!! We thank those that have given in the past years.

#### Here is how you do it:

- Use Colorado Tax form DR0104CH
- In Line 17 (on back of form) enter amount to donate
- Under Line 17 enter Registration Number: **20083005635**
- Next Line enter Name of Organization: **International Order of the Rainbow Colorado Grand Assembly** See example below, Note must be as listed no abbreviations.

17. Donate to a Colorado Nonprofit Fund..... • 17  00

• Enter the 11-digit Secretary of State Registration Number for the Registered Charitable Organization

20083005635

• Enter the Name of the Registered Charitable Organization

International Order of the Rainbow Colorado Grand Assembly

18. Total of lines 1 through 17. This cannot exceed the amount on line 42 of DR 0104 or line 10 of DR 0104EZ..... • 18  00

Submit the completed Colorado Tax form DR0104CH with your Colorado Tax form.

This information is also posted on our Public Facebook page "[Colorado IORG - International Order of the Rainbow for Girls](#)" and our web page [www.iorgColorado.org](http://www.iorgColorado.org) so please share this with your friends!

## 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 [cojdigs@gmail.com](mailto:cojdigs@gmail.com) and we will send you information.



### **The Masonic Morality, Integrity and Charity Award**

This award will be presented at the MHS annual awards assembly to a Junior, nominated by the MHS faculty/administration and selected by Rio Blanco Lodge #80, A.F. & A.M.

The MHS faculty/administration will nominate 3 current juniors for award consideration. The nomination forms will identify the student and detail examples of evidence witnessed in the student's life of consistent high standards of morality, integrity, and charity.

The Lodge will choose the winner and present an award certificate at the awards assembly. The lodge will make a \$500 donation to the awardee's choice of a recognized: student organization, club, sport, academic area, or any other student-benefiting school-related activity, as deemed appropriate by both the MHS principal and by the Lodge.

Nominations forms will be due to the Lodge at least two weeks before the awards assembly.

### The Masonic Morality, Integrity and Charity Award Nominations Form

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

How many years has the student attended MHS? \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide one example (each) of how the nominee's words and actions reflect exemplary:

**Morality** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Integrity** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Charity** \_\_\_\_\_  
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Nominated by: \_\_\_\_\_

## Akron Chapter #26

ROYAL ARCH MASONS

405 Main Street, Fort Morgan CO 80701

Shane Hoskins  
Excellent High Priest

Dana Speaks, Secretary  
Assistant Festival Director



March 2026

Companions,

You are invited to attend the 35th annual Pasture Degree Festival to be conducted on Saturday, June 6, 2026. Any Companions who have attended in the past will attest that the natural surroundings of the P/Lazy E Ranch Northwest of Akron, Colorado provide a meaningful backdrop for the lessons that are presented. It is always enlightening, and the four degrees of Royal Arch Masonry will be exemplified by some of the most dynamic ritualists in Colorado.

This is a regular convocation for Akron Chapter #26 so the work will be done as a courtesy for the other participating Chapters. Petitions should be submitted to the local Chapter for verification and approval. Chapter Secretaries should then send the registration form with all the required information to Akron Chapter about a week prior to the festival.

As with tradition, breakfast will be served beginning at about 6:30 a.m. and the group will retire to the hills at about 8:00 a.m. for work. The plan is to complete the degrees at about 2:00 p.m. and enjoy fellowship and lunch before you depart for home.

**A \$50 fee will be assessed to everyone attending the Pasture Festival. This fee covers the meals, coffee and snack break, hand-outs, 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary coin, and water.**

For more information about this unique event and to submit your registration forms, please contact Dana Speaks, at 405 Main Street, Fort Morgan CO 80701. He can be reached by phone at (970) 768-3517 but prefer that you use the following email: [dasinv@msn.com](mailto:dasinv@msn.com).

Sincerely and fraternally,

Rick Benish,  
Pasture Festival Director

Dana Speaks, Secretary Akron #26 RAM  
Pasture Festival Assistant Director

## DIRECTIONS



**P / Lazy E Ranch – Michael and Kendra Anderson, 46043 CR Y, Akron CO 80720**

➤ **From Brush and Points West**

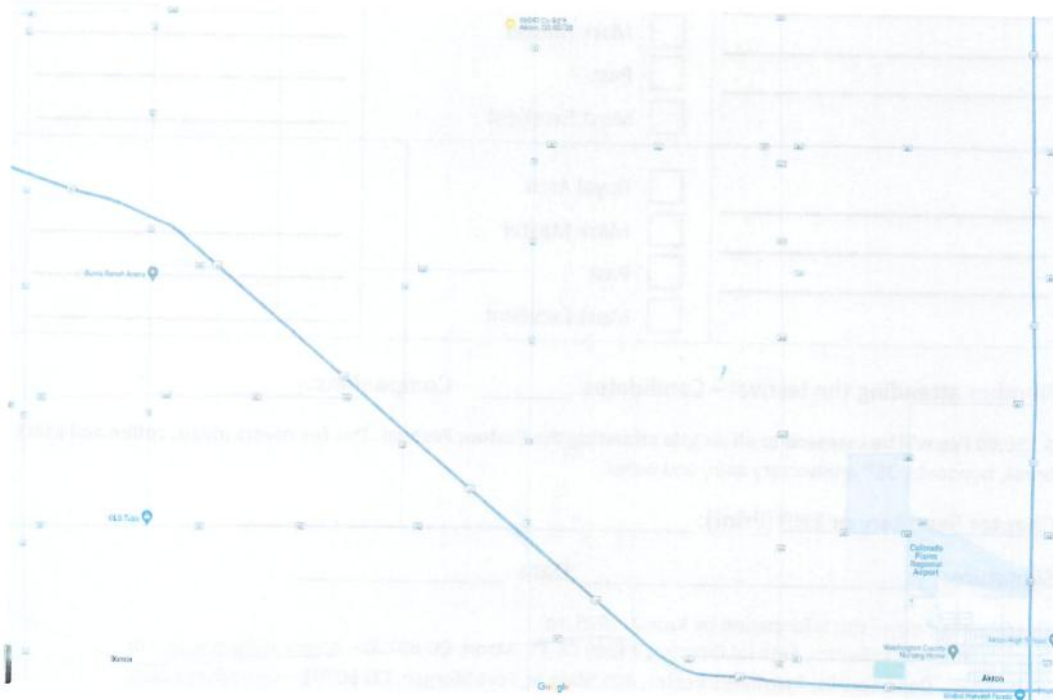
From I-76 use Exit 92, Turn right onto HWY 6 for about a mile and then left on HWY 34, go about 18 miles on HWY 34 east, look for an old feedlot on the North side of the road. Turn North on County Road Y, it is about 4.5 miles to the P / Lazy E Ranch. Turn West into the ranch.

➤ **From Akron and Points East**

Proceed West on HWY 34 four miles to the old feedlot on the North side of the highway. Turn right onto County Road Y and then 4.5 miles to the Ranch.

➤ **From Sterling and Points North**

Take the Atwood Exit from I-76 and proceed South on HWY 63 for about 15 miles. Turn West on Road 50. It's about 4 miles to Road Y, then proceed South about 4 more miles to the Ranch.



# REQUEST FOR COURTESY WORK

PASTURE DEGREE FESTIVAL – AKRON #26 - SATURDAY JUNE 6, 2026



Chapter Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Candidates to receive all the degrees of the Royal Arch and Companions Standing on the Mark Master, Past Master, or Most Excellent Master who seek to receive the remainder of the degrees at this festival.

| Name & Address          | Degree  | Date                    |
|-------------------------|---|-------------------------|
| _____<br>_____<br>_____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Royal Arch<br><input type="checkbox"/> Mark Master<br><input type="checkbox"/> Past<br><input type="checkbox"/> Most Excellent | _____<br>_____<br>_____ |
| _____<br>_____<br>_____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Royal Arch<br><input type="checkbox"/> Mark Master<br><input type="checkbox"/> Past<br><input type="checkbox"/> Most Excellent | _____<br>_____<br>_____ |
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| _____<br>_____<br>_____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Royal Arch<br><input type="checkbox"/> Mark Master<br><input type="checkbox"/> Past<br><input type="checkbox"/> Most Excellent | _____<br>_____<br>_____ |

Number attending the festival – Candidates: \_\_\_\_\_ Companions: \_\_\_\_\_

**A \$50.00 Fee will be assessed to all people attending the Pasture Festival.** This fee covers meals, coffee and snack break, handouts, 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary coin, and water.

Chapter Secretary or EHP (Print): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail or email this information by June 2, 2025, to:

- Rick L. Benish, Festival Director, 24946 CR TT, Akron, CO 80720 – [rcbenish@gmail.com](mailto:rcbenish@gmail.com) or
- Dana Speaks, Assistant Director, 405 Main St, Fort Morgan, CO 80701 – [dsinv@msn.com](mailto:dsinv@msn.com)

## PASTURE DEGREE ACCOMMODATIONS

**Hampton Inn Fort Morgan**  
1152 Main Street  
Fort Morgan, Colorado 80701 USA  
(35 Miles from Ranch)

(970) 542-2484  
<https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/denfm-hx-hampton-fort-morgan/>

**Best Western Plus**  
1410 Barlow Road  
Fort Morgan, CO 80701  
(35 Miles from Ranch)

(970) 370-2322  
<https://www.bestwestern.com>

**Fairfield Inn & Suites Fort Morgan**  
1290 Cottonwood Pkwy  
Fort Morgan, CO, 80701  
(35 Miles from Ranch)

(970) 441-6200  
<https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/akofm-fairfield-inn-and-suites-fort-morgan/overview/>

**Boarders Inn & Suites by  
Cobblestone Hotels – Brush**  
975 North Colorado Avenue  
Brush, CO, 80723  
(25 Miles from Ranch)

(970) 842-4241  
<https://staycobblestone.com/co/brush/>

**MoJo's Inn**  
625 East 1st Street  
Akron, CO 80720  
(10 Miles from Ranch)

(970) 345-6656 (MOJO)  
<http://www.mojosinn.com/>

**Comfort Inn Fort Morgan**  
1417 Barlow Road  
Fort Morgan, CO, 80701, US  
(35 Miles from Ranch)

(970) 441-9103  
<https://www.choicehotels.com/colorado/fort-morgan/comfort-inn-hotels/co183>



RV Camping available at the Ranch or in Akron  
Tent Camping available at the Ranch



ST. VRAIN MASONIC LODGE #23  
**FREEMASONRY  
AND AESTHETICS**

A Special Presentation by  
**ROBERT WILLIAM MARSHALL**  
M.W. Grand Lodge of Texas A.F.&A.M. 


**SATURDAY, JUNE 13<sup>TH</sup>**

- **DINNER: 5:00 PM**  
Italian Pasta Bar
- **PRESENTATION: 6:00 PM**  
Freemasonry and  
Aesthetics

**PRICING**  
Presentation Only: \$15  
Dinner and Presentation: \$30  
Table for 8: \$200

**312 MAIN ST. • LONGMONT, CO 80301**

Hosted by St. Vrain Masonic Lodge #23 | Open to the Public | Tickets required

Please RSVP by June 9<sup>th</sup> • [longmontfreemasons.org](http://longmontfreemasons.org) 



St. Vrain Masonic Lodge #23

# TERRACOTTA THE BAND



**BENEFIT CONCERT**  
**Sunday, June 28th**  
**Doors 6:30 PM | 7:00 PM**  
**312 Main St, Longmont, CO**

**SOBER EVENT • Snacks & Mocktails Available**

**\$15 COVER PER PERSON**  
**ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT**  
**COLORADO MASONIC BAND CAMP**  
**Open to the Public • All Ages**

Hosted by St. Vrain Masonic Lodge #23 • Tickets Available at [longmontfreemasons.org](http://longmontfreemasons.org)



# DENVER CONSISTORY

SCOTTISH RITE FREEMASONRY

JUNE 15, 2026 ✦ 7:00 PM

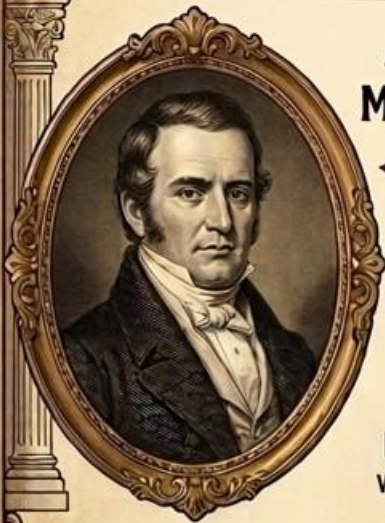
## THE MORGAN AFFAIR: A BICENTENNIAL REFLECTION

JUNE 15, 2026 ✦ 7:00 PM

A Special Presentation by  
**MAYNARD EDWARDS, 33°**

### FEATURED SPEAKER

Join us for an insightful evening commemorating the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Morgan Affair, a defining moment in Masonic and American history. Illustrious Brother Edwards will explore its lasting impact and significance.



**WILLIAM MORGAN**  
(1774-1826)



**LOCATION: DENVER CONSISTORY, DENVER, CO**  
**FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

## Celebrating Kokomo Night

Grand Master William Marshal and four of his Grand Officers were guests of Corinthian Lodge #35 in Leadville on June 19th to celebrate Kokomo Night. This annual celebration fulfills our bylaws, which state, "Kokomo Night shall be the 3rd Thursday in June." It is held in the historic Kokomo room in the Corinthian #35 Lodge building in Leadville.

Corinthian 42 was chartered in September 1881 at Kokomo, Colorado, and affiliated with Leadville #35 in 1966, becoming Corinthian Lodge #35. Kokomo was a mining town located on Fremont Pass. Currently, a stone monument along Highway 91 marks the town's location.

Most notable are the artifacts and furniture of the Kokomo room, which is a replica of the original Kokomo Lodge. And it is the same today as it was in the Kokomo Lodge in 1882.

The Kokomo brethren wanted (and could afford) the best quality in everything about their lodge. The Wardens' chairs are ornate American Elm, with leather seats. The lights are Tiffany-style lamps that were originally kerosene and have been converted to electricity. The officer's jewels are sterling silver and are engraved on both sides. A faithful brother, Charles Rich, served as Worshipful Master for 23 years during a "bust" period in the mining industry. He is buried in the Leadville Masonic Cemetery.

The Kokomo brethren loved music. The lodge had a pump organ for its ceremonies, and later a Victrola with 78-rpm records was used. A story that always shows the strength and ingenuity of Masons is the charter story. It was no secret that Kokomo (Corinthian #42) had not met for several years. Consequently, the Grand Master planned to travel to Kokomo on the train and arrest the charter.

The railroad agent where he bought his ticket was a Mason and learned of the purpose of the visit. He telegraphed ahead, and surrounding lodges were notified.

When the Grand Master left the train in Kokomo, he was greeted by a lodge full of brethren and a banquet in progress. The Master did not arrest the charter that hangs on the wall by the secretary's desk. A picture of Kokomo and Corinthian Lodge #42 hangs in the Lodge, but most importantly, the matched nickel cuspidors are still fully functional.

So, mark your calendars for the 3rd Thursday in June 2026, and join Corinthian #35 and the Grand Officers for oyster stew on Kokomo night!!!

**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**





# A Seminar on “Deaconism”

A District Lecturers’ Seminar given by Dick Stewart

- **Going over the floorwork, ritual, duties, hints, hacks, and snags of being a Deacon in agonizingly and absolutely totally excruciating detail!**

**Saturday July  
18<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am  
until High  
Twelve**

**75 Buffalo  
Court,  
Divide, CO  
80814**

• **Sponsored by Teller  
County Lodge #96.**

*The Tiler is  
knocking and we  
are in the middle  
of opening, what  
do I do??*

*Grand Lodge Officers always be on what side  
when conducting?*

*Alright, who stole the ribbons from the Bible!*

*He gave the wrong pass word. Now  
what??*

*This guy I'm conducting is sick! Ohhhhh Man!*

*That candle looks really short.*



# 80<sup>th</sup> Annual Buffalo Bill Days 2026 Sponsorship Opportunities

July 24-26, 2026 | [www.GoldenBuffaloBillDays.com](http://www.GoldenBuffaloBillDays.com)

## What is Buffalo Bill Days?

Buffalo Bill Days is Golden's beloved annual tradition and largest community festival, honoring the legendary frontiersman William F. "Buffalo Bill" Cody and celebrating the town's rich Western heritage. What started in the 1940s as commemorative trail rides by the Buffalo Bill Saddle Club to Cody's gravesite on Lookout Mountain (with the first parade in the 1960s) has evolved over nearly 80 years into a vibrant, family-friendly weekend event.

Held each last weekend in July at Parfet Park in downtown Golden, the free, all-ages festival draws over 25,000 attendees from the local area and beyond. It features:

- The iconic "Best of the West" parade through downtown
- Live music and entertainment on the main stage
- Amusement rides and kids' activities
- Local food vendors, artisan booths, and a beer garden hosted by the Lions Club of Golden
- The Golden Fire Department's popular pancake breakfast on Saturday morning
- Other highlights include the Western Celebration Month that has many community gathering events throughout June/July

**This wholesome, small-town celebration fosters community spirit, creates lasting family memories, and remains free to the public thanks to dedicated volunteers and generous sponsors.**

## What are Benefits of Sponsoring Buffalo Bill Days?

Partner with one of Golden's most iconic and enduring events to gain meaningful exposure in a positive, family-oriented environment. As Colorado's premier hometown festival with strong local attendance (25,000+), your sponsorship delivers:

- **High-visibility branding** opportunities throughout the festival grounds, parade route, and main stage
- **Direct community engagement** via on-site booths, announcements, interactions, and exclusive perks (such as parade entries, named awards, or on-stage recognition)
- **Multi-channel promotion**, including the event website, social media (Facebook and Instagram), program ads, and extended visibility during Western Celebration Month leading up to the festival
- **Powerful goodwill and community impact**—your support helps keep the **historic event free for all attendees**, reinvests in Golden through local causes (like Golden High School scholarships), and strengthens ties with residents, customers, and employees

*As a volunteer-run 501(c)(4) nonprofit, Buffalo Bill Days ensures every sponsorship dollar supports the community your business serves—making it a smart, heartfelt investment in local pride and legacy. For the latest sponsorship details, visit the official site at [GoldenBuffaloBillDays.com](http://GoldenBuffaloBillDays.com).*

# Sponsorship Levels

|   | Presenting<br>(\$10,000) | Showman<br>(\$5,000) | Trailblazer<br>(\$3,000) | Pioneer<br>(\$1,000) | Cowboy<br>(\$500) |
|---|--------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| Complimentary Parade Entry  | ★                        | ★                    | ★                        | ★                    | ★                 |
| Stage Recognition throughout Weekend (frequency based on sponsorship level)           | ★                        | ★                    | ★                        | ★                    | ★                 |
| Main Stage Banner (BBD will create for uniformity)                                    | ★                        | ★                    | ★                        | ★                    | ★                 |
| Digital Media: Logo on website (in order of sponsorship level)                        | ★                        | ★                    | ★                        | ★                    | ★                 |
| Social Media Promotion on Facebook & Instagram (frequency based on sponsorship level) | ★                        | ★                    | ★                        | ★                    | ★                 |
| Banner at Entrance Fenceline (BBD will create for uniformity)                         | ★                        | ★                    | ★                        | ★                    |                   |
| Western Celebration Month Promotion   | ★                        | ★                    | ★                        |                      |                   |
| Premium Booth   | ★                        | ★                    | ★                        |                      |                   |
| Print Media   | ★                        | ★                    | ★                        |                      |                   |
| Recognition at BBD Welcome Event & Western Celebration Events leading up to weekend   | ★                        | ★                    | ★                        |                      |                   |
| Parade Award Named After Business   | ★                        | ★                    |                          |                      |                   |
| Parade Judging Committee Participation  | ★                        | ★                    |                          |                      |                   |
| Provide Promotional Materials   | ★                        |                      |                          |                      |                   |
| On Stage Speaking Opportunities throughout Weekend                                    | ★                        |                      |                          |                      |                   |
| Two Primary Main Stage Banners  | ★                        |                      |                          |                      |                   |
| Primary Entrance Banner on Fenceline  | ★                        |                      |                          |                      |                   |

## Sponsorship Details

### Presenting Sponsor: \$10,000 (SOLD)

**Be the Official Presenting Sponsor of the 80th Annual Buffalo Bill Days-the ultimate visibility package!**

- Premium booth in prime Parfet Park location
- Two large custom banners on the main music stage and one at the entrance
- Logo on official event t-shirt, all print materials, ads, and press releases
- Prominent logo placement with link on the Buffalo Bill Days website homepage
- Dedicated social media features across Facebook and Instagram
- Maximum on-stage exposure, including welcome introduction and continuous shoutouts
- Named parade award + participation on the judging committee
- Opportunity to distribute swag or promotions to attendees.
- Promotion at multiple events during the Western Celebration Month (throughout June/July) leading up to the BBD weekend
- Complimentary parade entry

### Showman Sponsor - \$5,000

**Stand out as a major supporter with excellent exposure and engagement perks!**

- Premium booth in high-traffic location
- Complimentary parade entry
- Your logo featured on the main stage and entrance banners (professionally printed by BBD for consistency)
- Multiple stage shoutouts, including opening remarks Friday-Sunday
- Named parade award in your business/organization's honor + participation on the judging committee
- Promotion at multiple events during the Western Celebration Month (throughout June/July) leading up to the BBD weekend
- Prominent website listing under the Showman level with direct link
- Social media promotion on Facebook and Instagram

### Trailblazer Sponsor - \$3,000

**Gain solid exposure while supporting Golden's biggest free family event!**

- Premium booth in high-traffic location
- Complimentary parade entry
- Main stage and entrance banners (professionally printed by BBD for consistency)
- Shoutouts during opening remarks and throughout the weekend (including parade day)
- Website logo placement under Trailblazer level with link
- Promotion at multiple events during the Western Celebration Month (throughout June/July) leading up to the BBD weekend
- Social media promotion on Facebook and Instagram

### Pioneer Sponsor - \$1,000

Join the legacy with meaningful recognition at this historic celebration!

- Complimentary parade entry
- Main stage and entrance banners (professionally printed by BBD for consistency)
- Shoutouts at opening and throughout the event
- Website logo under Pioneer level with link
- Social media promotion on Facebook and Instagram

### Cowboy Sponsor - \$500

Show your support for Golden's Western heritage with essential visibility!

- Complimentary parade entry
- Main stage and entrance banners (professionally printed by BBD for consistency)
- Shoutouts during opening remarks and weekend activities
- Website logo under Cowboy level with link
- Social Media Promotion on Facebook and Instagram

### Questions?

We'd love to hear from you! Contact Sponsorship Chair Heather Schneider at [BBDSponsors@gmail.com](mailto:BBDSponsors@gmail.com) or by cell at 303-974-0994 to discuss sponsorship options and customize a package that best aligns with your goals and budget.

Let's work together to keep Buffalo Bill Days free, fun, and thriving for generations to come—spots are filling up fast!

## Volunteer Nurse Needed!

The International Order of Rainbow for Girls in Colorado and Colorado DeMolay is looking for a nurse (working or retired) to attend our Grand Assembly/DeMolay Convention June 11-14, 2026. A room and meals are included. Will need to be on call from 8 am June 11 through noon, June 14. Will need to attend off site events also.

Deb Deselms  
Chair, Grand Planning  
Colorado Rainbow

## Scottish Rite Charity Golf Classic – August 10, 2026



**Players bring your “A” game!  
Sponsor opportunities to fit all budgets!  
See you at the exclusive Hiwan Golf Club  
in Evergreen, Colorado**



[www.scottishritegolf.com](http://www.scottishritegolf.com)

**Monday August 10, 2026 – shotgun start at 1:30pm**

**Check in at 12 Noon**

**Lunch on Patio at 12:30**

**Free range/putting, Player Gifts, Awards Ceremony**

**Proceeds will benefit the Scottish Rite Masonic Center and the Scottish  
Rite Foundation / RiteCare  
(Juvenile Speech / Hearing Therapy Treatment)**





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POC Jim Gibson 719-640-2837

Saturday, 15 August 2026

9:00am - Till End

450 S. Franceville Coal Mine Rd,  
Colorado Springs, CO 80929

Receive payment by 8/12/2026

### REGISTER TODAY!

<https://www.paypal.com/ncp/payment/83EHV3L8LWRGU>



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**MAIL TO: VICE PRESIDENT PAUL NEGRO**  
**4164 AUSTIN BLUFFS PKWY PMB 318**  
**COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 80918**  
**MAILED PAYMENTS MUST INCLUDE A NOTE OF ALL TEAM MEMBERS**

Proceeds are for the benefit of Al Kaly Shriners and are not deductible as a charitable contribution.



## Al Kaly Shriners Golf Tournament

Monday, August 24, 2026

### AIR FORCE ACADEMY EISENHOWER GOLF COURSE

**4 Person Scramble - \$185 per person**

Price includes: Cart, green fees, coffee and breakfast pastries, range balls, lunch, goodie bag, and 5 tickets towards door prizes - plus on course contests and opportunities to earn more tickets towards door prizes and gift cards to the pro shop.

Register on or before August 1<sup>st</sup> to receive an additional 5 tickets for door prizes!

Individual sign-ups welcome – will be paired up in foursomes

**Register No Later Than August 16, 2026**

**Important:** All registered golfers will be contacted regarding the procedures necessary to gain access to the Air Force Academy for the golf tournament.

### AL KALY SHRINERS GOLF TOURNAMENT SPONSORSHIPS

Hole Sponsors will have a special sign recognizing their business placed at a hole along the course and also receive recognition on the Al Kaly Shriners Golf Tournament website as well as at the luncheon

Returning Hole Sponsor \$100 – New Hole Sponsor \$150

Donors of door prizes or auction prizes will be advertised on the Al Kaly Shriners Golf Tournament website and recognized at the luncheon

Questions - Please contact Jim Barager (719) 460-5323 or [teenajim1@aol.com](mailto:teenajim1@aol.com)

**See reverse side for registration instruction**

## Al Kaly Shriners Golf Tournament

Monday, August 24, 2026

### Air Force Academy Eisenhower Golf Course, Silver Course

4 Person Scramble - \$185 per person – tee off at 8:00 am

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All registered golfers will be contacted via email regarding the procedures necessary to gain access to the Air Force Academy for the golf tournament. Important to include your email and phone number with your registration

Register online at: [alkalyshrinersgolf.com](http://alkalyshrinersgolf.com)

Or scan this QR code:



**If you do not golf, please pass this information to your friends and family who do golf and encourage them to support our great cause for raising money.**

Contact Jim Barager to register the old fashion way (paper copy)

Or with any questions: phone or text 719-460-5323 or [teenajim1@aol.com](mailto:teenajim1@aol.com)

Proceeds are for the benefit of the Al Kaly Shrine General Fund and are not tax deductible as a charitable contribution

# **BAR** **D** *Chuckwagon* **SUPPERS** Durango, CO

## **FOUR CORNERS MASONIC EVENT**

You are invited to an evening of great entertainment, good food and fellowship!!

**September 19th**

**Gate Opens @ 4:30 ~ Dinner @ 6:30**

**Bar D Chuckwagon Supper and Show**

**8080 C. R. 250, Durango, Colorado**

**All Masons, their family, and friends are invited.**

**This includes all Masonic appendant organizations.**

**Please send RSVP  
and Payment for  
Your Meal Tickets to:**

(J.W. Mancos Lodge #100)  
F. William Greenlee  
130 N. Pinon Drive  
Cortez, CO. 81321  
970-560-3865

**farrellgreenlee@live.com**

**Call and we can RSVP  
with C.C. over the phone.**

**The Bar -D has asked me to buy  
all of the tickets in a lump sum  
so that we can all sit together.**



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**Concert Tickets  
Include**

**Meal Choice Options:**

**Sliced Roast Beef or Boneless  
Chicken Breast**

(Choice is made in the serving line not  
when buying tickets.)

**Adult: \$44**

**Child (5 to 10 years): \$19**

(4 Years and Under Parent can carry an  
extra empty plate under theirs to share  
food.)

**Roast Beef & Chicken Breast:  
\$49**

**Flame Broiled Rib Eye Steak  
Cooked In The Medium Range:  
\$63**

# **RSVP**

**No Later than the 6th of September.**



# SCOTTISH RITE SPORTING CLAYS CLASSIC

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★ **September 19, 2026**  
📍 **Kiowa Creek Sporting Club**

## A DAY OF COMPETITION, CAMARADERIE & CHARITY

Join us for an exciting sporting clays event supporting the Scottish Rite mission.

### EVENT INCLUDES:

**Sporting clays** tournament

**Team & individual** participation

**Raffle prizes**

**Lunch** provided

**IMPORTANT:** REGISTRATION DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 1, 2026

### WHY IT MATTERS:

Proceeds support **Scottish Rite** charitable programs, including, **Scottish Rite Masonic Center** and **RiteCare**—helping children with speech, language, and learning challenges.



SCAN FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER

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# Within the Vault

## “Historic Aprons”

The Grand Lodge Museum and Library has a growing number of historic aprons, each displaying a fascinating array of symbols and arrangements.



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!

## 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: Nevada Lodge No. 4**

1043 Nevadaville Road, Nevadaville, CO 80427

**Meeting Dates:** 2nd Saturday; 6:30 p.m.

**Master:** Loren Kohler



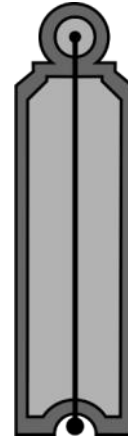
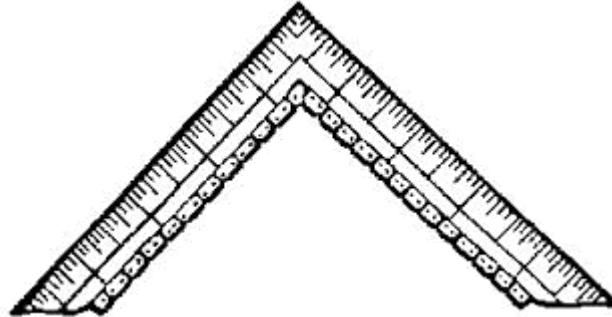
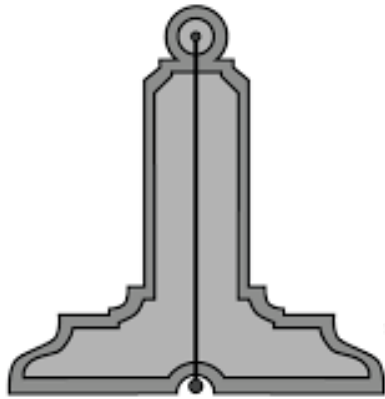
## Western Slope Gavel

**Location: Montrose Lodge No. 63**

187 Rose Lane, Montrose, CO 81401

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

**Master:** John Thomason



**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.**

## Contacts

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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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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.

