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Candidate Proficiency – The Foundation of Masonic Education

Greetings Brethren,

Your Grand Lecturer and Custodians of the Work committee has been revising the Masonic Education handbooks for each of the degrees this year and I have been thinking about the significance of the Candidate Lessons and proficiency examinations in our work. There is a lot of focus on Masonic Education throughout our jurisdiction and this is a good thing. Many Lodges plan and direct their Masonic Education programs toward active Master Masons: workshops on floor work, funeral services, in-depth consideration of symbolism, degree practice, as well as educational topics outside of Masonry that are of interest to Lodge members. All of this is a very good thing, but the foundation of all Masonic education is making a candidate for the degrees Masonry into a good Master Mason, and this should never be neglected.



**Right Worshipful Brother
Dr. Lawrence E. Ott
Grand Lecturer**

The degrees of Freemasonry are more than ceremonial milestones—they are intended as stages of personal and moral development. Each degree offers lessons meant to shape the character of the advancing Brother and increase his understanding of our ethical and philosophical principles. The objective is for each degree be transformative rather than ceremonial. The transformation is rarely instantaneous, but comes about as the advancing Brother gains understanding of the symbolism and messages put forward in the degree. Without proper instruction and reflection, these teachings may remain obscure or be lost entirely. This is where our Candidate Lessons come into play. The Candidate Lessons for each degree are not simply a memory test. They are intended to provide the necessary context and interpretation that allow a Brother to internalize the moral lessons conveyed in ritual and commit these to memory. He cannot do this on his own, good mentoring is required.

A well executed plan for mentoring advancing Brothers also plays an essential role in strengthening



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member retention. It is not uncommon for new initiates to be welcomed with enthusiasm but then left without sufficient direction or involvement. Without understanding the fundamental meanings of each degree or seeing a clear path for personal growth, new members may drift away. In contrast, a well-structured educational program sustains engagement. When Masons are intellectually and spiritually nourished, they are more likely to remain active and to contribute meaningfully to the Lodge. Good mentoring and instruction builds leadership and prepares members to assume responsible roles within your Lodge. It develops articulate, knowledgeable, and principled leaders who can mentor others and uphold the dignity of the Craft. In this way, the time and effort spent on educating and mentoring advancing Brothers becomes a self-reinforcing mechanism to sustain the vitality of your Lodge.

The value of the degrees cannot be realized without a well planned and meaningful system of Masonic education for each Brother as he advances through the degrees. Providing robust education to men as they advance through the degrees is not an optional enhancement; it is essential to the integrity of the Craft and the vitality of each Lodge. It supports the core goals of Freemasonry and plays a crucial role in member engagement and retention.

Your Custodians of the Work committee has these concepts and ideas in mind as we update the Education Handbooks for each degree as well as the Mentor’s Handbook and the ‘On The Threshold’ document. The Master Mason and Entered Apprentice Handbooks have been completed and distributed to District Lecturers throughout the State. We expect the Fellow Craft and Mentor’s Handbook to be completed and distributed in the coming months. Your District Lecturers will then roll out the updated Educational Handbooks to each Lodge as they deem appropriate, either to each of their Lodges individually or through organized workshops.

I hope that you find these updated Educational Handbooks useful and that they become an integral part of your Lodge education programs.

Fraternally,

Larry Ott

Grand Lecturer

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.

Monday August 11, 2025

4th Annual Scottish Rite Golf Classic

Description: This year’s tournament will be held at the exclusive Hiwan Golf Club in Evergreen, Colorado. This ia private and premier course in the Rocky Mountains and we are lucky to be able to play here. Check-in for the tournament begins at noon. Lunch begins at 12:30. Format will be a 4 -golfer scramble. Golfer fees are all inclusive. Register at www.scottishritegolf.com. Proceeds will benefit the Scottish Rite Foundation, Scottish Rite Masonic Center, and Rite Care.

Saturday September 6, 2025

2025 Al Kaly Shrine Clay Shoot

Description: The Al Kaly Shrine’s Provost Guard and LTC Michael “Bo” Cruz Memorial Clay Shoot is sponsored by Pikes Peak Gun Club. This year’s shooting event will be held at 450 S. Franceville Coal Mine Road, Colorado Springs, CO 80929, Please see registration details in flyer on page 22.

Saturday September 13, 2025; 4pm

Miss Colorado Job’s Daughter Pageant

Description: This year’s pageant will be held at the Park Hill Masonic Lodge located at 4879 Montview Blvd. Denver, CO 80207. All Masons invited.

Wednesday September 17, 2025

Official Visit and Awards at Idaho Springs Lodge No, 26

Description: Dinner at 6:30pm. Lodge meeting 7:30pm. Address 210 17th Ave. Idaho Springs, CO 80452

Wednesday September 24, 2025

Official Visit at Lafayette Lodge No. 91

Description: Stated meeting begins at 7pm. Address 701 W. Baseline Road, Lafayette, CO 80026.

DENVER LODGE U.D. & KING SOLOMON LODGE U.D. Two Early Denver Lodges You May Not Have Heard Of

If you ever flip through the *Centennial Celebration* book published by the Grand Lodge of Colorado in 1961, you will notice under the section “Roster of Lodges” (pg. 177) that there was a King Solomon Lodge that was given dispensation in December 1862 to meet in Denver under the auspices of the Grand Lodge of Colorado. This is not to be confused with King Solomon Lodge No. 30 chartered in 1876 in Las Animas. This is an entirely different lodge, in fact one that is more understood through newspaper clippings and the minutes of other lodges than in Grand Lodge records. That is because there is only one record of this lodge existing in the records of the Grand Lodge. In fact, there is another lodge that was given dispensation to meet in Denver called Denver Lodge — not to be confused with today’s Denver Lodge No. 5 — and there are no records of this lodge in Colorado, because it was given dispensation by the Grand Lodge of Kansas.

It is well known that the early history of Masonry in any jurisdiction is going to be a little strange and confusing, but nothing would suggest that lawful lodges were given dispensation to meet of which there are few, if any records for. So let us look at these two early Denver lodges that you (probably) have never heard of.

The lodge known today as Denver Lodge No. 5 was originally given dispensation by the Grand Lodge of Kansas in 1859 as Auraria Lodge U.D. Their first meeting was on October 1, 1859. Auraria Lodge U.D. would not change its name to “Denver Lodge” until it relinquished its charter to Kansas and received their new charter from Colorado. However, a month after Auraria Lodge first meets, on November 5, 1859, Bro. L. J. Winchester and nine other Masons petitioned Kansas to form Denver Lodge U.D., which was actually recommended by Auraria Lodge U.D.

It appears that a separate lodge was desired, as Auraria and Denver were on opposite sides of the Cherry Creek, and there appears to be no other reason for forming a second lodge in such close proximity. Grand Master Rees of Kansas remarks that he granted the petition for dispensation and that it would later be returned to him, as the brothers of Denver Lodge U.D. felt that it was better to strengthen the older lodge for the good of Masonry in the “gold region.”¹ Grand Master Rees does not give dates for the dispensation of Denver Lodge U.D., and as far as I have investigated, I have found no recorded dates of their dispensation or dissolution. Denver Lodge U.D. is, thus, the second oldest Colorado lodge.

¹*Proceedings of the M.W. Grand Lodge of Kansas, A.F.&A.M.*, ref. “Address [of the Grand Master],” (1859) pg. 154 (f6).

DENVER LODGE U.D. & KING SOLOMON LODGE U.D. (cont.)

Much of what follows is known Colorado Masonic history: Golden, Summit, and Rocky Mountain Lodges form the Grand Lodge of Colorado; Auraria and Nevada Lodges finally get their charters from Kansas and then join Colorado; Central Lodge returns its dispensation to Kansas and gets a new one from Colorado. Chronologically, we know that Union Lodge No. 7 is supposed to be the next Colorado lodge — i.e. the eighth oldest lodge in Colorado — however, it is in fact the ninth, as this is where the mysterious King Solomon Lodge slips in.

There is only one official record for King Solomon Lodge U.D., and that is a financial receipt from the Grand Secretary of monies received from lodges, in which \$15.00 was received by M. W. Bro. Chivington on January 5, 1862 for “on dispensation King Solomon’s Lodge.”² That is literally the only record the Grand Lodge of Colorado has of this lodge.

King Solomon Lodge only existed for about six months before they relinquished their dispensation and its members affiliating elsewhere, most with Denver Lodge No. 5. Thus, no returns were submitted to the Grand Lodge. Grand Master John Chivington was absent nearly the entirety of his term as Grand Master, and since he was absent for the Annual Communication, he gave no report of his actions. In his stead, Deputy Grand Master Andrew Mason would report on his own actions, acknowledging that he was ignorant of any of Chivington’s actions.³ Thus, he would have been totally unaware of any financials concerning King Solomon Lodge U.D.

The only other surviving documents that prove King Solomon Lodge U.D. existed are mentioned in the minutes of Denver Lodge No. 5 and, according to M. W. Bro. Ernest Le Neve Foster, Summit Lodge No. 2⁴ — though it should be noted that almost all the records of this lodge are missing, with the exception of some returns that were recently rediscovered. According to Le Neve Foster, the minutes of Summit Lodge for February 8, 1862 show the receipt of two letters from a certain Bro. Behm, a Fellow Craft, asking to be recommended to King Solomon Lodge to receive his Third Degree, since Denver Lodge declined to confer it for him, and the request was granted. However, a week later on February 15, Bro. Behm would receive the Third Degree at Denver Lodge.⁵

The first recorded mention of this lodge is in the minutes of Denver Lodge No. 5 for January 4, 1862, in which a committee was formed to confer with King Solomon Lodge for the purposes of a joint communication. The register of Denver Lodge shows visitors from King Solomon Lodge from January to July 1862.

²*Proceedings of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Colorado*, (1863) pg. 101 (f5).

³*Proceedings of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Colorado, A.F.&A.M.* 1862. Pg.47 (f4).

⁴Le Neve Foster, Ernest. “King Solomon Lodge, U.D.” *Square and Compass* (26:10, December 1917), pg. 222.

⁵*Ibid*, pg. 223-224.

DENVER LODGE U.D. & KING SOLOMON LODGE U.D. (cont.)

Then there is the account of a member of King Solomon Lodge U.D., Bro. Irving W. Stanton of Pueblo, Past Grand High Priest and Past Grand Commander of Colorado. He attests to having recommended this lodge and that he served as their Senior Warden. He further attests that there was debate as to whether King Solomon Lodge ought to request dispensation from Kansas or Colorado, as there was still some concerns over the legitimacy of the Grand Lodge of Colorado, but that they elected to request dispensation through Colorado⁶.

Then there are several notices of meetings from King Solomon Lodge U.D. published in the *Rocky Mountain News*, under the propriety of Bro. William N. Byers — so there is little doubt as to the lawfulness of this lodge if he, a prominent Denver Mason, would publish their advertisements under the “Masonic” section of his newspaper. Furthermore, published in the *Rocky Mountain News*, is a notice that King Solomon Lodge participated in a Masonic festival celebrating Washington’s birthday on February 21, 1862 in Central City, in which L. L. Todd, Worshipful Master, was a representative of the Denver Masons.⁷

One curious detail about the officers of this lodge, Jonathan E. Wild (Secretary) and L. L. Todd (Worshipful Master), is that they were not affiliated with any Colorado lodges before or after 1862. Their names do not appear in any lodge returns under the auspices of the Grand Lodge of Colorado. They appear when King Solomon Lodge is formed and then never again. L. L. Todd, the Worshipful Master was, according to Le Neve Foster, from Atchinson, Kansas, and was a member of King Solomon Lodge No. 10⁸, and yet I can find no record of his membership in the Grand Lodge of Kansas.

From newspaper notices, the records of visitors to Denver Lodge, as well as those who would affiliate with Denver Lodge from King Solomon Lodge, and from the memory of Bro. Stanton, the incomplete membership of King Solomon Lodge U.D. is as follows:

Bro. L. L. Todd, Worshipful Master, from King Solomon of Kansas

Bro. Irving W. Stanton, Senior Warden, from Iowa City or Iowa Lodge No. 4

Bro. Jonathan E. Wild, Secretary

C. A. Cook

Walter S. Cheesman, from Michigan Lodge No. 50 of Michigan

⁶*Ibid*, pg. 223.

⁷*Rocky Mountain News* (Daily), Vol. 2, No. 143. February 11, 1862. Pp. 3, c. 3.

⁸Le Neve Foster, 1917, pg. 223.

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H. F. Ford
 I. I. Hayman
 C. B. Hayman
 Jeremiah Kershaw
 James McNasser
 Oscar A. Sedman
 A. J. Snider
 George Tritch, from Iowa City or Iowa Lodge No. 4
 John Walker
 A. McCune, Entered Apprentice
 Jas. M. Broadwell, Fellow Craft
 W. R. Forst, Fellow Craft⁹

On July 18, 1862, the *Rocky Mountain News* would publish a notice of “business of importance” that will be handled at the regular meeting of Denver Lodge on July 19, 1862. This is also the date of the final notice of a meeting of King Solomon Lodge as published in the *Rocky Mountain News*. It is not explicitly stated in the minutes of Denver Lodge, but a resolution was made that any member of King Solomon Lodge may petition and affiliate with Denver Lodge without fee if made within the next two months, of which eight of the above names would affiliate, and the three brothers with unfinished degree work would receive the remainder of their degrees from Denver Lodge.

It is simply a matter of immense curiosity that two lodges would exist in Denver that have very few scattered records that must be puzzled together to get an incomplete picture, and still are such mysteries that likely few Colorado Masons are aware of their existence.

Fraternally yours,

W. Bro. Patrick M. Dey

⁹*ibid*, pg. 224-225.

2025 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 2025 will be up to \$500.00. To qualify for the full \$500 match, the Lodge would need to award an educational grant to a 2025 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, 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 or by phone at 719-623-5349.

CMBFA EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP MATCHING GRANT AWARD -- 2025

Lodge Name and Number : _____

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

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

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

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

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

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

Amount requested from Benevolent Fund (Same as one-half Lodge contribution in 1, 2 & 3 above up to \$500 each) \$ _____

Remember for matching grant, students must be a 2025 graduating Colorado Public high school senior and attending a Colorado institution of higher learning.

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

1) E-MAIL TO: education@cmbfa.org , AND SEND NO LATER THAN **JUNE 30, 2025.**

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

CMBFA SCHOLARSHIP ADMINISTRATOR, PO BOX 703, WESTMINSTER, CO 80036-0703 AND BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN JUNE 30, 2024 AND RECEIVED BY JULY 8, 2025.

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

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (____) _____ E-Mail _____

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

ORGANIZED, AUG., 2, 1861.

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

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,

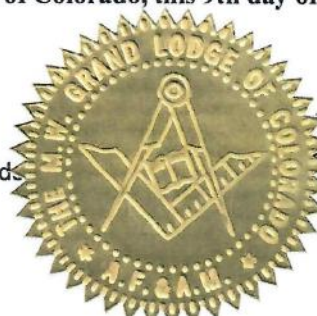


M.:W.: Brother David L. Reynolds
Grand Master of Masons
in Colorado

Attest:



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



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THE HIKE FUND, INC
Hearing Improvement Kids Endowment Fund
Supported by Job's Daughters International®

530 Elliott St. Council Bluffs, IA 51503-0202



Dear Friends:

As members of the Masonic Family, philanthropy holds a special place in our hearts and is central to the work we do. With this letter, we're excited to share how one branch of our Masonic Family—**Job's Daughters International® (JDI)**—continues to live out this spirit of charity in a powerful and meaningful way.

JDI is a leadership and service organization for young women, ages ten to twenty, who have a connection to a Master Mason. Since our founding in 1920 in Nebraska, Job's Daughters has grown to include Bethels across the United States, Canada, Australia, the Philippines, and Brazil.

From the very beginning, service and philanthropy have been cornerstones of our mission. In 1985, members and supporters of JDI founded a charitable organization of their own: **The HIKE Fund, Inc.**—which stands for *Hearing Improvement Kids Endowment*. HIKE raises funds to provide children, from birth to age 20, with hearing aids and assistive devices when there is both a medical and financial need. Awards of up to \$5,000 are granted regardless of gender, race, or religious affiliation.

Today, The HIKE Fund continues to thrive as a recognized 501(c)(3) nonprofit. Staffed entirely by dedicated volunteers, HIKE maintains operating expenses below 10%, meaning more than 90% of every dollar donated goes directly to helping children. To date, JDI has raised over **six million dollars**, changing the lives of nearly **3,000 children**—with many more waiting for assistance.

The success of HIKE inspires a deep sense of pride among Job's Daughters, reinforcing the values of compassion, service, and Masonic heritage. Few organizations can offer a ten-year-old girl the chance to change another child's life—but JDI can. It's this profound impact that gives HIKE its motto: **Kids Helping Kids**.

We invite you to be part of this incredible work. All donations to The HIKE Fund, Inc. are tax-deductible (Tax ID: 36-3406438) and may be made securely online at www.thehikfund.org. Checks should be made payable to "The HIKE Fund, Inc." and mailed to:

The HIKE Fund, Inc.
ATTN: Executive Secretary
530 Elliott Street
Council Bluffs, IA 51503
HIKESecretary@gmail.com

HIKE recipients are celebrated nationwide, and Job's Daughters Bethels often join families in commemorating these life-changing moments. If you ever have the chance to attend one of these presentations, we strongly encourage you to do so. Witnessing a child hear their parent's voice or their own laughter for the first time is unforgettable—and knowing you helped make that moment possible is truly life-changing.

Thank you for your time, generosity, and continued support.

Sincerely,

Tiffany Ingles

2025 Rocky Mountain Masonic Conference

The 2025 Rocky Mountain Masonic Conference (RMMC) was held on July 18-19 in Boise, Idaho. Established on February 22, 1952, the RMMC initially included the Grand Lodges of Colorado, Montana, Utah, and Wyoming, with its inaugural meeting in Casper, Wyoming, on July 11-12, 1952. Over time, the conference expanded to include Arizona, Idaho, Nevada, New Mexico, and Nebraska. Any Master Mason from a member jurisdiction or one in amity with them is welcome to attend.

Each year, officers from the respective Grand Lodges present on selected or chosen topics. This year, WB Greg Harris and WB Jeffery Noakes delivered a lecture on the topic "What Makes Freemasonry a Relevant Institution for Fostering Genuine Human Connection in an Increasingly Digital World", which included MW Grand Master William Marshall who talked about the Colorado Masonic Band Camp as an example of Freemasonry's influence and relevance today. Also, Bro. Lance White Horse from Boulder #14 returned for a second year as a guest speaker and gave his lecture: "Future Generations: Finding the Master's Word." Both presentations were well-received by attending Grand Lodges.

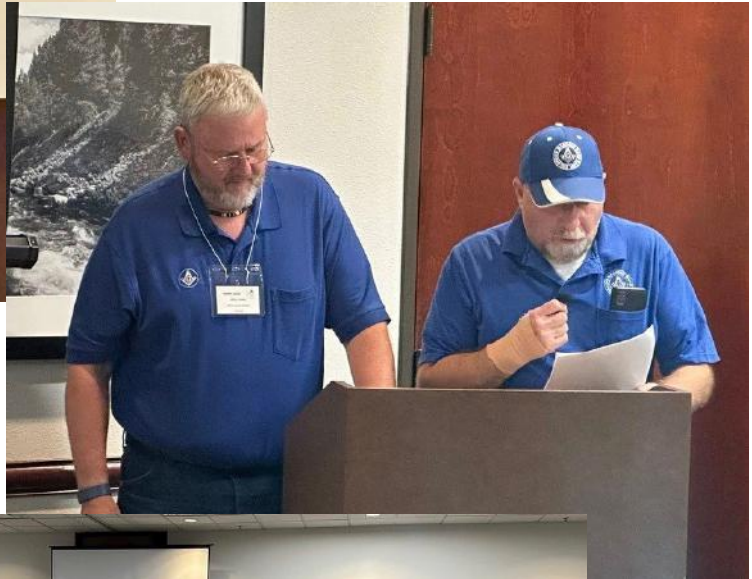
Conference topics varied widely, covering AI and digital lodges, men's mental health, and more. The annual gathering provides members an opportunity to discuss successes and challenges, sharing insights to strengthen Freemasonry in their jurisdictions. How good and how pleasant it is for Brethren to dwell together in unity!



2025 Rocky Mountain Masonic Conference



Fraternally ,
Bro. Lance White Horse



Funeral Proficiency Challenge

MEMORIAL LODGE #2 PRESENTS

3RD ANNUAL MASONIC FUNERAL SERVICE

WORKSHOP

15 MARCH 2025



The 3rd annual Masonic funeral services workshop was a resounding SUCCESS. The workshop was attend by members of Pueblo #17, Colorado Springs #76, Centurion #195, Union #7, El Paso #13, Manitou #68, Constitution #184, and Fountain Valley #191. Thanks to all who attended and shared their experiences. Huge thanks to WB Dick Stewart and WB Bill Twyman who provided invaluable support.

The seminar covered history, where can we give a Masonic funeral and who can receive it, working with the family, preparing for the Funeral, appendant organizations and much more. We are looking forward to conducting another workshop next year.

CHALLENGE TO ALL COLORADO LODGES

Memorial Lodge #2 is presenting a challenge to ALL Lodges in Colorado. The Lodge that has the most "NEW" funeral service certifications by Dec 31st, will be presented a funeral kit (similar to the one below) during the next Grand Lodge annual communication. Contact you District Lecturer or a Custodian of the Work on what is required get certified.



Update on the Eastern Star Masonic Retirement Campus

The Board of Trustees would like to give a short update on the ESMRC situation.

We first want to Thank everyone for the support and donations given to help the residents immediately after the explosion. We also Thank you for your donations to help the campus as we move forward. The golf tournament will still be held and all funds raised will be used for immediate needs of the campus.

The Board has made the decision to not reopen the Robert Russell Building and not to lease any of the Star Vista units, until a complete evaluation of the future can be determined.

The investigation into the explosion is ongoing and is expected to be 2 to 3 weeks before it is completed.

We have been advised that it could be 2 to 3 months before any cost estimates are available.

The residents personal items are being cleaned, packed and delivered locally, and it is estimated to be completed by May 1, 2025.

There are many more questions than answers currently, that is why we give more "I don't know" responses. This is a long-term project.



Request for Advertising Submission

The Grand Guardian Council of Colorado, Job's Daughters International, is seeking advertising submissions to be included in the program that will be produced for their annual **Miss Colorado Job's Daughter Pageant** to be held in September of 2025

*****Congratulate your Miss Bethel & Jr Miss Bethel.***
Advertise your business or services.
Show your support for Colorado Job's Daughters.**

Deadline: August 1, 2025

Advertiser (name of Bethel, Organization, Company, etc.): _____

Submitted By (name of individual completing this form): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please indicate the size of the advertisement you wish to purchase (mark only one; one ad request per page, please):

Full Page: _____ 1/2 Page: _____ 1/4 Page: _____

Size options:

Full Page:	4 ½ X 7 ½	\$40.00
½ Page:	4 ½ X 3 ¾	\$30.00
¼ page:	4 ½ X 1 ¾	\$20.00

Your ad will appear exactly as you submit it. Submit in a JPEG format, please.

Email your ad to Cindi Flynn at Cindi.Flynn.1969@gmail.com and then mail this form with your check, made out to Grand Guardian Council of Colorado:

Pageant Ad Submission
c/o Kim Fairchild
3132 Rock Creek Dr.
Broomfield, CO 80020

Receipt of the ad request will be confirmed by email. Questions can be directed to Cindi Flynn at the email address above or by calling/texting 720.501.1008

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!



You're Invited

This year's Miss Colorado pageant is underway. This year's pageant will be held on Sept. 13th at 4pm.

*At The
Park Hill Masonic Lodge
4819 Montview Blvd
Denver, CO 80207*

We can't wait to see you there!



DeMolay: The Future of Freemasonry in Colorado Starts Now

The future of Colorado Masonry doesn't just happen, it's something we *build*. Stone by stone, life by life, legacy by legacy. And right now, the most vital investment we can make in that future is in the young men who will one day lead our Lodges, our communities, and our country.

That investment is called DeMolay.

These young men *are* the future of our Craft; not someday, not in theory, but now. DeMolay is where tomorrow's Worshipful Masters, Grand Lecturers, and Grand Masters are learning the meaning of honor, duty, and moral leadership. If we want Colorado Freemasonry to thrive for generations to come, it starts by supporting them, *today*.

DeMolay is more than a youth organization, it's a movement. It is the proving ground for tomorrow's Masonic leaders. Founded in 1919 and inspired by Jacques de Molay's enduring commitment to principle, the Order teaches young men ages 12 to 21 the values we hold sacred: integrity, service, self-discipline, and leadership by example.

These young men aren't just learning how to serve, they're learning *why* service matters.

These young men aren't just learning leadership philosophy, they're learning *how* to lead

These young men aren't just talking about values, they're *practicing* them.

But here's the truth: they cannot do it alone. They need mentors. They need Masons.

If you wear the Square and Compasses, then you've already committed yourself to building a better man, a better Lodge, and a better world. Now it's time to extend that commitment to those who will inherit our aprons, our ritual, and our leadership roles.

Supporting DeMolay isn't a kind gesture, it's a strategic necessity. If we don't engage these young men now, we risk losing the next generation of Freemasons in Colorado. But if

DeMolay: The Future of Freemasonry (cont.)

we *do* step up, we'll see something extraordinary: confident, capable young men entering adulthood with the values, structure, and wisdom that Freemasonry provides.

Let's be honest: the world these young men are growing up in is more complex and more chaotic than ever before. They're bombarded with noise, distractions, and influences that pull them in every direction. DeMolay gives them a compass. *We* must teach them how to use it.

By serving as an advisor, you don't just help organize meetings. You *shape character*. You pass on the lessons of the Craft in a way that sticks. You become a living example of what leadership and virtue look like. Make no mistake, when you guide a DeMolay, you're not just building a better young man, you're building the future pillars of Colorado Freemasonry.

A Call to Action: Three Reasons Masons Must Support DeMolay Now

1. Freemasonry's Legacy Depends on It

Our fraternity has endured for centuries because Masons have always been forward-thinking. If we want to preserve our legacy, we must invest in those who will inherit it. DeMolay is where that investment yields the greatest return.

2. Leadership Is Learned, and We Must Teach It

DeMolay gives young men the framework to lead with wisdom, humility, and courage. But only if we step in to mentor them. As a Mason, you're uniquely equipped to show them what it means to lead with honor, not by command, but by example. Whether you're a craftsman, an educator, a veteran, or a business owner, you have wisdom that young men need. Offer workshops, share stories, and be available. Sometimes the smallest conversation can change a life.

3. If We Don't, Who Will?

These young men are already asking big questions about life, purpose, and responsibility. If we're not the ones answering them, someone else will and we may not like the answers they find. Masons must be the steady hands and guiding lights our youth need.

How You Can Shape the Future

Become an Advisor

Each DeMolay chapter in Colorado needs Masonic advisors to help guide, inspire, and support

DeMolay: The Future of Freemasonry (cont.)

their journey. From planning service projects to discussing ethics, your involvement gives them direction. Your presence isn't just be appreciated, it's essential.

Support Financially

Activities, uniforms, travel, and community events all require resources. Your fundraising support, or direct contribution, ensures every young man has the opportunity to thrive in DeMolay.

You may be thinking, "I don't have time, I already have enough on my plate." I get it, I'm right there with you...but there's always a way to make time for what matters most.

For those of you who know me well, you know that I would never ask my brothers to step-up if I'm not willing to take the first step – so here's mine: Colorado Springs DeMolay, reach out. I'm ready to volunteer, I'm ready to serve. Let's build our future together.

To sign up, go to <https://beademolay.org/join/>
scroll down the page, then click on 'Become An Advisor'

Support DeMolay. Build the future. Preserve the Craft.

Fraternally,
RWB Jerry Underwood

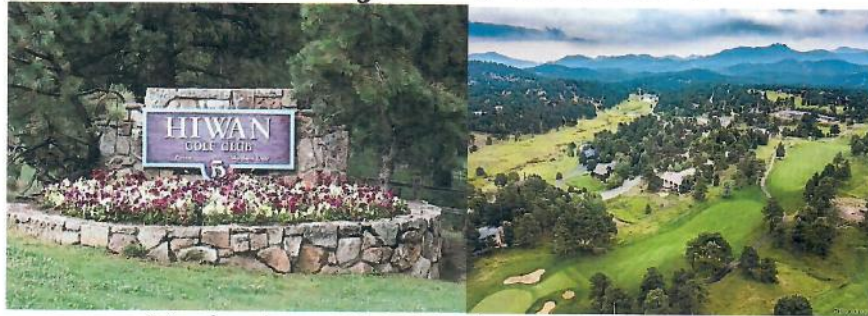


August 1, 2025

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4th Annual Scottish Rite Golf Classic

At the exclusive Hiwan Golf Club
In Evergreen, Colorado



Monday, August 11, 2025 – shotgun start at 1:30 pm

Check-in at noon

Format will be 4-golfer scramble

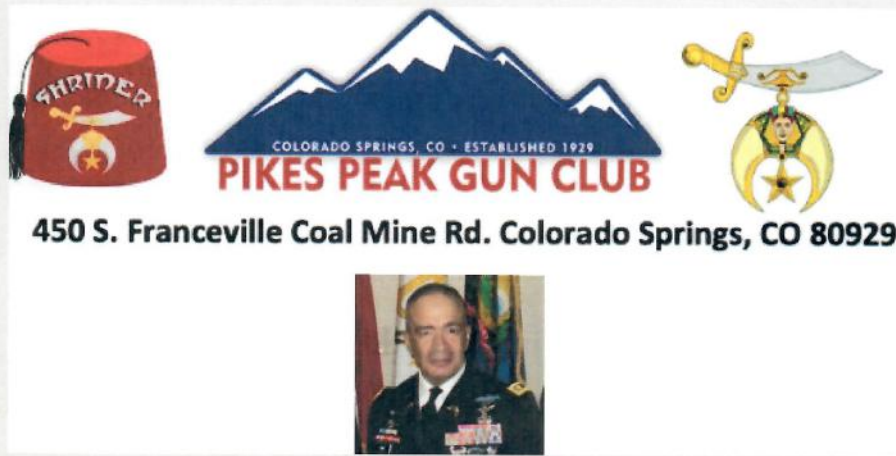
Golfer fees are All-inclusive –

- lunch at 12:30
- Awards Reception
- Player “goodie bag”

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

Register now at www.scottishritegolf.com





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FOOD, DRINKS, MUSIC AND PRIZES

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-  POC Jim Gibson 719-640-2837
-  Saturday, 6 September 2025
-  9:00am - Till End
-  450 S. Franceville Coal Mine Rd,
Colorado Springs, CO 80929

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Within the Vault

“Peterson Air Field”

If you're near Colorado Springs you're definitely familiar with Peterson Space Force Base. Originally known as Colorado Springs Army Air Base it's name was changed to "Peterson Field" in December of 1942 in memory of Lt. Edward J. Peterson who tragically lost his life while flying an experimental surveillance P4 Test



plane. Brother Edward was a member of Englewood lodge No. 166 and was serving as the Operations Officer of the 14th Photo Reconnaissance Squadron. It was remarked by President (Bro.) Franklin D. Roosevelt that "He stands in the unbroken line of patriots who have dared to die, so that freedom might live, and grow, and increase its blessings. Freedom lives, and through it, he lives."

This is the twelfth 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

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ACCOUNTING:

WB Brandon Doellingen: 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: Rio Blanco Lodge No. 80 . 364m7th Street, Meeker, CO

Meeting Dates: 2nd & 4th Thursdays ;7:00 p.m.

Master: Steven Coley

Western Slope Gavel

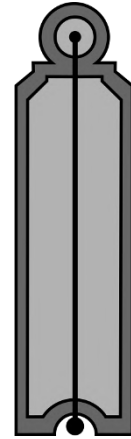
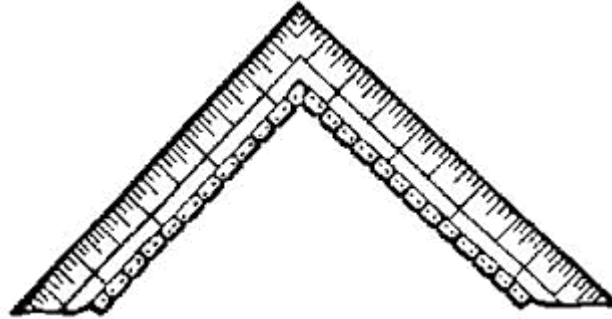
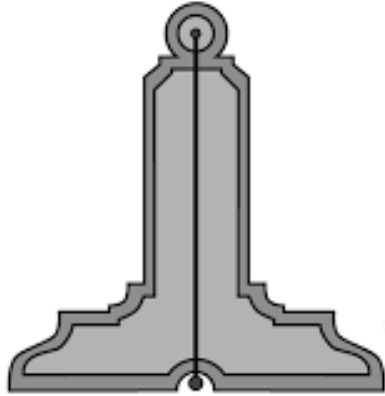
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The Brothers of Rio Blanco Lodge no. 80 with the rarely seen "Double Gavel" grab!! Way to go Brothers!



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

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Submission Deadline

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



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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.

