



Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Colorado AF&AM

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Do you know of a lodge, mason or master that deserves to be recognized as Mason of the Year, Master of the Year, Lodge of the Year, or the Distinguished Service Award? I'd like to hear about it and why you think they deserve it. Send me the details of what they have accomplished.

Please send any response to GrandMaster@ColoradoFreemasons.org. MWGM Dean McConnell

The Masonic Apron of Colorado

Brothers,

For many of us the beginning of September signals a return from our summer masonic break. We are starting to get back into the habit of attending our local meetings, events, and activities.

Our meetings provide more than a place to conduct degrees, plan for community events, or pay bills. Our lodges can act as a sanctuary from the business and stress of everyday life. They are a quiet place for us to reflect, disconnect from the digital noise of technology, and the negative news we may be bombarded with throughout the day. The lodge gives us an opportunity to slow down, and recenter.

While we are sitting among Brothers in fellowship and sharing in thoughtful conversation, we can remind ourselves of the values that brought us to our fraternity in the first place. We should make our lodges not only a place of work, but a place to reflect, recharge, and reconnect. Within our lodges we have the opportunity to find peace from our hectic lives, and hopefully carry that peace back to our daily activities.



Craig J. Fabec;
Junior Grand Deacon



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 September 12, 2026

Canyon City High School Cornerstone

Description: 11am to 1pm. Location; 1313 College Ave, Canyon City, CO 81212.

Saturday September 12, 2026

Official Visit & Awards Night at Union Lodge No. 7

Description: Dinner begins at 6pm with meeting and awards to follow. 1614 Welton Street, Denver, CO 80202. Contact WM Cris Avincula (415) 637-7669 for information.

Thursday September 17, 2026

Table Lodge at Park Hill Lodge No. 148

Description: 6:30 to 10:30pm at 4819 Montview Blvd., Denver, CO 80207. Contact W. Bro. Brian Kelly (720) 568-0664 or secretary.parkhill.148@gmail.com for additional information.

Saturday September 19, 2026

Oktoberfest Open House and Free Child ID Event

Description: 11am-8pm Douglas Lodge No. 153; 300 Wilcox Street, Castle Rock, CO. 80104. Contact WB Tom Adair secretary.dl153@gmail.com with questions.

Wednesday September 23, 2026

Miner's Night at Garfield Lodge No. 50

Description: 5:30pm to 9:30pm. Location: 2029 CO-66, Longmont, CO 80504. Contact Bro. Mark Elliott 720-427-7911 or tmarkyelliott@yahoo.co.uk for additional details

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Thursday September 24, 2026

Official Visit at St. Vrain Lodge No. 23

Description: OV of the MWGLCO and guests from the Wyoming Grand Lodge. Location: 312 Main Street, Longmont, CO 80501. Contact WM Lance White Horse at 303-356-2584 or lance@whitehorsestone.com

Saturday September 26, 2026

Masonica2026 Educational Conference at Denver Lodge No. 5

Description: 8am to 4:30pm. Location: 1514 Welton Street, Denver, CO 80202. See flyer below or contact WM James Warner (410) 446-2360 or jamesisindenver@gmail.com for additional questions.

Saturday September 26, 2026

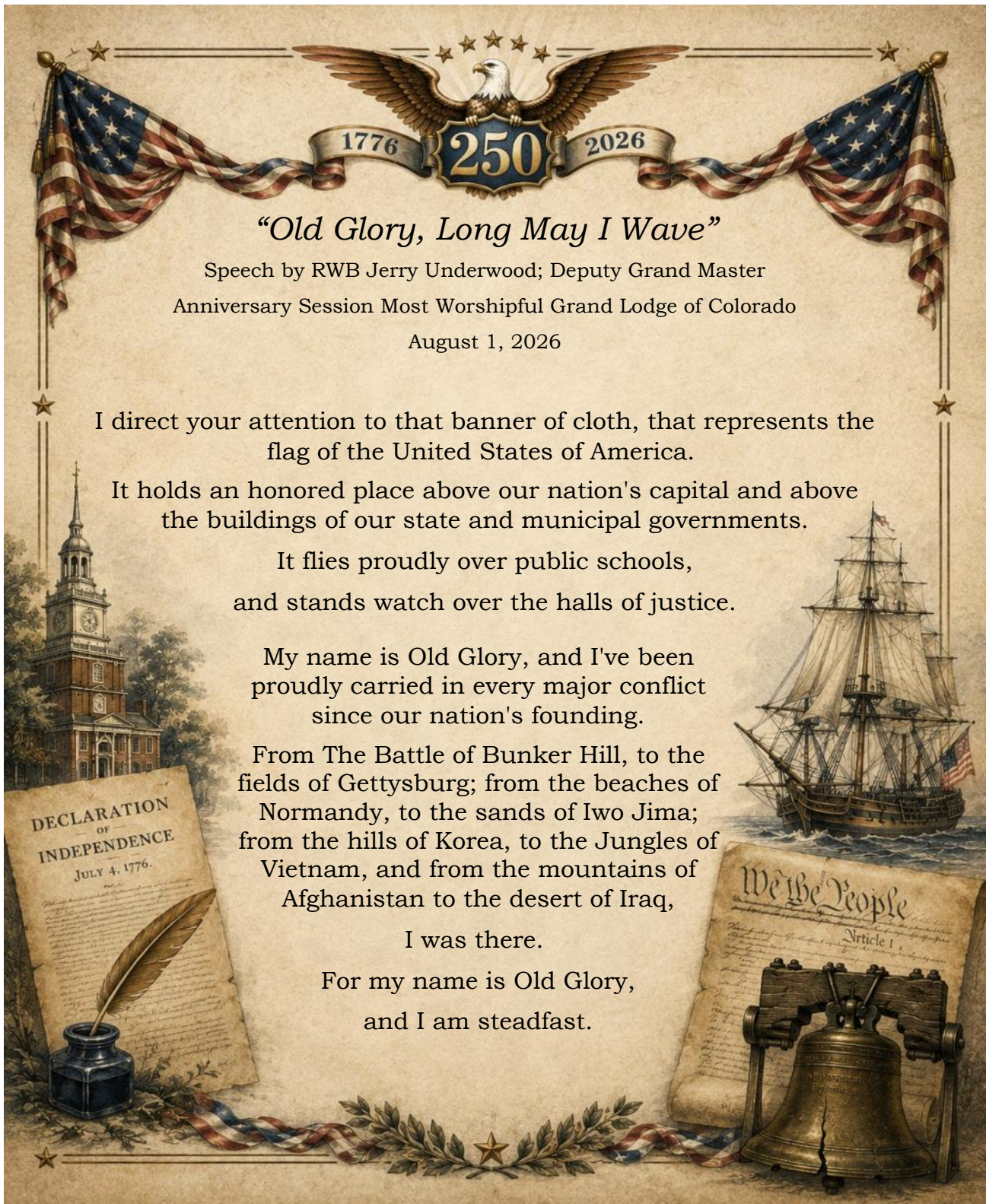
Table Lodge and Awards at Mount Moriah Lodge No. 15

Description: 6pm to 10pm. Location: 114 S. 6th St. Canyon City, CO 81212. Contact WB Dale Young 303-918-8387.

Saturday October 24, 2026

"Ladies at the Table Banquet" at Mount Moriah Lodge No. 15

Description: 6pm to 10pm. Location: 114 S. 6th St. Canyon City, CO 81212. Contact WB Dale Young 303-918-8387.





I was torn into strips to bind the wounds of fallen soldiers
I was lowered to half staff, not in defeat, but to honor those
patriots who've served this nation.

I've been lovingly placed in the arms of a grieving mother,
for the sons and daughters of this great nation who made
the ultimate sacrifice for freedom.

For my name is Old Glory and I am Loyal.

On the tragic events of September 11th, I was dug from the
ashes of the World Trade Center and raised by brave hands
as a symbol to the world, that although America may be
tested, it will never, no never, be broken.

For my name is Old Glory and I am Strength.

But I am not only my battles nor my victories. I am a
symbol of freedom and democracy around the world.

My 13 stripes, alternating red and white, symbolize the
thirteen original colonies that stood united against tyranny
and oppression, and declared in one voice: we are free!

My Color red, is emblematic of the blood spilled by every
Soldier, Sailor, Airman, Marine, and Coastguardsman and
Guardian, who fought to defend freedom and
democracy around the world.

My color white, is emblematic of purity and the Divine
principle upon which our nation was founded; freedom of
religion, freedom of speech, and freedom of assembly - that
all peoples were created equal.





My field of blue represents vigilance, justice, and equality for all, under the law, and the 50 stars upon my field represent the states of this great nation; for me, they also represent the diversity of our citizens, that no matter your ethnicity, religious, or political beliefs, that all are united as Americans under one banner.

E Pluribus Unum - from many, one.

This flag well deserves a place in the East of every Masonic Lodge, and I pray that my brethren will ever protect and defend the principles for which it stands.

For my name is Old Glory, and Long may I wave.



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 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 cojdigest@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.

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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 _____

Integrity _____

Charity _____

Nominated by: _____

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.**



*Sponsored by
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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

Shoot. Connect. Give Back.

★ **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.

scottishriteclays.com



SCAN FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER

AIM HIGH. HAVE FUN. MAKE AN IMPACT.



Special Invitation



The Grand Court of Colorado cordially invites you to a special event to learn about the Order of the Amaranth and our history. This 'Queen Christina Table Lodge' will be a formal, plated dinner. Between courses, our history will be presented and (non-alcoholic) toasts will be offered.

As our Masonic Family organization is based on the Order of Amaranth established by Queen Christina of Sweden in the 1600s, period dress is encouraged but not required. We hope that you will join us for good food, education, and fellowship!

When

Sunday, October 4, 2026 - 1:00 PM

Where

Colorado Springs Masonic Center
1150 Panorama Dr.

Menu

tomato bruschetta w/balsamic glaze - fresh garden salad (2 dressing choices)
lemon herb chicken w/white wine butter sauce, roasted green beans, garlic mashed potatoes
warm peach cobbler - Coffee or tea, & toasting beverage

Cost

\$45 / person

RSVP Deadline

September 20th with payment
(checks payable to Grand Court of Colorado or Zelle to Deb at phone or email below)

Deb Deselms
705 Goodrich Ct., Platteville, CO 80651-7586
970-302-1078 / deselmsdeb@gmail.com



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Within the Vault

“Hand Carved Masonic Walking Cane”

This Southern folk-art cane was carved by R.M. Foster of Sparta, Missouri and owned by Captain Wilcox B. Briggs, of the 8th Regiment, Company “C”, of the Confederate Army. Cpt. Briggs was present at the siege of Yorktown, the Battles of Williamsburg, Gaines Mill, and the second Battle of Bull Run. He was wounded in the Battle of Seven Pines in May of 1862 and complications from those wounds prompted his resignation from the Confederate Army on October 15, 1862



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 Grand Junction

WB Blake Terry: sblaketerry@gmail.com Denver

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: Lakewood Lodge No. 170

2460 Youngfield Street, Lakewood, CO 80215

Meeting Dates: 2nd Tuesday; 7:30 p.m.

Master: James Wilder



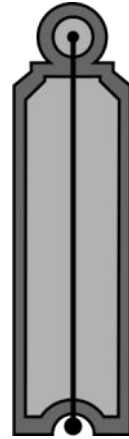
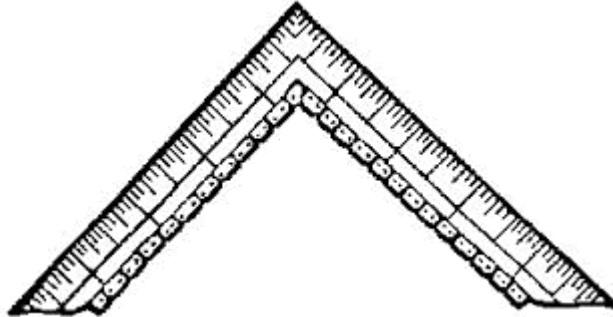
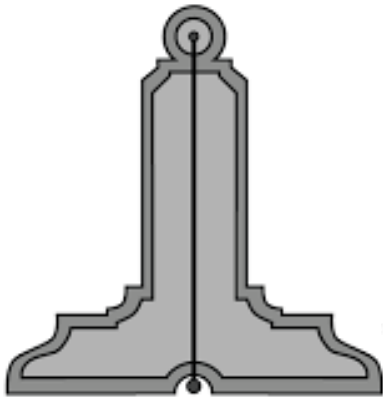
Western Slope Gavel

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)
and the Grand Secretary
(grandsecretary@coloradofreemasons.org)
so that it can be included in the next edition of the newsletter.

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Grand Secretary

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Submission Deadline

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



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

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

