



Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Colorado AF&AM

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Community Facing Fraternity

Brothers All,

We often speak of the great works and the value we get from being members of Freemasonry, yet many non-members do not see or understand its value. Some are unfamiliar with our fraternity; others may be dissuaded through incorrect information they have received. One of the great ways we can show this is through serving our communities.

One of our central tenets is relief, and I believe it is through serving our communities that we can display the value of our membership. Freemasonry often is regarded for its symbolism and emphasis on personal growth, but as members, we also believe in an engagement within our communities. Being an active community member is a fundamental expression of said tenet of relief which is taught to us in our degrees.

We can refine our qualities of compassion, integrity, and humility through our community involvement. Being a part of these real-world contributions allows us to better understand our philosophical lessons.

Community engagement does not need to be complicated; it can be as simple as participating in the various charities our fraternity supports. Our concern for others is apparent by the many scholarships, medical research projects, and foundations that Masonic Organizations support. Lodges have also taken up smaller tasks such as supporting local food banks, volunteering at community events, or our Child Id program.

During this season of joy, continue showing your community the values and principles our organization teaches through getting involved. By showing others who we are through kindness and generosity, we can spread the value of masonry.



Craig J. Fabec
Junior Grand Steward



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.

Thursday December 4, 2025

50 Year Awards Presentation at Longs Peak Lodge No. 197

Description: Grand Master visit to present a 50-year award to Worshipful Brother D.J. Cox. Dinner at 6pm, Gavel down at 7pm. Location: 4350 S. CO Road 15H, Loveland, CO 80537.

Monday December 15, 2025

Denver Consistory's Annual Holiday Celebration

Description: Open Meeting entertainment provided by The Yuletide Carolers. Dinenr 6pm with meeting and entertainment to follow at 7pm. Guests welcomed. Please RSVP in the [Marketplace](#)

Saturday January 17th, 2026

Burns Night Supper & Whisky College

Description: Tickets required (see flyer in this issue). Whisky College (\$55) begins at 5pm followed by dinner at 6pm (\$74). Location: Scottish Rite Masonic Center 1370 Grant Street, Denver, CO 80203.

Saturday December 20, 2026

Installation of officers Mesa Lodge No. 55

Description: 2400 Consistory Court, Grand Junction, CO 81501. Presentation by Most Worshipful Grand master William E. Marshall. Lodge will open at 3pm.

January 22-24, 2026

165th Annual Communication

Description: Brethren join the MWGLCO and your brethren for the annual communication in Grand Junction! Pre-registration is required following the link on the [Grand Lodge Home Page](#). The conference will be held at the [Double Tree by Hilton](#) at 743 Horizon Drive, Grand Junction, 81506. 1-970-241-8888.

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.



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.

Lodge Artifact Sharing Contest

Sesquicentennial Celebration at the 165th Annual Grand Lodge Communication

Artifact Sharing Contest

To celebrate Sesquicentennial of Colorado and the rich history of Freemasonry in this state, the Most Worshipful Grand Master invites you to bring the most interesting historical artifact (signature, document, picture, item, etc.) from your lodge to be displayed during the 165th Annual Communication being held January 22nd thru 24th in Grand Junction, Colorado. Attending members will get a chance to vote on their favorite item. Prizes will be awarded on Saturday of the Communication.



The Consistory Line Entertainment Group Presents...

Denver Consistory's Annual Holiday Celebration December 15, 2025

Entertainment Provided by...

The Yuletide Carolers



The Yuletide Carolers | Professional Singers



Guests are welcome for dinner at 6PM and for the
open meeting and entertainment at 7PM.

Dinner Reservations [HERE](#)

Burns Night Supper & Whisky College

Saturday, January 17, 2026

Scottish Rite Masonic Center, 1370 Grant Street, Denver, Colorado 80203

Scottish Music  Silent Auction  Burns Poetry

Presented by the Denver Knights of Saint Andrew



Whisky College | 5:00 p.m. | \$55 – Adult (21 and over)

Join us for a captivating Scotch whisky tasting and educational journey led by a true expert. This year’s special class features selections from Glenmorangie Distillery, showcasing how a single malt evolves through time and craftsmanship. Discover how age, cask type, and maturation techniques transform aroma, taste, and finish—revealing the subtle complexities that make each expression uniquely exceptional. *Price includes a commemorative tasting glass!*

Dinner & Entertainment | 6:00 p.m. | \$74 – Adult (13 and over)

Pear Salad, Haggis, Filet Mignon, Asparagus, Twice Baked Potato, Chocolate Mousse

Join us for a lively dinner in honor of Robert Burns: Celebrate Scotland’s beloved bard with an evening of traditional fare, poetry, and song. Enjoy the stirring sounds of the El Jebel Pipe Band and the Celtic folk tunes of Gobs o’ Phun. Raise a glass to heritage, humor, and Highland pride in true Burns Night fashion!

Advance tickets only!
denverburnssupper.com
or scan the QR code

*Reserved table with purchase
of 8 dinner tickets*



Within the Vault

“Mystery Silver Cup”

Brethren, do you recognize this large trophy cup? The museum is asking for assistance in understanding the history of a large Sterling Silver Trophy Cup on a wood base bearing the emblem of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Colorado. There is no obvious date, recipient, or event associated with the award. The trophy measures about 16” in height. It would be great to associate this artifact with an event or person. If you have any information about this trophy or photographs of when it was presented, please contact the Grand Secretary.



This ongoing series of articles highlights the fascinating artifacts contained within the Grand Lodge Museum that you can see on your next visit. The museum is not supported by the Grand Lodge budget and needs your help to preserve and protect our treasured history. Please contact the Grand Secretary to see how you can help!

Membership Awareness and Retention

Greetings Worshipful Masters, Officers, and Brothers:

As 2024 begins and we look to Freemasonry through the lens of membership, awareness, and retention, I wonder how many of our lodges are actively engaged in membership, awareness, and retention in their lodges and in the local communities?

I would like to hear from the lodge representatives on what they are doing to promote the craft from membership to awareness in their lodges and community at large. What are the various ways that you maintain the members' awareness and interest of the craft? What local programs do you have in place to expand your membership locally?

One program for consideration for 2024 is the creation of a Craft Warden position or appointee and I bet that some of the lodges already have a similar position in place, but I would also like to know if that is the case for those that do and those that do not.

The concept of the Craft Warden would be to address the above membership and awareness activities inside the individual lodges and build an interface between the lodges and membership & awareness and the GL district lecturer. The Craft Warden would be responsible for local membership & awareness activities for your lodge and allowing for a larger base of ideas and exchange of information between the GL committee and the lodges. The position could encompass things like holding and scheduling local training and presentations for your lodge as educational, awareness, retention type material, candidate open houses or even scheduling digital meetings based on approved content and format as an open meeting.

A coordinator for any and all membership and awareness, and retention for the members and prospects for your lodge and local area but focusing on membership and awareness. By nature, the responsibilities of the Craft Warden and membership/awareness committee and GL District Lecturer will cross over into the education committee arena where the Craft Warden would find online content for various presentations, educational materials and more from the members login from the education portal.

Membership Awareness and Retention

It is time that we engage and invest in the lodges into their future and build on our wider experiences that a lot of us are doing today. I would like to get a feeling from the lodges if such a program would be embraced and if they would consider creating such a position.

Please respond to the few questions above to membership@coloradofreemasons.org and please use a subject line of **2024 Membership Review** so I can easily identify responses.

Fraternally,

Pete Finnie; Membership / Awareness Committee

Tax & Non-Profit Assistance

To assist those lodges that have lost their Nonprofit status I have assembled a team to assist lodges in answering questions and directing them in the process to get their status back. The following individuals have agreed to answer questions that come up and advise those lodges working to get their status back. Please be courteous and patient when working with these Worshipful Brothers and remember they are Volunteers. They have agreed to assist the Craft and need our upmost respect for their efforts.

LEGAL ASSISTANCE:

WB John Groves: johngroves@mac.com Grand Junction

WB 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: Weston Lodge No. 22

5718 S. Rapp Street, Littleton, CO

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

Master: Thomas Hern



Western Slope Gavel

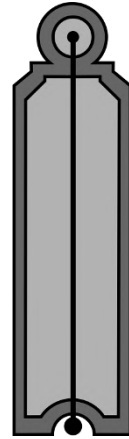
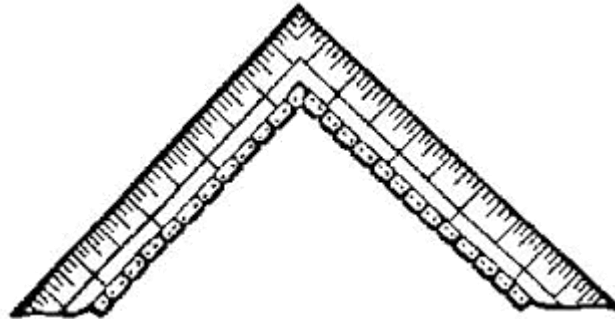
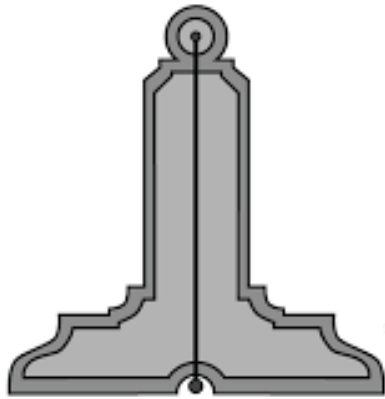
Location: Boulder Lodge No. 14

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

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

Master: Chris Hanson





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

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Submission Deadline

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



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

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

