



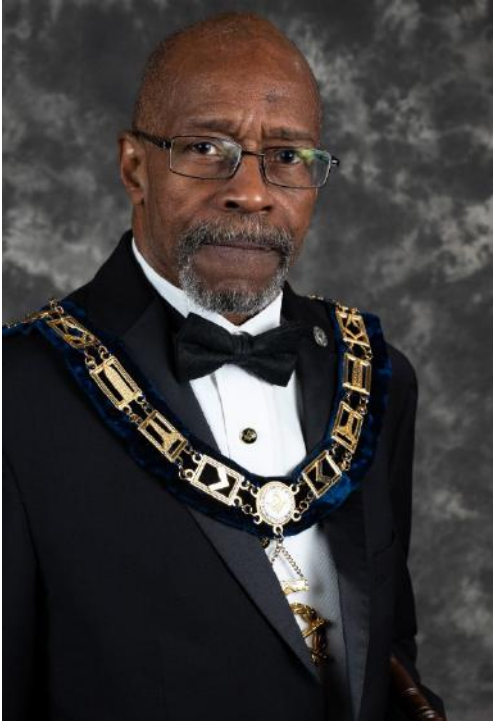
Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Colorado AF&AM

November 1, 2024

Veterans Day

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My Brothers, I want to share with you information I've gathered regarding Veterans Day. A day that means so much to me having served and forever thankful for the men and women who served alongside me and those before. I sincerely appreciate and thank those answering the ultimate call, giving of your life for your country. To those of you serving today, we need you, especially during these unrepresented times. As sort of a military buff I studied many of the battles of WWII and the tremendous losses suffered on all sides. They suffered so we could be free; that impacted me greatly. I have made it a point to thank those that served before me, they didn't have to, they could have said that was someone else's problem. Thank them for answering the call, for protecting the freedoms we enjoy then and even today. Veterans Day is intended to thank and honor all those who served honorably in the military – living and dead – whether in wartime or peace. In fact, Veterans Day is largely intended to thank living Veterans for their service, to acknowledge that their contributions to our national security are appreciated, and to underscore the fact that all those who serve have sacrificed and done their duty.



Vincent T. Johnson
Junior Grand Steward

While Veterans Day is often confused with Memorial Day, the two observances serve different purposes and have different histories. Memorial Day, which has its roots in the post-Civil War effort to "memorialize" all those who died in that war, has become a modern holiday to remember those from all wars and conflicts who gave their lives in service to the country. To ensure the sacrifices of America's fallen heroes are never forgotten, in December 2000 the U.S. Congress passed and the President signed into law "The National Moment of Remembrance Act" to "encourage the people of the United States to give something back to their country, which



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provides them so much freedom and opportunity” by encouraging and coordinating commemorations of Memorial Day and the National Moment of Remembrance. The National Moment of Remembrance encourages all Americans to pause wherever they are at 3 p.m. local time on Memorial Day for two minutes of silence to remember and honor those who have died in service to the nation.

Veterans Day however, was first known as Armistice Day as a celebration of the resolution of World War I, a peace recognized historically on the date and time of that event, November 11, 1918, at 11:00 a.m., and salutes surviving service members as well as those who have passed away since their service.

In 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a bill proclaiming November 11th as Veterans Day and called upon Americans everywhere to re-dedicate themselves to the cause of peace. He issued a presidential order directing the head of the Veterans Administration (now the Department of Veterans Affairs) to form a Veterans Day National Committee (VDNC) to organize and oversee the national observance of Veterans Day. In addition to fulfilling that mission, the committee oversees the annual production and distribution of a Veterans Day poster and Teachers Resource Guide.

In 1968, in keeping with the Monday Holiday Bill, Congress briefly moved Veterans Day to the 4th Monday in October. It became quickly apparent that the American public held fast to the historical significance of the First World War armistice on November 11, and in 1978 Veterans Day was returned permanently to its traditional date.¹



Veterans Day National Ceremony is held each year on November 11th at Arlington National Cemetery. At 11:00 a.m. E.T., a color guard made up of members from each branch of the military render’s honors to America’s deceased Veterans during a tradition-rich ceremony at

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the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. In 1921, an American soldier – his name “known but to God”– was buried on a Virginia hillside overlooking the Potomac River and Washington, D.C. The burial site of this unknown World War I soldier in Arlington National Cemetery became known as the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The neoclassical, white marble sarcophagus depicts three carved Greek figures representing Peace, Victory, and Valor. Inscribed on the back of the Tomb are the words:

“Here rests in honored glory an American soldier known but to God.”



The Tomb sarcophagus stands above the grave of the Unknown Soldier of World War I. To the west are the crypts for an Unknown Soldier from World War II and the Korean War. The white “Yule” marble of the sarcophagus comes from Marble, Colorado and was named for Bro. George Yule, the geologist who discovered the lode in the late 1800s. A white marble slab flush with the plaza marks each crypt. The President or his representative places a wreath at the Tomb and a bugler sounds “Taps.” The balance of the ceremony, including a “Parade of Flags” by Veterans Service Organizations (VSO), takes place inside the Memorial Amphitheater, adjacent to the Tomb.

The Tomb Guards serve for 18-month tours and serve 24-hour shifts, “walking the mat” anywhere from 30 minutes to 2 hours at a time, regardless of the weather. The number 21 has a special significance to their seven part ritual. The Guard marches 21 steps down the black mat behind the Tomb, turns and faces east for 21 seconds, turns and faces north for 21 seconds, and then takes 21 steps down the mat. Next, the Guard executes a sharp “shoulder-arms”

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movement to place his/her weapon on the shoulder closest to the visitors, signifying that he or she stands between the Tomb and any possible threat. The number 21 alludes to the highest military honor; the 21-gun salute. Since the identities and rank of the soldier interred in the tomb is unknown, the tomb guards wear no rank on their uniforms.

I recall the many times I had the opportunity to attend these ceremonies as a member of the Board of Directors of the Non-Commissioned Officers Association (NCOA). The dedication and the precision displayed by the members of the team was something to behold. In 1926, Congress established a military guard to protect the Tomb during daylight hours. Since midnight on July 2, 1937, the Army has maintained a 24-hour guard over the Tomb. Sentinels of the 3rd U.S. Infantry, "The Old Guard," assumed these duties on April 6, 1948, maintaining a constant vigil regardless of weather conditions. The Old Guard is the Army's oldest active-duty infantry regiment, with a mission to perform ceremonial duties like guarding the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Those of you who have ever visited the Memorial may have noticed a lone soldier marching up and down the tarmac may not know that there is symbolic meaning to the entire process.²

The National Veterans Day Committee, besides planning and coordinating the ceremony, also support a number of Veterans Day Regional Sites. These sites conduct Veterans Day celebrations that provide excellent examples for other communities to follow. They also partner with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to provide the Veterans Day Teachers Resource Guide. This resource guide, along with another group of America's finest — our teachers — will allow your students to learn more about the role our brave Veterans have played in defending and preserving our nation. It is our hope that by thanking America's Veterans and their families for their service and sacrifice, we can reward them with the honor they so richly deserve. Not only is it a tool for teachers, many parents can benefit from the information it provides and the resources offered, providing them an opportunity to keep the memory of fallen veterans in the forefront of children's minds.

There are a number of organizations that created programs to recognize veterans, a few of them are highlighted below:

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NCOA



The Non-Commissioned Officers Association (NCOA), whose motto is "Strength in Unity®". An organization I joined in 1985 as a life member attempting to do my part by joining an organization fighting for the rights and benefits of all enlisted members of the Armed Forces. During my tenure we created the WWII Legacy Medallion Program whereby we recognized World War

II veterans across the country to include Colorado Springs. As Trustee of the Air Academy Chapter of the NCOA, we conducted more than 20 ceremonies recognizing living WWII Veterans, we also presented posthumous awards to families of Veterans. You will have to corner me for a few of their stories.

Since the creation and the presentation of the WWII Legacy Medallion the NCOA has created two additional medallions; the Korean War and the Vietnam War Medallions. For a small donation one can purchase a medallion with case for presentation to a loved one, or in the case of a fallen Veteran, make the presentation to the family. The gesture in itself will make a lasting impression. If you are interested and would like to investigate further, contact jterry@ncoausa.org.

VETERAN HONOR FLIGHT PROGRAMS

[Honor Flight](#) and [Rocky Mountain Honor Flight](#) are extraordinary non-profit organizations created with a simple, yet powerful, mission – honoring our nation's veterans by bringing them to Washington, D.C. to visit the memorials built to commemorate their service and sacrifice.

These organizations, featured for months on the pages of this newsletter, have brought over 300,000 veterans to visit our Nation's Capital since 2005 to honor their service and sacrifice.

POW and MIA

We cannot mention Veterans Day without thinking of our POW/MIA's and the shocking fact that many are still missing. Prisoner of War



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(POW) is any person captured or placed in prison (interned) by an enemy power during an international armed conflict. Missing in Action (MIA) is a person whose status and/or whereabouts is unknown. A known POW is not “MIA,” but a person “MIA” may be an unidentified POW. MIA status is often the temporary report until a serviceperson’s whereabouts can be identified and his or her status confirmed. Sadly, some Servicemembers’ status becomes permanently MIA. Military POWs and MIAs are all Veterans.

According to the Pentagon’s Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA), as of Aug 8, 2024, there are currently more than 81,200 unaccounted for U.S. personnel, including 72,044 from World War II, 7,465 from the Korean War, 126 from the Cold War, 1,575 from the Vietnam War, and six from Iraq and other recent conflicts.

I hope that you found this informative and, in some cases, enlightening and the last thing I would ask of you is “Thank a Veteran”.

Fraternally,
Vincent T. Johnson;
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.

Friday November 1, 2024 thru Saturday November 2, 2024

2nd Binational Masonic Border Conference with New Mexico

Description: Tickets can be obtained at the link below.

Conference November 1st and 2nd, Las Cruces, NM On behalf of the Grand Lodge of New Mexico AF & AM, we would like to extend to you an invitation to attend the 2nd Binational Border Conference. It will take place on Friday, November 1st – Saturday November 2nd, 2024, at the Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces.

Friday November 1, 2024

Official Visit at Highlands Lodge No. 86

Description: 3550 Federal Blvd., Denver, CO. Open meeting. No charge for dinner but donations appreciated. Start time 5:30pm to 9:30pm

Saturday November 2, 2024

Grand Master Class

Description: Colorado DeMolay invites you to an event honoring David L. Reynolds. Door open at 10:30am. Degrees begin at 11am. Denver Consistory 1370 Grant Street, Denver, Colorado.

Saturday November 9, 2024

DeMolay Presentation

Description: Colorado DeMolay invites you to an event honoring their founder Frank S. Land. Union Lodge No.7. Gavel at 6pm. Dinner at 6:30pm. Presentation at 7:30pm.

Saturday November 9, 2024

Salute for Service Flag Campaign

Description: DeMolay boys will be placing nearly 100 US Flags on the grounds of the Eastern Star Retirement Center in Aurora Colorado starting at 9am. We will then gather in the dining hall with members of the residents for a special Veteran’s Day celebration. 2445 S. Quebec Street, Denver, Colorado 80231

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Saturday November 9, 2024

Veteran's Day Parade

Description: Colorado International Events sponsored parade; 11am along Tejon Street from St. Vrain St. to Vermijo Ave.

Sign up at <https://intheirhonor.my.canva.site/>

Saturday November 9th, 2024

Free State park Access for Veterans

Description: Colorado Parks and Wildlife is waiving entry feesto all State Parks.

Sunday November 10th, 2024

Free concert Rocky Mountain Brassworks

Description: Free concert at Lakewood Cultural Center, 470 S. Allison Pkwy. Concert begins at 4pm.

Monday November 11th, 2024

Free Chili at Barr Lake

Description: Veterans can get a free bowl of chili from 11am to 1pm at Barr Lake State Park, 13401 Picadilly Rd. Brighton, CO 80603

Monday November 11th, 2024

Veteran's Day Program

Description: El Jebel Shrine, 3443 S. Galena St. Denver, CO . Dinner at 5:30pm; Program to follow 6:30pm.

Sunday November 17, 2024

Presentation of Awards at Columbine Lodge No. 147

Description: Brunch will be served from 10am to 12pm. 50 year awards to be presented.

Thursday January 24th & Friday 25th, 2025

164th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Colorado

Description: 7801 E. Orchard Rd., Greenwood Village, CO 80111

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

ORGANIZED, AUG., 2, 1861.

David L. Reynolds
Grand Master – 2024
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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,

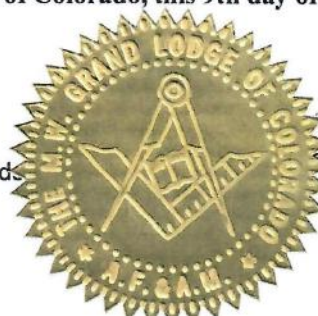


M.:W.: Brother David L. Reynolds
Grand Master of Masons
in Colorado

Attest:



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



Quilts of Valor Recognition

Last month, Worshipful Master Danny Tomlinson (Blackhawk Lodge No. 11) was presented with a beautiful handmade quilt in recognition of his military service as a Lieutenant in the United States Navy (USS Kilauea 1968-1972). [Quilts of Valor](#) is a non-profit organization of volunteer quilters serving veterans since 2003. Founder Caroline Roberts was inspired to create these works of art after having a vivid dream. Her son Nat was deployed in Iraq at the time. These quilts have created a demonstrable positive effect on the veterans who receive them. Congratulations to our WB Danny for receiving such a wonderful recognition.



Quilts of Valor Recognition (cont.)



The Ties That Bind Us

As you will read on another page of this issue, Operative Masons from Scotland literally left their mark on the stones of the White House in our Nation's Capital. However, this article exemplifies another type of *Masonic mark*. More Speculative than Operative, this mark is nonetheless every bit as tangible and everlasting in our hearts and minds as Masons. Speculative Freemasons inculcate an element of ritual that, through word and historical deeds, differentiates us from other fraternal organizations; the Obligation. It comes from the Latin word *Obligatio* which is defined as a binding or tying. Simply put, it is our duty to one another as Brothers. While our fraternal history is replete with amazing stories of honor and courage, I came across one such story that seemed very appropriate to share with you in this November issue.

In 1949 MWB President Harry Truman, dismayed by the deteriorating condition of the White House, began a massive restoration process to repair the decaying stone. It was during this period of restoration that workers discovered the stonemason marks from the original construction. Truman sent one marked stone to each Grand Lodge in the United States, Canada, and Mexico. It was also during this time that MWB Harry relocated his residence to Blair House. This historic mansion, built in 1824 and located just across the street from the White House, had served as the President's guest house since it was purchased during World War Two¹.

Seventy-four years ago on November 1, 1950, a tragic series of events unfolded that left an indelible Mason's mark on our nation's history². Two Puerto Rican terrorists descended upon Blair house to assassinate President Truman in apparent retaliation of the U.S. Air Force bombing their hometown of Jayuya days before following violent revolts by Puerto Rican Nationalists against their government³.

Author Stephen Hunter has written an excellent account of the events in his 2007 book entitled *American Gunfight: The Plot to Kill President Tuman and the Shoot-out that Stopped it*. While MWB Harry napped on the second floor, the two assassins launched their attack. One attacker opened fire on an officer standing on the front steps of the Blair House and injured several others. Multiple officers returned fire in



Officer Leslie W. Coffelt;
USSS Uniformed Division

The Ties That Bind Us (cont.)

what has been described as the biggest gunfight the Secret Service had ever experienced. The whole thing was over in less than 40 seconds. At the same moment, the second assassin approached the guardhouse on the west corner and opened fire on Uniformed Officer Leslie W. Coffelt. Officer Coffelt was struck three times in the chest and abdomen.

Despite his grave wounds, Officer Coffelt exited the guard house, braced himself against the door frame, and fired a single shot from his service revolver as the gunman was about to make entry into the interior of the Blair House. Perhaps through an act of Divine intervention, the bullet found it's mark and felled the assassin instantly at a distance of thirty feet. MWB Harry was reportedly alone in the mansion as the other guards had exited the house to engage the other gunman and it has been suggested that the assassin may have succeeded in his dark plans had he entered the home. Officer Coffelt was rushed to the hospital and was summoned to the Celestial Lodge a few hours later.

Brother Leslie W. Coffelt is the only Secret Service member to die while protecting the President of the United States. He was a member in good standing of Potomac Lodge No. 5 in Washington D.C. It would seem very likely that MWB Harry and Bro. Leslie had attended lodge together at some point. It also seems fitting to me that MWB Harry was ultimately saved by a Brother Master Mason, acting under the duties of his Obligation. I'd



like to think that devotion to duty and focus of thought we Masons demonstrate in our work played a major role in thwarting this evil plan. While it's easy to conceptualize the words of our obligations as historical artifacts, there exists through the deeds of many Masons the reality that the Obligation represents a far more meaningful pledge. While we sincerely hope that the greatest sacrifice is never needed, we stand ready to fly to the aid of our brethren in times of great danger. Such is the mindset that distinguishes our fraternity from so many other social clubs throughout world history.

On a memorial plaque dedicated to Bro. Leslie outside Blair House, there appears the inscrip-

The Ties That Bind Us (cont.)

tion “For Loyalty, Bravery, and Heroism Beyond the Call of Duty”. Understandably, there are no Masonic symbols present on the plaque. If there were, one might consider the above inscription a curious statement given the ties we have bound ourselves together as Masons.

Fraternally ,

Bro. Tom Adair; Douglas Lodge No. 153

Footnotes

¹Blairhouse.org

²Secret Service honors officer who died protecting president 70 years ago by Robert Geraty, Fox News November 3rd, 2020.

³Puerto Rican Nationalist Uprising, Pedro Caban, University at Albany State University of New York, 2005.



Within the Vault

White House Stone with Mason Mark



In November of 1952 MWB and President Harry S. Truman gifted this stone from the White House remodeling to the MWGLCO. This original stone bears the mark from a yet unknown Brother Mason believed to be from Journeyman Lodge No. 8 in Edinburgh, Scotland who, along with seven of his brethren, began work on the original White House following the cornerstone ceremony in 1792. The marked stone was discovered during a massive renovation project at the White House from 1949 to 1952. The stone in our museum bears a small brass plate with the Presidential Seal. Similar stones were sent to every Grand Lodge in America as well as Canada and Mexico. There is also a letter from MWB Harry on display with the stone.



This is the third 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!



COLORADO DEMOLAY
COORIDALY INVITES YOU TO A

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Honoring David L. Reynolds
Grand Master of Masons in
Colorado

**DENVER CONSISTORY
SATURDAY NOV 2ND**

**DOORS OPEN AT 10:30AM
DEGREES START AT 11AM**

All adult members of the appendant Masonic organizations,
as well as all Advisors and DeMolays are welcome to attend.

For questions, contact costatedemolay@gmail.com.



Union Lodge No. 7 A.F. & A.M.

DeMolay honors the founder of DeMolay, Frank S. Land in November and so will we.

We will host Colorado DeMolay who have a presentation and engage us in discussion.



November 9, 2024

Gavel at 6:00 pm

Dinner at 6:30 pm

DeMolay Presentation at ~7:30 pm

If you are a **Senior DeMolay** who is a **Master Mason**, please come! Wear your R.D., PMC Pin, Chevalier cords, etc. Show your DeMolay Pride!



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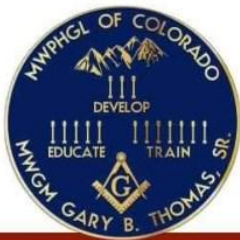
Mountain Post Military Lodge No. 26

Cordially presents:

Guest Speaker

Bro. Lance D White Horse

Presentation Entitled
Without the Door: Symbolism
of the Masonic Tiler



Sat. November 9th
Lodge opens - 10 AM

513 N. Prospect Street
Colorado Springs, CO

Followed by a Thanksgiving Feast: 1840 N Academy BLVD



K.S.A. Burns Night Supper and Whisky College

Bag pipes ❖ Silent auction ❖ Burns poetry

Proceeds to benefit RiteCare and Scottish Rite Masonic Center

Saturday January 18th, 2025, 7:00pm



Dinner: 7:00pm

Caesar Salad, Rolls, Haggis, Beef Wellington, Mashed Potatoes,
Roasted Tri-Color Carrots, Chocolate Mousse

\$60 - Adult (13 and over)

Prepaid online reservations required

Whisky College: 6:00pm

\$45 - Adult (21 and over)

Prepaid online reservations required

For reservations:

Advanced prepaid reservations are available online only.
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Featured entertainment.



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El Jebel Pipe Band

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

scottishritefoundation.org

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 Terry Blake: sblaketerry@gmail.com Denver

ACCOUNTING:

WB Brandon Doellingen: accounts@coloradofreemasons.org Colorado Springs

Al Kaly Membership Trophy



AL KALY SHRINERS Southern Colorado



Al Kaly Shriners have created a new Membership Trophy to be given to a Blue Lodge in Southern Colorado for successfully providing the most, new candidates to be made Nobles to Al Kaly during the course of each Masonic year. This will be an annual award, and it will be “travelling”; that is, we would anticipate a modest competition, and perhaps move to a different lodge each year. 2024 will be the first year, and the award will be presented to the winning Blue Lodge in December. Any questions, can be communicated to Al Kaly’s membership chair, Noble Mark Giffin at 303-304-9115, [Giffin mark@yahoo.com](mailto:Giffin_mark@yahoo.com).



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.

Regular Gavel

Location: Douglas Lodge No. 153 300 Wilcox Street, Castle Rock, CO

Meeting Dates: 1st & 3rd Thursday ;7:30 p.m.

Master: Joel Charles



Western Slope Gavel

Location: Glenwood Lodge No. 65, 901 Colorado Ave. Glenwood Springs, CO

Meeting Dates: Meets 2nd Tuesday; 7:00 p.m.

Master: Duke Soddy

High Twelve International

WHO ARE WE?

Founded by Wally Wolcott in 1921, we are an association of Master Masons who desire to gather in fellowship INDEPENDENT of formal ritual.

More than a lunch club, we provide an environment where Master Masons can feel comfortable among brothers with similar values.

Simply put, High Twelve is MASONARY IN ACTION.

Today, High Twelve International has 122 Chartered Clubs in 7 Countries. Those are: United States (113), across 7 states, Japan (2), England (3), Mexico (1), Scotland (1), El Salvador, (1), & Brazil (1). We currently have over 3,000 members + total spread across the world. We are looking to Charter 3 new clubs very soon.



WHAT WE DO?

First and foremost, is to encourage and support good government. This is accomplished through the Wolcott Foundation, which provide fellowships to those who endeavor to pursue a Master's Degree in Federal Government or Foreign Service. These fellowships are provided at George Washington University in Washington DC.

Assist BLUE LODGES in whatever manner is needed. Partner with local lodges to further community objectives,

Service to youth, support and provide assistance to Masonic Youth Groups like DeMolay, Rainbow Girls, Job's Daughters.

WHEN?

Meetings usually begin with a breakfast, lunch or dinner on a monthly basis. Since there is no ritual, members are encouraged to invite, wives, family members or friends to attend. After the meal there usually is a presentation on a topic of interest to the club. These may be Masonic or Non-Masonic.

WHY?

In today's climate, everyone is looking for a group, FAMILY, a cause, FELLOWSHIP, a reason, FUTURE. Everyone eats and is always looking to share a meal with friends. So I ask, WHY NOT.

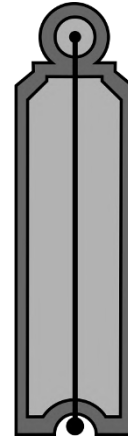
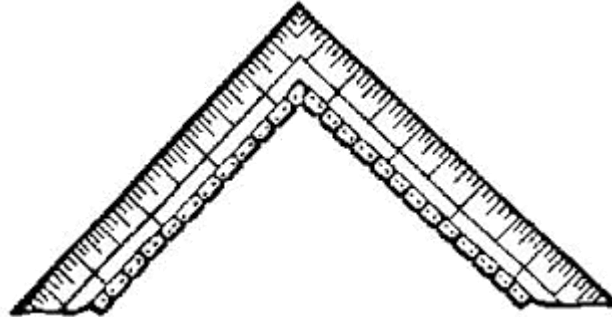
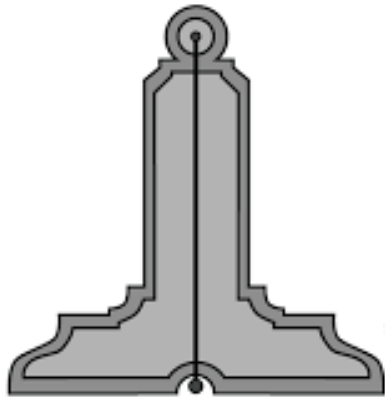
Our emblem features THREE STEPS which symbolize the three degrees of a Master Mason. The clock is at HIGH TWELVE. But most important is our motto.

To Talk Little
To Hear Much
To Reflect Upon Truth

I challenge you to GIVE US A TRY, JOIN US, you will be glad you did. There are clubs in your area ready to WELCOME you. If a club is not near you, start your own, we'll help and guide you.

Hope to see you soon. For more information contact us at secreary@high12.org

FAMILY, FELLOWSHIP, FUTURE



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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