

# Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Colorado WJ&AM

AUGUST NEWSLETTER

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## FREEDOM IS NOT FREE

"Freedom is not free" is the inscription on the Korean War Memorial in Washington DC.

The Korean Conflict ended July 27th, 1953 with the armistice signed at Panmunjom. Begun three years earlier as a UN Police action the outnumbered US troops fought courageously again Chinese and North Korean troops who were



supplied with arms from the Soviet Union. With temperatures sometimes forty degrees below zero and Washington Politicians limiting the use of air power there were nearly 140,000 American casualties in the defense of Pusan, Perimeter and Taego, in the landing at Inchon, the freeing of Seoul, the capture of Pyongyang. Our troops fought in the battles of

Changjin Reservoir, Old Baldy, White Horse Mountain, Heartbreak Ridge, Pork Chop Hill, T-Bone Hill, and Siberian Hill.

John Eisenhower, son of the President served in Korea. Mamie Eisenhower said: "He has a mission to fulfill and God will see to it that nothing will happen until he fulfills it."

We are prone to take the sacrifices of previous generations for granted. We are free to build upon their legacy because of their faithful service. Today a new generation of service men and women are on the front line. May we be faithful in praying for all who serve and thank God for all who have served. Many of these faithful people are Brother Masons. At each meeting we honor our National Flag. The next time we say the Pledge, may we remember all who have sacrificed that we may meet in freedom.

We have just celebrated another Independence Day. May we remember: "Freedom is not free."

Rick Calhoun, Grand Chaplain



# MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER

*Ralph Newby*

As of this month we are now half way through the 2019 Masonic year. The annual sessions will be in January 2020 and we are going to start making plans for them. Let me remind you that there is still time to work on amendments to the Book of Constitutions. Work with your Master, Senior Warden, and Junior Warden to craft changes you think need to be made that currently are hindering your success as a lodge. They are due in late October but don't wait to submit them.

In July there were several activities that went on. Band Camp in Greeley was a success as usual. The students did a great job and as usual WB Marv Feldman and RWB John Russell did a stellar job leading the wonderful crew that worked with the kids. As I am writing this we are in the final stages of preparation for the Rocky Mountain Masonic Conference. It has been well planned by the committee and I expect it to come up with very few hitches. Thanks to WB Ron Birely for leading this committee and all the members of the committee. Also, thanks to those lodges and brethren who donated to help keep the costs down. It has been a learning experience and certainly could not have been done by a few brethren. Also, yet to happen in the month of July is the scholarship lunch for the students who are receiving a scholarship from the Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund. This year we are giving out 6 renewable scholarships of \$7000 to students as well as one-year vocational grants to several students.

I also attended the Commandery Orders done at South Fork and left there to go to the DeMolay Conclave in Fort Collins. It was a long trek the second weekend of July.

In August I am looking forward to attending the Prince Hall Grand Lodge and representing Colorado AF&AM. We have a good relationship with our brethren in Prince Hall. Also, I will be attending the biennial session for Scottish Rite in Washington DC. Over my years as a Grand Lodge Officer I have developed a close relationship with the current Grand Master of New Mexico. In early May he came to an OV in Cortez. In August I am going to reciprocate by attending his home lodge. His name is also Ralph.

Additionally, in August is the Anniversary Communication where you all set the budget and per capita for next year (August 3 in Colorado Springs). We are also going to hold four workshops on that afternoon. They are for secretaries, treasurers, temple board members and upcoming officers of lodges, and anyone interested in any of those topics. Please try to attend even if you are not a voting member at the Anniversary meeting. We are doing those on a Saturday as an alternative to the usual Thursday afternoon session at the Annual Communication.

I'm ready to crank back up in September when many lodges come out of being dark during the summer. I hope I get a chance to see you at some of the upcoming visits.

MWGM Ralph Newby



# MASONIC FUN FACTS

## Catherine Babington

A story was published about Catherine Babington, first in her obituary, in Shelby, NC in 1886, then in a short book by her son outlining her masonic career. Hailed as the only female mason in the United States, she is said to have obtained the secrets at the age of 16 by hiding in her uncles' lodge room in Princess, Kentucky. Having lost her father at an early age, she spent much of her childhood at her grandfather's house, where she became a favourite of her uncles. They attended a lodge in an unused chapel above Catherine's school-room, which she often helped them clean. As a teenager, Catherine Sweet (Babington being her married name) attended lodge meetings for a year, hiding in the old pulpit, finally being discovered when one of her uncles returned unexpectedly for a rifle he had left in the ante-room. Being questioned by the lodge, it was discovered that she had committed much of the ritual to memory, and was made a mason to swear her to secrecy, but in this instance not admitted to membership of the lodge. The sole source of the story is her son, and much of the detail remains unconfirmed



*Catherine Babington*

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# CALLING ALL OFFICERS



## Grand Lodge Workshops

After Anniversary Session

1:30 PM – 3:30 PM August 3, 2019

- Secretaries Workshop and use of MORI
- Treasurers Workshop
- Temple Board – Follow up of June 22 meeting. All interested brethren in Temple Board operations is encouraged to attend
- Leadership and Planning for Senior and Junior Wardens, Senior and Junior Deacons, and brethren interested in being a leader in the Fraternity.

# August and September Calendar

**Sat Aug 3, 2019** 7:30am 2019 Anniversary Communication (2020 Budget)

Where: 1150 Panorama Dr, Colorado Springs, CO 80904, USA

**Sat Aug 10, 2019** 5pm Annual Outdoor Meeting @ Boulder Lodge 14

Where: 2001 Historic Parkway, Fort Lupton, CO 80621

Description: Arrive generally at 12:00pm Tiled Lodge opens at 5:00pm Dinner will be served at 6:30- \$15.00 per person

Breakfast to be served at Ft. Lupton Masonic Lodge at 9:00am Sunday morning. Camp sites available for \$3.00per person per night - campers have the option of camping Friday night as well. Water, lemonade and Iced tea will be provided. You are invited to bring a beverage of your choice. Family, friends and prospects are invited to dinner and après activities. Fellowship to follow – Music, tall stories and great fellowship RSVP to ktownley8@gmail.com or 720-988-7929

**Wed Aug 21, 2019** 7:30pm OV-Awards @ Idaho Springs Lodge 26

Where: 210 17th Ave, Idaho Springs, CO 80452, USA

Description: Awards Presentation

**Sun Aug 25, 2019** 10am Awards Brunch @ Columbine Lodge 147

Where: 225 Acoma St, Denver, CO 80223

Description: Breakfast @ 10:00am Awards open to everyone following meal

**Mon Sep 9, 2019** 7:30pm OV @ Ramah Lodge 165

Where: 2 S Commercial St, Ramah, CO 80832, USA

Description: Social Hour @ 5:30pm Dinner @ 6:00pm Lodge @ 7:30pm Open Lodge (Honoring Past Masters) RSVP Dale Kunz, Sec'y @ dale.kunz@gmail.com or 719-360-3756

**Mon Sep 19, 2019** 6:30pm OV 130th @ St. John's Lodge No. 75

Where: 411 N Main St, Rocky Ford, CO 81067, USA

Description: OV and 130th Anniversary Celebration with St. John's Lodge No. 75.

**Wed Sep 25, 2019** 6pm Garfield Lodge No. 50 Miners' Night

Where: 2029 Highway 66, Longmont, CO 80504

**Thu Sep 26, 2019** 7:30pm OV @ St Vrain Lodge 23

Where: 312 Main St, Longmont, CO 80501, USA

Description: Grand Master's Official Visit Dinner is 6:30pm Lodge is 7:30pm will be tiled Please RSVP Mike Jones, Sec'y at stvrain.23@gmail.com or 303-589-0941 or WM Greg Harris @ gregharris1423@yahoo.com.

Please advise them of any food restrictions.

