

# Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Colorado AF&AM



## From the Desk of the Grand Master

Brethren All,

It is safe to say that a little over two months ago when I took office, I did not envisage the events of my term as Grand Master unfolding in the manner they have. It might also be safe to say none of us anticipated the disruption to our daily lives that has occurred in the last two months. These are most certainly “interesting times”. As we look forward to the future, I suspect there will be more trials and unexpected events to come. As Freemasons one of the first questions we answer is in whom we put our trust. We will do well to remember our response and to lean on Him as we seek balance in our daily lives. I encourage you all to reach out to your brothers in this period of enforced home stays and overcome the sense of isolation they may be feeling. Yours can be the voice of encouragement and bring light into the life of others with a bit of humor or a listening ear. My brothers, if it is I my power to help, aid, or assist you in these challenging times do not hesitate to call or drop me an email. Be well, stay safe, encourage others and live the tenents of the craft. I look forward to seeing you on the journey.

Fraternally,

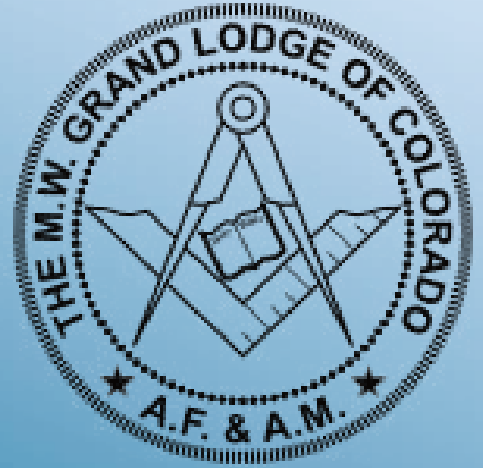
David L. Coberly

Grand Master of Masons in Colorado



Brethren All:

Recently the United Grand Lodge of England shared the following with Newsweek as a reminder of our tradition of honoring brothers absent from among us. In this time of enforced separation let us consider taking a few minutes out of our evening to think of our absent brethren. Let us all remember, though separated in space and time, all Freemasons whithersoever dispersed.



TRADITIONAL TOAST:

"If at nine o'clock you listen  
when around this festive board,  
If you listen very closely,  
with your hearts tuned in accord,  
You'll hear, when in the West and South,  
you're charged in fullest measure,  
Some distant voices calling,  
"Brother may we have the pleasure?"

For at nine o'clock we Toast you,  
wherever you may stand,  
At home, or maybe out of town,  
or in some far-off land;  
With cheerful hearts and distant thoughts,  
we steal a moment's leisure;  
To call our ancient challenge;  
"Brother may we have the pleasure?"

For we are bound together  
by a universal link;  
We drink from that Masonic Cup  
from which we all may drink;  
To our far-flung Brotherhood,  
whose fellowship we treasure,  
The old Masonic greeting,  
"Brother may we have the pleasure?"  
Brethren the Toast is "TO OUR ABSENT BRETHREN"!!!

# AVOIDING SCAMS IN THESE TRYING TIMES

Brethren,

As we navigate the uncertainties of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), we must remember to remain vigilant on another front, that of scams. There are those that wish to personally benefit at the expense of others. People that engage in this type of fraud can be merciless when pulling off their scams, and they don't discriminate. The reason why these scams continue to exist is because people fall prey to them. And once that happens, it's too late.



There are currently numerous scams that have recently surfaced that you need to be aware of to avoid falling into the trap. Here is a list containing recent scam information and ways to counter them. The Colorado Attorney General's office has started seeing efforts to tell people that there are checks available from the government, and all you must do is provide some personal information, to include bank account information.

**NEVER give personal, bank account, credit card, or social security number to anyone claiming to be a business, bank, or other entity. Legitimate firms will NOT ask for personal information over the phone.**

Colorado Springs residents have reported people taking advantage of "stay at home" orders and knocking on doors and asking for donations for veterans.

**Always verify charities asking for money. A simple search to verify the legitimacy of a charity at the website [checkthecharity.com](http://checkthecharity.com). You can also report these activities to local law enforcement.**

There is a link claiming to go to the John Hopkins Coronavirus tracker. When you click on the wrong link, your computer is infected with malware that steals personal information.

**The CORRECT link and only valid to the John Hopkins Coronavirus tracker is: <https://gisanddata.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/bda7594740fd40299423467b48e9ecf6>**

Android users are receiving a text message that contains a malicious link that advertises a live version of the John Hopkins Coronavirus tracker.

**DO NOT CLICK ON THIS LINK. Immediately delete. There is also the option of notifying your carrier and ask if they want you to forward them the text message. Again, simply clicking on the link infects your device.**

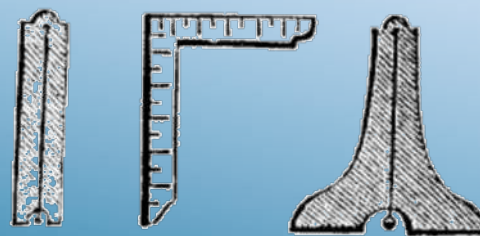
El Paso County residents are receiving a text message stating that there will be a national lockdown and the entire country will be quarantined for two weeks.

**Only consider information from reputable sources to be valid. Do not listen to or spread rumors. When on social media sites, do not forward or mass send messages to individuals or groups. This only spreads false information.**

Remember Brethren, if it sounds too good to be true or questionable, do not act on it. And if you get a link to a website from someone you don't know, do not click on or open the link. We must help each other to avoid these scams that can result in financial chaos.

RWB Ray Dunn  
Senior Grand Warden

# Calendar of Grand Lodge Events



All events are subject to cancellation or change based on health agency recommendations and government restrictions due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

## Fri May 1, 2020

All day OV @ Grand Junction Lodges

Where: 2400 Consistory Ct, Grand Junction, CO 81501, USA

Description: District 41 OV in Grand Junction in conjunction with Grand Junction Scottish Rite Reunion. Details to follow. Contact for OV is WB William Marshall.

## Wed May 13, 2020

12pm Columbine Lodge No. 147 Master Mason Degree

Where: 225 Acoma St, Denver, CO 80223, USA

Description: Master Mason Degree (potentially raising 6 brothers) Timing will depend on how many Brother we ultimately raise but tentatively planning on opening the Lodge at noon and doing the 6 first sections and 5 short forms, breakfast for dinner at 6:30pm, then doing a long form and the lectures after dinner. RSVP to William Feldman @ 303-632-8718 or [wmjfun@msn.com](mailto:wmjfun@msn.com).

## Sat May 16, 2020

10:30am Johnstown Community Recreation Center Cornerstone

Where: 165 Settler's Way, Johnstown, CO

## Sat May 23, 2020

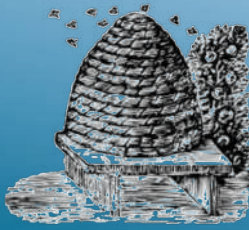
All day DeMolay Grand Master's Class

Description: More details to follow.

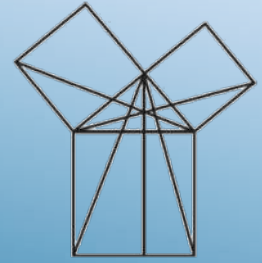
Don't go around saying the world  
owes you a living. The world owes  
you nothing. It was here first.  
Br Mark Twain

"Scripture assures me, that at the last Day,  
we shall not be examined what we thought,  
but what we did; and our Recommendation  
will not be that we said 'Lord, Lord,' but  
that we did Good to our Fellow Creatures."  
MWB Benjamin Franklin





# Announcements



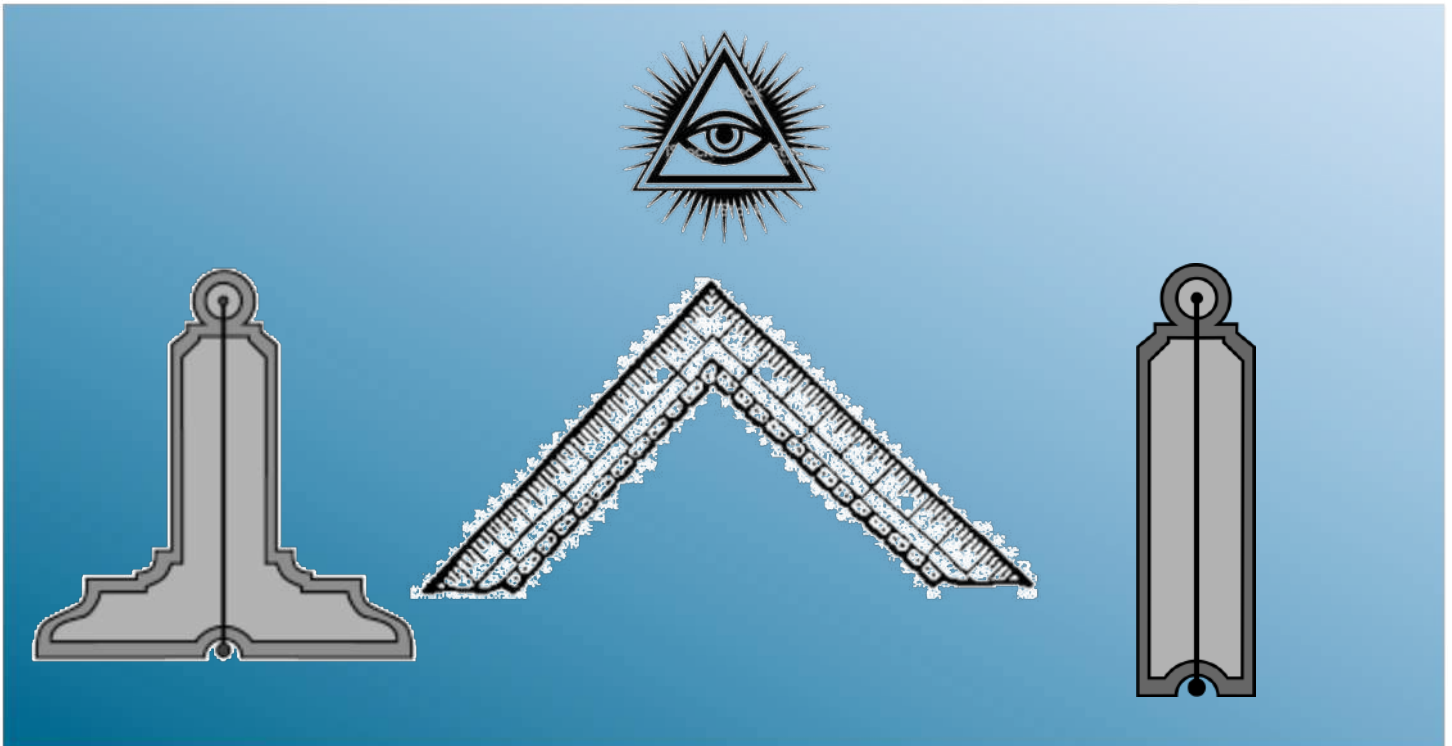
## **COLORADO MASONIC HIGH SCHOOL BAND CAMP**

This year is the 19th year for the Colorado Masonic High School Band Camp. Unfortunately, due to the Coronavirus all the schools in the state are shut down and it is very hard or impossible to have the Band Directors send students, Along with the suspension of group activities we have decided to postpone the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Band Camp until next year.

John Russell, Secretary

**COLORADO MASONS - SPREAD THE WORD ON YOUR SOCIAL MEDIA, AND WITH YOUR FRIENDS AND ACQUAINTANCES ABOUT A NEW WEBSITE ABOUT MASONRY: [BEAFREEMASON.ORG](http://BEAFREEMASON.ORG)**





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

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