

Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Colorado AF&AM

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From the Desk of the Grand Master

Greetings Brethren All,



This past month saw the beginning of a return to normalcy in the lives of some Coloradans while others continued under more stringent constraints due to COVID-19. Even as variances were granted and restrictions relaxed in some counties, increases in cases of the virus have been reported in other areas. Information is too inconsistent to establish cause and effect. With the increase in testing it is difficult to assess the actual trends of the illness: do we have more cases because we are testing more, or are we actually having an increase in cases? The good news is that we have not seen a corresponding increase in hospitalizations and deaths. It is somewhat troublesome that the affliction is appearing in younger segments of the population. I point these things out to help you understand why, much as I would like to, I cannot pin a date on the calendar to resume normal Masonic activity. I do not want to dwell on the virus and its impact – we hear plenty regarding that in the media. I ask you continue to practice the tenets of the craft, meet where possible, and always conduct yourselves as Masons even in the face of the uncertainty and unrest we face in our communities. Thank you for your help and support in this difficult time. I commend those lodges who have continued to reach out to their members and engage them in activities appropriate to their allowed circumstances. Remember Him in whom we put our trust and let us lean not on our own understanding but on our faith in the Supreme Architect of the Universe.

Fraternally,

David L. Coberly

Grand Master of Masons in Colorado - 2020



Calendar of Grand Lodge Events

Scheduled events are subject to change or cancellation and attendance may be limited due to ongoing public health orders. Please check with the host lodge to confirm events and availability.



Sun Aug 9, 2020

12pm Awards Brunch @ Columbine Lodge No. 147

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

Description: Details to follow.

Sat Aug 15, 2020

All day Colorado Outdoor Lodge (COOL)

Where: TNT Ranch, 11157 Gypsum Creek Rd, Gypsum, CO 81637

Description: More details follow.

Thu Aug 20, 2020

12pm Cornerstone Meeker School

Where: 550 School St, Meeker, CO 81641, USA

Sat Aug 29, 2020

5:30pm Johnstown YMCA Cornerstone

Video call: <https://meet.google.com/imw-tkmo-rrk>

Where: 165 Settler Way, Johnstown, CO 80534, USA

Description: Johnstown Colorado YMCA Cornerstone Ceremony Starts at 5:30pm so please come by 4:30pm Food will be provided after the ceremony Marching Band will play the National Anthem

Mon Aug 31, 2020

11am Lake City School District Cornerstone

Where: 614 Silver St, Lake City, CO 81235, USA

Calendar of Grand Lodge Events

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Tue Sep 22, 2020

7pm OV @ Centurion Lodge No. 195

Video call: <https://meet.google.com/xmq-ajbc-rqj>

Where: 18275 Furrow Rd, Monument, CO 80132, USA

Description: 6:00pm meet at the Lodge 6:20 pm Dinner \$10..00 Grand Master is Free 7:00 pm stated communication with OV and awards. RSVP to Jim Barager teenajim1@aol.com

Wed Sep 23, 2020

6pm Garfield Lodge No. 50 Miners' Night

Where: 2029 Highway 66, Longmont, CO 80504,

Description: Dinner @ 6:00pm Lodge @ 7:00pm We would like to sincerely invite you to our 138th anniversary meeting called "Miner's Night" in honor of the occupation of the brothers who founded our lodge, coal miners from Eric, CO. Minutes of the meeting 100 years ago are normally read and our presentation of a "Silent" 3rd Degree in recognition of all our departed Masonic brethren. The meeting will be preceded by a dinner. The Grand Master and members of his party from the Grand Lodge are our guests for the dinner. Dinner will be served at approximately 6:00 PM and lodge will open at approximately 7:00 PM. RSVP John Culler, Secretary @ jmc2185a@comcast.net

Thu Sep 24, 2020

6:15pm OV @ St. Vrain Lodge No. 23

Where: 312 Main St, Longmont, CO 80501,

Description: 6:15pm Dinner 7:30pm open meeting It is an OV with awards. RSVP with Mike Jones stvrain.23@gmail.com

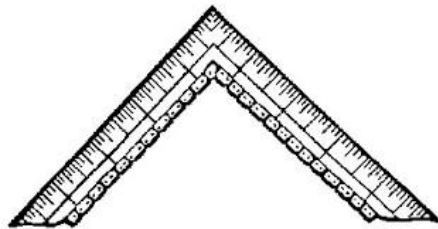


On July 9, 2020 I had the privilege as Grand Master to attend an open ceremony presenting service awards to three brothers of Montezuma Lodge 145 at the community center in Dolores, Colorado. The ceremony was held in the evening, outdoors, and it was a beautiful evening with wonderful fellowship. I had the opportunity to speak with Worshipful Brother Ron Kimmi, Past Master of the lodge in 2019 who related a remarkable story. W.B. Kimmi told me he had had several strokes while in the officer line, I believe the number was five. W.B. Ron further stated he used his study of the ritual to recover his ability to speak. He related the following story and I asked him to send me an email which, with minor edits, I share by his permission:

“My nephew had called me to tell me his dad was not doing good he had not been able to talk for a month, he had a stroke, so I asked if he could hold the phone. I started to tell him what I had been doing and got no response, so told him about my lodge work, he too was a Master Mason. I told him I was moving up in the lodge; I was now Senior Deacon and studying hard on the Junior, Senior, and Masters parts and trying to learn the staircase lecture, I heard him say I know that and he started saying the lecture. I had my book open because I had been studying when they called, he was spot on. When he finished my nephew got back on the phone: he said I don't know what you said but dad's face lit up and he started talking. He went to the doctor the next day and doc said it was deep in his brain from learning and studying that's all it took was talking about it to jog him. I just call it a God wink.”

Brethren, I don't know about you, but I found Worshipful Brother Kimmi's story a remarkable testimony to the power of God. The next time your are working to learn a part of the ritual and you doubt your ability or wonder whether it is worth the effort you might want to think about W.B. Kimmi and his brother in Kansas who both overcame physical infirmity with the wonderful words of the craft, one in learning it, one by recalling deep seated lessons learned years before.

David L. Coberly
Grand Master of Masons in Colorado - 2020



“Always do right. This will gratify some people, and astonish the rest.”
Mark Twain (Brother Samuel Langhorne Clemens)

“Man – A creature made at the end of the week's work when God was tired.”
Mark Twain (Brother Samuel Langhorne Clemens)



Update from Your Education Committee

Since the Great Toilet Paper Shortage of 2020 began, Colorado Freemasonry has taken on a new look. While nothing will ever take place of seeing each other in person, the Education Committee quickly shifted to an online model to provide an alternative venue for Colorado Masonry.

In March we rolled out a Virtual Education Meeting to provide our members a source for live video presentations on a variety of subjects to continue in their Masonic development, followed by an Open Discussion to connect with other Masons from around the state. We average over 80 Masons in attendance, representing 30-40 different Lodges from around the state.

We are now providing these calls on a “Monthly Basis” on the 3rd Thursday at 7:00pm. You can register for the meetings by logging in to the Members website at <http://www.members.grandlodgeofcolorado.org/>.

The new Members site is a central resource point for all things Masonic in Colorado. There you’ll be able to access all the Grand Lodge Forms and Resources, Grand Masters Newsletter and Schedule, refined Lodge Locator, as well as over 90 hours of Masonic Lectures in video format and a true first for Colorado Masonry, a video education course for Entered Apprentices, designed to assist the local Lodge efforts in introducing our new members to the Craft.

The site is secured to ensure only Masons have access. The first time there, you’ll need to register, by clicking “Request Access” and completing the form. Once approved you will be notified by email, and you’ll have complete access based on your degree and office held.

Update on the 2020 Masonic Symposium

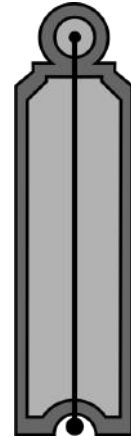
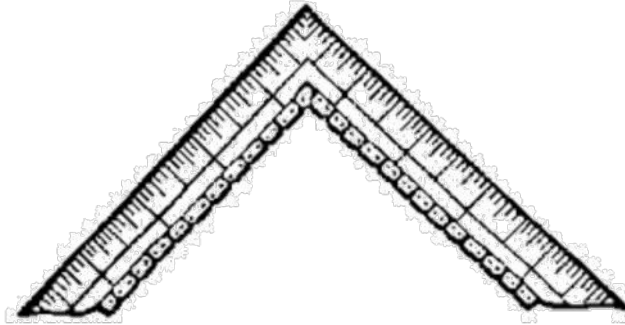
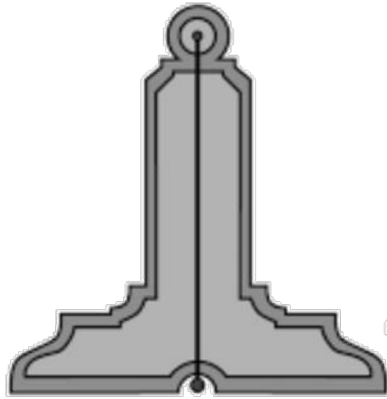
After much consideration, we have decided to cancel this year’s Symposium for the protection and safety of our brethren. We are currently looking at providing an online alternative to continue the efforts of Masonic development. Additional information will be provided as this develops. We look forward to seeing you at the 2021 Masonic Symposium.

On behalf of the Committee, we hope you and your families stay safe and healthy during these challenging times.

Fraternally,

Dave Williams
Chairman, Grand Lodge Education Committee





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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1ST ANNUAL IRON HORSE RIDE

SUPPORTS KIOWA MASONIC LODGE 116

SATURDAY AUG 15, 2020

START LOCATION

Newcomb House
10965 S. Pikes Peak Dr
Parker, CO 80138

END LOCATION

Kiowa Lodge 116
304 Pawnee Street
Kiowa, CO 80117



ALL RIDERS WELCOME!
SIGN-UP AT NEWCOMB HOUSE: 9AM
KICKSTANDS UP: 10AM
LUNCH & HANGOUT: 12PM on

\$35 DONATION PER BIKE
\$5 FOR 2ND RIDER
PROCEEDS SUPPORT KIOWA LODGE 116
MORE INFO AND OPTIONAL RSVP VISIT:
[Facebook.com/Kiowa116](https://www.facebook.com/Kiowa116)



IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE RIDE AT THE KIOWA LODGE!

BURGERS/BRATS/CHIPS/SODA



FREE SWAG



MUSIC AND CORNHOLE



TOUR THE MASONIC LODGE





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

Your Grand Lodge Office has resumed normal operations.
However, we request minimal traffic to reduce the risk of
COVID-19 infection. Thank you.

