

Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Colorado AF&AM

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From the Desk of the Grand



Greetings Brethren All,

As we enter the end of this calendar year I reflect back to the aspirations, expectations and concerns of a year ago. In no way could I anticipate the year that followed 2019, nor, I submit, could any of the rest of us. In thinking on the radical changes our society has undergone with wide ranging pandemic restrictions, and unrest across our great land, I find it useful to focus instead on the constants of our craft. We may have found it necessary to suspend in-person meetings and use creative means to conduct the business of our lodges, but the fraternity endures. Let us remember the craft has not succumbed to multiple wars, epidemics, or tyrannical oppression.

The month of December holds the celebration of the feast of St. John, the Evangelist, one of two patron saints of Freemasonry, the other being St. John the Baptist. John the Evangelist is also known as the Apostle John and John the Theologian. While we observe the feast day on December 27, the Eastern Orthodox Church (The

Orthodox Catholic Church, not to be confused with the Roman Catholic Church), Greek Orthodox Church, and the Russian Orthodox Church observe the feast with elaborate ceremony on September 26.

In early Freemasonry in England December 27th held importance in many of the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland, including the Grand Lodge of All England, located in York, which elected its president on December 27 up until 1725 when the title was changed to Grand Master. The Antient Grand Lodge of England also elected its Grand Master on that date. When the Antients and the Moderns merged to become the United Grand Lodge of England in 1813 it was on the day of the feast of St. John the Evangelist.

To those of the Christian faith our patron was one of the great pillars of the church after the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. When the disciples determined to spread their faith throughout the known world it was John's destiny by drawn lot to travel to Asia Minor. His journey was fraught with the danger of travel by sea at the time, and he was imprisoned on the Isle of Patmos by the Emperor Domitian who he enraged by his claims of Christ being a

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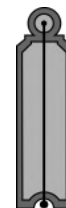
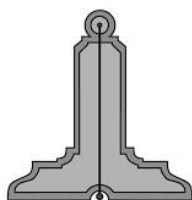
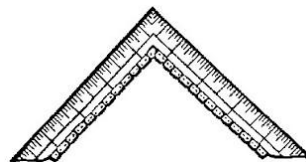
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greater power than any worldly being. John proceeded to win over the population of the island and convert them to Christianity. When a new emperor, Trajan, came to power he summoned John much to the distress of his following in Patmos. John is believed to be the only one of the apostles who lived a natural life span.

Whatever your faith, remember in whom you put your trust when you began your Masonic journey. Know that He will not fail you and no trial or tribulation is too great a burden to bear when you are upheld in His strength.

I wish you the very best in the coming holiday season. Let us all practice with diligence the tenets of our craft, brotherly love, relief, and truth; bidding all men of good will peace, harmony and prosperity.

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



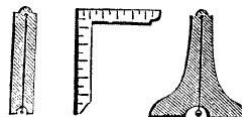
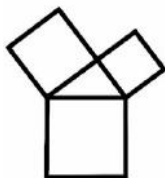
Calendar of Grand Lodge Events

Scheduled events are subject to change or cancellation and attendance may be limited due to ongoing public health orders.

******* ATTENTION *******

The current governmental restrictions in effect for COVID-19 preclude an in-person Annual Communication for the Grand Lodge of Colorado. Efforts are underway to evaluate alternatives, to include a virtual meeting, to allow for the conduct of the minimum essential business of the Grand Lodge. Further details will be provided to all Freemasons with an email address registered in the Grand Lodge database when they are available.

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Song of St. John*

By Robert Morris

HOW BLEST IS THE HOME
WHERE THE BROTHERHOOD COME!
HOW CHARMING THE TIME AND OCCASION!
THE, LOVE THAT WAS BORN,
IN THE HEART OF SAINT JOHN.
NOW WARMS UP THE HEART OF EACH MASON.

IT IS YOU, SIR, AND YOU,
FRIENDLY BROTHERS AND TRUE,
NO MATTER WHAT MAY BE YOUR STATION,
ON THE LEVEL OUR WAY,
WE ARE EQUAL TO-DAY,
FOR I, SIR, WITH YOU, AM A MASON!

THIS LOVE THAT WAS BORN
IN THE HEART OF ST. JOHN,
IS THE BOND OF A CHARMING CONNECTION;
THROUGH GOOD, AND THROUGH ILL,
IT ABIDES WITH ME STILL,
AND MAKES ME THANK GOD I'M A MASON.

WHEN IN THE LODGE MET,
AND THE OFFICERS SET,
'TIS OF DUTY AND PLEASURE THE SEASON,
AH! GLADLY IS GIVEN
TO THE FATHER IN HEAVEN,
THE PRAISES DEVOUT OF EACH MASON.

WHEN LABOR IS DONE,
AND THE BROTHERHOOD GONE,
DO YOU THINK THAT OUR SECRETS WE BLAZON?

Song of St. John*
By Robert Morris
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**NO! NO, 'TIS THE JOY
OF OUR MYSTIC EMPLOY,
THAT WE TELL THEM TO NONE BUT A MASON.**

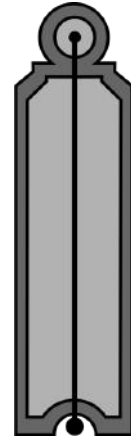
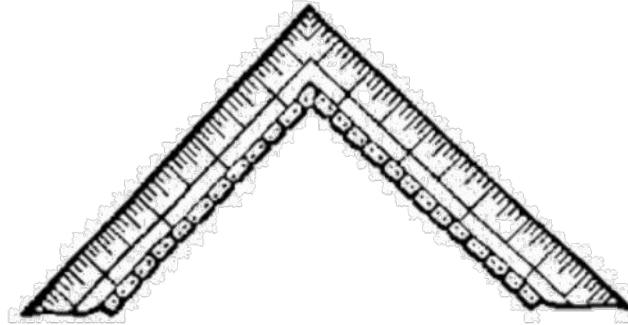
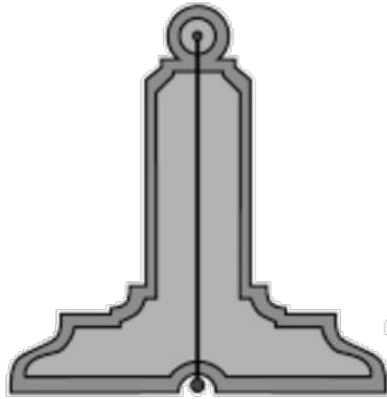
**FOR 'TIS THIS WE DO LEARN,
FROM OUR PATRON ST. JOHN
THE PRIDE, OF THIS CHARMING OCCASION,
THAT THE TONGUE THAT CONCEALS
AND NEVER REVEALS,
IS THE VERY BEST THING FOR A MASON!**

**THEN, LADY AND SIR,
WHILE WE STOUTLY AVER,
IN OUR SECRETS WE'LL NEVER WORK TREASON,
THE RULES WE PROFESS
ARE THE SAME THAT DID GRACE
OUR PATRON ST. JOHN, THE FREEMASON.**

**AND WHILE TO HIS NAME
WE MAY BOLDLY LAY CLAIM,
TO HIS GRACE WE'LL CLING TILL DEATH'S SEASON,
AND THEN LO THE BOURNE;
WHERE HIS SPIRIT HAS GONE,
WE'LL HIE US WITH EVERY GOOD MASON.**

*There is no indication whether this poem was intended as a tribute to St. John the Evangelist or St. John the Baptist. The sentiment seems worthy of either. I deem it apropos to include it here as we approach St. John's feast day, December 27,2020.

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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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Due to governmental restrictions your Grand Lodge Office is limiting the office to one person at a time and no outside visitors. Thank you.

