



# Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Colorado AF&AM



## From the Desk of the Grand Master

Greetings Brethren  
All,

Let us be thankful that the month of May brings with it an easing of some of the restrictions we have endured due to COVID-19. Let us also be wary of resuming a normal routine when the pandemic is very much ongoing. There are positive trends for which we all are grateful, but the number of cases and fatalities continues to grow across the jurisdiction. We need to continue to diligently practice social distancing and follow the guidelines set forth to wear masks, frequent hand washing, continue to stay at home and evaluate your activities based on whether they are necessary as opposed to desirable. To quote a Past Grand Master of this jurisdiction "There is no such thing as emergency Masonry". I assure you no one is more anxious to resume the normal Masonic activities than I am. I continually monitor the data available regarding the virus from multiple sources and review information and directives from the White House task force, the

governor of Colorado, and the Colorado Department of Health and Environment. Freemasons have weathered many storms, the craft has waxed and waned in popularity, nothing has or will ever supplant it in the hearts and lives of the true practitioner.

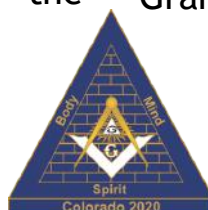
I am encouraged by the number of lodges making use of digital meeting spaces to conduct education and meet informally. Brothers are enjoying conversations and interacting despite the constraints we are under. Look around and find a meeting to join or start a conversation of your own. There are numerous topics suitable for a non-tiled setting but relevant to the craft. Test your knowledge, share your views, learn and teach a topic you find of interest.

May the Supreme Architect of the Universe guide and protect us, our families, and our nation as we strive to overcome the trials we face.

"A friend loveth at all times, and a brother is born for adversity".  
Proverbs 17:17, K.J.V.

Fraternally,

David L. Coberly  
Grand Master of Masons in Colorado





# 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).

**Mon Jun 15, 2020**

**All day Blue Lodge Night at the Denver Consistory**

**Where:** 1370 Grant St, Denver, CO 80203, USA

**Description:** More details to follow

*“Men are not prisoners of fate but only prisoners of their own minds.”*

*Brother Franklin Delano Roosevelt*

**Tue Jun 16, 2020**

**6:30pm OV @ Northglenn Lodge No. 194 & Boulder No. 14**

**Where:** 2255 Lake Ave, Thornton, CO 80241, USA

**Description:** 6:30 pm Dinner 7:30 pm Open Communication RSVP to Jason Roberts Secretary of Northglenn Lodge by Tuesday, June 9th, 2020 @ northglenn194secretary@gmail.com or @ 303- 503-9571.

**Wed Jun 17, 2020**

**6:30pm OV & Awards @ Idaho Springs Lodge No. 26**

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

**Description:** 6:30 pm Dinner 7:30 pm Lodge Meeting RSVP to Bill Skewes @ bill@skewes.com or @ 303-674-4141.

*“You cannot depend on your eyes when your imagination is out of focus.”*

*Brother Samuel Langhorne Clemens*



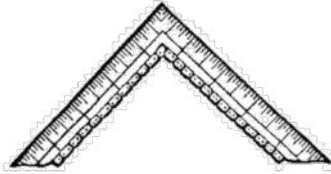
*“And those who were seen dancing were thought to be insane by those who could not hear the music.”*

*Fredrich Nietzsche*



# Effect of Pandemics on Freemasonry

Brethren, here are some articles that our Deputy Grand Master found regarding how the Spanish Flu affected Freemasonry

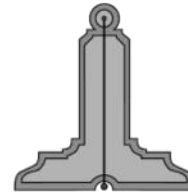


**TO ALL MASONIC BODIES OF THE**  
District of Columbia: In advance of official notice I am authorized by the Health Officer to announce that owing to the prevalence of Spanish influenza in the District of Columbia the meetings of all Masonic bodies will be discontinued until further notice.

A. W. JOHNSTON,  
Grand Secretary.

**H** EALTH conditions in Washington, necessitating extraordinary action on the part of the authorities, have resulted in a ban upon all meetings until further orders. Authoritative action has been taken which will postpone all scheduled and special meetings and events heretofore announced in connection therewith by the following organizations:

All Masonic bodies of the York rite, all the local bodies of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States, the Order of the Eastern Star, the Improved Order of Red Men, the Knights of Columbus (including the annual vesper service), the Woman's Benefit Association of the Maccabees, the Daughters of America and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

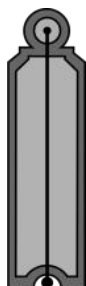


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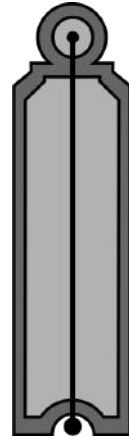
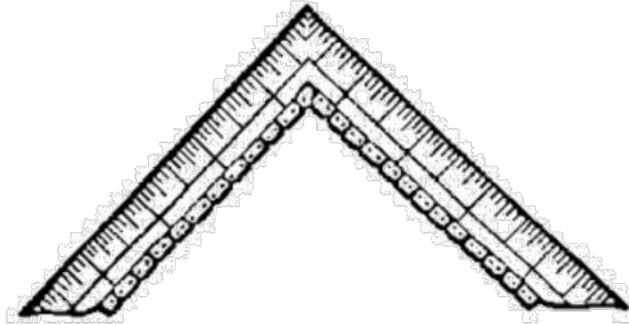
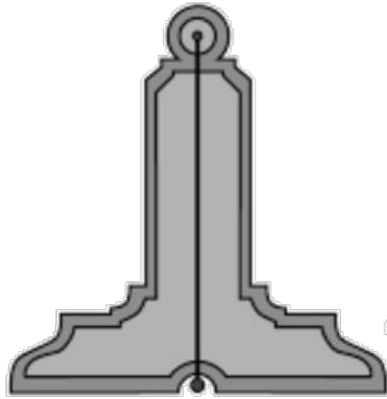
The following communication to the constituent lodges has been sent out from the office of Grand Secretary A. W. Johnston:

"Owing to the alarming spread of Spanish influenza in the District of Columbia, by order of the health officer the communications of the constituent lodges will be discontinued until further notice.

"The grand visitations that are scheduled for dates that may fall within the period of suspension will also be dispensed with. Secretaries and treasurers, however, will submit their books for examination by the grand secretary and the grand treasurer as usual, and masters are requested to authorize the issue of warrants for the payment of the dues of their lodges to the grand lodge, which are payable this month."







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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SOCIAL MEDIA, AND WITH YOUR FRIENDS AND  
ACQUAINTANCES ABOUT A NEW WEBSITE ABOUT  
MASONRY: [BEAFREEMASON.ORG](http://BEAFREEMASON.ORG)**

Your Grand Lodge Office has been operating remotely in accordance with the directives of the governor's office and Colorado Department of Health and Environment. Beginning on or about May first the office will begin a phased approach to normal operations with staff alternating times in the office and working remotely at other times to maintain separation and social distancing. Please respect the health and safety of the office staff by not visiting the office in person at this time. Thank you.

