

# MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF COLORADO AF&AM

## From the Desk of the Grand Master



Greetings Brethren All,

As I write to you the weather has begun its transition to fall, though I am certain we still have some hot dry days ahead here on the front range. With that transition students are turning to education, in many cases in a vastly different form than was the norm a year ago. So, too, are our lodges returning from traditionally being dark for the summer to uncertain circumstances or changed meeting parameters due to COVID-19. I commend the brethren who are creatively seeking alternatives to include requesting dispensation to move their charters and meet on ranches or rural areas where

social distancing may be maintained, and work performed free of cowens and eavesdroppers. A few of our lodges are fortunate to have large halls where there is no issue with work being performed following with reasonable precautions. If the lodge leadership has questions regarding acceptable practices do not hesitate to reach out to your district lecturer, your Grand Lodge liaison officer, or myself.

The delayed budget session is currently scheduled to take place on Saturday, October 3, 2020. Details regarding the schedule for the day will be forthcoming. Please note the meeting has been moved to the Hotel Eleganté, 2886 South Circle Drive, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80906. The relocation was necessitated to provide adequate space for the number of expected attendees while allowing for social

distancing. Please recognize this planned meeting is subject to governmental constraints and is subject to change to comply with those restrictions. In Edict Number Six I indicated each committee would have one representative carrying proxies for the other two votes. It has been brought to my attention that only lodges may have proxies, therefore each committee will be allowed to have three voting delegates at the session. Please pay close attention to communication from the Grand Lodge office regarding this important event.

Many of our brethren in the western part of the state are experiencing the impact of what has become the largest forest fire in the history of Colorado. Our thoughts are with them in these trials. If you or a brother needs



assistance due to the conflagration do not hesitate to go through the lodge to seek benevolent assistance: providing relief to a distressed worthy brother is one of our charges.

May the Grand Architect of the Universe continue to guide and protect all Freemasons whither so ever dispersed. Follow the tenets of the craft, be circumspect in your thoughts, words, and actions, live a life worthy to be called a Brother Freemason.

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.**

### **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. 7:00 pm stated communication with OV and awards. RSVP to Jim Barager [teenajim1@aol.com](mailto:teenajim1@aol.com)

### **Thu Sep 24, 2020**

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

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

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

### **Tue Oct 6, 2020**

6pm OV @ Montrose Lodge No. 63

Where: 187 Rose Ln, Montrose, CO 81401, USA

Description: 6:00pm dinner 7:00pm Lodge Meeting Please RSVP to Bill Nickell [bbnickell1234@gmail.com](mailto:bbnickell1234@gmail.com).

### **Wed Oct 7, 2020**

6pm OV @ Weston Lodge No. 22

Where: 5718 S Rapp St, Littleton, CO 80120, USA

Description: 6:00pm Dinner 7:00pm Stated Communication with open meeting to follow 50 and 70 year awards RSVP to Thayne Coulter [stc105@msn.com](mailto:stc105@msn.com)



## Freemasonry's Support of Public Education

Have you wondered about the importance of public education in the eyes of Freemasonry? We need look no further than Thomas Jefferson to understand the essential necessity of an educated public to the continuance of the republic.

**"I know no safe depository of the ultimate powers of the society but the people themselves; and if we think them not enlightened enough to exercise their control with a wholesome discretion, the remedy is not to take it from them, but to inform their discretion by education. This is the true corrective of abuses of constitutional power." -- Thomas Jefferson to William C. Jarvis, 1820. ME 15:278**

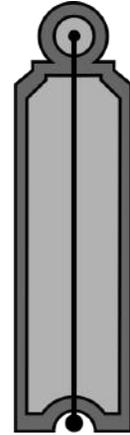
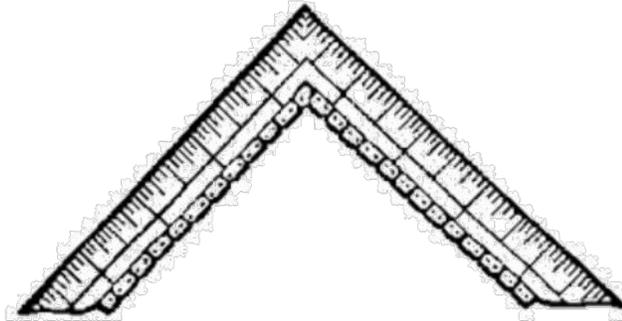
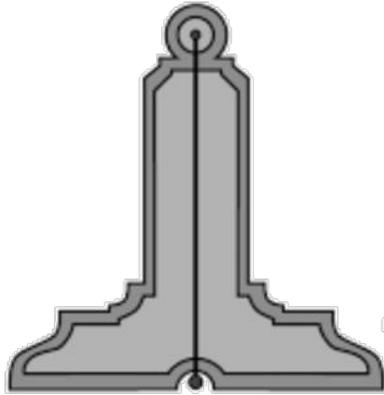
I cannot help but think Jefferson had a different concept of education than we see in the public school system we see today. In many cases education in logic, critical thinking, reasoning, and objective analysis are absent from the classroom. As Masons I believe we owe it to ourselves and the future of our nation to put forth the effort to seek out facts and information, not soundbites and shaped narratives; to apply critical analysis to those facts and information, and make informed decisions when we exercise our right to vote on the issues and those who will represent us.

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

The Brotherhood of Man begins with the  
Manhood of the Brother.  
Br William N. Ponton

Freemasonry teaches not merely temperance,  
fortitude, prudence, justice, brotherly love, relief,  
and truth, but liberty, equality, and fraternity, and  
it denounces ignorance, superstition, bigotry, lust  
tyranny and despotism.  
Br Theodore Roosevelt





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

