



Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Colorado AF&AM

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From the Desk of the Grand Master



Our Grand Master ready to moderate the Annual Communication

Dear Brethren,

Well, our 1st virtual Annual Communication is now over. I think it stretched a number of our members technically and showed us that we can accomplish things we need to do. The Grand Lodge had not had a “step up night” for a meeting like this since 1993, twenty-eight years ago. Kudos to our tech team and our Grand Secretary who put it all together! We did reinvent the Masonic wheel for this to happen, but should we ever need to do something like this again; we have a lot done already to put it in place. Myself, I felt like I had two lodge secretaries working with me in the

meeting, instead of one. One for normal Grand Lodge business and one for the IT side of things.

The 160th Annual Communication showed a number of advances with how we disseminate information and in voting. The Election Runner program did all we asked it to do and gave us very timely results in our voting and could be an option for our Blue Lodges to use in future voting times. This year, all of the received annual reports were put on a cloud-based link instead of all of them being sent out to the Secretaries of the lodges. This one point for information will not have reports or information lost between the Grand Lodge office, the lodge Secretaries and the individual Brothers now. It also allows for 24/7/365 access to any reports found there. The reports this year showed us some interesting and useful information.



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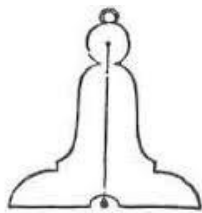
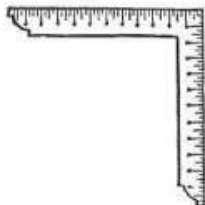
The passing of both the amendment to our Book of Constitutions and the Grand Master's Committee on Office Recommendations will help us with our future endeavors. While thinking of our last meeting, do continue to remember our Past Grand Master David Coberly in your prayers. He is home recovering.

Fraternally,

Michael D. Moore

Grand Master 2021

The 2021 Grand Master's pin is a reflection of a combination of the old Masonic lesson of the ladder; the current Grand Master's occupation as a house painter and his interest in one of his hobbies – astronomy. The colors chosen are our state's colors.



Calendar of Grand Lodge Events

To help your lodge plan your Official Visits and any dinners beforehand, please be aware that the Grand Master is not eating in public yet. This will change as restrictions and progress with the virus gets better.

Mon Mar 15, 2021

6pm 50 Year Award Presentation at Eureka Lodge No. 66

Where: 387 Main St, Florence, CO 81226, USA

Description: 6:00 pm - dinner 7:00 pm - Lodge

Thu Mar 18, 2021

7:30pm OV @ Douglas Lodge # 153

Where: 300 Wilcox St, Castle Rock, CO 80104, USA

Description: No Meal due to COVID-19 Limited on Space due to COVID-19

Sat Mar 20, 2021

11am Canon City Middle School Cornerstone

Where: 1215 Main St, Cañon City, CO 81212, USA

Description: Click this link for the flyer:<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1c9amqzbVtBNoP1Eclh8Fy-eBjEHwO3wN/view?usp=sharing>

1:30pm Canon City Elementary School Cornerstone

Where: 609 N 9th St, Cañon City, CO 81212, USA

Description: Click this link for the flyer:<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1c9amqzbVtBNoP1Eclh8Fy-eBjEHwO3wN/view?usp=sharing>

Band Camp News

To: The Most Worshipful Grand Master and Members of the Grand Lodge

The Colorado Masonic High School Band Camp Committee respectfully submits this report detailing the activities for the 2021 Masonic year. It is with deep regret that Band Camp will not be held this Summer due the COVID-19 Virus. The High School Band Students are not in Band classes.

The University is still not sure as to the precautions they will have to have to make in order to keep the students safe.

The Greeley Stampede Committee is not sure, at this time, if they will have a Parade.

It is our hope that we will be able to continue with the Band Camp in the Summer of 2022. For those lodges wishing to donate money at this time to get the Honor Lodge, please send your money to Jerry Fenimore, Grand Treasurer.

Marvin Feldman



Just Who Were Our Past Grand Masters?

The past Grand Masters of Colorado are a varied lot; some were farmers, miners, preachers, lawyers, poets, geologists, dentists, editors and civil officials. At least two, William Wright (born in Ireland) and Alphonse Burnand (from Switzerland) immigrated here. Our Grand Masters fought in all of our wars (serving on both sides during the Civil War) and helped us create the state we live in. A great story on Andrew Sagendorf! He came west not in good health and his partner and fellow Mason Oscar Lehow brought premade boards for his friend's casket should it be needed with them when he moved to Colorado. These unused planks were put unknown to Sagendorf in the bottom of his wagon and were used after their arrival to make the door of his double cabin when he did not die. One of our leaders was the youngest Grand Masters in the nation, James Peabody, was thirty-two years old at the time he was installed. A large number of these Most Worshipful Brothers were initiated in other states and then moved here because of work or the desire to come West. Here are some interesting facts on the Brothers who held our highest position in the state:

- The youngest Grand Master was Chase Withrow – 27 years old; Master of his lodge at 24, lived to be 91 and was a mason for almost 70 years.
- We had only one Grand Master expelled, Frank Bishop, who was Grand Master in 1919.
- Henry Teller was the Secretary of the Interior for President Chester Arthur, senator for six years and Grand Master for seven years! (1863, 67- 72)
- Webster Anthony was twice Grand Master (1873 & 74), Secretary to first territorial governor (1861), clerk for 1st judicial district, treasurer of Arapahoe County, elected to the legislature, and first Speaker of the House and was secretary to the convention that formed the constitution of our state's government!
- Oren Henry was the director and later superintendent of the Colorado Central Railroad.
- Rodger Woodbury was first president of Denver Chamber of Commerce, first president of Denver Public Library.
- Byron Carr was a member of Colorado Convention, elected Attorney General twice.

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- Lawrence Greenleaf was the publisher of the Square and Compass Magazine (1893-1917) and known as “poet laureate of Freemasonry”.
- Frank Church was elected to the legislature and was a senator, superintendent of Arapahoe County schools, county treasurer and held a position on Denver University’s executive committee.
- Andrew Sagendorf was the secretary to Governor John Evans and an early postmaster for Denver.
- James Peabody – treasurer, county recorder and mayor for Canon City; elected governor
- Albert Branch – secretary to Governor Grant, chief inspector of the post office for Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona and Utah, manager of Denver Gas and Electric.
- George Kimball – appointed Post Master for Golden by Presidents Grant and Hayes, was a county commissioner.
- William Todd – Vice President for President Ulysses Grant, Schuyler Colfax’s confidential secretary, elected to state legislature, introduced bill to start the State Historical and National Historical Society, treasurer for the society for thirty plus years and was at the impeachment trial of Andrew Johnson.
- Ernest Foster – state geologist
- John Maxwell – justice of Colorado Supreme Court
- William Wright – county judge for Denver
- George Roe – county commissioner for Canon City, designed library at University of Colorado (Boulder), Carnegie Library (Lamar) and sixty public school buildings in Colorado.
- Horace DeLong – state senator
- Joseph Milsom – superintendent of U.S. Mint in Denver
- James Killian – clerk for Supreme Court in Colorado
- Benjamin James – director of Denver Chamber of Commerce
- Charles Painter – owner of the Telluride Journal and Daily Journal
- John Haffy – justice of the peace, clerk of district court and county judge

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- George Musser – supreme court justice of Colorado
- Alfred McGaffey- secretary of state (1894), appointed by President Taft as supervisor for 1910 census
- William Pickerill- director of Durango public library and chamber of commerce
- Charles Dudley – El Paso County judge
- L. D. Crain – head of Mechanical Engineering College (Ft. Collins), president of chamber of commerce, secretary of parks
- Haslett Burke – Colorado Supreme Court judge
- Jesse Wiley – judge of 12th judicial district
- William Vaile – elected to congress, served five terms
- Frank Mirick – authority on juvenile court work, county judge for Pueblo County
- John Andrew – physician and surgeon, instructor of anatomy for University of Colorado (Boulder), Longmont hospital association’s president.
- Isaac Newson – dean of veterinary medicine, president of Colorado A & M, author
- Rueben Hershey – manager of safety and excise for the City and County of Denver
- Will Grisard – treasurer of Pueblo County
- George Luxford – county judge in Denver
- Howard Vaile – pioneer in telephone industry
- Charles Patton – clerk of district court, U.S. Marshall
- William Arthur – Dean of Washburn College Law School, taught law at University of Colorado (Boulder)
- Harry Baum – chief of staff at Children’s and Presbyterian hospitals in Denver, taught in the Medical School at University of Colorado
- Frank Knauss – state senator, district judge, Supreme Court judge, chief justice of Supreme Court of Colorado
- Benjamin Hillard – House of Representatives, chief justice of Supreme Court (Colorado)
- George Twombly – district and county judge
- Herschel Horn – vice president Colorado bar association, trustee University of Denver

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- John Clark – district judge
- Edwin Wittelsofer – president of Denver Bar association, received Colorado bar association's distinguished medal for his pioneering work in real estate title standards
- Olin Lee – president of Colorado Social Science Teachers Association
- Hubert Glover – County and District Judge
- Millard Ryan – chairman of State Agricultural Commission
- Clifford Gobble – District Judge, State Representative and State Senator
- Leon Synder – helped found South Park Historical Society
- Clarence Bartholic – Assistant Attorney General for Colorado, on U.S. Selective Service Board of Appeals (CO)
- Charles Thomas – Naval Advisory Board
- Stewart Shafer – Civilian Attorney for War Department, president Denver Bar Association, probate judge
- William Gobin – served in Judge Advocate General Corps, rank of Major, and county judge
- Dean Mabry – instructor for Army Intelligence School, District Judge, Mayor and District Attorney
- Edward Martin – president of Colorado Director's Funeral Association, organized Mesa County Society for Crippled Children and Adults
- Jess Gern – navigation instructor WWII, college professor teaching speech and drama
- Lloyd Jamerson- Chief of Detectives and chief Investigator for District Attorney's office
- David Corlett – flight instructor WWII
- Norm Hoff served as a Armed Forces Intelligence Training manager
- Harry English taught at Maryland and American Universities, was a consultant for Eisenhower Administration, a Colonel in Air Force, the Director of playgrounds in Washington D.C.
- Dwight Hamilton –was the law clerk for a former chief justice of Colorado Supreme Court

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- Don Smith, Jr. was a assistant Attorney general, a district judge and was on state Court of Appeals
- Guy Hurst was a Brigadier General
- James Aycock was a colonel, assigned to Aerospace Defense Command
- Robert Bartholic was an Inspector General, Brigade Commander and Staff Judge Advocate, retired as Colonel.
- Steven Munsinger – appointed to the Bench, District Court Judge
- Claud Dutro was a Colonel in the National Guard
- Richard Schmidt was a school administrator for twenty-five years

These are individuals who stood out in our state because of their actions and all doing the great work. And in the first nineteen of them, their average age of being a Grand Master was thirty-five years old. I want to strongly make the point that we as a fraternity have made great contributions to the settlement, organization and running of the state of Colorado. We were involved in the founding of towns, the first educational efforts, in charitable groups and starting of the legal systems of the state. Where will I fit in with all these? That is a question that every newly made Grand Master asks. Time will tell.

**The strength of Freemasonry
is in its loyalty to each other.**
Vasilios Karpos



**Freemasonry embraces the highest moral
laws and will bear the test of any system
of ethics or philosophy ever promulgated
for the uplift of man.**
Douglas McArthur



Are you getting a Colorado Income Tax Refund?

Why not donate part of your refund to Colorado Rainbow Grand Assembly.

Beginning in 2020, you may donate part of your Colorado Income Tax refund to the eligible charity of your choice. And your choice can be Colorado IORG!!!!

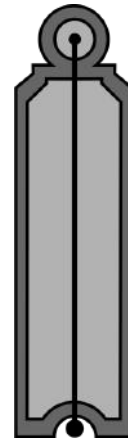
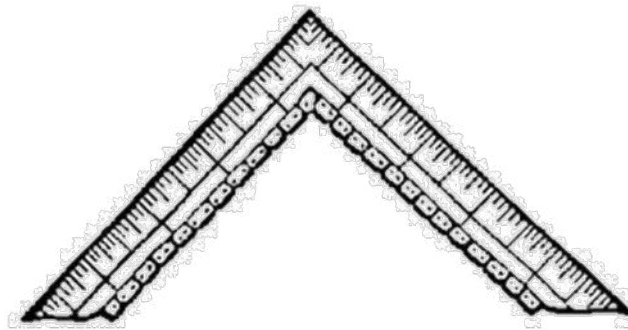
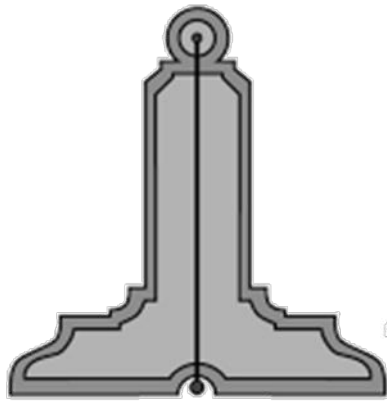
Here is how you do it:

- Use Colorado Tax form DR0104CH
- In Line 19 (on back of form) enter amount to donate
- Under Line 19 enter Registration Number: **20083005635**
- Next Line enter Name of Organization: **International Order of the Rainbow Colorado Grand Assembly** See example below, Note must be as listed no abbreviations.

19. Donate to a Colorado Nonprofit Fund	• 19
• Enter the 11-digit Secretary of State Registration Number for the Registered Charitable Organization	
20083005635	
• Enter the Name of the Registered Charitable Organization	
International Order of the Rainbow Colorado Grand Assembly	
20. Total of lines 1 through 19. This cannot exceed the amount on line 37 on the DR 0104.	• 20

Submit the completed Colorado Tax form DR0104CH with your Colorado Tax form.

This information is also posted on our Public Facebook page "[Colorado IORG - International Order of the Rainbow for Girls](#)" and our web page www.iorgcolorado.org so please share this with your friends!



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

Due to governmental restrictions your Grand Lodge Office is limiting the office to one person at a time and no outside visitors. The staff is alternating days in the office but when not in the office they will be working from home Thank you.

