

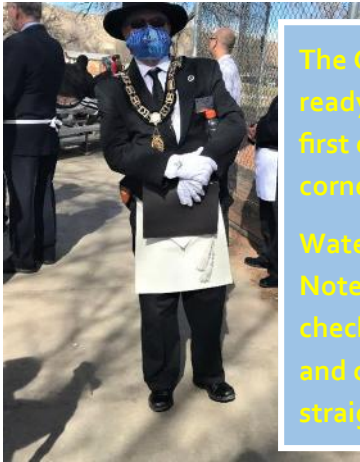


# Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Colorado AF&AM

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## From the Desk of the Grand Master



The Grand Master ready to go before the first of two cornerstones.

Water bottle – check.  
Notes – check. Gavel – check. Socks matching and collar almost straight.

heated and cooled with no work on our part, the indoor toilets that empty themselves, hot and cold running water, how we light our rooms with electricity and the ease of communication we have. All things which we take for granted.

We have a long three hundred year history that was recently celebrated. Through the ages, Freemasonry has done a fairly good job of keeping what made us special and adding to it what was effective and useful. There have been some small changes in ritual and some modification to the lodge floor’s layout, but our core part – who we are and what we believe in, has always stayed the same.

This last year, we have changed once again how we did things (with virtual meetings and a restricted in person budget meeting) yet it worked. We learned some things along the way, found out that we do truly know how to adapt

### My Dear Brothers,

I always wonder what our historic Brothers would think of our lodges today and wonder if what they see would be positive or negative. Yes, they would note small differences in how we do our work, some surprising pieces of furniture and all the advancements in our society; but I think they for the most part would feel at home after the initial shock. They would enjoy and wonder at how our lodges are



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and still be who we are. The future will be the future. And we have shown ourselves to be resilient and still strong. I think our Masonic forefathers would like that in us and would have their own stories to go with ours on change and adaptation.

Our buildings, business meetings, hair styles and trends in how we dress may continue to change, but our basic themes and principles will always be the same. And if we were transported into the future ourselves and experienced what that time and Masonry had to offer; I think we would probably be able to say that we understood what was going on in the ritual, be surprised at the technical advances they have and still know all the various parts in some form. That maybe what is Freemasonry's second-best thing. Continuity. Changing and at the same time being consistent in who and what we are. What is Masonry's first thing? Unifying men, from all backgrounds and

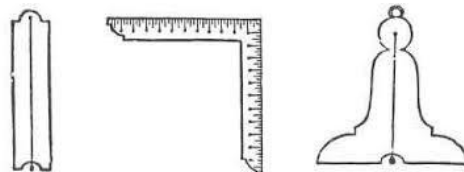
training them to think different than what our modern society so freely promotes and giving them an experience that will change them forever. We are in some ways a leadership school, a peer group and a guide to self improvement; along with teaching our members about the flow of history, science and the arts.

Hundreds of years of learning on how best to encourage and teach men to improve themselves and not be caught up in political and religious agendas or classified by just a one simple label has benefited us and all around us. It is easily seen in our ritual how Brothers in the past have tried not be labeled as any specific leaning (religious or political), but a blend of all good things that transcend what was going on around them. Our future will be what we make it. And our future starts now, from the time you read this completely; history has happened and the future is ever just before us. What do you

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want our group to be like? How do you want others to view us? And what can we (or insert the word “you”) do to make all this happen? Those are all good questions.

Fraternally,  
**Michael D. Moore**  
**Grand Master 2021**



# Calendar of Grand Lodge Events

To help your lodge plan your Official Visits please note that activities will change as restrictions and progress with the virus gets better, or worse .

## Fri May 7, 2021

### 11am Cornerstone Yuma City Hall

Where: 320 S Main St, Yuma, CO 80759, USA

Description: Lunch will either be served in Yuma or Wray.

### 1:45pm Cornerstone Wray School District

Where: 30160 County Rd 35, Wray, CO 80758, USA

Description: Lunch will be in Wray or Yuma.

## Wed May 12, 2021

### 7:00 PM Award Night at Garfield Lodge No. 50

Where: 2029 CO-66, Longmont, CO 80504, USA

## Sat May 15, 2021

### 11:30am OV @ Pueblo Lodges No. 31, 17, 95 & 196

Where: 126 Broadway Ave, Pueblo, CO 81004, USA

Description: 11:30am - Lunch prepared by Eastern Star Chapter as fund raiser \$15.00 each. RSVP to Brian Bate @ [bbate@pueblo.us](mailto:bbate@pueblo.us). 12:30pm - Open Meeting

## Tue May 25, 2021

### 6pm OV @ Centurion Lodge No. 195

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

Description: 6:00 PM Dinner 7:00 PM Lodge Opens



# Calendar of Grand Lodge Events (Continued)

**Sat May 29, 2021**

**12pm Fort Morgan Cornerstone**

**Where:** 1239 E Kiowa Ave, Fort Morgan, CO 80701, USA

**Description:** Lunch will be served by Oasis Lodge at 12:00pm 405 Main Street, Fort Morgan, CO 80701 The Ceremony will be held at 2:00pm

**Sat Jun 5, 2021**

**12pm Johnstown Cornerstone**

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

**Description:** More details to follow.



The Grand Lodge officers had a great time doing two cornerstones for Mt Moriah Lodge #15 in Canon City this last month. Kudos to the lodge for hosting these events and showing us a fine time. (Picture by WB Bill Klátil)

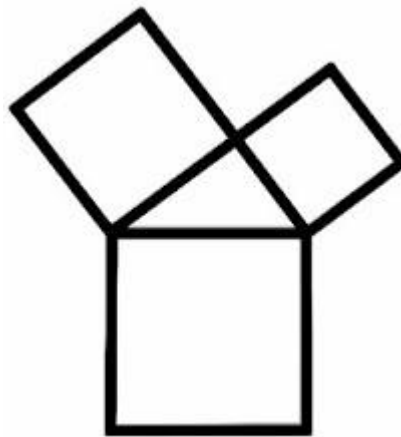
# Lost and Found



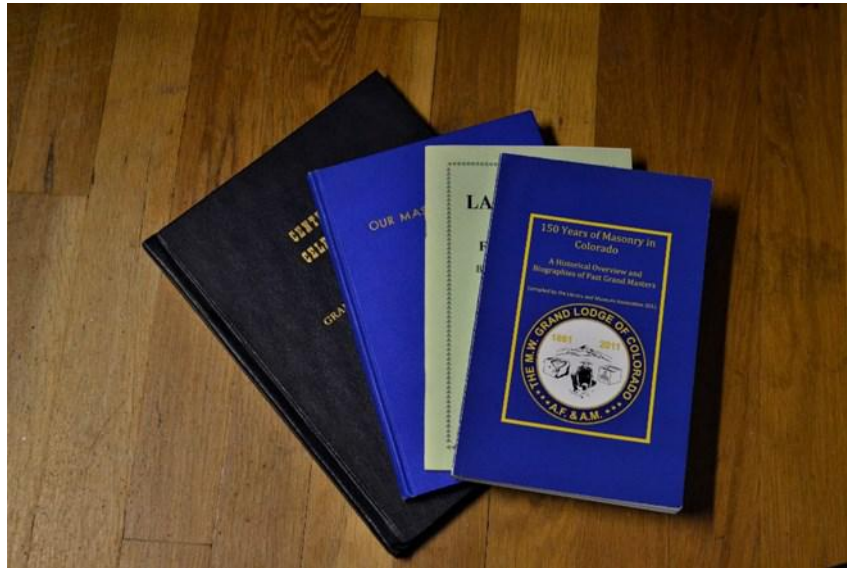
The Grand Master has come to have in his possession a “well traveled” Worshipful Master’s gavel. This very nice, old gavel has told me some story on how it found itself 250 miles away from its normal home and something about being in a meeting with our Traveling Gavel and the next thing it



knew it had a new home in the Denver area. Since I have heard from both sides (each of the lodges involved) on how it arrived where it did, I can say you only need to ask a few Brothers who know or were involved with this event for more information on what happened. I want to assure the home lodge of this gavel that it is in good shape and is being well cared for. Since the time I came into its possession, it has been used and added to the rotating set of gavels I use. It has opened Grand Lodge for two cornerstones and been used in a few Official Visits. I understand that a certain Brother from its home lodge would like to ransom it back. I understand that he came into possession of a Worshipful Master’s gavel from a lodge in the Denver area. I think it is time for this well-loved gavel to come home and will present it back to its home lodge when I do their Official Visit, if not before. And I accept his offer for the gavel he has to be exchanged for this one. I am sure that lodge’s Master will be happy to have it back too.



## Recommendations for Reading from our GM



**For those who are interested in our Masonic history, here are a few books to find and look at:**

*The Laying of the Cornerstone of Masonry in Colorado*, William C. Matthews, Lodges of Gilpin County, 1923, soft sided pamphlet. 20 pages.

*Our Masonic History*, George B. Clark, Grand Lodge of Colorado, 1936 small hardback, 96 pages.

*Centennial Celebration 1861 – 1961*, Centennial Committee, 1961, Grand Lodge of Colorado, hard back, 180 pages.

*150 years of Masonry in Colorado*, Library and Museum Committee, Grand Lodge of Colorado, 2011, paperback, 166 pages.

# 80 Year Award!

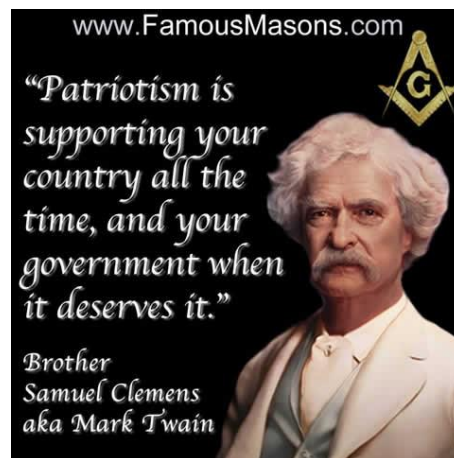
It was a special evening on April 8th, when myself and a number of the Grand Lodge officers were a part of 80 year presentation for Brother Leland Lockett at Brighton Lodge #78. None of us could remember presenting an award like this before. Those in attendance heard some great stories about him and his family. Brother Leland is 107 years old and doing well!





## Courtesy Work

Our Grand Lodge was also asked by the Grand Lodge of Ohio to do a courtesy presentation for one of their members who lives in Denver, this last month. Brother John Houser, who is 98 years old, living with his son in Englewood, was presented with a 75 year plaque and pin from the Grand Lodge in Ohio by our Grand Master on April 10th. It is always interesting to hear Brothers talk about their lives, how they came to Colorado and their Masonic life since then. Brother John informed me that he has a lead for us, a grandson of a friend is interested in finding out more about our Fraternity, too.



## From our Youth Groups

[This year, we are trying something different in our Grand Lodge level committees. I asked the question when planning for my year (should I be elected)- why do we not have direct representatives of the ladies' youth groups on our Grand Lodge Youth Committee? The usual answers came up: Well, we have never done it like this before. Members have to be male, Master Masons. And I don't know. I found out that we do have a small number of faithful, hard working women on various committees and made the change to have direct representatives from Job's Daughters and Rainbow Girls on this committee. We welcome April Allen and Kim Fairchild as members of this committee and wish them all success. Yes, we did update our website banner with a collage of pictures stating who we are as Freemasons – people. And a few of these used are of our youth groups!]

### Job's Daughters

Colorado Job's Daughters have been staying active with their bethels and members around the state through many Zoom meetings and activities in the last 12 months. We have had many fun meetings and activities both on Zoom and in person when possible. The young ladies have also been taking advantage of joining other bethels around the world in meetings, initiations, and fun activities. We are looking forward to the next Grand Bethel meeting, which will be a virtual meeting with the monthly family game day to follow the meeting. Our Grand Session is going to be a little different this year but will be a fun time for all the girls with options of being in person or virtual attendance. The girls' enthusiasm and love of Job's Daughters has kept our organization alive and thriving during the last 12 months of uncertainty and they are ready to meet every new obstacle with excitement.

Kim Fairchild

### DeMolay

Colorado DeMolay is staying active to make sure we're doing all we can during these times to offer our members the best DeMolay experience possible! We also have many programs in place to encourage our members to recruit young men to partake in the fun and brotherhood as well! We're doing all of this while staying true to the values of helping others and serving those in need. We feel that every young man could benefit from DeMolay in their daily lives. This is especially true during the difficult times we all have seen. Colorado DeMolay has not taken a break during the pandemic. While we may not be able to hold as many in-person events, we have stayed very active virtually and followed guidelines to hold safe in-person events when possible. Some of our chapters have held virtual game nights, virtual open houses, socially distanced ritual practices,

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and have worked to help their communities safely distribute food, drink, and other necessities to families in need.

We are currently planning a few opportunities for membership growth in the near future! We have a PlayStation 5 giveaway to the first member who brings in 10 new members. We also have a statewide prospect party coming up June 12th at the Boondocks location in Parker, this will be a super fun event that has the opportunity to bring in a lot of excitement and new DeMolay members!

One last thing to put on your calendar is Colorado DeMolay's Convention 2021! It will be held from July 7th through July 11th at Great Wolf Lodge in Colorado Springs. Our Ceremony day and Grand Banquet night will be held on Saturday, the 10th of July. This day includes the State Installation and other public ceremonies which will be starting at 3 pm. Make sure to follow Colorado DeMolay on Facebook to stay up to date on all the amazing work we're doing and events we're planning. We'd love to see you there and we're always thankful for your continued support!

Jon Sellars

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**Rainbow**

Colorado Rainbow has been extremely busy over the past couple of months. COVID has no doubt affected all of our organizations, but Colorado Rainbow has persevered, adapted & pivoted to create new opportunities for our girls. Grand Worthy Advisor, Celestyn Baker was able to hold an in-person Official Visit in Monte Vista last month (3/27) as well as celebrate bringing in a brand-new member! In addition, the girls have been having state-wide get togethers via Zoom that have included a baking event and Among Us Tournament.

We were very excited to have our annual state-wide Ritual Tournament on April 10<sup>th</sup> at the 16<sup>th</sup> street Lodge with Colorado DeMolay. It was a great day of celebration of our youth as they competed in executing their ritual work against their peers across the state. Colorado Rainbow brought the competition and ended up taking home the overall Tournament prize with Emma Hebert receiving a 1002.5 (a perfect score is 1000).

Rainbow celebrated its 99<sup>th</sup> birthday on April 6, 2021! This obligatory

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celebration was a great day for our state as Assemblies got together and watched church services online or held their own bible study to mark the occasion! One Assembly shared what they loved most about the organization and it was an overwhelming tribute to the Masonic lessons embedded in our ritual and how the girls have applied them to their daily lives.

Below is a quick update on what each Assembly has been working on over the past couple of months –

- **Pikes Peak #4** – The girls of this Assembly have been busy with meetings in person honoring Past Worthy Advisors, April Fools prank snacks, game nights & movies. They have also held some fun activities such as renting out a movie theater and holding a bible study in the park. This Assembly is currently collecting Pop Tabs for the Ronald McDonald house as well.
- **Littleton # 5** – These girls have been holding meetings virtually for the past couple of months.
- **Grand Junction #12** – The girls of this Assembly have been busy holding joint events with the organizations that meet at Their temple including a dual-Installation with DeMolay and several dinners/fundraisers with the Shriners & Masons in Grand Junction!
- **Monte Vista #23** – Monte Vista has been busy with virtual and in person meetings, and they were able to hold a beautiful Installation! This Assembly worked hard to collect and donate books to the Boys & Girls Club of the San Luis Valley and were given a shout-out on the groups Facebook page for their overwhelming donations.
- **Columbine #96** – This Assembly has been doing service left and right during the past year. Virtual meetings didn't stop them from hand-making cards for the residents of the Easter Star Masonic Home, doing a virtual tea for scholarship donations & more! This Assembly held a beautiful Installation and were able to accept 4 new members in the past year!

## From our Youth Groups (Continued)

Event Name	Date/Time	Location
Community Shred-A-Thon	May 1, 2021	Eastern Star Masonic Retirement Home
Official Visit – Pikes Peak #4 & Littleton #5	May 16, 2021 <i>Meeting Begins at 10am</i>	CS Masonic Lodge 1150 Panorama Dr., 80904
Homecoming for GWA, Celestyn Baker	June 5, 2021 <i>Meeting Begins at 12pm</i>	Grand Junction Lodge 2400 Consistory Ct., 81501
Grand Assembly	July 30 & July 31	Doubletree - Greeley

We would love to share some dates with our Masonic friends and invite you to join us at any of these upcoming opportunities:

Colorado Rainbow is continuing to thrive and now, more than ever, I believe that Rainbow is a great and needed resource for our youth. We are excited to have more in-person gatherings and to continue to teach more girls about the amazing lessons of Rainbow. If you have any questions or know a young lady that could benefit from these lessons, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Fraternally,

April Allen  
Member of the Grand Lodge Youth Committee  
International Order of the Rainbow for Girls  
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# AL KALY SHRINE OPEN HOUSE



\*\*\* Please Join Us \*\*\*

5 June 2021 — 2:00 – 5:00 PM

Colorado Springs Shrine Club  
6 W. South 33rd Street, Colorado Springs 80904

Refreshments \*\*\* Activities \*\*\* Displays

Including:  
Mules  
Clowns  
Band  
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*Free for all guests!*

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RSVP Al Kaly High Priest & Prophet  
John Weed @ 719-487-2993

RSVP by 22 May 2021



## *Meet Your Grand Lodge Officers*



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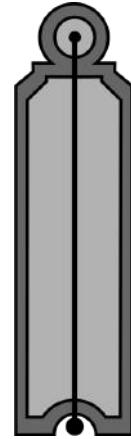
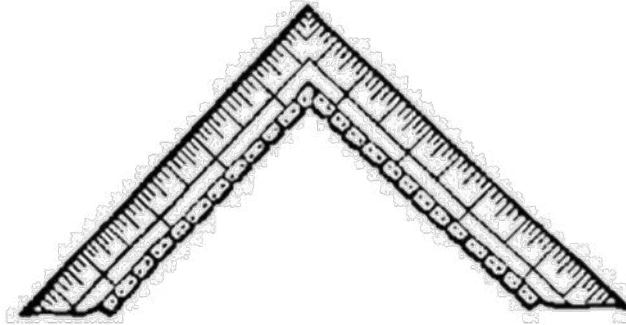
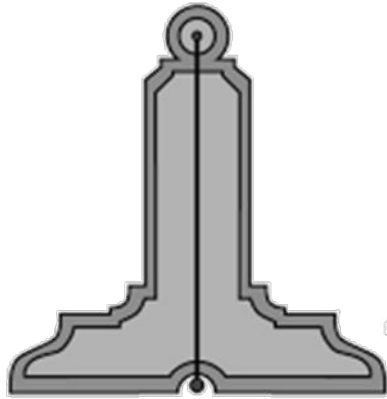
R.W. Bro. Kevin T. Townley

**Grand Lecturer**



W. Bro. William E. Marshall

**Senior Grand Deacon**



**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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