



Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Colorado AF&AM

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From the Desk of the Grand Master

Grand Master's Remarks from the Compact Renewal

Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, A.F.&A.M. of Colorado
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Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, F.&A.M. of Colorado, and Its
Jurisdiction
Fraternal Relations Compact Renewal
October 19, 2022
(MWB Raymond H. Dunn, Jr.)

MW Grand Master Stephon Atmore, Grand Lodge Officers, Worshipful Masters, Brethren, Distinguished Visitors and Guests:

On this historic day, standing upon the hallowed ground of our state capitol, a building which symbolizes the principles freedom, democracy, and equality; two Grand Masonic Lodges stand together in this place, to renew our commitment to those ideals, and to one another. Today, the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, A.F.&A.M. of Colorado, formed in 1861 and the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, F.&A.M. of Colorado, formed in 1876, celebrate nearly three decades of fraternal relations. Today, we recommit ourselves to creating a more perfect union within our fraternity; a union that hasn't always existed as it should.

In years past, there was a division between what some called "mainstream" Grand Lodges and "Prince Hall" Grand Lodges. Often, it was a matter of territorial jurisdiction, that is, a Grand Lodge recognized only one grand body within the state, namely their own. To others, however, the division between our Grand Lodges was a matter of disharmony based on race; a terrible and shameful point of view that has no place within our fraternity.



From the Desk of the Grand Master (Continued)

Recognizing the hypocrisy of racial division in a fraternity where no contention should ever exist between brothers, Grand Lodges across the country embarked upon a journey toward a more enlightened path, a path that was pioneered by states like Colorado who, after several years of research and bilateral discussions, formed the Joint Masonic Fraternal Relations Commission between our two Grand Lodges. On August 3, 1995, the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, A.F.&A.M. of Colorado, and the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, F.&A.M. of Colorado signed a Compact in which each Grand Lodge “extended full and complete fraternal recognition to the other, and granting to the respective members of each, all of the rights of a Master Mason.”

This action constituted a compact between our respective Grand Lodges - it does not represent a merger of our two bodies, but instead, guarantees our autonomy – and to this principle, we are resolute. We respect and honor each other’s unique history and traditions, and by reaffirming our compact, we engender the rights of every Mason to reside and work together in peace, harmony, and brotherly love.

It is an honor and a pleasure that I stand alongside MWB Stephon Atmore to renew the establishment and implementation of full Masonic recognition; to provide for successful coexistence; to ensure a continuing harmonious relationship, and to promote Freemasonry at large.

Raymond H. Dunn, Jr.
Raymond (Ray) H. Dunn, Jr.
Grand Master - 2022



Mark These Dates in Your Calendar

January 26-28, 2023

Grand Lodge of Colorado Annual Communication. 7801 E Orchard Rd, Greenwood Village, CO 80111. WM, SW, and JW of your lodge or their proxy have a vote at this meeting. Make sure your lodge is represented.

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 .

Tue Nov 1, 2022

6:30pm OV @ Fountain Valley Lodge No. 191

Where: 509 N Main St, Fountain, CO 80817, USA

Description: 6:30 pm - Dinner 7:30 pm - Masons, family and friends move into main Lodge Room 7:40 Reception of GM and 60 yr presentation, comments, etc.8:20 dismissal of guests 8:30 Stated Communication RSVP with secretary at secfvl191@gmail.com

Thu-Sat Nov 3-5, 2022

All day Southern Colorado Scottish Rite Reunion

Where: 1150 Panorama Dr, Colorado Springs, CO 80904, USA

Description: Colorado Springs Scottish Rite Reunion.

Fri Nov 4, 2022

6:30pm OV @ Highlands Lodge No. 86

Where: 3550 Federal Blvd, Denver, CO 80211, USA

Description: 6:30 pm - Dinner 7:30 pm - Open Meeting for all to attend

Mon, Nov 7, 2022

6pm – 10pm Grand Lodge FC Degree for Lupton Lodge No. 119

Where: Grand Lodge FC Degree for Lupton Lodge No. 119

Description: Dinner at 6:00pm – please RSVP for dinner to ktownley8@gmail.com if you want dinner. Please let me know if there are any dietary requirements. Lodge will open at 7:00 with the degree to follow. Desert, and coffee after the degree.

Sat Nov 12, 2022

6pm Awards Night @ Union Lodge No. 7

Where: 1614 Welton St, Denver, CO 80202, USA

Description: Lodge opens at 6:00 PM Go to refreshment and have dinner. Return to Open Lodge to present the awards.

Calendar of Grand Lodge Events (Continued)

Thu-Sat Nov 17 -19 2022

All day The Fall Reunion of Denver Consistory

Where: 1370 GRANT STREET, DENVER, COLORADO. 80203-2347

Description: The Fall Reunion of Denver Consistory will be held November 17, 18, 19,2022. Lunch will be served following the Grand Masters address to the class on November 18. Lunch is \$13.00 please RSVP the Consistory office no later than November 14th, 2022. The Reunion Banquet will be Saturday November 19th, 2022 at6:00pm at the Denver Consistory.

Sat Nov 19, 2022

12pm DeMolay Initiation Class in the Grand Masters Honor

Where: 1614 Welton St, Denver, CO 80202, USA

Description: This event is open to all Master Masons and other adult Masonic Bodies.

Mon, Nov 28, 2022

7:00pm Virtual Town Hall

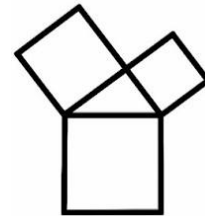
Where: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83538003506>

Meeting ID: 835 3800 3506

Passcode: 650166

When Logging-in, please include:

- Your Full Name
- Your Lodge Name and Number



Submission Deadline

Articles and events that you want included in the newsletter are due to the Grand Master, or Grand Secretary, by the 25th of the month prior to the publication month.

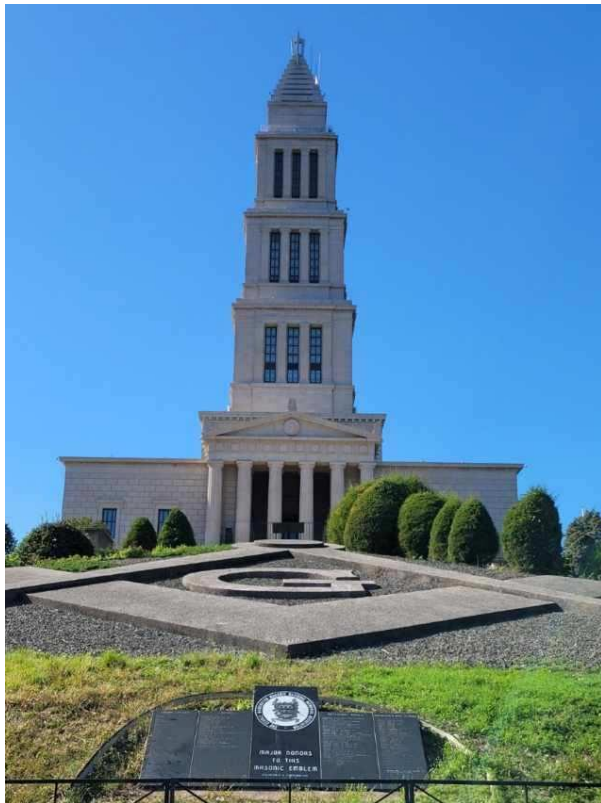
The Boulder Masonic Trip to the GW Masonic Memorial

Celebrating our Masonic Heritage

He was one of the few in the whole history of the world, who was not carried away with Power.

Robert Frost

These words written by Frost regarding George Washington are posted in the George Washington National Masonic Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia. An imposing building built on a hill with hundreds of steps leading up to it around a huge square and compass. This tall building on the hill actually rises higher than the Washington Monument on the Mall. This amazing edifice is the closest thing we Masons have as a National Center.



Full of amazing artifacts, paintings and masonic tools this building is a must see for every Mason. On October 20, 2022, fifteen intrepid Masons from Boulder 14, along with the Grand Master, ventured to Washington, DC and Alexandria Virginia to tour this and other sites including the

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Scottish rite House of the Temple. Our group of all ages of Masons, from the newest Master Mason to old timers of 45 years of Masonry, was truly held in awe as we toured these wonderful facilities. Boulder 14 was able to open Lodge in the “North” lodge room, the Andrew Jackson Lodge room. It was an amazing feeling to open the lodge in this historic site and receive our Grand Master. The Deputy Grand Master of Masons in Virginia gave us an amazing presentation on Masonry and the history of the building.

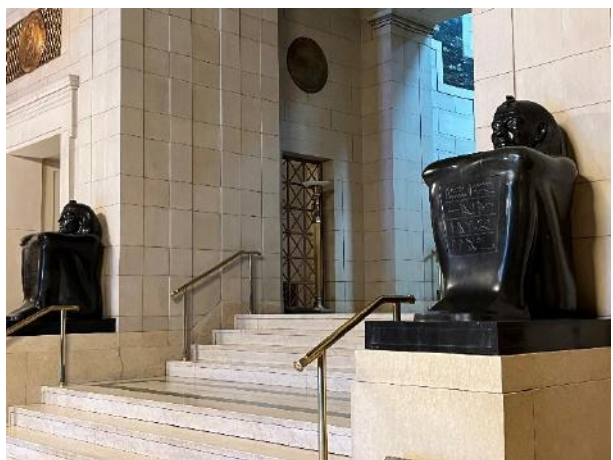


This is the “North” lodge room and there is another lodge room in the “South” along with a replica lodge room from Washington’s time. The floors are pegged as they would have been in his time. Washington being an imposing man stood 6’3” while the average height of the day was

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about 5'9". Thus, the lodge room contains his personal chair he used as Master since he required a larger more sturdy chair.

As a group we were able to also tour the Scottish Rite House of the Temple. Every Mason should venture to see this amazing building that housed the first Public library in Washington, DC. The Masons even had to build a railroad line to the site in order to get the massive stones to the building. This piece of architecture almost takes your breath away.



The imposing Black Marble statues were carved in place.

As masons we were welcomed by Virginia Masons and celebrated our Masonic ties. We attended Lodge at Cherrydale- Columbia #42 and had a great lodge experience with the lodge members, a large contingent of Grand Lodge officers including the Grand Master of Masons in Virginia, as well as a large contingent of the Prince Hall grand line including the Deputy Grand Master of Prince Hall Masons in Virginia. Cherrydale-Columbia #42 is "the Lodge above the Hardware Store". Isn't there a poem about that?

This was indeed an amazing, fulfilling opportunity to celebrate our Masonic ties. There is so much to see and do when we explore our heritage. Tracing back, our Colorado heritage has its

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roots in Virginia. We, the Masons of Boulder #14, would encourage every lodge to find a way to travel together to Washington, DC and visit our heritage. You will come away in awe.



Rededication of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial's Cornerstone

The Rededication of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial's Cornerstone

A National Masonic Event, February 20, 2023



Join brothers from around the world to re-dedicate the cornerstone of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial. The Memorial is a



National Historic Landmark that stands as American

Freemasonry's vital tribute to George Washington and the values of freedom. Each year, thousands of museum guests visit the Memorial to learn about Washington and Freemasonry, and to become inspired by the great heritage left to us by the Father of our Country... and our nation's foremost Freemason.

The original celebration of the cornerstone was a national Masonic event. Over 10,000 Freemasons attended the Memorial's cornerstone laying in 1923. In 2023, Masons will gather again at the Memorial to witness the re-dedication of this cornerstone.

"I highly recommend attending the Cornerstone re-education ceremony at the Georgia Washington Masonic National Memorial," explains M.W. Bro. Raymond Dunn, Grand Master of Colorado. "It will be a once in a lifetime event and a chance to visit one of Freemasonry's most beautiful and cherished structures."

The time is now to celebrate the Memorial's timeless legacy. Please join brethren from around the country in February 2023 and become part of the Memorial's second century of making history.

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Schedule of Events

Meetings and Tours — Friday, February 17 through Sunday, February 19, 2023

The Memorial welcomes Lodges and other Masonic groups to attend and participate. Beginning Friday, February 17, through Sunday, February 19, Lodges that wish to hold a meeting in the Memorial may reserve time slots within the Memorial. Popular speakers such as Mark Tabbert and Shawn Eyer will be available to provide an appropriate message upon request.

Parade and Cornerstone Rededication Event — Monday, February 20, 2023

The Grand Lodge of Arizona has registered to participate in the parade from historic Old Town Alexandria up to the Memorial's beautiful grounds. The Parade steps off at 1:00 p.m. Registration is required to march in the parade.

The Rededication Ceremony takes place at 3:30 p.m. All individuals attending the events of February 20, 2023, should register on the Memorial's website. This event is free, but registration is required.

Annual Washington's Birthday Gala — Wednesday, February 22, 2023

This elegant formal event will, as always, include a reception in Memorial Hall, entertainment in the Theater, and a Gala Banquet in Grand Masonic Hall. Tickets are available on the Memorial's website.

How to Register

Visit <https://www.gwmemorial.org/2023> to register for any or all of the above events. Additionally, any Colorado brethren who may intend to participate in these events should contact the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of A.F.&A.M. of Colorado, 1130 Panorama Dr., Colorado Springs, CO 80904, 719-471-9587.)

VIRTUAL TOWN HALL

**BROTHERS, I WANT TO HEAR
FROM YOU!
WHAT DIRECTION DO YOU WANT
TO TAKE COLORADO MASONRY?**



**WHO: FREEMASONS OF ANY
DEGREE**

**WHAT: OPEN FORUM
DISCUSSION WITH THE GRAND
MASTER**

WHEN: MON, NOV 28TH 7:00 PM

The Town Hall will be via Zoom. Reference the link and log-in information below.

When Logging-in, please include:

- Your Full Name
- Your Lodge Name and Number

MEETING LINK

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83538003506>

MEETING ID: 835 3800 3506

PASSCODE: 650166

**THE ACTUAL PAST MASTERS
OF MOUNT MORIAH LODGE # 15, A.F. & A.M.
CAÑON CITY, COLORADO
PRESENT THEIR**

**2nd Annual
Actual Past Master's Degree Conferral**

All Actual Past Masters and Candidates* are welcome

When..... Saturday, January 7, 2023

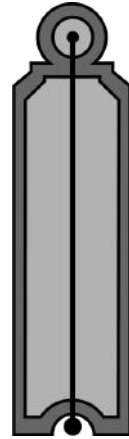
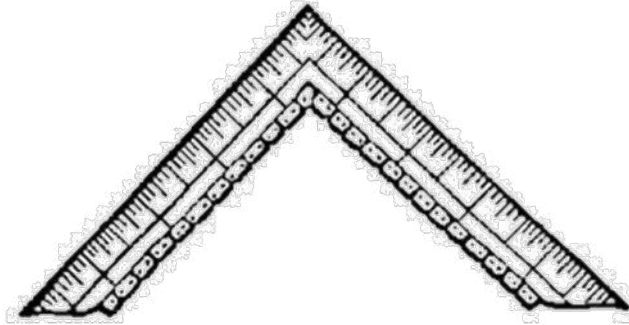
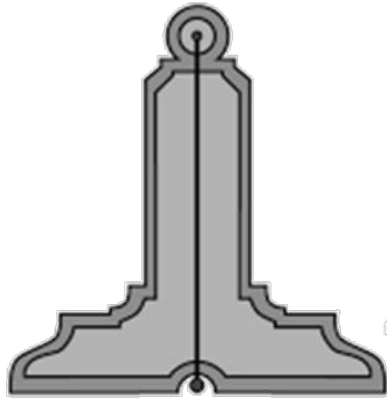
Time..... Dinner: 5:00 pm
Conferral: 6:00 pm

Where:..... Cañon City Masonic Temple
114 S 6th Street
Cañon City, CO

Reservations for dinner are required. Contact WB Dale H. Young, at mountmoriahsecy@gmail.com or (303) 918-8387 no later than Saturday, December 24th. Cost of the dinner is a freewill donation to help cover expenses.

* If your Lodge has a Past Master(s) who would be interested in receiving the degree, let WB Dale know. We would love to include them in our conferral.





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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The Grand Lodge Office is open Monday through Friday from 8:00am to 4:00pm. All are welcome as long as you are not feeling ill. For the front door please ring the door bell for access.

