



Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Colorado AF&AM

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From the Desk of the Grand Master



This article is a follow-up to the recent letter published by the Grand Master regarding the proficiency requirement for election to the three principal officer stations

of the Lodge.

“A system of morality, veiled in allegory, and illustrated by symbols.”

Morality – The quality of being in accord with standards of right or good conduct; a system or collection of ideas of right and wrong conduct; virtuous conduct.

Allegory – The representation of abstract ideas or principles by characters, figures, or events in narrative, dramatic, or pictorial form; a story, picture, or play employing such representation; a symbolic representation.

Symbol – Something that represents something else by association, resemblance, or convention, especially a material object used to represent something invisible; an instance that typifies a broader pattern or situation.

To the profane this age-old definition of Freemasonry means little to nothing. To the Mason that takes the teachings of the Craft at face value (without investigation), the definition is diluted and misunderstood. But to the Freemason that takes the time to study and put the teachings into practice, this definition speaks from the heart. The process of putting this definition into practice and understanding the meaning of Freemasonry’s teachings begin the first time a candidate is duly and truly prepared, enters the Lodge, and is received in due and ancient form.



From the Desk of the Grand Master (Continued)

Ritual is part and parcel of Masonic traditions and the initiatic experience. We use ritual to conduct the business of the Lodge, but more importantly, we use ritual to communicate the teachings and philosophy of Freemasonry. When we begin to develop knowledge of the rituals' meaning, we can begin to better define our relationship with our Creator, ourselves, and our neighbors.

Ritual is more than just memorizing and speaking words. Ritual is how we establish a sacred space to labor in peace and harmony without the stress and strain of the outside world. Ritual is how we end our sacred retreat and enter again into the world, better prepared to live by our Masonic principles.

Ritual is a first impression. From the time a candidate is prepared to be made a Mason, we are demonstrating our knowledge, professionalism, and understanding of what we are teaching.

The ability of the candidate to understand is directly proportional to our ability to deliver.

Through the process of memorizing our ritual, seek to learn and understand our ritual; that we may all benefit.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Raymond (Ray) H. Dunn, Jr.

Grand Master - 2022



Mark These Dates in Your Calendar

October 28 at 4:00 pm

Proposed Amendments to the Book Of Constitutions are due in the Grand Lodge Office.

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 .

Sat Oct 1, 2022

6pm Union Lodge No. 7 Table Lodge

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

Description: Hosted by Bruce Swedal 303-437-8611 Message from the Host Brethren, let's ring in the fall with a Table Lodge of Instruction to celebrate the first 159 years of Union Lodge #7. All Masons welcome. No cost to attend! This table lodge will feature speakers who remind us of the time Union Lodge #7 was formed in 1863. A time when Colorado was coming into being, a new frontier when miners and mining were a plenty. Dressing for the time period is encouraged, but not required. There was no electricity in those days, or at least not as we currently know it, so during the open/close lights will be dimmed and lanterns placed at three principal officers stations. We may do a brief sample of some minutes from the time period to set the mood. Don't miss out on the chance for an evening of friendship and brotherly love, there is no cost to attend. Any brother in good standing is welcome regardless of home lodge. If you know of a brother that may like to attend, simply forward the invitation. Dinner will be Wiener Schnitzel, Fried Red Cabbage, Spaetzle and Strudel. We will have Special Edition Etched Glass Union #7 Cannons available to borrow during the event. These cannon's may also be purchased with 100% of proceeds going to charity. Parking/RTD fares for the event will be reimbursed. Uber/Lyft rides home after the event will be reimbursed if needed.

Wed Oct 5, 2022

6pm OV @ Weston Lodge No. 22

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

Description: 6:00pm - Dinner 7:00pm - Open Lodge meeting

Fri Oct 7, 2022

7pm El Paso Lodge No. 13 Past Master Night

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

Description: Past Master Night Years in Service Awards also.

Calendar of Grand Lodge Events (Continued)

Sat Oct 15, 2022

All day Grand Masters Regional Official Visit Mancos Area

Where: 141 E Montezuma Ave, Cortez, CO 81321, USA

Description: This one will include the Grand Lodge of New Mexico and Prince Hall Grand Lodge.

Wed Oct 19, 2022

11:00 am Compact Rededication

Where: 200 E Colfax Ave, Denver, CO 80203, USA

Description: The Compact Rededication with Prince Hall Grand Lodge 11:00 am Colorado State Capitol Building in the Supreme Court Room. Lunch at the Denver Consistory following Compact Rededication. 1370 GRANT STREET, DENVER, CO 80203-2347 Please RSVP to RWB Scot M. Autry @ grandsecretary@coloradofreemasons.org

approximately 5:00 pm Cornerstone Elwell Elementary School

Where: 155 Silverbell Dr, Johnstown, CO 80534, USA

Description: Host Lodge is Longs Peak Lodge No. 197

Wed, Oct 26, 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

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 - Tiled Lodge meeting RSVP with secretary atsecfv191@gmail.com

Calendar of Grand Lodge Events (Continued)

Thu-Sat Oct 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

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.

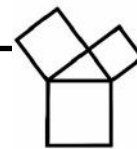
Sat Nov 19, 2022

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.

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.

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: WED, OCT 26TH 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

Colorado's First Masonic Temple

Central Lodge #6, chartered on December 19, 1861 as Chivington #6. This was soon after the formation of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Colorado on August 2, 1861. It was named in honor of John M. Chivington, the first Grand Master of Masons in Colorado.

The ***“Centennial Celebration 1861-1961 of Grand Lodge A.F.&A.M. of Colorado”*** describes the building of the first Masonic Temple as follows:

“The gatherings of the Brethren at Auraria were interrupted in the spring of 1859 by news of the gold strike in Gregory Gulch, forty miles northwest in the High Rockies. Thousands of prospectors hurried there and again Masons sought their kind. Here the first Masonic “Temple” in Colorado was soon constructed.

W.M. Slaughter, one of the three who pre-empted a block of ground for the site, recalled that nearly one hundred Masons leveled the ground with ox teams dragging in logs for the “Temple.” He wrote:

“Word has been passed about among the Masons of the several camps that a Masonic meeting would be held that night at dusk and as the hour arrived the trails and paths leading toward the ‘Temple’ began to be lined with Masons gathering together to meet each other from distant states and countries for the first time in this wild place amid the pine woods on a lone mountain side.

Four men (Masons) armed with rifles and revolvers stood on guard, one at each corner of the Temple and one at the outer door also....If he desired examination as to his standing as a Mason he was at once placed in charge of an examining committee, of whom there were not less than ten or more appointed to wait on visiting brethren who were unknown to any known Mason. There were over 200 visiting brethren whose names were entered upon the ‘Journal’ or ‘Roll of Visitors’ as it was called at that first meeting. A meeting was held once each week for over three months.”

Colorado's First Masonic Temple (Continued)

In 1861, Brother D.C. Collier, an attorney and newspaper journalist purchased the Daily Miners Register, a newspaper in Central City. Brother Collier was a personal friend of Most Worshipful Past Grand Master (7 terms) and United States Senator Henry M. Teller. In 1862, Brother Collier bought the lot at 111 Eureka Street in Central City, blasted out the bedrock for the "footprint" of his new building and began construction of what was to become known as the "Register Block". The first floor of the building was designed as retail space. Ermel's Thrift Store, a community thrift store operated by St. James Methodist Church has been the tenant since the 1990's. The second floor of the building includes office space and the business office and print room of the Register-Call. In 1864, Brother Collier brought linotype machines and a printing press from Ohio to publish and operate the newspaper. Those machines and press are still in place today and are part of the Central City Walking Tour of the Gilpin County Historical Society. The office spaces on the second floor are leased to the Peak-to-Peak Players, a community theater group.

Brother Collier offered to allow the Chivington Lodge #6 (later re-named Central #6) to build a Lodge room on the third floor of the building with the condition that "a proper roof be maintained on the building in perpetuity." The building and Lodge room were completed in late 1864 and Central #6 has been meeting in that room since early 1865. The 22 murals on the walls were painted by Brother John Glendenin in 1865-1871. Several of the murals were finished by Brother George Brewer. The two-thirds life size portrait of George Washington is priceless and was done by Brother Glendenin in 1865.

Central Lodge No. 6 is a vibrant, thriving Lodge that meets in the oldest continuously operating Lodge room and Masonic Temple in the state of Colorado. The Lodge members, through the support of their many Masonic Lodges or Masonic bodies, friends, neighbors and Brother Masons from across the state have made remarkable progress in restoring and preserving this beautiful Lodge that is truly unique in the entire world of Masonry.

Colorado's First Masonic Temple (Continued)

Several months ago we were asked by the CSU Architectural Virtual Library Project at Colorado State University to share our beautiful Lodge and Masonic Temple, along with several other historically significant buildings in Central City. The links for these virtual tours are pasted below and we hope that you will take the tour and enjoy seeing our Lodge. And we certainly invite you to come to one of our Regular Stated Communications on the second Wednesday of each month from May to December. Please contact WM Danny Tomlinson at (303) 638-6509 or dtomlinson@msn.com for more details.

I have included the [links](#) to our building scan ([Masonic Hall/Weekly Register Call/Ermel's](#)) we performed from CSU-AVL. The building has a URL link and an embed link.



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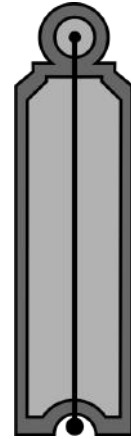
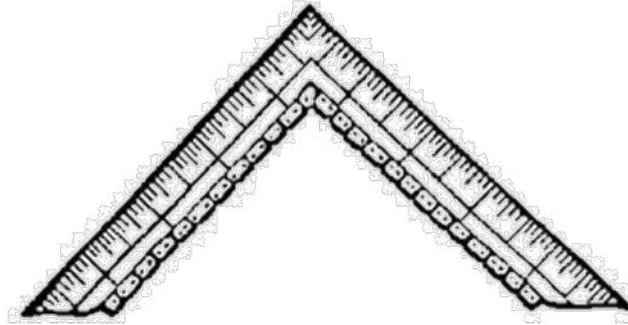
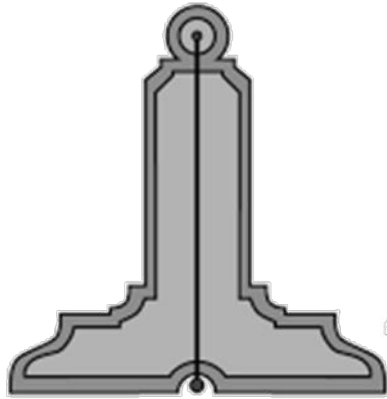
CSU-AVL Website: <https://www.chhs.colostate.edu/dm/programs-and-degrees/galleries-libraries-and-laboratories/architectural-virtual-library/central-city-buildings/>

Pictures of EA Degree performed by GL Officers

Grand Master with Bro. JP Peltier and new Entered Apprentice Bro. Chris Cicchi



Officers of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, A.F.&A.M. of Colorado and the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Colorado and its Jurisdiction, following the conferral of the EA Degree for Tejon Lodge #104 by the Officers of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, A.F.&A.M. of Colorado.



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.

