



Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Colorado AF&AM

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From the Desk of the Grand Master

Greetings Brothers, I bring you tidings from the East by way of the West.

Thank you all for attending our Grand Lodge Sessions and electing me to be Grand Master this year. The Grand Lodge Officers and I are moving ahead with all the business that we can accomplish in the upcoming year. A lot of meetings, cornerstones, visits and awards have already been scheduled and I'm sure even more will happen. Looking forward to seeing and participating with many of you in your Lodge's usual accomplishments. Our Grand Lecturer and District Lecturers have been tasked and are scheduling masonic education and also workshops to help us all hear all the great things Masonry has done and realize what more we can do especially

for our candidates and new brothers.



THE FUTURE OF OUR INSTITUTION
DEPENDS ON THOSE WHO FOLLOW
US.

IF WE WANT THEM TO BE LEADERS
AND SUCCESSFUL,

WE MUST EDUCATE THEM.

We have new members do a proficiency. But if that is all, they don't get to hear, learn and believe all of the other Great Truths that there are in Masonry. The Grand and District Lecturers will present education to us in our Lodges and give us ideas where to learn more. **Go to Lodge and Learn.** Lodges, call and invite your District Lecturers to your meetings so you can be impressed even more with our Masonic Principles and History.

The Mason who goes to Lodge and reads, no matter how little, and even if it is only the pages of the monthly magazine he subscribes to, will always maintain higher views of our Institution. He will also enjoy new delights in having these views. The Masons who do not



From the Desk of the Grand Master (Continued)

read will not know of the interior beauties of Speculative Masonry, but will be content to suppose it to be similar to Odd Fellows or Elks Lodge. Only maybe a little older. Such a Mason would surely be an indifferent individual, for he hasn't laid any foundation for Zeal.

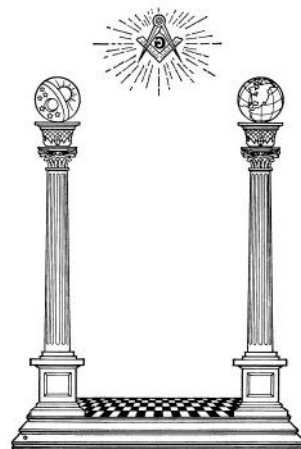
If this indifference is not checked and becomes more widely spread, the result is all too apparent. Freemasonry would have to step down from the elevated position it has and has been struggling to attain. The efforts of Masonic Scholars to maintain our lodges would be diminished. Instead of becoming resorts for speculative and philosophical thought, Masonry would deteriorate into social clubs or mere benefit

societies. With so many rivals in that field, our struggle for a prosperous life would be a hard one.

The ultimate success of Masonry depends on the intelligence and knowledge of its disciples.

Ross A. Allen

Grand Master - 2023



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 Feb 4, 2023

3pm - 5pm Installation of Research Lodge Officers

Where: 4819 Montview Blvd, Denver, CO 80207, USA

Description: Installation of Research Lodge Officers by MWB Ross Allen.

Thu Feb 9, 2023

6:30pm - 9:30pm OV @ Lamar Lodge No. 90

Where: 219 S Main St, Lamar, CO 81052, USA

Description: Steak Fry at Lamar Lodge No. 90

Thu Mar 16, 2023

6:30pm - 9:30pm OV @ Cortez Lodge No. 133

Where: 304 E 1st St, Cortez, CO 81321, USA

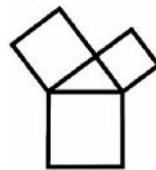
Description: Dinner before Lodge OV @ Cortez Lodge No. 133

Thu Mar 23, 2023

1pm - 2pm Pueblo Library Cornerstone Rededication

Where: 100 E Abriendo Ave, Pueblo, CO 81004, USA

Description: Hosting Lodge is Silver State Lodge No. 95. Pueblo Main Library Cornerstone Rededication . Refreshments at the Library - Snacks, Cookies Etc.



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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lumen Artis Lodge No. 199 is making plans to move from a shared temple in Loveland to our own location in Windsor. We are in need of items to outfit the new location, e.g. furniture, paraphernalia, clothing, etc. If you have any such items please contact Bro. Dwight Andersen, SW, at (719) 440-3975 mobile or DwightAndersEn@gmail.com.

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To the Constituted Lodges of Colorado,

Recap of the Grand Lodge Sessions this year. The following is a summary of actions taken at the 162nd Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Colorado held in Denver, Colorado on January 26th and 27th, 2023.

The following Grand Lodge Officers were elected and installed:

Grand Master.....	Ross A. Allen
Deputy Grand Master	David L. Reynolds
Senior Grand Warden.....	William E. Marshall
Junior Grand Warden	Dean A. McConnell
Grand Treasurer	Jerry L. Fenimore
Grand Secretary	Scot M. Autry

The following Grand Lodge Officers were appointed and installed:

Grand Lecturer	Kevin T. Townley
Senior Grand Deacon.....	Gerald P. Underwood
Junior Grand Deacon	Darren R. Klinefelter
Senior Grand Steward	L. Bryant Harris
Junior Grand Steward.....	Jeffery A. Noakes
Grand Marshal	Lawrence E. Ott
Grand Chaplain	Ricky L. Benish
Grand Orator	B. Boe Hawkins
Grand Tiler.....	Richard G. Stewart
Grand Musician	John P. Trainor

Amendments to the Book of Constitutions:

- Section 09a; Defeated.
- Section 34; Defeated.
- Section 12; Defeated.
- Section 13; Defeated.
- Section 15; Defeated.
- Section 33; Defeated.
- Section 129B; Passed.
- Section 159; Passed.
- Section 169; Passed.
- Section 181; Defeated.
- Section 196 Defeated.

Changes to the Book of Constitutions Section 129B, 159 and 169 only, all changes made and can be found at <http://coloradofreemasons.org/lodge-officer-info.html> click on Colorado Constitution, also available on co.ourlodgepage.com under Files.

All Committee reports pre-printed and presented were approved.

The consolidation of Collins Lodge No. 19 with Fidelity Lodge No. 192 into Fidelity Lodge No. 19 was approved, the consolidation of Delta Lodge No. 62 into Montrose Lodge No. 63 was approved, and the consolidation of Miracle Lodge No. 182, Mosaic Lodge No. 184 and Northglenn Lodge No. 194 into Constitution Lodge No. 184 was approved. The surrender of Olive Branch Lodge No. 32 Charter was approved. The two new Charters for Fidelity Lodge No. 19 and Constitution Lodge No. 184 both presented at the Annual Communication.

The following Awards were presented:

- Mason of the Year Barry D. Nightingale, Ute Pass Lodge No. 188
- Worshipful Master of the Year James E. Long, Longs Peak Lodge No. 197
- Lodge of the Year Boulder Lodge No. 14
- Secretary of the Year..... William J. Medina, Colorado Springs Lodge No. 76
- District Lecturer of the Year Richard G. Stewart, Fountain Valley Lodge No. 191
- Grand Masters Award..... Scott A. Bates, Weston Lodge No. 22
- Grand Masters Award..... Dean A. McConnell, Marquis de Lafayette Lodge No. 41
- Grand Master Award Richard G. Stewart, Fountain Valley Lodge No. 191
- Grand Master Award Timothy C. Sanks, Longs Peak Lodge No. 197
- Grand Lecturer's Award..... Richard G. Stewart, Fountain Valley Lodge No. 191
- Grand Lecturer's Award..... Lance D. White Horse, Longs Peak Lodge No. 197
- Grand Lecturer's Award..... James B. Wiley, Pueblo Lodge No. 17

The 87 of the 104 Lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction were represented as follows:

Grand Lodge Officers Present	16
Grand Lodge Officers Not Present	0
Past Grand Masters Present	9
Past Grand Masters Not Present.....	16
Worshipful Masters Present.....	64
Worshipful Master Proxies Present	16
Worshipful Masters Not Represented	24
Senior Wardens Present.....	44
Senior Warden Proxies Present	35
Senior Wardens Not Represented	25
Junior Wardens Present	43
Junior Warden Proxies Present	32
Junior Wardens Not Represented	29
Standing Committee Members Present.....	18
Standing Committee Members Not Present	15
Total Persons Present	194

The following 17 Chartered Lodges were not represented:

Collins Lodge No. 19
Olive Branch Lodge No. 32
Garfield Lodge No. 50
St. Johns Lodge No. 75
Lamar Lodge No. 90
Del Norte Lodge No. 105
Eckert Lodge No. 136
Jacques DeMolay Lodge No. 171
Miracle Lodge No. 182

Doric Lodge No. 25
Alamosa Lodge No. 44
Delta Lodge No. 62
Brighton Lodge No. 78
Amethyst Lodge No. 94
Castle Lodge No. 122
Lincoln Lodge No. 146
Joppa Daylight Lodge 174

Cordially and fraternally,



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February 6, 2023

To the Brethren of the Constituted Lodges of Colorado,

At the Annual Communication, the Grand Lodge Officers received several requests for additional clarity on the rogue emails that the Brethren received just before the event.

To address this request and be fully transparent, this is what we know.

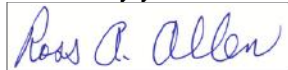
The emails did not come from another jurisdiction, we know this because we have received emails denying any involvement in this fraudulent activity.

The emails came from a couple of uniformed members willing to hide their identity, knowing they were misleading the Brethren of Colorado to accomplish their goal of causing disharmony in the Fraternity and dividing us. The unfortunate part is that by this act, they have made this Jurisdiction a laughing stock amongst the other Jurisdictions, not only to the actual Brothers of Colorado but to themselves.

In our investigation, we have identified the concerns in our database and are actively searching for other problems to prevent this from happening in the future. We have also identified and removed access from suspected members. We have also determined that some of the Brothers that received these emails were from a member who had been collecting email addresses personally for some time now.

I understand that we will not see eye to eye on all things, but the true Brethren believe in our Fraternity, embracing its ideals and meeting on the level. I ask you, Brethren, to stand united, whisper wise counsel into the ear of an erring Brother, and be vigilant in the true meaning of our Brotherhood.

Fraternally your Brother,



M.:W.: Brother Ross A. Allen
Grand Master 2023

Wanted: District Lecturers

Some positions have been filled.

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Very Dear Brethren,

I wanted to reach out to the brethren of the Grand Lodge and let you know that there are a few positions open for District Lecturer. If you are interested, please contact me at: ktownley8@gmail.com or 720-988-7929.

These positions are in the following areas:

- Colorado Springs
- Denver
- Gunnison Valley
- Trinidad
- Lamar/Rocky Ford

Fraternally
Kevin Townley - Grand Lecturer



Membership / Awareness Team

The Grand Lodge membership team is looking for a few team members that can assist with the functions of the membership and awareness team. Some of those duties are:

- Lead management assistance.
- Prospect tracking with the Grand Secretary.
- Marketing material creation / publishing. (Canva App or...)
- Social Media content creation and Publishing. (SpotHero App.)
- Coordinating local events with lodges (Meet & Greet) events.
- Planning & assessment.
- Coordinate with the Digital Awareness team.
- As development moves forward.

We will meet via Zoom starting in January and will meet at least every other month. Tasks will be spread out among the team. This is currently a volunteer position.

If you are interested please send a email to membership@coloradofreemasons.org . We need ideas, skillsets and energy. Thanks for your consideration

Pete Finnie—Membership Team Lead

Membership Corner

Attention Lodge Secretaries: we have had recent multiple requests not to use personal email addresses for sending prospect leads to the lodges. We used to send them to the master's and include the secretaries in the communication to the prospects when they filled out the web forms on the GL page or the Scottish Rite pages. This caused requests to not include public emails from the master's and some secretaries. We have since started sending these requests to just the secretaries, but we still have the same issues in many cases. We fully understand and embrace this concern due to our social environment. So, we are asking if your lodge does not have a lodge specific email address for the secretaries that you create one and update that information with the GL Secretary's office so that they can make the change to OLP. For security purposes this should be a priority as we update our processes. The Membership team has automated some and will continue to expand that automation for prospect management. We are currently adding all prospects now onto a CRM so that we can manage the leads and prospects. To meet the needed security concern please create a secretary specific email account and use the format of secretary@(lodge and lodge number).XXX IE secretary-lodge007@gmail.com or wherever you are creating the secretaries account at. Or if your lodge has its own domain account create a secretaries account under that domain that is not user specific. This account can be passed from secretary to secretary as they change over the years. This will create a generic account for your lodge that can be leveraged for membership and marketing and not impact a personal email account or disclose personal information. Until a GL domain email system can be explored this is an easy way to protect personal security and allow your membership team to confidentially handle prospect leads.

Any questions please contact membership@coloradofreemasons.org

Thanks

Membership Team

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 George 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.

Rededication of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial's Cornerstone (Continued)

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.

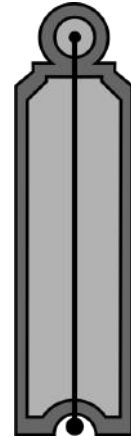
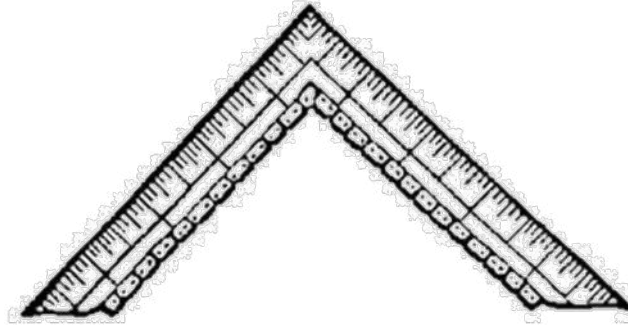
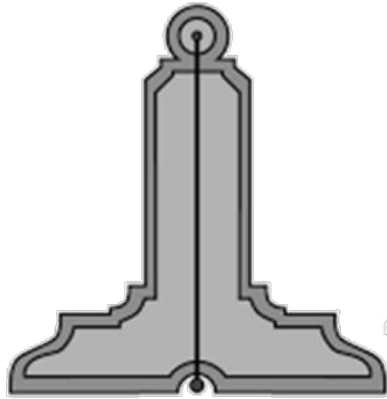
The Rededication Ceremony takes place at 3:30 p.m. All individuals attending the events of February 20, 2023, should register on the Memorial's website. This event is free, but registration is required.

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.)



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

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.

