



## Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Colorado AF&AM

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Volume 5 Issue 8

### Tidings from the East by way of the West

On July 23rd, the Grand Lodge Scholarship Committee hosted a luncheon and made formal presentations of scholarships and vocational grants to 5 of our awardees. The attending Scholarship winners and their chosen schools were Arabella Fletchall, CU-Boulder; Elanor Fugate, Mines; Breanna Tankersley, Mesa; and Victoria Clark, attending UNC. The Vocational grant attendee was Maddy Zink, Northeast Colorado Community College.

This year's scholarship awards to 7 students total \$50,000 per year renewable for four years or achieving a bachelor degree. The one-time vocational awards to 6 students total \$8,000 this year. an additional \$140,000 this year is funding the 18 renewing students in our scholarship program.

The other program administered by the Benevolent Fund is the Lodge Matching Grant program. We were able to offer lodges that gave their own scholarships a grant of half of their scholarship award up to \$300. This year 21 lodges applied for matching grants totaling \$6200, and reported giving out \$29,200 in scholarships to deserving students.



## Tidings from the East by way of the West Continued



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## Tidings from the East by way of the West Continued



GM & Arabella Fletchall

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GM and Breanna Tankersley

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## Politics in our public school systems

### Politics in our public school systems and why we support our public school systems.

By Jason Smith, Grand Lodge of Montana, 2/2022

To answer the questions posed by this topic, as is often the case, we must first look at them in the illuminating light of history.

From the earliest of times up to and through the Middle Ages, illiteracy rather than literacy was the accepted norm. Common people were mostly laborers, reporting to some form of nobility. They were serfs, little better than common live stock. Practically no one could read or write, except the clergy and a few of the wealthiest. Even the nobility was, more often than not, illiterate. There were no public schools, only private tutors for those fortunate and wealthy enough.

Until the Renaissance and Reformation periods there were no colleges. The closest thing to such were the theological seminaries and monasteries. In the hey-day of the cathedral builders, there was one alternate avenue for learning; the vocational apprenticeship.

Among the Operative Masons, a Master Mason would take in one or two apprentices. These were young men of sound mind and body, just a little past puberty. He would house them, board them, clothe them, and for all practical purposes "adopt them" as his sons for a period of about seven years.

During this time, the apprentice was taught the skills of the building trade, along with other learning that was considered necessary for the society of that period. This included grammar, rhetoric, arithmetic, geometry, social and political topics- or whatever his mentor was capable of providing.

As the young man progressed in his work with mortar and stone, his skills became more advanced until eventually he was allowed to submit his "Masters piece." If that piece of work passed his master's rigid examination, the applicant likewise became a Master Mason or Journeyman, capable of seeking work independently and taking on apprentices of his own.

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In turn, the process was repeated. This was a very primitive form of education, but it was still education. It could be compared somewhat, nowadays, to a post-graduate student preparing a thesis to obtain a Master's or Ph.D.

Since printed communication was not possible, because it had not yet been invented, and because few could read anyway, stories were told by means of "morality plays" easily understood by the audience. In the cathedrals, the stained-glass windows were used to depict Biblical characters and events.

Hence the origin of the phrase. "Two storied" building or "Five storied" building, depending on the number of such windows (or stories) they portrayed. Today, of course, we use the term to describe the height of a building.

As time went on, scholars, philosophers, clergymen and even nobility sought to associate themselves with these Operative Masons' Lodges, what we might classify as "Associate Members." This was a great compliment to the Lodges, who were generally highly regarded for practicing a high level of morality, intellectuality and integrity.

This was an evolution from the Operative side of Masonry that eventually became what we know as Freemasonry today.

Whatever this peculiar fraternity of Freemasons was, it quickly spread over the entire civilized world. Today there are about five million Masons scattered over the globe in every "free" country. You are not apt to find any Masons in those governed by dictatorships, or where forbidden by religious or political intolerance.

Concurrent with this creeping spread throughout the world, the industrial revolution was being introduced in England and other European countries. One of the products thereof was the Gutenberg Bible, the first book printed with moveable type, around 1450 A.D. in Mainz Germany.

The availability of this Bible to common people, not just the clergy, fostered literacy, and with it an increased demand for education. With the dawning of the Age of



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Enlightenment, both Protestant and Roman Catholic groups began to offer formal education to more people.

Thus, parochial schools were the fore-runners of all other types of schools. Private schools then started to appear. Public schools came much later.

Fast forward a couple hundred years to Colonial America, where the majority of the people lived along the coastlines for simple reasons. These were the areas where there was a greater chance for employment with the ports being located there.

With most of the population being located in and around port cities, it was obviously an area where there were more churches, better chances for social gatherings, as well as it being where the majority of the early Masonic Lodges were located.

In this period, a formal education was mainly a thing of luxury reserved for only the rich. The ways a man could be educated was limited to three things. He could take apprenticeship in a trade, he could be educated in biblical teachings from his church, and if he were a Freemason, he was able to be educated through his Lodge.

In a book by Margaret C. Jacob, she says “The Lodges sought to civilize, to teach manners and decorum, to augment the order and harmony of civil society. They taught men to speak in public, to keep records, to pay taxes, to be tolerant, to debate freely, to vote, to moderate their feasting, and to give lifelong devotions to the other citizens of their order.”

The Freemasons in that day and age were learning a lot from their attendance at Lodge meetings. The book- **“Solomon’s Builders”** by Christopher Hodapp states.

“More important than the influence of Freemasons themselves was the influence the Fraternity had on the society around it. The goal of Masonry is to make good men better, and to make the world a better place by encouraging its members to become more responsible fathers, sons and citizens, and thereby become better examples to others.

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This is precisely what was going on in colonial America. Men who had no formal education were being introduced to the ideas of enlightenment, either directly as Masons themselves, or simply by association with Freemasons.”

To quote “**Revolutionary Brotherhood, Freemasonry and the Transformation of the American Social Order**”, 1730-1840 by Stephen C. Bullock “To no order in society is the encouragement of schools and the advancement of knowledge more valuable than to the Fraternity. The liberal arts and sciences were formally taught in Lodges, and Brethren imparted instruction to their children, and none other was found in any except Masonic families.”

Why would this not be a desire of any Freemason? After all, are we not taught to practice outside of Lodge those lessons which we received within? If men were getting an education through their Lodge, as well as their association with Freemasons, it naturally left them to wonder why could their children not receive an education?

During this period there were Dame Schools, Town Schools, the Latin Grammar Schools. Yet the most popular were the Primer Schools. In this school, children were taught not much more than to read and write.

On a side note, the Primer School was where the children’s prayer “Now I lay me down to sleep” originated. No matter how you look at it, in those days, children of most families were not receiving much of an education if they were at all.

Boston Latin School, one of the oldest free public schools in the United States, opened in 1635 as a school for boys. The Massachusetts Legislative Body passed a law in 1647 which required each township of fifty families to engage a teacher to instruct children in reading and writing. Each township of one hundred families was required to have a grammar school. This may be regarded as the inception of the American public school system, and it established three basic principles:

- (1) The obligation of the community to establish schools
- (2) Local school administration

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### (3) The separation of the secondary from the elementary school.

Secondary education began in New England with the establishment of the Boston Latin School noted above. Graduates of this and similar grammar schools were qualified for admission to Harvard College, which was founded in 1636.

At this juncture, let's introduce the role of the Masonic fraternity, as it pertains to public education. Consider, if you will, that Freemasonry and the schools are basically in the same "business"----- the "people business".

We tell our initiates that our Masonic teachings are designed to make our votaries wiser, better and consequently happier. We are a philosophical fraternity, but we're also an educational institution.

We also from our ritual only accept "Free Men". This does not just refer to physical freedom, but to freedom of the mind. An uneducated man is susceptible to oppression and subjugation.

When Sir Francis Bacon published in his work, "Meditationes Sacrae" (1597), the famous saying: "knowledge itself is power", he most likely wanted to transmit the idea that having and sharing knowledge is the cornerstone of reputation and influence, and therefore power; all achievements emanate from this.

We're concerned about people; we deal with people; we develop people; we educate people.

Although we are no longer engaged in the building of cathedrals, we are concerned with developing character, leadership, better individuals, better family men, better citizens.

Our Masonic forefathers supported the idea of a free universal education for citizens, which was true to their belief that a builder is an enlightened man. Masons are generally the first to take the practical steps in support of public education in any newly developing area.



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As our Masonic Brethren joined in exploring the burgeoning "New World", led by Lewis and Clark, other Masons were to be found among the pioneers who moved into and developed these areas. One of their first endeavors in a new community was to build a Masonic Lodge.

Generally, this was a two-story structure (as mentioned earlier) with the ground floor to serve as a school room, and the upstairs as the Lodge room. Locally supporting this fact is the Bannack Masonic Lodge outside of Sheridan, MT.

There was one Freemason which we have all heard of. He was responsible for many great inventions. A great man and Freemason known everywhere for many things. Brother Benjamin Franklin, in 1749 started up a school named the "Publick Academy of Philadelphia."

Students of his school were of high school age. The interesting thing about Franklin's new school is that "it had no counterpart in Europe and had no religious motives." The school had the intention of not only preparing students for college but for normal life as well.

The curriculum advanced by Franklin included navigation, surveying, agriculture, the spoken languages of the day, natural history, chemistry, physics, government, and history. This initial curriculum over the mid eighteenth century yet was gradually forced to mold as time progressed. His school is pointed to as the first American Academy, which was the transition institution from the Latin grammar school to the modern high school that we know today. Note the difference from back in 1635 where kids went from "grade school" straight to university- over 100 years before.

Another famous Freemason felt so strongly about this that he decided to pen the following in his farewell address of 1796. Brother George Washington stated, "promote then, as an object of primary importance, institutions for the general diffusion of knowledge. In proportion, as the structure of a government gives force to public opinion, it is essential that public opinion should be enlightened." Brother Washington knew that if the newly formed nation was going to succeed, the education of its people was crucial.

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We need not go into the long list of Masonic educators, scientists and others connected with the educational system. That is a whole story in and of itself. By now, it should be apparent to you all that Masons were intimately interested and active in educational matters, as we still are today.

Our Fraternity believes that the United States has the finest group of young people anywhere in the world. Certainly everyone is presented with the opportunity for personal achievement. Naturally, this requires commitment, effort, and work. Not all are willing to pay the price, but those of you here at this conference definitively are.

Motivation plays a part in every kind of activity. What is OUR motivation to foster and promote the numerous school awards programs and scholarships that we have? It is this: Freemasonry wishes to build better people and thereby better tomorrows.

Masonry is firmly committed through the perfecting of living stones, to building a better community, and a better world. For these reasons, we feel the nurturing of the leaders of tomorrow is vitally necessary!

Freemasons, collectively, must support the public school system. We recognize the unique opportunity that scholarship and awards programs offer in applauding and supporting tomorrow's leadership.

We are depending on our young people for the future, but for the present, we must let them know that they can depend on us!

This topic was intended to answer three questions.

How did past Freemasons handle politics in our public school' systems?

From the historical account and at least in Montana this is an often debated and a highly confusing topic for most Brothers.

Since countless wars and endless battles have been waged in the name of religion and politics. The Brothers who came before us in an attempt to maintain peace and

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harmony in the lodge thought this of such great importance that they incorporated it in the constitution and code of most jurisdictions.

From the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Montana.

Article III, 390 Politics and Religion: Grand Lodge and constituent lodges shall not interfere or voice an opinion with regard to political or religious matters. Members, when they are assembled in constituent lodges or Grand Lodge, may not discuss political or religious matters. Members must have a belief in a Supreme Being and a Future existence; however, no invocation, benediction or prayer shall be delivered which would have a sectarian significance.

These same Brothers however, felt so strongly about an individuals right to a free education that the were willing to potentially sacrifice the peace and harmony of the lodge with one exception of a political nature.

From the Code of Statutes of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Montana.

Article IV, 23050 Public Schools Discussion: School election is a proper subject for discussion in lodge.

Why did past Freemasons support the public school' systems and is it still relevant today?

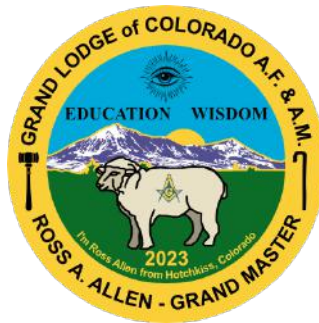
From our historical presentation, it should be evidently clear that the root of a free and prosperous society is education. It is therefore as vital today as it ever has been.

Should we continue to support our public school' systems and why?

It is from the public school systems that our society perpetuates itself. If we allow our public schools to fail, then our society will be doomed to fail. It is the goal of our fraternity, handed down through ritual, to seek the enlightenment of not only ourselves but all those around us.

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I leave you with one last quote, used by many but attributed to no particular person. “If you are the smartest person in the room, then you are in the wrong room”. The future of our society depends on those that follow us. If we want them to be free and prosperous, we must educate them.



## Calendar of Grand Lodge Events

To help your lodge plan your Official Visits please note that activities may change due to various issues that may arise.

### Fri Sep 1, 2023

**All day Cornerstone Roosevelt High School**

**Where:** 616 N 2nd St, Johnstown, CO 80534, USA

**Description:** Host Lodge is Longs Peak Lodge No. 197.

### Fri –Sat Sep 8-9, 2023

**All day Grand York Rite Sessions**

**Where:** 400 10th St, Golden, CO 80401, USA

### Thu Sep 14, 2023

**6pm Awards Night @ Mount Moriah No. 15**

**Where:** 114 S 6th St, Cañon City, CO 81212, USA

### Sat Sep 16, 2023

**3pm Moffat Combined Court Cornerstone**

**Where:** 1195 W Victory Way, Craig, CO 81625, USA

**Description:** Moffat Combined Court Cornerstone Elk Mountain Lodge No. 118 is the host Lodge. 1198 West Victory Way, Suite 200, Craig, CO 81625

### Mon Sep 18, 2023

**6:30pm 125th Anniversary Celebration Tejon Lodge No. 104**

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

**Description:** 125th Anniversary Celebration of Tejon Lodge No. 104 Agape with Brethren only Steak Dinner Short Program to Commemorate the occasion.

Registration for the event is \$50.00 per person this will include a commemorative firing glass. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/tejon-104-quasiquicentennial-celebration-tickets-628778482367?aff=oddttdtcreator>

### Wed Sep 27, 2023

**6pm 181st Anniversary of Miner's Night at Garfield Lodge No. 50**

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

**Description:** Miner's Night with Garfield Lodge No. 50 6:00pm - Dinner 7:00pm  
- Lodge will open They will put on the Silent 3rd Degree



## Calendar of Grand Lodge Events (Continued)

**Thu Sep 28, 2023**

**6:30pm OV @ St. Vrain Lodge No. 23**

**Where:** 312 Main St, Longmont, CO 80501, USA

**Description:** 6:30pm is dinner 7:30pm Lodge to follow

**Wed Oct 4, 2023**

**6pm OV @ Weston Lodge No. 22**

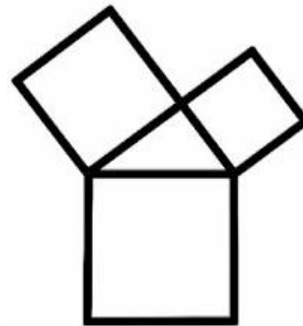
**Where:** 5718 S Rapp St, Littleton, CO 80120, USA

**Description:** 6:00pm - Dinner 7:00pm - Meeting

**Sat Oct 7, 2023**

**All day Four Corners Royal Arch Festival**

**Where:** Farmington, NM, USA



### 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.

# COLORADO MASONS BENEVOLENT FUND ASSOCIATION

(CMBFA)

Ralph E.(Gary) Hardy, Chairman, Wayne G. Arner, Ronald D. Birely, Marvin A. Feldman, John J. Harrington, Ross A. Allen MWGM

Robin Williams, Administrative Assistant to the Board

All of you have heard it a million times or more during the last year ... we, and our nation as well as the world, for that matter, have been and are in a health, social, and economic crisis, perhaps of unprecedented proportions. I hear it every day and I know that you, as well as all other Masons I know, have been and will be stepping up to provide relief and assistance to our Brethren and others, hoping to somehow ease the burdens which have caused them damage through no fault of their own. I hear of many of our Brethren, some of them first responders, personally sacrificing for the common good. I hear of the phone calls to check in on our Brethren, food deliveries for those who can't get to stores, financial assistance, etc., but I know I only hear of just a small number of the many good works in which Masons are engaged.

I am writing to remind you that as a Colorado Mason you can access a tool which can provide financial aid to Masons and their families should they find themselves in an untenable economic situation, whether caused by illness, unemployment, or otherwise. All of you know of The Colorado Masons' Benevolent Fund and I am just asking that you keep it in mind as we continue to go through these trying times, perhaps with an end in sight, making sure that you offer it up to a Brother as a possible path toward relief should you find that he is in a distressed situation.

The CMBFA was established in 1900 by the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Colorado. Throughout its more than 120 years of existence, it has operated as a charitable, non-profit corporation, to forever fulfill just two corporate purposes. First, it provides funds for scholarships and other education benefits to deserving Colorado students. Second, and the more relevant for the purpose of this note, it extends financial relief and assistance to distressed Colorado Master Masons, as well as to their wives, widows, and dependent children.

## COLORADO MASONS BENEVOLENT FUND ASSOCIATION (Continued)

The CMBFA has provided many millions of dollars in aid and assistance to an untold number of Masons and their families. You need to get the word around. The CMBFA is one of your charities so use it. The worst possible situation from the standpoint of the CMBFA would be if a worthy, distressed Brother did not receive assistance because of a lack of knowledge about the CMBFA and its charge to financially assist our Brethren and others in appropriate cases. A Brother's Lodge is the front line for assistance, of course. The process for applying for assistance from CMBFA is that a Brother or his family must first go through his Lodge. If the Lodge cannot provide any or all of the necessary financial aid, then the Lodge may apply to the CMBFA for supplemental assistance. Any assistance rendered by the CMBFA is to a Lodge so that it can fulfill its duties to a worthy beneficiary. All Lodge Secretaries have access to the forms which need to be filed with the CMBFA. They are readily available on the Grand Lodge website. Any questions about the CMBFA or the process of applying for help should be directed by email to the CMBFA Administrative Assistant, Robin Williams, at [robin@cmbfa.org](mailto:robin@cmbfa.org).

A Lodge Secretary will find when he reviews the forms that his Lodge may apply to the CMBFA for assistance only after it conducts a detailed examination of the financial situation of the proposed beneficiary. The forms lead a Lodge through the process of determining the level of required need. A Lodge's goal should be to determine the best approach to helping a Brother or others in need. There may be a one-time need to pay medical bills or a mortgage payment. There may be a need for long-term assistance lasting for many months. The CMBFA might ask that a Lodge help the proposed beneficiary to investigate other avenues of assistance, such as unemployment benefits. The possible methods of providing benevolence are unlimited. Working together, though, a Lodge and the CMBFA can find the most effective way.

Throughout our history Masons have stood ready to provide relief and assistance in times of crisis whether called upon by their nation or their families or Brothers. All of you know that this is one of those times. We, as Masons, are once again being provided the opportunity to convert this crisis into Masonic action of which we can be proud. The CMBFA is just one tool which each and every one of you can use to fulfill our Masonic goals.

Gene Hardy, Chairman

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Colorado Masonic Family Historical Donations Committee is looking for volunteers to do research. This research is to determine the amount of hours we've donated, the amount of money we've donated, and the number of people we've helped as a Masonic family since our inception in Colorado in 1861. This applies to every branch of the Masonic family. The goal of this research is to shed light on what we've contributed as an organization to our communities. This information will be utilized to educate both to our organizations internally and to the residents of the State of Colorado. This is a daunting task and we are looking for help. If you're interested in working on this project please contact WB Mike Brewer at [mike.brewer@allurdata.com](mailto:mike.brewer@allurdata.com).

Colorado Masons, were you in DeMolay, from any state?

Please use the following link address from DeMolay International, and let us know where you are and what you are doing in your Masonic life:

<https://beademolay.org/update-info/>

## ANNOUNCEMENTS (Continued)

### **BOULDER LODGE #14**

will host an **Autumnal Equinox Festive Agape September 19, 2023**

**Where:** Shepard of the Hills Lutheran Church - 7077 Harvest Road, Boulder, CO  
80301



**Presentation by Alexander Herbert**



#### **Subject: The Esterwegen Concentration Camp**

At its height in 1944, the Esterwegen concentration camp housed over two thousand political prisoners from occupied Europe. Among them was a small band of Belgian Freemasons who, by chance or providence, found themselves assigned to the same barrack. In the midst of these terrible conditions, they came together to form the secret Masonic lodge *Liberté chérie*.

Years of painstaking research and translation have yielded, for the first time, a comprehensive telling of these events for English readers. It is a story that transcends personal differences and the borders of Masonic jurisdiction. This camaraderie and compassion laid the foundation for the most important work in the history of the world's oldest Fraternity.

This event is open to all Masons

Please RSVP to RWB Kevin Townley at [ktownley8@gmail.com](mailto:ktownley8@gmail.com)

Space is limited to 70.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Brothers who are also ham radio operators:

The third annual Lodges on the Air will be happening this month. I would like to encourage all of you to join me and find a lodge to meet at and participate in this. I made a few contacts last year during the contest, but was limited on time because of a cornerstone happening. It was fun talking to other Masons across the states and am looking forward to doing this again.

You can find all the information and its rules at: <http://cqmorelight.com>. The event is always held the first Saturday following the Autumnal Equinox, unless the Equinox is on a Saturday, in which case it will occur on the day of the Equinox - 1400 UTC to 2200 UTC (10 am - 6 pm ET) and lasts for eight hours.

Mike Moore  
(WCoP)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**Eastern Star Retirement Community**  
2435 S. Quebec St  
Denver, CO 80231

**Saturday, September 30th**  
**10 am to 12 pm**

**Items to bring:**

old checks, credit card offers,  
mail, medical records, tax forms,  
pay stubs & other items you  
would like safely discarded

**DO NOT bring:**

newspapers, phone books, magazines,  
plastic, cardboard, catalogs,  
electronics or paint

Questions: Call Pati Sawyer Boex 303-753-2160

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To our Masonic Brethren...

HARMONY LODGE # 61

CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO JOIN US FOR A

Presentation on **Art Curation** to be held at Harmony Lodge on October 2<sup>nd</sup> by Maggie Mazzullo of CU Boulder.

**The Place:** 350 S. Broadway Denver, Colorado

**The Time:** The complimentary Dinner starts at 6:30 p.m.

**The lodge opens at 7:30 p.m.**

**RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST.** No reservation= NO EATS & NO EXCEPTIONS!!!

**Reservations Contact: Bryan Schultz PM 303-733-6036**  
**By September 18<sup>th</sup>.**

**We hope to see you then!!**

The Worshipful Master, Officers and Brethren of  
Harmony Lodge # 61 A. F. & A. M.





## SALUTE TO SERVICE

This special tribute fundraiser will recognize and honor those who have served and continue to serve our country. Our SALUTE to SERVICE campaign is an opportunity for you to purchase a 3' x 5" American Flag that will be displayed on the front lawn of the Eastern Star Masonic Retirement Campus the week of November 5 through November 12 in honor of Veterans Day.

- 3'x5" Flag on a 6'ft pole cost: \$40.00
- Flags are limited to 200 and will be sold on a first-come basis.
- Flags from each of the five services are also needed. Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marines, and Navy. Cost: \$40.0

QR link to Eventbrite to reserve your flag:

If you have any, questions please call:

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# Traveling Gavels

In an effort to promote visitations among lodges in the state of Colorado we are going to attempt to provide information in each newsletter about where the travelling gavels are located

There are two gavels that travel around the state. One we are going to call the **Regular Gavel** and one the **Western Slope Gavel**. Check the requirements for claiming the gavel including the number of brethren required to attend the visit.

## Regular Gavel

**Location:** Grand Junction #173 , 2400 Consistory Court, Grand Junction, CO 80501

**Meeting Dates:** Meets 2nd Friday at 7:30 p.m., dark until September

**Master:** Craig A. Miller

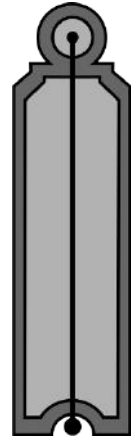
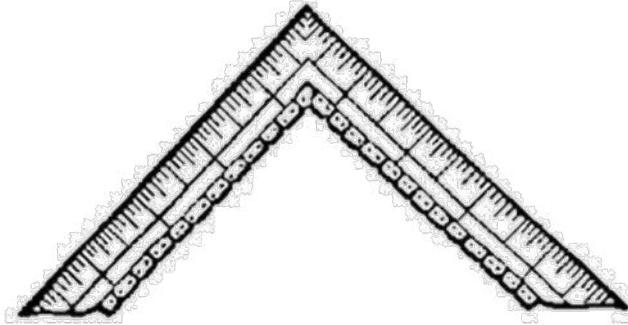
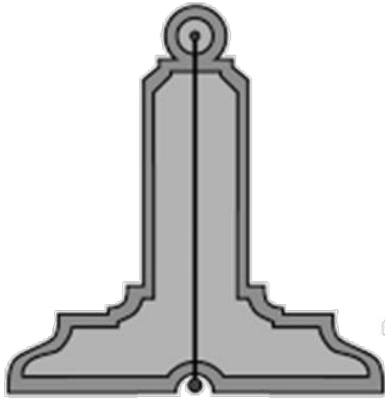
## Western Slope Gavel

**Location:** Lakewood Lodge #170 , 2460 Youngfield Street, Lakewood, CO 80215

**Meeting Dates:** 2nd Tuesday of each month, 7:30 p.m.

**Master:** Justin H. Kirkland





**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**  
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**so that it can be included in the next edition of the newsletter.**

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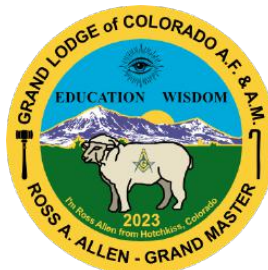
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The Grand Lodge Office is open Monday through Friday from 8:00am to 4:00pm. All are welcome as long as you are not feeling ill. For the front door please ring the door bell for access.

