



Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Colorado AF&AM

May 1, 2024

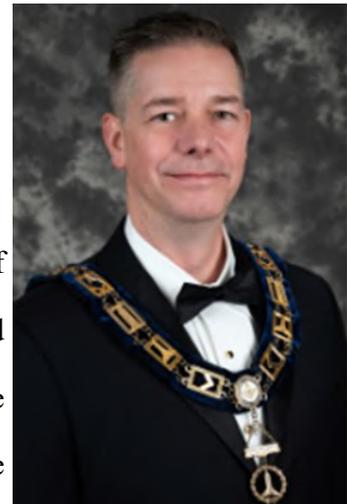
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From the South

MERIT OVER TRADITION

The Imperative of Qualification-Based Leadership in Masonic Lodges

In the esteemed tradition of Masonic Lodges, the selection of leadership embodies a decision that profoundly impacts the future and fidelity to our principles. The question stands: should leadership be conferred based on a brother's qualifications, or does it yield to the longstanding practice of tenure and the progressive line mentality? The route we select not only sculpts our current fellowship but also has enduring effects on the fraternity's legacy.



Tenure within the Lodge, while indicative of a brother's commitment, does not inherently equate to leadership capability. A brother elevated merely because it is his turn might find difficulty when the demands of leadership call for more than longevity in the fraternity. The progressive line mentality, an echo of bygone hierarchies, often places sequence before skill. Though respect for the progression of ranks is deeply ingrained, it shouldn't eclipse the necessity for skillful leadership.

As Masonic Lodges face an era brimming with complexity, selecting leaders based on their qualifications becomes critical. Leaders should embody the Masonic virtues through



practical wisdom, a strategic mindset, and the ability to foster growth and resilience within the fraternity. Qualifications mean more than just ritual proficiency; they involve a spectrum of leadership traits including moral fortitude, judicious decision-making, and the ability to unite the brethren under a shared vision.

Emphasizing qualifications reaffirms a meritocratic foundation, signifying that Masonic leadership is a mantle of service, achieved through exemplary conduct and beneficial contributions to the Lodge. It cultivates an environment where every brother is encouraged to aspire, grow, and potentially lead, mirroring the collective excellence of our order.

Authentic connection with the brotherhood remains vital; however, such bonds should be founded on respect for a brother's capabilities and leadership qualities rather than the familiarity of his presence or the expectation of progression.

History has shown us the risks of conferring leadership based solely on tenure or adherence to the progressive line. Lodges that have thrived typically did so under the guidance of those most aptly prepared to confront contemporary challenges, regardless of their tenure or popularity.

Choosing leaders based on qualifications is a deliberate and strategic choice for Masonic Lodges. It ensures that our leaders are the most capable of steering the Lodge through the vicissitudes of time, with leadership being an active duty undertaken with competence, Masonic insight, and a profound dedication to our enduring values. In Masonry, true leadership is not about simply awaiting one's turn; it's about being duly and truly prepared to serve when the Lodge calls.

Fraternally, Junior Grand Warden; RWB Jerry Underwood

Special Notice from the Most Worshipful Grand Master

The Grand Lodge has become aware that some of our Lodges have come to the attention of Federal and State Internal Revenue Services due to issues with filing or problems in required revenue filings. Consequently, some of our organizations have lost their Not-For-Profit status. To address this, I am initiating efforts to form a team to advise and assist Lodges and Temple boards in restoring their status. My aim is to have a solution or a working team in place within the next 30 days. Several members raised this concern at the Annual Communication, and I am actively gathering the necessary information and personnel to support each of you with this issue. We ask for your patience as we work towards providing you with solutions and tools to overcome these difficulties.

Dave Reynolds, MWGM
MWGL Colorado AF&AM



SAVE THE DATE!

100th Anniversary Cornerstone Re-dedication

- **Location:** 1370 Grant St. Denver, CO.
- **Date:** July 20th, 2024
- **Schedule:**
- **2:30pm:** Grand Lodge Ceremony
- **3:00pm:** Open Consistory Tours
- **4:00pm:** Presentation of *The Traitor*
- **5:00pm:** Dignitary Comments
- **6:00pm:** Social hour at Doc's
- **6:30pm:** Dinner (Invitation only event)



2024 Matching Grants for Lodge Scholarships

Colorado Masons and their lodges have enjoyed great success with the Matching Grant program for many years. Students from all over Colorado have had financial assistance from their local lodges participating in Matching Grants. The Board of the Benevolent Fund sincerely appreciates the support shown by the lodges and is most pleased to continue the Matching Grant program.

The Matching Grants for 2024 will be up to \$500.00. To qualify for the full \$500 match, the Lodge would need to award an educational grant to a 2024 public high school graduating senior who will attend a Colorado institution of higher education. If the Lodge gives a total of \$1,000.00 or more to their chosen student, the match would be for half that amount, or \$500. If a lodge gives less than \$1,000, the match would be for half of the amount of the lodge grant.

One change in the Matching Grant program is that a lodge can give a scholarship to more than one student in their area and apply for a match for each scholarship granted.

The deadline for requesting the matching grant is June 30, 2024. The form should be returned by email to: education@cmbfa.org, or by snail mail to Scholarship Administrator, PO Box 703, Westminster, CO. If using regular mail, it must be postmarked by June 30, 2024 and received by July 8th. Checks will be distributed to Lodges the end of June or end of July depending on when the request forms are received and logged in.

If you have any questions about the Matching Grant program, contact Grover Sardeson, the Scholarship Administrator. He can be reached by email at education@cmbfa.org or by phone at 719-623-5349.

Application for Matching Grant Award

CMBFA EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP MATCHING GRANT AWARD -- 2024

Lodge Name and Number : _____

1st Recipient Name: _____ High School Senior (Yes/No): _____

College or Institution: _____ Amount Lodge has contributed: \$ _____

2nd Recipient Name: _____ High School Senior (Yes/No): _____

College or Institution: _____ Amount Lodge has contributed: \$ _____

3rd Recipient Name: _____ High School Senior (Yes/No): _____

College or Institution: _____ Amount Lodge has contributed: \$ _____

Amount requested from Benevolent Fund (Same as one-half Lodge contribution in 1, 2 & 2 above up to \$500 each) \$ _____

Remember for matching grant, students must be a 2024 graduating Colorado Public high school senior and attending a Colorado institution of higher learning.

NOTE: THERE ARE TWO WAYS YOU MAY SUBMIT THE GRANT APPLICATION FORM:

1) E-MAIL TO: education@cmbfa.org , AND SEND NO LATER THAN **JUNE 30, 2024.**

Or 2) SEND BY MAIL TO THE SCHOLARSHIP ADMINISTRATOR AT:

CMBFA SCHOLARSHIP ADMINISTRATOR, PO BOX 703, WESTMINSTER, CO 80036-0703 AND BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN JUNE 30, 2024 AND RECEIVED BY JULY 8, 2024.

Lodge Secretary's name and mailing address (reimbursement check will be sent to the Lodge Secretary.):

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (____) _____ E-Mail _____

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Celebrating our Masonic Youth

Annual brunch with Colorado Rainbow Girls



From the Senior Grand Deacon



The Forget-Me-Not Flower *Freemasonry in Nazi Germany*

The “forget-me-not” is the informal name for the Myosotis flower, known for being small and having blue or purple petals.



From its beginning in 1933, Nazi Germany placed severe legal, political, and civic restrictions against institutions it saw as hostile to, or inconsistent with, its aims and ideals. Along with Jews, members of the LGBTQ+ community, those with mental and physical handicaps, Catholics, and Jehovah’s Witnesses, Freemasons were likewise targeted for criminal prosecution and exclusion from society. The Enabling Act of 1933 dissolved all Masonic lodges in the Third Reich, confiscating all property and banning members from joining the Nazi Party. Free association between and among Masons un-

der Nazi control was dangerous. There were Brothers, however, who were determined not to give up their identity as Freemasons, even under these most difficult of circumstances.

In 1926, the Grand Lodge Zur Sonne (Grand Lodge of the Sun) held its annual meeting in Bremen in northern Germany. It adopted a blue forget-me-not badge as its emblem, which was produced by a local factory. That was a terrible time in Germany, economically speaking, further aggravated in 1929 following that year's Great Depression. That economic situation, contributed to Hitler's accession to power. Many people depended on charity, some of which was Masonic. Distributing the forget-me-not at the Grand Lodge Communication was meant to remind German Brethren of the charitable activities of the Grand Lodge.

By coincidence, the same facility was called upon to produce a blue forget-me-not lapel pin in 1938 by the National Socialist People's Welfare Organization, to commemorate its Winterhilfswerk, or winter charitable contribution drive. The pin was a gift to donors.

During the ensuing decade of Nazi power a little blue Forget Me Not flower worn in a Brother's lapel served as one method whereby brethren could identify each other in public (although even then it was rarely safe to wear any non-Nazi pin), and in cities and concentration camps (allegedly – this would have been extremely risky) throughout Europe. However, the Forget Me Not *was* a Nazi pin (although for a different purpose), and while nothing was ever really safe in Nazi Germany, this was slightly more so because of its Nazi affiliation. The Forget Me Not distinguished the lapels of countless brethren who staunchly refused to allow the symbolic Light of Masonry to be completely extinguished. Thus, the blue forget-me-not, ostensibly a symbol of Nazi social policy, became a symbol of Freemasonry – a clandestine badge of membership. For example, at the concentration and later prison camp at Esterwegen, Belgian political prisoners formed the Loge Liberté chérie (Beloved Liberty Lodge) and conducted meetings and ritual in secret from 1943-1944. It is reported that the prisoners employed the Forget me not as a mode of recognition. However, direct evidence of this is scarce, and in a smaller community such as a concentration camp it is likely that Brothers could use other means of recognition to identify one another without assuming the overt risk of a badge on their uniform that was something other than the inverted red triangle (a political prisoner symbol in Nazi camps – the designation for Freemasons by the Nazis). But these Brethren did meet in Lodge, *within the walls of a concentration camp!* Whether they wore the badge/pin inside the camp is irrelevant, it demonstrates the lengths that

Brothers would go to ensure their masonic lives and principles were not eliminated.

After the war, in 1947, when the Grand Lodge of the Sun was reopened, a pin in the shape of a forget-me-not was adopted as an emblem of that first convention by those who survived the Nazi era. It then was also adopted as an official Masonic emblem honoring those brothers who dared to wear the flower openly.

However, is the legend true? Or is it just that, a legend (or a myth – to provide it with more potent staying power). There is scant evidence that the pin, badge or actual flower were worn inside concentration camps (as I alluded to earlier) but there are examples to be found of men wearing the pin during the Nazi reign of terror and the Masonic pogrom. Were there Brothers brave enough to resist Hitler? Yes, and they often paid with their lives. So, to envision Brothers surreptitiously displaying a symbol of Brotherly love to identify one another doesn't stretch the imagination too far as we have examples of this happening under the Nazi watch for all manner of occupations and vocations. And this particular subset of the population were members of a secret society already with clandestine modes of recognition so the likelihood of such activity being practiced is even more plausible. There is no direct evidence that can be found (for *or* against this “myth”, by the way) but conversations with aged German Freemasons indicate it to be true. Who's to say? But the message conveyed by the history or legend is the same: Freemasonry is a noble, worthy legacy that we are tasked to uphold, through good times and bad, and one which I endeavor to do so proudly.

Ultimately, Adolf Hitler was unsuccessful in eradicating Freemasonry in Germany and beyond. While countless Brothers were persecuted, arrested and killed, Freemasonry, notwithstanding, has still survived. The Masonic tenets of Brotherly love, relief and truth still ring true today long after the Nazi regime attempted so vigorously to eliminate these values from the world.

Information on this article sourced from Grand Lodge of Ohio, Masonrytoday.com, and the Grand Lodge of California as well as personal conversations with Masonic Brothers in Germany.

Fraternally, Senior Grand Deacon; WB Daren Klinefelter

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.

Thursday May 2nd, 2024

O.V. & Awards at Mesa Lodge No. 55

Description: Dinner at 6pm (\$25.00) Stated Meeting at 7pm.
2400 Consistory Court, Grand Junction, CO .

Friday and Saturday May 3-4, 2024

Spring Reunion of the Grand Junction Scottish Rite

Description: Exemplifying eight degrees! You can [CLICK HERE](#) for a link to the Reunion Program. And [CLICK HERE](#) for the Reunion Schedule

Tuesday May 28th, 2024

O.V. at Centurion Lodge No. 195

Description: Dinner at 6:15pm / Meeting at 7pm

Saturday June 8, 2024

Cornerstone re-dedication at Park Hill Lodge

Description: Ceremony at 10am. 4819 Montview Blvd, Denver, CO

Saturday July 13, 2024; 7:30am

Angel of the Forest Commandery Festival at Masonic Park; Rye, Colorado

Description: Tickets \$15.00 [purchased here](#) @Eventbrite

Saturday July 27, 2024

Douglas County Fair Parade in Castle Rock

Description: Brethren, come join our Grand Officer line, Prince Hall Grand lodge Officers, and Brothers from Douglas No. 153 in the annual Douglas County Fair Parade through downtown Castle Rock. Contact secretary.dl153@gmail.com for details.

Saturday September 28, 2024

Annual "Barn Raising" Master Mason Degree

Description: Join the MWGLCO Grand Officer Line in their performance of the Master Mason degree with the Brothers of Douglas Lodge No. 153 and Kiowa Lodge No. 116.

Membership Awareness and Retention

Greetings Worshipful Masters, Officers, and Brothers:

As 2024 begins and we look to Freemasonry through the lens of membership, awareness, and retention, I wonder how many of our lodges are actively engaged in membership, awareness, and retention in their lodges and in the local communities?

I would like to hear from the lodge representatives on what they are doing to promote the craft from membership to awareness in their lodges and community at large. What are the various ways that you maintain the members' awareness and interest of the craft? What local programs do you have in place to expand your membership locally?

One program for consideration for 2024 is the creation of a Craft Warden position or appointee and I bet that some of the lodges already have a similar position in place, but I would also like to know if that is the case for those that do and those that do not.

The concept of the Craft Warden would be to address the above membership and awareness activities inside the individual lodges and build an interface between the lodges and membership & awareness and the GL district lecturer. The Craft Warden would be responsible for local membership & awareness activities for your lodge and allowing for a larger base of ideas and exchange of information between the GL committee and the lodges. The position could encompass things like holding and scheduling local training and presentations for your lodge as educational, awareness, retention type material, candidate open houses or even scheduling digital meetings based on approved content and format as an open meeting.

A coordinator for any and all membership and awareness, and retention for the members and prospects for your lodge and local area but focusing on membership and awareness. By nature, the responsibilities of the Craft Warden and membership/

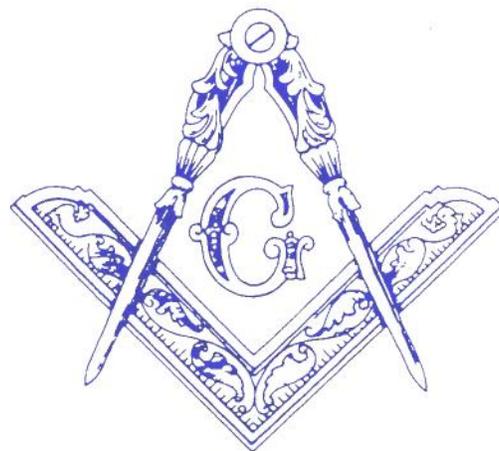
Membership Awareness and Retention

awareness committee and GL District Lecturer will cross over into the education committee arena where the Craft Warden would find online content for various presentations, educational materials and more from the members login from the education portal.

It is time that we engage and invest in the lodges into their future and build on our wider experiences that a lot of us are doing today. I would like to get a feeling from the lodges if such a program would be embraced and if they would consider creating such a position.

Please respond to the few questions above to membership@coloradofreemasons.org and please use a subject line of **2024 Membership Review** so I can easily identify responses.

Fraternally
Pete Finnie
Membership / Awareness Committee



FUNDRAISER FOR
Colorado Grand Assembly International Order of Rainbow

**VIRTUAL COMMUNITY
FUNDRAISERS**



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Online orders only

Apply code **922917** in the Fundraiser Code box during online checkout at www.pandaexpress.com, or via App

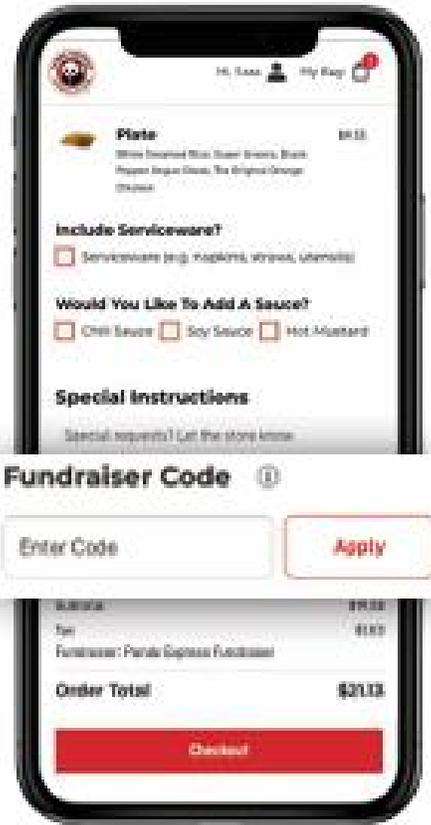
**28% of sales will be donated to: Colorado Grand Assembly International Order of
Rainbow**

service organization for girls 11-20 years of age.

Ordering Online for Fundraisers



We're excited to feed your supporters and give back to your organization with your upcoming Panda fundraiser! Here are some helpful steps on how your community can order online through [PandaExpress.com](https://pandaexpress.com) or our [Panda Express App](#).



1 Go to [PandaExpress.com](https://pandaexpress.com) to "Order Now" or open our [Panda Express App](#) to "Order".

2 Choose "**Pickup**" and select a pickup restaurant, or choose "**Delivery**" and input your address for options.

Note: Orders placed through other apps will not count towards your fundraiser.

3 Add all your Panda favorites to your order, like our Original Orange Chicken, Broccoli Beef, and Chow Mein!

4 Input your unique fundraiser Online Ordering Code in the "**Fundraiser Code**" section and click "**Apply**" in the red box.

Note: Fundraiser Code is applicable to your online order for your event date, up to a week ahead of time.

5 Confirm your code has been applied by checking that your organization name is displayed. Click "**Checkout**" and provide payment information.

If you have additional questions, email us at FundraiserCenter@pandarg.com and our community team will be happy to help!

Happy Fundraising!

Saturday May 18th; 1:00pm

Grand Junction & Delta Royal Arch Chapters



ABLE KIDS FOUNDATION ANNUAL FUNDRAISER BOWLING

TOURNAMENT



**\$50 | Teams of 4 (\$12.50 per person)
3 games, ball & shoes included**

Bring Cash/Check for Donations

**RSVP to: Scott Wilson
(970) 260-1485 | MSWilson@TDS.Net**

Orchard Mesa Lanes, 295 27 Rd, Grand Junction, CO

High Twelve International

WHO ARE WE?

Founded by Wally Wolcott in 1921, we are an association of Master Masons who desire to gather in fellowship INDEPENDENT of formal ritual.

More than a lunch club, we provide an environment where Master Masons can feel comfortable among brothers with similar values.

Simply put, High Twelve is MASONARY IN ACTION.

Today, High Twelve International has 122 Chartered Clubs in 7 Countries. Those are: United States (113), across 7 states, Japan (2), England (3), Mexico (1), Scotland (1), El Salvador, (1), & Brazil (1). We currently have over 3,000 members + total spread across the world. We are looking to Charter 3 new clubs very soon.



WHAT WE DO?

First and foremost, is to encourage and support good government. This is accomplished through the Wolcott Foundation, which provide fellowships to those who endeavor to pursue a Master's Degree in Federal Government or Foreign Service. These fellowships are provided at George Washington University in Washington DC.

Assist BLUE LODGES in whatever manner is needed. Partner with local lodges to further community objectives,

Service to youth, support and provide assistance to Masonic Youth Groups like DeMolay, Rainbow Girls, Job's Daughters.

WHEN?

Meetings usually begin with a breakfast, lunch or dinner on a monthly basis. Since there is no ritual, members are encouraged to invite, wives, family members or friends to attend. After the meal there usually is a presentation on a topic of interest to the club. These may be Masonic or Non-Masonic.

WHY?

In today's climate, everyone is looking for a group, FAMILY, a cause, FELLOWSHIP, a reason, FUTURE. Everyone eats and is always looking to share a meal with friends. So I ask, WHY NOT.

Our emblem features THREE STEPS which symbolize the three degrees of a Master Mason. The clock is at HIGH TWELVE. But most important is our motto.

To Talk Little

To Hear Much

To Reflect Upon Truth

I challenge you to GIVE US A TRY, JOIN US, you will be glad you did. There are clubs in your area ready to WELCOME you. If a club is not near you, start your own, we'll help and guide you.

Hope to see you soon. For more information contact us at secretary@high12.org

FAMILY, FELLOWSHIP, FUTURE

Akron Chapter #26

ROYAL ARCH MASONS

405 Main Street, Fort Morgan CO 80701

Shane Hoskins
Excellent High Priest

Dana Speaks, Secretary
Assistant Festival Director



March 2024

Companions,

You are invited to attend the 32nd annual Pasture Degree Festival to be conducted on Saturday, June 1, 2024. Any Companions who have attended in the past will attest that the natural surroundings of the P/Lazy E Ranch Northwest of Akron, Colorado provide a meaningful backdrop for the lessons that are presented. It is always enlightening, and the four degrees of Royal Arch Masonry will be exemplified by some of the most dynamic ritualists in Colorado.

This is a regular convocation for Akron Chapter #26 so the work will be done as a courtesy for the other participating Chapters. Petitions should be submitted to the local Chapter for verification and approval. Chapter Secretaries should then send the registration form with all the required information to Akron Chapter about a week prior to the festival.

As with tradition, breakfast will be served beginning at about 6:30 a.m. and the group will retire to the hills at about 8:00 a.m. for work. The plan is to complete the degrees at about 2:00 p.m. and enjoy fellowship and lunch before you depart for home.

A \$30 fee will be assessed to everyone attending the Pasture Festival. This fee covers the meals, coffee and snack break, hand-outs, and water.

For more information about this unique event and to submit your registration forms, please contact Dana Speaks, at 405 Main Street, Fort Morgan CO 80701. He can be reached by phone at (970) 768-3517 but prefer that you use the following email: dasinw@msn.com.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Rick Benish,
Pasture Festival Director

Dana Speaks, Secretary Akron #26 RAM
Pasture Festival Assistant Director

PASTURE DEGREE ACCOMMODATIONS

Hampton Inn Fort Morgan
1152 Main Street
Fort Morgan, Colorado 80701 USA
(35 Miles from Ranch)

(970) 542-2484
<https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/denfm-hw-hampton-fort-morgan/>

Best Western Plus
1410 Barlow Road
Fort Morgan, CO 80701
(35 Miles from Ranch)

(970) 370-2322
<https://www.bestwestern.com>

Fairfield Inn & Suites Fort Morgan
1290 Cottonwood Pkwy
Fort Morgan, CO, 80701
(35 Miles from Ranch)

(970) 441-6200
<https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/akofm-fairfield-inn-and-suites-fort-morgan/overview/>

**Boarders Inn & Suites by
Cobblestone Hotels – Brush**
975 North Colorado Avenue
Brush, CO, 80723
(25 Miles from Ranch)

(970) 842-4241
<https://staycobblestone.com/co/brush/>

MoJo's Inn
625 East 1st Street
Akron, CO 80720
(10 Miles from Ranch)

(970) 345-6656 (MOJO)
<http://www.mojosinn.com/>

Comfort Inn Fort Morgan
1417 Barlow Road
Fort Morgan, CO, 80701, US
(35 Miles from Ranch)

(970) 441-9103
<https://www.choicehotels.com/colorado/fort-morgan/comfort-inn-hotels/co183>



RV Camping available at the Ranch or in Akron
Tent Camping available at the Ranch

DIRECTIONS



P / Lazy E Ranch – Michael and Kendra Anderson, 46043 CR Y, Akron CO 80720

➤ **From Brush and Points West**

From I-76 use Exit 92, Turn right onto HWY 6 for about a mile and then left on HWY 34, go about 18 miles on HWY 34 east, look for an old feedlot on the North side of the road. Turn North on County Road Y, it is about 4.5 miles to the P / Lazy E Ranch. Turn West into the ranch.

➤ **From Akron and Points East**

Proceed West on HWY 34 four miles to the old feedlot on the North side of the highway. Turn right onto County Road Y and then 4.5 miles to the Ranch.

➤ **From Sterling and Points North**

Take the Atwood Exit from I-76 and proceed South on HWY 63 for about 15 miles. Turn West on Road 50. It's about 4 miles to Road Y, then proceed South about 4 more miles to the Ranch.



REQUEST FOR COURTESY WORK

PASTURE DEGREE FESTIVAL – AKRON #26 – SATURDAY JUNE 1, 2024



Chapter Name: _____

Candidates to receive all the degrees of the Royal Arch and Companions Standing on the Mark Master, Past Master, or Most Excellent Master who seek to receive the remainder of the degrees at this festival.

Name & Address	Degree	Date
_____ _____ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Royal Arch <input type="checkbox"/> Mark Master <input type="checkbox"/> Past Master <input type="checkbox"/> Most Excellent Master	_____ _____ _____
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Number attending the festival – Candidates: _____ Companions: _____

A \$30.00 Fee will be assessed to all people attending the Pasture Festival. This fee covers meals, coffee and snack break, handouts, and water.

Chapter Secretary or EHP (Print): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please mail or email this information by May 27, 2024, to:

- Rick L. Benish, Festival Director, 24946 ORTT, Akron, CO 80720 – rbenish@gmail.com or
- Dana Speaks, Assistant Director, 405 Main St, Fort Morgan, CO 80701 – dsims@aman.com

Flags for Fallen Vets

Fort Logan National Cemetery



May 26th, 2024
Fort Logan National Cemetery
Masonic Families Gathering
Section "S" at 9am



Flags for Fallen Vets is a national program that annually takes place at a number of national, or military cemeteries across the country. The Rocky Mountain Chapter of Rose Croix of the Scottish Rite and Masons throughout Colorado have proudly supported and participated in the event for the past several years. The mission is to ensure that an American flag is placed at the grave of every veteran resting in these cemeteries.

This year's family-oriented event will take place on Sunday, May 26 at 9am at Fort Logan National Cemetery in Denver. We need volunteers to assist with placing the flags on May 26 and then with the retrieval of the flags on June 1. Volunteering is very easy - just follow these steps:

- Go to <https://flagsforfallenvets.com/> and click on 2024 Volunteer Form
- Select Fort Logan National Cemetery - Denver in the drop-down menu and then enter your email address
- In the "Group" menu, select "Mason" or "Masonic" and Section "S"
- Add the number of volunteers you will be bringing with you that day

News from Denver Consistory

Blue Lodge Recognition Nite @ the Denver Consistory Monday—June 17th, 2024

Brother Masons, Join us at the Denver Consistory for a special evening of fraternity and entertainment. All Colorado Lodges are welcome to attend the evening. Dinner @ 6:00pm. Followed by introductions of the Blue Lodges @ 7:00p—Banners are welcome to parade into the Cathedral, as in the past prizes for the Lodge with the largest attendance of a Blue Lodge. **Lets fill the Consistory full of Joy and Music**

After recognizing the Blue Lodges sit back for an evening of Great acoustic music by a nationally known band Steely/Dead a fusion of Steely Dan and the Grateful Dead.

Dinner 6pm; \$25.00 for a good meal **(Parking Garage is Open)**

Live entertainment is free.

Open to all Brothers Families and Friends. Guests are encouraged!!

All are welcome to share in the evening



Hailing from the vibrant music scene of Denver, Colorado, Steely Dead is a national touring band that has satisfied the curiosity of music lovers with their unique blend of Grateful Dead and Steely Dan. Comprised of four exceptionally talented musicians – Dave Abear on guitar, Matt Abear on bass, Chris Sheldon on drums, and Dylan Tesler on keys – Steely Dead has gained a dedicated following with their electrifying performances and soulful interpretations of classic

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Table Lodge at Harmony No. 61

HARMONY Lodge N°. 61 A.F. & A.M. Honoring St. John the Baptist with a
Table Lodge

To all Masons, Greetings:

Harmony Lodge N°. 61 cordially invites you to a Table Lodge honoring
Saint John the Baptist.

Come join us for some education and enjoyment, celebrating Saint John
the Baptist at a Table Lodge Meeting. This is a great way to start the
summer season and meet new Masons, make new friends, and enjoy
the evening with great food and drink.

June 22nd, 2024, beginning at the hour of 6:00 p.m.
350 S. Broadway, Denver Colorado South Denver
Masonic Temple

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED - AT: 303-733-6036

Reservations accepted until 8:00 p.m. on June 1st. No further reserva-
tions will be accepted after the above deadline.

The Members and Officers of Harmony Lodge N°. 61 hope to see you
then.

Honor Flight

From the Grand Commandery of Colorado



Rocky Mountain Honor Flight is a Denver Colorado-based non-profit organization formed in 2007. Our goal is to fly every able and willing Veteran to Washington D.C. to visit the monuments and memorials dedicated to their service. Our priority is with World War II and terminally ill Veterans. We also accept applications from all Veterans. We are a member of Honor Flight Network, which began this activity in 2005 and began flying with commercial charter aircraft in 2006 from Dayton, Ohio. There are now about 130 “hubs”, from which flights originate around the country. National Honor Flight Network provides us with logistical support as well as arranging activities in Washington D.C.

Veterans must fill out an application form, which can be found on our application page <https://rockymountainhonorflight.org/> and printed or downloaded. Trained volunteer guardians accompany all Veterans on each flight. Volunteers can apply to be a guardian by downloading or printing the form available here. Various private and commercial donors support us. We are supported by many Veterans’ organizations in the region. We have no paid staff. Our volunteers organize the Veterans for travel, arrange the travel both to and from Washington, and arrange all transportation, activities and meals in Washington. The “journey” is usually 3 days and 2 nights, spending several hours at the World War II Memorial, and visiting other Washington landmarks such as the Korean War Memorial, Vietnam Wall, Lincoln Memorial, Arlington

Honor Flight

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National Cemetery and changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknowns and the Marine Corps War Memorial.

At the current time, for obvious reasons, priority is given to World War II Veterans. If a Veteran is certified terminally ill by a doctor but able to travel, he or she moves up the priority list no matter what their era of service. We hope to launch at least four flights per year and perhaps more, providing we get enough financial support.

2024 Flights

Event: Flight #47—In planning

Date: May 23-25, 2024

Event: Flight #48—In pre-planning

Date: September 5-7, 2024

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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: Manitou Lodge No. 68; 317 E, Boulder Street, Colorado Springs

Meeting Dates: 1st & 3rd Thursday ;7:30 p.m.

Master: Aaron Langevin

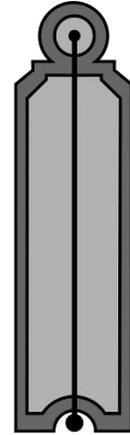
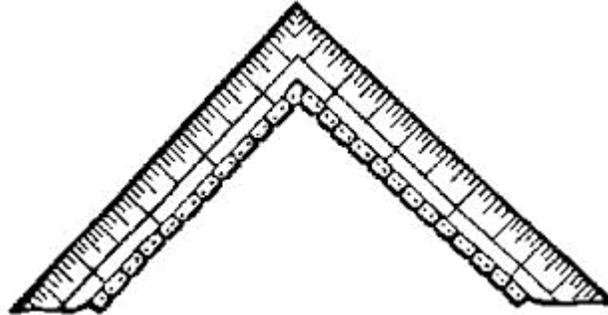
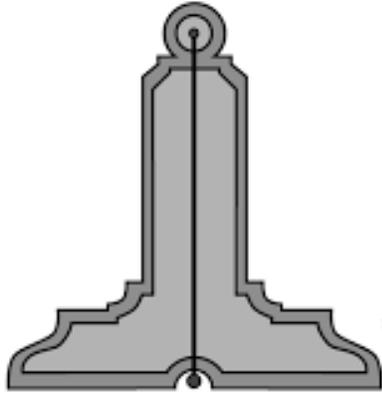
Western Slope Gavel

Location: Rio Blanco No. 80, 364 7th Street, Meeker

Meeting Dates: Meets 2nd and 4th Thursday; 7:00 p.m.

Master: Kevin Amack





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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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.



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