



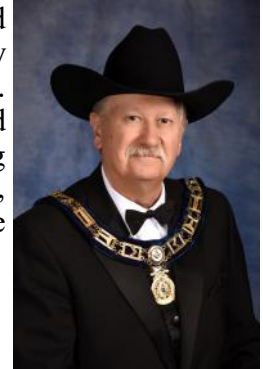
Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Colorado AF&AM

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From the Desk of the Grand Master

The proposed budget for 2025 plans and operation of the Office of the Grand Lodge has been distributed, and as we approach the August Anniversary Communication it is a good time to reflect on these plans and operations. Short, medium, and long term, or 'Strategic Operational Plans' for the Grand Lodge Office are regularly considered by the Grand Lodge Officers during the course of each year. Under the direction of the Deputy Grand Master, these plans are distilled into a proposed annual budget and presented to the greater Grand Lodge of Colorado for approval.



2025 Proposed Budget

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Up front in this article are a couple of useful definitions and concepts: The Grand Lodge of Colorado is made up of all the elected officers of each Blue Lodge, together with elected and appointed Grand Lodge Officers and Past Grand Masters, Past Deputy Grand Masters and Standing Committees.

The Office of the Grand Lodge of Colorado consists of Grand Lodge Officers elected by the Grand Lodge of Colorado and the appointees of those elected officers, assisted by paid function mater experts hired to support and to execute day-to-day administrative functions.

Our mission, as stated in the BOC, is "To form a more perfect fraternal union, and to provide for and promote the general welfare of the Masonic Craft." This mission drives our planning and budgeting processes.

The Work of the Office of the Grand Lodge Falls into Five Major Categories:

1. Administrative: Maintaining membership records, assisting Blue Lodges with BOC obligations, processing requests, corresponding with outside jurisdictions, and more. This is the office of the Grand Secretary.



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2. Ritual: Ensuring consistency in ritual work, overseeing public Masonic ceremonies, and providing educational materials. This is the office of the Grand Lecturer.

3. Financial: Overseeing the annual budgeting process, tracking expenditures, maintaining insurance, and meeting tax obligations. This is the office of the Grand Treasurer.

4. Planning: Developing future plans, addressing ongoing issues, and ensuring continuity of work. This is the office of the Deputy Grand Master.

5. Executive Authority: Overseeing all activities, making final decisions, and representing Colorado Masonry to all stakeholders. This is the office of the Grand Master.

The primary role of the remaining elected and appointed Grand Lodge Officers is to assist and support the above officers in carrying out their work.

While the Office of the Grand Lodge supports individual Blue Lodges, it cannot increase membership, raise community profiles, or handle local administrative tasks directly. Each lodge must take initiative in these areas, with the Office providing assistance as needed.

Our BOC grants considerable responsibility to the Office of the Grand Lodge, especially during budget planning. Each year, the proposed budget reflects how we can best fulfill our mission, responsibilities, and meet the expectations of Colorado Masons.

Reviewing the proposed budget with these core duties in mind is essential. Our goal is to resolve broader issues affecting the welfare of the Craft in Colorado, including:

1. Membership and Lodges: Addressing long-term declining membership, conflicts within lodges, and regulatory compliance. We focus on improving initiation and retention rates, with new guidelines on selecting and retaining members based on successful lodge practices.

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2. Digital Presence and Communications: Enhancing our public profile and digital presence, improving ritual work, and providing inspiring Masonic education. We aim to streamline digital communications and improve the quality of our online materials. We are also working to enhance our web and social media presence, improve our training materials, and deliver the best public Masonic ceremonies. Our new Grand Lodge Website will be launched soon.

The Office of the Grand Lodge works on these issues with input from our lodges. For instance, declining membership has various causes, including changing social norms and lack of public interest. One focus area is the dropout rate of new initiates, which we address by improving screening processes and support for new members and lack of attention towards new initiates to help them advance. If the last thing your lodge hears from a new initiate was that he did not know what he was getting into, then you can be assured that your investigative committee needs to change its format and protocols.

If your lodge is not making new initiates feel like they are the most important person in the room and providing continuous attention and assistance, he may not stick around. In reality, he is the most important future asset of your lodge and should be treated as such.

The Office of the Grand Lodge is working to develop and issue new guidelines on how best to select and retain new members and these guidelines rely on the best practices of our highest performing lodges. Attached you will find a link to a set of investigative procedures being used in Colorado but several very successful lodges.

Suggested Investigation Practices and Instructions

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Conflicts within and among lodges are contrary to our principles. We are developing conflict resolution guidelines and workshops to address these issues proactively. Additionally, we are reviewing the tax status of lodges to ensure compliance and avoid legal consequences.

In conclusion, the direction of Freemasonry in Colorado should not change drastically with each new Grand Master if there is continuity and shared goals among the officers. Regular

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communication with lodges and the implementation of successful procedures will ensure positive progress for the Craft.

Each officer participates in the long-term work of improving our Fraternity and understanding the challenges and opportunities we face. When an officer becomes Grand Master, they are equipped with the knowledge and ideas to continue our mission effectively. I would like to thank my predecessors and those involved in the “Colorado Grand Lodge Strategic Action Plan” initiative MWB Ray Dunn and MWB Ross Allen. I need to also identify the authors/editors of this document and the Plan, RWB Jerry Underwood, WB Lawarnee OTT, and WB Vince Johnson. None of the Strategic Action Plan would be possible without our current line of elected and appointed officers of the Grand Lodge of Colorado.

With out the buy in and participation of each and every one of these officers we would be doing a one-year program instead of looking to the future and planning for success of the Craft. If we want the Craft to flourish we need to get out of our own way and move beyond ourselves. To move ahead we need to explore new ideas and observe what is working for others and adjust our thinking and procedures. The Masonic Joke is “...that is the way we have always done it...” we laugh and move on but seldom actually change. Whether this is from fear of what others might think or fear of doing something new is irrelevant. We need to have the Courage to do what is right and not what is easy. We can no longer keep doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results.

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The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting a different result.

Albert Einstein

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Grand Lodge of Colorado Strategic Action Plan

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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 Grand Lodge Scholarship Winners

Colorado Masons have supported public education since the early days of the Grand Lodge of Colorado. As you may know most lodges participate in some form of local scholarship programs and request matching grants from the Grand Lodge for their local scholarships. The Grand Lodge of Colorado also has a specific committee dedicated to review applications from some of the best academic and vocational public high school students in the state to become Masonic Scholars. The Colorado Masons' Benevolent Fund Scholarship Committee was established in 1966. Scholarships amounting to over \$15 million have been awarded to over 1,700 students to attend institutions of higher learning in Colorado. The scholarships recently have been awarded in the amount \$7,000 per year, renewable for four years for a total of \$28,000. These are awarded primarily for leadership, maturity, need, and scholastic ability and are without reference to race, creed, color, sex, or Masonic relationship (per IRS rules). The scholarship committee also awards Vocational Grants to be used at Colorado schools for vocational education. These are one-time vocational awards and are usually for \$1,000 to \$2,000. The Masonic scholars chosen will be eligible to attend a Colorado public, or private institution, for academic or vocational education.

Over the last few months, local lodge scholarship committees as well as the Grand Lodge Scholarship Committee have met to look at the students who have submitted a request for a Masonic scholarships. Grand Lodge Scholarship requests came from throughout the state and were reviewed by the members of the committee to identify qualified students and future leaders of Colorado.

One of the most important items the scholarship committee reviews, in the student packets, is the lodge letter. We are thankful to lodges for their insight into these amazing students and to make us aware of those most deserving of our benevolence and support. Your lodge letters are the subject of significant discussion, debate, and input during the process and the selection meeting. In addition, committee members may also contact applicants for clarification on their submission packets prior to the final selection process.

2024 Grand Lodge Scholarship Winners (cont.)

Historically, the second most important document was the “Free Application for Student Federal Aid (FAFSA)” provided by the United States Department of Education, along with information from the Internal Revenue Service for the committee to review an applicant’s financial need. Unfortunately, changes were made to FASFA in the fall of 2023 (and were to be fully operational 12/2023) which resulted in many problems and delays throughout the nation and to our program. Due to the delays, with some students still not receiving their FASFA documents, we also used parent’s filed tax information. Each student has an award notice in the new FASFA, and now appears to automatically be awarded a federal student loan, if needed!

Finally, the remaining packet information is the last determination of the Masonic scholars. The reviewer chooses their applicants and makes a presentation for the other voting committee members and now becomes a non-voting advocate for their students.

The Masonic scholarship committee met on May 5, 2024, to present each of their students and a potential alternate, from an area outside of their lodge region and to make final determinations on vocational scholars. The committee deliberated over five hours and selected these students for the vocational and academic/educational scholarship awards.

The top Grand Lodge Vocational Scholarships are as follows:

Adrianna Price, Rio Blanco
Slaytor Goss, Sterling
Parker Neil, Montrose
Narely Oliva, Rio Blanco
Broc Imel, Mancos
Elijah Flowers, Mt. Princeton
Alternate – Emily Hamm, Rio Blanco

2024 Grand Lodge Scholarship Winners (cont.)

The top Grand Lodge Academic Scholarships are as follows:

Cat Linh Tran, Fidelity
Catalina Clay, Douglas
Oren More IV, Durango/San Juan
Rosely Gonzalez, Pueblo
Bryan Rosas, Rio Blanco
Ryann Mergelman, Rio Blanco
Bryce Davis, Grand Junction
Alternate – Jesse Mishell, Columbine
Alternate – Julie Ledsma Suare, Montrose
Alternate – Bryan Hastey, Durango/San Juan
Alternate – Eleanor Schell, Longs Peak
Alternate – Marlin Moreno-Flores, Southgate

A special thank you to all the committee members and the lodges for doing their part in interviewing and supplying candidates for these outstanding students!

Best regards,

The Colorado Masons' Benevolent Fund Scholarship Committee



Masonic Symbolism of St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist-One Interpretation

Freemasonry deeply values its rich tapestry of symbols and allegories. Central to these are the figures of St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist, who are revered for their spiritual and moral significance. As we approach the summer equinox, and St. John the Baptist day, this article will discuss one view of the Masonic symbolism associated with these two saints and their importance in Masonic tradition, with a particular focus on their duality and balance (i.e. keeping yourself duly circumscribe within these due bounds).

St. John the Baptist: The Forerunner and Herald

St. John the Baptist is a pivotal figure in Masonic tradition, revered for his role as a precursor to higher spiritual truths and moral enlightenment. John the Baptist, who was a cousin to Jesus Christ, is consistently described in all four gospels of the New Testament as a "voice crying in the wilderness," whose purpose was to, "prepare the way of the Lord and make his paths straight." In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus himself says of John: "Among them that are born of women, there has not risen any greater than John the Baptist." John the Baptist--called the Baptist because he baptized believers in the River Jordan--preached single-minded righteous living and improvement of character and that deviation from these practices is not acceptable. John the Baptist was imprisoned as his message was deemed threatening to the ruling powers in the region at that time and was eventually beheaded by King Herod for his refusal to change his message and for his devotion to Jesus. The heroism, fidelity and integrity of John the Baptist are echoed in the legends of Jacques DeMolay and Hiram Abif, which gives us some insight into his choice as a Patron Saint of the Masonic Order.

His life and teachings provide several key symbolic elements:

1. Moral Preparation and Repentance:
 - Symbolism of Baptism: John's practice of baptizing with water is emblematic of purification and repentance. In Masonic terms, this represents the cleansing of one's moral character and the commitment to personal growth and improvement,



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much like the lessons to be learned in the first degree.

- Call to Repentance: His call for repentance is a reminder of the need for self-reflection and moral accountability, aligning with the Masonic principle of striving towards moral perfection (as reflected in the perfect ashlar).
2. Bearer of Light and Truth:
- Herald of the Light: John the Baptist is often depicted as the herald of the coming Light, symbolizing the pursuit of knowledge and truth. His announcement of the coming of Jesus parallels the Masonic search for enlightenment and the greater understanding of the divine.
 - Summer Solstice: Celebrated on June 24th, John's feast day coincides with the summer solstice, the longest day of the year in terms of daylight. This period symbolizes enlightenment, growth, and the flourishing of knowledge, which are central themes in Masonic philosophy—the light which we most desire.
3. Voice in the Wilderness:
- Isolation and Integrity: John's life in the wilderness, preaching against societal corruption, under scores the Masonic value of maintaining integrity and moral fortitude, even when standing alone or facing adversity.
 - Ascetic Life: His ascetic lifestyle symbolizes the importance of self-discipline and the rejection of material excess, resonating with the Masonic call for members to lead virtuous lives.

St. John the Evangelist: The Theologian and Visionary

St. John the Evangelist, known for his theological insights and profound spiritual teachings, complements the symbolism of St. John the Baptist. John the Evangelist is the reputed author of the Gospel of John and the Book of Revelation. He was also known as John the Apostle, John of Patmos, and John the Presbyter, although some scholars believe John the Evangelist may be an amalgamation of several different people.

- Gospel of John: The Fourth Gospel, attributed to John, emphasizes themes of light, love, and truth. These themes are central to Masonic teachings, which encourage the pursuit of deeper understanding and the cultivation of wisdom.
- Epistles and Love: John's epistles, which emphasize love and brotherhood, re-

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flect Masonic values of fraternity, compassion, and mutual support among brethren.

2. Symbol of Light and Enlightenment:

- **Metaphor of Light:** Frequent references to light in John's Gospel align with Masonic symbolism. Light represents knowledge, truth, and the divine presence, guiding Masons in their quest for enlightenment.
- **Winter Solstice:** John's feast day, celebrated on December 27th, near the winter solstice, marks the return of light after the year's darkest days. This symbolizes hope, renewal, and the triumph of light over darkness, mirroring the Masonic belief in the journey towards enlightenment.

3. Visionary Insights:

- **Book of Revelation:** The apocalyptic visions in Revelation, attributed to John, convey deep symbolic meanings and esoteric knowledge. Masons value this pursuit of hidden truths and the understanding of deeper mysteries.
- **Symbolic Imagery:** The rich imagery and symbolism in Revelation align with Masonic allegories and the use of symbols to convey profound spiritual truths.

The Parallels in Masonic Tradition

Freemasonry integrates the symbolism of both Saints John into its teachings, creating a balanced and comprehensive approach to moral and spiritual development:

1. Duality and Balance:

- **Moral Rigor and Spiritual Insight:** The combination of John the Baptist's emphasis on moral discipline and John the Evangelist's focus on spiritual enlightenment embodies the balanced approach Masons strive for in their personal development.
- **Guardianship of the Lodge:** Symbolically, the two Saints John are seen as guardians of the Masonic Lodge, representing the protection and guidance of both moral and spiritual principles.

2. Solstices and Cycles of Light:

- **Summer and Winter Solstices:** The feast days of the two Saints John are aligned

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with the solstices, marking significant points in the annual cycle of light and darkness. This reflects the Masonic belief in the cyclical nature of growth, renewal, and the continuous pursuit of enlightenment. In modern terms, Masonry is a regenerative process.

- Symbolic Journey: The journey from the summer solstice (light and growth) to the winter solstice (reflection and renewal) parallels the Masonic journey of continuous self-improvement and the search for deeper understanding.
3. Exemplars of Masonic Virtues:
- Moral Integrity and Spiritual Wisdom: Both Saints John exemplify the virtues that Masons seek to embody—moral integrity, self-discipline, spiritual insight, and the pursuit of truth and knowledge.
 - Inspiration and Guidance: Their lives and teachings serve as inspiration and guidance for Masons, encouraging them to uphold the highest moral and spiritual standards in their personal and collective endeavors.

The Duality of John the Baptist and John the Evangelist

The duality of St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist is central to Masonic teachings, emphasizing the balance between moral rigor and spiritual wisdom. The two Saints John are properly described in Masonry as parallel figures: Both of unimpeachable character and strong influence on the Western philosophy, but one dogmatic and rigid, and the other intellectual and esoteric. In both we find the integrity and inflexible fidelity so common to Masonic teaching, but the manner of teaching those virtues varies between the two.

1. John the Baptist: Moral Rigor and Preparation:
- Role: John the Baptist serves as a symbol of moral rigor, preparation, and the necessity of repentance and purification before approaching higher spiritual truths. John the Baptist also serves as a reminder that too much of a good thing can be bad as exemplified by his inflexible passion leading to the loss of his head from his shoulders. What more could he have accomplished in his lifetime if it had not been cut short.

Masonic Symbolism of St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist-One Interpretation (cont.)

- Attributes: His ascetic lifestyle, call for repentance, and role as a forerunner highlight the importance of ethical conduct and the cleansing of impurities in one's character.
 - Symbolic Timing: His feast day during the summer solstice represents maximum light, growth, and the flourishing of knowledge, emphasizing the need for active pursuit and preparation.
2. John the Evangelist: Spiritual Wisdom and Enlightenment:
- Role: John the Evangelist embodies spiritual wisdom, divine insight, and the deep understanding of esoteric truths and divine mysteries.
 - Attributes: His theological writings, emphasis on love and light, and visionary insights in Revelation reflect the Masonic quest for deeper spiritual understanding and enlightenment.
 - Symbolic Timing: His feast day during the winter solstice marks the return of light after darkness, symbolizing hope, renewal, and the triumph of enlightenment over ignorance.

Conclusion

The Masonic reverence for St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist highlights the organization's deep connection to moral and spiritual values. Through their symbolism, these saints guide Masons in their quest for truth, enlightenment, and ethical living. By embodying the qualities of both saints, Freemasons aim to achieve a balanced and fulfilling journey of personal and collective growth, continuously striving for higher virtues and deeper understanding. The duality of John the Baptist and John the Evangelist represents the harmonious integration of moral integrity and spiritual wisdom, essential elements in the Masonic path of enlightenment. If Masons can truly live by these values represented by the holy saints John, it will be impossible for them to materially err.

Yours In light,

Dean A. McConell; Senior Grand Warden

Concert Review of Daniel Adam Maltz

by

John P. Trainor, Ph.D., Grand Musician of the
M.W. Grand Lodge of Colorado



WOW!! The audiences who saw the Daniel Adam Maltz Fortepiano concert can attest to the superior artistic performance and hauntingly delicate sound produced by the instrument that Haydn, Mozart, Beethoven, and Pleyel would have used.

Daniel demonstrated his exquisitely delicate technique in each of the compositions of the recital while fluently moving between the different styles of each of the composers. His performance was punctuated with ex-

planations of special characteristics of the Fortepiano and specific techniques such as the need for only six grams of pressure to press the keys and produce the sound. By comparison, the modern piano requires some ten times as much pressure (sixty grams or more) to activate the keys. The result is the lovely, quiet, and delicate sound Daniel so expertly performs.

The program opened with the *Rondo in a Minor* of Wolfgang Mozart. The *Rondo* dates from 1787 after Wolfgang's return from a successful tour in Prague and post dates the *Masonic Funeral Music* by some six months. He had only been a Mason for a little more than a year and had several masonic musical works in various states of development.

The form is the typical rondo form of ABACA. That is to say, theme one followed by a contrasting theme, return to theme one followed by a different theme, and returning to theme one again. The distinctive feature of the rondo is



the frequent return to the opening melody.

Second on the program was Mozart's *Sonata in F Major*, K.533/494. Mozart deviates from the standard sonata form typical in the common practice period. Ordinarily, the sonata consists of a fast movement in sonata-allegro form followed by a contemplative slow movement, often an *adagio*. Usually, the third movement is a light dance and often takes the form of a minuet. The finale is usually a rondo featuring fast-moving virtuosic runs and a coda leading to a powerful ending. Two interesting anomalies present in the F Major Sonata. The minuet movement is missing; probably an artistic choice for Wolfgang, as he was certainly capable of writing in the standard form, and we have no evidence that he deliberately left it out as a passive/aggressive maneuver against a publisher. Indeed, one of the ways consumers obtained sheet music in the 18th century was to purchase hand-written manuscript copies from the composer or others. Wolfgang might have had money making efforts in mind, and could have produced more copies if he had one less movement to reproduce. Mind you, the omission might be put down to oversight due to Wolfgang's heavy drinking. It is also interesting to note that the sonata, written in 1788, is labeled 533 in the Kochel catalogue, but acknowledges that the *Rondo* derives from the previous year and was sometimes performed as a stand alone piece.



During the intermission some of the audience chose to take a break while others remained in their seats to hear a brief lecture from the Grand Musician on some of the developments of Bro. Ignatz Pleyel that took the Fortepiano to the Pianoforte. Before reintroducing Daniel Adam Maltz, Joan Trainor, the wife of the Grand Musician, gave a brief talk about how she and her sister discovered the Maltz recital series.

The second half of the recital focused on two Haydn sonatas, the A Major, Hoboken catalogue number XVI:30, and the D Major sonata Hob. XVI:37. Both sonatas are from the same time period, and require a more delicate interpretation, which Daniel performed exquisitely. While Mozart, to our modern ears, sounds rather tame, his music was considered somewhat bombastic in his day. Haydn was thought more mature, refined, and delicate.

Both sonatas were written as part of a set of seven sonatas composed between 1776 and the end of 1777. Most were written in a lighter and more leisurely fashion indicative of Haydn's awareness of a newly risen market for amateur players. Consequently, the first of the set, Number 30, is shorter and less technical than many of Joseph Haydn's other works. The last of the series, number 37, stands in contrast to the others, as it is one of the more virtuosic and technically demanding pieces. The middle movement, *Largo e sostenuto*, is contemplative and somber to emphasize the bookend movements, *Allegro con brio* and *Presto ma non troppo*, where instances of fast virtuosic runs identify those movements as some of the most athletic works of the entire recital.

Daniel closed the program with the *Andante "Favori"* of Ludwig van Beethoven. Once again, he changed his stylistic interpretation to match the style of Beethoven; a style greatly different from Haydn and Mozart. *Andante "Favori"* is generally accepted as Beethoven's elegy for the only woman he truly loved and who, we believe, loved him. There has been considerable controversy amongst scholars as to who was the love of Beethoven's life. According to Daniel, who has devoted a good deal of time studying the question, Virginia Bearhs puts forth the most compelling arguments that it was Countess Josephine Brunszvik for whom the "Favori" was composed. She is also considered the most likely subject of Ludwig's mysterious letter, to the *Immortal Beloved*, which he wrote, kept to himself, and never posted.

Beethoven met Josephine when she was brought to Vienna as a teenager to study piano with the renowned pianist and composer. By 1799 they were in love but kept it secret as she was betrothed to Joseph Count Deym, her mother feeling it best to arrange a marriage with a wealthy aristocrat of the same social standing. Count Deym contracted pneumonia in 1804, and passed quickly, leaving his young wife a widow. Ludwig and Josephine picked up where they left off. He wrote her some 15 love letters and there is a suggestion that they shared a child together although confirmation for this has remained elusive. For the most part, they kept their relationship secret since Josephine was a member of the aristocracy and Ludwig, giant of music history that he was, was still, after all, a lowly musician.

The *Andante "Favori"* is slow and contemplative; almost a musical love letter. In it Ludwig weaves the melodies around in order to chant repeatedly, "Jo-se-phi-ne," (see figure 1). The Josephine motive occurs usually on a high F, the tonic (i.e, the most important note) and recurs several times piningly calling out for the love of Ludwig's life. This agonized longing was made all the worse when Josephine remarried. Her second marriage was disastrous and Ludwig could only watch helplessly as she became increasingly depressed and ultimately descended into the madness where he would lose her forever.



Jo-se-phi - ne

Figure 1

Daniel masterfully switched styles to interpret, expertly, the Beethoven style so very different from the Haydn and Mozart sonatas performed earlier in the recital, and so different from Beethoven's usual bombastic surprises. We do not know exactly when Daniel Adam Maltz will return to us with his fortepiano. When he does, we will disperse that information as soon as we have it. Everyone will want to get tickets as soon as they can. No one will want to miss his marvelous performance again.

Kevin Thomas Townley



It is my sad duty to inform you that our Brother, RW Kevin Townley, passed away on Saturday, May 25th, 2024 at 4:26 am. Upon his passing he held the position of Colorado's Grand Lecturer for the past 8 years. Kevin was a scholar, author, teacher, and student of Western Mysteries and Ageless Wisdom for over 50 years. He began his studies as a monk in a Carmelite Seminary at the age of fifteen until his early twenty's. He became a Merchant Marine, piloting tugboats on the Hudson River, after which he worked for many years as a carpenter. He moved to Boulder, Colo. in 1982 where he married and raised two sons. He proceeded on a life-long journey as a student and teacher of the Western Mysteries and Ageless Wisdom for over 40 years. His areas of discipline and study, in addition to a deep involvement in and reverence for Freemasonry, included the Rosicrucian's, Theosophy, Esoteric Christianity, Tarot, Astrology, Alchemy, Qabalah, Sufism, and Buddhism. In the late 1980s RWB Kevin worked in a full-time laboratory dedicated to the practical study of alchemy and spagery in a concerted search for the Philosopher's Stone. He was a cofounder of a Hermetic School, The Philosophers of Nature. He is the author of The Cube of Space, and Meditations on the Cube of Space and has published dozens of articles on various aspects of the craft. He was instrumental in re-publishing Henry Pellham Bromwell's seminal work, The Restorations of Masonic Geometry and Symbolry, For over 20 years RWB Townley has been the most highly sought-after Masonic speaker in Colorado and was a well-known Masonic speaker around the country. He served four times as Master of his Masonic Lodges and over the years he served as Secretary for five Colorado Lodges. He was Grand Orator in 2014. He holds certificates of proficiency in all areas of the blue lodge ritual work. He was a District Lecturer, a 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason and a member of the York Rite. His other accomplishments are too numerous to mention here. A Tribute and Masonic Funeral Service will be given in honor of RWB Kevin Townley, officiated by Grand Master David Reynolds and the Grand Lodge Officers of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Colorado Thursday, June 6, 2024, at 7:00 PM at the Scottish Rite Consistory, next to the state Capitol in downtown Denver. Doors will open at 6:00.

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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 & 3 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 _____

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/

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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.

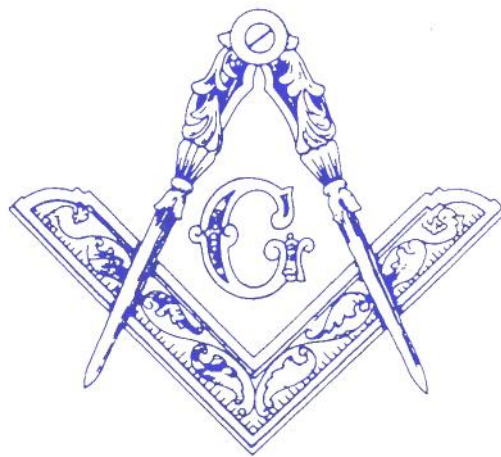
It is time that we engage and invest in the lodges into their future and build on our wider experiences that a lot of us are doing today. I would like to get a feeling from the lodges if such a program would be embraced and if they would consider creating such a position.

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



Al Kaly Membership Trophy



AL KALY SHRINERS Southern Colorado



Al Kaly Shriners have created a new Membership Trophy to be given to a Blue Lodge in Southern Colorado for successfully providing the most, new candidates to be made Nobles to Al Kaly during the course of each Masonic year. This will be an annual award, and it will be "travelling"; that is, we would anticipate a modest competition, and perhaps move to a different lodge each year. 2024 will be the first year, and the award will be presented to the winning Blue Lodge in December. Any questions, can be communicated to Al Kaly's membership chair, Noble Mark Giffin at 303-304-9115, [Giffin mark@yahoo.com](mailto:Giffin_mark@yahoo.com).



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.

Saturday June 8, 2024

Cornerstone re-dedication at Park Hill Lodge

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

Saturday July 20, 2024

100th Anniversary Cornerstone Ceremony Denver Consistory

Description: Please join the MWGLCO and Officers of the Denver Consistory in the re-dedication of their Cornerstone. There will be a special performance of "The Traitor" in the cathedral. [RSVP HERE](#).

Wed & Thurs July 3-4, 2024

Colorado Masonic High School Band Camp

Description: Come support the kids July 3rd Concert at the University Center (open to public) and [July 4th Greeley Stampede Parade](#).

Saturday July 6, 2024

Pike's Peak National Cemetery Cornerstone with Prince Hall Grand Lodge

Description: Cornerstone ceremony to begin at 10am. 10545 Drennan Road, Colorado Springs, CO 80925

Saturday July 27, 2024

2024 Douglas County Fair & Rodeo Parade

Description: Brethren, come march in the annual parade with the Officers of the MWGLCO, MWGLPH, and brethren of Douglas Lodge No. 153. Contact WB Jeffery Noakes at secretary.dl153@gmail.com for more information.

Saturday August 24, 2024

Cornerstone Re-dedication at Park Hill Lodge No. 148

Description: Re-dedication ceremony will begin at 10am. 4819 Montview Blvd., Denver, CO 80207

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, Kiowa Lodge No. 116, and Aurora Revelation Lodge No. 156.

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 secreary@high12.org

FAMILY, FELLOWSHIP, FUTURE

**MAKE RESERVATION
JUNE 15, 2024
LADIES LUNCHEON
TASTE OF PROVENCE - DENVER CONSISTORY
1370 GRANT STREET, DENVER, CO 80203
RSVP BY MAY 31ST – CALL (303) 861-4261**

MENU

STARTERS

French Brie-Baguette-Mixed Olives

Bistro Salad

MAIN

Provençal Stuffed Tomatoes

Ratatouille with Chicken

DESSERT

French Macarons & Chouquette

BEVERAGES

Tea, Coffee, Spirits



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 Teifer 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 reservations will be accepted after the above deadline.

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

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Angel of the Forest-2024 Commandery Festival



Pueblo Commandery 3 invites you to join them for an enchanting day at Graham Memorial park in Rye, Colorado as they build their ranks and create new Sir Knights within the Order!

When: Saturday July 13, 2024 / 7:30am

Where: Graham Memorial park, Rye, CO (37°57'49.7"N 105°00'56.9"W)

Tickets: \$15.00 available [HERE](#)

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 Gavel

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 gavel are located

There are two gavel 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: Glenwood Lodge No. 65, 901 Colorado Ave. Glenwood Springs, CO

Meeting Dates: Meets 2nd Tuesday; 7:00 p.m.

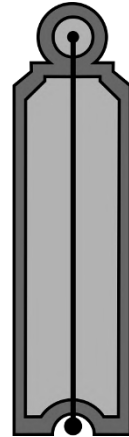
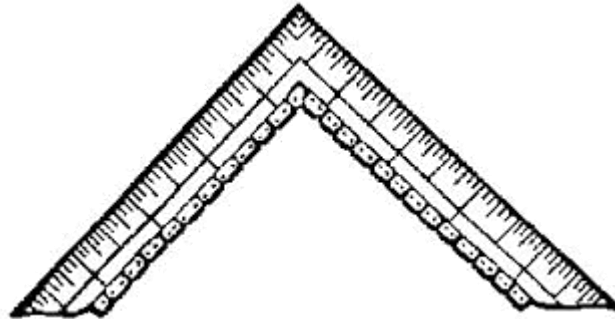
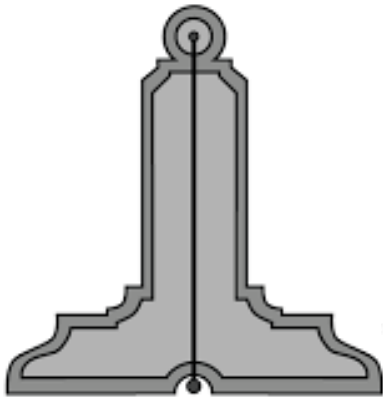
Master: Duke Soddy

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Cornerstone: Dove Creek Elementary





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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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.

