

PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
FIFTEENTH SPECIAL COMMUNICATION  
HELD AT  
GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO, OCTOBER 27, 1984

A Special Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Colorado, was held at the hall of Grand Junction Lodge No. 173, A.F. & A.M. in Grand Junction, Colorado, on the 27th day of October 1984 at 10:30 a.m. for the purpose of laying a cornerstone for the Grand Junction Police Building.

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form upon the first degree, with the following Grand Lodge officers in their respective stations:

- R. KEITH MILHEIM.....GRAND MASTER
- JAMES DUNN.....DEPUTY GRAND MASTER
- NORMAN L. HOFF.....AS SENIOR GRAND WARDEN
- GAVIN D. LITWILLER.....AS JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN
- D. AUBREY SPANN.....AS GRAND TREASURER
- RAYMOND E. PETERSEN.....GRAND SECRETARY
- WILLIAM E. WOOD.....GRAND LECTURER
- ROBERT VAN GUNDY.....AS SENIOR GRAND DEACON
- BRUCE HINDE.....AS JUNIOR GRAND DEACON
- RAYMOND E. PETERSEN.....AS GRAND ORATOR
- STEPHEN M. MUNSINGER.....GRAND MARSHAL
- JIM DAVIS.....AS SENIOR GRAND STEWARD
- WARREN BUSH.....AS JUNIOR GRAND STEWARD
- JIM PREUSS.....AS GRAND TILER
- WILLIAM E. WOOD.....AS ARCHITECT

The Grand Master made the following appointments:

- LEO WITTWER.....BEARER OF THE GREAT LIGHTS

BEARERS OF CONSECRATION VESSELS:

- HARRY D.L. SMITH.....VESSEL OF CORN
- CARL L. HOCHMUTH.....VESSEL OF WINE
- TED BAUGHMAN.....VESSEL OF OIL

BEARERS OF THE WORKING TOOLS:

- OWEN S. ASPINALL.....SQUARE
- TOM VERDIECK.....LEVEL
- GLEN PRYOR.....PLUMB

The Grand Lodge was formed in procession by the Grand Marshal, and accompanied by the officers and members of Grand Junction Lodge No. 173, A.F. & A.M. and visiting brethren proceeded to the location of Grand Junction Police Building where the cornerstone was laid by the M.W. Grand Master R. Keith Milheim according to ancient custom. The Grand Lodge then returned to the Lodge hall, where it was closed in ample form.

R. KEITH MILHEIM  
GRAND MASTER

ATTEST:  
RAYMOND E. PETERSEN  
GRAND SECRETARY

CONTENTS OF CASKET  
GRAND JUNCTION POLICE DEPARTMENT  
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1. Copy of the 1984 Grand Lodge Directory.
2. October 1984 Trestle Board for Grand Junction Lodge No. 173.
3. History of Grand Junction Lodge No. 173.
4. List of living Charter members of Grand Junction Lodge No. 173.
5. October 1984 Trestle Board for Mesa Lodge No. 55.
6. Mesa Lodge No. 55 Centennial Booklet and coin.
7. 1984-85 Yearbook of Sunshine Chapter #53, O.E.S.
8. Yearbook of Bethlehem Shrine No. 16, White Shrine of Jerusalem.
9. Yearbook of Grand Junction Assembly No. 88, Social Order of the Beauceant.
10. Yearbook of Colorado Monument Court No. 11, Order of the Amaranth.
11. Term Books of Bethel No. 6 and Bethel No. 30, International Order of Job's Daughters.
12. Term Book of Columbine Chapter, Order of DeMolay.
13. Term Book of Rainbow for Girls, Assembly No. 12.
14. Trestle Board and list of officers of the Grand Junction York Rite Bodies.
15. Scottish Rite Newsletter and 48th Reunion Program.
16. Front Pages of Daily Sentinel Newspaper dated October 24th & 25th, 1984 and cornerstone press release dated October 24, 1984.
17. Microfilm of architect drawings of building from Van Duesen Associates including names of individuals who worked on the design.
18. 1983 Annual Report, Grand Junction Police Department.
19. 1984 Patrolman's badge and officer's shoulder patch.
20. 1976 photo of Grand Junction Police Department.
21. 1982 photo of Grand Junction Police Department.
22. Packet of photos of construction from Grand Junction Police Department.
23. Grand Junction Police Department employee roster and organizational chart.
24. List of elected officials, appointed officials and department heads of the City of Grand Junction.
25. Pamphlet on Grand Junction.
26. Grand Times, October 1984, official publication of the Grand Junction Mesa County Chamber of Commerce.

CITY OF  
GRAND JUNCTION  
POLICE BUILDING

LAI D BY THE M.W. GRAND LODGE

A.F. & A.M. OF COLORADO



OCTOBER 27, 1984



Cornerstone at 625 Ute Avenue





**1984 Time Capsule (“casket”) at 625 Ute Avenue**

## **1984 Time Capsule from Former Police Department Building at 625 Ute Avenue**

In 2012, a new Police Station was opened on property one block over from the former Police Station building. Work then began on remodeling the former Police Station at 625 Ute Avenue into the new Fire Administration Building. During the reconstruction, the cornerstone placed in 1984 (see photo) was removed and the time capsule (casket) placed by the Masons in 1984 was removed. The casket remained sealed during the completion of the reconstruction and was replaced unopened with a new Fire Department time capsule in the now Fire Administration building at the dedication ceremony held on September 7, 2013. The City Clerk at that time, Stephanie Tuin, had contacted the Masons and received from them a list of the contents of that 1984 time capsule, the list of which is taped to the top of the casket. No instructions as to when the casket should be opened were ever determined so the 2013 dedication committee reinterred the casket for future generations to determine the appropriateness of opening the casket.

-----Stephanie Tuin, City Clerk