SPECIAL BULLETIN

Estes Park Masonic Lodge No. 183, A.F.& A.M. of Estes Park, Colorado, 1820 S. St. Vrain Ave (Highway 7), would like to extend an invitation to the members and family members of your organization to join with many other Masonic bodies in marching in this year's **Longs Peak Scottish - Irish Highland Festival in Estes Park, Colorado**. The date of the parade event is, **Saturday, September 6, 2014** (the Saturday following Labor Day) and will start at **9:30 A.M** on the west end of Elkhorn Drive and go through the main part of town and terminate at the Visitor's Center on the east side of town (approx. one mile). This event is advertised as the largest all Celtic parade in North America. Parade participates are encouraged to park at the Estes Park Visitors Center and then walk to the west-end of Elkhorn Drive to gather for the parade lineup.

Following this event at, **1 P.M**., our lodge will be sponsoring an 18-hole "scramble" golf tournament, organized by the Longs Peak Scottish/Irish Highland Festival, www.scotfest.com. Click on the "Saturday Golf Tournament Estes Park Golf Course (Register Here)" link. The cost is \$95.00 per player or \$380.00 per foursome to help support our local high school scholarship program. Each entry fee includes Green Fee and Cart, Range Balls and Snack Buffet afterwards and a 1-day Festival pass for Sunday September 7, 2014. Prizes and awards will be presented.

This invitation is being emailed to Colorado and Wyoming Masonic Lodges and associated Masonic bodies, in hopes of having a strong showing of Masonic brotherhood in this region. Picture, if you will, 100+ members representing Blue Lodges, Eastern Star, Scottish Rite, York Rite, Shriners, Jobs Daughters, Rainbow Girls, DeMolay and other bodies marching with their chapter banners raised high above them and right behind the Shriners El Jebel Pipe Band. What an awesome sight this would be. We will be marching behind the "<u>Clan Masons</u>" banner. A trailer or trolley with chairs may be available to those in need. So, think about it and mark your calendars so that you don't forget. And if you plan to march in the parade wear your Masonic apparel, i.e. apron, cape, etc. For additional information contact us at: estespark183@gmail.com or call WB Marvin Hart at: 970-222-6212.

A Masonic Information tent will be set up during this 3-day event, at the Festival Grounds, located at Stanley Park, to provide Masonic information brochures to those interested in learning more about Masonry and the different Masonic bodies. Volunteers to staff this tent are needed and if anyone is interested in helping please contact us at: estespark183@gmail.com.

The lodge building will be open all day on Saturday, September 6, as the Hospitality Meeting Place for all Masons, Masonic groups and their families. After the parade you can go to the Estes Park Masonic Lodge for some coffee, drinks, snacks and friendly Masonic conversation. Overnight "dry camping" for RVs will be allowed in our parking lot.

We ask that you **communicate** this to other Masons and members of the various Masonic bodies that you have contact with in your address book. We know this action may generate multiple emails, and we apologize for that, but we want to try to get a large showing in the parade and in the golf tournament – better to have multiple announcements than none at all.