Master’s Message

I would like to wish everyone a very Happy Holiday, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We had our first meeting after being installed on December 10th. We installed most of the line officers that couldn’t make it to Glenwood Springs Lodge No. 65. We are going to continue our officer practices on the first Tuesday of each month and we already have degree work to work on. At our meeting on Tuesday the 20th we voted on Eric Brown becoming a Mason. WB Doug Gaumer will be doing the First Degree, I will be doing the Second Degree and WB John Groves will be doing the Third Degree. So we are having a great start to the year and I hope it continues.

I would like to thank WB Silan Smith for the great year he had this year and look forward to picking his brain for knowledge on keeping the lodge in the standard that he has made of it during his tenure as Worshipful Master.

We had a great Christmas Party although we didn’t have as many people show up as we had planned on due to sickness and other commitments but the kids had fun with Santa and we had great food.

A big Thank You for all that helped set up the hall and furnished the food, flowers and a special thanks to Santa, WB Ron Franklin. WB Silan Smith was in charge and did a great job delegating to see that everything was done while working along side of us.

It was with great sorrow that we heard that Secretary Dennis Bechtold’s farther has passed. The Members of Fruita Masonic Lodge No. 120 would like to express our deepest sympathy to you and your family on your loss. Again my peace be with you and your family in this holiday season and the coming year. Hope to see you in lodge soon.

Jerald Conyers, Worshipful Master

Entered Apprentice Degree
First Degree Verse

Psalm 133
Verse 1: “Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!

Verse 2: It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron’s beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments;

Verse 3: As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the LORD commanded the blessing, even life forever more.”

Who was Aaron? Aaron was Moses’ brother, and the first High Priest under the Mosaic covenant.

Who was Hermon? Well,... Hermon isn’t a he. Hermon is a mountain (or technically, a range of high mountains on the northern boundary of Israel. Mt. Hermon's snowcapped peaks were a source of ice, aka (also known as) “Ice mountain”. The Six-Day War not only gave Israel control of Jerusalem, but also of the Mount Hermon area (Golan Heights).

The Masonic degree verse of the Entered Apprentice Degree represents Youth, when the body is strong. Those who walk in the ways of the LORD are rewarded the blessing of eternal life.

Calendar of 2017
Meetings and Events

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<td>Annual Christmas Party at Independence Village in Fruita.</td>
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January Birthdays

- Ed Young: January 5
- Silan Smith: January 22
- Bill Miles: January 28

Welcoming Our New Member
Michael W. Murphy

Bro. Mike affiliates to us from Ashlar Lodge #33 of Grand Island, Nebraska, having been raised there in 1996. He is now retired and lives in Fruita. He is our newly installed Senior Steward.
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Christmas Party 2016