

Grand Valley All Masonic Trestleboard

October | 2021



October Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29 Palisade Lodge Officers Meeting 6:30 PM Masonic Center	30	1 Early Bird Breakfast - 8 AM Strayhorn Grill Four Corners Royal Arch Festival Dinner - 7PM Grand Vista Hotel	2 Four Corners Royal Arch Festival - 7:30 AM Masonic Center
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October Birthdays

Wishing a Very Happy Birthday to the following Masons, Rainbow Girls, DeMolay Boys, and Ladies of the Order of the Eastern Star.

- Allen Story
- Charles Brown
- David Krogh
- David Marshall
- Don Williams
- Donald Smith
- Garry Hart
- Gary Brown
- Michael Kervin
- Michael Wethington
- Terrance Stath
- Timothy Wollin
- Young Snodgrass

Temple Association Update



The Grand Junction Consistory Temple Association Board had its first meeting after being dark for July and August on Wednesday, September 8th. We walked through the building looking for items that need to be repaired. After the recent rains in late August the roof over the property and hallway between Lodge Room 2 and 3 was repaired. In the rain fall of early September this repair seemed to be holding up. However, a new leak was found near the Snack Room and Coat Room that we are addressing.

We are also looking into purchasing a new stove for the kitchen. The current stove isn't performing well and any repairs we make are only temporary. The unit needs to be replaced, and we are looking at the options.

Planning continues for the playground area between Lodge Rooms 2 and 3. An electrician came out to give us options on how to get power to this area. We are incorporating this information into our plan, and we hope to have the concrete poured by the end of the year.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, October 13th at 6:30 PM. All are welcome to attend.

We hope to see you there.

Linn Armstrong
President of the Temple Association Board



Sickness and Distress

If you know of a Brother, his Widow or Orphan in distress please contact your local lodge Secretary to add him or them to the list.

- W. Bro Gerald Conyers is doing better and attending masonic activities again.
- W. Bro. James Anthony has recovered from his surgery
- W. Bro Harry Clark's back is recovering.

Masonic Anniversaries

Wish these Brothers a Happy Masonic Anniversary on being Raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason the next time you see them.

- Andrew Be
- Austin Pitts
- Christopher Eglet
- David Krogh
- Dennis K Bechtold
- Harry Marshall
- Jason Allred
- Jeff Koenig
- Joseph Miles
- Merle Nelson
- Naaman Moorehouse
- Robert Orr
- Robert Cicchetti
- Sean Norris
- William Sightler III



Mesa Lodge No. 55 Montly Update



Mesa Lodge No. 55
Chartered: September 18, 1883

Meets the 1st Thursday of the month in Lodge Room 1 of the Grand Junction Masonic Cetner at 7:00 PM, with dinner before lodge at 6:15 PM.

Dark: July & August

2021 Dinner Assignments

January.....Parker King
February..... Greg Foster
March.....John Groves
April.....Jim Marshal
May..... David Marshal
June..... Jason Kholes
July..... Dark (No Meeting)
August..... Dark (No Meeting)
September..... Harry Clark
October..... Roger Phillips
November..... Greg Foster
December..... Dark (No Meeting)

Greetings Brethren

We have a couple more meeting before the end of the year and it sounds like we are going to finish strong with plenty of work to do.

Freemasonry isn't all symbolism and ritual. Masonic humor and Masonic jokes abound. So I thought I would share a masonic joke from www.masoniceducation.com.

Masonic Humor:

Bob and Bill were brother Masons and great friends for most of their lives. Each had agreed that when one of them passed on to that Grand Lodge above, he would attempt to make contact with the other and tell him all about what heaven was like.

As so happened, Bill went to heaven, first. One night Bob was just drifting off to sleep when he heard Bill's voice calling to him.

"Is that you, Bill? "Yes, Bob. I am honoring our agreement." "Oh, MY, what's it like?" Bob asked with some anticipation.

"It's like nothing you could ever imagine. The lodge here is fantastic, better than any lodge we

ever saw on Earth. The meetings are always well attended, the ritual is letter perfect, the friendship nights always have tons of new people just itching to join, and the spirit of fellowship blankets the entire place.

Bob's eyes teared up. Oh, my, it's just like we'd hoped. I'm so happy for you. But I have to ask that sounds really great, but you didn't really seem all that excited. What's wrong?"

"Well, I have some good news and some bad. The good news is that we're raising a fellow to the third degree next Wednesday."

"That's fantastic. What's the bad news?"

"Your name is on the list to be the Senior Deacon."

W. Bro. David Marshall

Mesa Lodge No. 55 Officers

Worshipful Master	David Marshal (970) 412-5890
Senior Warden	Harry Clark (PM) (970) 986-9315
Junior Warden	Tim Claypool (PM) (970) 712-3280
Secretary	Christopher Geisler (970) 250-8979
Treasurer	John Groves (PM) (970) 261-5189
Senior Deacon	Gregory Foster (505) 350-0197
Junior Deacon	Parker King (970) 629-9496
Senior Steward	Andrew Weber (970) 312-4774
Junior Steward	
Tiler	Jim Marshal (970) 712-9207
Director of the Work	John Groves (PM) (970) 261-5189
Chaplain	Jason Kohles (PM) (970) 250-8004
Marshal	William Marhsal (970) 260-5432

More Masonic Humor

One night (a long time ago in a jurisdiction far, far, away) a brother was heading home after indulging a bit too much at the festive board after his lodge meeting. He was weaving a little across the path, steadying himself against the lamp-posts. A concerned policeman saw him, and walked over. "Well sir, where are we going at this time of night?" he asked. The brother replied "I, officer, am going to a lecture on Masonry!" Bemused, the policeman asked, "And just where are you going to hear a lecture on Masonry at this time of night?" The brother replied, "From my wife!!!"



A man is walking through the recreation ground of his local park when he notices a huge fight going on in full fury on the football field he is passing. "What's going on?", he asks a spectator, watching from the side-lines.

The other replies "It's a match between the Masons and the Knights of Columbus." "What's the score?" asks the first man. "I don't know. It's a secret."



Fruita Lodge No. 120 Monthly Update



Fruita Lodge No. 120
Chartered: September 21, 1904

Meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month
at 106 N. Mulberry St Fruita, CO,
81521 at 7:00 PM, with a dinner
befor lodge at 6:00 PM

Dark: July & August

2021 Dinner Assignments

January.....Dark (No Meeting)
February..... Dark (No Meeting)
March.....Mike Murphy
April.....Naaman Moorehouse
May..... Glen Phelps
June..... James Anthony
July..... Dark (No Meeting)
August.....Dark (No Meeting)
September.....Gary Weiszbrod
October.....Jimmy McBride
November.....Randy Rehwoldt
December..... Lee Anderson

WORDS FROM THE EAST

Fall is upon us and Masonic activities are once more in full swing. By the time this Trestleboard is published we will have already celebrated WB Lee Anderson 50 years as a Master Mason.

It was a pleasure to welcome Lee's family and friends and fellow Masonic brothers to that occasion. My thanks to all area Masons who participated in this recognition of Lee's Masonic journey. Also, in the rear-view mirror is our annual September Past Masters' Night.

Thanks to all Past Masters who joined us as our guests that evening. Also, thanks to WB James Anthony for a great belly filling chili and corn-bread dinner and to WB Jeff Koenig for the accompanying salad. October Lodge will be a Joint Communication with Palisade Lodge No. 125. We will open and 125 will close. We are expecting the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Colorado perhaps others of his Line to be our guests that evening. Ergo we will need to schedule one or two additional officer practices sessions for this occasion.

With election of 2022 officers coming up in November we will need to hold extra officer practice sessions to ensure everyone is proficient and ready to step up. Also, still to be planned is our participation in the Fruita merchant's afternoon Trick-or-Treat activity on October 31st. Our Christmas Party is scheduled for Saturday evening December 4th at Independence Village. We have the facility reserved; yet unknown, however, is whether they will be open for out-

side activities. Stay tuned and flexible.

KNOW YOUR RITUAL:

A commitment to charitable support to those in need is a basic tenant of Masonry. We make a solemn pledge to care for distressed brothers, widows and their orphans. By extension we have expanded that pledge to include others outside the Masonic community, for example RiteCare and Shriner's Children's' Hospitals. Biblical references include James 1:27 and Isaiah 1:17.

W. Bro. Mike Murphy

Fruita Lodge No. 120 Officers

Worshipful Master	Mike Murphy (970) 640-5570
Senior Warden	Naaman Moorehouse (970) 433-5570
Junior Warden	Glen Phelps (970) 390-7146
Secretary	Randy Rehwoldt (PM) (970) 434-4608
Treasurer	Jimmy McBride (PM) (970) 390-7146
Senior Deacon	James Anthony (PM) (970) 306-1580
Junior Deacon	Gary Weiszbrod (970) 433-8978
Senior Steward	Jeff Koenig (PM) (970) 318-1004
Junior Steward	
Tiler	Robert Nickels (970) 858-0940
Director of the Work	Lee Anderson (970) 846-8493
Chaplain	
Marshal	Andrew Weber (970) 312-4773

Palisade Lodge No. 125 Monthly Update



Palisade Lodge No. 125

Chartered: September 17, 1907
Meets the 1st Saturday of the month
in Lodge Room 1 of the Grand
Junction Masonic Center

Early Bird Breakfast

8:00 AM Every Friday at the Strayhorn Grill located on the South side of I-70.

All Area Masons Are Welcome to join Us!



Brothers,

Our last meeting was well attended, even without our Worshipful Master and Junior Deacon in attendance, we had three Brothers from other Valley Lodges attend and help us out.

Brothers, please come up with ideas for the Palisade Parade of Lights. Keep in mind that most people don't know much about Masons so we need to show them what Masons can do and remember the kids as that is what makes it all worthwhile as we parade down the road the smiles and joy we can bring to others.

Next month Brother Jason will give his proficiency and the following month Brother Scott will give his proficiency. Beginning in October we are going to meet every Wednesday at 6:30 at the Consistory to practice the Fellow Craft degree, so please try hard to show up for practice so we can do a Fellow Craft ceremony at our November Stated Communication.

As you see, we have a lot of work ahead and I hope everybody pitches in to keep Masonry moving forward.

W. Bro. Kerry King (PM)

Palisade Lodge No. 125 Officers	
Worshipful Master	Chris Eglet (970) 640-4986
Senior Warden	Kerry King (PM) (970) 434-3267
Junior Warden	Harry Clark (PM) (970) 986-9315
Secretary	Gregory Foster (505) 350-0197
Treasurer	David Krogh (970) 314-9664
Senior Deacon	Naaman Morehouse (970) 250-9042
Junior Deacon	Don Halford (602) 309-0794
Senior Steward	
Junior Steward	
Tiler	James Krogh (PM) (970) 260-3373
Director of the Work	
Chaplain	Mike Briscoe (PM) (970) 433-6766
Marshal	William Marshal (970) 260-5432

Grand Junction Lodge No. 173 Monthly Update



Grand Junction Lodge No. 173
Chartered: January 23, 1952

Meets the 2nd Friday of the month
in Lodge Room 1 of the Grand
Junction Masonic Center at 7:30 PM,
with dinner before lodge at 6:30 PM.

Dark: July & August

Brethren,

At our last stated communication, we were honored to have two Master Masons we have not seen in a while. W. Bro. Conyers and W. Bro Dillard. It was a pleasure seeing both of you at lodge. Several of our brothers filled needed stations and places and did an excellent job. Also, our newest Entered Apprentice Brother Khan was with us that night. To all the brothers that showed up and filled needed stations I thank you.

On Saturday, September 25th W. Bro Lee Anderson received his 50-year pin. It is not very often these pins are given out and it was certainly an honor to be there to celebrate this accomplishment with W. Bro Lee, his family, and our Brothers.

I am looking forward to seeing all the brothers that can attend our next regular stated communication on Friday, October 8th. As usual we will have dinner before hand at 6:30 and lodge will open at 7:30.

W.Bro. Craig Miller (PM)

GJ Lodge No. 173 Officers	
Worshipful Master	Craig Miller (PM) (970) 241-0997
Senior Warden	Mike Briscoe (PM) (970) 433-6766
Junior Warden	James Anthony (PM) (970) 242-2199
Secretary	Gregory Foster (505) 350-0197
Treasurer	Linn Armstrong (970) 234-0444
Senior Deacon	Jeff Koenig (PM) (970) 201-3371
Junior Deacon	Robert Daugherty (PM) (970) 210-4290
Senior Steward	
Junior Steward	Jeff Busy (970) 623-3651
Tiler	Randy Rehwoldt (PM) (970) 250-1672
Director of the Work	
Chaplain	
Marshal	



Worshipful Brother Lee Anderson (PM) Receiving his 50-Year Service Pin



W. Bro Lee Anderson, and W. Bro Mike Briscoe



W. Bro Lee Anderson, W. Bro Mike Murphy, and W. Bro Mike Briscoe

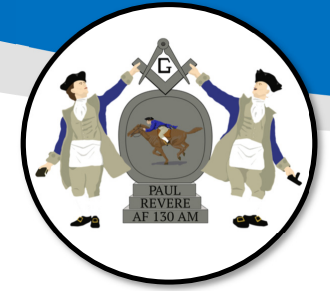


W. Bro Lee Anderson, family and Masonic Brothers.

Paul Revere Lodge ...

*along with LN Greenleaf Lodge, Harmony Lodge,
Union Lodge & Jacques DeMolay Lodge*

... Proudly Present



The Oklahoma Masonic Indian Degree Team

JOIN US!

Saturday, October 9th, 2021
at the Denver Consistory
(parking garage not available)

4:00 p.m. Open Lodge & Introductions
5:30 p.m. Dinner
7:00 p.m. Second Section & Lectures

Registration & Ticket Information
bravewarrior.eventbrite.com



The Oklahoma Masonic Indian Degree team is made up of Native American Freemasons from the state of Oklahoma. The team travels around the state, country and world to perform the Master Mason degree wearing full Native American regalia for the second section, in accordance with the Oklahoma Grand Lodge ritual. The degree work is for the enjoyment of Master Masons everywhere.



Rainbow for Girls Assembly No. 12

We are finally back to our normal schedule, meeting on the first, and third Mondays of the month.

At our meeting on Monday, October 4th (skirts), prizes will be given out to any girl that can give the Initiation part from memory. On Friday, October 8th, we will be serving Grand Junction Lodge No. 173 dinner prior to their Stated Communication that evening. I need two girls from 6-7:15 PM to help out.

The State Leadership Retreat will be held at Beaver Creek on Saturday, October 16th and Sunday, October 17th. This is a great event where we learn leadership and teamwork skills, and we even have a cook-off.

At our meeting on Monday, October 18th, (skirts) we will make plans for our Trick-Or-Treat for Cans. This is a fun event where we collect food donations.

Remember that we will be having a dessert auction at the All Masonic Family Christmas Party on Thursday, December 4th.

Next July is our 100th Birthday in Oklahoma, start saving to go. We'll make a road trip out of it and we will have all kinds of adventures.

Let's up our game and invite girls to be part of our Sisterhood. Let's include them in our service projects and share with the fun we have together as we gain leadership skills.

Ellen Rehwoldt | Mother Advisor

Grand Junction Assembly #12 meets on the first, and third Mondays of each month at the Grand Junction Masonic Center at 7:00 PM.

For more information on The International Order of Rainbow for Girls please visit www.iorgcolorado.org.



Order of DeMolay Columbine Chapter

This month DeMolay has some fun plans, so if you know any young men between the ages of 12 and 21 who would be interested in joining us, they can contact me with my phone number (970) 683-8140.

On October 17 we will be meeting at Get Air at 2:00 PM for an hour of jump time. Cost is \$6 and please bring a pair of jump socks.

On the 22nd of October we will be going to Studt's pumpkin patch from 6 to 8 PM. We will need a headcount of who wants to come by the 18th. We don't have an official cost yet, but it will be somewhere between \$6-\$12 dollars.

Again, if you or someone you know is interested you can contact me with my number above. I look forward to another great month!

Robby Daugherty | Master Councilor

The Columbine Chapter Order of DeMolay meets on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at 7:00 PM at the Grand Junction Masonic Center. Meetings are held year-round.

For more information on DeMolay in Colorado please visit www.coloradodemolay.org.



Order of the Eastern Star Sunshine Chapter

Greetings All,

September was a busy month for the Sunshine Chapter Order of the Eastern Star. We started off the month with our annual Installation of Officers. We had a great turn out and it was a lot of fun to see Worthy Patron Harry Clark escorted to the East under the Arch of Steel and accompanied by Scottish Pipes.

Willis Grundvig, Sharon Parrish, Nancy Eriksen and Stephanie Thorpe attended the Grand Chapter Session in Aurora where Sharon was installed as Grand Conductress for the next year.

We also had a chance to celebrate and thank Sister Ana Page for her 75 years of dedication and service to the Order of the Eastern Star.

Sunshine Chapter will be meeting in October with the newly installed Officers, as well as serving the York Rite dinner on October 3rd. Sharon will also be attending the Grand Chapters of Nevada, Utah and New Mexico during the month of October.

As we get started with our new officers we hope to have exciting things to report next month!

Sharon Parrish
Worth Matron | Order of the Eastern Star Sunshine Chapter

Sister Ana Page Receiving her 75-Year Service Award



Worthy Matron Sharon Parrish presenting Ana Page an certificate for her 75 years of service to the Order of the Eastern Star.

Western Colorado Shrine Club



Hello Fellow Nobles,

September was a busy month for the Western Colorado Shrine Club. We had three parades, the “Labor Day Parade” in Ridgway Colorado, the “Melon Days Parade” in Green River Utah, and the “Fruita Fall Festival Parade” in Fruita Colorado. September 26th is also the birthday of the Shrine, read on to read a brief education session on the Shriners.

The Shriners began with the first official meeting at Mecca Temple, now known as Mecca Shriners, in New York on September, 26th 1872. Shriners adopted Turkish fezzes, name-dropped Muhammad, Allah, and Islam as part of their rituals. The reason being that Shriners back then wanted to project for themselves an image of being the “playground of Masons,” and that back in 1872, all things Middle-Eastern or pseudo-Arabic were deemed wildly “exotic” and “fun”, far from the modern-day perception that such images now conjure.

In fact, after the September 11 terror attack in New York, some Shrine branches have allegedly changed their names to get rid of any Islamic reference. However, though their main rituals still have Islamic elements, such were obviously used without any real intent of promoting or mocking Islam whatsoever. Such were merely injected from the very beginning in order to add an air of vague mysticism and therefore attract membership.

Some Shriners believed that their organization can be traced to some ancient Persian crime-watch group, not realizing that, in actuality, their organization was merely set-up for the sake of “fun.” In fact, the group’s lengthy name, “Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine” was chosen specifically to fill out the initials AAONMS that serve as an anagram for “A MASON.”

Despite the “fun” objective, Shriners International has now become the most charitable institution ever spawned in the entire history of organized Freemasonry, providing complete medical care to burned and crippled children wherever they are found. – **Author Unknown.**

Mike Briscoe
President | Western Colorado Shrine Club

Pictures from the Fruita Fall Festival Parade.



The Western Colorado Shrine Club meets at the Grand Vista Hotel Restuarant the second Tuesday of each month (except July and August) at 11:45 AM.

For more information please visit www.ElJabelShrine.org



Widows Son's Monthly Update

"The Widow's Sons are an association of Master Masons who have gathered together to promote Freemasonry within the motorcycling community, and to introduce the sport of motorcycling to our Masonic brethren & their families.

As Freemasons, the Widows Sons are dedicated to supporting the widows & orphans of our Masonic brethren. We participate in runs or rides for various charitable causes. Each Chapter of the Widows Sons is required to sponsor a charitable event or donate to their Widows Fund each year.

We do not attempt to speak or act as representatives or authorities of Freemasonry in any Masonic Jurisdiction, as we are not associated with any recognized Masonic Bodies. Rather, we are an International Association or club of sport motorcyclists who happen to be mostly comprised of Master Masons.

We are not a gang or 1% club! As Masons, each of us strives to be an upright and law-abiding member of the community. We are active in our Lodges and are always mindful to present a good impression to the public when riding together. Each chapter of the Widows Sons strives to serve our fraternity as a "Masonic Booster Club" by supporting our Blue Lodges through various activities, and by raising "Masonic Awareness" when attending public events.

The Widows Sons Masonic Riders have been well received and accepted by both the public and our non-riding brethren throughout the world. Our main goal is to have fun and fellowship while riding together, and to serve as an asset to our fraternity, its members, and our widows and orphans.

If you are a Master Mason or have been thinking about becoming a Mason and would like more information on joining the Widows Sons, we would be happy to hear from you."

W. Bro. David Marshal



Scottish Rite of the Grand Valley

Hello Brothers and Friends,

As we get closer to the end of the year, we have several events coming up.

First, on Monday, October 18th is the Feast of Tishri where we remember our obligation to our Masonic Widows. You can read more about the Feast of Tishri also known as the Feast of the Tabernacle and it's connection to Freemasonry in this [oration](#) by Dr. Bing Johnson, 32 KCCH Orator of the Grand Junction Consistory.

The Feast of Tishri is open to all masonic friends and family. Please make your reservations by contacting Illustrious Brother William Marshall at (970) 260-5432 or through e-mail at Metisse@bresnan.net.

At our November Stated Communication, we will be taking donations for our Veterans, and in December we will have Breakfast with Santa both in Montrose at the Montrose Rite Care Facility, and in Grand Junction at the Grand Junction Masonic Center. Dates and times to be determined.

John Groves, 33°, Personal Representative

York Rite of the Grand Valley



Companions and Sir Knights of Grand Junction Council No. 16, Grand Junction Chapter No. 24, and Temple Commandery No. 23 summer has come to a close and it is time to start our work in York Rite. Jeff, Mike, and I want to welcome you all back.

Grand Junction York Rite has a busy year planned and hope that everyone will join in. We have three new members and others are interested in joining. The first chance to do so is coming up quickly.

The Four Corners Royal Arch Festival will be held in Grand Junction on October 2nd. The four corner states, Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, and Utah will be coming together with degree teams to exemplify all four of the Royal Arch Degrees. If anyone is interested in extending your York Rite experience beyond Master Mason, please contact us. We offer degrees all year around, not just once a year.

We will be traveling to Leadville, one of our sister Chapters, to meet on October 11th at 7:30pm. If you would like to attend, we will be carpooling. On October 16th, we will be traveling back to Leadville for the West Slope Royal Arch Official Visit with the Grand Royal Arch Chapter Officers.

Fraternally,

Scott Wilson | Excellent High Priest, Grand Junction Chapter #24
Michael Briscoe | Thrice Illustrious Maser Grand Junction Council #16
Jeff Bush | Eminent Commander, Grand Commander #23

The Grand Junction York Rite bodies meet on the second Monday of each month at the Grand Junction Masonic Center at 7:30 PM. For more information, please visit www.YorkRite.org or contact Jeff Bush at (970) 623-3651.

Masonic Education

Traditions of Freemasonry and Its Coincidences with the Ancient Mysteries - An Excerpt.

By Pierson, Azariah T.C 1815-1889

Consider the letter "G" as a masonic symbol, there seems to be a conflict or confusion of facts in the minds of some students regarding the authenticity and application of the meaning of this letter, particularly, with applications of the meaning of this letter, particularly with respect to its universality and antiquity. There is considerable doubt as to the exact time when this symbol was first introduced into speculative Masonry. The use of it as an initial, would necessarily confirm it to the English language and to modern times. However, we recognize the same letter "G" in the Syrian "GAD", the Swedish "GUD" the German "GOTT", and the English "GOD". All derived from the Persian "GODA", itself derived from a propound signifying "HIMSELF".

In the sanctuary of the Egyptian Temple of Edfu, which is supposed to have been modeled after the Temple at Jerusalem, "Deity" was represented, for who's worshiped at the temple. About the dormer of the middle chamber of Solomon in plain view of all who entered was inscribed the Ineffable name of Deity. Thus, the symbol is traced back to a time anterior to that in which Abraham left the land of Ur of the Chaldees and journeyed to Egypt, for the Temple of Edfu was even then an ancient building.

The original symbol was a triable with a "Yod" in the center; but during the dark ages when Masonry was in the hands of the unlettered men, the explanation was lost or forgotten; and about the time the English word "GOD" came into use the letter "G" was substituted for the triangle, and a new explanation given. The letter "G", then, has in Masonry the same force and signification that the letter "YOD" had among the Kabbalists. It is only a symbol of the Hebrew letter and as that is a symbol of GOD. As for its reference to geometry, the old operative Masons referred the entire science of geometry to the art of building, which gave to the to the modern English Masons occasion to embrace the whole system of Freemasonry under the head of geometry, and hence the symbol of that science, as well as of GOD, was adopted for the purpose of giving elevation to the Fellow Craft Degree. So indeed, the symbol made sacred by its reference to the Grand Geometrician of the Universe, was well worth to be applied to that science which has, from the remotest times, been deemed synonymous with Masonry.

More Light in Masonry

If you are looking for more light in Masonry or would like to know more about what is going on in with the Masonic Lodges and Appendant Bodies in the Grand Valley please check out these resources.

Websites

- www.MasonicFamilyGJ.com
- www.ColoradoFreeMasons.org
- www.ScottishRite.org
- www.YorkRite.org
- www.Shrinersinternational.org
- www.EasternStar.org
- www.OES-Colorado.org
- www.GoRainbow.org
- www.IORGColorado.org
- www.DeMolay.org
- www.ColoradoDeMolay.org
- www.FreeMasonryToday.com

Magazines

- Freemasonry Today
- The Journal of The Masonic Society
- Short Talk Bulletins by The Masonic Service Association

Podcasts

- From Whence Came you
- The Winding Staircase

YouTube Channels

- What is a Mason
- The Masonic Round Table

If you know of other masonic resources, you would like others to know about please let your lodge secretary know

Grand Valley Masonic Center
2400 Consistory Ct.
Grand Junction, CO 81501

