

Grand Valley All Masonic Trestleboard

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November Calendar of Events

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 31 | 1 Rainbow Girls GJ Masonic Center 7 PM | 2 Eastern Star GJ Masonic Center 7:30 PM | 3 Palisade Lodge FC Degree Practice GJ Masonic Center 6:30 PM Telluride York Rite Council Delta Masonic Lodge 7:30 PM | 4 Mesa Lodge Stated Communication GJ Masonic Center - Dinner 6 PM, Lodge 7 PM | 5 Early Bird Breakfast Strayhorn Grill, Fruita 8 AM | 6 Palisade Lodge FC Degree GJ Masonic Center 10 AM Montrose Lodge MM Degree Montrose Lodge 10:30 AM Shrine Club Elec of Officers GJ Masonic Center 3 PM |
| 7 | 8 GJ York Rite Council Dinner 6 PM Old Chicago. Lodge 7:30 PM GJ Masonic Center | 9 | 10 Grand Junction Temple Associatoin GJ Masonic Center 6:30 PM | 11 DeMolay Boys GJ Masonic Center 7 PM | 12 Early Bird Breakfast Strayhorn Grill, Fruita 8 AM GJ Lodge No. 173 GJ Masonic Center 6:30 PM | 13 Bill Kledas Memorial Service Montrose Lodge 10 AM |
| 14 | 15 Rainbow Girls GJ Masonic Center 7 PM Scottish Rite GJ Masonic Center. Dinner 6 PM, Lodge 7 PM | 16 Montrose Lodge & Fruita Lodge Joint Communication Montrose Lodge 6 PM Eastern Star GJ Masonic Center 7:30 PM | 17 Mesa Lodge EA Degree Practice GJ Masonic Center 6:30 PM | 18 Mesa Lodge EA Degree GJ Masonic Center 7 PM Fruita Lodge Special Communication Fruita Lodge 7 PM | 19 Early Bird Breakfast Strayhorn Grill, Fruita 8 AM | 20 |
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| 28 | 29 | 30 | 1 Palisade Lodge Officers meeting GJ Masonic Center 6:30 PM | 2 Mesa Lodge Christmas Dinner GJ Masonic Center 5:30 PM | 3 Early Bird Breakfast Strayhorn Grill, Fruita 8 AM | 4 Scottish Rite Pancake Breakfast GJ Masonic Center 9 AM Fruita Lodge Christmas Dinner GJ Masonic Center 5:30 PM |

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November Birthdays

Wish these Brothers a Happy Birthday the next time you see them.

- David Van Dyke
- Floyd Williams
- Gene Dreher
- Glen Revelle
- Jimmy McBride
- Mike Murphy
- Roger Phillips
- Verle Meacham
- Vernon Dillard
- Waymond Perona
- William Clark



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.

- Arthur Donoho
- Greg Foster
- Gregory Motz
- Jeff Miller
- Joseph Saunders
- Michael Day
- Richard Barkley
- Robert Johnson
- Ross McIntyre
- Waymond Perona



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 recovering from pneumonia secondary to COVID.
- Dennis Bechtold
- Darrell Manroe
- Naaman Moorehouse is recovering from knee surgery.
- Friends and family of W. Bro. Bill Kledas



Mesa Lodge Christmas Dinner

In a celebration of the Christmas season and in token of friendship and brotherly love please join us on Thursday, December 2nd at 5:30 PM at the Grand Junction Masonic Center for our annual All Masonic Christmas Party.

We will have a traditional Christmas dinner, buffet style, prepared by the ladies of Sunshine Chapter No 53 (OES). Dinner will be \$15 a person. Dinner will be followed by a visit from Santa, a dessert auction to support our local chapter of Rainbow Girls, and the opportunity to visit brothers, friends, family, and our honored guests the Widows and families of our departed brothers.

When: Thursday, December 2nd at 5:30 PM
Where: The Grand Junction Masonic Center
Cost: \$5 for children, \$15 for adults

For more information, please contact Brother Greg Foster.
Cell: 505-350-0197
E-Mail: Phelanwolf75@gmail.com

Temple Association Update



The Grand Junction Consistory Temple Association Board met on October 13th to review the minutes of the previous meeting, receive a financial report and an update on our rentals. All of which were approved.

The board has approved the purchase of a new stove and oven for the kitchen. As some of you may know we've been having problems with them, and two companies have confirmed that the thermostat on the current unit is not repairable. Double "D" Service will be putting in the new unit soon.

We're looking for volunteers for two things. First, we need someone to take the old TV by the dumpster and dispose of it properly. Second, we're looking for help setting up chairs in Lodge Room 2 Thursday, November 4th at 5:30 PM.

Also we want to thank Bro. Michael Briscoe for fixing the coffee maker in the kitchen.

Finally, we'd like to invite anyone that's interested to our monthly meetings. We meet on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 PM at the Grand Junction Masonic Center.

We hope to see you there.

Linn Armstrong
President of the Temple Association Board

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..... Greg Foster
November.....David Marshall
December..... Dark (No Meeting)

Greetings Brethren

I hope this finds you well.

As we come closer to the end of the year we still have plenty of work left to do.

At our next meeting we are planning a dinner at 6pm will be followed by the tiled meeting at 7pm. That will be election of officers night. We will also be discussing the upcoming Christmas Party and reviewing what is needed for that next month. Then, on November 18th we will be initiating a new member. We will be having a degree practice on Wednesday the 17th in preparation of the degree. Don't miss our annual Christmas on December 2nd. Finally, the joint area installation of officers for the ensuing year will be held on Saturday 11th, location and times to follow.

I was able to attend the Most Worshipful Grand Master's official visit during a joint communication with Palisade # 125, Montrose #63 and Fruita Masonic #120. There was a fantastic turn out of members from several lodges represented. Grand Master Michael Moore spoke on the meaning of the word "Lodge" and how it has changed in the transition from operative to speculative free and accepted masonry from the building of physical

structures to building the character of men. W. Bro Jimmy McBride cooked a wonderful dinner for a packed house. Fellowship was in full swing.

Fraternally, David Marshall, Worshipful Master

W. Bro. David Marshall

Mesa Lodge No. 55 Officers

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|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 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 |

Montrose Lodge No. 63 Montly Update



Montrose Lodge No. 63
Chartered: September 16, 1885

Meets the 1st Tuesday of the month
at 7:00 PM, with dinner before lodge
at 6:00 PM.

Dark: July & August

Greetings Brethren

It was a pleasure to hold a Joint Communication with our brothers from the Grand Valley and the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Michael Moore in Fruita.

Here are a few things coming up in November. Saturday, November 6th, we will be conducting a Master Mason degree, for Crystal Lake No. 34. Lodge will open at 10:30 AM.

Tuesday, November 16th, it will be our turn to host an Official Visit by the Most Worshipful Grand Master here in Montrose. Dinner will be at 6 PM and lodge will open at 7 PM.

Saturday, November 13th, we will be hosting a Memorial Service for W. Bro. Bill Kledas. There will be military, Scottish Rite/Rose Croix and Masonic services. The service will start at 10 AM. There will be a light lunch to follow.

Please let me know if you will be attending any of these events so we have enough food.

W. Bro. Mark Wallen

| Montrose Lodge No. 63 Officers | |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Worshipful Master | David Crane (970) 417-25997 |
| Senior Warden | Randal Melton (406) 4718461 |
| Junior Warden | John Brokaw (970) 393-2595 |
| Secretary | Mark Wallen (PM) (970) 275-5194 |
| Treasurer | Stephen Isle (970) 417-0231 |
| Senior Deacon | Birgilo Vidal (970) 725-8607 |
| Junior Deacon | Benjamin Crain (970) 773-0585 |
| Senior Steward | James Whiteford (970) 209-5021 |
| Junior Steward | Wayne Quade (970) 417-7962 |
| Tiler | Thomas Bain (PM) (970) 497-6471 |
| Director of the Work | |
| Chaplain | |
| Marshal | |

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 before 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.....No Dinner
December..... Lee Anderson

WORDS FROM THE EAST

As I have previously said in this space, if you attended our stated communication, in this case October, you were treated to a “good and pleasant evening” of Masonic fellowship. If you were unable to be there you missed a great evening. This was our Fall Joint Communication with Palisade #125 that was expanded to include Montrose #63. The three lodges hosted an Official Visit by Most Worshipful Brother Michael Moore, Grand Master of Masons in Colorado, and two members of his Grand Line. We had over 30 brothers in attendance making the evening the largest gathering of Masons in the Fruita Lodge in a good number of years. Among those attending was Rodney Johnson, Past Grand Master of Masons in Colorado, three District Lecturers and three Entered Apprentices. At least a half dozen different Western Slope lodges were represented with many first-time visitors to the Fruita Lodge.

The Grand Master spoke on the origin of the word “lodge”, what the lodge was historically in Operative Masonry, and today in speculative Masonry and the sanctity, care and feeding of the Lodge Room today. Another highlight of the evening was the Grand Master presenting WB Lee Anderson a 50 Year pin

Our 2021 Christmas Party/Potluck Dinner is set for Saturday December 4th at the Masonic Center building in Grand Junction. We will plan to eat shortly after 6:00. Hopefully Santa will pay us a visit.

Please note that Fruita Masonic Lodge No. 120

will hold a SPECIAL COMMUNICATION on November 18, 2021 for the sole purpose of electing 2022 officers. Lodge will be opened on the Third Degree at 7:00 with NO dinner that evening.

BACKGROUND: Montrose No. 63 showed up enmass to support the Grand Master’s Official Visit to our Lodge on October 19th. We would like to be equally supportive of their Official Visit on November 16th. To that end have we secured permission to move our Charter thus precluding our election of officers that evening.

Therefore, the need for a special communication. We will be mailing to all lodge members a timely official notification for convening a special communication of Fruita Masonic Lodge No. 120 on November 18th

KNOW YOUR RITUAL:

King Solomon, the Temple, Hiram (also Hiram) the Widow’s son and winding stairs; these are all key elements of Masonry. Not surprisingly they are derivatives of the Old Testament; 1st Kings, Chapter 6 and 7 and 2nd Chronicles, Chapter 2 among other places. In these chapters we see Hiram, a widow’s son and a skilled craftsman being sent to King Solomon be the master builder of his Temple; a temple to honor the Lord and to also be a royal palace for King Solomon.

W. Bro. Mike Murphy

Fruita Lodge No. 120 Officers

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|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 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 Stray-horn Grill located on the South side of I-70.

All Area Masons Are Welcome to join Us!



Brothers,

It has been an amazing year. We have had the privilege of meeting with the Most Worshipful Grand Master Michael Moore twice. We had the privilege of welcoming two new brothers into the lodge, and awarding our mentors with a 75 year and a 50 year pins for their years of dedication and service to the lodge.

I want to thank you all for your dedication and sacrifice of time to the craft and your brothers in masonry. I look forward to the remainder of the year being able to meet with you my friends.

As always thank you for all you do.

W. Bro. Chris Eglet

| 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,

I hope that those of you who could, did attend the joint communication with Montrose Lodge No. 63, Fruita Lodge No. 120, Palisade Lodge No. 125. Most Worshipful Grand Masters Michael Moore was able to make an official visit and sit in the east that night. It is always an honor to have the Grand Master on the Western Slope.

We have a busy two months coming up. First, is the election of officers and then installation of those that are elected to lead our lodge in 2022.

It is important that all that can attend do so.

I look forward to seeing all of you at our next communication.

W. Bro. Craig Miller (PM)

GJ Lodge No. 173 Officers

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|-----------------------------|--|
| 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 Rehwooldt (PM) (970) 250-1672 |
| Director of the Work | |
| Chaplain | |
| Marshal | |



Pictures from the the Joint Communication of Montrose Lodge No. 63, Fruita Lodge No. 120 and Palisade Lodge No. 125 and OV of MWGM Michael Moore



Most Worshipful Grand Master and Officer Line presenting Lee Anderson with his 50 year pin and certificate

The Past Masters and MW GM (Above), and all Masons present (below)





Rainbow for Girls Assembly No. 12

Hello All,

The Rainbow Girls have been busy. We recently did our annual “Trick-or-Treat” for cans. For those who don’t know about this, we go around from house to house asking for donations of non-perishable or canned goods. We then donate the food we receive. It’s always great fun.

We also have several events to look forward to. We have our regular meetings on the first, and third Mondays. Girls, please remember to wear skirts. We will also be hosting dinner for Grand Junction Lodge No. 173 on Friday November 12th. We will need two girls to assist with dinner.

In December we will be just as busy as we will be joining Mesa Lodge No. 55 in their Christmas Party. We will be auctioning desserts and W. Bro. William Marshall has graciously agreed to be our auctioneer for the evening. This is our biggest fundraiser for the year so please think about what you want to bake. We will also be participating with the Scottish Rite Pancake Breakfast for the Rite Care families. We will help with child control, clearing tables, and friendly faces. This is always a special event. Please wear your Rainbow t-shirts, and elf hats.

Lastly, 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 them 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

Hello All,

This coming month we have 2 meetings. Both at 7:00 PM. The first meeting will be on Thursday, November 11th, it will be informal and we’ll be planning out the rest of the month and December. The second meeting would normally have been on the Thursday, November 25th, but that’s Thanksgiving Day. So we’ll meet on the Thursday, November 18th instead, this meeting will be formal.

If anyone’s interested in coming to one of these meetings you can contact me with my number, (970) 683-8140. I’m looking 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 No. 53

Greetings All,

Sunshine Chapter #53, OES is off to a great start of it's new term after the new Officers were installed in early September. Because Brother Roy Young just moved into Solstice of the Grand Valley, we have postponed awarding him his 50 year pin until our meeting on November 2nd.

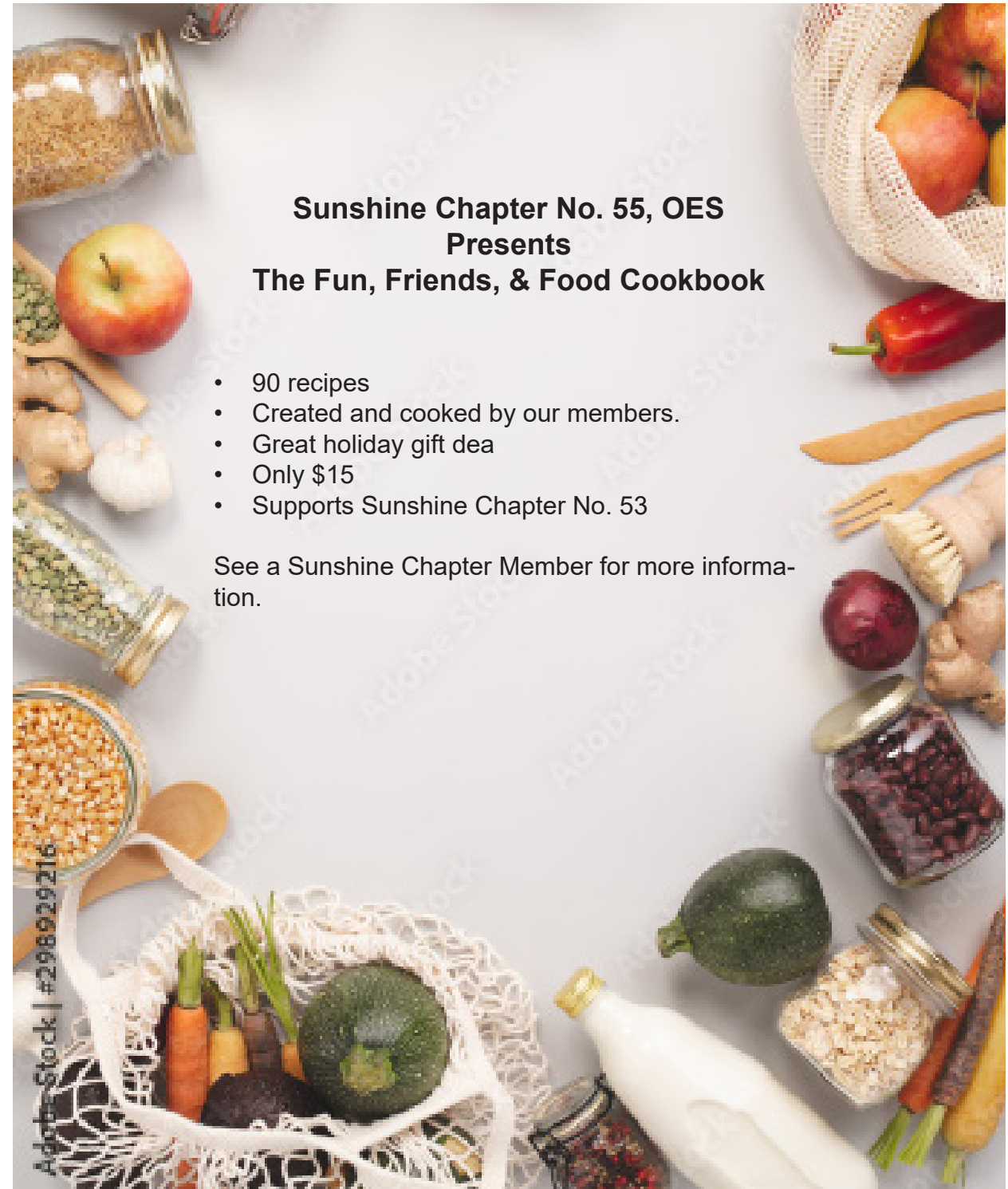


Our Chapter has collected a number of items given (or to be given) to the Littleton Chapter of DeMolay to be sent to active Military for Veterans Day. We are also planning a fundraiser starting in January which will involve a chance to win several homemade quilts and/or small quilted items. We'll keep our Masonic Brothers informed as this time approaches.

We are also continuing to sell cookbooks to anyone who may be interested. These books contain approximately 90 recipes (all using ingredients that most people already have in their pantries) and cost a mere \$15.00. Please contact any Eastern Star member if you would like to see the cookbook or to purchase one. Of course, we continue to sell scrubbies as our primary fundraiser for Eastern Star's perpetual beneficent project, Service Dogs, which in Colorado primarily benefits Veterans.

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

The Sunshine Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star meets on the first, and third Tuesday of each month (except July and August) at 7:30 PM at the Grand Junction Masonic Center. For more information on Order of the Eastern Star please visit www.oes-colorado.org/



Sunshine Chapter No. 55, OES Presents The Fun, Friends, & Food Cookbook

- 90 recipes
- Created and cooked by our members.
- Great holiday gift idea
- Only \$15
- Supports Sunshine Chapter No. 53

See a Sunshine Chapter Member for more information.

Western Colorado Shrine Club



Hello Fellow Nobles,

One of the final parades of the year is the Grand Junction Veterans Day Parade. This year the parade will be held on Saturday Noveber, 6th. We line up at 8th St and Main at 1 PM. The Parade starts at 2 PM.

Understandably, many of us have gotten out of the habit of attending parades over the last year and a half. It's worth taking a moment to remember that our presence is beneficial to Shriners Hospitals and the children we support. A warm smile and friendly wave from a stranger wearing a red fez reminds our community that we're here to help. And it brings us together with our fraternal Brothers to share in a little fun and strengthen our bonds.

After the parade we will be having our election of Officers and Board Members at the Grand Junction Masonic Center at 3PM.

Mike Briscoe
President | Western Colorado Shrine Club

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



El Jebel Fundraiser – Pecan Sale Benefit Shrines' Operating Fund

In time for holiday baking and entertaining, we are conducting a pecan sale:

Two delicious varieties are available:

- Raw halves – 1 pound bag \$13(includes tax)
 - Great for baking and snacks
 - Freeze well for use throughout the year
- Cinnamon Frosted halves – 12 Oz bag \$11(includes tax)
 - Irresistible for snacking
 - Flavorful accent to your holiday buffet
 - Tasty gifts for friends and relatives
 - Freeze well for enjoyment throughout the year

Be sure to share this opportunity with family, friends, and co-workers who enjoy pecans.

Don't like pecans or have too many in your freezer? Consider making a donation to the El Jebel Operating Fund.

Orders will be taken August through December. Pecans will be ordered from the supplier on a regular basis to fill orders. To order:

- Utilize the Pecan Order Form 2021 or contact any Divan member.
- Send the completed order form and payment to the Shrine office.

El Jebel Shriners
3443 S. Galena St.
Suite 250
Denver, CO 80231

Thank you for your support; it is greatly appreciated.

Health Benefits of Pecans

1. Stabilize Good/Bad Cholesterol
2. Maintains Skin
3. Rich in B-Vitamins
4. Good Source of Calcium
5. Energy Packed
6. Heart-friendly Food
7. Rich in Protein and Fiber





Widows Son's Monthly Update

Hello Brethren,

As the weather turns colder naturally our thoughts turn to the upcoming holidays. The Widows Sons will be participating in the annual Grand junction Toy Run on Saturday, December 4th. The Toy Run is always great fun and you can watch the parade of bikes and cheer on your brothers on Patterson from 27 ½ RD to 31 ½ RD.

If you or the lodge/body would like to donate any toys to the Toy Run please get them into the hands of a Widows Son and we will be happy to get them to the children. We hope to see you on the streets as we drive by delivering toys to children.

W. Bro. David Marshal



Scottish Rite of the Grand Valley

Masonic Brethren:

With great sadness we report the passing of Ill. Brother William Kledas, 33°.

Brethren, families and friends will gather at the Masonic Lodge in Montrose (188 Rose Ln) at 10 a.m. on Saturday, November 13th, to pay homage to the life and character of our departed Ill. Brother with Military, Blue Lodge and Rose Croix Memorial Services.

There will be a reception at the dining hall following the services.

John Groves, 33°, Personal Representative



York Rite of the Grand Valley



Brethren, Companions, and Sir Knights,

As we get closer to the end of the year and the Holidays, we tend to get busier.

The Grand Junction York Rite will be meeting on November 8 at 7:30pm. This meeting is an important one as we will be jointly hosting the Grand Council Officers with Telluride Council #10. Dinner will be held at Old Chicago, at the corner of North and 1st St in Grand Junction, at 6:00pm with the meeting at the Grand Junction Masonic Center at 7:30 PM. We will have a practice for the opening and closing at Telluride Council No. 10 in Delta on November 3rd at 7:30pm.

Delta Commandery No. 24 is please to announce that they will be presenting a Christmas Observance this year at the Delta Masonic Lodge on Sunday, December 19th. Lunch will be held at 1:00 PM and the Observance will be at 2 PM. This beautiful tribute to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ is open to everyone. We will be having a practice for the Christmas Observance on November 17th at the Delta Commandery meeting.

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

To Learn to Subdue my Passions and Improve Myself in Masonry By Bob Bowersox, P.M. | Sherburne Lodge #95 Elk River, Minnesota

What a wonder it is to see the equality of Masonry in action. Individually, we are Teacher, Banker, Businessman, Tradesman, Farmer, or Laborer. Together, we are Brothers. From the most highly educated to the illiterate, from the highest economic reaches to the lowest, we come together to learn and improve ourselves. "To learn to subdue my passions and improve myself in Masonry."

This phrase from the opening of the First Degree gives cause to why we became Masons. "To learn to subdue my passions..." As an Entered Apprentice, I wondered on the meaning or intent of this phrase. To subdue: to restrain, to pacify, to subjugate our passions; our indifference, rage, anger, and fury, the passions of the darker side of our nature. Those passions lead us into the realm of uncontrolled and unbridled emotional response, which causes us to act in a manner opposite to our professed beliefs.

There is no room within the Lodge of Brothers for uncontrolled emotions. We cannot exist as a Society of Friends and Brothers and remain united in our great and good work if uninhibited passion governs our actions. We must learn to subdue these passions which cause us to act in an uncaring and hot-blooded manner. We are taught with this phrase, to listen to our Brother and respect his views. There is no requirement for agreement, only acceptance of his right to hold his beliefs. There exists, however, a requirement that we accept his right to believe as equally as our own right, to accept his truths to be as real and right as our own truths. This ability to subdue the passions allows us to all be Brothers under the same God that we may all worship and adore in our own fashion. This requirement, by its very nature, must expand beyond the Lodge. Each Brother must extend this same courtesy to everyone under the canopy of heaven. For all of mankind holds opinions, truths and beliefs and we as Masons are taught to and must give all peoples the right to hold their own special theologies and philosophies of life.

We are not asked to subdue the passions of the better angels of our nature. In fact, we are expected to expand the joy, the love, brotherhood, benevolence, and enthusiasm that we brought to Masonry. We treat with God for the wisdom to be the better enabled to understand the beauty of brotherly love, relief and truth to the honor of his Holy name. We ask for this boon to become better men. Better than we were before our entrance into the Craft.

We must continually strive for this improvement. Our phrase "to learn to" carries an implication for study. We search for knowledge which we are all exhorted to pursue with vigor and zeal. We understand the importance to learn and to subdue, but how do we improve ourselves in Masonry? We must apply ourselves to, and embrace the lessons we have learned through our study and application of the subjugation of our passions. We are not blind to the lack of control of passion. We see everyday what unrestrained passion and unbridled zeal does in the world. We see in our newspapers what intolerance creates among the people of the world. Yet the world wrings its collective hands in a futile gesture of sorrow not knowing the answer to these intolerant actions. If only the Principles of Freemasonry could be applied to the world, what a difference it would make.

This is how we, as Masons, can improve ourselves in Masonry. By the application of the lessons and practices inculcated within our ritual. But sometimes we don't pay attention to the ritual. It has been recited and heard so often, the meanings of the words have been numbered in our minds. Listen to the work. Listen to the ritual. The hidden Mysteries of Masonry are all contained within. There is nothing within our labor that can cause conflict with our god, our neighbor, our country, or ourselves, yet within the work are the truths. We must all look within this ancient and time-honored ritual to discover its secrets. This one phrase, given in one of the degrees, is a powerful and meaningful phrase. Look upon it with a different eye than before. "To learn to subdue my passions and improve myself in Masonry." Apply this one lesson from this simple yet powerful expression

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- www.GoRainbow.org
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- www.DeMolay.org
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