



*Mesa Lodge #55 AF&AM
Grand Junction, Colorado
February 2021*

Calendar of Meetings and Events

Feb 2	6:00 pm - ED Degree Practice
Feb 4	6:00 pm - Dinner (Greg Foster) Followed by Stated Communication at 7:00 pm EA Degree presentation
Feb 18	6:30 pm Officers Practice
Mar 4	6:00 pm - Dinner (John Groves) Followed by Stated Communication at 7:00 pm



Master's Message



Greetings Brethren:

We have had a lot going on lately, the **Annual Grand Lodge Session** was held on January 23rd via Zoom and went off without a hitch. The voting for officers was also done at that meeting using a third party app. We did vote on one change to the Book of Constitutions and the election of the Grand Lodge Officers for 2021. Congratulations to our new Grand Master of Masons in Colorado, **MW Michael D. Moore!**

Here closer to home we performed a First Degree for brother **Jonathan Estrada** in January and I would like to thank everyone who helped and attended that meeting as well as those who helped with the February meeting where we performed a dual First Degree for our new brothers **Buck Henry and Ken Whitson**, I would like to give a special thanks to the Grand Junction York Rite their impressive presentation and for staying after the meeting to talk further about the York Rite.

We are still having to deal with COVID-19 in our personal lives as well as with the fraternity and I believe we have done a outstanding job in complying with the requirements of our 5-Star Variance (see next page). Please remember to where your mask while not eating and do your best to stay at least six feet apart. I think that we did a great job with our last few degrees making the new brothers feel safe within the constraints of health regulations.

As a reminder we will be having an **Officers Meeting** on Feb 18 at 6:30 pm I would like to see all that can attend to show up. I would like to start trying to practice not only opening and closing but also bounding up and down in the degrees. It seems like we've been doing a lot of this lately.

I hope this message finds you all well and in good health.

Fraternally WM David Marshall

February Birthdays

Lynn Robison	Feb 6
Charles Downing	Feb 7
Robert Anderson	Feb 22
Chris Geisler	Feb 27

Dinner Assignments

Dec	No Meeting
Jan	Parker King
Feb	Greg Foster
Mar	John Groves
Apr	David Marshall
May	Jim Marshall
Jun	Tim Claypool
July	Jason Kholes
Aug	Picnic - TBD
Sep	Harry Clark
Oct	Roger Phillips
Nov	Brad M-Anderson
Dec	Christmas Party

The 2021 Grand Master's pin is a reflection of a combination of the old Masonic lesson of the ladder; the current Grand Master's occupation as a house painter and his interest in one of his hobbies - astronomy. The colors chosen are our state's colors.





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Meetings at the Grand Junction Masonic Center During the Pandemic

Until the current COVID-19 pandemic is over the Grand Valley Event Center (GVEC) will be requiring each renter group to adhere to applicable State and Mesa County COVID-19 Orders, including distancing, masking and sanitizing requirements.

GVEC will supply sanitizing materials, post required notices at entrances and throughout the building, and monitor compliance by periodic observation during events. As of November 24, 2020, GVEC is operating the facility under the Mesa County Variance Protection/5 Star Program. Renters will be required to comply with the following:

1. Each renter will designate a responsible adult to monitor each person entering:
 - a. Is properly masked with a non-medical cloth face covering over the nose and mouth.
 - b. Is tested for fever with a supplied thermometer.
 - c. Does not appear to demonstrate dry cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, fatigue, or a recent loss of taste or smell. Those persons so affected will be sent home.
 - d. Established seating and table spacing is enforced.

2. Renters will ensure that the number of people attending their event is limited to no more than 50% of normal room capacity and that no more than 100 people are present in confined indoor spaces in the entire building.

3. Established seating and table spacing will not be altered and only the number of people for which seating is available will be admitted – no standing room space allowed.

4. Renters will disinfect high-touch surfaces in rented areas as well as items shared between individuals. Single use rather than self-service equipment or utensils will be used.

5. If alcohol is permitted, service must end no later than 10 pm.

6. Dancing, music and live performances will not be allowed.

Protect Yourself and Those You Love.

Mesa County is experiencing widespread community transmission of COVID-19. There are certain places where COVID-19 spreads more easily, avoid the three Cs to protect yourself and others from the spread of COVID-19.

- AVOID** Close contact settings such as close range conversations
- AVOID** Confined and enclosed spaces with poor ventilation
- AVOID** Crowds and places with many persons

