



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



### Master's Message



#### Greetings Brethren,

It has been a busy summer thus far and does not seem to be slowing down. As many of you know we will be dark in July and August, but we will have our **Annual BBQ the First Thursday in August at 6pm.**

I was able to attend Grand Junction Lodge #173 hosting Palisade #125 while they performed three Entered Apprentice Degrees and they did it beautifully. I hope to be able to perform a Third Degree in our lodge by the end of the year as well and hope to make it special.

As far as upcoming things to look out for I am still trying to setup a Masonic movie night for either some time in July or maybe in August whenever I can get it scheduled. I will let everyone know. Thus far I know of three picnics taking place in August – we will have ours on August 5th, then Fruita #120 on August 28th, and the Widows Sons will be hosting a BBQ as well – date and time TBA.

Finally, I would like to share this story on the Widows Sons history with everyone I found it to be interesting.

**Fraternally, David Marshall, WM**

#### The Widows Sons By Brother Armando Nunez President Florida Chapter



One rainy Sunday morning, Bro. Carl awoke with the words “Widows Sons” deeply implanted in his head. The words revolved in his thoughts for several weeks and eventually coalesced into the image of a beautiful woman with a pale look on her face.

He immediately knew the look was from fear and severe pain. The image kept coming into his thoughts at different times during those weeks allowing him to understand she was a beautiful woman who was having deep problems, but he was unable to see exactly what she looked like or who she was. Only an ashen faced beautiful woman to distant to see clearly.

### July Birthdays

Roger Smith	Jul 4
Andrew BE	Jul 4
Buck Henry	Jul 4
William Glidewell	Jul 13
Brad M-Anderson	Jul 18
David Blinn	Jul 22
William Marshall	Jul 26
Jayson Leyh	Jul 27
John Kutzschbaugh	Jul 30
Parker King	Jul 30
Daniel BE	Jul 31
Dwight Russell	Jul 31

### Calendar of Meetings and Events

<b>Jul 1</b>	<b>DARK - NO MEETING</b>
<b>Aug 5</b>	<b>6:00 p.m. - Lodge Picnic - Masonic Center</b>
<b>Aug 7</b>	<b>Grand Lodge Anniversary (Budget) Communication - Colorado Springs</b>
<b>Aug 20-21</b>	<b>Grand Junction Scottish Rite Spring Reunion - GJ Masonic Center</b>
<b>Aug 28</b>	<b>1 - 4 pm - Fruita #120 Picnic at Reed Park.</b>
<b>Sep 2</b>	<b>6:00 pm - Pre-Meeting dinner (Harry Clark) - 7:00 pm - Tiled Lodge</b>
<b>Oct 7</b>	<b>6:00 pm - Pre-Meeting dinner (Roger Phillips) - 7:00 pm - Tiled Lodge</b>

### Dinner Assignments

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



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For several weeks he walked around with this image in his head and the words “Widows Sons”. The image and words revolved around in his thoughts each night before going to sleep. The image would not come in clearly enough to make it out completely, but it was ever present, while he slept, while he rode his motorcycle and at various times during the day. The image then slowly became clearer and its’ meaning slowly revealed itself to him. The beautiful woman was a widow, her face pale and strained with hurt and fear because of her loss and the uncertainty of her future.

Bro. Carl then started to research information on the Widows Son. As he thought more and drew on his Masonic experiences, he understood what the image represented.

When a Master Mason is called to the Grand Lodge above, his widow always has a deep look of pain and at the same time is full of fear because of the unknown journey she will now undertake alone. She was obviously the Widow. And he decided she was the widow of a Master Mason because of his affinity for the Fraternity.

He then spent untold hours trying to put the image he had seen on paper. All he understood at that time was that he should transfer this image onto paper along with the words “Widows Sons”.

Bro. Carl had always wanted to form a Masonic motorcycle club. He thought it would carry well across the fraternity. And during this period he had started to put together a list on interested Brethren through the Masonic Biker website on www.mastermason.com. He very soon had a list of Masons and Masonic clubs listed.

Everything was now in place for the forming of the Widows Sons International Motorcycle Association, Int’l although Bro. Carl did not yet realize it.

One day he was having a conversation with a fellow Brother from the Philippines and discussing motorcycles and Masonry and how Grand Lodges might view Masonic motorcycle organizations. They decided they needed two things numbers (members) and a cause.

It was at that moment that the entire concept including the logo came together in his head. The motorcycle club should be called the Widows Sons and they should aid and assist the widows of Masons whose faces were “pale white from the pain of their loss and the fear of their future travels alone”.

At that point all confusion as to why the words ‘Widows Sons’ and the image of the widow had come to him. Since that day the Widows Sons International Motorcycle Association has grown with chapters active and forming in more than 11 states in the U.S. and 5 countries outside the U.S.

The club is open to Masons who ride a street or highway-legal motorcycle and are in good standing in the records of their blue lodge.