

All Masonic Trestleboard May | 2022



May Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Rainbow Girls 7 PM GJ Masonic Center	3 Fruita Lodge Officers Meeting 7 PM Frutia Ma- sonic Center Sunshine Chapter - OES 7:30 PM GJ Masonic Center	4 Palisade Lodge Officers Meeting 6:30 GJ Masonic Center	5	6 Early Bird Breakfast 8 AM Strayhorn Grill, Fruita	7 Palisade Lodge Stated Communication 10 AM GJ Masonic Center
8	9 York Rite 7:30 PM GJ Masonic Center	10 Western Colorado Shrine Club Board Meeting 11:45 Grand Vista Hotel	11 GJ Masonic Center Tem- ple Association 6:30 PM GJ Masonic Center	12 DeMolay Boys 7 PM GJ Masonic Center	13 Early Bird Breakfast 8 AM Strayhorn Grill, Fruita Mesa & GJ Lodge Joint Communication 6:30 PM GJ Masonic Center	14
15	16 Scottish Rite 6:30 PM GJ Consistory Rainbow Girls 7 PM GJ Masonic Center	17 "Veterans Night" Fruita Masonic Lodge Stated Communication 6 PM Frutia Masonic Center Sunshine Chapter - OES 7:30 PM GJ Masonic Center	18	19 Mesa Lodge Officers Meeting 6:30 PM GJ Masonic Center	20 Early Bird Breakfast 8 AM Strayhorn Grill, Fruita	21
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Check out the calendar at www.MasonicFamilyGJ.com/event for the most up-to-date schedule of events

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May Birthdays

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

- Chad Davis
- Charles Johnson
- Dustin Martin
- Gregory Foster
- Jeff Koenig
- Robert Cucchetti
- Tadd Warner



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.

- Brad Montgomery-Anderson
- Brian Burns
- Charles Thayer Jr.
- Daniel BE
- Dennis Costlow
- Douglas Walck
- Eugene Matteson
- Floyd Williams
- Gary Brown
- Jack Biddle
- James Krogh
- John Kutzschebauch
- Kelly Bissell
- L.C. Knapp
- Ray Veatch
- Richard Gonzales
- Robert Johnston
- Silvan Smith
- Spencer Hughes
- Ted Eaton
- William Frary
- William Hirt
- William McKee



Sickness & 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.

Temple Association Update

Greetings All,

We hope that your spring is off to a great start. We have some exciting things to talk about. First, the MasonicFamilyGJ website is being updated to provide a better experience for people looking for the various masonic bodies here in the Grand Valley, and to better support our members. We've included a calendar of all the monthly events for all the masonic bodies in the valley, and pictures from our public events like the 29th Annual School Awards Ceremony. Please check out the site and let us know what you think.

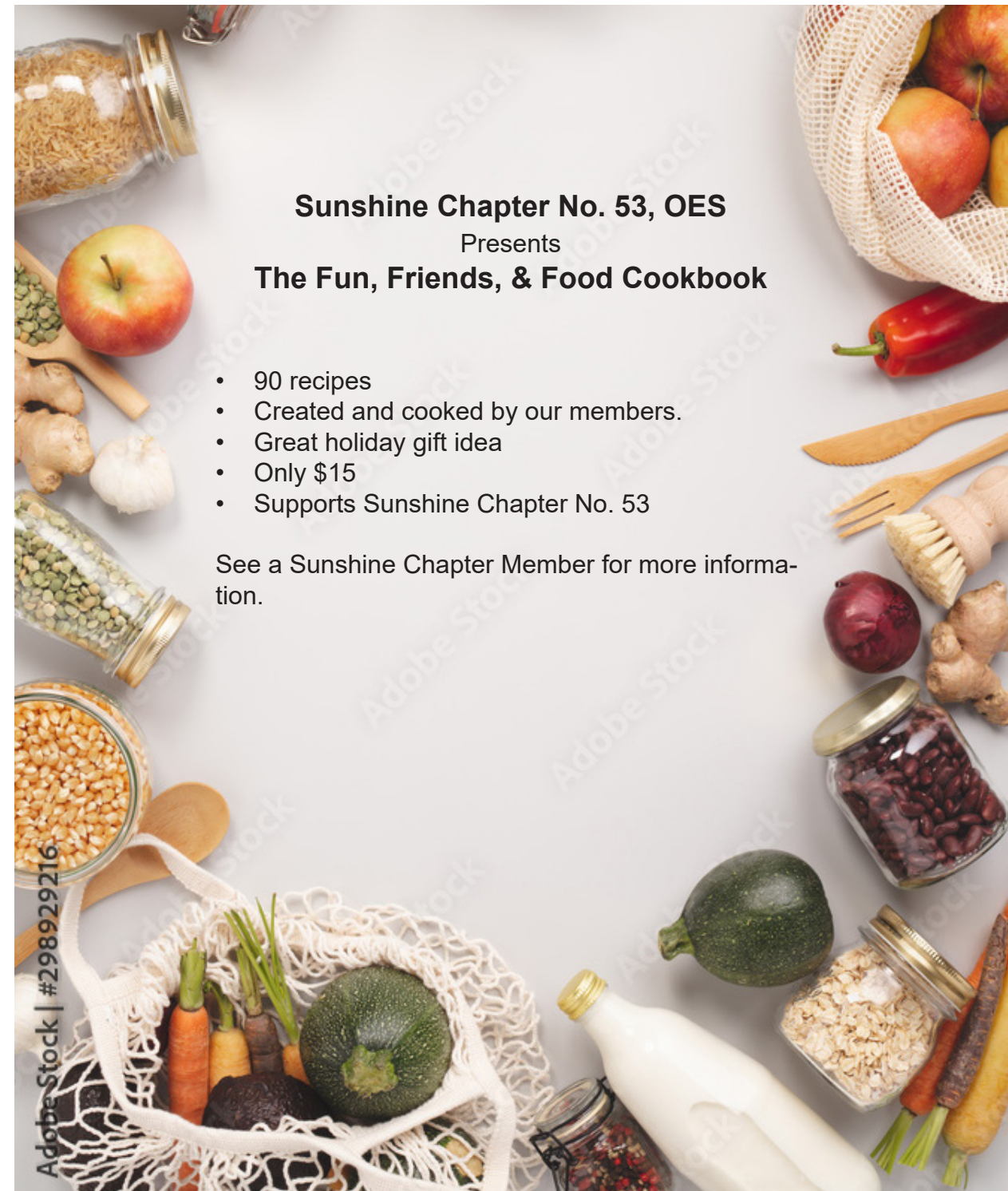
Second, the concrete pad for the playground between Lodge Room 2 and 3 has been poured. We're looking at options to complete the area including grass, a gazebo, a grill, and playground equipment. We will update you with our plans in the coming months.

We're also looking at the leaks in the roof over Lodge Room 2 so that we can paint. We're also looking at options for replacing the carpet in Lodge Room 2. The leading options are a tile floor that would allow groups to use Lodge Room 2 for dances, and a short pile carpet.

We want to thank W. Bro. Michael Briscoe and his son for replacing the outside light by Lodge Room 1. It is no longer flickering.

Our next meeting will be at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, May 11th. All area Masons, and Eastern Star members are welcome to attend.

Linn Armstrong
President of the Temple Association Board



Sunshine Chapter No. 53, 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.

Mesa Lodge No. 55 Monthly 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 Center at 7:00 PM, with dinner before lodge at 6:15 PM.

Dark: July & August

2022 Dinner Assignments

January.....Harry Clark
February..... Greg Foster
March.....Tim Claypool
April.....John Groves
May.....Eastern Star
June..... Andrew Weber
July..... Dark (No Meeting)
August.....Picnic TBD
September.....Jim Marshal
October.....Jason Kohles
November.....David Marshall
December..... Christmas Party

Greetings Brothers and friends,

I hope that you all are well. We have an exciting month ahead of us.

We will be having a Joint Communication with Grand Junction Lodge on Friday, May 13th. Dinner will be a stew and biscuits at 6:30 PM and Lodge will be opened at 7:30 PM. We will be having a special guest speaker give a lecture on the History of the Knights Templar. Please RSVP to the dinner by contacting W. Bro. John Groves, or Bro. Gregory Foster.

We expect that we will have two brothers give their proficiencies, one his Master Mason, the other his Entered Apprentice. If this happens we will need to look into putting on a Fellow Craft Degree before we go dark for the summer.

We are asking for a few brothers to help at the Grand Valley Highland Games with the Scottish Rite Child ID Kit program. This free program aids parents by collecting biographic data on their children to help the authorities find them if they ever go missing. The games are Saturday, May 14th, and Sunday, May 15th. If you want to help please contact W. Bro. Harry Clark, or W. Bro. Tim Claypool.

We are also looking for a few brothers that would like to take a small acting role in maintaining the lodge website, and social media, and help spread the word about our public events. This wouldn't take much time each month and will help our lodge and fraternity grow. Please contact Brother Gregory Foster or W. Bro. Harry Clark for more information.

Finally, I want to wish Happy Birthday to all the brothers born in May, and a Happy Masonic Anniversary to the brothers raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason in May.

I hope you have a wonderful month. If you need assistance in getting to the Joint Communication with Grand Junction Lodge, or if the lodge can be of any help to you please don't hesitate to reach out.

Bro. Gregory Foster

Mesa Lodge No. 55 Officers	
Worshipful Master	Harry Clark (PM) (970) 986-9315
Senior Warden	Gregory Foster (505) 350-0197
Junior Warden	Tim Claypool (PM) (970) 712-3280
Secretary	Christopher Geisler (970) 250-8979
Treasurer	John Groves (PM) (970) 261-5189
Senior Deacon	Andrew Weber (970) 312-4774
Junior Deacon	Tom Verdick (PM) (970) 270-8504
Senior Steward	Buck Henry (970) 261-9138
Junior Steward	Kenny Whitson (620) 260-0817
Tiler	Jim Marshal (970) 712-9207
Dir. of the Work	John Groves (PM) (970) 261-5189
Chaplain	Jason Kohles (PM) (970) 250-8004
Marshal	William Marshal (970) 260-5432



Fruita Masonic Lodge No. 120 Monthly Update

Hello Brethren,

The month of May brings enchantment with its seasonal changes, ushering movement of the metaphysical bringing spiritual

growth and we can safely say that winter is over!

I realize that as you read this most of what I say will be in the past tense I would like to start out by thanking all the participants in this year's Scottish Rite Reunion everyone having worked very hard memorizing their parts and rehearsing where the candidates and cast should be positioned, and coordinating with lighting, sounds and slides. Whew! Let us keep up the excellent work and consider one practice per month until next April. This would ensure a quality performance on our behalf and less stress for all.

Thank you, Lee Anderson, and Gary Weiszbrod for their work on this year's scholarship committee and John Groves for finding that extra money from Mesa Lodge which I am sure will go a long way for that deserving student.

I also want to thank Jim McBride and Dennis Bechtold for their work on the water leak that occurred in April at the Fruita Lodge and in arranging the various contractors for cleanup and repair this water leak. Fortunately, our tenants below the Lodge were not affected and business continued for them as usual.

April was also our first of two joint communications with the Palisade lodge and the breakfast was delightful with the friendship being even better. I always enjoy these joint communications and may they continue well into the

future. What a busy month April was and thrown into the mix was a surprise jury duty notice from Mesa County that arrived in my mailbox, this came quite as quite a surprise. Though I was not eventually chosen, I spent a day sitting through the selection process allowing me to reflect about how we as Masons are to obey laws and regulations of the land and how Masonry and other civic organizations in this community create an interconnectedness that allow us to get the important work that needs to get done.

That is all for now and until next month enjoy the summer weather.

W. Bro. Glen Phelps (PM)

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

2022 Dinner Assignments

January Glen Phelps
February.....Naaman Moorehouse
March.....Gary Weiszbrod
April.....Jim McBride
May.....Ian Hughes
June.....Randy Rehwoldt
July.....Dark (No Meeting)
August.....Dark (No Meeting)
September.....Andrew Weber
October.....Jeff Koenig
November.....John Groves
December..... Lee Anderson

Fruita Lodge No. 120 Officers

Worshipful Master	Glen Phelps (970) 390-7146
Senior Warden	Naaman Moorehouse (970) 433-5570
Junior Warden	Gary Weiszbrod (970) 433-8978
Secretary	Randy Rehwoldt (PM) (970) 434-4608
Treasurer	Jimmy McBride (PM) (970) 683-1957
Senior Deacon	James Anthony (PM) (970) 306-1580
Junior Deacon	Andrew Weber (970) 312-4773
Senior Steward	Jeff Koenig (PM) (970) 318-1004
Junior Steward	Mike Murphy (970) 640-5570
Tiler	Lee Anderson (970) 846-8493
Director of the Work	Lee Anderson (970) 846-8493
Chaplain	
Marshal	

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!



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

2022 Snack Assignments

January.....Naaman Moorehouse
 February.....Naaman Moorehouse
 March.....Jason Gaskill
 April.....David Krogh
 May.....Chad Davis
 June..... James Krogh
 July.....Greg Foster
 August.....Naaman Moorehouse
 September.....Don Halford
 October.....Kerry King
 November.....Harry Clark
 December.....Chris Eglet

Greetings From the East,

I want to thank all of the Brothers who helped in preparing breakfast last month for our Brothers from Fruita and elsewhere.

I would also like to congratulate Brothers Jason Gaskill and Chad Davis for doing a fine job in completing their Master Mason Proficiency. Hopefully, we will have a Fellowcraft degree proficiency and then we can start working on Master Mason degree work.

Also, it was good to see so many Brothers at Worshipful Brother James Anthony's funeral service. He will be greatly missed by our fraternity. Our thanks to Brother Don Halford for making sure that the escort and everything went well at the VA Cemetery.

Also, I watched the video our Grand Master put out that Brother Greg Foster was going to show, but we ran out of time. It was very informative and interesting and I would like to implement some of his ideas in our future meetings. Thank you Brother Greg for bringing this to my attention.

Also, in May, Brothers Don Halford and Dave

Krogh will give short talks about themselves and I also have more interesting facts about New Jersey to share.

I hope to see more Masons attend our meetings.

W. Bro. Kerry King (PM)

Palisade Lodge No. 125 Officers	
Worshipful Master	Kerry King (PM) (970) 434-3267
Senior Warden	Harry Clark (PM) (970) 986-9315
Junior Warden	Naaman Morehouse (970) 250-0942
Secretary	Gregory Foster (505) 350-0197
Treasurer	David Krogh (970) 314-9664
Senior Deacon	James Krogh (PM) (970) 260-3773
Junior Deacon	Don Halford (970) 250-4277
Senior Steward	
Junior Steward	
Tiler	Chris Eglet (970) 640-4986
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'm looking forward to another great month. We had a very successful Education Awards Ceremony, thanks to all who helped, mostly to W. Bro. John Groves as usual.

The Scottish Rite Reunion we very well as well. Thank you to all who helped, namely Bro. Jeff Bush, W. Bro. Jeff Koenig, W. Bro. Randy Rehwoldt, Bro. Linn Armstrong, and certainly Bro. Gregory Foster. It went really well. Bro. Austin Pitts from our Lodge and W. Bro. Lee Anderson are now Masters of the Royal Secret. It was great to see Bro. Austin.

W. Bro. Craig Miller, Bro. Jeff Bush, and W. Bro. Robert Dougherty brought the DeMolay Boys to help with the dinner provided by The Sunshine Chapter of the Eastern Star.

Also, make plans for the Joint Communication with Mesa Lodge on Friday, May 13th. We will have dinner a dinner of stew and rolls at 6:30 and Lodge at 7:30 with a special lecture on the Knights Templar. In June we will be meeting in the Uncompahgre for an "open-air" lodge, thanks to Bro. Linn Armstrong.

If you haven't been to the lodge recently please take a look at the new cement poured for the outside activity area thanks to Bro. Linn Armstrong and money from the building that W. Bro. Vern Dillard and the members of Plateau Lodge 101.

May the blessings of heaven rest upon you.

W. Bro. Michael Briscoe (PM)

GJ Lodge No. 173 Officers

Worshipful Master	Mike Briscoe (PM) (970) 433-6766
Senior Warden	James Anthony (PM) (970) 242-2199
Junior Warden	Darrell Manroe (816) 500-1550
Secretary	Gregory Foster (505) 350-0197
Treasurer	Linn Armstrong (970) 234-0444
Senior Deacon	Jeff Koenig (PM) (970) 201-3371
Junior Deacon	Jeff Bush (970) 623-3651
Senior Steward	Nathaniel Pavlisick (970) 242-1584
Junior Steward	Craig Miller (PM) (970) 241-0997
Tiler	Randy Rehwoldt (PM) (970) 250-1672
Director of the Work	
Chaplain	
Marshal	Steven Ganskow (970) 640-7433





Rainbow Reminders

Hello All,

We will be having our regular meeting on Monday, May 2nd to plan for our end of June event, and decide on July dates. In our second meeting of the month on Monday, May 23rd we will be finalizing our plans for Grand Assembly. Just a reminder that I will be out of town between May 6th and May 22nd.

All regular meetings are at the Grand Junction Masonic Center from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM unless the girls decide otherwise. We wear dresses or skirts at all of our regular meetings unless stated otherwise because of weather or special activities. We need to include raindrops and potential members at all Services and Causal events. Please volunteer to bring refreshments at least once in the next three months.

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 is very exciting for the DeMolay men as we prepare to go to Convention. We are looking for any fundraising opportunities that may come our way, so we can assist our members in the cost. If you have anything you would like help with you can contact us at our meetings, or me by phone (970) 683-8140. I look forward to another great month of DeMolay!

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.

Widow's Sons

Sunshine Chapter No. 53 (OES)



Hello Sisters and Brothers.

Following a potluck dinner, Sunshine Chapter was honored to host Worthy Grand Patron, Keith Hoey (Silver Star Chapter in Montrose) , and other distinguished guests at our Friendship Night on April 19th.

Brother Keith surprised Brother Larry Bond of Edith Chapter (Yampa) with a Grand Representative appointment to Illinois and our own Secretary, Beth Nelms, with a Grand Representative appointment to Idaho. Other guests honored at our meeting were Past Grand Matrons, Cindy Wardlaw (Silver Star Chapter) and Leeann (Lani) Asay of Bethany Chapter (Green River, Utah), and our own Past Grand Patron Willis Grundvig and Past Grand Patron Rodney Asay of Bethany Chapter.

We all very much enjoyed the piano playing of Grand Organist Emeritus, Fran Townsend of Bethany Chapter, and the many "treasures" that our members and guests brought for Show and Tell!

Our Chapter also supported the Scottish Rite by serving meals at the Scottish Rite Reunion held on April 29 -30.

We are looking forward to initiating Chad Davis into our Order on May 17th, and are preparing for our Official Visit of the Worthy Grand Matron, the Worthy Grand Patron, and the "A Musical Journey" Grand Family on June 10th.

We hope that everyone had a good April and will have a wonderful May!

Sharon Parrish
Worth Matron

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

Hello Fellow Riders,

Widows Sons are meeting with all Colorado chapters for a grand gathering and branding ceremony Saturday May 21st at Glenwood springs lodge #65. More details to come as the event gets closer.

Jim Marshal,

President | Grand Junction Widow's Sons

The Grand Junction Chapter of the Widow's Sons meets on the third Sunday of each month at the GJ Masonic Center.

For more information please visit www.widowssons.org

York Rite



Hello Companions and Sir Knights,

Thank you all for a great official visit for the Temple and Delta Commandry. The ten-man opening was sharp and very well done. Thanks to Ron Franklin for being the sentinel. It was great to see him again and he report that he is cancer-free.

Meeting on May 9,m 2021 at 7:30 PM

Upcoming degrees

Pasture Degrees will be presented on June 4, 2022, at the Anderson Ranch 46043 County Road Y, Akron CO 80720. Email RSVP to Dana Speaks, PEHP at dasinv@msn.com or call 970-867-7406 before May 20, 2022. The cost is \$30.00 and includes breakfast and lunch. The start time for breakfast is 6:30 AM.

Grand Pathways will be held in Grand Junction Colorado at the Masonic Center on June 18, 2022.

The Angle on the Rio will be held at the Masonic Park in South Fork Colorado on July 9, 2022.

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.

Western Colorado Shrine Club



Hello Fellow Nobles,

By the time you read this, we will have had our Cigar and Whiskey Tasting event. Nobel Foster donated two bottles of the El Jebel Bear Creek Rye Whiskey to the club. If this event goes well, we will make it a monthly event, so let us hope it goes well. We are also planning a friends and family golf event on Sunday, May 22nd. We will have more information about this as we get closer to it.

WCSC Members please be on the lookout for a survey of upcoming parades. We want to determine which parades we are going to attend based on this survey. This will be coming out by the end of April. We are also looking to sell our Parade Golf Cart. This is a fairly new golf cart with brand new batteries just about a year old. If you are interested, please contact our Secretary Andrew Be at Secretary@shrinerswc.org.

Sadly, due to low participation in our various units (Tri-County, Clowns, and others), we're looking to dissolve these units and form a new "Parade Unit". If you belong to one of these units and want more information on our plans and goals, please contact your unit, President.

If you are a member who has yet to pay his dues for 2022, please contact our Secretary, Andrew Be, to get caught up. We are also entertaining ideas on fundraisers for the club and the Salt Lake City Shrine Hospital. We will be finalizing a plan at our May Board Meeting to have a Summer Fund Raiser and need ideas.

Until we meet again be well and don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions, comments, or concerns regarding the WCSC.

Fraternally,

Bill Hirt,
President | Western Colorado Shrine Club

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

For more information please visit www.ElJebelShrine.org

Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite

85th Grand Junction Consistory Scottish Rite Reunion - Class of 2022

Calendar 2022



- Consistory
- Rose Croix
- Lodge of Perfection
- Council

CalendarForFutureGrandJunctionConsistory Meetings, Dinners, and Other Events - 2022

May 16, 2022 (CONSISTORY) Hawaiian shirt night, all you can eat pizza 6:30 pm. Stated meeting 7:30 pm.

June 20, 2022 - (COUNCIL) - Summer Picnic 5:30 PM at Sherwood Park. Family (kids and Grandkids especially), and Friends Welcome.

July (TBD) - Montrose Rite Care event.

August - Dark, no meeting or event.

September 19, 2022 - (Chapter) - Potato Bar 6:30 PM, Stated Communication 7:30 PM. \$5 will get you \$10 drawing.

October 17, 2022 - (Lodge) - 6 PM Feast of Tishri, Masonic Widows are our Guests, Open to family & friends.

November 21, 2022 (Consistory) - Dinner 6:30 PM, Stated Communication at 7:30 PM. All you can eat pizza, Honnoring our Veterans.

Need to contact the Consistory?

Call: (970) 245 AASR (2277)

Mail: P.O. Box 3000
Grand Junction, CO 81502

E-Mail: AASRSecretary@Mac.com

2022 Officers John Groves 33° Personal Representative

Montrose Lodge of Perfection

Mike Briscoe, 32° KCCH	Venerable Master
Gary Weiszbrod, 32°	Senior Warden
Glen Phelps 32°	Junior Warden
Randy Melton, 32°	Master of Ceremonies
Greg Foster, 32°	Expert
James Anthony 32°	Captain of the Host

Glenwood Chapter of Rose Croix

Tim Claypool, 32°	Wise Master
James Anthony, 32°	Senior Warden
John Groves, 33°	Junior Warden
Joe Wells, 32° KCCH	Master of Ceremonies
Jason Kohles, 32°	Expert
Andrew Weber, 32°	Guardian of the Temple

Gunnison Council of Kadosh

Chris Eglet, 32°	Commander
Harry Clark, 32°	1st Lt. Commander
Randy Rehwoldt, 32°	2nd Lt. Commander
Randy Melton, 32°	Marshal of Ceremonies
Mike Murphy, 32°	Chancellor
Darrell Manroe, 32°	Lt. of the Guard

Grand Junction Consistory

Lloyd Stahl, 32° KCCH	Master of Kadosh
Gary Weiszbrod, 32°	Prior
Randy Rehwoldt, 32°	Preceptor
Randy Melton, 32°	Marshal of Ceremonies

Officers of All Bodies

Gregory M. Allen, 32° KCCH	Orator
Donald A. Hobbs, 33°	Almoner
Jeffrey G. Bush, 32° KCCH	Treasurer
Jimmy McBride, 33°	Tiler
Wayne Quade, 32°	Prelate
William C. Nickell, 33°	Secretary



Bro. Austin Pits 32°



Bro. Bartas Urba 32°



Bro. Ian Hughes 32°



Bro. Lee Anderson 32°

2022 Masonic Scholarship Recipients



Bro. Ellis Miller 32°



Bro. Jim Frisbee s 32°



Mesa Lodge No. 55 A.F. & A.M. John C. Whitlock Memorial Scholarship - Jacob Haifley



Palisade Masonic Lodge No. 125 Scholarship - Claudia Quijada Bermudez



Grand Junction Consistory Class of 2022



Grand Junction Lodge No. 173 A.F. & A.M. Warren E. Bush Memorial Scholarship - Ashlyn Wilkerson

Masonic Education

What do you think you know about Washington?

by W. Bro. Lee Anderson

George Washington was born on February eleventh, 1732 on the family's plantation located on Popes Creek, Westmorland County, Virginia. He was born to Augustine and Mary Ball Washington, with Mary being Augustine's second wife. His first wife Jane Butler had died in 1729, leaving him two sons, Lawrence and Augustine Jr, and a daughter Jane. George was the eldest of Augustine and Mary's six children.

In 1734, the family moved up the Potomac River to the Little Hunting Creek Plantation, which would later become known as Mount Vernon. In 1738, they moved again to the Ferry Farm Plantation on the Rappahannock River, near Fredericksburg, this being where George spent most of his youth.

When George was eleven, Augustine passed away. As was the tradition, most of the property went to the two oldest sons, Lawrence and Augustine Jr. Mary and her six children were left the Ferry Farm Plantation to live on.

Unlike many of his contemporaries, George never received a formal education. Lawrence and Augustine Jr were sent to England for their education but at the death of his father, funds became limited for education. We can only speculate, but George may have had a few private tutors, as well as, attended a local primary school in Fredericksburg. He did learn to read, write, and do basic legal forms. He excelled in geometry and trigonometry, skills which he put to good use in his first job as a surveyor. As well as learning proper manners, which would shape his character for the rest of his life.

One of his exercises was the "Art of Surveying and Measuring Land". In the late 1740s, he was invited to join a survey party organized by his neighbor and friend George William Fairfax. This experienced team laid out lots within a large tract along the western frontier of Virginia. On that expedition, he learned much, not only about surveying but also experienced living off the land

Washington began his Masonic journey at an early age. Being initiated an Entered Apprentice on the fourth of November, 1752, in the newly congregated Lodge at Fredericksburg, at the age of twenty. Washington paid an entry fee of two pounds, three shillings. It doesn't sound like much today, but then it represented about twenty days of labor for a skilled craftsman.

The Lodge itself held its first meeting on September first, 1752. Records of the lodge

have been preserved from its first meeting until 1771. It is interesting to note, that the first Master of the Fredericksburg Lodge's name is unknown. Because for some reason, it was stricken from the records, probably at a later date and more than likely because he was a loyalist. It has an unusual history as well. The lodge began its life as a "time immemorial lodge" meaning they can't trace their operating authority to a Charter from any Grand Lodge. It probably was started by self congregating Masons who lived nearby or formed by a Military Lodge of the British Army. I think it may be a combination of both because the lodge had a definite Scottish York Rite influence.

On the third of March 1753, ten days after his twenty-first birthday, he was passed to the degree of a Fellowcraft. But wait, something doesn't add up here! Between his initiation and passing, America, Canada, and the United Kingdom switched from the old Julian lunar calendar to the new Georgian one. To make this happen, September went from the second to the fourteenth, dropping eleven days and changing his birthday from the eleventh to the twenty-second. Alas, why do I think the Lodge of Fredericksburg was influenced by Scottish Masonry? Records show he joined the York Rite at another lodge a few days later and received his Mark Mason degree. As is the custom in lodges chartered by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, this being done before he would receive his third degree. The mark he chose was the beehive. On the fourth of August, 1753, he would be raised as a Master Mason.

From there on, his life as a military man, a statesman, and a prominent Mason is legendary and well documented. Washington passed away on the eleventh of December, 1799 at the age of sixty-seven. At his request, he would not be laid to rest until three days had passed. He wanted them to be sure he was dead. Brothers of the Alexandria Lodge performed Masonic Rites to honor his life and well-known contributions and fidelity to the craft. He was buried wearing his apron. At the time of his death, he was one of the wealthiest men in America. He owned over seventy thousand acres, many acquired when he was a surveyor. His Mount Vernon estate, which he purchased from the estates of his two older half brothers, consisted of five farms totaling eight thousand three hundred acres. He was a meticulous record keeper. In the end, however, he only wanted to be known as a Mason and as a farmer who introduced the mule into American agriculture

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