

All Masonic Trestleboard October | 2022



Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28 Palisade Lodge Degree Practice GJ Masonic Center - 6:30 PM	29	30 Four Corners York Rite Dinner Grand Vista Hotel - 7 PM	1 Palisade Lodge GJ Masonic Center - 10 AM Four Corners York Rite Festival GJ Masonic Center - All Day RM Kids Fest Long Family memorial Park - 11 AM - 3 PM
2	3 Rainbow Girls GJ Masonic Center - 7 PM	4 Eastern Star GJ Masonic Center - 7:30 PM	5	6 Mesa Lodge GJ Masonic Center - 7 PM	7	8 Youth Craft Fair GJ Masonic Center - 9 AM
9	10 York Rite GJ Masonic Center 7:30 PM	11 WCSC Board Meeting Grand Vista Hotel - 11:45 AM	12 Temple Assc Meeting GJ Masonic Center - 6:30 PM Masonic Leadership Council GJ Masonic Center - 8 PM	13 DeMolay Boys GJ Masonic Center - 7 PM	14 GJ Lodge GJ Masonic Center 7:30 PM	15 WCSC Happy Hour Scotland Yard - 4 PM
16	17 Rainbow Girls GJ Masonic Center - 7 PM Scottish Rite GJ Masonic Center - 7:30 PM	18 Joint Comm Fruita Masonic & Palisade Lodge Fruita Masonic Center - 7 PM Eastern Star GJ Masonic Center - 7:30 PM	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 DeMolay Boys GJ Masonic Center - 7 PM	28 All Masonic Social Hour GJ Masonic Center - 5:30 PM	29
30	31	1	2 Palisade Lodge Practice GJ Masonic Center - 6:30 PM	3 Mesa Lodge GJ Masonic Center - 7 PM	4	5 Palisade Lodge GJ Masonic Center - 10 AM

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Birthdays

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

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

Masonic Anniversaries

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

- Andrew BE
- Austin Pitts
- Chris Eglet
- Denis Bechtold
- Jason Allred
- Jeff Koenig
- Marry Marshall
- Merle Nelson
- Naaman Moorehouse
- Paul Brenton
- Robert Cucchetti
- Robert Orr
- Sean Norris
- Terrance Stath
- William Sightler III

Sickness & Distress

Please keep the following Brothers and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

- Bekah Whitson (daughter of Bro. Kenne Whitson)
- W. Bro. Vern Dillard
- Bro. Jim Smith (passed away)

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

The Grand Junction Masonic Temple Association met on Wednesday, September 14th at our regular time. Items discussed included the stove in the kitchen and the leaks in the roof. Bro. Linn Armstrong has contacted a roofing company to take a look at the roof and fix the leaks from the recent rain storms. W. Bro. Mike Briscoe and Bro. Linn Armstrong continue to look for solutions to the pilot light issue with the stove.

On Saturday, October 1st the Rocky Mountain PBS station will be hosting its 2022 Kids Fest. We will have a booth at this event to provide free Emergency Child ID Kits and provide information about Rainbow Girls and DeMolay Boys to the children in Grand Junction. The event will be at Long Family Memorial Park from 11 AM to 3 PM. We need volunteers to man the event during these times. If you wish to help out please reach out to Brothers Andrew Weber (AWeber@BankSanJuans.com) or Gregory Foster (Phelanwolf75@Gmail.com).

The Rainbow Girls and DeMolay Boys will be hosting a Craft Fair at the Grand Junction Masonic Center on Saturday, October 8th from 9 AM to 3 PM. Vendors from across the valley will be present selling a variety of items.

The Grand Junction Masonic Center will be hosting a Christmas Craft Fair on Saturday, December 10th, from 10 AM to 3 PM. We are still looking for vendors for this craft fair. Vendor fees are \$50 for individuals and companies. Masonic Bodies can have a booth at the craft fair free of charge. If you would like to reserve space at the craft fair please go to www.MasonicFamilyGJ.org/ChristmasFair2022 to download the registration form and send it to Info@MasonicFamilyGJ.org.

Fraternally,

Greg Foster
Temple Association Representative Mesa Lodge No. 55

The Grand Junction Masonic Center Temple Association meets on the second Wednesday of each month, except for July and August, at 6:30 PM in the Snack Room of the Grand Junction Masonic Center. Any member of the Masonic bodies of the Grand Junction Masonic Center are welcome to attend the meetings.

Masonic Christmas Fair

Masonic Christmas Fair

Gifts, Jewelry, Crafts, Food, and much more!

Open to the Public

Saturday, December 10

From 10 AM to 3 PM

For more information & to register go to
www.MasonicFamilyGJ.org/ChristmasFair2022



Mesa Lodge No. 55

Greetings Brothers and friends,

Fall has officially started and that means the weather will be getting cooler, the days shorter, and the next few months are going to be busy.

October is typically our “Step Up” night when our Officers get a chance to step up into the next office for the night. We also start thinking about the election of lodge officers for the next year and dues notices start going out. Members of El Jebel Shrine will also be available that night so you can purchase raffle tickets for the El Jebel Sportsmen’s Raffle. Tickets start at \$5 and \$20 and the proceeds go to El Jebel Shrine so it can continue its mission to support children in Colorado with burns, cleft palates, orthopedic, and other pediatric issues.

We are also looking for four volunteers to man our booth at the Rocky Mountain PBS Kids Fest on Saturday, October 1st. We will be providing free Emergency Child ID Kits to the parents that want them. The event is from 11 AM to 3 PM at Long Family Memorial Park in Grand Junction. If you would like to volunteer please contact Brothers Andrew Weber (AWeber@BankSanJuans.com) and Gregory Foster (Phelanwolf75@gmail.com). There will be a training session on Friday, September 30th at the Grand Junction Masonic Center at 6:30 PM. If we get at least four volunteers we will break up the work into shifts.

October also kicks off our Salvation Army Toys for Tots drive. From now until the All Masonic Christmas Party we will be collecting toys and money to buy toys for the Salvation Army’s Toys for Tots. You can bring in unwrapped children’s toys between now and the All Masonic Christmas Party. Or you can make a cash donation to the lodge and the lodge will use that money to buy toys.

Other items to put on your calendar are the Election of Lodge Officers for 2023 at our November Stated Communication on November 3rd and the Installation of Officers will be Friday, December 9th. The All Masonic Christmas Party will be on Thursday, December 1st. The Rainbow Girls will be auctioning off desserts, and the rumor is Santa may be making a visit so be sure to bring your kids and grandkids.

The next several months will see a lot of events from the other Masonic bodies in the Grand Valley. I highly recommend you look at the Calendar of Events in the Trestleboard or go to www.MasonicFamilyGJ.org/Events to see what is going on with the other Masonic bodies in the valley.

Bro. Gregory Foster
Sr. Warden

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..... Chris Giesler
June..... Andrew Weber
July..... Dark (No Meeting)
August.....Picnic
September.....Jim Marshal
October.....Jason Kohles
November.....David Marshall
December..... Christmas Party

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 Verdieck (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



Hello Brethren,

Last month, we had our second joint communication with Montrose Lodge in what is now becoming a traditional event. The night was led by the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master Ross Allen, several service awards for 50, 60 and even one seventy-year pin were bestowed upon our distinguished brothers. Family and friends accompanied these honored masons to witness the presentations. We must not forget the Eastern Star ladies of Montrose who cooked and served us a most delicious spaghetti dinner! I really enjoyed seeing many masonic friends and listening to the grand line officers speak to our masonic brothers.

We have events on the docket for October, Officer's practice is on October 6th at 6 PM and we will be having a joint communication with Palisade Lodge on the 18th with dinner beginning at 6 PM followed by our stated communication at 7 PM.

The annual Merchant's Trick or Treat will take place at a date to be determined it usually take place the day before the Truck Parade in downtown Fruita. Our Masonic Lodge will be handing out treats to what seems, at least by last year's turn out, all the valley kids so, stay tuned and I will keep you all posted on the date.

W. Bro. Glen Phelps

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 Weiszwbrod
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	

Palisade Lodge No. 125



Greetings From the East,

Brothers, we will be doing a Second Degree for Brother Scott at our regular meeting in October.

Also in October, we have our Joint Communication with Fruita Lodge. They will be serving supper and we will bring dessert.

Brothers Tom, Dave, Jim, Lee and myself attended Montrose Lodge on Tuesday night. They gave out a 70 year and 2 -60 year pins. Also, Brother Mark was given an award for Montrose Mason of the Year. Congratulations to all of the awarded Brothers.

It was nice visiting with our Brothers from another Lodge. Also, there were 6 Grand Lodge Officers in attendance. They will host a Roasting of our new Grand Master in November.

W. Bro. Kerry King

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

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



Brethren,

Thanks to all of you who made it to the Cornerstone Ceremony and Grand Master's visit in Montrose. we had a great turnout and a good time.

October is a big month for our lodge. Think about who your officers are going to be. we don't need to worry about proficiency, but who can fill the chairs. Bro. Greg will step down as secretary in December. If we are unable to find a replacement, we need to decide whether to surrender our charter or merge with another lodge. Think about it.

The All-Masonic Christmas Party will be on Thurs. Dec. 1. Any toys or money donations for the Salvation Army Toy Drive must be collected by that night.

We are in charge of the installation of officers this year, on Dec. 9, a Friday, so be ready to help with that.

Last but not least, we need volunteers for the Rocky Mountain PBS Kid Fest on Saturday Oct. 15. Contact Bro. Greg if you can help.

There will be a roast for incoming Grand Master Ross Allen at Montrose Lodge. It will be fun. if you would like to go contact me.

It has been a great year, and I am hoping through the grace of GOD we can continue next year. I feel the members of our lodge (you guys) are the finest masons around whatever happens.

In brotherly love

W. Bro. Michael Briscoe (PM)

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

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 have our regular meeting on Monday, October 3rd. This will be the last chance to get everything ready for the Craft Fair on Saturday, October 8th. Our second meeting of the month will be on Monday, October 17th.

Remember we will be Trick-Or-Treating for cans and other non-perishable food items this year. We will hand out flyers on Friday October 21st and pick up the cans on Friday, October 28th. The more girls we have the faster this goes. We will start picking up cans between 4 and 4:30 PM and finish by 6 PM.

As usual we will be serving dinner at Grand Junction Lodge No.173's Stated Communication on Friday, October 13th.

Masons Support Rainbow by:

1. Collecting Aluminum cans and bring them to the snack room.
2. Sign up for and use Amazon Smile
3. Register with Kroger/City Market Community Rewards Program at the bottom of their web page.

Ellen Rehwoldt
Mother Advisor
Grand Junction Assembly #12

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.

DeMolay & Rainbow Youth Craft Fair

SHOPPING

GAMES

FOOD

DOOR PRIZE

DEMOLAY/

RAINBOW

YOUTH CRAFT

FAIR

8

OCT

2022

9AM-3PM

Grand Valley Event Center

2400 Consistory Ct

Grand Junction, CO 81501

For any questions, please contact

DRYouth498@gmail.com



Sunshine Chapter No. 53 (OES)

Happy September, Sisters and Brothers!

Eastern Star is happy to be having meetings again, and now with a new slate of Officers. Nancy Eriksen and Willis Grundvig were installed as Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron, respectively, on September 11th. Nancy's theme is All God's Creatures (have a place in the East). It was a lovely ceremony! One of Nancy and Willis' special projects this year will be to raise money for the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation.

We are also busy getting ready for our Official Visit which is scheduled for November 4th. This will be the visit of the "Kindness IS the Key" Grand Family which will be installed on September 24th at the Colorado Grand Chapter Session in Denver.

We hope that all the Lodges are happy to be back meeting and we look forward to seeing everyone at our Masonic functions!

Sharon Parrish
Worth Matron
Sunshine Chapter #53



Installation of Officers - 2022

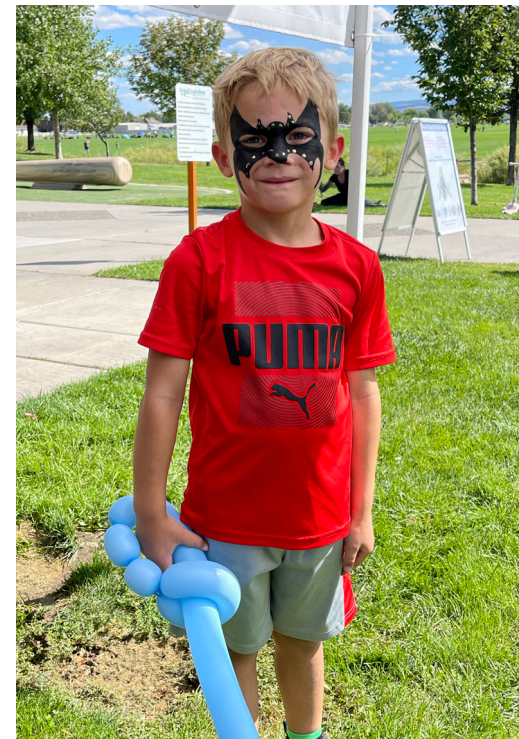
The Sunshine Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star meets on the first, and third Tuesday of each month (except July and August) at 7:30 PM at the Grand Junction Masonic Center.

For more information on Order of the Eastern Star please visit www.oes-colorado.org

Shriners Anniversary Celebration Pictures









Western Colorado Shrine Club

Hello Fellow Nobles, Ladies and Friends,

I'd like to begin with an update regarding the Shriners International and Shriners Children's Anniversary Celebration we had on Saturday, September 17th at Canyon View Park in Grand Junction. Thanks to the efforts of our Nobles, our Masonic Brothers from area Blue Lodges, and our families we had a great turnout and we gave away several hundred ice cream bars. Though it seemed kids were more interested in getting their faces painted than having ice cream. I would like to extend my heartfelt

thanks to the following Nobles for all their hard work making this event such a success. Nobles Gregory Foster, David Krogh, Bill Hirt, John Groves, Mike Briscoe, Bill Brassette, David Vandyke, and Gary Weiszbrod Thank You!

I'm pleased to announce that the WCSC will begin having a monthly Social Hour at Scotland Yard in Grand Junction on the third Saturday of each month at 4 PM. Scotland Yard is in the shopping center off of 24 1/2 Rd and Highway 6&50. Our next Social Hour will be on Saturday, October 15th so mark your calendars and join us for fun and fellowship.

As of Monday, September 19th, the Western Colorado Shrine Club is ranked 4th in El Jebel 2022 Sportsmen's Raffle ticket sales. Let's see if we can move up the list and break the top 3. We are working with the Grand Junction Cabela's to arrange dates and times to sell raffle tickets outside the store. Also, remember if you haven't bought your raffle tickets yet you can buy and sell tickets online or contact El Jebel for paper tickets.

Our next parade will be the Veterans Day Parade in Grand Junction on Friday, November 12th at 2 PM. As we get closer to the event we will have more information for you, so please stay tuned.

Our next initiation for new members will be in February. I know that seems like a long time away, but it will be here faster than you think. If you know a Brother that is interested in joining us or is looking to have fun with his fellow Brothers please have him submit a petition. You can direct him to www.ElJebelShrine.org or to www.MasonicFamilyGJ.org/Shriners for a petition. Remember you get 50 Jewel of El Jebel points for being the first line signer on a Brothers petition to join.

Finally, if you have ideas for fun events please reach out to a member of the WCSC Board. We are always looking for fun things to do.

With that, I will say I hope you all have a wonderful month and see you soon.

Gregory Foster,
Vice 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



Sportsmen's Raffle Tickets

Saturday, October 22, 2022.

Drawing to be held 12:00 noon – 4:00PM.

\$20.00 per ticket or a book of 6 tickets for \$100.00. Each book of 6 tickets must be in the same name.

Need not be present to win. Prizes are listed on back.

Highlands Masonic Center – 3550 N. Federal Boulevard, Denver 80211.

\$5,000 Cash Raffle

\$20.00 per ticket or a book of 6 for \$100.00.

Drawing to be held Saturday, October 22, 2022.

Need not be present to win.

50/50 Raffle

Tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00.

Drawing to be held October 22, 2022.

Need not be present to win.

You can buy your Raffle Tickets using the link below with a debit or credit card, or with cash from a member of the Western Colorado Shrine Club at your October meeting. Please note all cash purchases must be completed by October 14th. Debit/credit Card purchases can be made through October 21st.

Link to buy tickets online with a debit/credit card: <https://eljebelsportsmens.pledge-drive.net/v2/Participant/SC9CD088F>

Calendar 2022



- Consistory
- Rose Croix
- Lodge of Perfection
- Council

2022 Calendar of Dinners & Meetings Dinner at 6:30 PM, Lodge at 7:30 PM

- August - Dark (No Meeting)
- **September 19th - (CoRC) Potato Bar & Lodge**
- November 21st (Consistory) Dinner & Lodge
- **December 19th (CoRC) Pancake Dinner & lodge**

2022 Special Events

- **October 17th - (LoP) Feast of Tishri**
- December 3rd - Breakfast with Santa (St. Mary's Hospital)
- December TBD - Breakfast with Santa (Montrose Memorial Hospital)

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

Brothers & Friends,

You will soon be receiving your 2022 dues notice from the Supreme Council. The first thing you will see is that our dues have increased from \$100 per year to \$150 per year. Like everyone else, our expenses are increasing. Our last dues increase was in 2010. As our membership numbers have declined, expenses have continued to climb. This has left us with few alternatives.

To further enhance the Scottish Rite experience for members further from Grand Junction, Brother Aaron Brewer 32° has begun to organize a Four Corners Scottish Rite Club. This will provide an opportunity for Scottish Rite members in the Cortez, Durango area to gather and share the fellowship, which is so vital to our organization. A planning session is scheduled at the Durango Lodge at 6:30 pm on either October 12 or 14. Details will follow.

Planning has begun for our Spring Reunion. Last April we were able to exemplify five of our twenty-nine degrees. For 2022 we have had members step forward to exemplify additional degrees. If you want to contribute to our Reunion by taking a part in a degree, please contact us.

Fraternally,

Bill Nickell 33°
Secretary | Valley of Grand Junction

The Grand Junction Scottish Rite Valley meets on the third Monday of every month, except July and August, at the Grand Junction Masonic Center. Dinner is served at 6:30 PM with Lodge at 7:30 PM.

Grand Junction York Rite Bodies



Hello Companions and Sir Knights,

Four Corners Royal Arch festival will be held on October 1, 2022, at the Grand Junction Masonic Temple. Registration opens at 7:00 AM and will feature all the Chapter degrees, followed by a prime beef dinner. Love to see you all in attendance.

October 10, 2022 will be our regular Council meeting. 7:00 PM at the Grand Junction Masonic Temple

Chad Rilling of Delta Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was installed as Grand High Priest at the annual business meeting in Golden Colorado. Jeffrey Bush of Grand Junction Chapter was installed at Master of the Second Veil.

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.

Upcoming York Rite Events



Fifty-Seventh Four Corners Royal Arch Festival

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons of Colorado, invites all Royal Arch Masons and Their Candidates to the Fifty-Seventh Annual, Four-Corners Royal Arch Festival being held in Grand Junction, Colorado on Saturday October 1, 2022. Any questions can be directed to Scott Wilson.

Month	Day	Event
October	1	Special Event Four Corners York Rite Festival
October	10	Grand Junction Council #16 Stated Meeting
November	14	Temple Commandery #23 Stated Meeting
December	12	Grand Junction Chapter #24 Stated Meeting
December	18	Special Event - York Rite Christmas Observance
January	9	Grand Junction Council #16 Stated Meeting & Gene Dreher New Moon
February	13	Grand Junction Chapter #24 Stated Meeting
March	13	Temple Commandery #23 Stated Meeting & Valentines Day Dinner
April	19	Grand Junction Council #16 Official Visit
May	3	Temple & Delta Commandery's Official Visit (in Hotchkiss)
May	13	Special Event - Able Kids Bowling
June	8	Grand Junction Chapter #24 Stated Meeting

Masonic Education

CHANGE - A “FOUR LETTER” Word!

By Dr. Bing Johnson

Adapted for the Grand Junction Scoffish Rite Bodies from;

Davis, R. G., THE Philathes, V. XLVIII, no.2, p31, 1995

The 1995 Philalethes lecture by Robert G. Davis 33°, is uniquely interesting and informative and deserves to be revisited. In a fascinating manner Bro. Davis recounts the changes in Masonic and societal history and how these changes occurred in synchrony until the 1960's. He then advances his idea as to how and why these changes diverged and how they might be brought back into alignment. Bro. Davis is also the secretary of the Guthrie, OK Scottish Rite bodies.

“Tellson's was an old fashioned place, even in 1780. It was very dark, ugly and incommodious. It was an old fashioned place, and the partners in the House were proud of its smallness, darkness and ugliness. They were even boastful of its eminence in those particulars, and were fired by an express conviction that, if it were less objectionable it would be less respectable. Tellson's wanted no light or embellishment.”

“Thus it had come to pass, that Tellson's was the triumphant perfection of inconvenience. The oldest men gravely carried on the business. When they took a young man into Tellson's, they hid him some where till he was old. They kept him in a dark place, like cheese, until he had the full Tellson's flavor and blue mold upon him.”

You may have wondered if this quotation from Charles Dickens' “Tale of Two Cities”, was talking about a bank (which it was) or a Masonic Lodge!

Because, in many ways, it tells us about the perceptions and values of the men who ran the bank. They did not care about the needs of the general society, or the needs and convenience of their clients, or even the people who were their employees. Their only concern was to keep things from changing.

It seems the directors at Tellson's were very much like the power structure in many Masonic Lodges today—out of touch with their world.

The central question that I want to raise and discuss is this: What is Freemasonry in the context of how Masons and Society perceive it, and has this perception changed over time?

It is an important question because, if the fraternity's perception of itself and the public's perception of it indeed changes over time, then perhaps one of the keys to Freemasonry's survival is that it can only thrive when it moves on a path which is compatible with the perceptions and expectations of the general public. And, could it be that Freemasonry thrives when it is in a state of change?

Let's look at a bit of history in relation to this idea. If you were to ask an 19 th century Mason who Masons were, he would tell you they were a great philosophic order which took simple lessons in morals and ethics as guides for personal and spiritual growth.

And if you were to ask the Man on the street who Masons were, he would say “oh they are a great secret society, perhaps the father of all such societies.”

We had a match. At the turn of the century it was popular to belong to secret societies. And the great 19 th century deist religious movement, along with the philosophic debates which centered around morals and ethics were the themes that excited the Victorian mind.

But, Freemasonry was around before it was popular to be a secret society. If you were to ask the 18 th century Mason who Masons were he would say they were a group of men whose intellectual and creative abilities molded the basic tenants of the craft into a greater and richer source of wisdom and understanding. This period evolved from the simplistic ritual stages of the early speculative days to a system of formal lectures which have not been equaled or bettered in over 200 years.

And, as for the Man on the street, he would tell you 18 th century Masonry was a social club which exacted political and social influence in many endeavors of public and private life. Certainly, in the early days of America, the assemblies had more to do with the practices and ideals of the Masonic Lodges than any other group not organized for partisan purposes.

Again, we had a match. It was popular to be involved with an organization that had a unifying language of power, that demonstrated ordered behavior, and with an overlying ideology of improvement in things moral and material. Ethics in tandem with self interest. It was a powerful idea, indeed.

But, Freemasonry was around before it was popular to belong to a formalized school of ritual. If you would ask the 17 th century Mason who Masons were he would tell you, “Oh, they were the merchants, traders and artisans who met for mutual protection, economic security and socializing. The Man on the street would have said they were a group of men who met in organized drinking clubs on a regular basis for the purpose of fellowship, feasting and conviviality.

Any brother who has looked into Masonry of this period can tell you that there was no regularly adopted ritual. In fact, prior to the 18 th century, there is not a single reference to Masonic degrees in any minutes in any Lodge in existence. A young man who aspired to be a Mason was simply made one. The process was not much more than the simple taking the oath, along with learning the “passes” and signs. There was no memory work, no formal instruction and little Lodge protocol. Very little was communicated in the way of moral and intellectual truths. Lectures were a matter of each brothers personal knowledge about the history of the “old charges”, and symbolism of the emblems and several moral virtues. The Master would usually ask the questions and the brethren would answer them, with the candidates listening in. Candidates were simply “entered” on the rolls and the men met more for fellowship and security than for intellectual improvement.

Once again, we had a match. Membership was available, on recommendation, to all sorts of men — all of good reputé, sharing the benefits of fellowship and brotherhood together with simple entrance ceremonies and few secrets. It was hard not to be enamored by the opportunity.

Of course, Freemasonry was around before it was popular to be a social club. If you were to ask a 16 th century Mason who Masons were he might tell you they were men of the operative crafts, or builders guilds, formed to provide mutual protection and job security. They were also scholars, teachers, scientists and men of knowledge, formed together to teach and bring enlightenment to the non-ecclesiastical world. And the Man on the street would have noticed the guildsmen and perhaps been associated with the educational movement. It was revolutionary in its mission and reforming in its political structure.

Again, we had a match. Masonry was an organization representing the economic strengths of the culture, in tandem with men determined to bring knowledge and enlightenment to their families. Once again, Masonry was a unique and respected movement.

Let us move back to Masonry of the 20 th century. If you were to ask the Mason of today who we are, he would probably tell you (if he was inclined to say anything) that Masonry is a great charitable institution — giving away \$ 1.4 million each day. If we have done any thing at all in this century, we can say we have taken the old traditional ideal of personal, private and Masonic charity and turned it into a major public institution of philanthropy.

But, as for the Man on the street, if he was asked who Masons are, he would probably say, "I don't have the foggiest idea. Aren't they some kind of cult"?

WHOA! Wait a minute. What's happened? Isn't there a match, like we found in the other 400 years?

Of course there is—but the public doesn't know it! And the key to our survival depends on our own understanding of the reasons why this is true.

You see, Masonry has always been in the process of change. It has always been popular and respected by the culture because it has always adapted to the expectations and social mores of the same culture. It has always added to the institution the very best of what each generation brought to it.

Freemasonry was enlightenment in the 20 th century. But, it did offer mutual protection and economic security as well. And, it kept that, and added the important ingredient of sociability during the next century. It kept that, and added the important element of philosophical and intellectual improvement during the 19 th century. And it kept that, and then added its great charitable influence during this century.

So, what is wrong? Why aren't we growing instead of declining at the fastest rate in our history?

The reason is that, for the first time in our history, we have let the culture in which we live pass us by.

Now, how did this happen? I would submit to you that the dynamic began to change after WWII. For the first time we stopped thinking at a time the rest of the culture began a significant self-evaluation of everything. We became degree mills, and stopped our outside involvement.

And then, the most significant society altering event in our century occurred. It was the Viet Nam War! There was something not right about it. It could not be symbolized. People will never accept a war that they can not symbolize. In WWI, it was a "war to end all wars". People could rally around that powerful an image. In WWII, it was a war to bring democracy to the world. It was easy to endure a struggle for such a glorious cause.

But there was no clear purpose in Viet Nam. No clear threat. No resounding mission that we could create symbols around. The result was that a counter culture arose that was anti-political, anti-government, and anti-institutional. It created the first generation gap our society has ever known. Its impact on Masonry was that the sons didn't want to follow their dads into the fraternity. And dads weren't to excited about them joining any way, and for the wrong reasons. Dads thought their sons had lost the basic values and were not devoted enough to family, God and country to be Masons. The sons thought the older generation had forgot the basic values, and could no longer be trusted to lead America to the loving, caring and peaceful society they wanted it to be. Both were patriotic and had the same values. But they understood and symbolized patriotism and the virtues in different ways.

The impact on Freemasonry was dramatic. A gap was created between the Masonic World and the America

culture. We became internally focused and moved into our tiled recesses. There was no risk that the society we didn't particularly trust might some how change us. We didn't know that it wouldn't have mattered anyway because the sixties generation that we didn't trust didn't join anything.

But now their sons are just beginning to enter the work place. Some surveys suggest they are made of the right stuff and that they will join us. And we have a match for them.

The task is not to change the values of Masonry, but to find a way to communicate with this generation which symbolizes differently. It is the very thing we were always good at in the past.

We have to understand that the men who will ultimately make Masonry thrive, are not yet Masons. And we've got to meet our future brothers on their terms. Again, this is a thing which, in the past, we have always done so well. But today, we either have to think like they do, or put them in leadership positions in our place. They will not think like us. They cannot assimilate their culture around our rules. But they can symbolize their needs around our values. They have already told us their needs. We know their expectations of the organizations they will join. They want fraternity, fellowship, community attachment, charitable causes, family involvement and opportunities for leadership. Again, we have a match. The goals of Freemasonry are consistent with their goals. And when we place them in leadership positions, then, we have to let them lead.

And for the fraternities sake, we must give them the reins to make our Lodges relevant to their culture. And then, roll up our sleeves and work right along beside them. Our role can only be one of guidance—not of authority. We will be bringing a culture to our fraternity that does not accept vertical hierarchy as a relevant and valid system of rule.

But for this to happen, we will have to begin communicating with our world again. And, for the men entering our fraternity today, we need to build a much stronger Masonic base under them. Why? Because they lost the connection to us through their fathers. They have not lived in the same house with Masons, grew up around Lodge meetings, or picked up in their culture the intuitive goodness of Masons and Masonry. And they are likely to have heard as much bad, as good about us.

If our future brothers learn up front what Masonry has always offered men who seek self improvement, they will know far more then some life long Masons. And they will bring others to us who agree that these things are important.

We can indeed grow again if we begin to have expectations. We have to recognize that we have always survived because we knew how to make a difference in our culture.

Let us create anew our rituals of ancient significance, with respect for ideas that have borne the tests of time and with an openness to new ideas which reflect the needs of our own era.

So, which will it be—will it be comfort, retirement and isolation from our culture which will ultimately bring a slow death; or, will it be effort, expectations, vision, cooperation and change, where change is appropriate; which will ultimately bring respect and renewal?

Freemasonry is always in the process of becoming. And the more we enable it to become, the more it will fulfill its true mission. We are temptingly close to rebirth!

"Change" is not a four letter word in my vocabulary. For the sake of our fraternity I pray that it is nor in yours.

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