

All Masonic Trestleboard December | 2022



December Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 LAST DAY TO RSVP FOR THE ALL-MASONIC CHRISTMAS PARTY	28	29	30 Palisade Lodge Practice GJ Masonic Center 6:30 PM	1 All Masonic Christmas Party GJ Masonic Center 6:30 PM	2 Early Bird Breakfast Strayhorn Grill, Fruita 8 AM	3 Scottish Rite Rite Care Breakfast with Santa GJ Masonic Center 8 AM Palisade Lodge Stated Communication GJ Masonic Center 10 AM
4	5 Rainbow Girls Meeting GJ Masonic Center 7 PM	6 Eastern Star GJ Masonic Center 7 PM	7	8	9 Early Bird Breakfast Strayhorn Grill, Fruita 8 AM Joint Installation of Officers GJ Masonic Center 6:30 PM	10 Christmas Craft Fair GJ Masonic Center 10 AM
11	12 Grand Junction Royal Arch Chapter Conclave GJ Masonic Center 7:30 PM	13 Western Colorado Shrine Club Board Meeting Grand Vista Hotel 11:45 AM	14 GJ Masonic Temple Association Meeting GJ Masonic Center 6:30 PM All Masonic Leadership Meeting GJ Masonic Center 8 PM	15 DeMolay Boys Meeting GJ Masonic Center 7 PM	16 Early Bird Breakfast Strayhorn Grill, Fruita 8 AM Scottish Rite Rite Care Montrose Christmas Party Montrose Hospital 4:30 PM	17 Western Colorado Shrine Club Happy Hour Scotland Yard Cigar Lounge 4 PM
18 York Rite Christmas Observance Hotchkiss Masonic Lodge 2 PM	19 Grand Junction Scottish Rite Meeting GJ Masonic Center 6:30 PM Rainbow Girls Meeting GJ Masonic Center 7 PM	20 Fruita Masonic Lodge Stated Communication Fruita Masonic Center 7 PM Eastern Star GJ Masonic Center 7 PM	21	22 Western Colorado Shrine Club Christmas Party Strayhorn Grill in Fruita 6:30 PM DeMolay Boys Meeting GJ Masonic Center 7 PM	23 Early Bird Breakfast Strayhorn Grill, Fruita 8 AM	24 CHRISTMAS EVE
25 CHRISTMAS DAY	26	27	28	29	30 Early Bird Breakfast Strayhorn Grill, Fruita 8 AM All Masonic Social Hour GJ Masonic Center 5:30 PM	31 NEW YEARS EVE

For a live calendar of events go to www.MasonicFamilyGJ.org/Events

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Birthdays

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

- Austin Pitts
- Bruce Bower
- Carl Gaumer Jr
- Christopher Eglet
- Craig Marsh
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- Donald Hobbs
- Donald Halford
- Eric Johnson
- Harry Clark
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- Jonathan Estrada
- Melvin S. Schafer
- Nicholas Gazunis
- Scott Morris
- Shane Allerheiligen
- Spencer Hughes
- Thomas Young

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.

- James Williams
- Jason Kohles
- Jayson Leyh
- Mark McGarry
- Nathaniel Pavlisick

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.

- W. Bro. James Krogh
- W. Bro. Roger Phillips
- W. Bro. Randy Rehwoldt - Passed away November 14th
- W. Bro. Ron Franklin - Cancer

Temple Association



Once a month Greg reminds me to forward to him the report of the Temple Board meeting. This is a good opportunity to discuss what is positive happening to our Temple and of the negative.

First, those who are remembering to close all the doors leading to the hallways are remembering to do so. With expected increases in utility bills this winter, those closed doors will increase the efficiency of our heating system.

The new new stove and has been installed with the help of Mike Briscoe, Jeff Koenig, Steve Ganskow, Darrell Manroe and of course Darrell's lovely wife, Jessica. Stove looks great and is fully functional. The functionality will be put to the ultimate test when Janine Briscoe prepares one of her delicious meals.

Roof replacement is expected to commence the week of November 28, weather permitting. Once that is complete then ceiling tiles will be replaced.

Little things, is a topic that is important, for example, the key that allows the automatic flusher batteries to be replaced only took 11 or 12 months. All suppliers blamed Covid. But all members of the Masonic family can play a role in the continued operation of the Lodge. If you see litter or trash in or around the Temple pick it up. If you suspect that something is broken or needs repaired leave a note in the Temple Board mail box, with your name and telephone number. If emergency, do call your Temple Board representative. And last, during the Cowboy singing and poetry show a massive overflow of sewage occurred. Most of the issue was resolved Sunday with the use of Goodwin Services.

Hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving. And are looking forward to Christmas.

Linn Armstrong
President of the Temple Association Board

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.

In Memoriam

Worshipful Brother Randy Joel Rehwoldt
March 16th, 1949 - November 14th, 2022



Once again, a Brother Mason having fulfilled the designs laid down upon life's Trestle-board has answered the summons of the Grand Warden of Heaven and Entered the Celestial Lodge above, over which the Supreme Architect of the Universe presides.

Though our beloved and respected Brother has passed through the portals of Eternity, his memory remains to inspire us to live respected and die regretted.

Randy Joel Rehwoldt was born on March 16th, 1949 in Longmont Colorado. He was Initiated an Entered Apprentice on June 13th, 2014, Passed to the Degree of a Fellow Craft on October 17th, 2014, and Raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason in Grand Junction Lodge No. 173 A.F. & A.M. in Grand Junction Colorado on February 27th, 2015.



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 6:00 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

Greetings Brothers and friends,

Our November Stated Communication was a busy one. We started off by recapping upcoming events, we Elected Lodge Officers for 2023, voted to change our lodge bylaws to change our dues structure, and planned our first charity drive of 2023.

Upcoming Events

All-Masonic Christmas Party - The All-Masonic Christmas Party is on Thursday, December 1st at 6:30 PM at the Grand Junction Masonic Center. Dinner is \$20 per adult and \$10 per child at the door. **You must [RSVP no later than Sunday, November 27th](#), you can [RSVP HERE](#) or contact **Bro. Gregory Foster to make your reservations.** We will have face painting for the kids and young at heart, a desert auction to support the Rainbow Girls, and Santa will be making an appearance.**

Joint Installation of Officers - The Joint Installation of Officers will be held on Friday, December 9th at the Grand Junction Masonic Center. Dinner will be served at 6:30 PM and the Installation of Officers will be at 7:30 PM. Dinner is \$10 per person.

Christmas Craft Fair - The Grand Junction Masonic Temple Association is hosting a Christmas Craft Fair on Saturday, December 10th from 10 AM to 3 PM. Please come down to the Craft Fair and support all the local artists and vendors selling their items. There is still space available if you wish to register as a vendor W. Bro. John Groves. 10x10-foot spaces are available for \$50.

Officers Meeting - There will be an Officers Meeting for the Officers of Mesa Lodge on Thursday, December 15th, at 6:30 PM, at the Grand Junction Masonic Center.

There are many other events being hosted by other Masonic bodies across the Grand Valley. To see a complete and up-to-date list of events go to our website MasonicFamilyGJ.org/Events.

Dues - At our meeting in November, we elected to change our bylaws to update how we calculate dues. In the past dues were a fixed amount. Now our dues will go up or down corresponding with increases or decreases in Grand Lodge Per Capita and Temple Rent with a fixed amount for lodge

operations.

Dues notices have gone out. Please pay your dues by the end of the month. Mesa Lodge has a couple of big bills coming up in January, including our Grand Lodge Per Capita and we need you to pay your dues to make that payment.

Bro. Kenne Whitson challenged all members of Mesa Lodge to make a \$50 donation to the lodge to help rebuild our operations fund which has been severely depleted due to increases in Grand Lodge Per Capita and Temple Rent over the last several years.

Election of Officers

I want to say a thank you to all the Brothers, both elected and appointed, for your support in running the lodge in 2023.

Charitable Giving

Mesa Lodge is participating in two charitable events. The first is the Salvation Army Toy Drive. You can make donations of unwrapped toys or money until the All-Masonic Christmas Party. Bring your donations of toys to the Grand Junction Masonic Center, or mail your cash/checks (payable to Mesa Lodge) to P.O. Box 4794 Grand Junction CO, 81502. All cash/check donations need to be mailed no later than Saturday, November 26th to ensure timely delivery.

The Lodge is also collecting donations for the Colorado DeMolay Boys who are creating care packages for the service men and women overseas. Last year they were able to send out over two thousand care packages.

If you want to make a donation you can send cash/check (payable to Mesa Lodge) to the Lodge until March 31st, 2023 to the same address as above. The Lodge will combine all donations and send a single check to the Colorado DeMolay Boys in April.

Finally, I want to wish everyone a safe and very happy holiday season.

Fraternally,
Bro. Gregory Foster
Worshipful Master Elect

Mesa Lodge No. 55 Officers

Worshipful Master	Gregory Foster (505) 350-0197
Senior Warden	Tom Verdieck (PM) (970) 270-8504
Junior Warden	Ian Hughes (720) 324-1391
Secretary	Christopher Geisler (970) 250-8979
Treasurer	John Groves (PM) (970) 261-5189
Senior Deacon	Andrew Weber (970) 312-4774
Junior Deacon	Kenny Whitson (620) 260-0817
Senior Steward	Buck Henry (970) 261-9138
Junior Steward	
Tiler	Harry Clark (PM) (970) 986-9315
Dir. Of the Work	David Marshall (PM) (970) 412-5809
Chaplain	Jason Kohles (PM) (970) 250-8004
Marshal	William Marshal (970) 260-5432

Fruita Masonic Lodge No. 120



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

Hello Brethren,

First, I want to honor the memory of Brother Randy Rehwoldt who passed to the celestial kingdom on November 15th. Randy was our lodge secretary and a good one at that! We will dearly miss the stories of his world travels and his dealings with the MORI system and the Grand Lodge. We loved him as a brother and now there is a void in our lodge without his presence. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Rehwoldt family.

November brought our elections for next year's officers, our WM is Naaman Morehouse, the SW is Gary Weiszbrod, JW Michael Murphy, Treasurer Jimmy McBride, Secretary is Glen Phelps, SD is Jeff Koenig, and the Tiler is Lee Anderson.

Dates to get on your calendar are the All-Masonic Christmas Party on December 1st, 6:30 PM at the Consistory. Please RSVP!

St Mary's Breakfast with Santa is on December 3rd and volunteers will need to show at the Consistory at 7:30 AM to assist in preparing and setting up for the breakfast.

December 9th is the Installation of Officers and meets at the Consistory at 6:30 PM and the Fruita Lodge Stated Communication is on December 20th at 7 PM, come early for dinner at 6 PM. Don't forget this is Officer's step-up night.

The annual Grand Lodge meeting is fast approaching! This year's meeting is from January 26th - 28th in Greenwood Village, I'm happy to drive for anyone who needs a ride.

As we welcome in the WM, we are welcoming a new tradition in the passing of the symbolic trowel to the incoming Master. In this we are reminded to spread the cement of affection, kindness and brotherly love that binds all members of the Masonic family.

Wishing all masons and their families a very merry Christmas and a safe and happy holiday.

W. Bro. Glen Phelps

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



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,

Congratulations to all of our new officers for 2023.

It has been a privilege being your Master this past year.

Saturday, the 26th we will be getting together at my place, 3427 F Road, Clifton, to finish up the airplanes for the Palisade Parade of Lights. Bring staples and staplers if you have them. The parade is December 2 and starts around 5 pm. We will be down at the firehouse assembly area around 3:45 - 4:00. We need 2 more Masons to drive the 4 wheelers as we now have 5 airplanes.

Also on Dec 3rd is the annual Harley Davidson Toy Run.

We will have practice Wednesday the 30th at 6:30 and will be doing step up.

W. Bro. Kerry King

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,

My sincere thanks to those who attended the special communication to decide the future of our lodge. It was good to see so many of you and to share in concern and commitment for the future of our lodge.

there is overwhelming agreement to continue as 173, and enough Brothers stepped forward that we can. Our new master will be Past Master Craig Miller, Darrell Manroe is to be Sr. Warden, and Nathaniel Pavlisick is to be Jr. Warden.

W. Bro. Craig will appoint his line. He will need us all to show our support by regular attendance at meetings. Due to the nature of his job Bro. Darrell will miss several meetings and W. Bro. Craig will need help to make sure that chair is filled by a competent brother.

Make sure to look at the calendar, we have many events coming up. The installation of officers for all four lodges, which will be on Friday Dec 9th, our regular meeting night. Dinner at 6:30 meeting at 7:30 pm.

It is very important that all the new officers and anyone else who can to be at the Officers Practice on Nov 25th, at 7:00 pm if you possibly can.

W. Bro. Michael Briscoe

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,

December 1st - All Masonic Christmas Party Dessert Auction - Rainbow will have dinner in the snack room at 6 PM, then run the auction about 7. Each family needs to donate a small dessert to sell. We will also sell some of what was frozen from the craft fair. You girl's friendly faces are what makes this work.

December 2nd - Palisade Parade of Lights - Men need our help passing out the candy. We meet at the fire station about 5:30 and it usually takes 1 hour. Dress warm It starts at dark. I can give rides, this is always fun.

December 3rd - Breakfast with Santa - 8-10:30 AM. Our last service project of the year. We help the Scottish Rite with the Breakfast with Santa service the speech/hearing impaired children and their families. Come for even 1 hour to serve t

December 5th - Regular meeting. Planning our next events and Christmas party.

December 10th - Masonic Craft Fair - We will sell cookies and beverages. We will sign up for times because we only need a few girls at a time. It goes from 10-3.

December 16th - Statewide Event - Georgetown Loop Christmas Train. Sleep over in Golden, need to RSVP by December 5th. Family and Friends are welcome. Tickets \$27 for Girls, \$37 for Adults.

December 19th - Our last meeting of 2022, Party?

Support Rainbow by:

1. Collecting Aluminum cans and bring them to the snack room.
2. Sign up for 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.

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



Sunshine Chapter No. 53 (OES)



Hello All!

Hello All! Sunshine Chapter #53 has been busy hosting dinners and doing Craft Fairs and preparing for our Official Visit on November 4th. Worthy Matron, Nancy Eriksen; and Worthy Patron Willis Grundvig are working to be sure everyone has read our Red Book of Instructions and signs the paperwork.

Sympathy goes out to our Secretary and PM Beth Nelms in the loss of her brother Dale in Iowa. Also prayers for Willis Grundvig in the loss of his wife, Valerie on November 23. Valerie was a Grand Secretary Emeritus with the Grand Chapter of Easter Star.

Something that has been on my mind since I was Worthy Matron of Palisade Chapter during the year it closed: Our Ritual states that we are to "make our Order worthy of the protection and support of all good Masons." We desperately need your support by submitting an application to join Eastern Star. We have 3 Masonic members at present which is barely enough to hold the stations they usually hold. Sunshine #53 does not have a full roster of officers and, although we had to close Palisade Chapter due to attendance, I won't do this again. Our members are aging and not able to get out at night. Our younger members cannot take on every project that is required. I have petitions, I will hand deliver, email or mail them to you. Please help us.

Further into this year we will be participating in the SPUNK campaign; the SOUPERBOWL OF KINDNESS campaign and two projects of mine: Jewels of Hope for the Juvenile Diabetes Society and Purposeful Purses will we will talk about in January.

Worth Matron Nancy Errikson
Sunshine Chapter #53

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

Western Colorado Shrine Club



As we wrap up 2022 I thought it would be a good idea to reflect on what we've done this last year.

The Western Colorado Shrine Club participated in several parades in Grand Junction and Delta. We had a friend and family golf day, sponsored an Emergency Child ID Booth at the Mesa County Fair, celebrated the 150th Anniversary of Shriners and the 100th Anniversary of Shriners Children's with an Ice Cream Party in the Park, and

had our Annual Meeting where we elected new board members.

Sadly, we will not be participating in the Grand Junction Parade of Lights this year. The city decided to limit the number of entries in the parade and we didn't make the cut.

On a happier note, our final event of 2022 will be a Christmas Party on Thursday, December 21st at 6:30 PM. Where is still to be determined so keep an eye out for an invite. We will be doing a White Elephant Gift Exchange. Please keep gifts below \$30.

All members of the Western Colorado Shrine Club, family, and friends are welcome to attend. Please contact our Secretary Nobel Andrew BE to RSVP for the Christmas Party no later than Sunday, December 18th. Building on the momentum of 2022, 2023 promises to be a good year.

Currently, we have three Brothers that wish to join the El Jebel and the Western Colorado Shrine Club. We will hold an Initiation of new members and the Installation of Officers on Saturday, February 4th at the Grand Junction Masonic Center, time TBD.

If you know of anyone else that is thinking about or has questions about the Shriners/Western Colorado Shrine Club please let me or another member of the board know and we will be happy to talk to them. All petitions for El Jebel/Western Colorado Shrine Club need to be in by Monday, January 9th.

I plan on 2023 being fun. We will continue to have our monthly Happy Hour at Scotland Yard Cigar Lounge on the third Saturday of every month at 4 PM. I will be working to get the Circus back to the Western Slope, and we are looking for fun things we can do at least once a quarter. This may be going out to dinner and a baseball game, axe throwing, playing golf, or something completely different.

That's all for now. I hope you all had a good 2022 and are looking forward to 2023.

Happy Holidays!

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

New Trestleboard Cover Contest



Do you want to win a \$50 Visa Gift Card?

The Grand Junction Temple Association is holding a contest to determine the cover of the All Masonic Trestleboard for 2023. Submit your entry by the next Temple Association Meeting on Wednesday, December 14th and you could win a \$50 Visa Gift Card.

The submission does not have to be related to Freemasonry, it can be art or photos of any kind.

You can submit digital entries to Bro. Greg Foster (Phelanwolf75@gmail.com), or you can drop off your entry in the "K" Room at the Grand Junction Masonic Center. Entries cannot be larger than 6.5 inches wide and 8.5 inches tall.

Grand Junction Scottish Rite Conistory

Scottish Rite RiteCare Foundation

Calendar 2022



- Consistory
- Rose Croix
- Lodge of Perfection
- Council

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

- December 19th (CoRC) Pancake Dinner & lodge

2022 Special Events

- December 3rd - Breakfast with Santa (GJ Masonic Center)
- December 16th - Christmas Party with Santa (Montrose Memorial Hospital)

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

Thanks go to these members for their generous donations to the Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado as a part of their dues payments. To those members yet to pay dues, you can support the Foundation by adding a donation along with your 2023 dues. To learn more about the Foundation and to donate online go to ritecareco.org.

2021

- Andrew Be
- Anthony Korvas
- Charles Downing
- Charles Mills
- Charles Robert Dial
- David Darrough
- Donald Townsend
- Douglas Simons
- Glen Phelps
- Hayward Ward
- James Whiteford
- James Williams
- Jeffery Cyriacks
- Joe Kier
- Larry Striegel
- Lloyd Stahl
- Mac Arthur Caves
- Michael Briscoe
- Paul McCabe
- Paul Weber
- Robert Johnston
- Tadd Ray Warner

2022 (To Date)

- Aaron Brewer
- Bill Nickell
- Charles Dial
- Charles W Downing
- Don Hobbs
- Donald L Townsend
- Donald W Asta
- G Don Luellen
- George A McCollum, Jr
- Hayward J Ward
- James Rexroad
- James V Williams
- Jeffrey A Cyriacks
- Joe E Kier
- John Willis Groves
- Lloyd E Stahl
- Mac Arthur Caves
- Michael W Murphy
- Norman Clark
- Paul A Weber
- Ron Franklin
- Samuel B Potter, Jr
- Samuel Potter
- Silan Smith
- Tadd Ray Warner

Need to contact the Consistory?

Call: (970) 245 AASR (2277)

Mail: P.O. Box 3000
 Grand Junction, CO 81502
 E-Mail: AASRSecretary@Mac.com

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



York Rite Christmas Observance

Delta Commandery #34

Temple Commandery #23

Mt Holly Cross Commandery #5



You are cordially invited to the Knights Templar's Christmas Observance dedicated to

The Blessed Emmanuel

The Community ceremony is open all

Please gather with us on December 18, 2022

Hotchkiss Masonic Lodge

178 Hotchkiss Ave, Hotchkiss Colorado

Fellowship to begin at 1:30 p.m. with ceremonies to follow at 2:00 p.m.

Christmas Message by Brother Kenneth Whitson

Dress for Sir Knights is Black Class A Uniform

Casual dress for the ladies, visitors, family, friends and children

Refreshments will follow



Month	Day	Event
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

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

Taking Off The Shoe by W. Bro. Lee Anderson

All of us, first as a candidate for the Entered Apprentice Degree and maybe, later as an officer of the lodge, have participated in the work on that degree. As a candidate and being totally in the dark and so many events happening so quickly, much of what had taken place is lost in time. Consequently, many of us have never taken the time to reflect historically where they came from or how it fit in the fabric of our Masonic tradition.

I have for several years now given the historical lecture on the First Degree, and like you, hadn't given it much thought either. In this lecture there is a reference to the Book of Ruth and to a very ancient custom. The Scripture reads "It was the manner in former times that to confirm all things, a man plucked off his shoe and gave it to his neighbor." The significance of this custom, being neither barefoot nor shod, meant to close the deal. How so and where did this come from?

Well I decided to read the story in full and found a lot more than I first thought. With the help of Several Old Testament experts, Orthodox Modern or Reformed Jewish and Protestant Christian, I have uncovered what I think is a very important part of our Masonic Journey.

Many of us through the years as members of the Craft have participated in, first all of us as a candidate and later possibly as an officer of the Lodge, many initiations. But - I don't believe many of us have ever taken the time to think about where historically much of this came from.

I have always had an interest in history, and like you, never gave much thought to it either. I have for several years now given the historical lecture on the First Degree. In this lecture, we talk about, as found in the Book of Ruth, the significance of being neither bare foot nor shod, in what is essentially, closing a deal. How odd!

Well I decided to read the story in full and with the help of several Old Testament experts, uncovered a really important part of our Masonic journey. It is also an event that, from a biblical historical prospective, very brief.

The story begins around 1300 BCE, with a man named Elimelek and his wife Naomi. They were both members of the Tribe of Judah and lived in Bethlehem. He was a merchant and a small landowner. There was a drought of major proportions, bad enough to cause them to lease

their land and move the family east, to a neighboring county called Moab. Moab was not Jewish in its religious beliefs, and the relationships between the two countries was much like that of Texas and Mexico today, but the need for food drove them there.

Elimelek and Naomi had two sons and the sojourn in Moab would last about 10 years. About 4 years after they arrived, Elimelek died. The two sons married local women but the sons both died as well, leaving all three women widows. Bad news for all three. Naomi encouraged both her daughter in-laws to return to their families - maybe to start again. One did, but Ruth would not. It is from this encounter we have the "wither through goest, I will go" passage. Ruth converts to Judaism and in time she and Naomi would return to Bethlehem after the drought abates. About 10 years.

For two women, both widows, life would still not be easy. Even though Elimelek owned land, Naomi was not entitled to it, it could only be redeemed by a male member of the family. They had none! They would have to rely on the charity of others to survive. A part of Jewish law required landowners not to harvest the corners of their fields nor to pick up any grain that fell to the ground. This was to be left for the widows, poor and sojourners. These folks were called gleaners.

Naomi knew that Elimelek had a wealthy relative and landowner named Boaz who would allow them to gather food.

Ruth, saying she was younger, said she would go to Boaz's fields to gather grain. When Boaz saw Ruth, it was love at first sight. He advised his harvesters to drop extra grain on the ground. Later, he would invite to eat with his harvesters.

In those times in Judea, they lived by what was known as Levirate Law of Marriage, including customs involving childless widows. The law of Eldest Male Birth Right governed the family and society. Naomi had a plan for Ruth which could benefit her as well. The law required, as an obligation of the serving brother, to marry the widow of his brother if they had sired no son. She also had the obligation to marry him and try to conceive a son to carry on the family name and inherit property. If no brother-in-law, then the next closest male relative. At that time the law was designed to protect the widow and to provide for her.

In Ruth's case there was no brother-in-law. It was also a custom during harvest, for the owner to sleep in the thrashing room until the grain was safely stored to prevent robbery. Naomi told Ruth to slip into the thrashing room at night and to lay down beside Boaz. Recent Biblical records, from the King James Version on, say she lay by his feet, plural, but the ancient Hebrew text say foot, which in Hebrew meant genitals. Our story continues. Later Biblical texts say he covered her with his cloak, which was a symbolic way of saying

he would marry her. The early Hebrew text just “he covered her” no symbolism here - you decide.

Boaz was an honorable man and knew there could be a hitch in their plan. He knew there was a closer relative than him to the family. In keeping with tribal and Hebrew law, he had to give this relative the opportunity to fulfill the obligation. He also knew he would pass through the main gate of the city in the morning and that the tribal elders would be at the gate also. When

the relative arrived at the gate, he was asked if he wanted to purchase Elimelech’s land. Initially, he was very excited to do so but when Boaz told him he would have to marry Ruth, he recanted. He knew that if she had a son, he would have to give the land back to the son, and he was afraid this arrangement could also cause him to compromise his own inheritance. In the presence of the elders he performed “halitzah,” which literally meant “taking off the shoe” instead of performing a Levirate of the Marriage. He gave the shoe to Boaz so he could fulfill the obligation.

Boaz and Ruth were married, and she had a son called Obed, who had a son called Jesse, who fathered David, who fathered Solomon. Spanning a period of about 1200 years.

There were two brazen pillars that stood on the outer porch of King Solomon’s temple Jachin and Boaz. Some biblical scholars say that the name “Boaz” was given by what it meant in Hebrew, not for its family association, I think it could be both. Boaz in Hebrew has several meanings including “blood” or slaughter. The most common usage was “strength” or “in strength.” Jachin in the old testament appears twice as names of minor priests, one at the time of Moses, and the other being present at the building of the temple.

In reality, the name is a contraction in Hebrew, the letters J and Y are used interchangeably. Phonetically dividing the name “Ja” or “Ya” is a contraction often used for Yeway or Jehovah, both meaning God. “Kin” in Hebrew means to establish or establishment. Hebrew is read going right to left. Thus, the two pillars literally meaning “God Establishes in Strength.”



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