

All Masonic Trestleboard March 2023



Find out what is happening in Masonry across the Grand Valley

March Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	1 Palisade Lodge Officers Practice 6:30 PM GJ Masonic Center York Rite Council 7:30 PM Hotchkiss	2 Mesa Lodge Stated Communication 7 PM GJ Masonic Center	3	4 Palisade Lodge Stated Communication 10 AM GJ Masonic Center
5	6 Rainbow Girls 6:30 PM GJ Masonic Center	7 Order of the Eastern Star 7 PM GJ Masonic Center	8 Temple Association Meeting 6:30 PM GJ Masonic Center All-Masonic Leadership Council 7:30 PM GJ Masonic Center	9 Open Masonic Education Night 6:30 PM GJ Masonic Center DeMolay Boys 7 PM GJ Masonic Center	10 Grand Junction Lodge Stated Communication 7:30 PM GJ Masonic Center	11
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19	20 Rainbow Girls 7 PM GJ Masonic Center Scottish Rite Stated Communication 7:30 PM GJ Masonic Center	21 Fruita Masonic Lodge Stated Communication 7 PM Fruita Masonic Center Order of the Eastern Star 7 PM GJ Masonic Center	22	23 Open Masonic Practice 6:30 PM GJ Masonic Center DeMolay Boys 7 PM GJ Masonic Center	24	25 Degree Day 11 AM GJ Masonic Center
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Grand Chapter Regional Official Visit



Grand Junction Masonic Center
2400 Consistory Ct, G. Junction, 81501
Saturday April 8th
9:00 AM to 12:00 PM
All Royal Arch Masons Encouraged

TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED



OFFICER PLANNING

Provide simple tools and ideas to help officers plan a successful year



EXPLANATION OF THE WORDS AND SIGNS

Discuss origins, disconnect, and meanings of signs and words given and used throughout Chapter degrees



PRACTICE

Correct ways to perform the opening and closing arches



CHAPTER DEVELOPMENT

Provide attendees with education materials and activities to bring back to chapter meetings

QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT
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Birthdays

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

- Andrew Weber
- Brian Burns
- Byron Cook
- Edgar Gillenwaters
- Emmett Palmer
- Garry Brewer
- Gerald Rossman
- Joseph Miles
- Joseph Saunders
- Kelly Bissell
- Larry Corn
- Randy Larson
- Richard Gilmore Jr
- Ted Eaton
- William Buvinger

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.

- Albert Young
- Andrew Weber
- Christopher Geisler
- Emmett Palmer
- Gene Dreher
- Jerald Conyers
- Jim Keif
- Joseph Miles
- Larry Corn
- Michael Wethington
- Parker King
- Ted Saunders
- William Clarke

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. Jerald Conyers
- W. Bro. Ron Franklin
- W. Bro. Bill Buvinger
- W. Bro. James Krogh
- Bro. David Krogh
- Bro. Bill Brassette
- Bro. Kenne Whitson

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In Memorial

Worshipful Brother Donald Townsend

Donald Lee Townsend passed away peacefully on Thursday, February 2nd, 2023 at St. Mary's Hospital in Grand Junction, Colorado. He was 84 years old.

Don was born on June 25th, 1938 to Blanche (Rains) and Lee Townsend in Bakersfield, California. He attended his early school years in Arkansas, and graduated from high school in Denver, Colorado.

After high school, he joined the army and was posted in northern Japan. He also married his first wife, Verlaine, and they had two children. They later divorced.

After the army taught him some very early computer processing, he went to work for Lockheed Martin and worked on programming the Titan

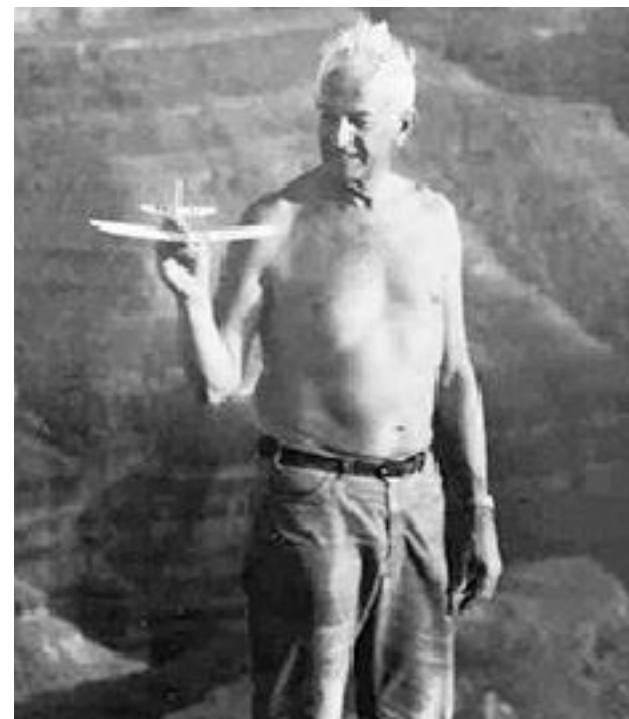
missiles. Later, he worked many different jobs involving the data processing industry. In 1988, he moved to Kelso Tennessee with his new wife, Lou Ann (Fishing) to establish the Elk River Canoe Rental business. They sold the business in 1998, and Don retired at the very early age of 60, and they relocated to Delta, Colorado.

Don was a devoted Mason, and was a member of Jacques DeMolay Lodge #171, Montrose Lodge #63, and an honorary member of Fruita Masonic #120.

In his younger days, Don was also a Shriner, and a 4-H leader. He held season tickets for the Broncos for a number of years, and was an avid Yankees fan. When he and Lou Ann married, she gave him the gift of travel. Together, they traveled the world, with many adventures. He loved feeding the birds, and always had a feeder out on April 15th for the local hummingbirds. His house has a plant room, with some plants over 20 years old.

Don is survived by his loving companion, Rae McAdam of Delta; step sons John (Nancy) Fishing, of Montrose and Greg (Priscilla) Fishing of Montrose; step daughter Kathy (Michael) Day of Grand Junction; seven step grandchildren, eleven great step grandchildren and one on the way.

Don was preceded in death by his parents, his son Michael Townsend, his daughter Sherri Townsend, his brother Jimmy Townsend, a baby sister, and his wife, Lou Ann.



Worshipful Brother Kent Webster

Harry Kent (H.K) Webster passed away in the family home in Grand Junction on January 25, 2023. He was born in Amarillo, TX on April 13, 1926, to Ernest and Kathleen (Richardson) Webster. HK married Ruth Anne Holme from Salinas, CA on August 23, 1952. They celebrated their 70th Wedding anniversary this past August.

HK was in the V-12 Officer's Training Program at Colorado College and then entered the National ROTC program at Cal Berkeley where he studied International Relations becoming a Seaman 2nd class in the U.S. Navy. Using the GI Bill after WWII, he attended CU Boulder where he met and married Ruth Anne. They set up their first home in Denver as HK finished DU Law School. They welcomed their son, Scott, and later moved to Grand Junction with its appeal of both mountains and desert canyons. Three more children-Brien, Lyndal and Susan were all born at St.

Mary's Hospital.

During the time HK built his career practicing law, he also served in such organizations as The March of Dimes, Rotary Club, and the El Jebel Shrine Club. He was the Master of Mesa Masonic Lodge, #55, in 1977. In July of 1967, HK helped guide Boy Scout Troop 356 over the Flat Tops Wilderness Area to earn their 50 Miler Badge. HK was actively involved in the Powderhorn Ski Racing Club. At Powderhorn he was involved with the Buddy Werner Ski Program and then the USSA program. HK, Ruth, other ski parents and their kids assisted in cutting of the ski run known as Racers Edge. This group would also endure many a cold day on the ski hill either timing races or gatekeeping.

Kent represented as a member of the state board for United States Ski Association, Rocky Mountain Division. He enjoyed golfing trips, playing poker with his Poker Club pals, and square dancing and traveling with Ruth. He loved dogs and would get down on the floor well into his 90's just to give a dog a little extra attention. He also quietly helped others whom he saw in need; he was "paying it forward" long before it became a popular phrase. Most importantly, he enjoyed sharing his love for skiing, camping, hunting, fishing, and hiking with his family and friends. He taught many how to enjoy, respect and take care of our public lands. While HK loved to pour over topographical maps, he still managed to find the road not taken. Many memories were made on these epic treks, and we will treasure them always. Here's to Happy Trails HK! We'll still use the topos, but you remain our True North. Survivors include wife, Ruth; children, Scott (Maripat) Webster, Brien (Feryl) Webster, Lyndal (Ted) Smith, Susan Webster, 10 grandchildren and his brother Brien.

Mesa Lodge No. 55



Greetings Brothers and friends,

There are a lot of things to discuss and events going on over the next several weeks.

I want to start off by thanking W. Bro. Tom for his wonderful dinner at our February Stated Communication. I don't envy Bro. Ian, and his better half Amy, as she is cooking the meal for our March meeting.

Speaking of our March Stated Communication, we will have a guest speaker. Peter Booth is the Co-Chair of the Grand Junction Community Recreation Center Campaign. He reached out to the lodge asking if he could come to speak to us about the proposed Grand Junction Community Rec Center and I thought it would be beneficial as it is a local issue.

We will have dinner at 6 PM and Peter will give his presentation after dinner. Once Peter has completed his presentation we will open Lodge, hopefully, about 7:15-7:30. Dinner and the presentation are open to everyone so please bring your families. If you will be joining us for dinner please RSVP to Bro. Ian as soon as possible.

Don't forget that we are having our St. Patty's Day Murder Mystery on Friday, March 17th at 6:30 PM. Dinner will be Corned Beef and Cabbage for \$20, and a donation/cash bar will be available as well. You need to RSVP if you haven't already. You can call, text, or e-mail me to RSVP.

We are also putting on several degrees this month at our first Spring Degree Day on Saturday, March 25th. We will begin with a Master Mason Degree at 10 AM, followed by lunch for \$10. After lunch, we will do a Fellow Craft Degree at 1 PM, and finally, we will be initiating new members at 3 PM. All Masons in the valley are welcome to attend.

March is also the last month of our 1st Quarter '23 Charity Drive for the Colorado DeMolay Boys. In December the Lodge voted to give \$250 to the Colorado DeMolay Boys for their care packages for soldiers overseas and we would combine that donation with donations from the members of the Lodge into a single check to be written at the end of March.

If you haven't made a donation yet, please do so now. Even a small donation can bring a smile to the face of a young serviceman/woman who is away from home.

You can make a donation by using the Our Lodge Page (OLP) app on your smartphone, or by sending cash/check to P.O. Box 4794, Grand Junction, CO 81502. If you send cash/check please specify it is a donation for the Colorado DeMolay Boys and make sure your donation is delivered before the end of the month.

Don't forget that on Thursday, March 9th at 6 PM we have our All-Masonic Education Program. This month we will be looking at the Fellow Craft Degree. If you would like more information please contact me.

Thursday, March 16th at 6:30 PM is the Mesa Lodge Officers Meeting and all members of the Lodge are welcome.

Thursday, March 23rd we will be having an open/all-masonic practice session. If you need to work on a proficiency, opening/closing, a degree, or the funeral service, a Brother will be here to practice with you.

We are combining the All-Masonic and Western Colorado Shrine Club Happy Hours into a single event. On the third Saturday of each month, we will meet at Scotland Yard Cigar & Spirits at 2454 Highway 6&50 Ste 112, at 4 PM. This is an open event. Friends, families, prospective members, and Brothers of any lodge/degree are welcome to attend and hang out. Last month we had eight people, two of which were prospective members who have since petitioned to join our lodge.

Another item to put on the calendar is the Prospective Member Open House on Sunday, April 2nd from 1-4 PM. We will open our doors of the Grand Junction Masonic Center to the community who are interested in becoming Masons or who are just curious about Freemasonry. We need 2 volunteers from our lodge who can be at the Masonic Center from 1-4 and talk about Freemasonry and walk people around the building.

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Mesa Lodge No. 55 Officers

Worshipful Master	Gregory Foster (505) 350-0197
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Junior Warden	Ian Hughes (720) 324-1391
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Senior Deacon	Andrew Weber (970) 312-4774
Junior Deacon	Kenny Whitson (620) 260-0817
Senior Steward	Buck Henry (970) 261-9138
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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

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

2023 Dinner Assignments

January.....Gregory Foster
February.....Tom Verdieck
March.....Ian Hughes
April.....John Groves
May.....Chris Geisler
June.....Andrew Weber
July.....Dark (No Meeting)
August.....All-Masonic Picnic
September.....Kenne Whitson
October.....Harry Clark
November.....David Marshall
December.....All-Christmas Party

Our goal is to have representatives from all four of the Blue Lodges, the York Rite, the Scottish Rite, the Shrine Club, the Rainbow Girls, and the DeMolay Boys to answer questions about the Masonic bodies available here in the Grand Junction area.

Your Lodge Officers and I are working hard to make this year a great year for Mesa Lodge and hope you enjoy what we are doing and have planned for the rest of the year. If you have something you want us to do or talk about doing please don't hesitate to reach out.

I'll end by saying even if you haven't been to lodge in a while, I invite you to come to our next Stated Communication or All-Masonic Happy Hour. We would love to see you!

I look forward to seeing you all there.

Fraternally,

Gregory Foster
Worshipful Master

Open Practice Night

Mesa Lodge is hosting a practice session for Brothers who want to practice Opening or Closing a lodge, the Funeral Service, Degree Work or a Proficiency on the fourth Thursday of each month at 6 PM at the Grand Junction Masonic Center.

This practice is open to any Brother from any Lodge.

Masonic Education Night

Mesa Lodge is hosting an open Masonic Education Study Group the second Thursday of each month at 6 PM at the Grand Junction Masonic Center.

The group will use the Master Craftsman materials from the Scottish Rite. You do not need to be in the Scottish Rite to join the study group.

Open to all Master Masons.

For more information please contact
 W. Bro. Gregory Foster (505) 350-0197 or
 Phelanwolf75@gmail.com



Palisade Lodge No. 125

Greetings,

This month finds us needing to remember quite a few things.

First, we need to try and keep Brothers David and James Krogh in your thoughts as they work through this very trying time for them. We may not be able to visit them, but we can show support for them.

Next, we have a lot of things coming up in the next couple months.

Our Officer's practice for this coming communication is on March 1st. Our meeting is on March 4th.

We are planning to perform a Master Mason degree on March 25th with the help of Mesa 55. We still need to have practice for this raising.

We will also have our joint communication with Fruita Lodge is on April 1st. Our lodge will be cooking breakfast for our Brothers from Fruita.

There is an all-Masonic open house on April 2nd that we will want to have a few brothers attend.

As you can see there are quiet a few things going on. This is a good thing because an active lodge is a healthy lodge.

Harry Clark
Worshipful Master

Palisade Lodge No. 125 was Chartered September 17, 1907. Meets the 1st Saturday of the month in Lodge Room 1 of the Grand Junction Masonic Center

Palisade Lodge No. 125 Officers

Worshipful Master	Harry Clark (PM) (970) 986-9315
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Treasurer	David Krogh (970) 314-9664
Senior Deacon	Tom Verdieck (PM) (970) 270-8504
Junior Deacon	Don Halford (970) 250-4277
Tiler	Jason Gaskill (970) 270-2386
Chaplain	Chris Eglet (970) 640-4986

Grand Junction Lodge No. 173



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 was very pleased with the turn out at our last Stated Communication. It is always a pleasure to see

Brothers come together for Masonry. We have had a busy February so far. We have had several degree practices in preparation for the upcoming initiations of three new candidates. This will take place on February 24, 2023 at 7:00 PM. I am looking forward to seeing as many Brothers as can attend.

Craig Miller
Worshipful Master



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GJ Lodge No. 173 Officers

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Treasurer	Linn Armstrong (970) 234-0444
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Junior Deacon	Cole Rath (970) 778-1939
Tiler	Gary Brewer (970) 241-5842
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Who Lynched Lee Prechaun A Murder Mystery Dinner Party

The quiet little Irish town of Kilfenny is both picturesque and traditional. Life in the village has continued pretty much as it has done since it was first constructed in 1901 and all the residents are happy. At least, they were until recently...

Lee Prechaun, the current owner of the Prechaun Family Estate, has plans to demolish over half the village and modernize the area with an extensive pleasure complex and designer shopping mall.

The villagers are up in arms and an urgent meeting has been called in the village hall to oppose the plans. However, when the villagers arrive, they find that someone has already dealt with the proposal! Lee Prechaun is dead. Strung from the rafters! Who could've done it?

Characters are to be randomly assigned and information mailed out in early March.

Time: 6:30 PM

Date: Friday, March 17th

Venue: Grand Junction Masonic Center

Dinner: Corned Beef and Cabbage

Cost: \$20 per person and Cash (donation) Bar

R.S.V.P. to W. Bro. Gregory Foster.

Cell: 505-350-0197

E-Mail: Phelanwolf75@gmail.com

Warning this game contains: Content that may be suitable for persons ages 17 and older. Including:

- Alcohol Reference – Reference to alcoholic beverages.
- Comic Mischievous – Depictions or dialogue involving slapstick or suggestive humor
- Language – Mild to moderate use of profanity
- Mature Humor – Depictions or dialogue involving “adult” humor, including sexual references
- Sexual Themes – References to complex marital relationships, affairs, sleeping around, illegitimate children and paternity issues.
- A murder – violence suggested.



Who Lynched
Lee Prechaun

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

2023 Dinner Assignments

January.....Naaman Moorehouse
February.....Gary Weiszbrod
March.....Mike Murphy
April.....Jim McBride
May.....Glen Phelps
June.....Lee Anderson
July.....Dark (No Meeting)
August.....All-Masonic Picnic
September.....Glen Phelps
October.....Glen Phelps & Jeff Koenig
November.....Naaman Moorehouse
December.....Gary Weiszbrod

Hello Brethren,

May Peace and Harmony prevail in all that we do. Unfortunately, the annual Valentine's Day luncheon was canceled, due to conflicts in scheduling, but it will be back on the calendar for 2024.

On January 26-28, eight of our Brothers attended the Grand Lodge Annual Communication in Denver. Representing our local lodges were Michael Murphy, Glen Phelps, Harry Clark, John Groves, Gregg Foster, Tom Verdick, Michael Briscoe and myself.

While we're all still experiencing the winter doldrums, there are a number of Brothers who are in need of some special uplifting. I'm encouraging each of you to reach out to remember your Brothers who are confined at home, in the hospital or in a rehabilitation facility. Remember Jerald Conyers, Silan Smith, Jimmy Krogh, Bill Clark and David Krogh with a visit, a phone call, or a friendly card to let them know you're thinking of them and are offering words of support and encouragement. Jimmy Krogh is still recuperating at home from his fall in December, which resulted in his broken hip. And, as most of you know, David Krogh fell on the ice and suffered critical injuries, has been hospitalized at St. Mary's and has undergone two surgical procedures to relieve bleeding on his brain. Please remember and uplift David, Jimmy and Iris with your prayers. Thanks go out to Don Halford (Lodge #125) and his wife for the assistance that they have given to Iris during these difficult times.

On February 2, Donald Townsend, a devoted Mason

and honorary member of Lodge #120, passed away. His funeral service was held in Delta on February 11; Jeff Koenig, John Groves, Michael Murphy, Lee Anderson, and I attended and represented #120.

Thanks to everyone for the assistance you've provided to our Lodge. We still are in need of a Junior Deacon, so please consider helping us move forward by stepping into that role. Stay warm, stay well, and be very careful with your footing whenever you go outside. May your days be filled with blessings and good health.

Naaman Moorehouse
Worshipful Master

Early Bird Breakfast



Every Friday, 8 AM Strayhorn Grill in Fruita. All Masons welcome.

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Fruita, CO 81521
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Fruita Lodge No. 120 Officers	
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Treasurer	Jimmy McBride (PM) (970) 683-1957
Senior Deacon	Jeff Koenig (PM) (970) 318-1004
Junior Deacon	
Senior Steward	
Junior Steward	
Tiler	Lee Anderson (970) 846-8493
Director of the Work	
Chaplain	
Marshal	

Western Colorado Shrine Club

Hello Nobles and Friends,



I want to thank all the Nobles, Brothers, friends, and families that came out to the Installation of Officers on Saturday, February 18th. After a couple of reschedules because of the East-West Shrine Bowl and the funeral of a departed brother, we were finally able to install the Western Colorado Shrine Club Officers for 2023. We also initiated a new member, Noble Chad Davis, from Palisade Lodge No. 125. Noble Chad is excited to join us and looks forward to a fun-filled 2023.

The Board is still trying to plan out the rest of the year and we want to hear your ideas for fun activities and parades we should participate in. Some ideas include a whiskey flight tasting, a steak and cigar night, golfing, or even catching a Jackalopes game. I challenge all members of the Western Colorado Shrine Club to come up with one fun thing they would attend this year and e-mail that idea to me (Phelanwolf75@gmail.com). My hope is that by next month we will have a preliminary schedule of events and parades for the rest of the year.

Our next Board meeting will be on Tuesday, March 14th at 11:45 AM. We will be meeting at the Grand Vista Hotel Restaurant and all Noble's and prospective members are welcome to attend.

We have a Happy Hour on Saturday, March 18th at 4 PM at Scotland Yard Cigar & Spirits, 2454 Highway 6&50 Ste 112, Grand Junction. The Happy Hour is open to all (over 21), including friends, family, Brothers, Nobles, and prospective members.

That's all for now, I hope to see you all in Lodge, at our Board Meeting, or at our Happy Hour.

Gregory Foster,
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.ElJabelShrine.org



From left to right: Noble Chris Geisler, Bill Hirt, David VanDyke, Bill Brassette, Mike Briscoe, Chad Davis, Lee Anderson, Andrew Be, Gregory Foster, John Groves



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Grand Junction York Rite Bodies

Grand Junction York Rite Bodies have an exciting three months upcoming.

We will be meeting with Hotchkiss York Rite to present the Past Master and Excellent Master's degrees in Hotchkiss on Wednesday March 15, 2023, at 7:00 PM. The Hotchkiss Masonic Temple is located at 178 Hotchkiss Ave. We currently have two candidates for the degrees.

Grand Junction will hold a Chapter meeting on March 13, 2023, at the Grand Junction Masonic Temple at 7:30 PM.

April will bring official visits from all three Grand York Rite Bodies, and we will be excited to see all the officers from around the state.

May will bring the presentation of the Royal Arch Degree, lunch and bowling fund raising for Able Kids

The officers and degree members are working hard to present outstanding degrees for our candidates. We would like to invite all members to participate .

- Scott Wilson - High Priest
- Michael Briscoe - Thrice Illustrious Master
- Jeff Bush- Eminent Commander



Day	Event
1-Mar	Council Meeting & Past Master's Practice 7:30 PM Hotchkiss
13-Mar	Chapter Meeting & Most Excellent Master Practice 7:30 PM Grand Junction
15-Mar	Past Master & Most Excellent Master Degree 7:30 PM Hotchkiss
5-Apr	Council Meeting and opening practice 7:30 PM Hotchkiss
8-Apr	Regional Official Visit by Grand High Priest 9 AM Grand Junction
10-Apr	Commandary Meeting and opening practice 7:30 PM Grand Junction
19-Apr	Dinner with ladies and official visit by Grand Commander 6PM Hotchkiss



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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.

Sunshine Chapter Nol 53 (O.E.S)



March Madness,

Sunshine #53 is celebrating St Patrick's Day at our February 21 meeting. Wearing o' the green, etc. The trivia may (will) involve all things Celtic.

We have a new charity project which is "Purseful Purses". We have collected purses of varied colors, shapes and sizes and will be putting needed items in them. Kleenex, combs, maybe gum or a candy bar, etc. We would gladly accept monetary donations to help us purchase these items! After being filled, the purses will be delivered to Catholic Outreach for distribution.

That's about all our excitement for March. The Jewels for Hope campaign ends on March 7. It looks like we will be shipping a good sized box to Barbara Davis Center.

Wishes for March happiness!

Nancy Eriksen
Worth Matron

Grand Junction Temple Association



Hello Brothers,Ladies, and Friends,

Treasurer John Groves gave the report. Income from rentals is better than last years. This is good news coming off Covid. This being said expenses have been large. These expenses are 1. Security lights in southwest parking lot. This is a real security issue to those attending functions in the evening or night. 2. Plumbing/sewer. Toilet next to kitchen needed repair and was backing up. Also had sewage backup in dishwasher drain. Toilet was repaired and roots removed from sewer line. 3. Roofs. Center roof in process of being replaced. As a reminder our building has 5 roofs. Over next few years the remaining 4 HAVE to be replaced.As expenses increase our budget is extremely tight.

Also discussed was how complaints, concerns, damage or repairs could be made. Board discussed which telephone number for these issues would be used to communicate these concerns. That information will be communicated shortly.

Bro. Linn Armstrong
President | Grand Junction Masonic Temple Association

Masonic Education

The Psalm of Fraternity by W. Bro. Lee Anderson

“And the brother Chaplain should recite the psalm that says: Here is, how it is bgood and how it is delicious.../...to live the brothers in good unity.” This Psalm is probably one of the oldest links we have to the beginning of Masonry. It was already in use by the ancient Knights Templar in their initiation of a candidate in the year 1128. This information was taken from the “Canons of the Ritual of the Reception in the Order of the Temple.” This is the Psalm 133, attributed to David and is known as the Psalm of Ascension, the Psalm of Brotherhood, or the Psalm of Fraternity.

We Mason's may know this text best in the King James Version: “Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments. As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the Lord commanded the blessing, even life for evermore.” It is the first passage a candidate hears as he makes his first passage around the lodge as an Entered Apprentice. It is the verse opened on the Bible when he takes his obligation, and we all hear it at the opening of the Lodge.

In order for us to understand the relevance of this verse today, we must understand its value at the time it was written. Psalms 120 to 133 were said to be sung The Psalm of Fraternity “And the brother Chaplain should recite the psalm that says: Here is, how it is bgood and how it is delicious.../...to live the brothers in good unity.” This Psalm is probably one of the oldest links we have to the beginning of Masonry. It was already in use by the ancient Knights Templar in their initiation of a candidate in the year 1128. This information was taken from the “Canons of the Ritual of the Reception in the Order of the Temple.” This is the Psalm 133, attributed to David and is known as the Psalm of Ascension, the Psalm of Brotherhood, or the Psalm of Fraternity.

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Between the first and last stanzas are some elements that need explanation. The precious oil was indeed just that. The recipe predates the time of David. The recipe is found in Exodus 30: vs 22-25. It consists of the following:

1. Myrrh- a pleasant smelling resin collected from trees in Africa and Arabia. It was very expensive and was also used as a pain numbing narcotic.
2. Sweet Cinnamon coming from Asia.
3. Fragrant Cane of Calamus a tall semi-evergreen that grows in damp swampy areas. It is similar to Iris in appearance, growing up to six feet. It is banned to be grown in the United States because it is a drug.
4. Cassia- A member of the Laurel family. The inner bark when dried is cinnamon.
5. The finest olive oil.

This oil was used to consecrate the Chief Priest of the Temple and was very expensive. To be used in the quantity used in this Psalm passage, it would have been considered extravagant.

Aaron was Moses' older brother and was the spokesman for Moses when he made his demands before Pharaoh. He was the great grandson of Levi. Moses appointed him as the Chief Priest and his sons as priests. The length of the beard was a symbol of patriarchal and religious authority. In Aaron's case, it was never cut. Aaron's robe was long and flowing. Different interpretations of this Psalm has led to confusion as to the length of the beard. Some versions say the collar of his robe, while others list it as over the collar on the skirt of the robe.

Mount Hermon is one of three mountains marking the Northern boundary of Israel. This mountain range holds peaks that are all over ten thousand feet tall, with snow covered crests year round. These mountains created a physical barrier, capturing moisture from the ocean and at night condensing it into a very heavy fog reaching the mountains of Zion. The mountains of Zion are the hills of Jerusalem and where first the Tabernacle, and later the Temple stood. The melting snow from these mountains creates the River Jordan.

With this as a background, I want to share with you some thoughts found in a paper written by past Grand Master of California, John L Cooper III, titled "The Practice of Brotherhood". He begins by saying "This cryptic psalm is at once a challenge for us to enter into a pro-

found mystery, and a promise that if we do so, the results will be a life changing experience." He further states that the psalm implies a connection between "dwelling together in unity" and "life for evermore". It is the relationship between God and a man and is the proper provenance of a man's own religion.

Freemasonry is not a religion. And while a belief in God is a prerequisite for one to become a Mason, one must work out his own relationship with God outside of Freemasonry. We insist that a man is responsible before his God for what he does with his life, but we ask each one to seek the important and eternal answers from his own religious faith.

If we connect the first and last stanzas together, the purpose of this psalm stands out more clearly. "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity...for there the Lord commanded the blessing, even life for evermore." In the Bible, a blessing is considered as conferring with a special power upon another. It is usually thought of as a divine act of God granting His blessing, not upon one, but extending from one generation to another. It is a way of guaranteeing the continuity of community down through the ages. It is the latter meaning that Psalm 133 has for us as Freemasonry, rather than any religious significance. It helps us to understand the teachings of Freemasonry.

The first stanza states the condition necessary for the latter to be met. If a Mason cannot understand the necessity of "dwelling together in unity", he can't expect the result of God's blessing upon what he does as a Mason. We are first telling the Entered Apprentice as the Psalm is recited as his first step in Masonry, that much of what he learns in the lessons of Masonry revolves around the sense of unity and brotherhood. It should be revived in us at the opening of Lodge.

What is Unity? It is not meant as conformity, but rather, as a harmonious combining of parts into one, among a number of people. We ask each brother, on his own, to think for himself and to search for the meaning of truth. Freemasonry insists that truth will emerge on its own if we are patient enough in seeking it. This then, is the life giving promise. Not in a religious sense, but more so a human one. If we live our lives as if others were more important than oneself, we will be enriched by the greatest blessing we could ever know. This lesson was first taught to us as an Entered Apprentice. Once properly understood, the mystery will grow in Grace and shall bless us every day in everything we do.



Rainbow Assembly No. 12

Learning Leadership through service since 1922

Do not be impressed by: money, followers, degrees, and titles.
Do be impressed by: kindness, integrity, humility, and generosity

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All regular meetings meet at Masonic Center from 7-8:30 PM unless you girls decide otherwise. We wear dresses or skirts at all of our regular meetings unless stated otherwise because of weather or activities. We need to include Raindrops and potential members at all Service and Fun Events. Please volunteer to bring refreshments at least once in the next 3 months.

Rainbow Reminders

- Monday, March 6th: Initiation – 6:30 PM.
- Friday, March 10th: Serve the Masons 6-7:15 PM, need two volunteers.
- Monday, March 20th: Regular Meeting. This is during Spring Break, let's plan an activity.
- Monday April 3rd: Regular Meeting. I will have to submit names of girls who would like to serve in Grand Assembly, Appointments, Representatives, Page, Choir. May be able to have one officer.
- Friday, April 14th: Serve the Masons 6-7:15 PM, need two volunteers.
- Monday, April 17th: Regular Meeting.
- Monday May 1st: Regular meeting
- Friday, May 12th: Serve the Masons 6-7:15 PM, need two volunteers.
- Monday, May 15th: Regular Meeting
- Monday, June 5th: regular Meeting

We will be planning Spring events for our own fun and to share with others. Maybe a mother/daughter tea (brunch), or a dad teach girls about car care event, a cooking event.....

There is a chance the Western Colorado Shrine Club is going to bring back the Shrine Circus to Grand Junction. We have helped with that in the past, before COVID, so they may ask us again. It has been at the end of May in the past. Don't know, just a heads up.

Grand Assembly

Wednesday, June 14th through Sunday June 18th
Loveland, Colorado

We will leave Wednesday afternoon and Grand Assembly starts at 8 AM Thursday morning, and we will be back Sunday evening.

This will be Deirdre's and Tess's last Rainbow event as a girl as they will be honored with their Majority. Assembly No. 12 will be hosting a guest from Ohio. The agenda will be released as we get closer to the event.

Assembly will try to pay for at least half of the costs and the girls will be rooming together (2 rooms). All girls serving as an Officer or Representative for Grand Assembly need to pay for half of their Grand Assembly Dress (\$60). Grand Assembly has paid the other half.

Ask a friend to come join us in our service and fun events. Let your friends know that you belong to a sorority of great friends who become sisters for life!

Sorority [sə' rōrədē] | NOUN | NORTH AMERICA : A society for female students in a university or college, or in our case age 11-20, with common interests and goals.

For more information on The International Order of Rainbow for Girls please visit www.iorgcolorado.org.

Grand Junction Scottish Rite Consistory

Calendar 2023



- Consistory
- Rose Croix Chapter
- Lodge of Perfection
- Council

2023 Calendar of Dinners & Meetings

March 20th | Council - Sandwich platter served 6:30 pm; Stated Meeting 7:30 pm.

April 17th | Lodge - Salad Bar 6:30 pm; Stated Meeting 7:30 pm

Events

Scottish Rite Reunion - May 5th-6th at the Grand Junction Masonic Center

May 15th | Chapter - Ceremony of Remembrance; Dinner 6:30 PM; Ceremony 7:30 PM (Public Invited)

Summer Picnic - June 19th 5:30 PM at the Grand Junction Masonic Center Patio

Grand Junction Scottish Rite

Lee Anderson, 32°	Orator
Randy Melton, 32°	Almoner
Jeffrey Bush, 32° KCCH	Treasurer
Jimmy McBride, 33°	Tiler
Wayne Quade, 32°	Prelate
William Nickell, 33°	Secretary

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2023 Scottish Rite Reunion

Scheduled for May 5, 6. This is our annual induction of new Masters of the Royal Secret. Twenty-nine communicated and exemplified degrees will be presented. Those brothers who desire to take a part in our ritual work should contact the Secretary. Members are encouraged to participate if only as spectators. This is an opportunity renew your knowledge of the lessons contained in each degree.

2023 Honormen

Every two years, the Supreme Council of The Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite recognizes deserving brothers who have distinguished themselves by extraordinary services to humanity and/or the Fraternity by electing them to receive the rank and decoration of Knight Commander of the Court of Honor (KCCH). Likewise, The Supreme Council also recognizes a limited number of KCCH brothers, who have distinguished themselves to be coroneted as Inspectors General Honorary, 33°. This is not merely an honor, but is rather the Thirty-third and Last Degree of Scottish Rite Masonry. This year each Valley will nominate brothers for both of these honors. The final selection will be made by The Supreme Council.

Ceremony of Remembrance

Each year we gather to pay final tribute to our brothers, who have laid down their working tools, and passed away. This year we will hold our Ceremony of Remembrance on May 15. This is open to the public and all brothers and their families are encouraged to attend.

Bill Nickell, 33°
 Secretary | Grand Junction Scottish Rite Consistory.

Temple Donations

Thanks go to these Scottish Rite members for their generous donations to support the financial needs of the Grand Junction Masonic Center as a part of their dues payments. To those members yet to pay dues, you can support the Masonic Center by adding a donation along with your 2023 dues.

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| • Aaron Brewer | • John Groves | • Greg Motz | • Silan Smith |
| • Mac Caves | • Don Hobbs | • Mike Murphy | • Don Townsend |
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| • Charles Downing | • George | • James Rexford | • Ron Williams |
| • Ronald Franklin | • McCollum | • Gregg Rippy | • James Williams |



RiteCare Needs Help!

Brothers: If you are a Facebook user READ THIS. In 2022 the Scottish Rite Foundation embarked upon a campaign to inform the public of speech and language services available from the various Foundation Partners throughout Colorado, including the hospital speech therapy clinics in Montrose, Gunnison, Craig and Grand Junction. A stand-alone website was created, **RiteCareCO.org**, to provide the public with information of these services and also, for the first time, to seek donations from general public.

Just having a services/donation website is of little use if the public is not aware that it exists. **So, this is where you, as a Facebook user, can help.**

1. Go to Facebook.
2. Search for “RiteCare Colorado”.
3. Click on Pages “RiteCare Colorado”
4. Click “Like” “Follow” and “Share”

Having done this, you may want to inform you friends of the importance of this service and of the need for financial support through online donations to continue and expand childhood speech and language services in Colorado, and encourage them to link, follow and share it with their friends.

Now, remembering that Charity lies at the foundation of Freemasonry, why not make a donation yourself?



Scottish Rite Foundation Annual Meeting

Brethren & Friends: On February 24th the Scottish Rite Foundation of Colorado will hold its Annual Meeting at Children's Hospital in Denver. The Foundation's Executive Director, Kristin Uhler, Ph.D, will present the Foundation's Annual Report that will cover the activities of 13 Foundation Partners that provide speech & language and early child literacy services in Colorado, 6 of these partners being located here on the Western Slope.

Links to the Annual Reports of the Western Slope Partners are presented here:

- [St. Mary's Hospital - Grand Junction](#)
- [The Pinon Project - Cortez](#)
- [Memorial Regional Health - Craig](#)
- [Montrose Regional Health - Montrose](#)
- [Gunnison Valley Health - Gunnison](#)
- [Centro de la Familia - Grand Junction](#)

The Annual Meeting will start at 12:00 p.m. and will be carried virtually via ZOOM. If you would like to join the meeting, follow these instructions:

CLICK THE LINK BELOW.

Zoom URL: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85994630988>

From a Zoom Room - select the Join Button and type in the following number:

Meeting ID: 859 9463 0988

Fraternally, Grand Junction Scottish Rite

Masonic Service Award Ceremony



Please come join us and help us celebrate the dedication of our members.

Mesa, Fruita Masonic, Palisade, and Grand Junction Lodges and the Sunshine Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star will be celebrating their members who have dedicated 5, 10, and 25 years of service to their Lodge, Chapter and community.

When: Friday, March 31st at 6:30 PM
Where: Grand Junction Masonic Center
Cost: Donations for food and drinks

Masonic Family Open House

The Masonic Bodies of the Grand Valley will be holding an open house on Sunday, April 2nd from 1-4 PM. We will open our doors to the community to those that are curious about Freemasonry and other bodies. We will also offer free Emergency Child ID Kits to parents.

We need volunteers from each of the Masonic Bodies below who are willing to come and talk about their group:

- Rainbow Girls
- DeMolay Boys
- Blue Lodge
- York Rite
- Scottish Rite
- Shriners
- Order of the Eastern Star

A Day of Degrees

Mesa and Palisade Lodges will be putting on an Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degree on Saturday, March 25th. Come celebrate these milestones with your Brothers.

- Master Mason Degree - 10 AM
- Lunch - 12 PM (\$10 per person)
- Fellow Craft - 1 PM
- Entered Apprentice - 3 PM

More Light in Masonry

If you are looking for more light in Masonry or would like to know more about what is going on in with the Masonic Lodges and Appendant Bodies in the Grand Valley please check out these resources.

Websites

- www.MasonicFamilyGJ.org
- www.ColoradoFreeMasons.org
- www.ScottishRite.org
- www.YorkRite.org
- www.Shrinersinternational.org
- www.EasternStar.org
- www.OES-Colorado.org
- www.GoRainbow.org
- www.IORGColorado.org
- www.DeMolay.org
- www.ColoradoDeMolay.org
- www.FreeMasonryToday.com

Magazines

- Freemasonry Today
- The Journal of The Masonic Society
- Short Talk Bulletins by The Masonic Service Association

Podcasts

- From Whence Came you
- The Winding Staircase

YouTube Channels

- What is a Mason
- The Masonic Round Table

If you know of other masonic resources, you would like others to know about please let your lodge secretary know

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