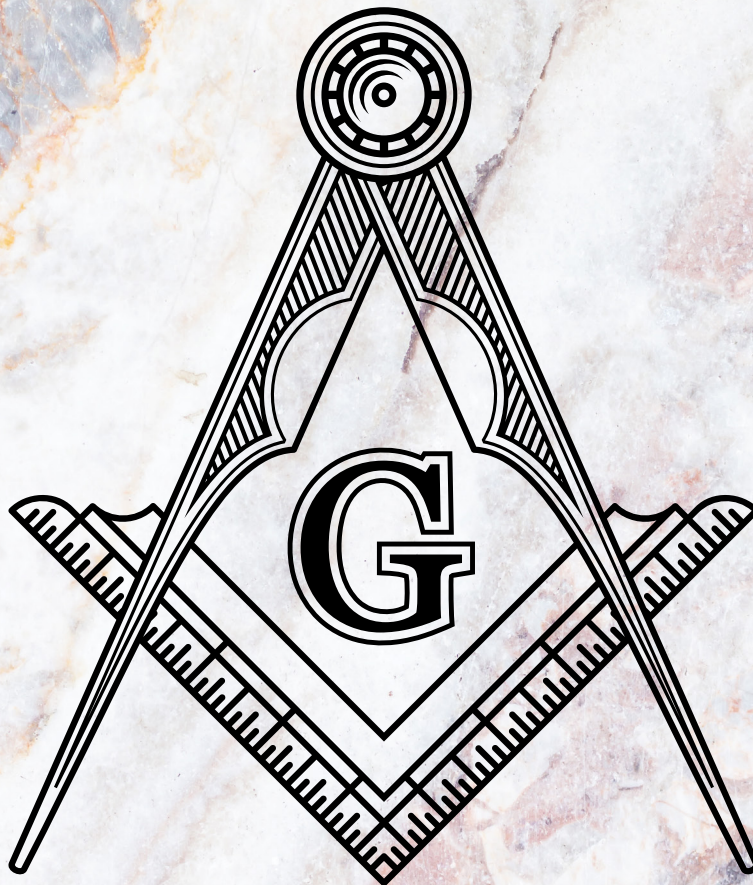


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## June 2023



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# June Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31 Palisade Lodge Practice   6:30 PM GJ Masonic Center	1 Mesa Lodge Stated Communication   7 PM GJ Masonic Center	2	3 Palisade Lodge   10 AM - GJ Masonic Center
4	5 Rainbow Girls   7 PM GJ Masonic Center	6 Eastern Star Stated Communication   7:30 PM GJ Masonic Center	7	8 Masonic Education Night   6 PM - GJ Ma- sonic Center  DeMolay Boys   7 PM GJ Masonic Center	9 GJ Lodge Stated Com- munication   7:30 PM - GJ Masonic Center	10
11	12 GJ York Rite (Chapter)   7:30 PM GJ Masonic Center	13 Shrine Club Board Meeting   11:45 AM Grand Vista Hotel	14	15 Mesa Lodge Officers Meeting   6 PM GJ Ma- sonic Center	16	17 Grand Pathways Rendevous   8 AM GJ Masonic Center  All-Masonic Happy Hour   4 PM Scotland Yard Cigar and Spirits
18	19 Scottish Rite Summer Picnic   5:30 PM GJ Masonic Center  Rainbow Girls   7 PM GJ Masonic Center	20 Fruita Masonic Lodge Stated Comm   7 PM Fruita Masonic Center  Eastern Star Stated Comm   7:30 PM GJ Masonic Center	21 Delta York Rite (Chap- ter)   7:30 PM GJ Ma- sonic Center	22 DeMolay Boys   7 PM GJ Masonic Center	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 Mesa Lodge Casino Night Fundraiser   6 PM GJ Masonic Center	1

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## Websites

- [www.MasonicFamilyGJ.org](http://www.MasonicFamilyGJ.org)
- [www.ColoradoFreeMasons.org](http://www.ColoradoFreeMasons.org)
- [www.ScottishRite.org](http://www.ScottishRite.org)
- [www.YorkRite.org](http://www.YorkRite.org)
- [www.Shrinersinternational.org](http://www.Shrinersinternational.org)
- [www.EasternStar.org](http://www.EasternStar.org)
- [www.OES-Colorado.org](http://www.OES-Colorado.org)
- [www.GoRainbow.org](http://www.GoRainbow.org)
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- [www.DeMolay.org](http://www.DeMolay.org)
- [www.ColoradoDeMolay.org](http://www.ColoradoDeMolay.org)
- [www.FreeMasonryToday.com](http://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

## Birthdays

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

- Bernard Chavies
- Bill Hirt
- Calvin Bilger
- Craig Miller
- Dennis Bechtold
- Erik Groves
- Glen Luellen
- John Smith
- Joseph Jueschke
- Keith White
- Merle Nelson
- Neil Lindenbaum
- Reed Orr
- Robert Daugherty
- Steven Ganskow
- Tim Claypool
- Tom Verdieck

## 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.

- Bernard Chavies
- Bruce Hinde
- Calvin Busby
- Chuck Downing
- Craig Marsh
- Craig Miller
- Donald Williams
- Garry Brewer
- Gerald Rossman
- Gregory Karly
- Jeff Cyriacks
- Jeffrey Bush
- Jerry Nisbet Jr
- Jimmy McBride
- Joseph Jueschke
- Keith White
- Ted Herrman
- William Buvinger

## 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. Ron Franklin
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# Mesa Lodge No. 55



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.....Andrew Weber  
May.....Kenne Whitson  
June.....BBQ on the Patio  
July.....Dark (No Meeting)  
August.....All-Masonic Picnic  
September.....John Groves  
October.....Chris Geisler  
November.....David Marshall  
December.....All-Christmas Party

## Greetings Brothers and friends,

. Mesa Lodge has had a busy first half of the year so far.

In February we Raised Brother Nick Eglet from Palisade Lodge to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. In March We had a St. Patty's Day Murder Mystery Dinner Party where Mr. Toby Shure, played by our very own W. Bro. Harry killed Mr. Lee Prechaun. In April we inducted two Entered Apprentices, Brothers Dave Horriwitz and Brian Thomas. In May, W. Bro. John Groves was recognized for his 60 Years of Masonic Service and our local DeMolay Boys gave their Flower Talk. We also had a booth at the Grand Valley Highland Games where we provided free Emergency Child ID Kits.

We've donated money to the Local and State DeMolay Boys, and our local Rainbow Girls. We hosted the Annual School Awards Ceremony where Miss Alexis Heley from Grand Junction High School was awarded the John C. Whitlock Memorial Scholarship. And, we helped three high school students go to Masonic Band Camp this summer.

Mesa Lodge has also started monthly Masonic Education Nights on the second Thursday of each month, and practice sessions on the fourth Thursday of each month.

But the first half of 2023 isn't over yet and we have more fun planned before we go dark for July and August.

Starting with our Stated Communication on June 1st. We will be grilling hamburgers and hot dogs on the new patio at the Masonic Center. The theme for the night will be shorts and your favorite Masonic T-Shirt. W. Bro. Tom has found a video for us to watch about the Three Lesser Lights of Masonry for our Masonic Education..

Mesa Lodge is also hosting a Casino Night Fundraiser for the Lodge on Friday, June 30th, from 6-9 PM. This is sure to be a fun night. We will have a brisket dinner, after which you can try your luck with Black Jack, Texas Holdem, Craps, and Roulette. Or try one of our whiskey, bourbon, or scotch flights, and a cigar. We will finish the night with an auction for cool prizes and a 50/50 raffle. This event is open to all Masons, their families, friends, and prospective members. You can [RSVP HERE](#).

Fraternally,

**Gregory Foster**  
**Worshipful Master**

## Mesa Lodge No. 55 Officers

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

## Open Practice

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.

Seniors: Here's an idea for getting the best tax break from your charitable gifts. If you are receiving mandatory distributions from a standard IRA (not a 401K) you can get a tax deduction you would not otherwise receive by making what is called a Qualified Charitable Donation (QCD) from your mandatory IRA distribution.

If you itemize your tax deductions, then qualified charitable gifts are tax deductible. But the catch is that most of us don't itemize. We take the standard deduction of \$27,700 for marrieds or \$13,850 for singles so our gifts to charity get us zilch in tax savings. But if you make a charitable gift from your IRA you get to have our cake and eat it too! You get to take the standard deduction, and the charitable gift from your IRA is not counted as taxable income.

Have a 401K instead of an IRA? You can't make a qualified charitable donation from the 401K but you can create an IRA, roll the funds into it and make the QCD from the IRA.

There are lots of rules you need to follow but your tax advisor will be able to lead you through the forest – or just Google “How Qualified Charitable Donations/Distributions (QCDs) Work.” Now, let's think about giving to Masonic Charity!

## 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  
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# Palisade Lodge No. 125



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

## Greetings Brethren,

I hope this message finds you all in good health and spirits.

This month we welcome spring and with it some nice warm weather for all to enjoy. Let's not forget the things that we have coming up while we're out in the sun having some overdue outside time.

- May 31st @ 6:30 PM - officer's meeting/practice at the Consistory.
- June 3rd @ 10:00 AM - monthly Stated Communication in Lodge 1.
- June 8th @ 6:00 PM - in the Library at the Consistory.
- June 17th @ 4:00 PM - All Masonic social hour at Scotland Yard Whisky and Cigar Lounge.
- June 28th @ 6:30 PM - Officer's meeting/practice at the Consistory.
- June 30th @ 6 PM – Casino Night Fund-raiser at the Consistory.

Be well my brothers and I look forward to seeing you at the lodge.

**Harry Clark**  
**Worshipful Master**



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## Palisade Lodge No. 125 Officers

<b>Worshipful Master</b>	Harry Clark (PM) (970) 986-9315
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<b>Secretary</b>	Chad Davis (970) 312-4714
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<b>Senior Deacon</b>	Tom Verdick (PM) (970) 270-8504
<b>Junior Deacon</b>	Don Halford (970) 250-4277
<b>Tiler</b>	Jason Gaskill (970) 270-2386
<b>Chaplain</b>	Chris Eglet (970) 640-4986

# Grand Junction Lodge No. 173

Brethren,

We had a good turnout at our last stated communication. I want to thank all the Brothers who attended.

We had a special presentation by Brother Garry Brewer. He gave us a history lesson on Mesa Lodge #55 as well some history on Grand Junction. He presented information on a Captain Richard Mobley who was a Charter member of Mesa Lodge #55. In addition he was instrumental in the founding of Grand Junction with George Crawford. Captain Mobley is buried in the Masonic section of the Orchard Mesa Cemetery. Currently his head stone is a Veteran Head Stone with the name Captain Mobley. It was very interesting thanks again Garry.

We have a special communication coming up on Friday May 26, 2023. Please join us for the passing of a Brother to the Fellowcraft Degree. It is always an honor to see Brothers progress through the Degrees.

Looking forward to seeing you on Friday the 26th as well as our next stated communications. Depending on the snow pack our next communication will be an out door lodge. Further information will be forthcoming on a venue.

**Craig Miller**  
**Worshipful Master**



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



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## GJ Lodge No. 173 Officers

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<b>Secretary</b>	Mike Briscoe (PM) (970) 433-6766
<b>Treasurer</b>	Linn Armstrong (970) 234-0444
<b>Senior Deacon</b>	Austin Pitts (864) 784-4825
<b>Junior Deacon</b>	Cole Rath (970) 778-1939
<b>Tiler</b>	Gary Brewer (970) 241-5842
<b>Marshal</b>	Steven Ganskow (970) 640-7433



# 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,**

In previous years Fruita Masonic Lodge No. 120 has been privileged to provide funds so that several high school students could attend band camp during the summer. I recently met with Jeff Mason of Palisade High School and Ryan Crabtree of Fruita High School. Each of these band leaders has two students he'd like to honor with scholarships for camp, but I am waiting to receive the final applications and information before we can award these funds.

Mike Murphy had been working with members of the other lodges in planning the summer picnic, but it appears that this will not take place until September or later. Our picnic has been postponed for now, more information will be forthcoming.

Lee Anderson, Glen Phelps, and I interviewed two candidates for college scholarships. Both of whom are outstanding and highly qualified individuals. Lodge 120 will be awarding a \$1,000 scholarship to a Fruita Monument High School Senior who will be attending College in California.

We are honored that two individuals have shown an interest in joining our Masonic Brotherhood in Lodge 120. We have received applications from Tom Verdieck and Paul Turnbull and will be voting on their candidacies at our June 20th meeting.

We look forward to seeing you in June for the final month of lodge meetings this summer. As in past years the lodge will be lost during July and August. Be sure to mark your calendars for the September 19th meeting when we will resume normal business.

Early Birds remember to join us for breakfast and conversation at 8 AM each Friday morning at the Strayhorn Restaurant in Fruita. We will continue to gather for those breakfasts throughout the summer, so stop in sometime and say hello.

Many of you will be traveling this summer, and to you all, we wish you good health and safe travels.

May peace and harmony prevail in all that you do.

**Naaman Moorehouse  
Worshipful Master**

Fruita Lodge No. 120 Officers	
<b>Worshipful Master</b>	Naaman Moorehouse (970) 433-5570
<b>Senior Warden</b>	John Groves (PM) (970) 261-5189
<b>Junior Warden</b>	Mike Murphy (970) 640-5570
<b>Secretary</b>	Glen Phelps (PM) (970) 390-7146
<b>Treasurer</b>	Jimmy McBride (PM) (970) 683-1957
<b>Senior Deacon</b>	Jeff Koenig (PM) (970) 318-1004
<b>Tiler</b>	Lee Anderson (970) 846-8493

**Early Bird Breakfast**

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456 Kokopelli Blvd,  
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Phone: (970) 858-1525

# Western Colorado Shrine Club



The Board did not meet in May as many of its members were out of town, but we will meet again in June where we plan on talking about a number of items including the Grand Junction 4th of July Parade.

Regarding the Cirucs, we do not have any more information. Jordan Circus is planning on being back in Western Colorado in late September or early October, but we don't have a date yet. Though they are excited to be coming back to Grand Junction.

We are also coordinating with Shrine Children's in Salt Lake City for our visit. We don't have a date yet, but it will probably be in late June or sometime in July. The current thinking is we would drive over on a Friday morning, for an afternoon visit, and either drive back that day or spend the night and drive back Saturday. Noble Jack Beason's quilting group made twenty quilts for the children and Noble Mike Briscoe and I each have bags of stuffed animals and toys to take with us to the hospital when we visit.

We are still looking for fun things to do this summer and ways to bring in new Nobles. Bring your ideas to the next Board Meeting on Tuesday, June 13th. We will be meeting at the Grand Vista Hotel Restaurant at 11:45 AM. I hope to see you all there as all Nobles are welcome to attend.

**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.EIJabelShrine.org](http://www.EIJabelShrine.org)



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# Grand Junction York Rite Bodies



Grand Junction York Rite is wrapping up its final meeting of the York Rite Year and hope that you all can attend the election and installation of officers on Monday June 12th, 7:30 PM at the Grand Junction Msonic Center.

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](http://www.YorkRite.org) or contact Jeff Bush at (970) 623-3651.

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Day	Event
3-Jun	Royal Arch Chapter Degrees   9 AM Akron, CO
12-Jun	Grand Junction Chpater Stated Meeting   7:30 PM Grand Junction, CO
17-Jun	Grand Pathways Rendezvous (Council Degrees)   9 AM Grand Junction, CO
8-Jul	Angel of the Forrest (Commandery Degrees)   9 AM Rye, CO



Michael Briscoe of Temple Commandery 23, Bruce Koonz of Ivanhoe Commandery 11, Ron Birely RE Grand Commander of Colorado, and Jeff Cyriaks of Delta Commandery 34.

# Sunshine Chapter No. 53 (OES)



Hello and Happy Summertime!

Sunshine #53 will be closed July and August so we do have a few "minor" things to finished up before that,

First, I would like to thank the DeMolay for coming to our May 2nd meeting. They did the flower talk (great job, Tobey and Jacob!) and set the tone for our Mother's Day meeting. Plus, they gave each lady at the meeting roses which lasted a long time and made our hearts happy!

We will have Election of Officers on June 20, followed by an Ice Cream Social. Installation of the 2023-24 Officers will be on September 10 in Lodge Room 2. Time to be announced later.

Here's hoping you have a wonderful Summer! Take care.

**Nancy Eriksen**  
**Worth Matron**

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

For more information on Order of the Eastern Star please visit [www.oes-colorado.org](http://www.oes-colorado.org)

# Masonic Education

## Attracting Masonic Leaders

by Most Worshipful Brother Houston A. Brian, Past Grand Master of Arkansas

With our population increasing rapidly, with the longest sustained era of prosperity in the history of our country, with shorter working hours and, consequently, more time for activities of one's choice, it would seem that membership in Masonry would be increasing steadily.

However, in most Grand Jurisdictions, we find year after year an alarming loss in membership. Many of our Brethren are laying aside the working tools of life. Many more are giving up their Masonic affiliation by simply refusing to pay their dues. When we add that each year finds fewer men petitioning for the Degrees, the overall situation presents a picture that is of grave concern to those of us who realize that no other organization, be it civic or fraternal, has as much to offer its membership as does the Masonic Fraternity.

Before we criticize our former Brethren too severely for allowing their membership in the Craft to lapse for non-payment of dues, perhaps we should take a long, hard look at Masonry as it is being exemplified in our Lodges today, particularly in relation to the leadership qualities of the officers in our respective Lodges. In doing so, let's attempt to ascertain the reason for our present dual dilemma of suspensions on the one hand and the lack of interest in the Fraternity by non-members on the other.

Today young men reaching their majority are better educated than those of any generation which has preceded them. They have been taught by us to spend their leisure time wisely and to affiliate with organizations that are run smoothly and efficiently by competent people with leadership ability. Is it any wonder that it is difficult to keep them interested in an inefficiently run Masonic Lodge?

Have you ever observed a business fail when it seemed to have all the ingredients for a successful future? Not long ago a new business opened its doors in an excellent location. Its owner had ample capital for the venture, the products offered for sale were good, and the prices were competitive. Everyone predicted a bright future for this concern, but in less than a year it failed dismally. The owner did not have the leadership qualities necessary and would not employ the right kind of personnel to operate the business successfully.

We know that the mission of Masonry is laudable, that through its teachings good men become even better men. We have also experienced the warm fraternal fellowship which the association with our Brethren and their families affords us. In view of this, interest in Masonry, from both within and without the Fraternity, should be on the increase. Why, then, do we find the opposite to be true?

Perhaps the fault lies in the fact that we have allowed our Lodges in many instances to be run by Brethren who do not have the leadership qualities necessary for the efficient operation of any organization, more especially a Masonic Lodge. I have seen Brethren who would not even have been assigned the chairmanship of a relatively unimportant committee in a going venture of any nature because of their inability to get the job done effectively serving as Masters of Lodges with membership in the hundreds. Yes, in many instances Masonry is using for its leaders Brethren who would not be accepted for leadership anywhere else. This is not to cast aspersions against these Brethren. They are good men and good Masons, but Brethren who simply should not be allowed to become Masters of their Lodges because of their inability to perform the duties of the office in a satisfactory manner.

Find a Lodge whose Master and other officers are leaders in the true sense of the word, and you will find a Lodge in which the Brethren value their membership, participate in the activities of the Lodge, keep their membership active, and through their actions, in and out of the Lodge, attract other good men to petition for the Degrees.

Does the Masonic Fraternity have within its membership Brethren with leadership ability and if so, why do we not put these Brethren's talents to active use in our Lodges?

In most Lodges the Master and other officers attempt only to use the Brethren for ritual assignments. A Lodge is fortunate if one out of ten of its members will accept a ritual assignment, and the other Brethren are usually not given anything at all to do.

Masonry without acceptable ritual in the opening and closing of the Lodge and in the conferring of the three Symbolic Degrees cannot fulfill its true mission as a Lodge. The Master who has real leadership ability will see that his Lodge is proficient in ritual. He will then devote his energies to other avenues of service, thus assuring his Lodge a well-rounded program of Masonic activity.

A pamphlet entitled 'To Set the Craft to Labor' has been prepared for the use of Lodge officers in Arkansas. In this pamphlet the Master is urged to assign each Master Mason, within easy driving distance of his Lodge, one or more specific responsibilities. This is to be done through committee assignments. The work of some twenty-five committees is spelled out in detail for the Master's guidance. At the end of each committee assignment in the pamphlet space is provided for the Master to list the Chairman and the other members of that particular committee.

The size of a Lodge, the nature of the community in which it is located, and the type of activities conducted by the Lodge will determine how many committees are needed to carry on an active and sound program of Masonry. A small Lodge will adjust downward the number of committee assignments to those which can best fill its needs. A Lodge with a big

membership may need to increase the number of committees in order to be certain that every member who lives nearby will have definite work to do for his Lodge. The idea is to give the general membership a job to do and then to exercise leadership by suggesting to them ideas, projects, programs, and activities on which they can work through committee assignments. For this plan to be effective, the Master should appoint his committees immediately after his installation and then call upon them for progress reports throughout the year.

Care should be exercised by the Master in choosing the Chairmen for the committees. A well-informed Brother, who is a skilled ritualist, should head up the Ritual, Lecturing, and Certification Committees. A Brother who enjoys preparing food and serving it should head the Dining Room Committee. A Brother who has the ability to write interesting news items should chair the Publicity Committee, etc. Once the membership is working actively for the Lodge, Brethren with leadership qualities will emerge.

It is high time that we in Masonry realize that the Master should be a man with aggressive leadership. For far too long we have used as a criteria for choosing Lodge officers Brethren who can quote a little ritual but who may otherwise evidence absolutely no leadership ability. These Brethren have never been called upon for leadership anywhere else and never will be.

In a thriving small town in Arkansas there was, until recently, a Lodge hall which was, to put it mildly, in a sad state of repair. The roof leaked, there were no rest room facilities, and the Lodge was heated by unvented heaters. The Hall was on the second floor of a building with no cooling facilities, and in the summertime the heat was unbearable. For more than ten years the few faithful Brethren who attended Lodge tried as best they could to devise some method whereby, they could build and equip a new Lodge Hall. Their efforts were in vain, and the Lodge continued its steady decline in both membership and general activity.

A man with leadership ability moved into this particular town and affiliated with the Lodge in question. As Master, he had served his former Lodge with distinction. In due time he was elected Secretary, and through his efforts some Brethren with leadership ability began to attend Lodge. The Lodge elected one of these aggressive young Brethren Master of the Lodge.

As his first order of business, the Master with the help of the Secretary examined the Lodge membership roll with a view to the selection of a committee to head up a building program. They found that the President of the Bank was a long-time member of the Lodge, that a successful building contractor and a prominent realtor, as well as other leaders in the community, were also members. A general meeting was called, and these Brethren with leadership ability and know-how in the fields of building and financing were invited to attend.

Along with the faithful few who had held the Lodge together for years, they were asked to suggest ways in which a site could be secured, and a Lodge Hall erected which would be a credit to both Masonry and the town. Within a very short time concrete plans were formulated, and a beautiful, functional Lodge Hall was erected. Today this particular Lodge is a credit to the community in which it is located, and Masonry benefits therefrom. Members with know-how qualities had been available for years, but lack of Lodge leadership had failed to generate interest prior to this time.

In many of our Lodges a Brother is expected to begin serving his Lodge as an officer in the station of Junior Master of Ceremonies. Normally this means that to work through the chairs and to serve as Master of the Lodge will take seven years. Most men with leadership ability are called upon in the community to give of their time and talents in many avenues of service. Because of this, many of these Brethren will refuse to give seven years' service to their Lodge, but would, in many instances, serve faithfully for three years. I submit to you that a real leader can contribute more to Masonry in three years than a great many of the officers of our Lodges at present could contribute in three score years.

In summation, there is no easy way to attract leaders within the Fraternity. In fact, there is no easy way to attract a leader in any endeavor of any consequence. Yet, in our civic clubs' leaders continue to emerge. In business, leadership asserts itself. In Masonry, we must learn the knack of involving our membership in our Masonic activities to the end that leaders will emerge.

# Grand Junction Scottish Rite Consistory

## Calendar 2023



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

### 2023 Calendar of Dinners & Meetings

July - Dark (No Meeting)

August - Dark (No Meeting)

September 18 - Potato Bar 6:30 PM, 7:30 PM Stated Meeting. \$5 Will Get You \$10 Drawing

November 20 - All-You-Can-Eat Pizza 6:30 PM, 7:30 PM Stated Meeting

### Special Events

Summer Picnic - June 19th, 5:30 PM | Grand Junction Masonic Center

RiteCare Summer Event - TBD - Montrose

Feast of Tishrin - October 16, 6:00 PM | Grand Junction Masonic Center

### Grand Junction Scottish Rite

Lee Anderson, 32°	<b>Orator</b>
Randy Melton, 32°	<b>Almoner</b>
Jeffrey Bush, 32° KCCH	<b>Treasurer</b>
Jimmy McBride, 33°	<b>Tiler</b>
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Darrell Manroe, 32°	Expert
Tim Claypool, 32°	Captain of the Host

### Glenwood Chapter of Rose Croix

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Randy Melton, 32°	Master of Ceremonies
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Andrew Be, 32°	Guardian of the Temple

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William Marshall, 33°	Chancellor
Andrew Brewer, 32°	Captain of the Guard

You Are Invited to the  
**2023 Scottish Rite Summer Picnic!**

Monday, June 19th 5:30 PM at the  
 Grand Junction Masonic Center

**\$10  
 Donation**



- Burgers, Brats, Vegie Option Available -

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