All Masonic Trestleboard July 2023



Find out what is happening in Masonry across the Grand Valley

July Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	Palisade Lodge Practice 6:30 PM GJ Masonic Center	29	30 Casino Night Fundraiser 6 PM GJ Masonic Center	1 Palisade Lodge 2nd Degree 10 AM GJ Masonic Center
2	3	4	5	6	7	8 Angel on the Forrest 8 AM Rye Colorado
9	10	11	12	13 Edgar Crooks III Memorial Service 10:30 AM Covenant Presbyterian Church	14	15 Bourbon & Cigar Charity Event 4 PM Scotland Yard Cigar & Spirits
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 Fruita Lodge EA Degree 7 PM GJ Masonic Center	26	27	28	29
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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.

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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

Birthdays

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

- Andrew BE
- Bruce Hinde
- Daniel BE
- Daniel Henry
- **Douglas Ayers**
- **Dwight Russell**
- Floyd Crane
- Jayson Leyh
- Jeffrey Bush

- John Kutzschebauch
- Nicholas Eglet
- Parker King
- Paul Brenton
- Richard Barkley
- Roger Smith
- William Marshall

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.

- Alan R. Story
- Darrell Manroe
- **Donald Hobbs**
- Michael Briscoe
- Ronald Franklin

Secretary to add him or them to the list.

- W. Bro. Ron Franklin
- W. Bro. Bill Buvinger
- W. Bro. Mike Murphy

Nathaniel Pavlisick

- **Bruce Bower**
- Carl Gaumer Jr

Sickness & Distress

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Bro. Nick Eglet

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Mesa Lodge No. 55



Greetings Brothers and friends,

First, I wanted to thank everyone for their hard work on our Casino Night Fundraiser. As I'm writing this before we have the event, and I'm not clairvoyant, I can only hope the night was an outstanding success and everyone had a fantastic time.

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

February March April May	Gregory FosterTom VerdieckIan HughesAndrew WeberKenne WhitsonBBQ on the Patio
August	Dark (No Meeting)All-Masonic PicnicJohn Groves
October	Chris Geisler
November	David Marshall
December	All-Christmas Party

In the June Trestleboard, I discussed what Mesa Lodge did in the first half of 2023. Now I want to tell you what's coming up for the year's second half.

Starting with the Annual Budget Session on the first Saturday of August in Colorado Springs. This meeting is open to all Master Masons and is where the Grand Lodge Budget is set for the upcoming year. The budget dictates what our Grand Lodge Per Capita portion of our annual dues.

In September we will be celebrating the 140th Anniversary of Mesa Lodge. We are still determining what we want to do. But our leading ideas right now are a 140th Anniversary Coin or Lapel Pin. We will also have another Open House where we invite the public into our Lodge so we can answer their questions about Freemasonry. Our open house in April has gained us a couple of very interested prospective members.

As the weather will be cooling in October we will have a chili cook-off and a lecture where we find out what actually happened to the Knights Templar.

On Veterans Day in November, we will be working with the Sons of Civil War Veterans to dedicate a headstone for a founder of the City and of Mesa Lodge. We will also elect officers for next year at our November Stated Communication.

December will wrap up the year with our All-Masonic Christmas Party where we will honor a Mesa County First Responder for their service to our community.

When we come back in September we will also begin our monthly Masonic Education and Practice Sessions again. I also hope that we will be able to Pass and Raise at least one of our three Entered Apprentices by the end of the year.

I'm also looking for two other charitable programs that the lodge can support in the third and fourth quarters this year, and we are looking to adopt a family in November & December.

As always my door is always open and if I don't see you sooner, I'll see you at the All-Masonic Picnic in August.

Fraternally,

Gregory Foster Worshipful Master

Mesa Lodge No. 55 Officers		
Worshipful Master	Gregory Foster (505) 350-0197	
Senior Warden	Tom Verdieck (PM) (970) 270-8504	
Junior Warden	lan 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	
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	

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 you tax advisor will be able to lead you through the forest – or just Goggle "How Qualified Charitable Donations/Distributions (QCDs) Work." Now, let's think about giving to Masonic Charity!



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Palisade Lodge No. 125



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



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Greetings Brethren,

Happy and healthy summer to you all.

There is a lot going on in the coming month. So, I will just get right down to it. June 28th @ 6:30 PM officer's meeting and FC practice to help 173 at the Consistory. June 30th @ 6 PM Mesa 55 and Palisade 125 Casino night from 6-9 PM at the Consistory.

July 1st @ 10:00 AM Monthly Stated Communication and Fellow Craft Degree in Lodge Room 1.

July 15th @ 6:00 PM Shriners Whisky and Cigar night at Scotland Yard Whisky and Cigar Lounge.

Aug 2 nd @ 6:30 PM officer's meeting/practice at the consistory.

Thank you to everyone who has donated both time and items for our fundraiser and for all the help with the upcoming FC Degree we are assisting 173 with.

Looking forward to seeing you all at our next communication.

Harry Clark Worshipful Master

Palisade Lodge	No. 125 Officers
Worshipful Master	Harry Clark (PM) (970) 986-9315
Senior Warden	Naaman Morehouse (970) 250-0942
Junior Warden	James Krogh (PM) (970) 260-3773
Secretary	Chad Davis (970) 312-4714
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 this is our last Trestleboard till September. On June 20Th Several Brothers traveled to Montrose Lodge with the purpose of taking possession of the Traveling Gavel. We were successful in that endeavor.

Please join us for 2nd Degree for Joe Higginbotham. It will be July 1st at 10:00 AM. This is done in conjunction with Palisade Lodge. Enjoy your summer see you in September.

Craig Miller Worshipful Master

GJ Lodge No. 173 Officers		
Worshipful Master	Craig Miller (PM) (970) 241-0997	
Senior Warden	Darrell Manroe (816) 500-1550	
Junior Warden	Nathaniel Pavlisick (970) 242-1584	
Secretary	Mike Briscoe (PM) (970) 433-6766	
Treasurer	Linn Armstrong (970) 234-0444	
Senior Deacon	Austin Pitts (864) 784-4825	
Junior Deacon	Cole Rath (970) 778-1939	
Tiler	Gary Brewer (970) 241-5842	
Marshal	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

JanuaryN	Naaman Moorehouse
February	Gary Weiszbrod
March	Mike Murphy
April	Jim McBride
	Glen Phelps
June	Lee Anderson
July	Dark (No Meeting)
August	All-Masonic Picnic
September	Glen Phelps
OctoberGlen	Phelps & Jeff Koenig
NovemberN	laaman Moorehouse
December	Gary Weiszbrod

Hello Brethren,

Due to the fact that the home building for Masonic Lodge 120 does not have air conditioning, our Members voted to once again go dark for the months of July and August.

Please note that we will be having a special communication for a new member on July 25, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. This will be held at the lodge building on Consistory Court in Grand Junction, and we encourage each of you to attend.

September will bring us our regularly scheduled meetings at the Lodge in Fruita. Therefore, please put September 19, 2023 as the next scheduled meeting for Lodge 120; dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. with the meeting following at 7:00.

We hope you'll each have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Naaman Moorehouse Worshipful Master



Isaih Ward & Family with W. Bro Lee Anderson & Naaman Moorehouse

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

Early Bird Breakfast



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

456 Kokopelli Blvd, Fruita, CO 81521 Phone: (970) 858-1525

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Western Colorado Shrine Club



The Western Colorado Shrine Club Board met on Tuesday, June 13th, and had a great discussion about the club and where we want to take it moving forward. We want to continue and build on the club's relevance to the community and the fraternity. Nothing has been finalized and we are still looking for ideas, but I do want to announce a few new things.

First, the Club has registered for the Grand Junction 4th of July Parade. We will meet in Downtown Grand Junction on the 4th between 9:15 and 9:30 AM. As the Club gets more information from the City we will pass it along. If you want to participate in the parade, please let me know.

Second, the Club is hosting a Bourbon and Cigar Fundraiser on Saturday, July 15th from 4-7 PM at Scotland Yard Cigar and Spirits in Grand Junction. This will take the place of the All-Masonic Happy Hour that same day. Tickets are \$50 and for that, you will get a flight of 4 bourbons and a cigar. Proceeds will go to the Western Colorado Shrine Club. Please spread the word to your lodges, your friends, families, and co-workers, and mark the date on your calendar so you don't forget to come.

Third, we are going to start having monthly dinners. Once a month we will go to a restaurant for a nice meal and fellowship. These dinners are open to all Nobles and their families. Our first dinner will be at 6 PM, on Tuesday, June 27th, at the Rib City on North Ave in Grand Junction. RSVP to me by Sunday, June 25th. Please note that the Club is not paying for dinner, Nobles and their families are expected to pay for themselves.

As a reminder, the Club will be dark in July and August. Our next Board Meeting will be September 12th. We're looking to mix things up a bit, so we will be looking for another place to have lunch. Once a location has been determined Noble Andrew, our Secretary, will send out an email letting you all know. At this board meeting, we will continue our conversation about the Club, so bring your ideas.

That's all for now folks. I hope to see you at one or all of our upcoming events. If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to me or Noble Andrew our Club Secretary.

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



Grand Junction York Rite Bodies

Pueblo Commandery #3 invites you to our Commandery Festival on Saturday July 8th, at the Masonic Park (Graham Memorial Park) in the heart of the forest of Rye CO.

New Officers for all three bodies that were elected and installed at the June 13, 2023, meeting

Grand Junction Chapter

High Priest - Gregory Foster King - Jeff Bush Scribe - Thomas Verdieck

Grand Junction Council

TIM - Thomas Verdieck

IDM - Greg Foster

IPC - Michael Briscoe

Temple Commandry

Commander - Michael Briscoe Generalissimo - Greg Foster Captain General - Darrel Manroe

Gregoy Foster - High Priest Thomas Verdieck - Thrice Illustrious Master Michael Briscoe - Eminent Commander

Sunshine Chapter No. 53 (OES)



Hello and Happy Summertime!

July is normally a quiet month for Eastern Star but this year, we will be hosting the District Lecturer School of Instruction on July 22 nd . It will be great to meet all the new Officers and District Lecturers and see what changes have been made for next year. Of course, 5this will be a VERY SPECIAL year since our own Sister Sharon Parrish will be installed as Worthy Grand Matron

in September. It wil be an Open Installation so if anyone wants to attend, I know Sharon would appreciate it.. More on times, etc. in the September Trestleboard.

Sunshine #53 had Election of Officers on June 20 th . The following people will be serving as our leaders next year: Niccole Gray was elect ed Worthy Matron with Harry Clark, PP to share the East with her. Carol and Curtis Cloud, PM and PP will be in the West. We will have guidance from our Secretary, Beth Nelms and our Treasurer, Janine Briscoe. They are both returning (thank heavens!) next term. Sharon Parrish will be our Conductress again and Associate Conductress will be vacant.

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

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

Need to contact the Consistory?

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Grand Junction, CO 81502

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John Groves 33° Personal Representative

Montrose Lodge of Perfection		
Gregory Foster, 32°	Venerable Master	
Harry Clark, 32°	Senior Warden	
Chris Eglet, 32°	Junior Warden	
lan Huges, 32°	Master of Ceremonies	
Darrell Manroe, 32°	Expert	
Tim Claypool, 32°	Captain of the Host	

Glenwood Chapter of Rose Croix		
John Groves, 33°	Wise Master	
Joe Wells, 32° KCCH	Senior Warden	
Jason Kohles, 32°	Junior Warden	
Randy Melton, 32°	Master of Ceremonies	
Andrew Weber, 32°	Expert	
Andrew Be, 32°	Guardian of the Temple	

Gunnison Council of Kudosh		
Mike Briscoe, 32° KCCH	Commander	
Harry Clark, 32°	1st Lt. Commander	
Michael Murphy, 32°	2nd Lt. Commander	
lan Hughes, 32°	Marshal of Ceremonies	
Glen Phelps, 32°	Chancellor	
Darrell Manroe, 32°	Lt. of the Guard	

Grand Junction Consistory	
Joe Wells, 32° KCCH	Master of Kadosh
Edward Trollinger, 32°	Prior
lan Hughes, 32°	Preceptor
Randy Melton, 32°	Marshall of Ceremonies
William Marshall, 33°	Chancellor
Andrew Brewer, 32°	Captain of the Guard

Grand Junction Consistory recently completed our 2023 reunion. We welcome our newest Master of the Royal Secret, Richard Kirman 32°, from Montrose Lodge 63. Though it is unusual to have only one candidate, our consistory is continuing to implement a "grass roots" effort to bring more members into Scottish Rite, and to induce current members to be more active.

Some of you will recall a consistory wide round table discussion, which was held in February 2020. This group effort provided a wealth of ideas to enrich our Scottish Rite experience. However, COVID had a deleterious impact on our entire operation. As we have emerged from the effects of the pandemic, we plan to revisit the wealth of ideas gained from the 2020 roundtable discussions. In the Fall you will hear more about specific initiatives taken from the suggestions offered by the forty-two members, who worked to address our consistory's most pressing problems. We encourage your participation, as we move forward. This will be an "all hands on deck" effort.

Fraternally,

Bill Nickell

Secretary | Grand Junction Scottish Rite Consistory

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