

**All Masonic Trestleboard
September 2023**



Find out what is happening in Masonry across the Grand Valley

September Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30 Palisade Lodge Practice 6:30 PM - GJ Masonic Center	31	1	2 Palisade Lodge Stated Communication 10 AM - GJ Masonic Center
3	4 Rainbow Girls 7 PM - GJ Masonic Center	5 Fruita Masonic Lodge Practice 6:30 PM - Fruita Masonic Center Order of the Eastern Star 7 PM - GJ Masonic Center	6	7 Mesa Lodge Stated Communication - 7 PM - GJ Masonic Center	8 GJ Lodge Stated Communication 7:30 PM - GJ Masonic Center	9 All-Masonic Open House 1-4 PM - GJ Masonic Center
10	11 York Rite 7:30 PM - GJ Masonic Center	12 Western Colorado Shrine Club Board Meeting 11:45 AM - Grand Vista Hotel	13 Grand Junction Temple Assc 6:30 PM - GJ Masonic Center All-Masonic Leadership Council 7:30 PM GJ Masonic Center	14 Mesa Lodge Education Night 6:30 PM - GJ Masonic Center DeMolay Boys 7 PM - GJ Masonic Center	15 Child ID Booth 6-9 PM - Living Stone Church	16 Mesa Lodge Poker Tournament 6-9:30 PM - GJ Masonic Center
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Birthdays

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

- Andrew Neal
- Charles Thayer Jr
- Eugene Matteson
- Gregory Karly
- Jim Keif
- John Groves
- Kenneth Kreie
- L.C. Knapp
- Leo Sutton Jr
- Michael Briscoe
- Robert Johnston
- Robert Orr
- Ted KSaunders

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.

- Charles Brown
- David Marshall
- Douglas Simons
- Garry Hart
- Gary Weiszbrod
- Jim Marshall
- John Groves
- John Smith
- Lee Anderson
- Steven Ganskow

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
- W. Bro. Bill Buvinger
- W. Bro. Mike Murphy
- Bro. Nick Eglet

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Mesa Lodge No. 55

Greetings Brothers and Friends,

Welcome back to Lodge! I hope everyone had a great summer.

By now everyone should have received my letter regarding the Gand Lodge Budget Session and the increase in Grand Lodge Per Capita for 2024. Please let me know if you have any questions regarding the budget session or the increase.

I want to thank Worshipful Brothers Mike Briscoe, Jeff Koenig, and Brothers Darrell Manroe, Austin Pitts, Nathaniel Pavlisik, Joe Higgenbotham, and Shane Dahl for their quick response to the leak in the Mesa Lodge Property Room after the massive thunderstorm on Friday, August 18th. Thanks to their efforts there was only minor loss of property and nothing of significant value.

I also want to thank Worshipful Brothers John Groves, Tom Verdieck, and Tim Claypool for showing up on Saturday, August 19th to assist in assessing the water damage.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

The Lodge has lots of plans for September.

Come celebrate Mesa Lodge's 140th Anniversary with us at our Stated Communication on Thursday, September 7th. W. Bro. John will be making dinner for everyone so please let him know if you will be coming to dinner. Dinner is at 6 PM and Lodge is at 7 PM. There will be cake and ice cream to celebrate.

We have been asked to set up a Child ID Booth at the Living Stone Church on Friday, September 15th. The event is from 6-9 PM. W. Bro. Tom is heading up the effort so please let him know if you want to help out.

The All-Masonic Happy Hour is on Saturday, September 16th from 4-6 PM at Scotland Yard Cigars & Spirits. This event is open to the public, everyone (over 21) is welcome to attend.

The Lodge Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament is on Saturday, September 16th from 6-9:30 PM at the Grand Junction Masonic Center. Everyone is welcome to attend, but you must be over 21 to play. We will have food, drinks, and a cash bar. Buy-in is \$100 and you can re-buy for the first hour for an additional \$100. First place gets 25% of the pot, Second Place, 15%, and third Place 10%. Save your spot at the table by RSVPing here.

The Lodge Education Night is on Thursday, September 15th at 6:30 PM. We will be meeting at the Grand Junction Masonic Center. More information on the topic of discussion is below.

The Lodge Officers Meeting is on Thursday, September 21st at 6:30 PM. We will be meeting at the Grand Junction Masonic Center. All members of the Lodge are welcome to attend.

Our Practice Session for September will be on Thursday, September 29th. All Masons are welcome to attend. This is an open practice session. If you want to practice your ritual come down and we will practice with you.

Education Night

In the Fellow Craft Degree, we are taught that Masons should learn about the seven liberal arts and sciences. I personally believe that no one is ever too old to learn something new if they have the right mindset. So our September Education Night will be about mindsets.

In preparation for our education session please read **Mindset: The New Psychology of Success** by Carol S. Dweck Ph.D. You can get copies of the book from any bookstore, or the public library. If you prefer to listen to the book instead of read it you can get it from Audible.

We will be discussing this book and growth mindsets at our Education Night on Thursday, September 15th.

That's all for now, I'm out of space in the Trestleboard.

I hope to see you all at our Stated Communication or at one of our many events in September.

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	Ian Hughes (720) 324-1391
Secretary	Christopher Geisler (970) 250-8979
Treasurer	John Groves (PM) (970) 261-5189
Senior Deacon	Andrew Weber (970) 312-4774
Junior Deacon	Kenny Whitson (620) 260-0817
Senior Steward	Buck Henry (970) 261-9138
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 hosts an open 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.

Palisade Lodge No. 125



Greetings Brothers and Friends,

We are heading into the end of the year and it will be good to see some cooler temperatures and some shorter days.

With this time of year we also need to start thinking about all the events that are coming up for us. Things tend to get a little bit busier and I would like to see as much participation from our lodge as possible with these upcoming events.

- Sept. 2nd @ 10:00 AM Stated Communication at the consistory.
- Sept. 9th @ 1:00 PM All Masonic Open House at the consistory.
- Sept. 16th @ 4:00PM All Masonic social hour at Scotland Yard Cigar and Whisky Lounge.
- Sept. 16th @ 6PM Poker Night, hosted by Mesa 55. \$100 buy with cash prizes for top three places. For more information, please contact W. Bro. Greg Foster.
- Oct. 4th @ 6:30 PM Officer's Practice at the consistory.
- Oct. 7th @ 10:00 AM Stated Communication

Sometimes we are surrounded by darkness, You can be the Light in that darkness.

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



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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	Jason Gaskill (970) 270-2386
Senior Deacon	Tom Verdieck (PM) (970) 270-8504
Junior Deacon	Don Halford (970) 250-4277
Tiler	
Chaplain	Chris Eglet (970) 640-4986

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

Greetings Brothers and Friends,

I hope you had some enjoyment while the Lodge was dark .

I am looking forward to seeing all of you at our next stated communications. We need as many Brothers as can possible attend.

It is my understanding that Fruita Lodge #120 is planning on attending in order to take the Traveling Gavel from us.

The more members we have in attendance the less chance they have of taking it from us.

As you know we have not had a chance to enjoy it as we got it just prior to going dark and have not had it at a stated communication.

If are planning on coming to dinner please RSVP me via text so I can inform Ellen Rehwoldt how many to plan for(970-270-3156).

Thanks and I will see you on 08-08-2023.

**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



Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! - Psalm 133 KJV

Greetings Brothers,

Many of you spent time traveling and vacationing sometime during the summer months, and I hope that each of you had a wonderful time away and came home refreshed and energized.

For those of us who participated in Paul Trumbull's initiation of Entered Apprentices, it was an outstanding experience, and I'm sure it made a lasting impression on Paul. His presenters made the evening something to behold.

I encourage everyone who's able to attend the meeting for Stated Communication at Grand Junction Lodge #173 on September 8. This evening will present us with a challenge between the lodges and, if we have five or more members present, we could leave the evening with the Traveling Gavel. This 6:00 dinner **REQUIRES** an RSVP; please contact Craig Miller no later than Wednesday, September 6 if you're planning to attend. The Rainbow Girls will be hosting the dinner and the cost will be \$10/person.

After two months of inactivity for our Masonic Lodge, I am looking forward to meeting with you all again in September. Our practice session on the 5th will be at 6:30 p.m. and our Lodge meeting will begin with a 6:00 dinner on the 19th .

**Naaman Moorehouse
Worshipful Master**

Chartered Sep 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
February.....Gary Weiszbrod
March.....Mike Murphy
April.....Jim McBride
May.....Glen Phelps
June.....Lee Anderson
July.....No Meeting
August.....All-Masonic Picnic
September.....Glen Phelps
October.....Glen & Jeff
November.....Naaman
December.....TBD

Fruita Lodge No. 120 Officers	
Worshipful Master	Naaman Moorehouse (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

Western Colorado Shrine Club



Hello Nobels,

September the Western Colorado Shrine Club resumes its monthly meetings. As such I'm inviting all WCSC members to join the board on Tuesday, September 12th at 11:45 AM at the Grand Vista Hotel for the Board Meeting where we will talk about upcoming club activities for the remainder of the year.

I'm still hoping to make a visit to the Salt Lake City Shrine Hospital. We have quilts knitted by the wife of a club member and bags of soda pop tops for the hospital. Also, I've reached out to the Circus again to see if we can schedule a stop in Grand Junction in late September.

Finally, I ask that you schedule some time to sell El Jebel Sportsmen's Raffle tickets at Cabela's. I would ask that each member of the club buy at least one ticket, if they are able, to support El Jebel. This is a great way to support El Jebel.

Have a great month and I hope to see you all at our meeting in September.

Gregory Foster
President Western Colorado Shrine Club

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Grand Junction York Rite Bodies



Companions and Sir Knights,

Companions and Sir Knights,

I have just a few announcements for the Grand Junction York Rite Bodies.

First, Grand Sessions, the annual meeting of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter, Grand Council Royal & Select Masters, and Grand Commandery Knight's Templar of Colorado will be at the Masonic Temple in Golden Colorado on Friday, September 8th, and Saturday, September 9th.

Second, Grand Junction Chapter No. 24 will have its meeting at 7:30 PM, on Monday, September 11th. We will be meeting at the Grand Junction Masonic Center as usual.

For a full list of events please go to www.MasonicFamilyGJ.org/Events.

I hope to see you at one or both of the events in September.

Gregoy Foster - High Priest

Thomas Verdieck - Thrice Illustrious Master

Michael Briscoe - Eminent Commander



Malta - Present Day - Photo by Sir Knight Jeff Bush

Grand Junction Scottish Rite Consistory

Photos from the Montrose RiteCare Event

Calendar 2023



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

2023 Calendar of Dinners & Meetings

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

RiteCare Summer Event - August 10th, 4 PM | Montrose Rite Care Facility

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?

Phone: (970) 245 AASR (2277)
 Mail: P.O. Box 3000
 Grand Junction, CO 81502
 E-Mail: AASRSecretary@Mac.com

John Groves 33° Personal Representative

Montrose Lodge of Perfection

Gregory Foster, 32°	Venerable Master
Harry Clark, 32°	Senior Warden
Chris Eglet, 32°	Junior Warden
Ian 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
Ian 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
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Randy Melton, 32°	Marshall of Ceremonies
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Masonic Education

A Foundation Stone

This Short Talk Bulletin has been adapted from a pamphlet published by the Grand Lodge A.F.& A.M. of Illinois, entitled, “What Can a Mason tell a Non-Mason About Freemasonry?”

The ancient traditions of Freemasonry permit you to influence your qualified sons, friends and co-workers to petition for the degrees. There is absolutely no objection to a neutrally worded approach being made to a man who is considered a suitable candidate for Freemasonry. After the procedure for obtaining membership in a Masonic Lodge is explained, there can be no objection to his being reminded once that the approach was made. The potential candidate should then be left to make his own decision and come of his own free will.

One of the most misunderstood of the laws of Freemasonry is the rule that prohibits the solicitation of a candidate by any Mason. Every man who enters the portals of a Masonic Lodge must come of his own free will and accord but he can only come if he knows of the opportunity.

So far ingrained in our Masonic law is the rule against solicitation that it has unquestionably caused most Masons to refrain completely from discussing Freemasonry with friends and acquaintances who are not Masons. Don't let that happen to you.

The failure of the Masonic institution to make known to the public, that is to non-masons, its principles and its purposes has, in the past, resulted in both suspicion and antagonism toward Masonry. People are naturally inclined to be suspicious or fearful of those things of which they are ignorant.

Freemasonry is not a secret society, but is rather a society which possesses certain secrets. A really secret society is one in which the membership is not known. Freemasonry is quite well known to the uninitiated. We do not attempt to hide our membership. A large percentage of our membership wears pins or rings bearing well-known emblems of the Craft. We do not meet in secret places. We meet in Temples which are well marked as Masonic often times with neon signs bearing the square and compasses and we meet at meetings which are quite well advertised.

What is actually supposed to be secret about the institution of Freemasonry is its ritual. Dr. Mackey's 23rd Landmark, “The secrecy of the Institution,” embraces nothing more than its ritual, which we must conceal and never reveal. The fundamental principles of Masonry which are taught by that ritual, however, are, or could be, well known, and most of them are not even principles peculiar to the Masonic institution. The candidate for the mysteries of Masonry must always come to us of his own free will and accord, unbiased by friends and uninfluenced by mercenary motives, and he must so formally declare before he enters a Lodge room. It must be his own personal desire which as brought him to the point of petitioning



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Probably the first question that would come to the mind of the un-initiated would be "What is Freemasonry? We define it as a "progressive moral science divided into different degrees". This definition probably would not satisfy and would mean practically nothing to the Non-Mason. Freemasonry might be defined to such a person as a fraternal society which is based on certain moral and religious doctrines; the moral doctrines including Brotherly Love, Relief, Truth; Temperance, fortitude, Prudence, and Justice; and the religious doctrines comprising a belief in god and a future existence; sometimes shortened to the statement of a belief in the fatherhood of god and the brotherhood of man. There is no reason at all Why this subject should not be discussed quite freely with a nonMason. The fact of the matter is that the philosophy of Masonry is freely discussed in thousands of printed volumes available to Masons and non-Masons alike.

One question which often comes from non-masons is this: "How does one become a member?" "Why have I not been asked to join?" In any such discussion, of course, the non-Mason should be told that, unlike the members of other fraternal organizations, Masons are forbidden to solicit any one to become a member, and that any prospective member must apply of his own free will and accord; and further, that he must pass a unanimous ballot for admission. It must be free will and accord on both sides.

One question which any non-Mason might ask, and which can be freely discussed with him, is the relationship of Masonry to religion and to the churches of any denomination Masonry has two fundamental religious tenets a belief in God and a belief in a future existence, or, as it is phrased in Mackey's Landmarks, "a belief in the resurrection to a future life."

The inquirer should be told that Masonry is not a religion in any sense of the word; but it is religious, and that no atheist can ever be made a Mason. As the Old Charges approved in 1723 put it, "If he rightly understands the art, he will never be a stupid atheist nor an irreligious libertine." In those charges, under the heading of "Concerning God and Religion" it was said:

"But though in ancient times Masons were charged in every country to be of the religion of that country or nation, whatever it was, yet it is now thought more expedient only to oblige them to that religion in which all men agree, leaving their particular opinions to themselves; that is, to be good men and true. or men of honor and honesty, by whatever denominations or persuasions they may be distinguished; whereby Masonry becomes the centre of union, and the means of conciliating true friendship among persons that must else have remained at a perpetual distance."

Masonry does not require membership in any church as a condition of membership in a Lodge. On the other hand, membership in any church is no bar to admission to Masonry.

There is nothing in the requirements of Masonry to prevent a Roman Catholic, a

Mohammedan, a Buddhist, a Mormon, a Protestant, or a member of any religious sect from becoming a Mason. Any bar is one prescribed by the church to which he may belong. For instance, while Masonry is not anti-Catholic, nevertheless until recently the Roman church had itself set up the ban of excommunication of any of its members becoming Masons, which edict had been repeated by the Popes since the year 1738. There is nothing wrong in telling a non-Mason that, or telling him that the discussion of sectarian religion is prohibited in every Masonic Lodge.

One might also ask whether Masonry is a political organization. He should be told that no political discussion would be permitted in any Masonic Lodge.

Here again we might refer to the Old Charges, where we are told:

"A Mason is to be a peaceful subject to the civil powers, wherever he resides or works, and is never to be concerned in plots and conspiracies against the peace and welfare of the nation, nor to behave himself undutiful to inferior magistrates; for as Masonry hath been always injured by war, bloodshed and confusion, so ancient kings and princes have been much disposed to encourage the Craftsmen because of their peaceableness and loyalty, whereby they practically answered the cavils of their adversaries and promoted the honor of the fraternity, which ever flourished in times of peace."

In our jurisdiction, the rule that the discussion of politics and religion in Lodges is to be avoided, has the force of an Ancient Landmark.

Another question a non-Mason might ask is whether Masonry is a benefit society, like the many fraternal societies offering insurance and death benefits. This is something which can and certainly ought to be discussed, to avoid any misunderstanding by a prospective candidate.

The inquirer should be told that we have no insurance benefits, and that while Masons are second to none in their charitable endeavors, as is evidenced by our Homes for the Aged and for Children, nevertheless it would be financially impossible for the Fraternity to care for all of its members. The minimum dues of \$20 per year provide little surplus for any Lodge to render aid except to those in dire distress.

Another subject which could certainly be discussed with a non-Mason is the history of the Masonic society and its evolution from the Operatives, the builders of the Middle Ages, who created the great Gothic cathedrals, churches and other structures in the British Isles and on the continent of Europe. There are many interesting topics of Masonic history which are perfectly proper to be discussed and might possibly excite the interest of serious-minded listeners who are not Masons. The history of our Craft in America and the part which Masons played in the early history of our country is something of which we should all be justly proud. It is no secret and no Mason is prohibited from discussing it.

You should not discuss the ritual. Part of the fun of Freemasonry is the excitement and adventure of the ritual. You can explain that it is based in part upon the Holy Bible and that the ceremonies of Masonry are of a serious and dignified nature,

without levity or horseplay. Certainly every candidate should be told this, and should be asked not to listen to the remarks of unthinking brethren about “riding the goat” and similar intimations that the candidate is entering into something like a high school fraternity. Such intimations are unworthy and untrue. Explain that Freemasonry is divided into three degrees and what is required to progress. Explain about the catechism, questions and answers, and what is expected: 6,000,000 Masons learned and be sure they know they can. All they need do is ask to start their travel from friend to brother.

We are proud of our fraternity and want you proudly to explain Freemasonry to the worthy and well qualified people in your sphere of influence.

Mesa Lodge Presents
Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament
Proceeds to benefit Mesa Lodge # 55

1st Place - 25% 2nd Place - 15% 3rd Place - 10%



Grand Junction Masonic Center
Where: 2400 Consistory Ct.
Grand Junction, CO 81501
When: Saturday, September 16th, 6-10 PM

- \$100 Buy-In, \$100 Re-Buy for the first hour
- Food included & Cash Bar

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