

**All Masonic Trestleboard
November 2023**



Find out what is happening in Masonry across the Grand Valley

November Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	1 Palisade Lodge Practice 6:30 PM - GJ Masonic Center	2 Mesa Lodge Stated Communication 7 PM - GJ Masonic Center	3 Early Bird Breakfast 8 AM - Strayhorn Grill	4 Palisade Lodge Stated Communication 10 AM - GJ Masonic Center Shrine Club Annual Meeting 3 PM - GJ Masonic Center
5 Funeral Service - Bro. Greg Longhorn 2 PM Fruita 1st United Methodis Church	6 Rainbow Girls 7 PM - GJ Masonic Center	7	8 GJ Temple Association 6:30 PM - GJ Masonic Center	9 DeMolay Boys 7 PM - GJ Masonic Center	10 Early Bird Breakfast 8 AM - Strayhorn Grill GJ Lodge Stated Communication 7:30 PM - GJ Masonic Center	11 Grand Junction Veterans Day Parade 2 PM - Downtown Grand Junction
12	13 Temple Commandery (York Rite) Stated Communication 7:30 PM - GJ Masonic Center	14	15 Delta Council (York Rite) Stated Communication 7:30 PM - Hotchkiss	16 Mesa Lodge Officers Meeting 6:30 PM GJ Masonic Center	17 Early Bird Breakfast 8 AM - Strayhorn Grill	18 All-Masonic Happy Hour 4-7 PM - Scotland Yard Cigars & Spirits
19	20 Rainbow Girls 7 PM - GJ Masonic Center Scottish Rite 7:30 PM - GJ Masonic Center	21 Fruita Masonic Lodge - Stated Communication 7:30 PM - GJ Masonic Center	22	23 <div style="background-color: #d9e1f2; text-align: center; padding: 2px;">Thanksgiving</div>	24 Early Bird Breakfast 8 AM - Strayhorn Grill	25
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Birthdays

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

- Charles Shear
- David Van Dyke
- Floyd Williams
- Gene Dreher
- Glen Revelle
- Gregory Motz
- Harry Marshall
- Jack Biddle
- Jerry Nisbet Jr
- Jim Marshall
- Jimmy McBride
- Michael Murphy
- Ricardo Dominguez
- Roger Phillips
- Vernon Dillard
- Waymond Perona
- William Clarke
- William Sightler III

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.

- Arthur Donoho
- Calvin Bilger
- Gregory Foster
- Gregory Motz
- Harry Webster
- Jeffery Miller
- John Anderson
- Joseph Saunders
- Michael Day
- Nicholas Gazunis
- Reed Orr
- Richard Barkley
- Robert Johnson
- Ross McIntyre
- Waymond Perona
- William Brassette

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. Mike Murphy
- Bro. Lloyd Stahl
- Bro. Cole Roth

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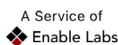
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2023 Masonic Christmas Arts & Crafts Fair

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Saturday, December 9th, 10am to 3pm
2400 Consistory Ct. Grand Junction, CO 81501

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Mesa Lodge No. 55



Greetings Brothers and Friends,

First I have a sad announcement. Brother Gregory C. Longhorn has passed away. He was Initiated, Passed, and Raised in Mesa Lodge in 1979. There will be a Masonic Funeral Service on Sunday, November 5th at 2 PM at First United Methodist Church in Fruita. I encourage all Masons to attend.

Mesa Lodge will have its Stated Communication on Thursday, November 2nd. W. Bro. David will be providing the meal. Dinner will be at 6 PM and Lodge will open at 7 PM. Everyone is welcome to attend the meal, and all Masons are welcome to attend lodge. We will have a full agenda including the Election of Officers for 2024, and organizing for the Veterans Day Parade and the All-Masonic Christmas Party in December.

The Lodge is collecting donations for our Adopt-a-Family for Christmas Program. If you wish to make a donation, of any amount, you can send cash/check to P.O. Box 4794, Grand Junction, CO 81502. Or you can make a donation through Our Lodge Page at <https://55-co.ourlodgepage.com>.

I want to thank Worshipful Brother Tom for his hard work on our property room. He has replaced the lights in the property room so now we can actually see what we're doing when we're in there. Also, at the request of the Temple Board, he moved the old wooden bookshelves back into the property room. For those that don't know, the roof repairs didn't hold and there was another leak in our property room. The Temple Board has had more repair work and we will have to wait and see if the issue has finally been resolved.

Mesa Lodge will be in the Grand Junction Veterans Day Parade on Saturday, November 11th. The parade is at 2 PM in Downtown Grand Junction. When I have more information on where we will be assembling we will let everyone know. We did get a dispensation from the Grand Master to wear our collars and aprons in the parade.

Also, there are a number of events coming up in the next two months. Mark your calendar so you don't miss anything. For a complete list of events, you can go to MasonicFamilyGJ.org/Events.

The All-Masonic Christmas Party will be on Thursday, December 7th. Dinner will be potluck style. The Lodge

Chartered: Sep18, 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.....(No Meeting)
 August...All-Masonic Picnic
 September.....John Groves
 October.....Chris Geisler
 November....David Marshall
 December..Christmas Party

will provide the meat, and the members will sign up to bring the rest. We will have a face painter, the Rainbow Girl Dessert Auction, a local theater group will be performing a "theater digest version" of A Christmas Carol, and Santa will be dropping by.

The lodge will be exemplifying a Fellow Craft Degree on Thursday, December 11th. This event is open to all FellowCraft and Master Masons. The degree will start at 7 PM.

The Masonic Craft Fair will be on Saturday, December 9th from 10-3 PM. This event is open to the public. Any Masonic Body that wishes to participate can reserve vendor space by contacting W. Bro. John Groves. So far we have nearly forty vendors and four food trucks.

The Joint Installation of Officers will be held on Saturday, December 16th at 4 PM. The Installation will be followed by a light dinner at 5:30 PM.

Finally, everyone should have received their 2024 Dues Notice. If you haven't please reach out to Bro. Chris Giesler, our lodge secretary. Please pay your dues by the end of the year. Grand Lodge Per Capita is due in mid-January. If you need assistance with your dues please contact W. Bro. John Grove, Bro. Chirs Giesler, or myself.

Fraternally,

Gregory Foster
 Worshipful Master

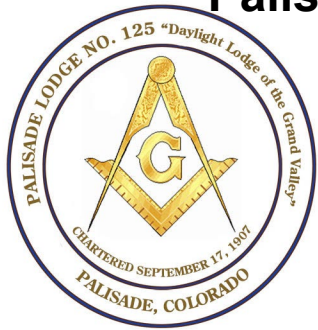
Mesa Lodge No. 55 Officers

Worshipful Master	Gregory Foster (505) 350-0197
Senior Warden	Tom Verdieck (PM) (970) 270-8504
Junior Warden	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,

First of all, I wanted to thank all of the brothers that were able to make our joint communication with Fruita Masonic Lodge 120. It was good to see us all there.

November is the beginning of the darker times in the year. We need to continue to be the light in that darkness. This is also the time when it starts getting colder, so please remember to stay warm and healthy. We do have a few events that are coming up which we would love to see as many of us gathered together for.

November 1st is our officer's practice meeting. All members are welcome to attend.

November 4th will be our stated communication as well as our election of officers. Please do your best to be there so we get what's best for the lodge. November 18th is our social hour at Scotland Yard Cigar & Spirits. It is a public event and a great place to bring prospective members or just those that want to know more about Masonry.

November 29th is our officer's practice meeting for the December stated communication.

With an eye on December the 2nd will be our stated communication and our installation of officers will be on the 16th. Mark those days so you can attend.

I look forward to seeing all of you during this month's events. May your light bring happiness and joy to those around you.

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

Enter for your Chance to Win!

The Grand Junction Temple Board Association is holding a contest to select the cover for the All-Masonic Trestleboard for 2024.

Submit your design by the All-Masonic Christmas Party on Thursday, December 7th. E-Mail your photo, drawing, or desing to W.B. Gregory Foster (Phelanwolf75@gmail.com).

Requirements

- Size: 5.25 inches wide by 8.5 inches tall.
- Pixels: 1575 x 2475 minimum.
- DPI/PPI: 300 minimum.
- Does not have to be related to Masonry.

If your photo or drawing is chosen you win \$50!

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,

As my term as your Worshipful Master comes to an end, many things come to mind for the Lodge's accomplishments in 2023, among them and most importantly was the addition of our newest member, Mr. Paul Turmball.

With the addition of Paul to Lodge 120, my appreciation goes to our Brothers Lee Anderson, Tom Verdeik and John Grove for the outstanding job they performed in raising Paul to Entered Apprentice. In addition to Paul, we recently welcomed Doug Lampe, who came to us and submitted his application as a dual member. We are looking forward to working and sharing with Doug and getting to know him better.

This past summer, when the intense heat made it impossible to hold our meetings in our own facility, John Grove made arrangements for the Lodge's members to join with those of Lodge 125 in the airconditioned comfort of the Consistory. What a difference that made, and it was great to continue meeting with our Brothers throughout the summer months.

As I get ready to pass on the gavel, I would be remiss if I didn't mention the passing last winter of my dear friend and brother, David Krogh. David and his son Jimmy attended Lodge 120 as dual members and supported me as I worked my way through the chairs towards that of your Worshipful Master. David had been a Mason for most of his adult life and was also an active member of the

Scottish Rites. His knowledge of Masonry was invaluable to us all.

To each of you who took a leadership role this last year, I thank you. The contributions and support of all of you were instrumental in Lodge 120's success.

May peace and harmony preside in all that we do.

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) 250-0942
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

Grand Junction Lodge No. 173



Greetings Brothers,

At our September Special Communication, we raised Brother Shane Dial to the Supline degree of a Master Mason. It is always an honor to see that occur. I want to thank all the Brothers who worked together to make this special for Brother Shane.

At our October Stated Communication, we discussed the upcoming election Of Officers which will occur on November 10, 2023. It is very important that all Brothers who can attend please do so. We will elect our officers who will lead the Lodge for 2014.

Since this is the day before Veterans Day our Treasurer Linn Armstrong, suggested that the Veterans in the Lodge voluntary wear something that represents their active duty. It could be interesting.

Looking forwarding to see all the Brothers who are able come to our next Stated Commnication.

Craig A. 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

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



Western Colorado Shrine Club



Hello Nobels,

The Board of the Western Colorado Shrine Club will have its Annual All-Members Meeting and Election of Officers on Saturday, November 4th at 3 PM at the Grand Junction Masonic Center. I encourage all Nobles to attend. We will be electing three new board members and a new Secretary. Please let our Secretary Nobel Andre BE (secretary@shrinerswc.org) know if you are going to come to the meeting or not by Monday, October 30th. There will be light food

and beverages.

Nobel Briscoe is making a journey over to Shrine Children's in Salt Lake City on Saturday, November 18th. If you would like to go with him or have anything to donate to the hospital please let him know. He will be delivering quilts made by Nobel Beason's wife, soda pop tabs collected by Nobel Tim Quealy, and toys collected by Nobel Briscoe and myself.

The Club has been invited to join Mesa Lodge and Palisade Lodge in the Veterans Day Parade in Downtown Grand Junction. If you would like to attend please contact me or Nobel Chris Giesler for information on where to assemble. I also encourage all Shriners not going with Nobel Briscoe to Salt Lake City to go to the All-Masonic Happy Hour on Saturday, November 18th from 4-7 PM at Scotland Yard Cigars and Spirits (2454 Highway 6&50 Ste 112, Grand Junction, CO 81505, (970) 314-9152).

I also wanted to thank all the Nobles who sold El Jebel Sportsmen's Raffle Tickets. Combined our club sold \$4,130 worth of tickets.

Finally, I'd like to announce that the club will have a Christmas Dinner Party at Enzo's on Horizon Dr. in Grand Junction on Tuesday, December 12th at 6 PM. Please RSVP to our Secretary (Secretary@shrinerswc.org) no later than Friday, December 8th.

I hope to see everyone at our meeting on November 4th.

Mark your calendars

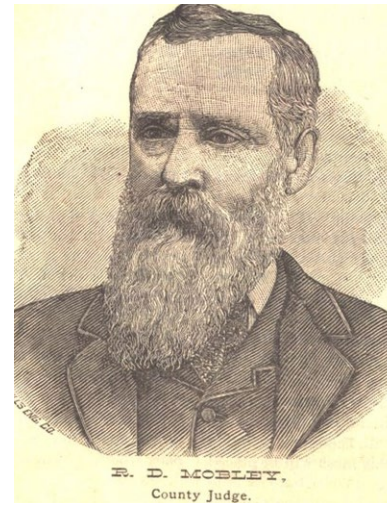
- The WCSC Board will meet for its normal meeting on Tuesday, November 14th at 11:45 AM at the Grand Vista Hotel Restaurant.
- The WCSC will have its Annual Members Meeting on Saturday, November 4th at 3 PM at the Grand Junction Masonic Center.
- The All-Masonic Happy Hour for is Saturday, November 18th from 4-7 PM at Scotland Yard Cigars and Spirits.
- The WCSC Christmas Party will be on Tuesday, December 11th at 6:30 PM at Enzo's in Grand Junction.

That's all for now, I hope to see you at the Board Meeting in October.

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.ElJebelShrine.org

Brother Mobely Memorial Dedication



R. D. MOBLEY,
County Judge.

Mesa Lodge #55 A.F. & A.M. and Legion of the West Camp 7, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War gathered on Friday, October 13th at the Grand Junction City Cemetery to honor and dedicate a new memorial to Brother Richard Mobley who served honorably in the Civil War and later pioneered the west and settled Mea County and the city of Grand Junction with Brother Crawford.

Below is an excerpt from Brother Garry Brewer, Story Teller of the Tribe, Finder of Odd Knowledge and Uninteresting Items, A Bore to his Grandchildren, a Pain to his wife on spelling, but a Locator of golden nuggets & truths and pearls of wisdom, from his report ***Captain Richard Daniel Mobley, First Elected Judge of Mesa County***

Richard was born in Graves County, Kentucky on June 24, 1833, the son of Richard Mobley Sr. and Mary Riggs. His father had served in the War of 1812 with Captain Zachary Taylor (later President of the United States). He was educated at the Aurora Academy in Filiciana, Kentucky. At age 18, supporting himself as a schoolteacher, young Richard headed to Texas. He traveled all over the state, as well as through the western wild lands which today covers parts of Colorado.

During the civil war Richard became the Captain of Company D, 17th Kansas Infantry, stationed in Lawrence, Kansas. He helped defend Kansas from the raids of Confederate General Sterling Price, Quantrill, and other bushwhacker's forces. After the war Captain Mobley married Miss Emma Dawson in Topeka, Kansas on December 24, 1868. Emma was a lady of culture and educated at Edgar Academy in Illinois. The couple moved to Ottawa County, Kansas where he had previously been a freight hauler on the western plains and had been captured and escaped from the Indians. Thinking a career change would be safer he became a farmer.

Richard was admitted to the bar in 1863; appointed county attorney in 1865 in Ottawa County Kansas and elected to three terms in the State Legislature. This is where he first met George Crawford. In 1869 he was appointed as land commissioner by the Governor of Kansas. He helped make 37 new counties in Kansas as the head of the new counties committee. He had previously visited the Territory of Colorado in 1856 and again in 1877.





In 1880, Richard and Emma, together with Governor George Crawford moved to Gunnison County, to wait for Western Colorado to open for settlement. They worked on their plans to build a new community at the point where the Grand and Gunnison rivers met, in what is now Grand Junction.

Governor Crawford hired William McGinley to be the guide for a party consisting of Richard Mobley, M. Rush Warner, Colonel Morris, and S.W. Harper. They crossed the Grand River on September 22, 1881, and on

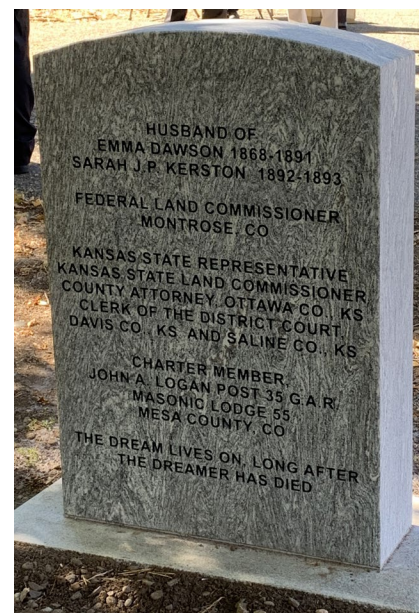
February 11, 1883, a bill establishing Mesa County was passed by both the House and Senate of Colorado. A telegraph from Denver to Richard Mobley stated, "Our Bill passed both houses." It was signed Geo. A. Crawford, M.L. Allison and W.J. Miller. Judge Mobley as chairman of the county organization called for all residents to come together for "holding a grand meeting tonight" to share the news. Part of the story written in the Grand Junction News said. "Mesa County was born and Christened on Sunday, February 11th, in the year of our Lord one thousand, eight hundred and eighty-three."

In November 1883, the first county officers of Mesa County were elected and high on the list of names was Richard Daniel Mobley, First Mesa County Judge. It was mentioned at the time of his election that the citizens of Mesa County held him in high esteem because of his character.

While staying with his nephew, on Tuesday, October 13, 1893, Judge Mobley arose early and started a stroll close to the railroad yard. The early morning train had just arrived from the west, and the switchmen were making their usual changes and preparing the train for its departure east. Judge Mobley was walking leisurely down the track when the switch engine with a sleeper car came up behind him. Passengers and trainmen frantically called to him, but it was too late. The train struck him. He fell under it and was dragged about two hundred yards before the train stopped. He was so badly injured that Dr. Bull, who happened to be at the depot, didn't recognize him. He searched the mangled man's pockets and discovered it was his friend, Judge Mobley. Richard Mobley died about an hour later.

He was married twice with no children. His second wife Sarah settled his estate in 1894 and moved back to Minnesota. She died of heart failure upon reading of the death of King Edward of England on May 9, 1910.

Judge Richard Daniel Mobley's funeral was conducted by the Masonic Lodge 55 and the Grand Army of the Republic, John A. Logan Post 35. As one of the founders of Grand Junction and Mesa County, he left his mark on the city and county of which he helped to build. He had many good traits of character, and a kindly heart. He was a man of more than ordinary ability, but did not try to force his knowledge upon the people.



Judge Richard Daniel Mobley is buried in the corner of the Masonic Section of the Orchard Mesa cemetery. His second wife, Sarah, did not put up a headstone for him, but his civil war comrades in Grand Junction ordered a headstone for him from the government in 1901. The stone was shipped in 1924, and installed in the cemetery by the John A. Logan Post 21, Grand Army of the Republic on December 17, 1924.

the 26th formally located Section 14 as the town site for Grand Junction.

On November 19, 1881, the certificate of incorporation of the Grand Junction Town Company was filed with the Secretary of State. Building a town from the bottom up was a tough undertaking. Grand Junction was a primitive frontier town and didn't have a store or saloon. All supplies had to be purchased at the army post south of Montrose or the town of Gunnison. Most folks lived in tents or cabins made of hand cut logs, with blankets for doors. The residents stayed cool by navigating around their abodes, following the shade as the day progressed.

On June 22, 1882, the election to incorporate the City of Grand Junction was held with R.D. Mobley, J.M. Russell and Newton N. Smith as Judges of Elections. Richard Mobley was also appointed one of the first Justices of the Peace in the city thus giving him the title of Judge.

The first 4th of July event in Grand Junction was held in 1882, at the schoolhouse. Judge Mobley read the Declaration of Independence to the children and general public. Emma Mobley and the other ladies prepared a picnic dinner. A dance finished the very pleasant evening.

Judge Mobley ran for the position of the first Mayor of Grand Junction on July 17, 1882, at a meeting on Colorado Ave, but lost the election to Charles F. Shanks. Prior to the election, anticipating a win of the race, Judge Mobley resigned his position as local postmaster.

On October 9, 1882, at a general election voters passed a ballot question to form Grand Junction and the surrounding area into a separate county from Gunnison County. The vote passed and on the same day a major earthquake hit the Grand Valley. The shock wave was felt through the entire state.

Grand Junction York Rite Bodies

Companions and Sir Knights,



Temple Commandery will be meeting at the Grand Junction Masonic Center on Monday, November 13th at 7:30 PM. Delta Commandery will be meeting at Mount Lamborne Lodge in Hotchkiss on Wednesday, November 15th.

We are also planning a Mark Master Degree for some time in late January or early February of 2024. This degree will be open to all proficient Master Masons and offer them a glimpse into the York Rite beyond what they get in the Blue Lodge.

The Knight's Templar Christmas Observance will be on Sunday, December 17th at 2 PM at the Grand Junction Masonic Center. We are still working on assigning parts. For more information contact Eminent Commander Mike Briscoe.

Fraternally,

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



Brother Richard Mobley, Memorial Scroll, October 13th, 2023

Brother R.D. Mobley was born in Graves County, Kentucky, in 1833. History does not reveal the date, place and lodge of his raising as a Master Mason. It is known that he came to Grand Junction with fellow Mason George Crawford in 1881 and was a Charter Member of Mesa Lodge #55 of Grand Junction, established on September 18, 1883.

He was elected and served as Senior Warden upon the organization of the Lodge, which met in a mere hut with a dirt floor, dirt roof, one small window, one doorway for entrance, and only a bearskin or blanker for coverage, with no heat or furniture.

Brother R.D. Mobley passed this life on August 10, 1893, in a tragic accident. His life and service to Masonry and his community were honored by a Masonic Burial Service performed by the officers and members of Mesa Lodge #55, AF & AM, at the Grand Junction Masonic section of the Orchard Mesa Cemetery. A service we replicate today.

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Grand Junction Scottish Rite Consistory

Calendar 2023



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

2023 Calendar of Dinners & Meetings

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

December 18th - Pancake Dinner 6:30 PM, 7:30 PM Stated Meeting.

Special Events

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Masonic Education

Benjamin Franklin, 1706 to 1790

Written by Brother Ronald E. Heaton

Living in the same age with Washington, Jefferson, the Adams, the Lees, Dickinson, Hamilton, Robert Morrison, one might well ask what was there about Franklin, which placed him in this preeminent position among his contemporaries.

Stories of Franklin's beginnings were like many others of the same period. The memorial volume published by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in 1906 makes this pertinent comment on page 33. "Benjamin was the only distinguished member of a family of 15. The rest had no ambition and none of them rose above mediocrity".

He was nearly 70 years of age and well past the prime of his life when the greatest service to his country began after a full life of service to Pennsylvania as a printer, publisher, fireman, soldier, politician and statesman, public spirited citizen, world traveler and Freemason.

A leader in the early years of the colonies, efforts to secure proper recognition from Great Britain, he was in the forefront in all movements to organize and make effective a Union of the colonies, his own autobiography and later definitive biographies of his life and work, relate without adornment his full life, his paper is now being published will further reveal his worldwide stature and status. Here we can only sit down in an orderly fashion. Some of the outstanding achievements in this long life of service.

Franklin was born in Boston, January 17th, 1706. After serving an apprenticeship with his brother in the printing business, he left Boston for Philadelphia, arriving there in October 1723. He found work at once as a journeyman printer and after an 18 month stay in London returned to Philadelphia in 1726. His home for the rest of his life. We find him organizing the Junto Club in 1727, and with Hugh Meredith began publishing the Pennsylvania Gazette in September 1729. By 1730, he was the sole owner of a printing business.

Do you recall Franklin's description of his entrance into Philadelphia? In his autobiography, he relates he was "in my work dress, dirty pockets were stuffed out with shirts and stockings. Fatigue bought with three great puffy rolls walked off with a roll under each arm, and eating the other went up Market Street passing by the door of Mr. Reed, my future wife's father, when she standing at the door saw me and thought I made a most awkward, ridiculous appearance.

Seven years later, on September 1st, 1730, Franklin married Deborah Reed. He helped found the Philadelphia Library Company in 1731, was chosen Clerk of the Pennsylvania Assembly in 1736. That same year, the Union Fire Company was formed. And a year later he was appointed deputy postmaster at Philadelphia.

About this time, Franklin began to be interested in public affairs. His autobiography records "I began now to turn my thoughts to public affairs beginning, however, with small matters". The Franklin stove was invented in 1742, a plan he proposed in 1743 for an Academy was adopted in 1749 and developed into the present University of Pennsylvania.

Another major accomplishment was his proposal to establish a philosophical society in the city in 1744. On January 1st, 1748, Franklin retired from active participation in his printing business. He was 42 years old and wanted to devote his life to science and public affairs. He served as a member of the Philadelphia Council in 1748 and later as an Alderman of the city.

He aided in the founding of the Pennsylvania Hospital in 1751, and it is recorded in his Pennsylvania Gazette that he was chosen president of the managers of the Hospital on July 3rd, 1755. He helped organize the first fire insurance company in the city. In 1752 his famous kite experiment showed that lightning is an electrical discharge. His fame was spreading.

In 1753, he was honored with the degree of Masters from Harvard in July and Yale in September. That same year he was appointed deputy Postmaster General of the 13 colonies.

The College of William and Mary honored him with a master's degree in April 1756. In 1754, more honors, he was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society in England. It was also in that year with John Penn and Secretary Peters, Pennsylvania's Third Delegates to the Albany Congress that Franklin proposed a plan of union for the colonies under one government.

He was sent to London as an agent of the Pennsylvania Assembly, arrived there July 26th, 1757, and received additional honors.

The University of Saint Andrews in Scotland conferred the degree of Doctor of Laws on him on February 12th, 1759 and on April 30th, 1762, he was awarded the degree of Doctor of Civil Laws by the University of Oxford.

Shortly thereafter, he returned to Philadelphia and was later appointed agent in England by the Assemblies of Georgia 1761 in New Jersey, 1769 and in Massachusetts, 1770.

While a member of the Second Continental Congress in 1775, he offered an outline of plan of Union of the Colonies, which was not acted on. The colonies were then moving toward a break with Great Britain with the adoption of Richard Henry Lee's resolution that the colonies ought to be free and independent states. Franklin, a delegate to the Congress, was appointed as a member of the Committee to draft the Declaration of Independence and on its adoption, he signed that state paper.

After the declaration most colonies adopted constitutions for governing their own affairs and Franklin was chairman of the committee which framed the Constitution for Pennsylvania in 1776.

Again in 1776, Franklin, as well as Silas Dean and Arthur Lee, were appointed Commissioners to France to negotiate a treaty of commerce and friendship. During the following year, the committee obtained financial assistance and sent military officers to America to help prosecute the war for independence.

One result of this effort was to secure the services of Von Steuben and Lafayette. Due also to Franklin's efforts, the treaty of alliance and the commercial treaty with France were signed on February 6th, 1778. The news of this much needed assistance and friendship reached General Washington and his army at Valley Forge on May 5th and on the next day the army celebrated with a fur de joy, a great rejoicing.

Secretary of State John Hay, who served in the cabinets of President William McKinley, and Theodore Roosevelt, has said of this treaty, "the act of France gave us a standing abroad which we had hitherto lacked. Even before 1775 we were a nation. But until our treaties with France, the world regarded us a rebellion. This was the first time the newborn nation was recognized by a foreign power".

In 1778, Franklin was appointed Minister Plenipotentiary to the Court of France. Here he was to play a most important part in the affairs of his country. His wit, common sense and diplomacy won for the colonies additional aid from France. By the end of 1779, France had loaned the colonies a total of 4 million livre at the end of the war, he was named with John Jay and John Adams to negotiate peace with Great Britain.

Franklin received a gift from the King of France before leaving for home "I received from the king at my departure, the present of his picture set round with diamonds usually given to ministers plenipotentiary who have signed any treaties with the court, and it is at the disposition of Congress to whom be pleased to present my dutiful respects."

on his return to Philadelphia in September 1785 he was qualified as a Councilor of the City, and in October 18th was elected President of the Council. In the same month, he was chosen President of Pennsylvania and was reelected in 1786 and 1787 and then retired from public life in 1788.

The Articles of Confederation, which Franklin had co-sponsored, were finally adopted by the colonies on March 1st, 1781. The war for independence was successfully carried to a conclusion with the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown on October 19th, 1781.

The Union of the Colonies was affected but not effective. The articles did not provide a workable form of government for the newly formed nation. Congress did not have the power to enforce its orders, which were often ignored by the states and commerce between the states was restricted by high tariffs.

A meeting of delegates, the Annapolis Convention, in September 1786 suggested that Commissioners meet in Philadelphia on the 2nd. Monday in May 1787 to devise such further provisions as shall appear to them necessary to render the constitution of the federal government adequate to the exigencies of union.

Congress received the report and resolved on February 17, 1787, that "it is expedient that a convention of delegates be held in Philadelphia for the sole and express purpose of revising the Articles of Confederation".

That convention produced our present Constitution. Franklin was a delegate from Pennsylvania and along with thirty other delegates, signed the paper on September 17th, 1787. Now, Franklin was nearing the end of his long and useful life. A fall suffered in December 1787 at the age of 81, curtailed his activities so as not to be capable of writing for several weeks. In 1788 still thinking ahead, he expressed the hope of completing his autobiography. "If I live to see this year expire, I may employ some leisure, which I promise to employ in the work you do me the honor to urge so earnestly".

Lastly, Franklin's last paper was written November 9th, 1789, and addressed to the public from Pennsylvania Society for promoting the abolition of slavery and the relief of free negroes unlawfully held in bondage. His last letter was written to Thomas Jefferson on April 8th, 1790. On Saturday, April 17th, 1790, he died in Philadelphia in his 85th year.

Franklin's interest in Freemasonry begins in 1730, a few months before he had become a Mason. 24 years old at the time he was publishing the Pennsylvania Gazette in Philadelphia. The December 8th, 1730, issue contained

an alleged expose of Freemasonry. Franklin, inquisitive and a reliable reporter mentions that there were several lodges of Freemasons in Pennsylvania. To think was to act for him, and we find him receiving the degrees of masonry in Philadelphia early in the following year.

Franklin served freemasonry for nearly 60 years. While we do not yet know, definitely just when he was made a Mason records extant show that he was initiated in St. John's Lodge in Philadelphia before the end of the legal year 1731, probably in February.

The memorial volume published by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania records the Masonic career of Benjamin Franklin extends over a period of almost 60 years, during which time he was accorded the highest Masonic honors at home and abroad.

In these days of long service, before a brother receives recognition in Grand Lodge, it is interesting to note that Franklin was elected Junior Grand Warden on June 24th, 1732, and had also been appointed to the committee to draft bylaws of his own lodge in that same year.

Two years later, June 24th, 1734, his election as Grand Master of Pennsylvania was duly recorded in the Pennsylvania Gazette under date of June 27th. "Monday last, a Grand Lodge of the ancient and honorable society of Free and Accepted Masons in this province was held at the Ton Tavern in Water St. when Benjamin Franklin, being elected grandmaster for the year ensuing, appointed Mr. John Carp to be his deputy and James Hamilton, Esquire and Thomas Hopkinson gents, were chosen wardens.

In that same year, he advertised his "Mason Book, a reprint of Andersons, The Constitutions of Freemasons", the first Masonic book printed in America. Tradition, with no foundation, in fact, asserts that during Franklin's term as Grand Master. The cornerstone of the Pennsylvania State House today, we know it as Independence Hall, was laid by him and his Masonic brethren.

The Pennsylvania Gazette records his appointment as provincial Grand Master on June 27th, 1734.

He also served his own lodge as secretary from 1735 to 1738. On August 29th, 1734, the Ton Tavern Lodge addressed A petition to him as provincial Grand Master for a deputation to conduct a lodge.

More Masonic honors. Came to him in 1749, when he was again appointed provincial Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania. Deposed shortly thereafter he was immediately appointed Deputy grandmaster by Brother William

Allen the new provincial grandmaster. During his tenure of service in that situation, he was a member of the Committee for Building the Freemasons Lodge in Philadelphia, visited the Ton Tavern Lodge and was present at a session of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts on October 11th, 1754.

He played a prominent part on June 24th, 1755 and in the dedication of Freemasons Lodge in Philadelphia, the first Masonic building in America. He was again elected provincial grandmaster in 1760, and later that year, November 17th, 1760 was present at Grand Lodge in London, England, and entered upon the minutes as provincial Grand Master.

While in France he became affiliated. With Masonic lodges there. In 1777, he was elected a member of the Lodge of Nine Sisters, or Muses. As a member of that lodge, he assisted at the initiation of Voltaire, April 7th, 1778, and a few short months later officiated at the Masonic Funeral service of that brother.

He was elected Venerable, Worshipful Master of the Lodge in 1779. He also became a member of the Order of de Saint Jean de Jerusalem, and served as Venerable, Worshipful Master of that lodge in 1785. He was elected as honorary member of the Lodge de Bon Ami, Good Friends, in 1785. It was during this day in France that Franklin enjoyed close Masonic contact with his brethren there.


Strangely enough, Franklin does not mention his Masonic activities in his autobiography or correspondence, he did keep the public informed of Masonic activities through his newspaper.

On his return from France in 1785, Franklin, a modern Mason in early life, found conditions of the Masonic jurisdiction very much changed. The Grand Lodge and subordinate lodges which he had been associated with in his early years had now ceased to exist.

A new Grand Lodge of the Province of Pennsylvania and the territories thereunto belonging had replaced the modern lodges. Younger generations had adopted the work of the Ancients and were about ready to declare themselves a sovereign Grand Lodge, independent of all ties with the Grand Lodge of England.

That action on September 26, 1786, brought about the formation of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of the most ancient and honorable fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania and Masonic jurisdiction thereunto belonging, the present Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Franklin was then virtually an unaffiliated Mason in his own jurisdiction. He never was active nor had any official connection with the present Grand Lodge. It is safe to assume that he was invited to affiliate with the Ancients, but age, physical ailments and duties of the public nature may have made him decline. Probably for this reason there was number Masonic service when he was buried in Christs Church Burial Ground 5th and Arch Streets in Philadelphia on Wednesday, April 21st, 1790.



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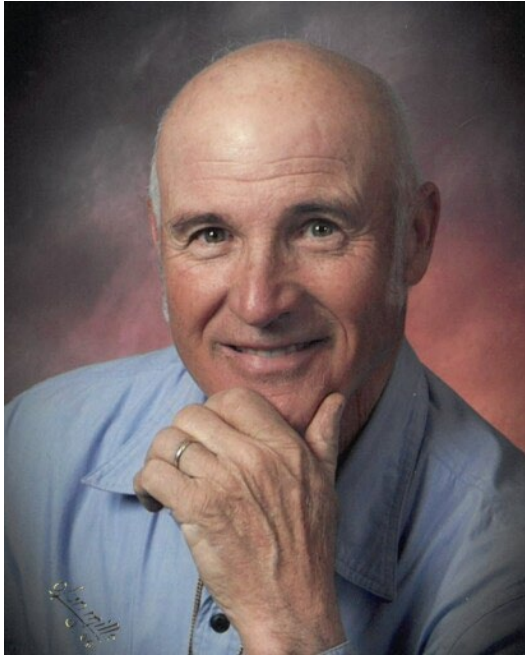
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In Memoriam - Brother Gregory Longhorn

July 31, 1942 — October 22, 2023



Greg Longhorn, 81, of Fruita, CO passed peacefully in his home surrounded by family. He was born in Charles City, IA and grew up in Nashua, IA where he met and married his high school sweetheart, Charlene Sinnwell in June 1961.

Greg did not want to stay on the farm and started in college to study pharmacy, but quickly decided that wasn't his thing. After taking a course to become a wilderness guide, he needed two weeks back country training in Montana in June 1964. In the interim, Greg, Charlene and their

toddler moved to Denver, CO in October 1963 with \$500, whatever fit in their car and no job in line. He found work at General Iron, took a course in welding, and eventually was hired by Public Service. In 1975 a job transfer with the company took the now family of four across the mountains to Grand Junction where Greg continued to work as an electrical lineman for Public Service/Xcel and eventually he retired after 38 years with the company.

Greg, an outdoor enthusiast, and was a cowboy at heart. He worked hard and with his free time he could be found camping, fishing, hunting, hiking, both downhill and cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, horseback riding, riding ATVs, photographing and viewing nature and wildlife. Always the competitive athlete, Greg was involved in many sports. Lettering in football and baseball. He bowled most of his adult life. He also enjoyed everything from baseball and softball, ice skating, handball, swimming, golf, cornhole, playing pool and ping pong. Greg loved to dance, including square dancing. He enjoyed playing card games like 500, Pinochle, Cribbage, Hand and Foot and many others. His interest also went from gold panning his claim on the Gunnison River to tying flies for a fishing adventure. He to made cherry, apricot,

and dandelion wine. He processed his elk and deer to make sausage and jerky. He was often in a boat and in his younger years built a paddle boat and a canvas canoe. He was always busy with a project and back in the day he built a stereo receiver and speakers to listen to his quadrophonic records and later 8 track tapes and listened to a wide variety of music. He was always finding ways to fix or modify his cars, trucks and trailers. We miss his ability to fix most things around the house and garage.

Dad was a meat and potatoes man and loved a good steak or prime rib. He also loved salmon, oysters on the half shell and other sea food.

During his life Greg was a member of Crossroads and Fruita United Methodist Churches and in his later years could be found mowing the church lawn and being a weekly usher. He was really moved by the Walk to Emmaus and continued to enjoy those gatherings. As a member of the Mesa Masonic Lodge and Western CO Shriners he enjoyed volunteering at the Shriner's Circus and bowled and golfed with groups from the lodge.

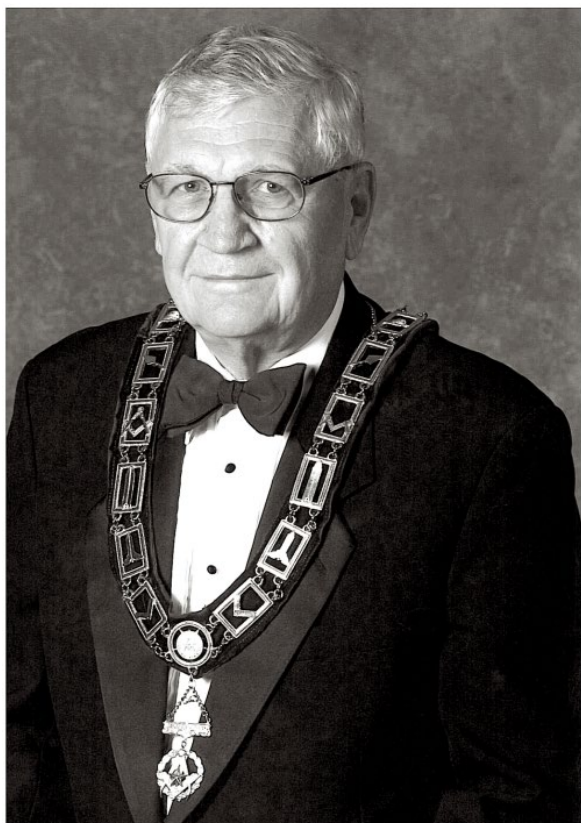
Greg was a family man and leaves behind his wife of 62 years, Charlene Sinnwell Longhorn; daughters Debra Harvey of Fruita CO and Connie (Brad) Bingaman of Montrose CO; grandchildren Levi (Sami) Harvey of Fruita CO, Timothy Harvey of Fruita CO, Brandon Bingaman of Dallas TX, Chelsea Bingaman of Montrose CO, and Tristan Bingaman of Dallas, TX; sister Lynda (Scott Stoyles) Rodenbaugh of Centennial CO and brother Dennis (Verniece) Longhorn of Forsyth, MO. He was proceeded in death by parents Rexford and Laura Longhorn, and sister Ann Haugen.

A Celebration of Life Memorial Service will be held at the Fruita United Methodist Church 405 E Aspen Ave. on Sunday, November 5, 2023 at 2:00pm with a reception to follow the service.

In Memoriam - M. W. Past Grand Master Richard W. Schmidt

Grand Master January 29, 2005 to January 28, 2006

March 05, 1931 – September 01, 2023



Richard worked for the Poudre RI School District in Fort Collins for 25 years as a teacher and administrator. He is Past President of the Poudre Education Association. Memberships in professional organizations include, The Colorado Education Association, The National Education Association, and the National Association of School Administrators. Richard owned and managed the Redi Ice Company in Fort Collins and is currently self-employed in real estate holdings and rental property.

Richard was initiated into Collins Lodge #19 in 1965. He served as Master of the Lodge in 1970 and 1978. He holds honorary memberships in Berthoud Lodge #83, Century Lodge # 190, Schiller Lodge #41, and he is also a plural member of Black Hawk #11. He is Past District Lecturer in northern Colorado and is currently president of the Fort Collins Masonic Home Association. Richard is Past High Priest of Cache La Poudre #11, Past Thrice Illustrious Master of Larimer County Council #21, Past Commander of DeMolay Cornmandery #13, Past Eminent Prior of Pikes Peak Priory #21 and he is also Past Grand Master of Cryptic Masons of Colorado.

Richard served on the Board of Directors for Campfire Girls and is Past Associate Guardian of Bethel #28 of Job's Daughters in Fort Collins. Richard is a member of Denver Consistory with a rank and title of Knight Commander of the Court of Honor and has served as the Venerable Mater on the 20th degree team. He is a member of St. Bernard Cornmandery and holds membership in the Red Cross of Constantine.

Richard was appointed Grand Orator of the MW Grand Lodge of Colorado in 1996.

He is a member of El Jebel Shrine and is Past President of the Larimer County Shrine Club and also Past President of the RV Roamers of El Jebel

Services for Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Richard W. Schmidt Will be held at a later date determined by the family.

Richard W. Schmidt was born on a farm in North Dakota, the youngest of 13 children born to German-Russian immigrants. He attended public schools in North International Brotherhood of Boilermaker's Union. He was called to serve in the Korean War, served overseas in anti-aircraft divisions and was discharged with the rank of Sergeant.

Richard and Signe were married June 5, 1955. They have two daughters, Tamra and Tannis and two granddaughters.

Richard attended the University of Colorado, graduating with a BA Degree in foreign languages. He continued his education at Colorado State University where he completed a Masters program in Educational Administration. He continued postgraduate work at CSU, the University of Illinois, and Stanford University at Stuttgart, Germany.

In Memoriam - M. W. Past Grand Master Phillip E. Moss, Sr.
Grand Master January 27, 2018 to January 26, 2019
September 14, 1946 – October 02, 2023



He was born September 14, 1946 in St. Louis, MO. After graduating from High School in Northeast MO, he joined the Navy at the height of the Viet Nam War. He spent his entire career in the submarine service in several different areas. The list of duty stations varied from diesel, to fast attack and missile firing submarines. He taught advanced electronics, was on an Admiral's staff as the communications officer, and eventually to the construction crew of the latest missile firing submarine.

While in construction, he was accepted into the Warrant Officer Program as a Submarine Communications Specialist, one of only fourteen in the US Navy. He spent his last five years of service in the Research and Development world as a project officer at a Navy Laboratory. He retired as a CWO-3 in 1985.

Since that time, he has worked with three different companies in the satellite communications engineering and security field.

His Masonic career is even more unique than his Navy Career. He likes to tell people that he became a Mason, so he could put on make-up. His entry into Masonry was only to enable him to join the Shrine and become a Shriner Clown. He had no interest in Masonry other than to get through the degrees. He was physically initiated as an Entered Apprentice. A month later he was taken to Denver where he was passed to the degree of a Fellowcraft in the morning and raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason that afternoon, not having returned any proficiencies. Yes (gasp), he was one of those instant Masons through one day classes.

He did in fact become a Shriner Clown (Clowns of Al Kaly). He was the first assigned Chairman of the Al Kaly Hospital Representative. He and Vickie were assigned as Chief Aide to the Potentate for two years. He attended the Board of Governors for three years as an Associate to that Board, and later elected to serve as a voting member, serving on five committees.

He most recently was assigned as a member of the Time and Place Committee and the Nominating Committee for the Conference of Grand Masters of North America.

He is married to Vickie Moss of Rye, Colorado. They have one son, one daughter and two grandsons. Vickie is a stay-at-home Mom; soon to be an empty nester.

Services for Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Phillip E. Moss, Sr. Will not be held At the request of MWB Phillip E. Moss, Sr.



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