

All Masonic Trestleboard December 2023



Find out what is happening in Masonry
across the Grand Valley

December Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29 Palisade Lodge Practice 6:30 PM - GJ Masonic Center	30	1 Early Bird Breakfast 8 AM - Strayhorn Grill	2 GJ RiteCare Pancake Breakfast with Santa 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM - GJ Masonic Center Palisade Lodge Stated Communication 10 AM - GJ Masonic Center
3	4 Rainbow Girls 7 PM - GJ Masonic Center	5 Montrose Lodge Stated Comm 7 PM - Montrose Masonic Center	6	7 All-Masonic Christmas Party 6 PM - GJ Masonic Center	8 Early Bird Breakfast 8 AM - Strayhorn Grill GJ Lodge Stated Comm 7:30 PM - GJ Masonic Center	9 Masonic Craft Fair 10 AM - 3 PM - GJ Masonic Center
10	11 GJ York Rite 7:30 PM - GJ Masonic Center	12 WCSC Board Meeting 11 AM - GJ Masonic Center WCSC Christmas Dinner 6 PM - Enzo's Restaurant	13 Temple Board Assoc Meeting 6:30 PM - GJ Masonic Center	14 Mesa Lodge FC Degree 6:30 PM - GJ Masonic Center DeMolay Boys 7 PM - GJ Masonic Center	15 Early Bird Breakfast 8 AM - Strayhorn Grill Montrose RiteCare Party with Santa 4-6 PM - Montrose	16 Joint Installation of Officers 4 PM - GJ Masonic Center
17 Knights Templar Christmas Observance 2 PM - GJ Masonic Center	18 Rainbow Girls 7 PM - GJ Masonic Center Scottish Rite 7:30 PM - GJ Masonic Center	19 Fruita Lodge Stated Comm 7:00 PM - Fruita Masonic Center Montrose Lodge Stated Comm 7 PM - Montrose Masonic Center	20	21	22 Early Bird Breakfast 8 AM - Strayhorn Grill	23 All-Masonic Happy Hour 4-6 PM - Scotland Yard Cigars & Spirits.
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Birthdays

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

- Austin Pitts
- Bruce Bower
- Carl Gaumer Jr
- Chris Eglet
- Craig Marsh
- Dennis Costlow
- Don Halford
- Eric Johnson
- Harry Clark
- James Williams
- James Krogh
- Jason Allred
- Melvin Schafer
- Nicholas Gazunis
- Scott Morris
- Shane Allerheiligen

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.

- Jayson Leyh
- Mark McGarry
- Nathaniel Pavlisick

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. Willis Grundvig
- W. Bro. Jason Kohles
- W. Bro. Mike Murphy
- W. Bro. Lloyd Stahl
- Bro. Darrell Manroe
- Bro. Cole Roth
- Bro. Ed Trollinger

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All Masonic Christmas Party

Thursday, December 7th 6 PM
Grand Junction Masonic Center



- Potluck Style Dinner
- Recognizing First Responders
- Visit from Santa
- Face Painter
- Rainbow Girls Dessert Auction
- Charles Dickens "A Christmas Carol" by Geek Parties of the Grand Valley

SIGN UP TO BRING A SIDE DISH

Mesa Lodge No. 55



Greetings Brothers and Friends,

2023 has been a busy year for Mesa Lodge. We Initiated two new brothers, Raised a brother for Palisade Lodge, held a murder mystery and casino night dinner parties, had a poker tournament, marched in the Grand Junction Fourth of July and Veterans Day Parade, captured the Colorado Traveling Gavel, and dedicated a new memorial for a founding member of our city and our lodge.

December will be just as busy with the All-Masonic Christmas Party on December 7th, a Fellow Craft Degree for two brothers from Ouray Lodge on December 14th, and the Joint Installation of Officers on December 16th. Be sure to check out the full calendar of events for December on our website as the other masonic bodies in our area have events planned including the Knights Templar Christmas Observance on December 17th and a Craft Fair on December 9th. With the holidays and all the events going on in December, the All-Masonic Happy Hour has been moved to December 23rd.

Let me introduce the officers elected and appointed at our November Stated Communication. I want to offer my thanks to all of them for their continued support of Mesa Lodge.

- Worshipful Master** - W. Bro. Gregory Foster
- Senior Warden** - W. Bro. Tom Verdieck
- Junior Warden** - Bro. Ian Hughes
- Secretary** - Bro. Chris Geisler
- Treasurer** - W. Bro. John Groves
- Senior Deacon** - Bro. Andrew Weber
- Junior Deacon** - W. Bro. David Marshal
- Tiler** - W. Bro. Harry Clark
- Chaplain** - W. Bro. John Groves
- Marshal** - R.W. Bro. William Marshal

I do have a few requests for all members of Mesa Lodge. First, if you haven't paid your 2024 Dues yet please do so. If you are unable to pay your dues please contact me or Bro. Geisler and we can make arrangements.

Second, Please sign up to bring a side dish to the All-Masonic Christmas Party. Place your name next to what you will be bringing. All side dishes should feed at least 12 people.

Third, voting for the new All-Masonic Trestleboard

Cover will begin on December 10th and run through December 30th. You will receive an email with voting instructions as we get closer to the voting period.

All-Masonic Christmas Party - will be held at 6 PM on Thursday, December 7th at the Grand Junction Masonic Center. This event is open to everyone so bring the kids and grandkids. We will have the Rainbow Girls Dessert Auction, a face painter, Santa will be stopping by for a visit, we will recognize a Mesa County Sherrif Deputy for their service to the community, and we will have a theater group performing Charles Dickens's "A Christmas Carol".

Fellow Craft Degree - will be held at 6:30 PM on Thursday, December 14th at the Grand Junction Masonic Center. There will not be a meal before the degree, but there will be light refreshments afterward. All Fellow Craft and Master Masons are encouraged to attend.

Joint Installation of Officers - will be held at 4 PM on Saturday, December 16th at the Grand Junction Masonic Center. This event is open to everyone and will be followed by a light meal.

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 (PM) (970) 260-5432

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

Palisade Lodge No. 125



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

Greetings Brothers and Friends,

December is upon us and with it the holidays. As I type this, I am awaiting Thanksgiving and all the feasting that goes along with it. Then we roll into the Christmas season. Family, friends, and festivities throughout the month. It is also the darkest time of the year, be mindful of others and make sure you check in on people who might need a little light in their life.

There are also a few things going on for the lodge as well.

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

December the 2nd @ 10 AM will be our stated communication.

December 7th is our Christmas party from 6-9 PM at the consistory. There will be a visit from Santa and a desert auction for the Rainbow for Girls. Just remember to bring a side dish.

Our installation of officers will be on the 16th from 3-6 PM at the consistory.

The All-Masonic Happy Hour will be on the 23rd from 4-6 PM at Scotland Yard Cigars & Spirits. Note, there is no smoking on premises due to tobacco licensing issues.

Fraternally,

Harry Clark
Worshipful Master



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Palisade Lodge No. 125 Officers

Worshipful Master	Harry Clark (PM) (970) 986-9315
Senior Warden	Naaman Morehouse (PM) (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

Fruita Masonic Lodge No. 120



Brethren,

Thank you for the honor of electing me as your Worshipful Master for 2024.

We will be planning the year's events at the December 19th stated communication. We have 2 big events this year.

First will be the Grand Lodge of Colorado sessions January 25/26/27, 2024. It will be held right here in Grand Junction this year as the outgoing MW Grand Master Ross Allen is from Hotchkiss. There is no cost to attend the Grand Lodge sessions (you still must register) unless you want to eat the meals provided at the hotel. The Grand Master's Banquet on Saturday night is open to spouses and family. It is a great opportunity to see what happens at the Grand Lodge level and to meet brethren from across the state.

Second will be our celebration of Fruita Masonic Lodge #120's "One Hundred Twentieth Anniversary" on September 21st. We will be working with the Grand Lodge to do a Cornerstone laying at our Lodge! I'm sure we will be having a meal with other activities. If you would like to be involved in the planning, please let me know.

Dec 7th is the "All Masonic Christmas Party". Please go on the link provided in the trestle board to sign up to bring a dish to this wonderful event. It is open to family and friends so come enjoy an evening of Masonic fellowship. Installation of officers will be 4PM Dec 16th at the GJ Masonic Center with dinner to follow. If it has been a while since you have seen some degree work, Mesa 55 will be doing a Fellowcraft Degree for 2 brothers from Olathe at 6:30PM Dec 14th and Grand Junction Lodge

173 will be doing an EA degree for 2 candidates on Jan12th at 7:30PM.

If you need a ride to and from a meeting please give me a call.

Fraternally yours,

**Worshipful Master Elect
Tom Verdieck**

Chartered Sept 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

2024 Dinner Assignments

January.....Tom Verdieck
February.....John Groves
March.....Mike Murphy
April.....Jim McBride
May.....Glen Phelps
June.....Jeff Koenig
July.....No Meeting
August.....All-Masonic Picnic
September.....Doug Lampert
October.....Lee Anderson
November.....Tom Verdieck
December..... Jeff Koenig

Fruita Lodge No. 120 Officers

Worshipful Master	Tom Verdieck (PM) (970) 270-8504
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
Junior Deacon	Doug Lampert (PM)
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,

Greetings Brothers At our November Stated Communication we held Election of Officers.

The line up as we have is:

Worshipful Master - Darrell Manroe
 Senior Warden - Nathaniel Pavlisick
 Junior Warden - Austin Pitts
 Secretary - Michael Briscoe
 Treasurer - Linn Armstrong.

Our new Master will forward us his line of officers when it is complete.

On January 12,2023 we will initiate two candidates. A practice will be held on December 15, 2023.

I am looking forward to a great year with our new lineup of officers Hope to see as many Brothers as can come to our next Stated Communication on December 08, 2023.

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 Nobles,

The Western Colorado Shrine Club held its Annual All-Members Meeting on Saturday, December 4th at the Grand Junction Masonic Center. At this meeting, we elected to the WCSC Board Noble Chad Davis and John Groves. Noble Groves was also elected the Secretary/Treasurer of the Shrine Club. The installation of the new Board members,

Secretary, and President will be in late January or early February.

I would like to take a moment to thank Nobles Dave Van Dyke., Bill Brassette, Bill Hirt, and Chris Geisler for their years of service on the Board of the Club. I'd also like to thank Noble Andrew BE for his years of service as Secretary of the Shrine Club.

The Shrine Club will have a Christmas Dinner at Enzo's on Horizon Drive on Tuesday, December 12th at 6 PM. You must RSVP so we can tell the restaurant how many people will be coming. Wives, children, and children are all welcome to attend, families pay for themselves.

The Club was represented by Nobles John Groves, Mike Briscoe, Chad Davis, Steve Ganskow, and myself in the Grand Junction Veterans Day Parade. R.W. Bro William Marshal and Bro. Sean Norris from Mesa Lodge, W. Bro. Harry Clark from Palisade Lodge, and Bro. Joe Higgenbotham from Grand Junction Lodge also participated in the parade.

Noble Mike Briscoe made a trip to Shriners Children's Salt Lake City just before Thanksgiving to donate toys, soda pop tabs, and quilts made by Noble Bob Beeson's wife and her quilting group. I hope to have a report from him in the January Red Fez.

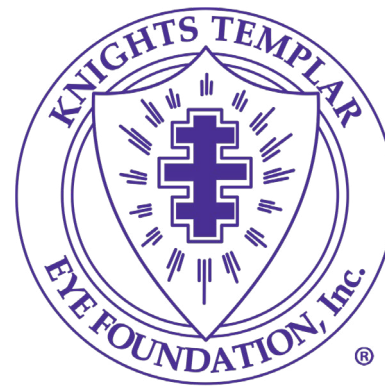
As the Club prepares for 2024 the Board would like to hear from each of you. Tell us what you want to do next year to support the hospitals and to have fun. Also, ask yourselves what can I do to help support the Western Colorado Shrine Club?

Our next board meeting will be at the Grand Junction Masonic Center on Tuesday, December 12th at 11 AM, all club members are welcome, and don't forget BYOL (Bring Your Own Lunch).

I hope to see you all at our Board meeting in December. If I don't see you there, then I'll see you at the Christmas Party that evening.

Gregory Foster
President Western Colorado Shrine Club

The Western Colorado Shrine Club meets at the Grand Vista Hotel Restaurant the second Tuesday of each month (except July and August) at 11:45 AM. For more information please visit www.EIJabelShrine.org



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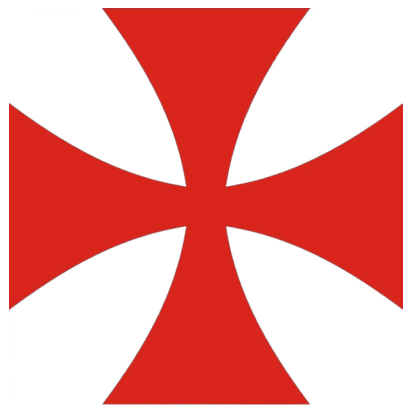
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Knight Templar Christmas Observance

You and your family are cordually invited to a Christmas Observance dedicated to The Blessed Emmanuel performed by Delta and Temple Commanderies.

Fellowship begins at 1:30 PM with the service to follow at 2 PM. A light meal will be served after the service.



Grand Junction York Rite Bodies

Companions and Sir Knights,



I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving and is looking forward to the upcoming holidays. Everyone gets extremely busy this time of year so I ask that you mark your calendars for a couple of important events.

The next meeting of the Grand Junction York Rite bodies will be Monday, December 11th at 7:30 PM at the Grand Junction Masonic Center. Grand Junction Chapter No. 24 will be opening lodge.

Business will focus on the Knight's Templar Christmas Observance so all Companions and Sir Knights are encouraged to attend. Please bring your chapeau and sword so we can practice our floor work.

The Christmas Observance will be on Sunday, December 17th. Fellowship begins at 1:30 PM with ceremonies at 2 PM followed by a light meal. This event is open to the public so bring the family.

Looking forward to the new year we begin preparation for a Mark Master Degree. This degree will be open to all Master Masons in the area as an introduction to the Royal Arch Chapter and York Rite.

I'll wrap up by saying I hope you have a great month and a wonderful Christmas.

Fraternally,

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

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Sunshine Chapter No. 53 (OES)

Hello and Happy Summertime!

A Quote from G.K. Chesterton: "Christmas is built upon a beautiful and intentional paradox; that the birth of the homeless should be celebrated in every home."

November started out with two very surprised members! Alice Parrish was told that I was to be awarded a Grand Representative position and that I would be so happy if she came (which was true!) I was going to be there anyway but I knew that Alice was to be awarded a Grand Representative position also. When Kathy came to escort Alice, Mandy was standing by my chair saying "Get Up, Nancy!" SO, there you have it: Sister Alice is now the Grand Representative District of Columbia courtesy of PGM Beth and PGP Gary; and I am the Grand Representative to South Dakota!

At our meeting on the 21st, we read 2 petitions (!!!!) and Brother Harry let it be known that S.P.U.N.K. (Socks, pajamas and underwear for needy kids has started so we will be collecting for that along with diapers.

Please keep Willis Grundvig PGP in your thoughts and prayers. He is having heart surgery on 12/7. Joan Christopher is having back surgery on 11/29; Nancy Eriksen is having back surgery on 12/13; Mildred Revere is still in rehab.

A quote from C.S. Lewis "Chronicles of Narnia" 'Yes,' said Queen Lucy. 'In our world too, a stable once had something inside it that was bigger than our whole world.'

Have Yourselves a Wonderful Holiday Season!

Nancy Eriksen
Past-Worthy 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

Upcoming Dinners & Meetings

December 18th - Pancake Dinner
6:30 PM, 7:30 PM Stated Meeting | GJ Masonic Center.

January 15th - Dinner served 6:30 PM, 7:30 PM Stated Meeting | GJ Masonic Center

Special Events

RiteCare Pancake Breakfast with Santa - Dec 2nd, 8-10 AM | GJ Masonic Center

RiteCare Winter Event - Dec 15th, 4 PM | Montrose Rite Care Facility

Installation of Officers - Jan 6th, 11 AM | GJ 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 Hughes, 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
Ian Hughes, 32°	Preceptor
Randy Melton, 32°	Marshall of Ceremonies
William Marshall, 33°	Chancellor
Andrew Brewer, 32°	Captain of the Guard

Scottish Rite and
St. Mary's Life Center
Pancake Breakfast
with Santa
2023



Saturday
December 2, 2023
from 8:30 A.M.-10:30 A.M.

2400 Consistory Ct.
Grand Junction, CO
81501



The 47th Problem

Written by Worshipful Brother Lee Anderson

I want to share with you, an abbreviated version of a very excellent Short Talk Bulletin, written by Brother Rev. Joseph Fort Newton that was titled, "The 47th Problem." I am also taking the liberty to add some of my own research.

Brother Newton begins as follows:

"Containing more real food for thought and impressing on the receptive mind, a greater truth than any other of the emblems of the sublime degree, the 47th Problem of Euclid, generally, gets less attention, and certainly less, than all the rest. Just why this should receive so little explanation in our lecture and just how it has happened, that although the Fellow Craft degree makes so much of Geometry, geometry's right hand should be so cavalierly treated, is not for the present inquiry to settle."

Our single reference to the Masonic Legend of Euclid is very old. Just how old, we do not know, but it long antedates the Master Mason Degree. It was Thomas Webb Smith, who, in his first edition of the "Freemason's Monitor or

Scottish Rite Installation of Officers



Installation of Officers for the Valley of Grand Junction, Orient of Colorado will be on Saturday, January 2nd in Lodge Room 2 of the Grand Junction Masonic Center at 10 AM.

All Elected & Appointed Officers to be installed.

Illustrations of Masonry", first published in 1797, wrote and preserved for us this familiar paragraph.

"The 47th Problem of Euclid", was an invention of our ancient friend and brother, the great Pythagoras, who in his travels through Asia, Africa, and Europe, was initiated into several orders of priesthood and was also raised to the sublime degree of Master. This wise philosopher enriched his mind abundantly, in a general knowledge of things and more especially in geometry. On this subject, he drew out many problems and theorems, and among the most distinguished, he erected this, when in the joy of his heart, he exclaimed "Eureka", in the Greek language signifying "I have found it" and upon the discovery of which is said to have sacrificed a hecatomb. It teaches Masons to be general lovers of the arts and sciences."

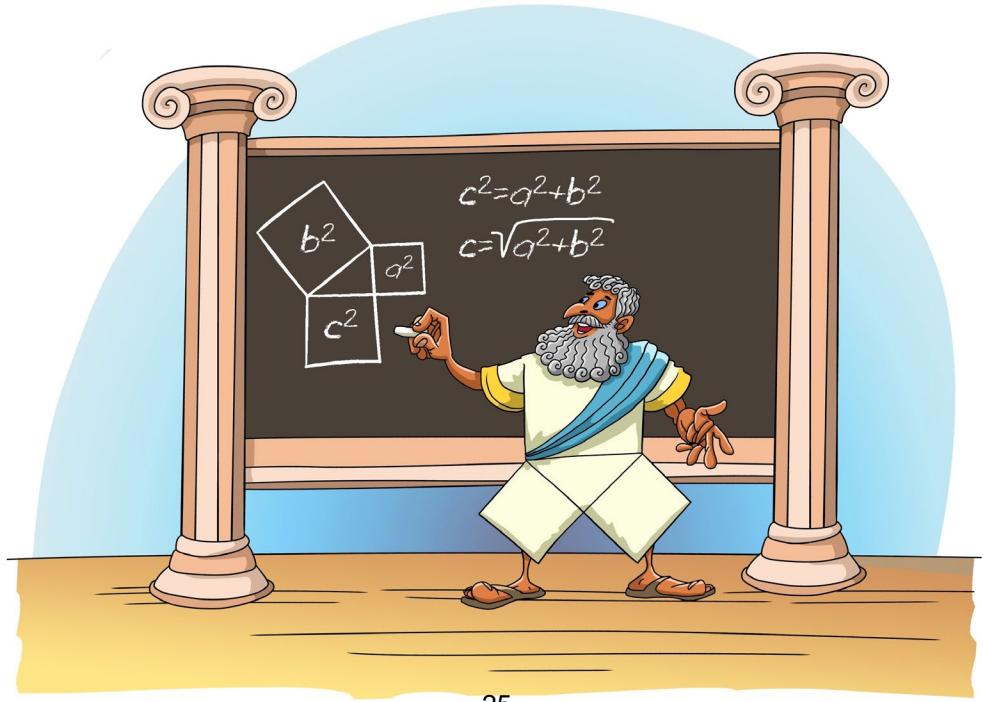


In this one paragraph are mentioned two of the most important mathematicians of all time, Euclid, and Pythagoras.

It also carries with it some truths, half-truths, and some just plain poetic license. Smith only preserved what someone else had written and we don't know who that someone was, or when they wrote it. Even in Anderson's Constitutions, which was published in 1723, he mentions that:

"The greater Pythagoras provided the author of the 47th Proposition of Euclid's first book, which, if duly observed, is the Foundation of all Masonry, sacred, civil, and military."

With that being said, let's start with Pythagoras. History records that Pythagoras was born on the Greek island of Samos around 570 B.C.E. and lived until around 490 B.C.E. He established a society with philosophical, religious, and political aims. Shrouded in secrecy, they believed that only by truly understanding the universe could one achieve salvation of the soul, and as Divinity created all things, studying it over a period of several lifetimes could bring one closer to Divinity itself. As such, it was believed that only through study and reason could one start to understand Divinity. To him, reason is based on measurable things, such as through numbers and objects, it becomes easier to understand. Therefore, his society devoted much time to the study of mathematics and particularly the study of geometry. Pythagoras is known to have traveled but was probably confined to the countries bordering the Mediterranean. He did go to Egypt, but it is improbable that he went further than into Asia Minor. The 47th Problem is attributed to him, but it can't be proven that he was the first to discover it, but he worked on it so much that it was called the Pythagoras Problem. If he did discover it, and because he was Greek, he may have exclaimed Eureka. The fact that he sacrificed a hecatomb is entirely out of character on several counts. The Pythagoreans were vegetarians and revered all animal life. They believed all souls first lived in animals and then in man, so a sacrifice



is probably mythical. On top of that, he probably wasn't wealthy or foolish enough to slaughter one hundred head of cattle.

It is thought the application of the mathematical usage of the right angle was something he may have observed while in Egypt. It was the application of the knotted rope. To produce a right angle of ninety-degrees, they used a rope with twelve equally spaced knots. When they laid out the rope using the first three knots, turning, and laying out the next four, then turning again, bringing the twelfth knot to the first, a right angle was formed. Pythagoras's problem was to prove why.

It was Euclid, two hundred years later, who immortalized Pythagoras's theorem and its solution. Euclid, also a Greek, was born around 325 B.C.E. As a youth he was probably educated in Plato's school in Athens. As a young man, he moved to the academically rich environment of Alexandria and later taught in the school there. He started compiling mathematical problems and proofs from Pythagoras and many other Greek mathematicians, strengthening their logic where it may have been weak and adding his own proofs, which produced works of stunning intellectual power. His goal was to discover eternal and universal truths. He allowed himself only the tools of a builder and a mason, a straight edge, and a compass.

Starting with a few self-evident principles, Euclid deduced and provided many increasingly sophisticated theorems. He decided to compile all the mathematical theorems and proofs together. In total, he wrote thirteen volumes of books, which were titled the "Elements." Each book contained many geometric propositions and explanations, in total four hundred sixty-five problems. In book number one, the last two problems, forty-seven and forty-eight, were by Pythagoras. It was Euclid who wrote about it, but it was Pythagoras who discovered or at least solved and codified it. Upon the invention of moveable print and Gutenberg's press in 1450, the "Elements" first printing was in 1482 and to date, it is second only to the Bible in the numbers printed.

Pythagoras's theorem of A squared plus B squared equals C squared produces a ninety-degree angle at the juncture of A and B, and is, in our universe, true. True means absolute and never changing. Considering this, the invention of our ancient friend and brother, the great Pythagoras, becomes one of the most impressive and important emblems of Freemasonry, the square. It is for us, the symbol of the power, the wisdom, and the goodness of the Great Architect of the Universe.

Trestleboard Cover Contest

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 design to W. Bro. 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.

**Enter for your chance to win.
If your photo or drawing is chosen you win \$50!**

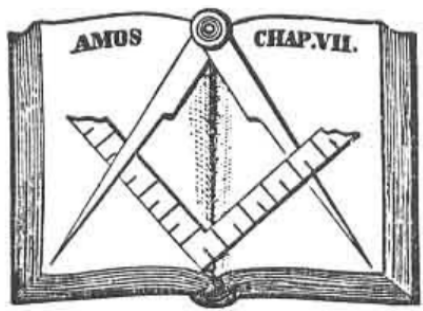
Joint Installation of Officers

Mesa, Grand Junction, Palisade & Fruita Masonic Lodges will install Elected and Appointed Officers for 2024 at the Joint Installation of Officers on Saturday, December 16th. Installing officer is R.W. Bro. William Marshal.

The Ceremony begins at 4 PM followed by a light meal. This event is open to the public, all are welcome to attend.



Fellow Craft Degree Mesa Lodge 55 A.F. & A.M.



All Fellow Craft and Master Masons are invited to a Fellow Craft Degree on Thursday, December 14th at 6:30 PM at the Grand Junction Masonic Center.

There will be light refreshments after the degree.



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