



# All Masonic Trestleboard February 2024

Find out what is happening in Masonry  
across the Grand Valley

# February Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Palisade Lodge Praticce   6 PM - GJ Masonic Center	<b>1</b> Mesa Lodge Stated Communication   6 PM - GJ Masonic Center	<b>2</b> Early Bird Breakfast   8 M - Stray Horn Grill, Fruita	<b>3</b> Palisade Lodge Stated Communication   10 AM - GJ Masonic Center  Funeral Service - W.B. Mike Murphy   2 PM American Lutheran Church
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Rainbow Girls   7 PM - GJ Masonic Center	<b>6</b> Fruita Lodge Practice   6 PM - Fruita Masonic Center  Montrose Lodge Stated Comm   7 PM - Montrose  Eastern Star   7:30 PM - GJ Masonic Center	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> DeMolay Boys   7 PM - GJ Masonic Center	<b>9</b> Early Bird Breakfast   8 M - Stray Horn Grill, Fruita  GJ Lodge Stated Communication   6:30 PM - GJ Masonic Center	<b>10</b> Fruita Lodge Sweetheart Lunch   12 PM - Cattleman's Cafe, Fruita
<b>11</b> Shrine Club Super Bowl Party   4 PM - GJ Masonic Center	<b>12</b> GJ York Rite (Commandery) Stated Conclave   7:30 PM - GJ Masonic Center	<b>13</b> Shrine Club Meeting   11 AM - GJ Masonic Center	<b>14</b> Temple Association Meeting   6:30 PM - GJ Masonic Center	<b>15</b> Mesa Lodge Officers Meeting   6:30 PM - GJ Masonic Center	<b>16</b> Early Bird Breakfast   8 M - Stray Horn Grill, Fruita	<b>17</b> Shrine Club Installation of Officer   12 PM - GJ Masonic Center  All-Masonic Happy Hour   4 PM - GJ Masonic Center
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> GJ Scottish Rite Sweetheart Dinner   6:30 PM - GJ Masonic Center  Rainbow Girls   7 PM - GJ Masonic Center	<b>20</b> Fruita Lodge Stated Comm   6 PM - Fruita Masonic Center  Montrose Lodge Stated Comm   7 PM - Montrose  Eastern Star   7:30 PM - GJ Masonic Center	<b>21</b> Delta York Rite   7:30 PM - Hotchkiss	<b>22</b> DeMolay Boys   7 PM - GJ Masonic Center	<b>23</b> Early Bird Breakfast   8 M - Stray Horn Grill, Fruita  Open Practice   6:30 PM - GJ Masonic Center	<b>24</b> Mark Master Degree   10 AM - GJ Masonic Center
<b>25</b> All-Masonic Open House   1-4 PM GJ Masonic Center	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Palisade Lodge Praticce   6 PM - GJ Masonic Center	<b>29</b>	<b>1</b> Early Bird Breakfast   8 M - Stray Horn Grill, Fruita	<b>2</b> Palisade Lodge Stated Communication   10 AM - GJ Masonic Center



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## Birthdays

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

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|-----------------------|--------------------|
| • Arthur Donoho       | • John Anderson    |
| • Christopher Geisler | • Mark McGarry     |
| • Chuck Downing       | • Richard Gonzalez |
| • Gilbert Martin      | • Steven Potter    |
| • Glen Phelps         | • Thomas Lacroix   |

## 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.

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|----------------------|--------------------|
| • Allen Etcheverry   | • Kenneth Whitson  |
| • Chad Davis         | • Kerry King       |
| • Daniel Henry       | • Larry Drieth     |
| • Edgar Gillenwaters | • Randy Rehwoldt   |
| • Gilbert Martin     | • Timothy Claypool |
| • Glen Phelps        | • Vernon Dillard   |
| • Glen Revelle       | • Walter Hatmaker  |
| • Jason Gaskill      | • William Marshall |

## Sickness & Distress

Keep these Brothers and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

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|---------------------------|----------------------|
| • W. Bro. Ron Franklin    | • Bro. Ed Trollinger |
| • W. Bro. Willis Grundvig | • W. Bro. Joe Wells  |
| • W. Bro. Jason Kohles    |                      |

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**Grand Junction Consistory**  
*Cordially invites you to attend the*  
**Annual Sweetheart Banquet**

*The Banquet and Program*  
*Will take place on*

**February 19, 2024, 6:30 PM**  
*At the Grand Junction Masonic Center*  
*2400 Consistory Court*

*Menu: Apricot Chicken*  
*Broccoli, Green Salad, Bake Potato's*  
*Dessert, Rolls, Coffee, Tea & Water*  
*(\$20 adults, \$10 Children)*

*Widows of our fallen Brothers*  
*Will be honored guests of the Consistory*  
*Reservations are absolutely necessary*  
*For all who plan to attend*  
*Call, write or email your reservation by Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> to:*

Bill Nickell 970-865-2552.  
*e-mail – bbnickell1234@gmail.com*

*Let us know if you need a ride*



**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Celebration of Life for**  
**Worshipful Brother Mike Murphy**

A Celebration of Life for Worshipful Brother Mike Murphy of Fruita Masonic Lodge No. 120 will be held at the American Lutheran Church at 2 PM on Saturday, February 3rd. There will be a Masonic Service.

American Lutheran Church, 631 26 1/2 Rd, Grand Junction, CO 81506

**Super Bowl Party**

The Western Colorado Shrine Club is hosting a potluck style Super Bowl Party at the Grand Junction Masonic Center. The event will begin at 4 PM on Sunday, February 11th. Everyone is welcome to attend, bring a snack to share.

**All-Masonic Happy (Social) Hour**

The monthly All-Masonic Happy (Social) Hour is on Saturday, February 17th at the Grand Junction Masonic Center from 4-7 PM on the back patio between Lodge Rooms 2 and 4. This event is open to all Masons, Prospective members, friends, and family. Bring a snack or drink to share.

**Scottish Rite Sweetheart Banquet**

The Grand Junction Scottish Rite bodies will be hosting a Sweetheart Banquet on Monday, February 19th at the Grand Junction Masonic Center. Dinner is \$20 for Adults, \$10 for Children. The evening will begin at 6:30 PM.

**Open Practice**

Do you need to work on opening and closing ritual? Do you need help studying a lecture, or your proficiency? Come down to the Grand Junction Masonic Center on Friday, February 23rd at 6 PM.

**Mark Master Degree**

Grand Junction and Delta Royal Arch Chapters will be performing a Mark Master Degree on Saturday, February 24th at 10 AM at the Grand Junction Masonic Center. This degree is open to all Master Masons and is free. Find more information later in the is trestleboard.



**Dad Joke of the Month**

I always wanted to be a Gregorian monk,  
but I never got the chants.

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## York Rite & The Mark Master Degree

### What is the York Rite?

York Rite is a descriptive term used for three cooperative groups that confer a total of ten degrees in the United States. The degrees making up the York Rite are considered concordant to the first three Masonic degrees, meaning they confer additional Masonic degrees that enlarge and expand on the first three lodge degrees.



### What is the Mark Master Degree?

The first of the series of York Rite degrees is in the Royal Arch Chapter is that of Mark Master. The Stonemasons who built the great cathedrals and other buildings of the Middle Ages left behind a tiny record of individual workmanship.

It is built upon the ancient custom of Masons selecting their mark to cut into the stones they dressed in the quarry to identify the craftsman for quality control and payment. Original marks were composed of a few straight chisel cuts and occasionally a curve. The side of the stone with the mark usually faced inside the wall, so that most marks are now hidden.

During the ceremonies, the candidate enters his mark in the Mark Book and it is then his personal "brand" The Mark Master's degree also has a legend about producing the keystone that went in the principal arch of King Solomon's Temple. A Keystone with the letters "H T W S S T K S".

### All Colorado Master Masons are invited!

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons at the 2023 annual conclave opened the Mark Master degree to any Master Mason in the State of Colorado. Any Master Mason may receive the Mark Master degree free of charge. If the individual would like to continue into the other nine degrees of the York Rite he is eligible to petition a chapter. Any individual who completes all ten York Rite Degrees is eligible for reimbursement of all fees paid.

**When:** Saturday February 24, 2024 - 10:00 AM

**Where:** Grand Junction Masonic Center

**RSVP:** To Eminent Grand Companion Jeff Bush

Phone: (970) 623-3651

E:Mail: [Tim16Bush@gmail.com](mailto:Tim16Bush@gmail.com)

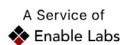
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# Mesa Lodge No. 55

## Greetings Brothers and Friends,

Brethren, I have lots to say and I'm not sure where to begin so I'll start with a quick report on the Grand Lodge Annual Session which was at the end of January. This year Grand Lodge was held here in Grand Junction and it was a good session. M.W. Brother Ross, from Hotchkiss Colorado, opened Grand Lodge Friday morning and Sir Knights from our own Temple Commandery presented the flags of our nation and state to the assembled Brothers and Brother Ian Hughs led us all in the National Anthem after which the business of Grand Lodge commenced.

Visiting dignitaries from the Grand Lodges of Idaho, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming, the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Colorado, the Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters of Colorado, Scottish Rite Orient of Colorado, the Grand Master of Prince Hall Masons of Colorado, Utah, and Wyoming, Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, Grand Assembly of International Rainbow for Girls, DeMolay Boys, and Jobes Daughters were all introduced.

Reports of the Grand Lodge committees were approved and the Election and Installation of Grand Lodge Officers for 2024 went off without a hitch. Despite a small hiccup with the voting software, discussion of and voting on the proposed changes to the Book of Constitutions went swiftly. I encourage all Masons to read the Book of Constitutions to review the changes made. R.W. Bro. Jerry Finemoore our Grand Treasurer was awarded the title of Honorary Past Grand Master for his more than twenty-five years of service to the craft. Overall Grand Lodge was well attended and productive.

Many awards were given out and I'm happy to report that for the first time since 2011, Mesa Lodge received Honor Lodge for 2023. I want to thank all the Brothers for their time, hard work, and dedication to the Lodge last year that made this award possible.

Our next Stated Communication will be on Thursday, February 1st. Worshipful Brother Tom will be in charge of dinner and as I will not be in attendance, he will also be sitting in the East. At our February meeting, we hope to receive reports from two investigation committees on our two new petitions as well as making preparations for an Open House we will be hosting at the end of the month. We will also be making preparations for our St.

Patty's Day celebration on Saturday, March 16th.

There are several other events in February that you may wish to attend. First, we will be having an Officers Meeting on Thursday, February 15th at 6:30 PM at the Grand Junction Masonic Center. All members of the Lodge are welcome to attend. The Shrine Club will be hosting a Super Bowl party on Sunday, February 11th at 4 PM. This potluck-style event is open to everyone. The All-Masonic Happy Hour will be on Saturday, February 17th from 4-7 on the Patio of Grand Junction Masonic Center. This event is open to everyone, bring friends, family, or prospective members, and a snack to share. Finally, in conjunction with Grand Junction Lodge, we will have an open practice session on Friday, February 23rd at 6 PM. This practice session is open to all masons who want to practice opening or closing lodge, work on their proficiency, or the Masonic Funeral Service. I encourage you to look at the full calendar of events on the Trestleboard or at [MasonicFamilyGJ.org/Events](http://MasonicFamilyGJ.org/Events).

I would like to highlight the Mark Master Degree on Saturday, February 24th. This event is open to all Master Masons and is free to attend. There will be a lunch afterward. This degree sits between the

Fellow Craft Degree and Master Mason Degree chronologically and is a beautiful degree that teaches you how to receive your masonic wages, and you get to create your personal mark, or signature, as the operative masons of old did. Please RSVP to me or to Brother Jeff Bush by Wednesday, February 21st.

A few other housekeeping items to mention. If you haven't paid your 2024 dues yet please do so as soon as possible. If you need assistance with paying your dues please contact me or W. Bro. John Groves. Also, if you have moved or changed your phone number or email address please contact me or Bro. Chris Giesler the lodge secretary so we can update your information. Finally, you can sign up for email notifications on our website [MasonicFamilyGJ.org](http://MasonicFamilyGJ.org), and on Facebook by searching for MesaLodge55.

I hope you have a wonderful month and I hope to see you at the Mark Master Degree or some of our events throughout February.

**Fraternally,**  
**Gregory Foster**  
**Worshipful Master**

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<b>Junior Deacon</b>	David Marshall (PM) (970) 412-5809
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<b>Chaplain</b>	John Groves (PM) (970) 261-5189
<b>Marshal</b>	William Marshall (PM) (970) 260-5432

Chartered: Sep18, 1883

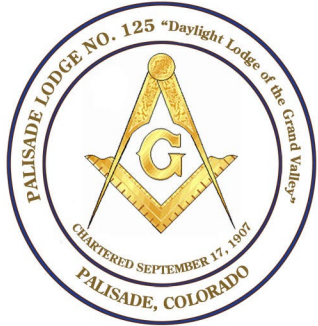
Meets the 1st Thursday of the month in Lodge Room 1 of the Grand Junction Masonic Center at 7:00 PM, with dinner before lodge at 6:00 PM.

Dark: July & August

## 2024 Dinner Assignments

January.....Gregory Foster  
 February.....Tom Verdieck  
 March.....Ian Hughes  
 April.....Table Lodge  
 May.....Andrew Weber  
 June.....TBD  
 July.....(No Meeting)  
 August..All-Masonic Picnic  
 September.....John Groves  
 October.....Chris Geisler  
 November..David Marshall  
 DecemberChristmas Party

# Palisade Lodge No. 125



**Greetings Brothers and Friends,**

Hello my brothers,

I hope this finds you well. Thank you all for your hard work and dedication to building the fraternity. It's inspiring to see new friends and faces showing interest in the craft. Let's keep spreading the word and inviting men into Masonry.

Let's do our best to be the best neighbors and fellow citizens. Let's be a good example of Masonry for everyone to see. I am always learning from your amazing example my brothers.

May you be blessed with health and strength.

Fraternally,

**Chris Eglet  
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

# Grand Junction York Rite Bodies

Companions and Sir Knights,



February and March will be busy for the Grand Junction and Delta York Rite Chapters. The next Grand Junction York Rite meeting will be on Monday, February 12th when Temple Commandery will be opening. We will be practicing for the Mark Master Degree on Saturday, February 24th. Our last practice will be at the Delta York Rite meeting in Hotchkiss on Wednesday, February 21st. Both bodies open at 7:30 PM.

Please help spread the word about the Mark Master degree to your blue lodges. This degree is free and open to all Master Masons who wish to receive it with no obligation to continue with the other Chapter Degrees. Brothers need to RSVP for the degree to Jeff Bush (970) 523-365, lejzbush@q.com, no later than Wednesday, February 21st.

For Brothers that do want to receive the other York Rite Degree the Grand Junction and Delta Chapters will be performing the Virtual Past Master and Most Excellent Master Mason Degrees in Hotchkiss on Wednesday, March 20th at 7:30 PM and the Royal Arch degree in May, date TBD.

Also in March, Grand Junction and Delta Commanderies will be hosting a public Pancake Breakfast to raise money for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation at the Grand Junction Masonic Center from 8-10 AM.

Grand Junction Chapter will begin working on the KeyStone Award and Temple Commandery will start working on the Flaming Sword for those are are interested. If you are interested please contact High Priest Gregory Foster (505) 350-0197, Phelanwolf75@gmail.com.

Fraternally,

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

## Palisade Lodge No. 125 Officers

<b>Worshipful Master</b>	Chris Eglet (970) 640-4986	<b>Senior Deacon</b>	Chad Davis (970) 312-4714
<b>Senior Warden</b>	Kerry King (PM) (970) 434-3267	<b>Junior Deacon</b>	Don Halford (970) 250-4277
<b>Junior Warden</b>	Harry Clark (PM) (970) 986-9315	<b>Tiler</b>	Chaz Morton (678) 333-4040
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<b>Treasurer</b>	Jason Gaskill (970) 270-2386		

# Fruita Masonic Lodge No. 120



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.....TBD  
 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

## Brethren,

We were able to capture the Grand traveling gavel from Palisade Lodge 125 on Sat Jan 6th. On Tuesday Jan 16th seven members traveled to Mt. Lamborn Lodge 102 in Hotchkiss for a joint stated communication. Along with some great fellowship, we were able to present the Grand traveling gavel to Worshipful Master Greg Allen. He will be able to use it to open Mt. Lamborn Lodge at the beginning of Grand Lodge and present it to the Most Worshipful Grand Master Ross Allen (his dad) to open Grand Lodge.

This month, we will be meeting at noon on Saturday Feb 10th at the Cattleman's Café 435 US 6, Fruita for our Valentine's Sweetheart lunch. This will be a pay on your own event and all are welcome (family, friends, prospective masons, etc). Please let me know how many individuals will be in your group by Thursday the 8th so we can make table arrangements with the restaurant.

Looking forward to March, we will be gathering at Fruita Lodge at noon on Saturday the 16th for our traditional St Patrick's luncheon. The Lodge will provide

**A Celebration of Life for Worshipful Brother Mike Murphy will be held at the American Lutheran Church in Grand Junction at 2 PM on Saturday, February 3rd.**

the corned beef and cabbage. Everyone please bring a dish to share. This will also be open to family, friends and prospective masons.

The York Rite is offering the Mark Master Degree free of charge to any Master Mason on Feb 24th. This is a very interesting degree which teaches about the wages of a Master Mason. See the York Rite section of this tressleboard for more information.

Fraternally yours,

**Worshipful Master  
Tom Verdieck**

## Fruita Lodge No. 120 Officers

<b>Worshipful Master</b>	Tom Verdieck (PM) (970) 270-8504
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<b>Junior Warden</b>	Mike Murphy (970) 640-5570
<b>Secretary</b>	Glen Phelps (PM) (970) 390-7146
<b>Treasurer</b>	Jimmy McBride (PM) (970) 683-1957
<b>Senior Deacon</b>	Jeff Koenig (PM) (970) 318-1004
<b>Junior Deacon</b>	Doug Lampe (PM) (916) 201-1806
<b>Tiler</b>	Lee Anderson (970) 846-8493
<b>Chaplain</b>	Andrew Weber (970) 312-4774
<b>Marshal</b>	James Krogh (PM) (970) 260-3773

## Early Bird Breakfast



Start your Friday off right by joining us for breakfast at the Strayhorn Grill in Fruita.

Every Friday, 8 AM. All Masons, friends, and prospective members are welcome.

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



# Grand Junction Lodge No. 173



Grand Junction Lodge No. 173 Chartered: January 23, 1952

Meets the 2nd Friday of the month in Lodge Room 1 of the Grand Junction Masonic Center at 7:30 PM, with dinner before lodge at 6:30 PM.

Dark: July & August

## Greetings Brothers,

The Season is upon us! Every year I hear stories of reflection and it reminds me to look back on the things that happened during the year and how they connect to the past, beyond the previous watermark of a new year.

Masonry unites men of every country, sect, and opinion and causes true friendship to exist among those who might otherwise have remained at a perpetual distance, by the exercise of Brotherly Love.

I am grateful that I have had the opportunity to experience life with each one of You. It is an adventure and never boring. I find comfort in what I learn when we meet and that cooler heads will prevail through rational, forward-thinking and by focusing on doing no harm, only good.

I pray that the Great Architect will guide us in serving His will, not our own, and allow us to feel the comfort of seeing His will in action.

As most of you already know you have elected a full-time employed Worshipful Master of your lodge and gone quite a bit throughout the year, with that being said, your elected Senior Warden, Brother Nathaniel Pavlisick will be in command. I urge all Master Masons, who are interested in York Rite to take advantage of the free Mark Master degree coming up on February 24th at the Masonic Center, you do not want to miss this! Also, do not forget about the Sweetheart Dinner on February 19.

Although I will be gone until April, I will have

close contact with our Senior Warden, and with the rest of the Worshipful Masters in our jurisdiction, we have a lot of stuff to plan for, including our upcoming outdoor communication with Mesa 55 and Fruta 120 Lodge! This is going to be huge and a lot of fun. Please feel free to contact me at any time with any questions. God bless each and every one of you and a thank you to all the Brothers who attended and helped out at the Grand Lodge!


Let there be Light in our lives!

Wishing all fulfilling adventures,

**Darrell Manroe**  
Worshipful Master

## GJ Lodge No. 173 Officers

<b>Worshipful Master</b>	Darrell Manroe (816) 500-1550
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# Western Colorado Shrine Club

Hello Nobles, Ladies, and Friends,

February will be a fun month for the Western Colorado Shrine Club. We begin with a Super Bowl Party at the Grand Junction Masonic Center beginning at 4 PM. Come down and watch the game with us. This is a potluck-style event so bring a snack or drink to share.

Our next Board Meeting will be on Tuesday, February 13th at 11 AM. We have moved our meetings from the Grand Vista Hotel to the Grand Junction Masonic Center. Bring your own lunch.

A week later we have the Installation of Officers. The Potentate and Divan will, weather permitting, trek over the mountains to Install our Officers on Saturday, February 17th at noon. The installation will be followed by a potluck celebration. We will send out a signup form for the potluck soon.

The Grand Junction and Delta Royal Arch Chapters are inviting all Shriners to become Mark Masters by taking the Mark Master Degree, the first degree of the Royal Arch Chapter, on Saturday, February 24th at 10 AM at the Grand Junction Masonic Center. If you are interested please RSVP to Companion Jeff Bush at lejzabush@q.com or (970) 623-3651.

The All-Masonic Happy Hour will be on Saturday, February 17th at 4 PM after the Installation of Officers and potluck. We are moving the Happy Hour back to the Grand Junction Masonic Center. Weather permitting, we will be on the new patio between lodge rooms 2 and 3. This event is open to the public. Bring a friend, bring a brother, bring your wife, come hang out and have a good time. Bring a snack or drink to share.

If you know of anyone that is interested in becoming a Shriner please bring them to one of our events. Have a great month and I hope to see you at one of our many events this month.

**Gregory Foster**  
**President Western Colorado Shrine Club**

The Western Colorado Shrine Club meets at the Grand Junction Masonic Center on the second Tuesday of each month (except July and August) at 11 AM. All members of the WCSC and prospective members are welcome to attend. For more information please visit [www.EIjabelShrine.org](http://www.EIjabelShrine.org)



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Sweetheart Dinner - February 19 - 6:30 PM | GJ Masonic Center

Ceremony of Remembrance - March 18th - 7:30 PM | GJ Masonic Center

Dinner & Stated Meeting - April 15th  
Salad Bar 6:30 PM. Stated Meeting 7:30 PM

2024 Scottish Rite Reunion - May 3-4th

Pizza Party & Stated Communication - May 20th 6:30 PM | GJ Masonic Center

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## Update for Centro de la Familia

Happy Holidays to everyone in the Treasure Chest Program! Centro has enjoyed being able to provide high quality and engaging learning materials and opportunities to support speech and language development once again to families and children in our Head Start program throughout the Western Slope of Colorado. This quarter, we provided activities based on the themes of transportation, weather/seasons and dinosaurs.

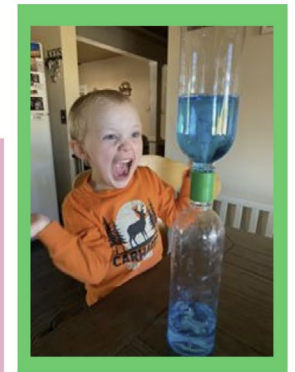
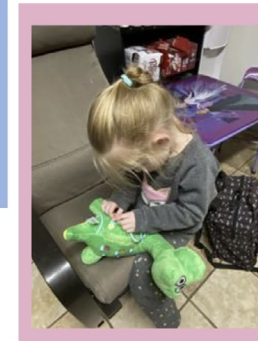
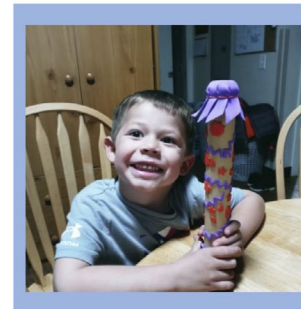
Materials were made available in English and Spanish to meet the needs of the families we serve. We were thrilled to have several parents volunteer their time to assist our staff in packaging up the materials in preparation for disbursement to families. As an agency to places parent engagement as a top priority, we recognize the value of the time parents devote to enriching and supporting the development of their children!

The feedback we have received from the families receiving Treasure Chest materials has been overwhelmingly fantastic! Families reported particular enjoyment with the materials related to rainbows, including making rainbow cupcakes and looking up pictures of rainbows online. We love that the materials we are able to share spark further learning and growth for our little learners! Each bag that families received included a variety of activities including art and cooking supplies, sensory materials, books, a puzzle and more.

We were able to serve a total of 65 children, including 45 preschoolers and 20 infant/toddlers. We look forward to continuing to serve the children and families in the coming year through the Treasure Chest program!

Centro de la Familia would like to express our gratitude to Scottish Rite for allowing us the opportunity to participate in the Treasure Chest program, and for their continued support and funding that allows us to do all we can to promote speech and language development.

Submitted by Lisa Morgan, Treasure Chest Program Coordinator, Grand Junction





# February Crossword

## Knights Templar

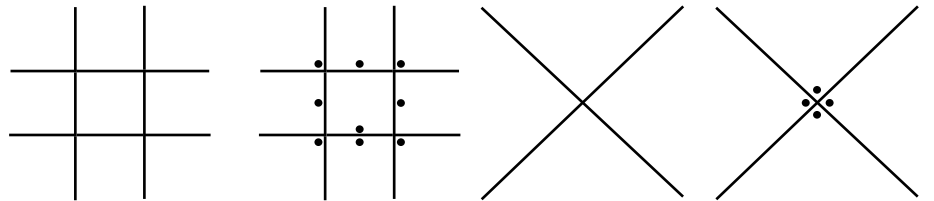
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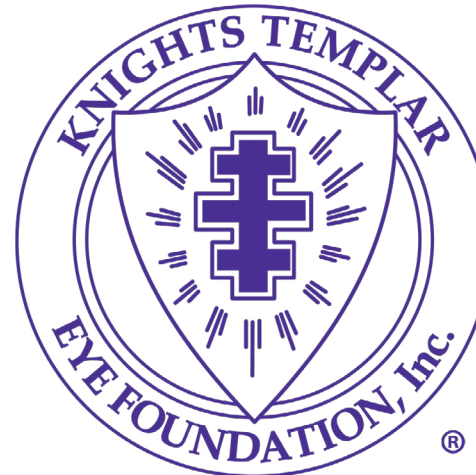


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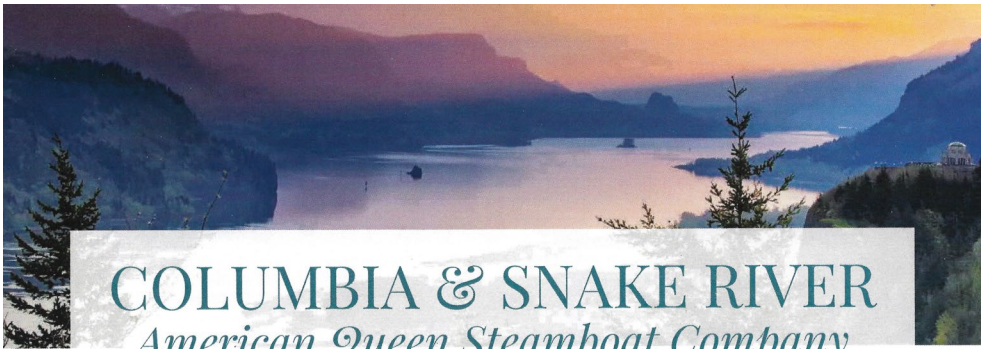
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# Masonic Education

## Courage

by RW Bro David Sandy – PM Mt. Moriah #116 MD and PGCh – MD

The Cardinal virtues of masonry are temperance, fortitude, prudence, and justice. This essay takes a closer look at Fortitude.

Fortitude associated with the pectoral or breast and within the breast beats the heart. Fortitude is another word for courage, which has its origin from the Latin word core or heart. The anatomical analogy of heart has also been connected to man's emotional nature, fortitude or courage is indeed a heart based virtue.

An examination of courage is incomplete without also examining. Masonry teaches us that the virtue of fortitude is equally distant from rashness and cowardice. This tells us that courage is not fearlessness. Neither is being afraid. The sole mark of a coward. The fearless man is reckless and foolish, while the man who allows fear to conquer him is a coward. Is the man who faces down his fears, who is courageous and has fortitude.

Fortitude enables us to undergo any pain, peril or danger, and these can take many forms. While there is physical danger, there is also mental anguish. The pain of discipline and the pain and agony of regret. Motivational speaker Jim Rohn tells us that the pain of discipline weighs oz. Yet the pain of regret weighs tons.

Similarly, courage is a virtue that has many definitions. Here are a few examples to consider of what courage looks like.

The first is physical courage, often called bravery or valor. This is personified by the soldier guarding the perimeter, or the firefighter who enters the burning building. Hollywood movies and best selling books shower us with examples of physical courage, or the lack thereof. Consider the cowardly lion in the Wizard of Oz, James Bond, Harry Potter, and John. Wayne in the Holy Scriptures we read about David and Goliath. They are all examples of physical courage yet possessing physical courage alone is no guarantee of a virtuous man. So let's look at some less obvious forms of courage.

One of these other forms of courage is perseverance. This is the courage to be determined to stick with the purpose and to be dis-

content with merely holding ground, but to continually strive forward, even in times of failure and setback. Brother and President Theodore Roosevelt speaks of this kind of courage in his citizen in a Republic speech where he describes the man in the arena. The man, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood, who strives valiantly, who errs, who comes up short again and again, the man who spends himself in a worthy cause.

Moral courage is the ability to face ethical challenges. This is the Mason who holds on to his convictions when his values are put to the test. When a Mason puts ethics into action, he is showing moral courage. Also, when he stands up for a moral principle while others are standing aside while others may choose an aloof detachment from the issues, the Mason with moral courage takes a stand. This is not merely whistle blowing, a relatively quick action. Moral courage involves ongoing integrity, exercise with poise and serving as a role model for others to. Intellectual courage is the willingness to face new ideas and solve problems. The willingness to be curious, check facts, ask questions and make mistakes. This is the courage it takes to do something, even if it might be incorrect. In other words, risk taking and daring.

The Mason with intellectual courage takes whatever time is necessary to gain a thorough understanding of a subject. He is not satisfied with just his superficial overview. He listens intently and considers others points of view. He seeks out opposing positions on issues, the Mason with intellectual courage is not afraid to say. Can you please explain that to me again? Freemasonry provides an atmosphere for free thought, where intellectual courage can be exercised. Our earlier brothers tested their ideas and the safety of their lodges then showed intellectual courage by sharing their innovations with the world.

Social courage is the quality of being comfortable in our own skin, standing tall and being the 1st to offer a handshake and greeting. It is the quality of not being a slave to the expectation of others. It is being oneself at the risk of social disapproval, the ability to express opinions without checking to see. If they are in line with others preferences is social courage. A nation with social courage stands firm against destructive peer pressure. He is the man who stands out when it



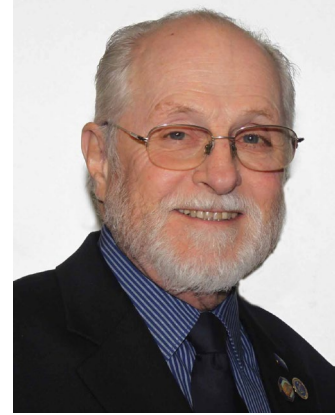
might be more comfortable to blend in. Social courage is speaking one's mind, even though the voice is quivering. The final element of this multifaceted virtual is spiritual courage. The obvious example is the Mason, who welcomes the prospect of his demise. But there's more.

Consider his spiritual courage needed to explain death to a young child. It is the courage to have faith and the fortitude to forego the need to control everything. In a fragmented world divided by sectarianism, intolerance, hatred and greed, spiritual courage means having friends who practice a faith that is different from our own. It is asking questions about other religions and being tolerant of other men's beliefs. When we are challenged and despite the risks we must take, we must all decide on the path we take. The courageous actions of others may inspire us and offer examples for emulation. But the courage to act comes from within, and each of us must look into our soul and then apply it.



## Masonic Memorials

### Worshipful Brother Michael W. Murphy Born November 19, 1940 - Died January 3, 2024



Michael W. Murphy peacefully passed away surrounded by his family on January 3, 2024. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, friend, and child of God. He was a resident of Fruita, CO for 18 years.

He was born on November 19, 1940, in Grinnell, Iowa to Harold and Ora Murphy. He attended The University of Iowa where he earned his bachelor's degree, master's degree, and PhD in Speech Pathology and

Audiology. He had a long successful career working for Veterans Administration Medical Centers, initially as a speech pathologist and then in hospital administration. In 1959 as a senior in high school, he joined the Air Force National Guard, retiring as a Lt. Colonel.

He married Joy Rice in 1961. They had three children together, Sean, Bridget, and Brian.

In 1992, he married Patricia Myers and became a father to her children, Terri and Julie.

He had a deep faith in the Lord and strong commitment to serving others through various organizations.

Mike is survived by his wife Patricia Murphy, his children Sean (Elana) Murphy, Bridget (David) Kelsey, Brian (Karen) Murphy, Terri Flowerday, and Julie (Deon) Kuhl; 13 grandchildren as well as 7 great grandchildren; and sisters Molly (Ray) Cramer and Mary (Ron) Capps. He is predeceased by his parents Harold and Ora Murphy.

A celebration of life will be held at American Lutheran Church, 631 26 ½ Rd, Grand Junction, Colorado 81506 on February 3rd at 2:00pm. The service will be livestreamed for those unable to attend.

# Worshipful Brother Jerry Nisbet Jr.

Born November 8th, 1924 - Died January 10th, 2024



Worshipful Brother Jerry Nisbet Jr. has laid down the working tools of life on January 10th, 2024 and has become a member of the Celestial Lodge above. He was 99 years young. and a 77 year member of Palisade Lodge #125, 15 of those years as Secretary and a plural member of Grand Junction Lodge #173.

Per W. Bro. Jerry's wishes there will be no funeral or memorial service. Instead W. Bro.

Jerry asked for Memorial Contributions to Shrine Children's Hospitals.

If you wish to make a contribution in W. Bro. Jerry's name you can send your donation to the Western Colorado Shrine Club at the address below and specify the donation is in honor of W. Bro. Jerry. The Western Colorado Shrine Club will collect and match all Memorial Contributions for W. Bro. Jerry Nisbet Jr. and forward them on to the Shrine Children's.

## Photos



W. Bro. Greg Foster of Mesa Lodge accepting the Honor Lodge Award for Mesa Lodge No. 55



Bro. Don Wilson on being initiated an E.A.





Bro. Dominic Anthony, Joe Higgenbotham, Dominic Anthony on being Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason



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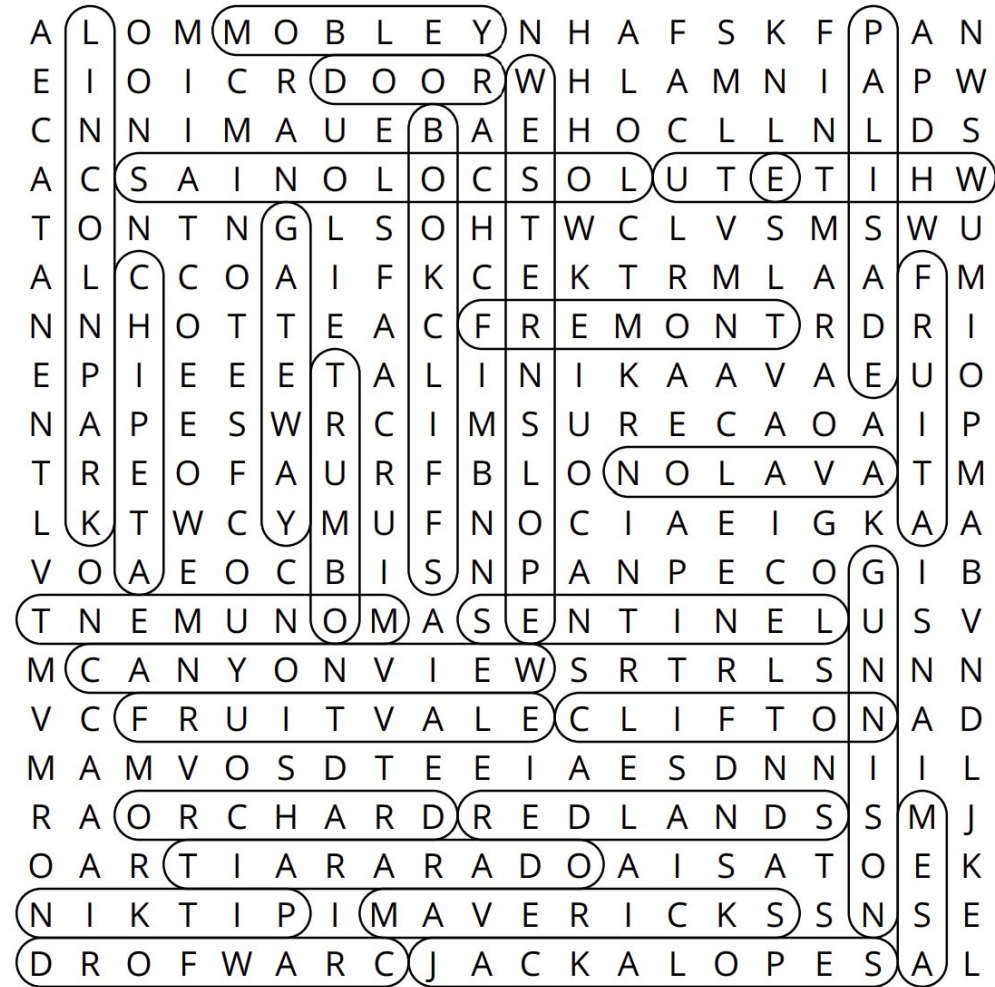


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# January Crossword Solution

## Grand Junction



Mesa Lodge Lecture on the Fall of the Knights Templar



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