



All Masonic Trestleboard March 2024

Find out what is happening in Masonry
across the Grand Valley

March Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28 Palisade Lodge Practice 6:30 PM - GJ Masonic Center	29	1 Early Bird Breakfast 8 AM - Strayhorn, Fruita	2 Palisade Lodge Practice 8:30 AM - GJ Masonic Center Palisade Lodge Stated Comm 10 AM - GJ Masonic Center
3	4 Rainbow Girls 7 PM - GJ Masonic Center	5 O.E.S 7:30 PM - GJ Masonic Center Montrose Lodge Stated Comm 7 PM - Montrose	6	7 Mesa Lodge Stated Comm 6 PM - GJ Masonic DeMolay Boys Open House 7 PM GJ - Masonic Center	8 Early Bird Breakfast 8 AM - Strayhorn, Fruita GJ Lodge Stated Comm 6:30 PM - GJ Masonic Center	9
10	11 GJ York Rite (Council) 7:30 PM - GJ Masonic Center	12 Shrine Club Meeting 11 AM - GJ Masonic Center	13 GJ Temple Board Assoc 6:30 PM - GJ Masonic Center	14	15 Early Bird Breakfast 8 AM - Strayhorn, Fruita	16 Knight Templar Pancake Breakfast 8-11 AM - GJ Masonic Center Fruita Corned Beef Lunch 1 PM - Fruita Masonic Center
17	18 Scottish Rite Ceremony of Remembrance 6:30 PM - GJ Masonic Center Rainbow Girls 7 PM - GJ Masonic Center	19 Fruita Masonic Lodge Stated Comm 6 PM - Fruita Masonic Center O.E.S 7:30 PM - GJ Masonic Center Montrose Lodge Stated Comm 7 PM - Montrose	20 Virtual Past Master & Most Excellent Master Mason Degrees (Delta York Rite) 6 PM - Hotchkiss	21 Mesa Lodge Norse Paganism Lecture 6:30 PM - GJ Masonic Center DeMolay Boys 7 PM GJ Masonic Center	22 Early Bird Breakfast 8 AM - Strayhorn, Fruita All-Masonic Open Practice 6:30 PM - GJ Masonic Center	23 All-Masonic Happy Hour 4 PM - GJ Masonic Center
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For a full list of events go to www.MasonicFamilyGJ.org/Events

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Birthdays

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

- Andrew Weber
- Brian Burns
- Byron Cook
- Edgar Gillenwaters
- Emmett Palmer
- Garry Brewer
- Gerald Rossman
- Joseph Miles
- Joseph Saunders
- Kelly Bissell
- Larry Corn
- Randy Larson
- Richard Gilmore Jr.

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.

- Albert Young
- Andrew Weber
- Christopher Geisler
- Emmett Palmer
- Gene Dreher
- Jim Keif
- Joseph Miles
- Larry Corn
- Michael Wethington
- Parker King
- Ted Saunders
- William Clarke

Sickness & Distress

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

- W. Bro. Ron Franklin
- W. Bro. Jason Kohles
- W. Bro. Harry Clark
- W. Bro. Gregory Foster
- Bro. Ed Trollinger

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Dad Joke of the Month

Q: What is a lumberjacks favorite kind of beer?

A: Larger

Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

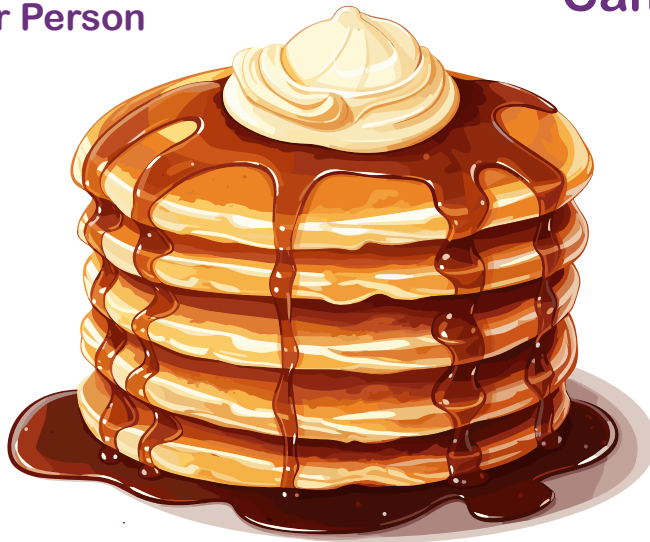
Saturday, March 16th 8-11 AM

Grand Junction Masonic Center
2400 Consistory Ct, Grand Junction

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Lecture on Norse Paganism

Mesa Lodge will be hosting a lecture on Norse Paganism on Thursday, March 21st at the Grand Junction Masonic Center. Dinner is at 6:30 PM and the lecture will begin at 7 PM. This lecture is open to everyone. [Please RSVP here for dinner.](#)

Knight Templar Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

The Grand Junction, Delta, and Leadville Knights Templar are hosting a pancake breakfast fundraiser to raise money for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation on Saturday March 16th from 8-11 AM at the Grand Junction Masonic Center. This event is open to the public. Bring your families and friends.

Fruita Masonic Lodge Corned Beef Dinner

Fruita Masonic Lodge is hosting its annual Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner in celebration of St. Patrick's Day on Saturday, March 16th at 1 PM at the Fruita Masonic Lodge. Fruita Masonic Lodge will provide the Corned Beef and Cabbage. Guests are asked to bring a side dish. This event is open to everyone. Please [RSVP HERE](#) to ensure there is enough Corned Beef and Cabbage.

All-Masonic Happy (Social) Hour

The monthly All-Masonic Happy (Social) Hour is on Saturday, March 23rd 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.

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, March 22nd at 6:30 PM.

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Sunshine Chapter No. 53 (OES)



Hello All,

Sunshine Chapter #53 is heart broken over the passing of Willis Grundvig. Willis was the current Jr. Past Patron, a Past Grand Patron and a truly wonderful man. He lived his

Mason roots and was an inspiration to all of us.

We are doing a fund-raiser to help all the Rainbow Girls attend Grand Assembly June 13-16. This coming year, one of our own, Tess Orr, will be Grand Worthy Advisor. She is a graduate of Grand Junction High School and works at Safeway Pharmacy on 29 Road. I believe there are envelopes out to put your donations in. If not, please see either Beth Nelms or Nicole Grey.

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

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Mesa Lodge No. 55

Greetings Brothers and Friends,

I want to apologize for not being at our Stated Communication in February. I was visiting family down in Albuquerque. But that didn't stop the Lodge from voting to initiate two new Brothers. And I'm excited to say we did just that at a Special Communication just two weeks later. We also did some Courtesy Work for Palisade Lodge and initiated a Brother for them that same night. So the next time you see Brother Cole from Palisade Lodge, or Brothers Cody and Tyson be sure to welcome them into the fraternity and our lodge.

I want to thank all the Brothers who came and helped out at our Open House on Sunday the 25th. A big thank you to Worshipful Brother Tom especially for arranging the snacks and drinks. It is important to open our doors from time to time and invite those curious about Freemasonry in to talk about it.

I'm also happy to announce that we have captured the Western Slope Traveling Gavel from Fruita Masonic Lodge at their February Stated Communication. It was a touch and go there for a while as Grand Junction Lodge also came to capture the gavel. In the end, it came down to a coin toss and we came up heads. Now we have to see who will come and capture the gavel from us.

Our next Stated Communication will be on Thursday, March 7th and we have many things to discuss. First, we will be voting on a petition for Plural Membership for Brother Joe Higgenbotham. Brother Joe is excited to join Mesa Lodge and continue his Masonic journey with us.

We will also be discussing postponing our St. Patty's Day Celebration as there are two other Masonic events that day. First, the York Rite will be doing a pancake breakfast to raise money for the Knight's Templar Eye Foundation and Fruita Masonic Lodge is hosting their Corn Beef and Cabbage lunch in the afternoon. All Brothers, their friends, and families are welcome to attend both events.

We will also be making plans for a Table Lodge in April. We have many details to plan including when to hold it and what to eat.

Other events in March include a special education night on Thursday, March 21st. This is an informal

event where Brother Tyson will be giving a talk on Norse Paganism. Dinner will be at 6:30 and the talk will begin at about 7. This talk is open to everyone. Please RSVP here so we know how much food to bring.

Mesa Lodge and Grand Junction Lodges will be selling concessions at the Extreme Wrestling Competition at the Masonic Center on Saturday, March 9th. The competition starts at 8 PM and we will be selling popcorn, sodas, bottles of water, chips, and candy. Please let me know if you want to help out.

All-Masonic Happy Hour, which will be on March 23rd from 4-7 PM at the Grand Junction Masonic Center. We are moving the Happy Hour back a week this month to avoid conflicts with any St. Patty's Day celebrations going on. This is a great time to come and hang out, have a drink or cigar if you want, or even play some pool in the Rec Room if you are so inclined. The Happy Hour in February was a lot of fun, we had 7 people show up and we had a fire in the fire pit on the patio. This is a BYO event and is open to everyone.

Along the same lines as the monthly All-Masonic Happy Hour is our weekly breakfast. Each Friday a group of us from Mesa, Fruita, and Grand Junction Lodges get together for breakfast at the Strayhorn in Fruita. This is just a friendly breakfast and is a highlight of my week. I invite you all to come join us for breakfast.

As you can see Mesa Lodge has lots of things going on in March. You can see a full list of events at our website MasonicFamilyGJ.org/Events

I'll wrap up by saying that I hope to see you in Lodge or at another event throughout the month. And if you or another Brother needs assistance do not hesitate to reach out. You can contact our lodge Secretary Brother Chris or myself and the lodge will assist you in any way we can.

Fraternally,

**Gregory Foster
Worshipful Master**

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Worshipful Master	Gregory Foster (505) 350-0197
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Chaplain	John Groves (PM) (970) 261-5189
Marshal	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 Verdick
 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
 December.....Christmas Party

Palisade Lodge No. 125



Greetings Brothers and Friends,

I hope this message finds you well.

I know all too well how busy life gets and I hope you all know how important you all are to the fraternity.

You my brothers are what makes Masonry a great organization. Let's continue to reach out to those around us as we strive to make this community better every day. I have always admired how much we as masons can overcome politics, race and religion and work together to help our fellow travelers on this journey of life.

Each and every one of you are an essential part of the craft. Never forget that you matter and you are needed.
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,



First I want to thank everyone that made the Mark Master Degree in February such a success. As usual Companions Greg and Ross Allen did a great job with the costumes and Janine Briscoe provided us with a hearty lunch after the degree. We had Brothers from Leadville, Montrose, and Rifle there, and even the Most Excellent Grand High Priest Craig Fabec was in attendance. When all were counted sixteen Brothers were advanced to the Honorary Degree of Mark Master that day.

March will be just as busy starting with the Grand Junction York Rite meeting on Monday, March 11th. Grand Junction Council No. 16 will be opening at 7:30 PM so wear your purple blazers.

On Saturday, March 16th, Delta, Mount of the Holy Cross (Leadville), and Temple (GJ) Commanderies will be hosting a pancake breakfast at the Grand Junction Masonic Center from 8-11 AM, as a fundraiser for the Knight's Templar Eye Foundation. This event is open to the public so please tell your blue lodges, friends, and families about it. The Pancake Breakfast has been published in the GJ Sentinel, on Social Media, the Senior Beacon, and a few other Grand Junction Event Calendars online so we are hoping for a big turnout. For those who will be involved with the breakfast be at the GJ Masonic Center at 7 AM.

Following up on the success of the Mark Master Degree Grand Junction and Delta Chapters will be performing the Virtual Past Master and Most Excellent Master Mason Degrees at Mount Lamborne Lodge in Hotchkiss on Wednesday, March 20th. Dinner will be served at 6 PM and the degrees will start at 7 PM.

If you are a new Mark Master who wants to continue his journey in the York Rite please fill out your petitions and submit them with your initiation fees to your local York Rite bodies. If you are unsure who to contact please reach out to Companion Jeff Bush by phone at (970) 623-3651 or by email at lejzabush@q.com.

One final item. The Grand Pathways Rendezvous has been canceled this year. That means those Companions that wish to go through the Cryptic Council need to attend the Great Plains Rendezvous in Sterling in June. As we get closer to June more information will be coming from the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Colorado.

Fair travels my Brothers and I hope to see you all at the Pancake Breakfast to help raise money for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation and in Hotchkiss for the Virtual Past Master and Most Excellent Master Mason Degrees. Until then I hope you enjoy this month's Cryptic Cypher Challenge.

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

Palisade Lodge No. 125 Officers

Worshipful Master	Chris Eglet (970) 640-4986	Senior Deacon	Chad Davis (970) 312-4714
Senior Warden	Kerry King (PM) (970) 434-3267	Junior Deacon	Don Halford (970) 250-4277
Junior Warden	Harry Clark (PM) (970) 986-9315	Tiler	Chaz Morton (678) 333-4040
Secretary	Tom Verdieck (PM) (970) 270-8504	Marshal	William Marshal (PM) (970) 260-5432
Treasurer	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 Lampe
 October.....Lee Anderson
 November.....Tom Verdieck
 December..... Jeff Koenig

Brethren,

The “Western Slope Traveling Gavel” has been busy! It was presented to Mesa Lodge #55 at the end of the 2024 Grand Lodge sessions. On Thursday Feb 1st Palisade #125 captured the gavel from Mesa #55. On Saturday Feb 3rd we captured the gavel from Palisade #125. On Tuesday Feb 20 th , Mesa #55 and Grand Junction #173 arrived to capture the gavel from us! Both had 5 members present and after a coin toss, Mesa #55 captured the gavel.

Thank you to the brethren who attended Worshipful Brother Mike Murphy’s service the afternoon of Feb 3rd. His family was very appreciative.

We were notified Worshipful Brother Ross McIntyre laid down the working tools of life in mid February. He was Fruita’s Worshipful Master in 2006 and received his 50 year pin in 2021 (presented by WB Mike Murphy). He demitted from Fruita #120 when he moved to Fort Collins. Memorial Lodge #4 will be providing Masonic Rites. We don’t know the date yet.

We had a wonderful time at the Valentine’s Sweetheart lunch on Saturday Feb 10th at the Cattleman’s Café with 18 of us in attendance.

March, we will be gathering at Fruita Lodge at 1PM on Saturday the 16 th for our St Patrick’s luncheon. The Lodge will provide the corned beef and cabbage. Everyone please bring a dish to share.

This will also be open to family, friends and prospective masons. Please let Tom Verdieck

(970-270-8504) know how many of you are coming so we won’t end up ½ the amount of meat we need.

Looking forward: Saturday April 6th is our annual meeting at Palisade #125. They will be hosting us with breakfast before the meeting. Also, the stated April 16th will be “Past Master’s” night.

We are starting to work on the plans for Fruita Lodge #120’s One Hundred Twentieth Anniversary celebration set for Saturday September 21, 2024. This will include an “open house” of the Lodge, Cornerstone Laying for the Lodge and a luncheon before a tiled Lodge Meeting in the afternoon.

Fraternally yours,

**Worshipful Master
Tom Verdieck**

Fruita Lodge No. 120 Officers

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Secretary	Glen Phelps (PM) (970) 390-7146
Treasurer	Jimmy McBride (PM) (970) 683-1957
Senior Deacon	Jeff Koenig (PM) (970) 318-1004
Junior Deacon	Naaman Morehouse PM (970) 250-0942
Tiler	Lee Anderson (970) 846-8493
Chaplain	Andrew Weber (970) 312-4774
Marshal	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,

I hope you are all having a wonderful winter season and have fun plans since spring is right around the corner. It is inspiring to see everyone's hard work and dedication to spreading the message and teachings of free masonry and it was nice to see everyone come together for the amazing turnout at the Valentine's Day Dinner.

I wanted to start this message with a musing from our Worshipful Master. Worshipful Master Darrell has been hard at work on the East Coast but has been keeping our lodge in his thoughts and is excited to return in April. While he has been away, Darrell has been fortunate to find other brothers and attend some fun events at the local lodges in his area. Darrell was able to attend a lodge in New Jersey for a triple fellowcraft degree & then visited a lodge in Delaware which has a unique attendant which Darrell will elaborate on, when he returns.

Worshipful Master Darrell also wanted to reiterate to those that have not attended Lodge in a while, please stop by if and when you have a chance. We are here on the Second Friday of the month with a light dinner at 6 PM and lodge starting at 7 PM.

This year is flying by, and when you look at how busy we have been, it is understandable that we are already in March. With Grand Lodge in January, leading Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Ross Allen to be a part of raising Joe Higgenbotham, and being involved

in Lodge 55 and Lodge 125's Entered Apprentice Degrees, it is easy to understand how time has moved by so quickly. Our lodge put up a valiant effort to take possession of the Traveling Gavel at Fruita's meeting in February, however Lodge 55 came out on top. We look forward to visiting our brothers at 55 soon, to extend a fraternal and friendly congratulations.

While we have had a productive year so far, it is important to keep sight on the goals and events to come, one of which that Worshipful Master Darrell has been heavily involved in, is Midget Wrestling. The event will be at the lodge on March 9th, in Lodge Room 2. We will be contributing drinks, popcorn, and potentially hot dogs for the event. The tournament is open to everyone, brothers helping with concessions will be able to participate free of charge, however there will be a cost for those just wishing to attend. Also, coming up this month is the St. Patrick's Day meal on Saturday March 16th at 1:00 p.m.

Finally, events to keep on our radar for the upcoming year are our visit to the Ouray Lodge in April and our annual outdoor lodge in June before the lodge goes dark for the summer.

Hope you all have a wonderful month, and we look forward to seeing everyone both for our stated communication, and the fun events we have planned.

Nathaniel Pavlisick
Senior Warden

GJ Lodge No. 173 Officers

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Treasurer	Linn Armstrong (970) 234-0444
Senior Deacon	Jeff Koenig (PM) (970) 318-1004
Junior Deacon	Shane Dial (970) 462-5042
Senior Steward	Cole Rath (970) 778-1939
Junior Steward	Craig Miller (PM) (970) 241-0997
Tiler	Gary Brewer (970) 241-5842



Western Colorado Shrine Club

Hello Nobles, Ladies, and Friends,

February was a fun time to be in the Western Colorado Shrine Club. We started with a Super Bowl Party at the Grand Junction Masonic Center with great food and a great game. We had our monthly Board Meeting at our normal time at the Grand Junction Masonic Center where we laid out our plans to award a \$5,000 scholarship to a graduating high school student in Colorado. We also heard an update about a Shriner's Night at the Jackalopes where we can help raise awareness for Shrine Children's. Finally, we also hosted the Potentate of El Jebel and several members of his Divan for our Installation of Officers which was followed by a potluck lunch.

Our next Board Meeting will be at the Grand Junction Masonic Center on Tuesday, March 12th at 11 AM. This is a BYO event. We will be planning a golf outing for April and an initiation of two new members. I also want to announce the All-Masonic Happy Hour will be postponed for 1 week in March. It will be on Saturday, March 23rd instead of Saturday, March 16th as several other events are happening on the 16th. I have reached out to the circus and am waiting for a return call to find out if/when they will return to the Western Slope. As I get more information I will keep you informed.

If you have suggestions for the club feel free to reach out to me or come to our next Board Meeting.

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.ElJabelShrine.org



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Grand Junction Scottish Rite Consistory

John Groves 33°

Personal Representative

Montrose Lodge of Perfection

Mike Briscoe, 33°	Venerable Master
Ian Hughes, 32°	Senior Warden
Lee Anderson, 32°	Junior Warden
Randy Melton, 32°	Master of Ceremonies
Tim Claypool, 32°	Expert
Darrell Manroe, 32°	Captain of the Host

Glenwood Chapter of Rose Croix

Joe Wells, 32° KCCH	Wise Master
Gregory Foster, 32°	Senior Warden
Aaron Brewer, 32°	Junior Warden
Randy Melton, 32°	Master of Ceremonies
Lloyd Stahl, 32° KCCH	Expert
Lee Anderson, 32°	Guardian of the Temple

Gunnison Council of Kudosh

Harry Clark, 32° KCCH	Commander
Glen Phelps, 32°	1st Lt. Commander
Ian Hughes, 32°	2nd Lt. Commander
Randy Melton, 32°	Marshal of Ceremonies
Jeff Koenig, 32°	Chancellor
Darrell Manroe, 32°	Lt. of the Guard

Grand Junction Consistory

Gregory Foster, 32°	Master of Kadosh
Ian Hughes, 32°	Prior
Darrell Manroe, 32°	Preceptor
Randy Melton, 32°	Marshall of Ceremonies
Aaron Brewer, 33°	Chancellor
Taylor Kirman, 32°	Captain of the Guard

Calendar 2024



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

Upcoming Events & Meetings

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

Grand Junction Scottish Rite

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

Need to contact the Consistory?

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 Grand Junction, CO 81502
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2024 Ceremony of Remembrance Renewal, and Commitment

~ Presented By ~

*Glenwood Chapter of Rose Croix
 Valley of Grand Junction, Orient of Colorado*

A service to honor the lives and memories of our lately departed Brothers. Widows and Companions of our fall-end Brothers will be our Honored Guests.

[RSVP HERE FOR DINNER](#)

If you have any questions, or if you need help with transportation to or from the event please contact:

Brother Joe Wells.

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March 18th, 2024
Dinner | 6:30 PM
Ceremony | 7:30 PM

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March Crossword

St. Patrick's Day

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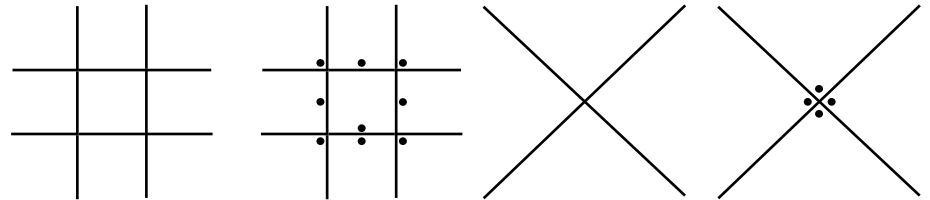
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| CABBAGE | WISH | GREEN | LIMERICK |
| PARADE | LUCKY | POT OF GOLD | MARCH |
| SHAMROCK | DANCE | CORNER BEEF | SAINT |
| CELEBRATION | CLOVER | RAINBOW | SNAKES |
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Check the April Trestleboard for the solution

Cypher Challenge

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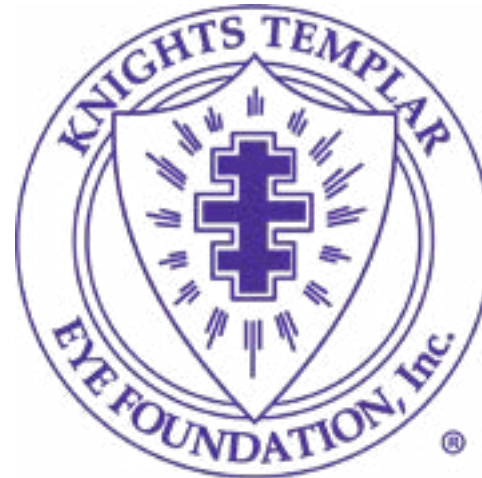
Hint: The price of a Brother's Mark



Check the April Trestleboard for the answer.

February Cypher Challenge Answer

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Cast and Class of the 2024 Mark Masters Degree



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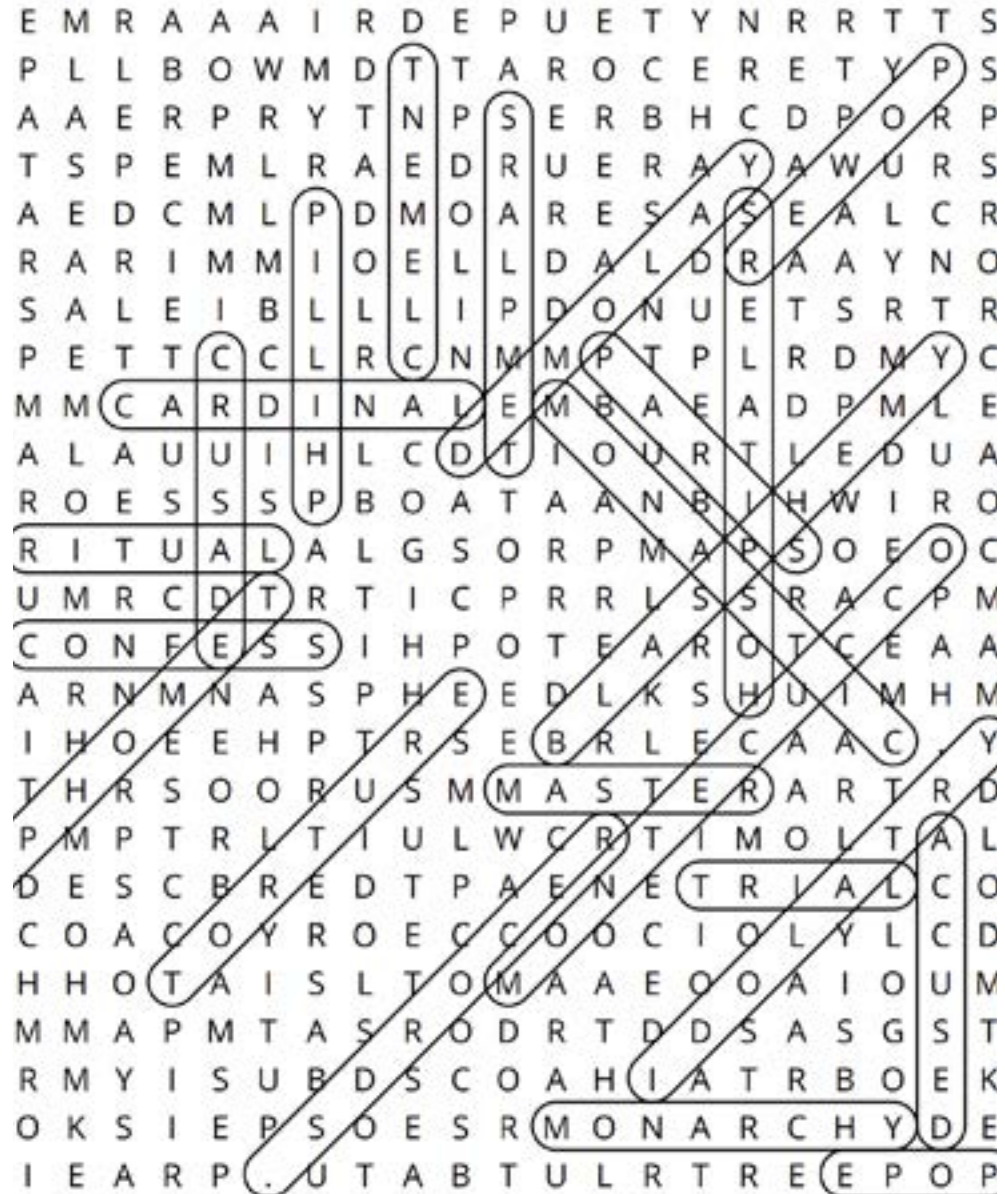
Lunch will be served at 1 PM. The Lodge will provide the Corned Beef & Cabbage. Guests are to bring a side dish.

All Masons, their friends, families, and prospective members are welcome to attend.

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Fruita Masonic Lodge
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February Crossword Solution Knights Templar



Masonic Education

Taking Off The Shoe

By WB Lee Anderson

The origin and heritage of Free Masonry is humble, rich, and elusive. I am going to take you on a brief journey, first with the beginning of Operative Masonry as an organized craft, then to the beginning of Speculative Masonry.

First, let's take a look at Operative Masonry in Medieval Europe. Early records are few because of a lack of written historical information. This was due firstly to the lack of literate Masons to record their affairs, and secondly, fear from the Church and the Crown.

Historians have found archaeological evidence of Stone Masons marks on building stones as far back as the building of the Pyramids, as far back as 2500 BCE. Some however, think it is nothing more than ancient graffiti. The current use of the Mason's Mark had its beginning in Medieval Europe, as early as the mid 14th century.

Attempts were being made to organize the Stone Masons Guild by both the Cross and the Crown, to control wages and set work standards. The reason it was organized was the Plague, which ran from 1346 to 1353. The havoc it caused had no regard for age or class. It reduced the numbers of Operative Masons. With fewer skilled Masons, they demanded more money. As a result, laws and statutes were passed setting wages and creating standards of work.

The Stone Masons Guild were singled out, refusing to let them meet, with exceptions being made for work instruction. This primarily came from the Church and their fear of such a group, meeting without their supervision. The Crown, if they needed work, would impress them. The path of an experienced young Mason was not an easy one. His path today would be considered as a rigorous and very structured one. He would have left home at the age of nine or ten, already literate in English and French. He would have been educated at home or at a petty or junior school. From ten to fourteen, he would enter a monastery or grammar school to learn Latin, or he would become a page in a Knightly family where he would also learn deportment.

From fourteen to seventeen, he would then become an Entered Apprentice,

assigned to a Fellowcraft as his mentor. From him, he would learn the basic skills of choosing, shaping, and combining stone.

After three years as a journeyman, at seventeen to twenty-one, he would be required to learn by rote, a large number of formal problems in geometry. At the end of his three years as a journeyman, or apprentice he would submit a Master Work dealing with a set problem in construction or in design. If passed, he was considered qualified as a Fellowcraft and then would choose and make his mark.

A mark that remained his alone for the rest of his life. It was his trademark, certifying the stone was ready to be put in place and that he may be paid for his work.

The Fellowcrafts were generally grouped into two camps depending on skill level. The straight or square Masons were symbolically endowed with the square. They were usually paid less because less skill was required to square an ashlar for placement in a building.

The Arch Masons were endowed with the compasses because making and finishing a rounded surface was more difficult. To become a Master Mason he would have other gates to pass before he may be selected as a Master Mason. It would take several years of proving himself, progressing to larger and more complex sites that he may then become an Architect or Master Mason.

The century of 1500 - 1600 would see major changes in the Church, the Crown, society in general, and particularly in Freemasonry. Until now, most of the Operative Masons plied their expertise on building the great cathedrals, abbeys, and monasteries for the Holy Roman Church. The Crown would continue to build castles but when the Mason's skills were needed they would only impress them and suppress their wages.

It was the Protestant reformation, beginning in 1517 when Martin Luther nailed his demands to the door of the Church that would spell significant changes to Operative Masonry. At first, the changes were subtle, as the church began losing its hold. They were building fewer structures. The Masons found themselves facing increased unemployment. Fewer apprentices were needed.

This operative period of decline was the beginning of the change of the Guild of Builders to one of a moral and philosophical nature, one that today is Speculative Masonry. No one knows for sure when the changes began or why. A Gentlemen's Club, maybe. A safe place where like minded,

educated men, who in a climate of political and theological unrest could meet, maybe also. But change they did.

There are minutes from July thirty-first 1599, from the Scottish Lodge of Edinburgh, called St Mary's Chapel, showing the signature of one speculative Mason and he making his mark. By 1670 the Lodge of Aberdeen had minutes being signed by forty-nine members and about three quarters were speculative Masons. In 1598, the Shaw Statutes were commissioned by King James VI of Scotland who would soon be King James the First of England.

The statutes would for the first time become a unified set of rules for the Operative Stone Masons Lodges. They were written and issued by William Shaw, Master of the Work for King James VI. The code consisted of twenty-two regulations. One stated "that no Master of Fellowcraft be received nor admitted without the number of six Masters and two Entered Apprentices, the Warden (Master) being one of the said six, and that his name and mark inserted in said book with the names of his six admitters. Proving always that no man admitted without an essay (test) and sufficient trial of his skill and worthiness in his vocation and craft."

In 1634 an event took place which would profoundly affect the future of the craft. In the July first, 1634 minutes, the Scottish Lodge of Edinburgh noted that Lord Alexander, Viscount of Canada, his brother, Sir Anthony Alexander and Sir Alexander Strahan were admitted as members of the Lodge.

This was the earliest record of a non Operative and would be the opening wedge in the transition from Operative to Speculative Masonry. As far as we know, Operative Masonry had no formal degree ceremonies. It was Speculative Masonry that would do that. In early Speculative Masonry, as in Operative Masonry, there were only two degrees, the Entered Apprentice and the Fellowcraft.

It wasn't until 1723 when the first reference to a third degree, the Master Mason, was made. In keeping with the tradition of the Operative Fellow Crafts, the Speculative Mason would choose and make his mark. He then was called a Mark Mason. The Mark Mason had been part of Operative Masonry from as early as the late 1400's. It had several names such as the Mark Master, Mark Man, Christian Mark, and the Traveling or Fugitive Mark..

The Mark Mason degree instructs that learning is most useful when judiciously employed for our own honor. It teaches regularity, diligence,

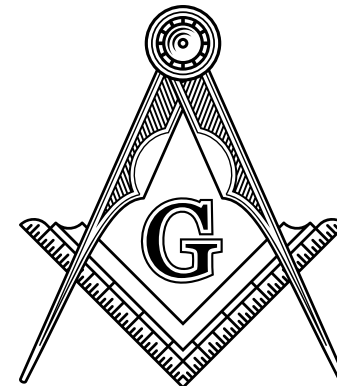
discipline, and justifiable but humble pride in work well done.

Our first three degrees come from the York Rite. First, the Mark Mason degree was combined with the Mark Master Degree which started to appear around 1723. It was conferred only when a Brother completed his degree work.

Today it is found only in Lodges operating with charters from the Grand Lodge of Scotland and is given at the end of the Fellowcraft Degree. Well where did it go for us? It has now been moved to the Royal Arch as the Fourth Degree, the first degree given upon entering Royal Arch Masonry.

The ritual is built on one verse from Psalm 118, "The stone which the builders rejected has become the headstone of the corner." One of the messages this degree conveys is that the wisest of men can be mistaken, that experts can often be wrong, that the weakest can display perseverance better than the strongest, that the insignificant has the potential for distinction and that we all have a part to play in the building of life.

Though you may not be a York Rite Mason and have not made your own personal mark, you still have one. We have a responsibility to regard that best known Mason's Mark, the Square and Compasses as your own. Many of us wear or display it identifying ourselves as Masons. We are projecting an image of Masonry to the world at large. The world will judge the Craft by our words and actions. Every moment of every day we must remind ourselves of the standard we have set. Let's do our best to leave our marks only on good work, true work, square work as we make ourselves living stones for that "house not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens." Mark well my brothers, mark well.





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