



All Masonic Trestleboard April 2024

Find out what is happening in Masonry
across the Grand Valley

April Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1 Rainbow Girls 7 PM - GJ Masonic Center	2 Montrose Lodge Stated Comm 6 PM - Montrose O.E.S 7:00 PM - GJ Masonic Center	3 Palisade Lodge Practice 6:30 PM - GJ Masonic Center	4 Mesa Lodge Stated Comm 6:30 PM - GJ Masonic Center DeMolay Boys 7 PM GJ Masonic Center	5 Early Bird Breakfast 8 AM - Strayhorn, Fruita	6 Palisade & Fruita Masonic Lodge Joint Comm 10 AM - GJ Masonic Center
7	8 Grand Junction York Rite (Chapter) 7:30 PM - GJ Masonic Center	9 WCSC Borad Meeting 11 AM - GJ Masonic Center	10 31st Annual Public School Awards Ceremony 6 PM - GJ Masonic Center	11 Mesa Lodge Education Session 6:30 PM - GJ Masonic Center	12 Early Bird Breakfast 8 AM - Strayhorn, Fruita GJ Lodge Stated Comm 6:30 PM - GJ Masonic Center	13
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						Scottish Rite Reunion

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Birthdays

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

- Darrell Manroe
- Douglas Simons
- Gary Weiszbrod
- Harry Webster
- Kerry King
- Larry Drieth
- Merle Cooper
- Naaman Moorehouse
- Ronald Franklin

Masonic Anniversaries

Wish these Brothers a Happy Anniversary on being Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason the next time you see them.

- Charles Shear
- David Van Dyke
- Don Wright
- Don Halford
- Douglas Ayers
- Eric Johnson
- Erik Groves
- Harry Clark
- James Livermore
- Milo Harris
- Linn Armstrong
- Randy Larson
- Roger Smith
- Tadd Warner
- Thomas Lacroix
- Thomas Young

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



Dad Joke of the Month

Q: What do you call a happy camper?

A: A jolly rancher.



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31st Annual Public School Awards Ceremony

Grand Junction, Mesa, and Palisade Lodges will host an ceremony recognizing outstanding students and teachers from District 51 Schools across the Grand Valley. The evening will begin with a reception at 6 PM, followed by the Awards Ceremony at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, April 10th. This event is open to the public and Masons are encouraged to bring their families.

Lecture on Norse Paganism

Mesa Lodge will be hosting a lecture on Norse Paganism on Thursday, April 11th 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.](#)

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 #53 did not have a meeting on March 5 due to no quorum. At our March 19 meeting, we planned our Friendship Night on April 16 and discussed our Worthy Grand Matron's Homecoming on May 18th.

If anyone would like to join us for lunch on May 18 at noon, you would be welcome. The cost is \$10 for potato bar, salads and dessert. You would need to RSVP to Beth Nelms, 3257 Friendship Drive, Clifton, CO 81521 or email to enelms1228@charter.net. We promise fun and surprises at lunch plus a chance to bid at our Silent Auction.

Our donations for Grand Assembly project continues thru May 16th.

Have a wonderful April and be kind!
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,

Spring has officially sprung and April will be a busy month for Mesa Lodge. We are starting with our Stated Communication on Thursday, April 4th. While it is too late to RSVP for the dinner ALL MASONS are welcome to join us for Lodge and the Ceremony of the Seven Toasts commonly referred to as a Table Lodge.

Wednesday, April 10th is the 31st Annual Public School Awards Ceremony. Where we recognize outstanding students and teachers from across the Grand Valley. The Evening will start with a reception from 6-6:30 PM, followed by the Awards Ceremony from 6:30-8 PM. This event is open to the public.

Followed by Brother Tyson's presentation on Norse Paganism on Thursday, April 11th, at 6:30 PM. This is not a tiled meeting and everyone is welcome to attend. Please [RSVP](#) for dinner no later than April 8th.

The All-Masonic Happy Hour is on Saturday, April 20th. We will be combining the All-Masonic Happy Hour with the Western Colorado Shrine Club Initiation After Party. Rumor is the WSCS may be smoking a brisket.

The last Friday in April, the 25th is an open practice. Anyone who wants to practice opening or closing lodge, work on their proficiencies, or lecture from a degree is welcome to come down to the Masonic Center and practice.

We will also be practicing how to receive the Grand Master who will be coming to the Western Slope for an Official Visit on Thursday, May 2nd. We will have a catered dinner at 6 PM. You need to [RSVP](#) for dinner no later than Sunday, April 28th. Lodge will open at 7 PM and we will receive the Grand Master. I have invited the other lodges in the area to join us and make it a Joint Communication.

Mesa Lodge has been invited to the Able Kids Foundation Bowling Tournament being hosted by Delta and Grand Junction Royal Arch Chapters. For those not familiar with the Able Kids Foundation, they support children with Central Auditory Processing Disorders. The tournament is at 1 PM on Saturday, May 18th at Orchard Mesa Lanes. It is \$50 to register your team of 4 bowlers. That includes shoe rental and a ball for 3 games. Please RSVP to Brother Scott Wilson (970) 260-1485 mwilson@tds.net and don't forget to bring

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.....Ilan 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

your wallet, this is a fundraiser.

As you can see Mesa Lodge is very busy. We have two new Entered Apprentices studying hard for the proficiencies, and we have several other potential members looking to petition. By the time the trestleboard comes out, we will have interviewed two candidates for the John C. Whitlock Memorial Scholarship. We may get another application as the deadline this year is April 15th.

I'm still mulling over the idea of hosting another murder mystery dinner party in June and a "Back to School" Child ID Fair and Open House in August. I still haven't given up hope that we will be able to do a cornerstone or two this year and will be reaching out to the Grand Junction Fire Department again.

I'm going to wrap up by saying that I hope you all had a great March and have an even better April. I look forward to seeing you all at one of our many events.

Fraternally,

Gregory Foster
Worshipful Master

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Senior Deacon	Andrew Weber (970) 312-4774
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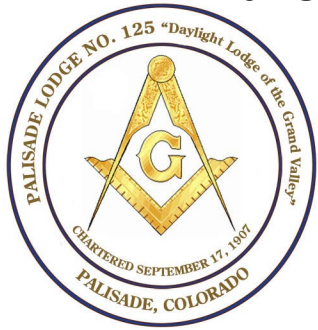
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Palisade Lodge No. 125



Brothers,

I hope this finds you well. I sit here trying to think of something inspiring and motivating for you guys, but it has been a crazy month. I'm still navigating the loss of my Mother along with everything else that life seems to throw. So I just wanted to say it's ok to struggle. Struggling through life is how we grow and gain wisdom and experience. Along with those comes empathy and understanding for our fellow travelers in this life. I have felt the most support from people who authentically support me because they understand, they have been in those shoes. So with that I would encourage all of us to be mindful of the struggles that those around us are facing. Let us continue to reach out and help uplift and

inspire people in our sphere of influence. Thank you all for everything you guys do. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to lead the lodge. I truly love you my brothers.

Fraternally,

Chris Eglet
Worshipful Master

Palisade Lodge No. 125 Officers

Worshipful Master	Chris Eglet (970) 640-4986	Senior Deacon	Chad Davis (970) 312-4714
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Secretary	Tom Verdieck (PM) (970) 270-8504	Marshal	William Marshal (PM) (970) 260-5432
Treasurer	Jason Gaskill (970) 270-2386		

Western Colorado Shrine Club



Hello Nobles, Ladies, and Friends,

March was a slow month for the WCSC but April will be busier with a special Lunch & Learn presentation to pediatricians at Community Hospital on Thursday, April 11th. We will be giving a brief presentation on what hospitals do, how doctors can refer patients for care, and how we provide assistance for travel. We will also be initiating three, possibly four, new Nobles on Saturday, April 20th at 3:30 PM followed by an After Party at the All-Masonic Happy Hour. The Initiation Ceremony and After Party will be at the Grand Junction Masonic Center. All Nobles are welcome to the Initiation Ceremony and everyone is welcome to the After Party.

We also have several other irons in the fire. The first is the Circus. I talked to the Jordan Circus people and they are still trying to schedule a stop here in Grand Junction for later this year.

We also got word back from the Grand Junction Jackalopes and we will have a booth at the stadium during the game on Saturday, August 17th where we can give out information about Shrine Children and take donations for the hospitals.

Also, we are in the beginning stages of planning a gala fundraiser for the hospitals in December. We are aiming to make this event our main fundraiser for the year with dancing, a catered dinner, auctions, and a guest speaker. More information about the gala will be coming in the next few months.

Finally, I'd like to urge all Nobles to join the WCSC Board for their meeting on Tuesday, April 9th. We meet in the Rec Room at the Grand Junction Masonic Center at 11 AM. This is a BYO Lunch meeting.

I also urge all Nobles to be active in your Blue Lodges. Go to the Stated Communications and special events and support your Lodges because without new Masons we cannot make more Shriners. You can check out what's going on with your Blue Lodges, and the Grand Junction York Rite & Scottish Rite bodies at www.MasonicFamilyGJ.org/Events.

I hope you all have a wonderful month and I'll see you on April 20th.

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

Grand Junction York Rite Bodies

Companions and Sir Knights,



Fun was had in March starting with the Knights Templar Pancake Breakfast on March 17th. We raised five hundred dollars for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. Then eight Companions were inducted to the Oriental Chair of King Solomon and recognized as Most Excellent Master Masons in Hotchkiss on March 20th.

The Royal Arch Degree, the final Chapter Degree will be on Saturday, May 18th. The day will begin at 8 AM with coffee and donuts, the degree at 9 AM, lunch at the Grand Junction Masonic Center, and the Annual Able Kids Bowling Tournament at Orchard Mesa Lanes. The bowling tournament is open to everyone so bring your friends and families. RSVP to M.E. Companion Scott Wilson (mswilson@tds.net).

The Council Degrees will be held at the Great Plains Rendezvous in Stirling, CO on Saturday, June 22nd and the Angel in the Forrest will be held in Rye, CO on Saturday, July 13th. Please work with Companion Jeff Bush (Tim16Bush@gmail.com) and Jeff Cyriac (Cyriackelsoweaver@msn.com) to register for these festivals.

Most Excellent Grand Master Craig Fabic and the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter will be having an official visit in Hotchkiss on Thursday, April 4th. All Royal Arch Masons are encouraged to attend. There will be a dinner beforehand at Mt. Lamborne Lodge at 6:30 PM followed by Lodge at 7:30 PM. Please RSVP Companion Jeff Cyriacs.

The Grand Junction York Rite Bodies will have their monthly meeting on Monday, April 8th at 7:30 PM at the Grand Junction Masonic Center. Grand Junction Chapter 24 will open on the Most Excellent Master Mason Degree so that all new Companions can attend. There is no dinner before.

I also want to invite all York Rite members to follow GJYorkRite on Facebook for the latest updates and information on what the Grand Junction and Delta Chapters, Council, and Commanderies are doing.

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



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- Has Asburgers Syndrome?
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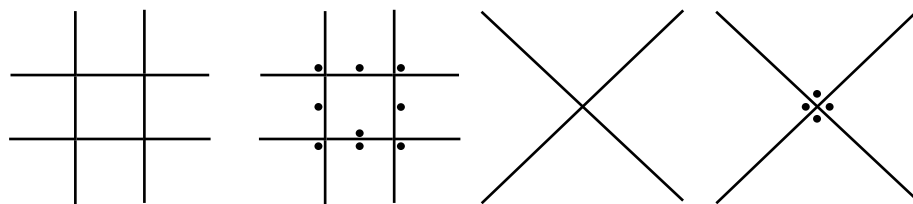
The purpose of the Royal Arch Research Assistance organization is to research and promote solutions to Central Auditory Processing Disorder or CAPD.

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Cypher Challenge

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Hint: The stone that the builders rejected



Check the May Trestleboard for the answer.

March Cypher Challenge Answer

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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 St Patrick's corned beef lunch was a fun time with over 40 of us in attendance. Thanks to Jimmy McBride for cooking the corned beef and to his helpers Dennis Bechtold and Doug Lampe. Super job!

Saturday April 6 th is our annual joint meeting with Palisade Lodge #125. They will be hosting us with breakfast at 8 AM and Lodge will open at 10AM.

Looking forward: We will have a "special communication" on Thursday May 2 nd at 7 PM with Mesa Lodge #55 for an "Official Visit" with the Grand Lodge officers who will be in town for the Scottish Rite Reunion.

We have set the schedule for Fruita Lodge #120's One Hundred Twentieth Anniversary celebration Saturday September 21, 2024. We will have a "tiled" lodge meeting at 10AM to receive the Grand Master and Grand Lodge Officers. Around noon we will have a BBQ lunch in the patio area outside the Lodge. This will be for masons, their families, prospective masons and invited guests. The cornerstone ceremony will be at 2PM with an open house and light refreshments in the dining room afterwards. We are also going to setup the Shrine "Child ID" program in the patio area.

Fraternally yours,

**Worshipful Master
Tom Verdieck**

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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 everyone has had a great start to this year's spring season. It was uplifting to hear that there was such a great turn out for both the St. Patrick's Day dinner and the wrestling tournament last month. I would like to extend a special "Thank you", to both Brother Joe Higginbotham and Brother Greg Foster for manning the concessions stands. From what I hear, you did an amazing job.

I wanted to continue my tradition of passing on the thoughts from our Worshipful Master. Worshipful Master Darrell is staying busy and continues to keep our lodge among the forethoughts of his attention. While out exploring the beauty of the Eastern part of our country he has visited some unique lodges in the Delaware and New Jersey area and is looking forward to visiting a lodge in Pennsylvania here soon.

While getting the monthly update, he did inform me that his workload has extended to either the middle or end of April, so he will unfortunately miss out on this month's lodge meeting but will hopefully be present to lead us in our May stated communication.

Finally, Worshipful Master Darrell wanted to continue the message that if those of our members haven't attended Lodge for a spell, please stop by 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.

The year continues to march on, and it doesn't seem like the events that keep us busy will be slowing down any time soon. As mentioned last month, there was an

idea of visiting Ouray lodge this month, however, that visit has been put on hold. Not wanting to miss out on an opportunity to travel and experience new and friendly lodges, we have planned an amazing visit to Glenwood Lodge in place of Ouray. And the final item to mention ever-popular outdoor lodge in June is right around there corner. It is always a great time, sitting around the fire and conversing with our brothers. We hope to have as many attendees as possible!

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

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Senior Deacon	Jeff Koenig (PM) (970) 318-1004
Junior Deacon	Shane Dial (970) 462-5042
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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

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Aaron Brewer, 32°	Junior Warden
Randy Melton, 32°	Master of Ceremonies
Lloyd Stahl, 32° KCCH	Expert
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Grand Junction Consistory

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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

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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The 87th Reunion of the Grand Junction Scottish Rite Bodies

May 3rd & 4th

The degrees to be exemplified 4,5,7,8,14,18,30,32

Do you know a brother who would like to become a
Scottish Rite Mason? [Click here for a petition.](#)

Friday

7:15 Coffee and Rolls
8:30 4th Degree
9:30 5th Degree
10:30 7th Degree
12:15 Lunch
11:30 8th Degree
3:45 14th Degree

Saturday

7:00 Coffee and Rolls
8:15 18th Degree
12:00 Lunch
2:00 30th Degree (1,2,3 Apt)
3:00 30th Degree (4th Apt)
4:00 32nd Degree
6:00 Banquet

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April

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 Grass
 Aries
 Flowers

Cherry Blossoms
 Sunshine
 Daisy
 Blue Skies
 Spring Cleaning
 Arbor Day

Warmer Weather
 Taurus
 April Fools
 Easter
 Picnics
 Rainbows

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| PARADE | LUCKY | POT OF GOLD | MARCH |
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Masonic Education

To Polish And Adorn The Mind

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Technology is making us less intelligent. There is a time when people were able to absorb and retain large amounts of information and knowledge. In many cases, technology has taken away the need and the desire to do so. When a piece of information can be stored and retrieved without using our brains, we become easily distracted. Our attention spans are lessened. We experience diminished capacity for memory and we can suffer academically.

Technology bombards us with an endless stream of distraction. Hypertext is a major culprit. These are the colorful little links that are peppered throughout online articles. They make our brains work harder than they would have otherwise, and the result is less brain power for processing what we read, in other words, diminished comprehension.

Our attention span is further lessened by the conditioning we get from Hollywood. Notice how the average length of a movie shot is now about 1 1/2 seconds. There have been studies of the body's release of melatonin, the hormone that has a significant role in regulating the internal clock devices like smartphones, laptops and tablets emit a blue enriched light that has disruptive effects on its release, causing less rest. Sleep.

Other studies have identified a growing concern for what has been called Internet addiction. The stereotypical Internet addicts are notably gamers who shun food and sleep in order to play for days on end, spending a lot of time on the Internet can cause changes in the brain that mimic those caused by drug and alcohol dependence. Abnormalities appear in certain areas of the brain thereby disrupting emotions, attention span and decision making.

The hippocampus is an area of the brain involved with navigation and memory. Those who rely on GPS to navigate have less activity in this portion of the brain, researchers have found that the use of spatial memory and using visual cues to remember routes and develop cognitive maps can help deter problems with memory loss later in life.

So what can Freemasonry offer in this digital age to help assist mankind against the detrimental side effects of living with technology? What could

Freemasonry offer to man living in a world that devalues memorization and debases the benefits of mentally retaining useful information and maxims? Over the last four centuries, Freemasonry has survived and flourished for multiple reasons. One of the main reasons is that it finds a way to maintain its relevance by filling voids and providing needs for mankind. We see this in each century and it is as significant today as it was 300 years ago.

In the FELLOWCRAFT degree, the candidate symbolically negotiates a winding stairway consisting of 3/5 and seven steps. Why a winding stair? Why not a straight staircase? Perhaps this is because a winding stair can be a metaphor for human life. We can't see very much of what lies ahead, just as things are gradually revealed to us in life, so are the lessons of the degree incrementally revealed to the candidate.

As he moves up the stairs, his attention is called to the seven liberal Arts and Sciences. Curiously, there is little explanation in the ritual regarding six of these seven subjects and no effort to bring their significance to the candidate.

After the degree has been conferred, the candidate is charged with the study of the liberal Arts and Sciences. That valuable branch of education, which tends so effectually to polish and adorn the mind, is earnestly recommended to your consideration.

That charge is telling us to continue to be students to be learners our edification should never stop and we should continue our Masoretic Passage and Journey of Self Improvement. We symbolize this goal in our lodges with the rough and perfect ashlar, and by the Masonic agenda of making good men better.

In our journey to become better men, we must work diligently to understand the world that surrounds us. To the modern Freemason, the study of the seven liberal Arts and Sciences could serve as an appropriate allegory for a life of self improvement and mental growth. Although the soul's path to virtue is not easily navigated, the study of the seven liberal Arts and Sciences does help to point the way.

Reflect on how these classics can be applied to Freemasonry and life. When we consider grammar. Remember that in earlier times grammar meant Latin grammar. It was not the wearisome process of determining the parts of speech. Instead, it was the art of write. Grammar is the art of producing well written compositions and skillful speaking. Studying great poetry and original works enables one to write and speak elegantly.

Generally, logic is the art and science of precise and factual thinking. By practicing logic, we process and analyze inputs of information or data. Calling out the erroneous, deceptive, false, and contradictory. Through logic, one sifts through the incoming material or evidence, identifying felicitous arguments and statements, then systematically removing untruths and contradictions, thereby yielding authentic, honest, and trusted knowledge.

Rhetoric is the art of communication, either oral or written. Through rhetoric, a speaker or author endeavors to persuade or motivate their target audience. Rhetoric uses facts derived from the practice of logic and presents them skillfully through the use of grammar. The result is a persuasive argument based on truth.

Arithmetic is the science of real or non-negative numbers, their properties, computation and manipulation. Arithmetic deals with integers, rational numbers, and remainders after division.

No further enumeration on geometry is needed here other than to remember that it is the Greek idealization of geometry that has passed over into Freemasonry.

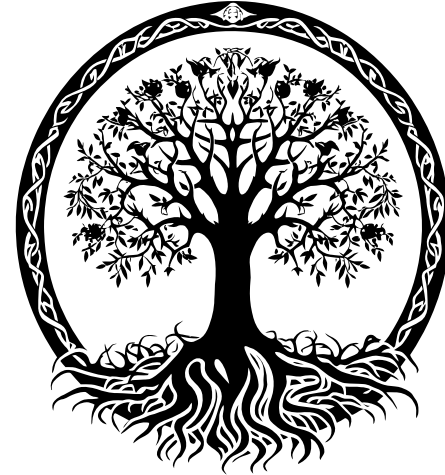
During the time of Pythagoras, the study of music was viewed as mathematical in nature. In a much earlier time, man discovered that the lengths of the strings of his musical instruments resulted in different sounds. Shortening or increasing the lengths of the strings could raise or lower the pitch. He further discovered that joining several strings together would produce sounds especially pleasing to the ear. In other words, Harmony. Further discoveries revealed that the ratio of the length of strings corresponded to whole numbers. Through music, the soul feels pleasure in counting without realizing it is counting.

Freemasonry has venerated astronomy nearly as much as it has geometry. In all cultures, astronomy, the science of the heavens, and is intimately connected with religious tradition. The Sun, Moon comets stars the ecliptic and Meridian have places in our Masonic lessons.

The seven liberal Arts and Sciences signify education, wisdom and learning. We should better comprehend the use of music, plays and art in our lives. We should use arithmetic and geometry. We need to expand our vocabulary and practice writing. As we persevere in learning throughout our lives. We will become better men in masonry.

In closing, let us remember that Freemasonry promotes repetition and we must not lose sight of its power. The reputation of learning and reciting ritual has a latent purpose. It exercises our minds and facilitates learning. The key to knowledge and learning is repetition. Repetition readies the mind for further light. We will not notice and benefit from all the beauties of Freemasonry if we do not develop our minds. The Masonic experience is designed to distinguish the Mason from the profane.

The repeating of affirmation leads to beliefs when beliefs develop into convictions, things start happening.



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