



All Masonic Trestleboard May 2024

Find out what is happening in Masonry
across the Grand Valley

May Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	1 Palisade Lodge Practice 6:30 PM - GJ Masonic Center	2 Mesa/Fruita/Palisade/ GJ 173 Joint Comm & Official Visit 6 PM - GJ Masonic Center DeMolay Boys 7 PM GJ Masonic Center	3 Early Bird Breakfast 8 AM - Strayhorn, Fruita	4 Palisade Lodge Stated Communication 10 AM - GJ Masonic Center
					Scottish Rite Reunion	
5	6 Rainbow Girls 7 PM - GJ Masonic Center	7 Montrose Lodge Stated Comm 6 PM - Montrose O.E.S 7:00 PM - GJ Masonic Center	8 GJ Temple Board 6:30 PM - GJ Masonic Center	9	10 Early Bird Breakfast 8 AM - Strayhorn, Fruita GJ Lodge Stated Comm 6:30 PM - GJ Masonic Center	11
12	13 Grand Junction York Rite (Council) 7:30 PM - GJ Masonic Center	14 WCSC Borad Meeting 11 AM - GJ Masonic Center	15 Delta York Rite (Council) 7:30 PM - Hotchkiss	16 DeMolay Boys 7 PM GJ Masonic Center	17 Early Bird Breakfast 8 AM - Strayhorn, Fruita	18 York Rite Royal Arch Degree 9 AM - GJ Masonic Center Able Kids Bowling Tournament 1 PM - Orchard Mesa Lanes All-Masonic Happy Hour 4-7 PM - GJ Masonic Center
19	20 Rainbow Girls 7 PM - GJ Masonic Center Grand Junction Scottish Rite 7:30 PM - GJ Masonic Center	21 Montrose Lodge Education Night 6 PM - Montrose O.E.S 7:00 PM - GJ Masonic Center Fruita Lodge Stated Comm 6 PM - Fruita	22	23	24 Early Bird Breakfast 8 AM - Strayhorn, Fruita	25
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Birthdays

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

- Chad Davis
- Dustin Martin Jr.
- Gregory Foster
- Jeff Koenig
- Jeffery Miller
- Robert Cucchetti
- Tadd Warner

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.

- Brian Burns
- Charles Thayer Jr
- Daniel BE
- Dennis Costlow
- Douglas Walck
- Eugene Matteson
- Floyd Williams
- Floyd Crane
- Gary Brown
- Jack Biddle
- James Krogh
- John Kutzschebauch
- Kelly Bissell
- L. Knapp
- Leo Sutton Jr
- Richard Gonzalez
- Robert Johnston
- Silan Smith
- Spencer Hughes
- Ted Eaton
- William Miles
- William McKee
- William Hirt
- William Frary

Sickness & Distress

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

- W. Bro. Ron Franklin
- W. Bro. Jason Kohles
- Bro. Ed Trollinger



Dad Joke of the Month

Q: What do you call a 1 legged hippo?
A: Hoppo.



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Joint Communication & Official Visit

Mesa, Fruita, Palisade, and Grand Junction Lodges are having a Joint Communication and Official Visit from M.W.Bro. David L. Reynolds on Thursday, May 2nd. Dinner is at 6 PM and Lodge will open at 7 PM.

Scottish Rite Reunion

The 87th Scottish Rite Reunion of the Grand Junction Consistory will be all day Friday, May 3rd and Saturday, May 4th. All Scottish Rite Masons are welcome to attend the Reunion. Everyone is welcome to attend the Banquet at 6 PM on Saturday.

Royal Arch Degree

The Grand Junction and Delta Royal Arch Chapters are performing the Royal Arch Degree on Saturday, May 18th at 10 AM. All Most Excellent Masters and Royal Arch Masons are welcome to attend.

Able Kids Bowling Fundraiser

The Grand Junction and Delta Royal Arch Chapters are hosting a bowling fundraiser for the Able Kids Foundation on Saturday, May 18th at 1 PM at Orchard Mesa Lanes. See the the next page for more details.

All-Masonic Happy (Social) Hour

The monthly All-Masonic Happy (Social) Hour is on Saturday, May 18th at the Grand Junction Masonic Center from 4-7 PM on the back patio between Lodge Rooms 2 and 3. 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, May 24th at 6:30 PM.



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Grand Junction & Delta Royal Arch Chapters



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Fruita Masonic Lodge	Facebook	FruitaMasonicLodge
Palisade Lodge	Facebook	PalisadeLodge125
Grand Junction Lodge	Facebook	GJLodge173
Western Colorado Shrine Club	Facebook	ShrinersWC
Grand Junction & Delta York Rite Bodies	Facebook	GJYorkRite
Sunshine Chapter O.E.S.	Facebook	GrandJunctionOES

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Mesa Lodge No. 55

Greetings Brothers and Friends,

April was a good month for Mesa Lodge. We had our Table Lodge where we presentations on Famos Masons in the history of the United States, a great Past Master's Response from Past Master John Groves, and we watched a video on the changing meaning of Temperance. Plus we had a great BBQ dinner.

Brother Tyson gave his introductory lecture on Norse Paganism which was also well attended. His sweet and spicy beef over rice and baklava for dinner was a hit as well.

I also want to thank Worshipful Brother Tom for his hard work getting our property room painted and Brothers Joe, Kole, John, and Tom for helping move all of our stuff back into the property room.

Our May communication will be a Joint Communication with Palisade, Fruita, and Grand Junction Lodges. We will also be hosting M.W.Bro. David Reynolds and his Grand Officers. This will be an Official Visit so I hope to see a big turnout for our Grand Master.

At the Joint Communication and OV we will have a few items of business to take care of including awarding the John Whitlock Memorial Scholarship and voting on the petition for Dustin Smith to receive the Degrees of Freemasonry. We will also be planning a Fellow Craft Degree for Brothers Tyson, Cody, and Kole.

In June we will have a Joint Communication with Grand Junction Lodge at their annual "outdoor lodge". We are still narrowing down where lodge will be, but it will be on Friday, June 10th. Once all the plans are made I will let everyone know.

Other events in May that you may wish to attend are the Able Kids Bowling Fundraiser on Saturday, May 18th. This event is open to everyone so bring yourself and three others and \$50 (\$12.50 per person) to Orchard Mesa Lanes at 1 PM and help raise money for children with Central Auditory Processing Disorders. If you wish to make a donation instead of bowling please bring cash/check to our May Stated Communication or you can mail your donation to "Grand Junction York Rite Bodies" at 2400 Consistory Ct, Grand Junction 81501.

Chartered: Sep18, 1883

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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

Don't forget about the All-Masonic Happy Hour on Saturday, May 18th from 4-7 at the Grand Junction Masonic Center. This event is also open to everyone. Bring a friend or family member who is interested in Masonry. This is a BYO event. Last month we had a fire in the fire pit on the patio and made smores.

If you haven't been to Lodge in a while I invite you back. It doesn't matter how long you've been away or why you haven't been coming. We'd love to have you back.

Finally, I wish you all a great month and I look forward to seeing you at the Joint Communication and Official Visit on the 2nd.

Fraternally,

Gregory Foster
 Worshipful Master

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Palisade Lodge No. 125



Brothers,

Hello my brothers and fellow travelers. As we head fast into spring and summer may we be welcoming of the ever increasing light in our lives, not just daylight but the light of knowledge and truth as we progress. Brothers I want to thank all of you for your hard work and dedication. Our scholarship committee has been working above and beyond anything I could possibly have imagined. I am also grateful and proud of all of you for reaching out to me, checking in to make sure that I was okay. Early this year I wanted to reach out to all I could that were and are struggling with whatever may come their way. Either death or hardship, I have not been as diligent in this as I was anticipating, however my brothers all of you have been!!!! I cannot express enough how grateful and proud I am of all of you. Thank you for stepping up. I was not able to attend our Joint communion with Fruita 120, but I heard that it went very well. And thank you brothers for the wonderful card. All of you have truly stepped up to show what it means to be a Mason. Let us continue to reach out to those

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

around us as well as our newest Masons, both EA & FC. I truly love you all and pray for blessings to be upon you. May The Grand Architect of the Universe lead your path.

"So much in life depends on our attitude. The way we choose to see things and respond to others makes all the difference. To do the best we can and then to choose to be happy about our circumstances, whatever they may be, can bring peace and contentment." - Thomas S. Monson.

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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Western Colorado Shrine Club



Hello Nobles, Ladies, and Friends,

April saw us induct Brothers Garrett Bennett, Joe Higgenbotham, Joe Surek, and Shane Dial, into El Jebel and the Western Colorado Shrine Club. I want to thank Noble Briscoe for organizing the Ceremonial Team and all the Nobles who brought food for the after-party.

Noble Joe Higgenbotham and I met with Codi from Grand Valley Pediatrics. We had a wonderful conversation with her about how her doctors can refer patients to Shrine Children's Centers and how to request travel funds for the families to get them to and from their appointments.

I also want to thank Noble Briscoe for doing much of the leg work for our new storage container. It was delivered to the Grand Junction Masonic Center in late April.

We continue to plan our fundraising gala for Shrine Children's this fall. We are narrowing down our options for venues and dates. Once that has been decided we can focus on food, music, entertainment, advertising, and auction items.

Our property room at the Masonic Center needs some attention. For years stuff has been piling up. I'd like to schedule a Saturday or Sunday in May where we can all gather, pull everything out of the room, put in a new storage system, sort through everything, and get rid of stuff that's no longer usable or needed.

El Jebel will announce its Sportsman's Raffle shortly. They are waiting on the final approval of the website. Once the raffle is live I hope that all of you will sell tickets. In the last few years, we have been in the top 10 clubs selling tickets. This year I want to break the top five.

Mark your calendars for August 18th. We will be going to the Jackalopes, formerly the Grand Junction Rockies. We will have a booth where we will hand out information about Shrine Children's and people can get their pictures taken with Theodore.

I haven't heard anything back from Jordan Circus in a while. I continue to reach out to them but I haven't gotten a response. I'm still hopeful that the circus will swing through the Western Slope again.

Finally, I'd like to encourage everyone to join us at our function in May. Our Board Meeting is on Tuesday, May 14th at 11:00 AM and our All-Masonic Happy Hour is on May 18th at 4 PM. Both events are at the GJ Masonic Center. I also highly encourage you to get involved with your Blue Lodges again if you are not already. We cannot continue without the support of our Blue Lodges and they cannot thrive without us. We are all part of the same Masonic family.

I hope you all have a great May and I look forward to seeing you soon.

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.ElJebelShrine.org

Grand Junction York Rite Bodies

Companions and Sir Knights,



Who's excited about the Royal Arch Degree and Able Kids Bowling Fundraiser? Saturday, May 18th will be a busy day for the Grand Junction and Delta Royal Arch Chapters. The day starts at 9 AM with coffee and donuts followed by the Royal Arch Degree at 10. We will then go to Orchard Mesa Lanes at 1 to raise money for the Able Kids Foundation. It only costs \$50 for a team of four bowlers, which includes the shoes, lane rental, and ball.

If that wasn't enough for you the All-Masonic Happy Hour is at the Grand Junction Masonic Center from 4-7. This is a BYO event. We usually have a fire in the fire pit on the back patio, but if it's too hot we'll go inside and play some pool. This is a great way to finish the day.

Temple Commandery will be opening on Monday, May 13th, and Delta Council will be opening in Hotchkiss on Wednesday, May 15th. We will be practicing for the Royal Arch at both meetings.

For all you soon-to-be Royal Arch Masons, the next step in your York Rite journey will be the Great Plains Rendezvous in Stirling, CO on Saturday, June 22nd. There you will receive the Cryptic Council Degrees. Please get with Companions Jeff Bush and Jeff Cyriak to confirm you will be attending the festival.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Royal Arch Degree and bowling fundraiser.

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



Royal
 Arch
 Research
 Assistance

Do you know someone who:

- Has Auditory Processing Disorder?
- Is Autistic?
- Has RETT Syndrome?
- Has Asburgers Syndrome?
- Is Diagnosed with ADHD or ADD?

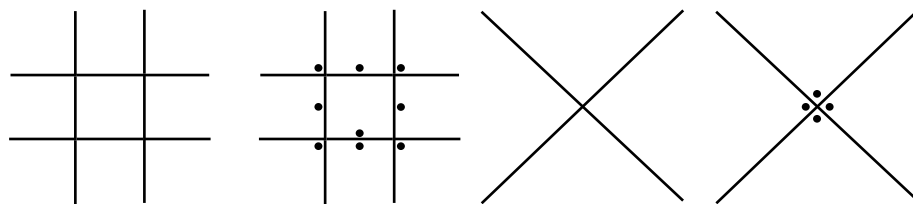
The purpose of the Royal Arch Research Assistance organization is to research and promote solutions to Central Auditory Processing Disorder or CAPD.

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Cypher Challenge

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Hint: This item budded, bloomed, and bore fruit in a day.

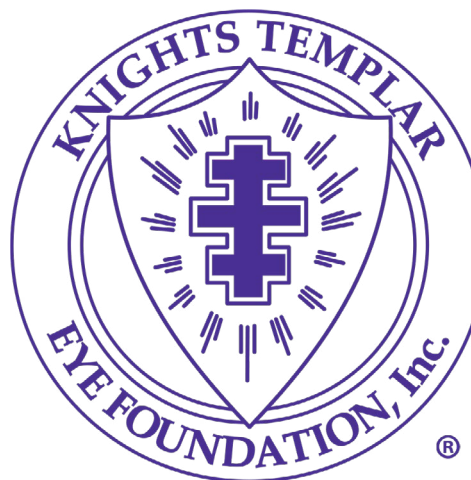


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April Cypher Challenge Answer

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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,

We had great breakfast with our brethren at Palisade Lodge #125 on Saturday the 6th of April. Food was plentiful and fellowship was great. We are looking forward to hosting Palisade for supper at our October 15th Stated Communication.

We will have a “special communication” on Thursday May 2nd at 7PM with Mesa Lodge #55, Palisade Lodge #125 and Grand Junction Lodge #173 for an “Official Visit” with the Grand Lodge officers who will be in town for the Scottish Rite Reunion. I encourage all to attend so we can have a good representation of Fruita Masonic Lodge members. See the reservation information in this tressleboard if you want to attend the dinner prior to the meeting.

The May 7th practice night will be dedicated to remounting and identifying some Past Master photos in the frames on the east wall of the dining hall. We are also looking for a talented brother who could make a “4th frame” similar to the other three for future years PM photographs.

Save the date for Fruita Masonic 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. The lunch will be for masons, their families, prospective masons and invited guests by reservation. 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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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



Greetings Brothers,

I hope everyone is doing well. It seems that we all have so much going on with our lives, our lodges, and our brothers, that this will continue to be a great year for masonry. It was amazing to be informed about the wonderful turnout for the school awards, and that Brother Michael Briscoe did such an amazing job representing our lodge. Something he seems to do, time and time again. Also, it was great for everyone to come together during our last communication for the outdoor meal and after lodge hangout by the fire pit. Brother Linn Armstrong had an amazing idea when he suggested that for our lodge meeting. I must also give him credit for the unique and fun idea of "Cane Night". It was interesting to hear the stories associated with some of the canes our brothers have in their possession.

Continuing the custom of passing on the musings and words from our Worshipful Master, I would like to relay the latest update.

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

When last we spoke, our Worshipful Master was in Sioux City, Iowa, heading West, eagerly anticipating taking up his place in the East in May. While away, Worshipful Master Darrell has had many inspirations and motivations about Masonry and looks forward to applying them here in the valley and more locally in our home lodge. Further, an idea we may want to keep in mind is setting aside time to hear about and see pictures of all the lodges that our Worshipful Master was able to visit on his journeys. Whether this be in lodge, or as its own event, is up for discussion and decision.

As always, Worshipful Master Darrell wanted to continue the message to our members that haven't attended Lodge for a bit, 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.

As we head into the summer months, it only seems that we are getting busier with each passing day. Currently we are in the process of trying to get two new members their Entered Apprentice Degree. While we thought we had this buttoned up at our last meeting and were good to go for April, it appears that our schedule didn't line up with our new members. We are currently trying to work out the kinks of this scheduling conflict, so unfortunately, this falls under the old business for May. Speaking of Entered Apprentice Degrees, Lodge 173 is looking forward to attending such a degree in Rifle on April 8th. With all the fun events and good news abroad in our valley, I am excited to bring to light something a little closer to home.

At our next communication, May 10th, we will have the pleasure and honor of presenting this year's scholarship winner with their well-deserved award.

With such a busy month, I wanted to make sure we didn't forget about the Joint Communication on April 2nd that will involve all the lodges in the valley and even the Grand Lodge of Colorado. And finally, continuing the thought and action of coming together, we are looking forward to seeing as many brothers as possible for our outdoor lodge in June. I want to extend a warm and fraternal "Thank You", to Brother Cole Rath for letting us use his land for our outdoor communication.

With all that being said, I 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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Junior Deacon	Shane Dial (970) 462-5042
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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

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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

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

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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

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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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Monthly Crossword

Memorial Day

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 A R A A R E A H E I E O G H S E E B R C R R D P A
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| Banner | Battlefield | Bravery | Celebration |
| Cemetery | Decoration | Duty | Flags |
| Friendship | Gatherings | Heritage | Hero |
| Honor | Legendary | Liberty | Memorial |
| Military | Parade | Patriotism | Peace |
| Respect | Reverence | Service | Tribute |
| Valiant | Valor | Veteran | Worship |

Check the June Trestleboard for the solution

Masonic Education

Book on the Altar

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"I heard the most curious tale," began the New Brother seating himself beside the Old tiler during refreshment.

"Shoot!" commanded the Old Tiler.

"Friend of mine belongs to a midwest lodge. Seems they elected a chap to become a member but when he took the degree he stopped the work to ask for the Koran in place of the Bible on the Altar. Said he wanted to the holy book of his faith, and the bible wasn't it!"

"Yes, go on," prompted the Old Tiler. "What did they do?"

"The officers held a pow-wow and the Master finally decided that as the ritual demanded the 'Holy Bible, Square and Compasses' as furniture for the lodge, the applicant was wrong and that he'd have to use the Bible or not take his degree. And the funny part was that the initiate was satisfied and took his degree with the Bible on the Altar. I'm glad they have him, and not this lodge."

"Why?"

"Why, a chap who backs down that way can't have very much courage; I'd have had more respect for him if he'd insisted and if he couldn't have his way, refused to go on with the degree."

"All wrong, brother, all wrong!" commented the Old Tiler. "The Mohammedan initiate wasn't concerned about himself but about the lodge. He showed a high degree of Masonic principle in asking for his own holy book, and a great consideration for the lodge. This man isn't a Christian. He doesn't believe in Christ. He believes in Allah, and Mohammed his prophet. The Bible, to you a holy book, is to him no more than the Koran is to you. You wouldn't regard an obligation taken on a dictionary or a cook book or a Koran as binding, in the same degree that you would one taken on the Bible."

"That's the way this chap felt. He wanted to take his obligation so that it would bind his conscience. The Master would not let him, because he slavishly followed the words of the ritual instead of the spirit of Masonry."

"Masonry does not limit an applicant to his choice of a name for a Supreme Being. I can believe in Allah, or Buddha, or Confucius, or Mithra, or Christ, or Siva, or Brahma, or Jehovah, and be a good Mason. If I believe in a Great Architect that is all Masonry demands; my brethren do not care what I name him."

"Then you think this chap isn't really obligated? I must write my friend and warn him-"

"Softly, softly! Any man with enough reverence for Masonry, in advance of knowledge of it, to want his own holy book on which to take an obligation would feel himself morally obligated to keep his word, whether there was his, another's or no holy book at all, on the Altar. An oath is not really binding because of the book beneath you hand. It is the spirit with which you assume an obligation which makes it binding. The book is but a symbol that you make your promise in the presence of the God you revere. The cement of brotherly love which we spread is not material- the working tools of a Master Mason are not used upon stone but upon human hearts. Your brother did his best to conform to the spirit of our usages in asking for the book he had been taught to revere. Failing in that through no fault of his own, doubtless he took his obligation with a sincere belief in its sacredness. Legally he would not be considered to commit perjury if he asked for his own book and was forced to use another."

"What's the law got to do with it?"

"Just nothing at all, which is the point I make. In England and America, Canada and South America, Australia, and part of the Continent, the bible is universally used. In Scottish Rite bodies you will find many holy books; but let me ask you this; when our ancient brethren met on hills and in valleys, long before Christ, did they use the New Testament on their Altars? Of course not; there was none. You can say that they used the Old Testament and I can say they used the Talmud and someone else can say they used none at all, and all of us are right as the other. But they used a reverence for sacred things."

"If you write you friend, you might tell him that the ritual which permits a man to name his God as he pleases, but demands that a book which

reveres one particular God be used, is faulty. The ritual of Masonry is faulty; it was made by man. But the spirit of Masonry is divine; it comes from men's hearts. If obligation and books and names of the Deity are matters of the spirit, every condition is satisfied. If I were Master and an applicant demanded any one or any six books on which to lay his hand while he pledges himself to us, I'd get them if they were to be had, and I'd tell my lodge what a reverent Masonic spirit was in the man who asked."

"Seems to me you believe in a lot of funny things; how many gods do you believe in?"

"There is but one," was the Old Tilers answer, "Call Him what you will. Let me repeat a little bit of verse for you:

*'At the Muezzin's call for prayer
The kneeling faithful thronged the square;
Amid a monastery's weeds, An old Franciscan told his beads,
While on Pushkara's lofty height
A dark priest chanted Brahma's might,
While to the synagogue there came
A Jew, to praise Jehovah's Name.
The One Great God looked down and smiled
And counted each His loving child;
For Turk and Brahmin, monk and Jew
Has reached Him through the gods they knew.'*

"If we reach Him in Masonry, it makes little difference by what sacred name we arrive," finished the Old Tiler, reverently.

"You reached me, anyhow," said the New Brother, shaking hands as if he meant it.



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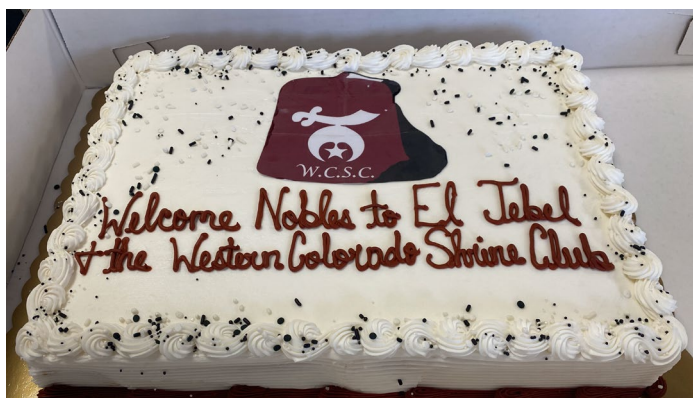
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Left to right: Joe Syrek, Shane Dial, Joe Higgenbotham, Garrett Bennet on being made Nobles of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine

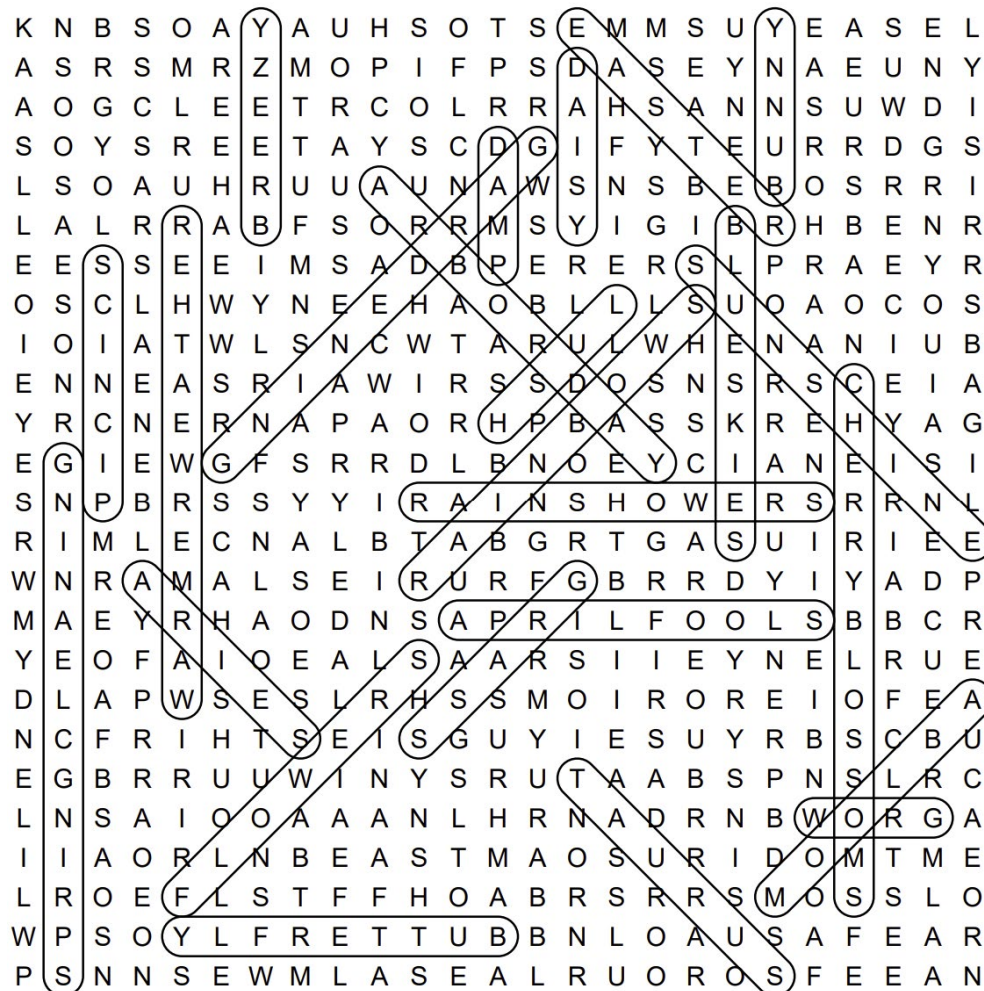


Left to right: Nobles Chris Geisler, Greg Foster, Mike Briscoe, Lee Anderson, John Groves



April Crossword Solution

April



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| Damp | Cherry Blossoms | Warmer Weather | Gardening |
| Abloom | Sunshine | Taurus | Rain Showers |
| Grow | Daisy | April Fools | Lush |
| Grass | Blue Skies | Easter | Bunny |
| Aries | Spring Cleaning | Picnics | Butterfly |
| Flowers | Arbor Day | Rainbows | Breezy |



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