

**All Masonic Trestleboard  
December 2024**



**Find out what is happening  
in Masonry across the  
Grand Valley**

# December Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> Western Colorado Shrine Club Property Room Clean Up   1 PM - GJ Masonic Center	<b>2</b> Rainbow Girls   7 PM - GJ Masonic Center	<b>3</b> Fruita Lodge Practice   6 PM - Fruita Masonic Lodge  Eastern Star   7 PM - GJ Masonic Center	<b>4</b> Esoteric Club   6 PM - GJ Masonic Center  Palisade Lodge Practice   6:30 PM - GJ Masonic Center	<b>5</b> All-Masonic Christmas Party   6:30 PM - GJ Masonic Center	<b>6</b> Early Bird Breakfast   8 AM - Strayhorn, Fruita	<b>7</b> RiteCare Breakfast with Santa   8:30-10:30 AM - GJ Masonic Center  Palisade Lodge Stated Communication   10 AM - GJ Masonic Center
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> GJ York Rite (Chapter)   7:30 PM - GJ Masonic Center	<b>10</b> Western Colorado Shrine Club Christmas Party   Enzo's 6 PM	<b>11</b> Esoteric Club   6 PM - GJ Masonic Center  GJ Masonic Temple Association   6:30 PM - GJ Masonic Center	<b>12</b>  Craft Fair Set Up   5 PM - GJ Masonic Center	<b>13</b> Early Bird Breakfast   8 AM - Strayhorn, Fruita	<b>14</b> RiteCare Breakfast with Santa   8:30-10:30 AM - Montrose Lodge  Masonic Craft Fair   9-4 - GJ Masonic Center
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> GJ Scottish Rite   6:30 PM - GJ Masonic Center  Rainbow Girls   7 PM - GJ Masonic Center	<b>17</b> Fruita Lodge Stated Communication   6 PM - Fruita Masonic Lodge  Eastern Star   7 PM - GJ Masonic Center	<b>18</b> Esoteric Club   6 PM - GJ Masonic Center  Delta York Rite (Chapter)   7:30 PM - Hotchkiss	<b>19</b> DeMolay Boys   7 PM - GJ Masonic Center	<b>20</b> Early Bird Breakfast   8 AM - Strayhorn, Fruita	<b>21</b> Joint Installation of Officers   4 PM - GJ Masonic Center  All-Masonic Happy Hour   6 PM - GJ Masonic Center
<b>22</b> Knights Templar Christmas Observance   4 PM - GJ Masonic Center	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>  <div style="background-color: #e0e0e0; text-align: center; padding: 5px;"><b>Christmas</b></div>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Early Bird Breakfast   8 AM - Strayhorn, Fruita	<b>28</b> Western Colorado Shrine Club Initiation Ceremony   2 PM - GJ Masonic Center
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Western Colorado Shrine Club New Year's Eve Dance   7-10 PM - GJ Masonic Center	<b>1</b> Palisade Lodge Practice   6:30 PM - GJ Masonic Center	<b>2</b> Mesa Lodge Stated Communication   6 PM - GJ Masonic Center  DeMolay Boys   7 PM - GJ Masonic Center	<b>3</b> Early Bird Breakfast   8 AM - Strayhorn, Fruita	<b>4</b> Palisade Lodge Stated Communication   10 AM - GJ Masonic Center  Roast of Deputy Grand Master   6 PM - GJ Masonic Center

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## Birthdays

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

- Austin Pitts
- Bruce Bower
- Carl Gaumer Jr
- Christopher Eglet
- Craig Marsh
- Dennis Costlow
- Donald Hobbs
- Donald alford
- Eric Johnson
- Harry Clark
- James Williams
- James Krogh
- James Livermore
- Jason Allred
- Jonathan Estrada
- Melvin Schafer
- Nicholas G. Gazunis
- Scott Morris
- Shane Allerheiligen
- Spencer Hughes
- Thomas Young

## 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.

- James Williams
- Jayson Leyh
- Mark McGarry
- Nathaniel Pavlisick

## Sickness & Distress

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

- B. Scott Morris
- W.B. Naaman Moorehouse



## Dad Joke of the Month

**Q:** What did the salt say to the pepper on Christmas?

**A:** "Season's greetings!"



### The All-Masonic Christmas Party

The All-Masonic Christmas Party will be held on Thursday, December 5th at the Grand Junction Masonic Center. The fun will begin at 6:30 with a buffet dinner. There will also have a face painter, music by the Sweet Adeline Ocopella Quartet, recognition of several first responders from the area, a dessert auction for Rainbow Girls Assembly No 12, and a visit by Santa.

### GJ Scottish Rite RiteCare Breakfast with Santa

The Grand Junction Scottish Rite RiteCare Breakfast with Santa will be at the Grand Junction Masonic Center on Saturday, December 7th from 8:30 to 10:30 AM. All Masons and their friends/family are welcome to attend.

### Montrose Scottish Rite RiteCare Breakfast with Santa

The Montrose Scottish Rite RiteCare Breakfast with Santa will be at Montrose Lodge on Saturday, December 14th from 8:30 to 10:30 AM. All masons and their friends/families are welcome to attend.

### Western Colorado Shrine Club Christmas Party

The Western Colorado Shrine Club will have its annual Christmas Party on Tuesday, December 10th at 6 PM at Enzo's on Horizon Drive in Grand Junction. All Shriners, prospective Shriners, and friends/families are welcome to attend. RSVP by Saturday, December 7th so we can give the restaurant an accurate count. This is a buy-your-own event.

### Knights Templar Christmas Observance

Temple Commandery and Delta Commanderery will have a Christmas Observance at the Grand Junction Masonic Center at 4 PM on Sunday, December 22nd at 4 PM and a light meal will follow. This event is open to the public.

### Shriners New Year's Eve Dance

The Western Colorado Shrine Club will host a New Year's Eve Dance on Tuesday, December 31st from 7-10 PM at the Grand Junction Masonic Center. This is a 90s-themed dance and is family-friendly and open to the public. Tickets are \$10 at the door for adults and \$5 for children with a sparkling cider toast to the new year.

### All-Masonic Happy Hour

The All-Masonic Happy Hour will be on Saturday, December 21st at 6 PM following the Joint Installation of Officers at the Grand Junction Masonic Center. This event is open to masons and non-masons. Come relax with a game of Pool or just hang out on the patio.

### Esoteric Club

The Mesa Lodge Esoteric Club meets every Wednesday at 6 PM at the Grand Junction Masonic Center. Come talk about the symbolism of Freemasonry.

### Early Bird Breakfast

Join your Brothers each Friday at 8 AM at the Strayhorn in Fruita for breakfast. This is a great time to bring that friend that's been interested in Masonry. This is a buy-your-own event.

## Joint Installation of Officers

The Installation of Officers for Mesa Lodge, Fruita Masonic Lodge, Palisade Lodge, and Grand Junction Lodge will be held on Saturday, December 21st at 4 PM at the Grand Junction Masonic Center.

A light meal will follow the Installation of Officers. [RSVP](#) for the meal no later than December 18th [HERE](#).

**ALL ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICERS  
MUST BE IN ATTENDANCE**

**PEDIATRIC  
SPECIALTY  
CARE**

**Orthopedics**  
Clubfoot  
Cerebral palsy  
Prosthetics/orthotics  
Scoliosis/spine conditions  
Upper and lower extremity conditions  
Sports medicine/fractures

**Burn Care**  
Scar revisions  
Skin conditions  
Plastic surgery

■ **Spinal Cord Injury Rehabilitation**

■ **Cleft Lip and Palate**

■ **Physical/Occupational/Speech Therapies**

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Body	Platform	Profile Name
Mesa Lodge	Facebook Instagram	MesaLodge55
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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STARTS 6 PM

MESA LODGE 55  
**ROAST**

**RWB WILLIAM MARSHAL**



.....  
**SATURDAY  
JANUARY 4**  
.....

**DINNER**

ROAST BEEF WITH MASHED POTATOES,  
CORN SALAD, ROLL, AND DESSERT

GJ MASONIC CENTER  
2400 CONSISTORY CT.  
GRAND JUNCTION, CO 81501

**RSVP HERE**

You're invited to a

# Christmas Party

Dec 5th  
6:30 PM

Food | Facepainting | Dessert Auction  
Visit from Santa | Music by the Sweet Adelin

2400 Consistory Ct, Grand Junction

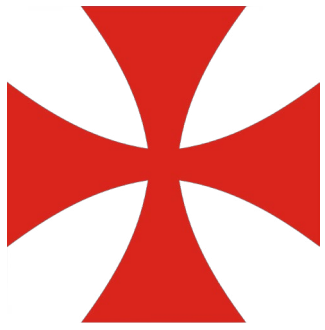
Open to the Public

# Masonic Craft Fair

Gifts, Jewelry, Crafts, Decor, Food Items, and much more!

Saturday, December 14  
9 AM - 4 PM

[www.MasonicCraftFairGJ.com](http://www.MasonicCraftFairGJ.com)



# Knigh Templar Christmas Observance

Dec 22, 4 PM | Everyone Welcome  
GJ Masonic Center\G2400  
Consistory Ct, GJ 81501

All Sir Knights, family, and friends are warmly invited to participate in this cherished tradition. Let us come together to commemorate the birth of Christ and renew our commitment to his teachings. A light meal will follow the service.




RING IN 2025 WITH THE  
WESTERN COLORADO SHRINES  
AT OUR NEW YEARS EVE DANCE

**DECEMBER 31ST, 7-10 PM**

**90'S THEME**

**FAMILIES &  
KIDS WELCOME**

TICKETS	\$10 ADULTS
	\$5 KIDS

● CASUAL DRESS ● SNACKS & PUNCH  
TOAST THE NEW YEAR WITH SPARKLING CIDER  
AND BUST A MOVE LIKE ITS 1999

GRAND JUNCTION MASONIC CENTER  
2400 CONSISTORY CT



# Mesa Lodge No. 55

Brethren and friends,

Brethren, it has been 42 years since I was 1st installed as master of Mesa Lodge #55 (Dec 1982). At that time, I doubted I would still be alive at this age! The Grand Architect figured otherwise and it is with great pleasure I ascend the East to serve you as Master of the Lodge for 2025.

First, let me congratulate our newest Master Masons Cody Fischer and Tyson Pruitt who were raised on Saturday November 30th.

It is going to be a busy month. The December stated communication is the All-Masonic Christmas Party. This is open to family, friends and prospective masons. There will be a potluck at 6:30 PM. Ham will be provided by Mesa 55. If you attend, please bring a side dish to share with the attendees. We are expecting around 60 people. We will present 1st responder awards, a face painter will be there, Santa will be there and we will have a Sweet Adoline quartet to entertain us in song. Don't forget to bring cash or your check book for the Rainbow Girls Dessert Auction.

The installation of all 4 Lodge's Officers will be Saturday Dec 21st 4PM at the Grand Junction Masonic Center. It is an open installation to be followed by a meal afterward. [RSVP](#) for the meal by Dec 18th.

The Knight Templar Christmas observance will be the next day Sunday the 22nd at 4PM at the Grand Junction Masonic Center. This is also open to the public and will be followed by a light meal. No reservations needed.

The Western Colorado Shrine Club will be throwing a 90's theme New Year's Eve Dance at the Grand Junction Masonic Center on Tuesday, December 31st. The dance will be from 7-10 PM and will be open to the public. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. This is a family

friendly event with Sparkling Cider at 10 PM to celebrate the new year.

On January 4th 7PM, we will be hosting the "Grand Master's Roast" for RWB William Marshall Deputy Grand Master. There will be a \$20 roast beef dinner at 6PM. It is mandatory you make a reservation you by December 23rd. No reservation = no eat. Come and enjoy this fun event for our Mesa Lodge #55 brother. You can [RSVP](#) on our website [HERE](#).

The 164th Grand Lodge sessions will be January 23-25, 2025. See the attached information for the event. Saturday morning will be the installation of Grand Lodge Officers. If you can only make Saturday, it would be great to have a significant number of the 4 Lodge's members there for RWB William Marshall's installation as Grand Master (assuming he is elected). Looking forward to seeing you at Lodge.

Fraternally,

**Tom Verdieck**  
**Worshipful Master Elect**

Mesa Lodge No. 55 Officers	
<b>Worshipful Master</b>	Gregory Foster
<b>Senior Warden</b>	Tom Verdieck (PM)
<b>Junior Warden</b>	Ian Hughes
<b>Secretary</b>	Christopher Geisler
<b>Treasurer</b>	John Groves (PM)
<b>Senior Deacon</b>	Andrew Weber
<b>Junior Deacon</b>	David Marshall (PM)
<b>Tiler</b>	Harry Clark (PM)
<b>Chaplain</b>	John Groves (PM)
<b>Marshal</b>	William Marshall (PM)

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

## 2025 Dinner Assignments

January	Tom Verdieck
February	Ian Hughes
March	Andrew Weber
April	John Groves
May	Gregory Foster
June	Chris Geisler
July	No Meeting
August	All-Masonic Picnic
September	Joe Higginbotham
October	Cody Fisher
November	Tyson Pruitt
December	Christmas Party

Elected Officers		Appointed Officers	
Position	Brother	Position	Brother
Worshipful Master	Tom Verdieck	Senior Deacon	Chris Geisler
Senior Warden	Ian Hughes	Junior Deacon	Joe Higginbotham
Junior Warden	Andrew Weber	Senior Steward	Cody Fisher
Treasurer	John Groves	Junior Steward	Tyson Pruitt
Secretary	Gregory Foster	Tiler	Harry Clark
		Chaplain	Jason Kohles
		Marshal	William Marshall
		Dir of the Work	John Groves





# Western Colorado Shrine Club

Hello Nobles, Ladies, and Friends,

2024 may be coming to an end but that doesn't mean the fun has ended. First, we will be meeting at the Grand Junction Consistory on December 1st at 1 PM to finish cleaning up our property room. All club members are highly encouraged to attend as it will make the work go by much faster.

Second, we will be participating in the Palisade Parade of Lights on Friday, December 6th. We will find out where we will be stationed in the parade that week. But plan on meeting behind the fire station in Palisade no later than 4 PM.

The Western Colorado Shrine Club Christmas Party will be on Tuesday, December 10th, at 6 PM. We will meet at Enzo's on Horizon Dr. in Grand Junction. Please [RSVP](#) by Sunday, December 8th. This is a buy-your-own event open to all Shriners, prospective Shriners, their friends, and their families.

We will also be initiating new members on Saturday, December 28th at 2 PM at the GJ Masonic Center with the Potentate being in attendance via Zoom.

Finally, we're going to party like it's 1999 at our New Year's Eve Dance at the Grand Junction Masonic Center. This family-friendly event will be from 7-10 PM and is open to everyone including non-masons. Tickets are \$5 for children and \$10 for adults at the door. The night will include punch, snacks, and sparkling cider for the ball drop at Midnight Eastern Time.

I want to thank all the members who came out to our annual meeting in November for the election of new board members and club officers for 2025.

2024 has been a year of fun and growth. We initiated several new Nobles and welcomed several others into the club. We re-engaged with the community at the Jackalopes game, the circus came back to Grand Junction for the first time in almost a decade, and we participated in several. Next year as we continue to grow we will continue to try new things. I hope you all are as excited as I am for the future of the Western Colorado Shrine Club.

If I don't see you at one of our many events this month I hope you have a Happy Haunaka, a Merry Christmas, or Happy Yule, and a Wonderful New Year.

Fraternally,

**Gregory Foster**  
**President Western Colorado Shrine Club**  
**@ShrinersWC on Facebook & Instagram**

# Grand Junction York Rite Bodies

Hello Companions and Sir Knights,



It's hard to believe it is December already, at least it is for me. The end of the year is nigh! But before the end of the year, we have several meetings and events in December. Starting with the Grand Junction York Rite meeting on Monday, December 9th at 7:30 PM at the Grand Junction Masonic Center. Grand Junction Chapter No. 24 will be opening for business where we will be voting on increasing our dues by \$8 from \$192 to \$200 to cover the increase in

Temple Rent.

Delta York Rite will be meeting on Wednesday, December 18th at 7:30 PM in Hotchkiss. If you haven't gotten a copy of this year's script and cast list please let me know and I will send it to you. I've also include a cast list below. Please let me know if you are not able to fill the position I have you listed as.

At both meetings (Grand Junction and Delta York Rite) we will be practicing for the Christmas Observance which will be on Sunday, December 22nd at 4 PM at the Grand Junction Masonic Center. There will be a light meal after the service.

Beginning in January we will start practicing for the Mark Master Degree which we will put on for all Master Masons in the area on Monday, February 10th at 7 PM. Like last year this degree is open to ALL Master Masons. You can help by spreading the word to your blue lodges so we have lots of brothers in attendance.

Fraternally,

**Gregory Foster**  
**High Priest - Grand Junction Chapter No. 24**  
**Thrice Illustrious Master - Grand Junction Council No. 16**  
**Eminent Commander - Temple Commandery No. 20**

Role	Sir Knight
Eminent Commander	Gregory Foster
Sir Knight	Greg Allen
Excellent Prelate	William Marshall
Recorder	Jeff Bush
Sir Knight Historian	John Thomason
Sir Knight of the North	Tom Verdieck
Sir Knight of the East	Jeff Cyriak
Sir Night of the South	Michael Briscoe
Sir Knight of the West	Lee Anderson
Sir Knights of the Triangle	Ross Allen & All Other Sir Knights

# 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 this message finds you all in good spirits as we approach the holiday season.

Worshipful Master Darrell is back to traveling for work and will not be able to join us for our final meeting of 2024. He wanted to express how proud he is of everything the Lodge has accomplished this year. As always, Worshipful Master Darrell encourages members who haven't attended Lodge recently to stop by when possible.

November was a busy and productive month for our Lodge, and I am excited to share some updates and upcoming events.

During our November meeting, we elected the officers who will lead us in 2025. Please join me in congratulating our newly elected line of officers:

- Nathaniel Pavlisick – Worshipful Master
- Jeff Bush – Senior Warden
- James Williams Sr – Junior Warden
- Michael Briscoe – Secretary
- Linn Armstrong – Treasurer
- Shane Dial – Senior Deacon
- Joe Higginbotham – Junior Deacon

A special acknowledgment goes to Brother Michael Bertram, who was voted proficient and will now move on to the degree of Master Mason. This is a significant accomplishment, and we commend him for his dedication and hard work.

Looking ahead, we have a couple of exciting events this month. The Masonic Christmas Party will take place on December 5th at 6:30 PM, and our lodge is responsible for bringing side dishes, so please plan accordingly and join us for an evening of festive cheer and brotherhood.

The Installation of 2025 Officers will take place on December 21 at 4:00 PM. This is an important occasion, and we encourage everyone to attend and show support for our new officers as they take on their roles for the coming year. This even is open to everyone, so please bring your family to this important event.

Additionally, don't forget to stop by the Craft Fair on December 14. It's a wonderful opportunity to support local craftsmen and enjoy the camaraderie of our Lodge community. As always, we look forward to seeing everyone at our stated communication and at these special events. Your participation and support are what make our Lodge a vibrant and thriving brotherhood.

**Nathaniel Pavlisick**  
Worshipful Master Elect

## Grand Junction Lodge No. 173 Officers

<b>Worshipful Master</b>	Darrell Manroe	<b>Senior Deacon</b>	Jeff Koenig (PM)
<b>Senior Warden</b>	Nathaniel Pavlisick	<b>Junior Deacon</b>	Shane Dial
<b>Junior Warden</b>	Austin Pitts	<b>Tiler</b>	Gary Brewer
<b>Secretary</b>	Mike Briscoe (PM)	<b>Sen Steward</b>	Cole Rath
<b>Treasurer</b>	Linn Armstrong	<b>Junior Steward</b>	Craig Miller (PM)

## Our Lodge Page (OLP) Has Been Replaced!

The Our Lodge Page (OLP) App has been replaced with MORI Connect!

To access MORI Connect go to <https://co.moriapp.com/connect/> from your phone or computer and use the same username and password you used with OLP.

From this new web application you can pay your dues online, make donations to your lodge, follow lodges around the state, view officers, and much much more.

Check it out at <https://co.moriapp.com/connect/>

## Sunshine Chapter No. 53



Our chapter has been honoring our officers. No meeting was held on Nov. 5th so we will be doing Stephanie Thorpe, Conductress and Nicole Gray, Associate Conductress on Nov. 19. Scheduled for the 19th is S. S. Matthews, Chaplain. Our star point Martha, Sharon Parrish will be installed on the 19th as she missed the installation and the month of October meetings due to her Grand Chapter held the last of September and her many, many trips representing Colorado Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star. On November 4th several Sunshine

members visited Grand Junction Assembly No. 12, IORG. It was refreshing to visit the young ladies and see them due their work. Ellen Rehwoldt is the Mother Advisor and puts a lot of work forth in teaching them their ritual work and how to be young ladies. She has been doing this for a number of years. Keep in mind ... the Christmas craft fair will be held at the Masonic Center, starting at 9:00 am. If you are entering the fair, you can go the day before (Dec. 13) and set up your booth. I've been told there are 10 vendor spaces still available. The space is 10x6, rent is \$75.00. Extensive advertising has been done, so hopefully it will be a great success.

Wishing all a blessed Thanksgiving. Until next time ...

**Carol Cloud**  
Worthy Matron

# 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

## Greetings Brothers and Friends of Fruita Masonic Lodge #120:

As the end year 2024 nears, I wish to congratulate WB Tom Verdieck on a great year as Worshipful Master. Under his leadership the Lodge will be receiving the coveted Honor Lodge Award at the Grand Lodge Annual Communication in January. We mourn the loss of our dear Worshipful Brother Mike Murphy, but welcome TEN! new affiliated or reinstated members (that has to be a record!).

At our November meeting the Lodge elected officers for 2025:

Worshipful Master	John Groves, P.M.
Senior Warden	Doug Lampe, P.M.
Junior Warden	Glenn Lewis, P.M.
Treasurer	Jim McBride, P.M.
Secretary	Glen Phelps, P.M.

I am honored to accept the office as WM, pledge to serve the lodge and Masonry in that capacity to the best of my ability, and look forward to a productive year, 2025. For my appointed officers I have chosen:

Senior Deacon	Larry Splinter, P.M.
Junior Deacon	Larry Bond, P.M.
Senior Steward	Shane Dial
Junior Steward	Joe Higginbotham
Chaplain	Tom Verdieck, P.M.
Marshal	Don Luellen, P.M.
Tiler	Lee Anderson, P.M.
Director of the Work	Tom Verdieck, P.M.

Looking forward to a productive year of activities, events and charities, I've also appointed these Brothers as chairmen of special committees:

Scholarship	Lee Anderson, P.M.
Special Events	Joe Higginbotham
Meals/Celebrations	Doug Lampe, P.M.
Membership Development	Shane Dial
Masonic Education	Lee Anderson, P.M.
Fraternal Relations	Tom Verdieck, P.M.

Upcoming lodge events for December: Our incoming Direct of the Work, WB Tom, will be kicking off the year for the new officers with a practice on the 3rd; All-Masonic Christmas Party at the Consistory on the 5th; stated dinner/meeting on the 17th; and installation of officers at the Consistory on the 21st. See you there!

Fraternally,

**John Groves, PM**  
**Worshipful Master - Elect**

## Fruita Lodge No. 120 Officers

<b>Worshipful Master</b>	Tom Verdieck (PM)
<b>Senior Warden</b>	John Groves (PM)
<b>Junior Warden</b>	Doug Lampe (PM)
<b>Secretary</b>	Glen Phelps (PM)
<b>Treasurer</b>	Jimmy McBride (PM)
<b>Senior Deacon</b>	Jeff Koenig (PM)
<b>Junior Deacon</b>	Naaman Morehouse PM
<b>Tiler</b>	Lee Anderson
<b>Chaplain</b>	Andrew Weber
<b>Marshal</b>	James Krogh (PM)

## 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

# Palisade Lodge No. 125



Hello my brothers,

I hope this finds you well. I apologize for dropping the ball during the third degree we helped Fruita 120 with. I didn't prepare as well as I should have, I didn't realize that we were raising two brothers for real. Had I known this I would have put more effort into my part. My Brothers, this is no excuse for my lack of preparation. That said I'm going to redouble my efforts in regards to memorizing the work and would encourage you to do the same. Regardless of whether we are practicing or putting on a degree. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve as Master of the Lodge for 2024. I love all of you guys and pray that you all have a blessed season.

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

## Palisade Lodge No. 125 Officers

<b>Worshipful Master</b>	Chris Eglet	<b>Senior Deacon</b>	Chad Davis
<b>Senior Warden</b>	Kerry King (PM)	<b>Junior Deacon</b>	Don Halford
<b>Junior Warden</b>	Harry Clark (PM)	<b>Tiler</b>	Chaz Morton
<b>Secretary</b>	Tom Verdieck (PM)	<b>Marshal</b>	William Marshall (PM)
<b>Treasurer</b>	Jason Gaskill		

# Information about Grand Lodge Sessions

Does it cost anything to attend the sessions? NO. All you need is to be a Master Mason, have a current paid up dues card and know the pass to gain admission to the sessions.

Do I have to stay at the Hotel where the sessions are held? NO. It is convenient to stay there and there are discounted group rates but it is still pricey. You can find a lower rate facility in the area to stay at if you so desire.

Do I have to eat the meals arranged by the Grand Lodge? NO. They too are convenient but pricey. Lunch is \$56.00. The All Masonic Banquet is \$95.00. These require advance ticket purchase by Wed Jan 8th, 2025. You can opt to buy meals at the hotel restaurant or from food establishments in the area.

## ACTIVITIES:

This year's agenda has not been released yet. Based on last year:

### Thursday

**EVENING**, Officer workshops open to all Master Masons.

### Friday

**MORNING**, Opening of Grand Lodge, introduction of visitors, Grand Oration, Grand Master's address, election of Grand Lodge officers.

**AFTERNOON**, result of elections, reports of committees, honor lodge presentations, etc.

**EVENING**, Grand Master's Banquet (by invitation only) .

### Saturday:

**MORNING**, open installation of 2026 Grand Lodge Officers, introduction of appendant bodies.

**AFTERNOON**, final reports of committees, good of the order, close Grand Lodge.

**EVENING**, All Masonic Banquet (open to members, family and guests) presentation of awards: District Lecturer of the year, Secretary of the year, Lodge of the year, Worshipful Master of the year, Mason of the year, other.

# 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

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Ian Hughes, 32°	2nd Lt. Commander
Randy Melton, 32°	Marshal of Ceremonies
Jeff Koenig, 32°	Chancellor
Darrell Manroe, 32°	Lt. of the Guard

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Darrell Manroe, 32°	Preceptor
Randy Melton, 32°	Marshall of Ceremonies
Aaron Brewer, 33°	Chancellor
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## Calendar 2024



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

### Upcoming Events & Meetings

Dec 7th - RiteCare Grand Junction Breakfast with Santa - GJ Masonic Center | 8:30 - 10:30 AM

Dec 14th - RiteCare Montrose Breakfast with Santa - Montrose Lodge | 8:30 - 10:30 AM

Dec 16th - Dinner 6:30 PM, Lodge 7:30 PM

Jan 4th - Lunch 12 PM, Installation of Officers - GJ Masonic Center | 1 PM

### Grand Junction Scottish Rite

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

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# 2024 Double Headed Eagle Awards

## Ribbon Receptients

- Lee Anderson 32°
- Glen Phelps 32°

## 1st Pin Receptients

- Aaron Brewer 32°
- Gregory Foster 32°

## 2nd Pin Receptients

- Ross Allen 33°
- Randy Melton 32°
- Bob Beesan 33°
- Bill Nichol 33°
- Michael Briscoe 33°
- Joe Wells 32° KCCH
- William Marshall 33°

## 3rd Pin Receptients

- John Groves 33°
- Joe Wells 32° KCCH

# Masonic Education

## The Ashlars

### Author Unknown

We are told that the Ashlars lie open in the lodge for the brethren to moralize on. Did you ever see a brother contemplating the Ashlars and trying to derive some moral benefit from them? For the most part they are quickly referred to and just as quickly forgotten. The Ashlar is the freestone as it comes from the quarry. The Rough Ashlar is the stone in its rude and natural state and is emblematic of man in his natural state – ignorant, uncultivated and vicious. But when education has exerted its wholesome influence in expanding his intellect, restraining his passions and purifying his life, he then is represented by the Perfect Ashlar which, under the skillful hands of workman, has been smoothed and squared and fitted for its place in the building.

However, you will observe that the Rough Ashlar in a Masonic Lodge is not in its rude or natural state. It has been squared in a fashion, partially smoothed and has apparent strength and solidarity. It possesses all the qualities that could make it a perfect stone for use in the construction of the Temple, but it needs the hands and skill of the perfect Craftsman to bring about that result. It represents the candidate for membership in a Masonic Lodge. Such an applicant is not in his rude or natural state, neither ignorant, uncultivated nor vicious. Masonry does not accept men of such qualifications. The applicant by education and perseverance has fitted himself as a respectable man in his community, assuming full responsibility

as a citizen, a churchman and a member of his family. There is a vast number of men in every community possessing such qualifications who are not members of a Masonic Lodge, and may never have the desire to associate themselves with the Ancient Craft.

A man judges Masonry by the actions and manner of living of those he knows are members of the Order, but knows little or nothing of its teachings or objectives in the building of character. In that sense, he is in the crude state of the rough Ashlar, possessing all the qualities or perfect material, but lacking the polish that comes from a continued study and practice of the great teachings of Masonry.

Membership in a lodge does not make a man a Mason. He must apply his abilities to improving all in him that falls short of that high standard set by Masonry in character and citizen building. If he is satisfied with being a Master Mason in name only, he loses the benefits of further advancement and improvement offered by membership in the Order. In other words, he falls far short of anything that might be termed the Perfect Ashlar.

The Perfect Ashlar is for the more expert Craftsman to try and adjust his jewels on. In ancient times, with crude tools that would not even be used in this age, workmen of great skill and experience produced material for the construction of the Temple having such perfection that each piece fitted perfectly into its place without adjustment or correction. Time was not one of the essential factors; perfection was the goal.

To keep this state of perfection in absolute balance, a standard must have been set whereby the workmen could constantly test their tools to know that continued wear and use had not changed the measurements; even in the slightest degree. Did they have a Perfect Ashlar on which to make such a test?

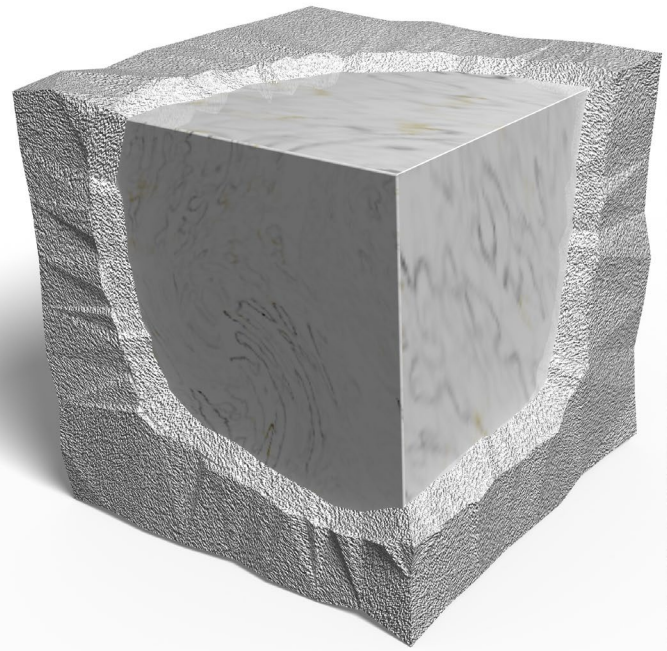
We are told that the Perfect Ashlar is for the more expert workmen to “try” and adjust their tools on. In Masonry, we are the workmen, whether we be active or inactive, workers or drones. What are our “jewels”, our most prized possession? If we have absorbed any of the teachings Masonry, the building of character and a Christian way of life are two of the many jewels that should constantly be before us. And in the building of that state of perfection to which we attain, what Perfect Ashlar have we that we might go to and “try” the tools with which we have been working, to know that they are still of fine quality and in perfect condition for the job that lies before us.

In every Masonic Lodge there rests on the Altar in the center of the room the V.O.T.S.L. It is the solid foundation upon which Masonry in our lives

is built. It never changes. Civilizations may come and go, but the Book of Books remains the same, adaptable to all conditions and manner of men, in good times and bad, in peace or war, a guide for mankind.

How often do we consult this Guide to try and adjust the jewels which are ours and which may need to be altered to get them back to that state of perfection which we as Masons should endeavor at all times to hold as our standard way of life? I am afraid that in this busy world of today, we neglect this practice. Therefore, as we think of the Ashlars and try to do a little moralizing, let us forget, even for a brief period, the material things in our lives, and direct our thoughts to the more important duty of contemplating our own defects and shortcomings, and adjusting our way of life and bringing it more in harmony with that standard given us by the Great Creator in the V.O.T.S.L.

The Ashlars are not just two pieces of stone. They represent what we have been and what we hope to be. It is up to each individual Mason to pass his own judgment on himself and to adjust his jewels accordingly, so that when the time comes and he lays down his tools and makes the final journey to the Grand Lodge Above, he may leave behind a reputation as a wise counselor, a pillar of strength and stability, a Perfect Ashlar on which younger Masons may test the correctness and value of their own contribution to the Masonic order.





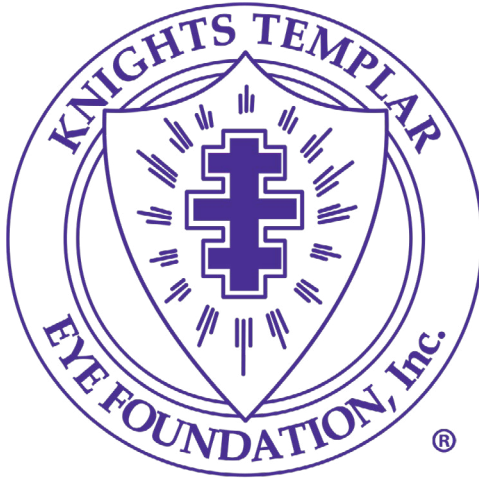
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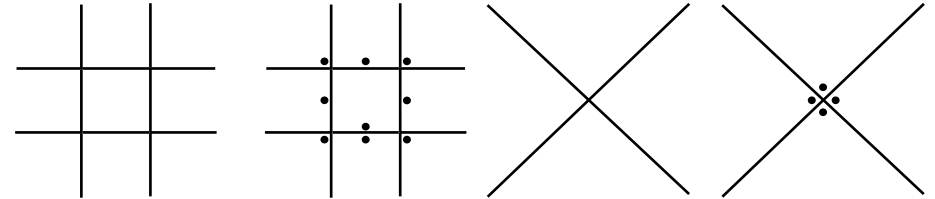
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## Cypher Challenge



Hint: Meaning of Emmanuel. Check the January Trestleboard for the answer.



November Cyper Answer



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# December Crossword

## New Year and Christmas

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 E R L E C H E I R A I A F A E E H D A U  
 S S N L C R N G R E L N R C I G K L A G  
 T L Y D N A C T E I A S Y O T L P H W A  
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 R F E I F E A I I N D E E H S S I R O A  
 A G S F L E A H C S E Y R R E B I R L G

HAPPY	TREE	MORNING	NIGHT
SNOW	PRESENTS	WINTER	FROST
ANGEL	CANDLE	CAKE	ICICLE
BERRY	DECORATION	CANDY	SNOWMAN
STAR	SLEIGH	REQUEST	WREATH
TINSEL	CALENDAR	GARLAND	BAG
TOYS	FIREPLACE	GIFT	FAMILY

# November Crossword Solution

## Everything Thanksgiving

G D I Y P E T G I R A O M C G I G N C A U I R N R  
 S G G N U E U L S G N I R E H T A G A R E U G R U  
 N H E N W A T S U W I S H B O N E U E L W H S T R  
 O O R E R E W O L F Y A M E G S H R N R V Y E N S  
 I I V L R C N W B T D G M N E H O L A W G R N M I  
 T O N E B E M K R V T E F L F G M A B S I A R A U  
 I R F M M N I M D Y Y N C K S O E Y I T O M S E Y  
 D U O A S B S T M S E A S O N S T E B Y S S E R H  
 A D M U T S E S A E M S T O R S O I V R R T M S I  
 R O N T A A N R N M A D I C C A U B G L E A V E S  
 T S S U S Y M M E N N D M A E P T G N I T A E B U  
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 M A E A S O S E E I I A R V C I P E U U N O R D T  
 N F D S U F E V S M P A U W O U A U R F N G E G E  
 A O N A T G L S N O E E S A F Y R N L E N R M K K  
 F B N O H R E I U E T N G O R G A N O T U R K E Y  
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 L S T U F F I N G L N V R F K S E E D U G A F D T  
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WISHBONE	TRADITIONS	NOVEMBER	GRAVY
AUTUMN	EATING	DECORATIONS	CRANBERRIES
GAMES	THANKFUL	BREAD	YAMS
GRATEFUL	HOME	VOYAGE	GRATITUDE
TURKEY	CORN	PUMPKIN	BLESSINGS
GATHERING	MAYFLOWER	LEAVES	SEASONS
COOK	PARADE	STUFFING	DESSERT

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