

*All Masonic Trestleboard
January 2025*



*Happy
New Year
2025*

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

January Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31 Western Colorado Shrine Club New Year's Eve Dance 7-10 PM - GJ Masonic Center New Year's Eve	1 Esoteric Club 6 PM - GJ Masonic Center Palisade Lodge Practice 6:30 PM - GJ Masonic Center New Year's Day	2 Mesa Lodge Stated Communication 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 Installation of Officers - 12 PM - 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.

- Albert Young
- Calvin Busby
- Daran Mahoney
- Jason Kohles
- Kenneth Whitson
- Lee Anderson
- Sean Norris
- Sia Smith
- Ted Herrman
- William Miles
- William McKee

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.

- Daran Mahoney
- Don Townsend
- Donald Smith
- Dustin Martin
- Gregory Motz
- Kenneth Kreie
- Neil Lindenbaum
- Ricardo Dominguez
- Shane Allerheiligen

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's a cow's favorite holiday?

A: Moo Year's Eve

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/>



SAVE THE DATE!

Scottish Rite Installation of Officers

The Installation of Officers for the Grand Junction Scottish Rite Bodies will be on Saturday, January 4th at the Grand Junction Masonic Center. Lunch will be served at 12 PM and the Installation will be at 1 PM. All Elected and Appointed Officers are expected to be in attendance.

Roast of R.W.B. William Marshall (Deputy Grand Master)

The Roast of Right Worshipful Brother William Marshall, Deputy Grand Master of Masons in Colorado will be on Saturday, January 4th. Dinner will be served at 6 PM and the Roast will follow at 7 PM. You must RSVP for the dinner no later than December 31st. [CLICK HERE TO RSVP.](#)

Grand Junction Temple Board Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Grand Junction Masonic Temple Board Association will be on Wednesday, January 15th at 6:30 PM.

Fruita Masonic Lodge Bean Lunch

Fruita Masonic Lodge will hold its Annual Bean Lunch Potluck on Saturday, January 18th at 12 PM in Fruita. Bring a bean dish to share.

All-Masonic Happy Hour

The All-Masonic Happy Hour will be on Saturday, January 18th, from 4-7 PM at the Grand Junction Masonic Center. This event is open to masons and non-masons.

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-you-own event.

STARTS 6 PM

MESA LODGE 55
ROAST

RWB WILLIAM MARSHAL



\$20



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**SATURDAY
JANUARY 4**
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GJ MASONIC CENTER
2400 CONSISTORY CT.
GRAND JUNCTION, CO 81501

DINNER

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

RSVP HERE

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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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JOIN US FOR A

BEAN LUNCH

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18TH
TIME 12:00 - 1:30 PM



BRING A BEAN DISH TO SHARE!

Fruita Masonic Lodge
106 N Mulberry Street, Fruita CO 81521



Mesa Lodge No. 55

Brethren,

I hope you had a wonderful Christmas holiday. We will start the year with our stated communication on January 2nd followed by the “Deputy Grand Master’s Roast” for RWB William Marshall on January 4th at 7PM. There will be a \$20 roast beef dinner at 6PM. It is mandatory you make a reservation by December 31st for this meal. No reservation = no eat. Come and enjoy this fun event for our Mesa Lodge #55 brother.

We will have practices this year on the 3rd Thursdays of the month at 7PM (except June, July and December). These will be to practice degree work and help brothers who are learning new parts to become proficient. The “Uniform Floorwork Book” has been updated and we will be reviewing this to ensure we are following proper procedures.

We are also planning a District Lecturer’s workshop on Sat February 15th from 9AM to 11AM. We also plan to have an “Actual Past Master Degree” from 11AM to Noon. This is for any brother who has been elected and installed as Worshipful Master of a Lodge.

The 164th Grand Lodge sessions will be January 23-25, 2026. See the updated information for the event. The current Grand Master decided on a shorter Grand Lodge schedule for this Grand Session. Elections, balloting on amendments, installation of Grand Lodge officers and the All Masonic Banquet will be on Friday. The installation is open to the public and is scheduled to start at 5PM. Saturday’s events are scheduled to be completed by early afternoon.

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

We are working on a calendar of events for the 2025 year. I will email it when it is completed.

Looking forward to seeing you at Lodge.

Fraternally,

Tom Verdieck
Worshipful Master

Mesa Lodge No. 55 Officers	
Worshipful Master	Tom Verdieck (PM)
Senior Warden	Ian Hughes
Junior Warden	Joe Higginbotham
Secretary	Gregory Foster (PM)
Treasurer	John Groves (PM)
Senior Deacon	Christopher Geisler
Junior Deacon	Cody Fisher
Tiler	Harry Clark (PM)
Chaplain	Jason Kohles
Marshal	William Marshall (PM)
Dir of the Work	John Groves (PM)

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. You can make reservations for the Hilton with the Grand Lodge discount at <https://coloradofreemasons.org/event-registrations/>

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. Grand Lodge arranged meals require preregistration and payment received at the Grand Lodge by January 8th .

You can find the current agenda for the 164th Annual Communication with this link <https://coloradofreemasons.org/wp-content/uploads/Agenda-164th-2025.pdf>



Western Colorado Shrine Club

Hello Nobles, Ladies, and Friends,

December was a busy and fun month. We started off with the Palisade Parade of Lights with Kale, as the Grinch, was being chased by, David dressed as a Keystone Cop. The crowd loved it. Following the parade, we had a great

dinner at Dos Hombres where we were able to warm up and relax. I think we had 11 Nobles and ladies in the parade which is the biggest turnout I've seen for a parade in many years. Our Club's Christmas Party was at Olive Garden. We had 16 people there, again a great turnout. We also initiated two new Nobles, Doug and Jim, and we had our '90s-themed New Year's Eve Dance.

Now that the holidays are over we can kick our planning for the Potentate's Visit into high gear. Weather permitting he and his Divan will be coming to Grand Junction on Saturday, February 1st. We will finalize plans for his visit at our next meeting on January 14th. We will be meeting at the Strayhorn Grill in Fruita, please RSVP for the meeting no later than Sunday, January 12th.

Also at our January meeting Noble Joe Higginbotham and I will be laying out our plans for the Gala in April, with tasks for the members to accomplish.

Do you know any Master Masons who are interested in becoming Nobles? We will have an initiation ceremony on Saturday, February 1st when the Potentate comes to visit. We will also install the club officers for 2025.

2025 will be a busy year. With your help, we can continue to grow El Jebel and the club. I look forward to seeing you all at our meeting in January and at our Installation in February. As always if you need anything please don't hesitate to reach out.

Fraternally,

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

"My Old Red Fez

Author Unknow

My old red fez has faded a bit;
But that hasn't diminished my love for it,
For into that bit of old head gear
Are woven the friendships of many a year,
It knows the touch of a friendly hand,
And symbolizes—you'll understand—
All things I found both good and fine
In my happy days with the Mystic Shrine.
My old red fez has faded a bit;
But I'm still mighty proud of it,
Proud of all for which it stands
The loyal hearts and willing hands,
Ready always to do their best
And meet with courage every test;
Proud of the memories that are mine
Of Noble friends of the Mystic Shrine.
My old red fez has faded a bit;
And someday I'll take leave of it,
But not without a friendly smile,
For it had been mine a long, long while.
So here's to the fez and those who have worn it;
May love and loyalty ever adorn it;
May the sun of good fellowship eternally shine
In the hearts of the men of the Mystic Shrine.

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Grand Junction Lodge No. 173



Greetings Brothers,

I wanted to start out this message by saying that I am deeply honored and humbled by the trust and confidence you have placed in me by electing me as Worshipful Master for this year. Serving this lodge is both a privilege and a profound responsibility—one I do not take lightly. As I step into this role, I reflect on the legacy of those who have served before me and the enduring spirit of Freemasonry that continues to guide us.

First and foremost, I wish to express my heartfelt gratitude for your support and encouragement. The bonds we share as brothers inspire me daily and remind me of the sacred trust we hold in one another. Our shared commitment to the tenets of Friendship, Morality, and Brotherly Love serves as a guiding light, not only in our individual lives but also in the collective work we do as a lodge. I am committed to upholding these values, preserving our traditions, and

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 din-
ner before lodge at 6:30 PM.

Dark: July & August

working with each of you to ensure that this lodge continues to flourish.

This year promises to be a busy and exciting one, filled with opportunities to deepen our fraternal ties, grow as individuals, and serve our shared mission. One of my primary goals is to strengthen the bonds between our lodge and those in our local Masonic community. I am particularly looking forward to collaborating with nearby lodges on events and initiatives that demonstrate the strength of our brotherhood. From joint charity drives to educational programs and social gatherings, these opportunities will not only showcase the unity of our Masonic family but also allow us to make a meaningful impact in the community we serve.

In addition to our collaborative efforts, I am eager to bring new ideas and projects to our lodge that honor our traditions while looking toward the future. Whether it's enhancing our mentorship programs, modernizing our communications, or increasing our outreach to the community, there are many ways we can work together to grow. I encourage each of you to bring your talents and suggestions forward so that we can continue to build upon the strong foundation that has been laid by our predecessors.

As we embark on this year's journey together, I am reminded of the lessons taught in our rituals—of faith, hope, and charity—and of the importance of harmony in all our endeavors. These principles are the cornerstone of our

fraternity, and I believe they will guide us as we face the challenges and opportunities ahead. To those who have been steadfast in their attendance and contributions, I offer my deepest thanks. To those who may not have joined us for some time, I extend a heartfelt invitation to return. We are stronger when we stand united, and your presence and participation are vital to our success.

Finally, I would like to echo my predecessor's words and invite all the brethren, especially those who have not attended lodge in a while, to come by and reconnect. Our meetings are held on the Second Friday of each month, with a light dinner at 6:30 PM and lodge beginning at 7:30 PM. Whether you're able to attend regularly or just occasionally, your fellowship is always valued and appreciated.

Brethren, I am excited to walk this path alongside all of you, united by our shared values and unwavering dedication to the craft. I look forward to working together to make this year not only memorable but also meaningful for all. Thank you for this great honor and privilege.

Nathaniel Pavlisick
Worshipful Master

Grand Junction Lodge No. 173 Officers			
Worshipful Master	Nathaniel Pavlisick	Senior Deacon	Senior Deacon
Senior Warden	Jeff Bush	Junior Deacon	Joe Higginbotham
Junior Warden	James Williams	Tiler	Jeff Koenig
Secretary	Mike Briscoe (PM)	Sen Steward	Donald Wilson
Treasurer	Linn Armstrong	Junior Steward	Mike Bertram

ALL MASONIC HAPPY HOUR
SAT, JAN 18TH 4-7 PM
BYO EVENT
EVERYONE WELCOME
GJ MASONIC CENTER - 2400 CONSISTORY CT

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

2025 Dinner Assignments

January	Doug Lampe
February	Glen Lewis
March	Jimmy McBride
April	Glen Phelps
May	Larry Splinter
June	Larry Bond
July	No Meeting
August	All-Masonic Picnic
September	Shane Dial
October	Joe Higginbotham
November	Tom Verdieck
December	Lee Anderson

Greetings Brothers and Friends of Fruita Masonic Lodge #120:

The Winter Solstice is passed, sunlight in increasing by one minute each day. How should we receive this event?

One said: *"Each solstice is a domain of experience unto itself. At the Summer Solstice, all is green and growing, potential coming into being, the miracle of manifestation painted large on the canvas of awareness. At the Winter Solstice, the wind is cold, trees are bare and all lies in stillness beneath blankets of snow."* Gary Zukav

Another said: *"People don't notice whether it's winter or summer when they're happy."* Anton Chekhov

I agree with Chekhov. So, let's be happy - **SPRING IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!** Let us celebrate the new year with our Annual Bean Dinner at Noon on January 18, 2025. This is a potluck event at the Lodge – bring a crock of your favorite concoction and enjoy Masonic fellowship with family and friends.

Congratulations to our newly installed officers. They are planning a really great year. See the live calendar of events on our [website](#).

Last month I reported that in 2024 the Lodge gained 10 members. That's a 35% increase! I'm very pleased to announce that five of our new members have been installed in the 2025 Officer Line.

Senior Warden: WB Doug Lampe (Vickie), Past Master of - Penrhyn Gold Hill #32, Penryn, CA, 45-year member.

Junior Warden: WB Glen Lewis (Miki), Past Master of Ashlar #10, Douglas, WY, 51-year member, home lodge - Mesa #55, Meals Chairman.
Senior Deacon: Larry Splinter (Georgia), Dual

Member from Glendale #23, Glendale, AZ, raised 2023.

Junior Deacon: Larry Bond (Barbara), Past Master of Elk Mountain #118, Steamboat Springs, CO and Egeria #167, Yampa, CO, Home Lodge Elk Mountain #118, 50-year member.

Senior Steward: Bro. Shane Dial (Ashley), Raised 2023, Home Lodge Mesa #55, Membership Chairman.

Junior Steward: Bro. Joe Higginbotham, Raised 2024, Member of Grand Junction Lodge #173 and Mesa Lodge #55, Special Events Chairman.

I hope 2025 holds the best fortune for all members of our Great Masonic Family!

Faternally,

**John Groves, PM
Worshipful Master**

Fruita Lodge No. 120 Officers

Worshipful Master	John Groves (PM)
Senior Warden	Doug Lampe (PM)
Junior Warden	Glen Lewis, P.M.
Secretary	Glen Phelps (PM)
Treasurer	Jimmy McBride (PM)
Senior Deacon	Larry Splinter
Junior Deacon	Larry Bond (PM)
Senior Steward	Shane Dial
Junior Steward	Joe Higginbotham
Tiler	Lee Anderson (PM)
Chaplain	Tom Verdieck (PM)
Marshal	Don Luellen (PM)
Dir of the Work	Tom Verdieck (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,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

I'm looking forward to the upcoming year. I'm glad we are getting new brothers and I hope they will bring in more new members.

Remember January through April we will be wearing coats and ties during the cooler months. Then May through September more casual clothes when it is so hot.

Also remember the Wednesday before Lodge we will have practice at 6:30 and everybody is encourage to attend.

I would like to thank all the Brothers, Rainbow Girls and DeMolay young men for making us the hit of the Palisade Parade of Lights. People look forward to seeing the planes and the Masonic Family.

Fraternally,

Kerry King
Worshipful Master

Palisade Lodge No. 125 was Chartered September 17, 1907. Meets the 1st Saturday of the month in Lodge Room 1 of the Grand Junction Masonic Center

Grand Junction York Rite Bodies



Hello Companions and Sir Knights,

I hope everyone had a great holiday and I want to thank everyone who participated in the Christmas Observance. I'm sorry that I was ill and unable to attend. But, Eminent Commander Greg Allen was able to fill in for me and the service was a success. I also want to thank Janine Briscoe for preparing the meal afterward.

I hope everyone is ready to kick off the second half of our masonic year. In January, Grand Junction Council will be meeting on January 13th at 7:30 PM at the Grand Junction Masonic Center. Our two primary pieces of business will be to vote on a small increase in the dues to cover the increase in Temple Rent and assigning roles for the Mark Master Degree on February 10th. We will also have a practice session for the Mark Master's Degree after the meeting. Delta Council will be meeting on Wednesday, January 15th in Hotchkiss at 7:30 and we will have another practice for the Mark Master degree after the meeting.

We also need your help to promote the Mark Master degree on February 10th. The degree will be at 7 PM at the Grand Junction Masonic Center and any Master Mason is eligible to take the degree without charge or petitioning the York Rite. We ask that any Master Mason coming to the degree RSVP.

That's all for now, I'll see you all at one of our meetings in January.

Fraternally,

Gregory Foster
High Priest - Grand Junction Chapter No. 24
Thrice Illustrious Master - Grand Junction Council No. 16
Eminent Commander - Temple Commandery No. 23

Palisade Lodge No. 125 Officers

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

Grand Junction Scottish Rite Consistory

John Groves 33°

Personal Representative

Montrose Lodge of Perfection

Lee Anderson, 32°	Venerable Master
Mike Briscoe, 33°	Senior Warden
Ross Allen, 33°	Junior Warden
Joe Wells, 32° KCCH	Master of Ceremonies
Tim Claypool, 32°	Expert
John Thomason, 32°	Captain of the Host

Glenwood Chapter of Rose Croix

Gregory Foster, 32°	Wise Master
Joe Higginbotham, 32°	Senior Warden
Tom Verdieck, 32°	Junior Warden
Harry Clark, 32° KCCH	Master of Ceremonies
Tim Claypool, 32°	Expert
John Thomason, 32°	Guardian of the Temple

Gunnison Council of Kudosh

Glen Phelps, 32°	Commander
Joe Wells, 33°	1st Lt. Commander
Oscar Diaz, 32°	2nd Lt. Commander
Tom Verdieck, 32°	Marshal of Ceremonies
John Groves, 33°	Chancellor
John Thomason, 32°	Lt. of the Guard

Grand Junction Consistory

Aaron Brewer, 32°	Master of Kadosh
Ben Brewer, 32°	Prior
Harry Clark, 32° KCCH	Preceptor
Oscar Diaz, 32°	Marshall of Ceremonies
Doug Mason, 32°	Chancellor
Darrell Manroe, 32°	Captain of the Guard

Calendar 2024



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

Upcoming Events & Meetings

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

Jan 20th, 6:30 PM - Stated Meeting | GJ Masonic Center

Feb 17th, 6:30 PM - Sweetheart Dinner | GJ Masonic Center

Mar 17th, 6:30 PM - Ceremony of Remembrance | GJ Masonic Center

Apr 21st, 6:30 PM - Stated Meeting | GJ Masonic Center

May 1st, 2nd, 3rd - Scottish Rite Reunion | GJ Masonic Center

May 19th, 6:30 PM - Stated Meeting | GJ Masonic Center

Grand Junction Scottish Rite

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

Need to contact the Consistory?

Phone: (970) 245 AASR (2277)
 Mail: P.O. Box 3000
 Grand Junction, CO 81502
 E-Mail: AASRSecretary@Mac.com

Masonic Education

"On Secrets of Freemasonry"

Carl H. Claudy -Old Tiler Talks:

"Someone should speak to Brother Filmore," said the New Brother, thoughtfully, sitting beside the Old Tiler.

"People do speak to him — I speak to him myself," countered the Old Tiler.

"I mean speak to him seriously."

"I speak to him seriously. I asked him tonight how his wife was," answered the Old Tiler.

"Oh, you know what I mean! I mean admonish him."

"About what?"

"About his carelessness of Masonic secrets. He runs the lantern and leaves the slides out where any profane can see them. He takes them home sometimes and his children can get them and..."

"I appoint you a committee of one to see that his children are all properly murdered. No child should look at a Masonic slide and live."

"Now you are kidding me."

"Boy, you are kidding yourself. The only secret about a Masonic lantern slide thousands of Masons have tried to find, but none ever have. It is not to be revealed by looking at them."

"I don't understand..."

"No secrets of Freemasonry are to be learned from a Masonic lantern slide. They are sold to any one who has the price. If there was anything secret about a lantern slide, making it would be against Masonic obligations."

"But you said there was a secret..."

"Sure, but not a Masonic secret. Generations of Masons have tried to learn who designed them that they might slay him with ceremony and an axe. The harm done leaving Masonic lantern slides where the profane may see them

will come from the poor opinion the profane gets from the Masonic slide conception of charity and brotherly love and truth and relief. Some slides representing Time counting the ringlets in the hair of the virgin give anyone with the slightest idea of art the notion that Masons are all cubists! We are trianglists or rightanglists, maybe, but not cubists! Those illustrations of brotherly love in which one fat man lays a ham-like arm lovingly about the bull-like neck of a misshapen Roman gladiator would scare any child who saw it into such a fear of the fraternity he would probably weep ever time Dad went to lodge... but as far as giving away any Masonic secrets is concerned- piffle!"

"You haven't the same reverence for the sacredness of Masonic ideas as I have."

"Whoa! Boy, you have things upside down. My reverence for real Masonic secrets is second to none. Your reverence is inclusive; mine only for what is real. You wouldn't go home and tell your wife that a lodgeroom has a chair in the east, where the Master sits, that there is an Altar in the center of the lodge, or that candidates take an obligation, would you?"

"Certainly not!"

"I would! The scrubwomen see the lodgeroom. If they can be permitted to view its sacred outlines, I see no reason why my wife shouldn't. In lodge entertainments we don't move the Altar and women have entertained us after the lodge was closed, more than once. Any catalogue of Masonic paraphernalia advertises hoodwinks, and ours are regularly sent to the laundry, anyhow!"

"The real secrets of Freemasonry mean something for you and me, which is not for the uninitiated. But they are not upon lantern slides, in the size of the room, the height of the ceiling or even the place where a Worshipful Master hangs his hat! Circumspection in speaking of the things of the lodge, as opposed to the spirit of a lodge, is necessary only that no false idea be given the outsider. If it were possible to photograph men receiving the first degree, the profane might laugh, unappreciative of the symbolism they saw. But do you really think the value of Masonic secrets would be decreased by such an exhibition?"

"A number of men have written exposes of Masonry. Half true, half manufactured, no one is interested in them. In second-hand bookstores you can pick them up for a few cents. They are in every Masonic library. If what they contained really harmed the fraternity, would the librarians not destroy them?"

"The secrets of Freemasonry are carried in your heart; they are not what you see with your eyes or touch with your fingers. There is nothing secret about an organ, or the music books the choir uses, or the gavel the Master holds in his hand, nor yet the books in which the Secretary records who has paid his dues. The shape and form and furniture of a lodge is not a secret, nor the time of meetings nor the name of the Chaplain! The lantern slide conceals no secret worth knowing, nor does the chart to which the lecturer points nor even the carpet laid down the second degree. These are all but a means of putting a picture in your mind and it is the meaning of that picture which must be sacredly kept, not the means which put it there."

"Then you don't think someone ought to speak to Brother Filmore seriously!"

"No, but there was a brother in this lodge who had to be spoken to seriously. I did it.."

"Why, who was it?" asked the New Brother anxiously.

"You!" said the Old Tiler.

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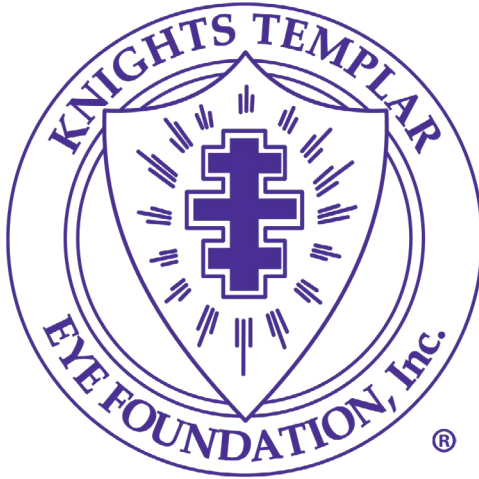
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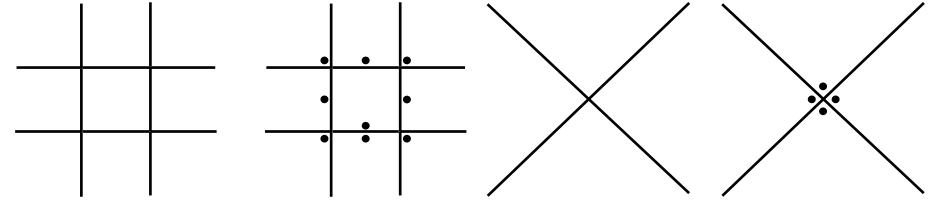
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January Crossword

Wonderful Winter

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| Snowman | Storm | Hat | Jacket |
| Fireplace | Fuzzy Socks | Sledding | Scarf |
| White | Skating | Flannel | Ice |
| Lights | Festivities | Mittens | Boots |
| Sniffle | Mug | Gingerbread | Flurries |
| Fleece | Frost | Snow | Blanket |

Check the January Trestleboard for the solution.

December Crossword Solution

New Year and Christmas

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

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| SNOW | PRESENTS | WINTER | FROST |
| ANGEL | CANDLE | CAKE | ICICLE |
| BERRY | DECORATION | CANDY | SNOWMAN |
| STAR | SLEIGH | REQUEST | WREATH |
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