

White River Lodge #62  
Show Low, Arizona 85902



Chartered  
April 22, 1963

## Article I

### Name and Officers

Section 1: This Lodge shall be known by the name of WHITE RIVER LODGE No. 62 and was constituted by the Grand Lodge of Arizona on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April 1963 after having been granted a dispensation on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of November 1962.

Section 2: The officers of White River Lodge No. 62 shall consist of: Master; Senior Warden; Junior Warden; Treasurer; Secretary; Senior Deacon; Junior Deacon; Senior Steward; Junior Steward; Chaplain; Marshal; Tyler; and such other officers as the Lodge shall deem proper to select; including a Board of Trustees of not less than five members.

## Article II

### Elections and Appointments

Section 1: The Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer, and Secretary shall be elected by ballot in conformity with the Grand Lodge Constitution. The Master shall appoint the Senior Deacon, Junior Deacon, Senior Steward, Junior Steward, Chaplain, Marshall, Tyler and any other officers. The Board of Trustees shall be elected in accordance with Article VIII of these By-Laws.

## Article III

### Meetings of the Lodge

Section 1: The Stated Meetings of White River Lodge No. 62 shall be the Second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM unless unforeseen circumstances cause the Master to declare that no meeting is to take place that month.

Section 2: Special meetings may be called from time to time as the Master of the Lodge may direct.

## Article IV

### Initiation of Members

Section 1: All petitions for initiation or affiliation shall be signed by the Petitioner and be recommended by at least two (2) Master Masons in good standing, one of whom shall be a member of White River Lodge No. 62. The other may be a member of any Lodge as defined by Article 5 Section 2.1 of the Arizona Masonic Code.

Every Petition shall be referred to an investigating committee of three and it shall be the duty of each member of the investigating committee to report thereon to the Master of this Lodge prior to the next stated meeting unless further time to report has been granted by the Master. The petitioner shall then be balloted upon and elected or rejected.

Section 2: If a petitioner for the degrees in White River Lodge No. 62 does not appear for initiation within three months after notice to do so, the fees shall be forfeited unless the Lodge shall otherwise direct.

Section 3: Each brother raised to the Degree of Master Mason in White River Lodge No. 62, except a Brother raised in this Lodge at the Request of another Lodge, and each Brother elected to be a member of White River Lodge No. 62 by affiliation shall be members of White River Lodge No. 62 and shall sign the By-Laws of White River Lodge No. 62 in accordance with the Arizona Masonic Code.

## Article V

### Treasurer

Section 1: The Treasurer shall receive all monies from the Secretary; keep a true and accurate account thereof; and pay the same out by order of the Master with the consent of the Lodge. Signatories on the bank and investment accounts shall be between four and six brothers selected from among the following: the Treasurer, the Secretary, the Master, members of the Board of Trustees, and Past Masters who are knowledgeable of the Lodge finances.

The Master, Wardens, and Trustees may set up a debit card for emergency expenses and they may set up automatic payments with utility companies to ensure payments are regularly paid on time in the event the secretary becomes incapacitated or unavailable. Although checks require only one signature, banking records are subject to audit by the trustees, Master, Wardens, and treasurer at any time. All income and expenses of the lodge shall be subject to the audit approval of the Master and the Lodge at the next stated meeting.

Section 2: The Treasurer shall at the next stated meeting in August, for the period 1 January through 30 June, and February for the period 1 July through 31 December of each year submit a full report of the monetary transactions of the Lodge. The Lodge may also, at any time when considered necessary cause the Treasurer to present an account of his receipts and disbursements and amount of funds on hand and to perform such duties as required by the Grand Lodge Constitution.

Section3: The Treasurer shall be member of the Budget Committee.

## Article VI

### Secretary

The Secretary shall keep a faithful record of all proceedings proper to be written and transmit of copy of the same to the Grand Lodge when required. He shall keep a separate account for each member of the Lodge and shall report at the stated meeting in June and December the amount due by each. He shall receive all monies due the Lodge and pay the same to the Treasurer within ten days after receipt by him. He shall, at every meeting, enter into the minutes of the meeting all disbursements ordered by the Lodge. He shall be a member of the Budget Committee. He shall perform all duties that may properly appertain to his office.

Section 2: The Secretary shall receive such compensation for his services as the Lodge may direct.

## Article VII

### Tyler

Section 1: The Tyler, in addition to the necessary duties of his office, shall serve all notices and summonses and shall perform all such other services as may be required of him by the Lodge.

Section 2: The Tyler shall receive such compensation as the Lodge may direct.

## Article VIII

### Trustees

Section 1: There shall be five (5) Trustees elected from the membership as hereinafter provided. The three (3) Trustees presently in office as of the date of approval of these By-Laws by the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Arizona shall retain their respective terms of office. At least three of the five Trustees shall be Past Masters of White River Lodge No. 62. At the next annual election of White River Lodge No. 62 subsequent to the approval of these By-Laws and at each annual election thereafter, there shall be elected three Trustees each year as follows: One Trustee, who shall be a Past Master, elected to a term of three (3) years; and two Trustees elected to a term of one (1) year. The Trustees shall all be members in good standing of White River Lodge No. 62 for at least two years prior to election. Should a Trustee position become vacant, the Master shall appoint a member of this Lodge to serve as interim Trustee until the next annual election.

Section 2: It shall be the duty of the Board of Trustees to have an organizational meeting on or before January 15 each year at which time the Board of Trustees shall elect a chairman. The chairman shall appoint a secretary from this Board of Trustees. The Secretary of the Board of Trustees will be responsible for providing the Master of the Lodge with a copy of the minutes of all Board Meetings. After reviewing the Board of Trustee meeting minutes and taking any necessary action, the Master of the Lodge will provide the Secretary of the Lodge a copy to go into the Lodge Minute Book for future reference. The Board of Trustees shall meet not less than once every three months. Three members of the Trustees at the meeting constitute a quorum.

Section 3: Powers of the Trustees: The Trustees shall preserve the property belonging to the Lodge and transact all business relating to the investment and disposal thereof with the approval of the Lodge. Pursuant to and in conformity with the rules and regulation of the Grand Lodge and the By-Laws of the Lodge, the Trustees may manage, purchase, lease, hold, convey, mortgage, and improve the property of the Lodge and as Trustees may sue and be sued in all matters pertaining to such property and to claims, demands and liabilities thereof and to such other acts as locally authorized by the Laws of the State of Arizona, the Constitution, Rules, and Regulations of the Grand Lodge and the By-Laws of this Lodge.

Section 4: All real and personal property that shall have been conveyed by devise, gift, grant, purchase, or otherwise by the Lodge, or to any persons or Trustees for the use thereof, shall vest in such Trustees or their successors in office, as fully as if originally conveyed to them, and shall be held by their successors in trust for the Lodge in the manner aforesaid.

#### Section 5: Trustees

- (a) All Trustees shall hold office until their successors are duly elected.
- (b) The Master or any two Trustees may call a meeting thereof.
- (c) The Board of Trustees shall have the power to expend in necessary emergency repairs on or about the property of the Lodge, such sums of money as may be required, not to exceed \$1,000 in any one transaction.
- (d) Any alterations to the Lodge shall have the approval of the Trustees and consent of the Brethren.
- (e) The Board of Trustees has the duty to establish the amount of rent to be paid by any organization for the use of the Lodge property and to formulate rules governing the use of the same. The formulation of rules governing the use of the Lodge shall be with the approval of the Master and the consent of the Brethren.

(f) The Board of Trustees shall be a part of the Budget committee consisting of the Secretary of the Lodge, the Treasurer, the Board of Trustees, and other such members the Master may appoint. They shall prepare a yearly budget as soon after election as possible.

## Article IX

### Fees

The Table of Fees for White River Lodge No. 62 shall be as follows: For the three Degrees, the sum of \$200 plus all applicable Grand Lodge fees; for the Degrees of Fellowcraft and Master Mason, when the First Degree shall have been received in another Lodge, the sum of \$150; Master Mason, when the First and Second Degrees have been received in another Lodge, the sum of \$100.

## Article X

### Dues

Section 1: The Lodge dues of each member of White River Lodge No. 62 shall be evaluated each September or October for the succeeding year along with changes made by Grand Lodge on the Grand Lodge per capita. Total Dues are the sum of Lodge Dues and the Grand Lodge Per Capita. The brothers attending a stated meeting in September or October must approve Lodge Dues changes for the succeeding year. The secretary of the Lodge will be required to mail dues notices in October or November for all dues paying members for the succeeding year. Dues including the Grand Lodge Per Capita are payable upon receipt of dues notices. Whenever a brother becomes a member of White River Lodge No. 62, either by affiliation or by raising, after January 1 each year, his annual dues shall be prorated by the quarter year.

Section 2: No member, who shall be in arrears at the time of the annual election, shall be permitted to vote, or to be eligible to any office.

Section 3: Should any member, suspended for non-payment of dues, neglect for the period of one year to pay his dues, or have the same remitted by this Lodge, said member may be restored to good standing only as provided by Chapter 9 Sections 201 through 205 of the Arizona Masonic Code.

Section 4: Any member may withdraw from membership in White River Lodge No. 62 if he is in good standing, his dues are current, and no charges are pending against him and by notifying the Lodge to that effect at a stated meeting. No recommendatory certificate shall be issued to him unless ordered by the Lodge.

Section 5: Perpetual membership – The authority for this type of membership is contained in Chapter 9 Section 601 of the Arizona Masonic Code and is to be administered in accordance with those Provisions.

Any brother in good standing in White River Lodge No. 62 may purchase a perpetual membership by depositing with the Secretary an annual amount equaling a per centage according to the Grand Lodge guidelines for a brother's age times the Lodge Dues plus the Grand Lodge Per Capita Assessment as noted in Article X Section 1. Should the dues be increased or decreased, the sum to be paid into the fund will be changed proportionally, however such an increase or decrease shall not be retroactive.

Upon the payment of the proper amount, the Grand Secretary shall issue a Certificate of Perpetual Membership to the member and thereafter the Secretary of the Lodge shall annually mail a current dues card to the last known address of said Perpetual member during his lifetime.

By the Acquisition of said Perpetual Membership by a member of White River Lodge No. 62, he shall be forever exempt from payment of annual dues, except any special levy by the Grand Lodge in the future.

Note to Membership: the foregoing Article X, Section 5 is a completely new Section 5. The former Section 5 of Article X of the By-Laws of White River Lodge No. 62 was abrogated by action of the Grand Lodge of Arizona at its Annual Communication in Sierra Vista, Arizona in May 1987; wherein the Grand Lodge abrogated Life Membership and in its place adopted Perpetual Membership as stated in Section 5 above.

## Article XI

### Committees

Section 1: The Master and Wardens shall be a Charity Committee and shall have power to draw upon the Treasurer for any sum, not exceeding \$1,000 at any one time for the relief of a distressed worthy brother, his wife, widow, or orphans. Should additional sums be appropriate in any single instance, the matter will be directed to the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees, after investigation and due consideration, shall report their findings and recommendations at the next regular Stated Meeting of the Lodge.

Section 2: The Master shall appoint and auditing Committee of three whose duty it shall be to examine all the financial records of the Secretary and Treasurer for the annual Lodge year prior to the submission of the annual returns to the Grand Secretary. The Master may appoint other committees, as he desires.

## Article XII

### Revealing the Transactions of the Lodge

When a petitioner for initiation or affiliation is rejected, or a Brother reprimanded, suspended, or expelled, no member or any visitor shall reveal, either directly or indirectly, to such person, or to any person, and transactions which may have taken place on the subject. No proceeding of the Lodge, not proper to be made public, shall be disclosed outside thereof, under penalty of reprimand, suspension, or expulsion as the Lodge may determine.

## Article XIII

### Order of Business

The regular Order of Business at every stated meeting of White River Lodge No. 62 shall be as follows:

Flag Ceremony

Introduction of Guests

Conducting Proficiency Examinations

Reading of Minutes

Balloting

Reception and Reading of Petitions for Membership

Reading of Disbursement and Bills

Correspondence

Reporting of Committees

Unfinished Business

New Business

Announcements

Regular Closing



## Article XIV

### Amendment of By-Laws

Section 1: These By-Laws may be amended at any stated meeting by vote of two-thirds of the members present, provided that written notice of such amendments shall have been given at the stated meeting immediately preceding. Such amendments shall have no effect until approved by the Grand Lodge or Grand Master and until such approval shall have been transmitted to the Grand Secretary.

Section 2: The Secretary shall note upon the minutes of the meeting the fact that a written notice of amendment has been submitted.

Section 3: The Secretary shall, when transmitting an amendment to the Grand Lodge for approval, attach a certificate under seal showing the By-Laws have been complied with and the amendment received the required two-thirds vote or more.

The By-Laws of White River Lodge No. 62 have been amended as follows:

1966 Approved by S. Barry Casey, Grand Master

1975 Approved by Marvin E. Anderson, Grand Master

1983 Approved by C. Nash Willis, Grand Master

1986 Approved by Verne D. Hegge, Grand Master

1987 Approved by Robert A. Kleindienst, Grand Master

1990 Approved by David C. Porter, Grand Master

1995 Approved by Gerald H. Lankin, Grand Master

2013 Approved by Jeffery S. Carlton, Grand Master

2014 Approved by William A. Garrard Jr, Grand Master

2024 Approved by Michael A. Dale (6/19/2024)

## General Information

### For newly raised Master Masons

Third Degree Proficiency requirements must be made within six months from the date you received your third degree. In emergency situations, the Master may allow extra time if he so chooses.

You are obligated to pay dues, however, you cannot be issued a dues card until you have made the necessary proficiency in the Third Degree.

You cannot petition for any other Masonic Body; i. e. York Rite, Scottish Rite, Shrine, Eastern Star, etc. until you have made your Third Degree Proficiency.

Your Lodge dues are due and payable without notice by December 31 for the ensuring Masonic Year. This Lodge, however, does send dues notices in July if necessary.

Members maybe suspended for nonpayment of dues on August 1 of each year; you are therefore urged to pay your dues early.

If a Master of the Lodge issues a Summons to appear at the Lodge at a certain time, for whatever reason(s), it is your Masonic Duty to obey such Summons, unless such appearance would create a severe hardship upon you or your family.

### For all Master Masons

Dual and Plural Membership: If you hold membership in this Lodge and other Lodge(s), you are required to keep your dues current in all such Lodges.

If you are suspended for nonpayment of dues in one Lodge, or suffer penalty of suspension or expulsion in one Lodge, you are automatically suspended or expelled from all Lodges, as well to other Masonic Bodies to which you may belong.

Withdrawal from Dual or Plural membership: You may withdraw your membership in a Lodge, but only by making a written request to do so to the Lodge from which you wish to withdraw, and then only if your dues are current in that Lodge and there are no charges pending against you.

**REMEMBER: YOU WILL GET OUT OF MASONRY ONLY AS MUCH AS YOU ARE WILLING TO PUT INTO IT.**