

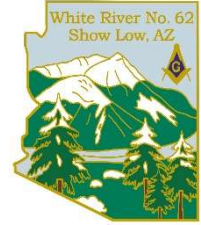
White River Lodge Information Packet

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Open House White River Lodge



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- **Ever wonder what Freemasonry is and what goes on in the lodge?**
- White River Lodge is planning an Open House on **Saturday, March 21st between 10 AM and 2 PM**
- This is an opportunity to visit with Masons to learn about one of the oldest fraternal organizations in the world.
- All are welcome to attend.
- We will be serving free pulled pork sandwiches.
- This is not a solicitation for new members.

A Short History of Masonic Lodges

- Throughout the crusades, the Knight Templars and Knight Hospitals needed stone masons To build structures in the Holy Land.
- These stone masons were bound by the same obligations as the knights they worked for.
- When these stone masons returned home, they created lodges throughout Europe.
- Grand Lodges that brought lodges together were created in such places as York, England in 1705 and in London England in 1717. Most Grand Lodges throughout the world emanated from the 1717 Grand Lodge in England.
- By 1813, the various Grand Lodges agreed upon unifying principles.
- Today independent Grand Lodges exist throughout the world. Although Grand Lodge have their own Constitutions and ritual, they are still bound together by the same unifying principles from 1813.
- Arizona lodges are called Free and Accepted Masons of Arizona. Other Grand Lodges might be called Ancient Free and Accepted Masons or Prince Hall Masons.

The Masonic Emblem



The Masonic symbol, the square and compasses, is a significant emblem in Freemasonry. The square symbolizes virtue, while the compass represents the boundaries and limits of a Mason's actions. Together, they remind Masons to apply the principles of virtue and morality in their actions and decisions. The symbol can also be seen as a representation of the bond between Masons, emphasizing the importance of brotherly love, moral values, and personal growth.

The letter G represents a spiritual Geometry that teaches Masons how to act through such geometric emblems as the square and compasses among other working tools used by operative masons in their professions.

The square teaches us to square our actions.

The Compasses teaches to circumscribe our desires and keep our passions in due bounds towards all mankind.

The letter G also represents the name of God, our supreme being who created the universe.

About White River Lodge

- Masons from Whiteriver, Show Low, and other communities in the area decided to start a Masonic Club in 1959. They were members of numerous lodges across the country. The nearest lodge was in Holbrook, so they had to travel a long way to attend a lodge.
- In 1963, this Masonic Club received a charter from the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Arizona to operate as a lodge. Many brothers admired the White River that ran near the town of Whiteriver. The lodge was named after the White River and not the city. An acre of land in Show Low was donated to the lodge.
- Founding members included businessmen, both on and off the reservation, BIA employees, cattlemen, lumbermen, educators, etc.
- Freemasonry offers a unique journey of personal growth, reflection, and connection.
Our initiations open the door to deeper insight and a richer understanding of the world around you.
- We welcome good men from all walks of life and from many different faith traditions, meeting as equals under the shared belief in a Supreme Being, the Great Architect of the Universe
- While Freemasonry does not teach a specific theology, it encourages learning, reading, and thoughtful exploration so that each person can discover the answers they seek.
- Active membership in the lodge can remove fear of public speaking and help you refine your public speaking abilities.



Structure of Freemasonry - Principal Degrees

Relative to the Winslow York Rite Stationed in Winslow, AZ - Meets in Winslow, Holbrook and Show Low, AZ

Scottish Rite		York Rite	
Degree	Southern Jurisdiction Typical Names of Degrees		
33°	Inspector General		Degrees Higher than Order of the Temple Knight of York Cross of Honor York Rite College Order of Purple Cross Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests
32°	Consistory Master of the Royal Secret	Shrine International	Commandery of Knights Templar Local: Calvary Commandery #8
31°	Inspector Inquisitor	<p>The 32° in the Scottish Rite, The Order of the Temple in the York Rite, and Shrine International are considered to be on the same level</p>	Order of the Temple
30°	Knight Kadosh		Order of Malta
29°	Scottish Knight of Saint Andrew		Order of Red Cross
28°	Knight Commander of the Temple		Council of Cryptic Masons Local: Navajo Council #7
27°	Knight of the Sun		Select Master
26°	Prince of Mercy		Royal Master
25°	Knight of the Brazen Serpent		Chapter of Royal Arch Masons Local: Temple Chapter #8
24°	Prince of the Tabernacle	Royal Arch	
23°	Chief of the Tabernacle	Most Excellent Master	
22°	Knight of the Royal Axe	Past Master	
21°	Noachite, or Prussian Knight	Mark Master	
20°	Master of the Symbolic Lodge	Youth Groups DeMolay Rainbow International Job's Daughters	
19°	Grand Pontiff	Order of Eastern Star	
18°	Chapter of Rose Croix	Order of Amaranth	
17°	Knight Rose Croix	Appendant Bodies: Allied Masonic Degrees, Knight Masons, Red Cross of Constantine, York Rite Sovereign College.	
16°	Council of Princes of Jerusalem Prince of Jerusalem		
15°	Knight of the East		
14°	Lodge of Perfection Perfect Elu		
13°	Royal Arch of Solomon		
12°	Master Architect		
11°	Elu of the Twelve		
10°	Elu of the Fifteen		
9°	Elu of the Nine		
8°	Intendant of the Building		
7°	Provost and Judge		
6°	Intimate Secretary		
5°	Perfect Master		
4°	Secret Master		
Master Mason or Third Degree		<p>Master, Wardens, and Past Masters at the Master Mason Level form the Governing Bodies of Grand Lodges These Governing Bodies Determine what "Higher" Degrees may operate in their Jurisdictions There are 51 Grand Lodges in the United States and many, many more throughout the world Each Grand Lodge is independent, but grand lodges monitor each others' legislation Lodges on the community level are known as "Blue Lodges," Grand Lodges oversee Blue Lodges</p>	
Fellowcraft or Second Degree		<p>White River Lodge in this structure</p>	
Entered Apprentice or First Degree			

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Belief in Christianity

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Masonic Charities and Philanthropies

The organizations which make up the Family of Freemasonry support or contribute to many, many charities. Throughout the United States, Masons contribute in excess of **\$2,000,000 per DAY** to a great variety of charities. This charitable support is sometimes visible and at other times not so. The many members of the family of Freemasonry are proud to contribute to and support these charities.

Craft Masonry (Blue Lodge)	Masonic Homes Masonic Foundation Scholarship Programs Masonic Student Assistance Program KIDS ID Program
York Rite	Royal Arch Research Assistance
Scottish Rite	Childhood Language Disorders Clinics
Eastern Star	Eastern Star Homes Cancer Dressing Stations
Rainbow Girls Jobs Daughters DeMolay	The charities our Masonic Youth groups support may vary from year to year and have included: Speech and Language Development Center Jacobs Heart Children's Cancer Association Canine Companions for Independence Scottish Rite Childhood Language Disorders Clinics Shrine Hospital Melanoma Foundation Guide Dogs for the Blind Ming Quong Foundation Scholarship Programs

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Amaranth	<p>Supports research on diabetes</p> <p>The Supreme Council, Order of Amaranth, inc. Mrs. Ethel B. Fry, Supreme Secretary</p>
Cryptic Masons	<p>Supports arteriosclerosis research</p> <p>Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation</p>
Eastern Star	Supports cancer research
Grottos of North America	<p>Provides dental care to children afflicted with cerebral palsy, mental retardation, muscular dystrophy, myasthenia gravis</p> <p>Humanitarian Foundation Dentistry for the Handicapped</p>
Job's Daughters The HIKE Fund	Hearing Impaired Kid's Endowment Fund of Job's Daughters buys hearing devices for needy children from birth to 20 years of age
Knights Templar	<p>Supports eye surgery and prescription glasses</p> <p>Knights Templar Eye Foundation Knights Templar Education Foundation</p>
Masonic Service Association of North America	Masonic Hospital Visitation Program - Provides Masonic volunteers to work with patients at Veterans Administration and military hospitals

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Scottish Rite N.M.J	Supports research into the causes and treatment of schizophrenia	
Royal Arch Research Assistance Program	Supports research into auditory perception disorders in children	
Shrine Shriners Hospitals for Children and Shriners Burns Institutes	Provides free medical services to children through a network of orthopedic hospitals, spine care centers and burns centers International Shrine Headquarters	
Tall Cedar Foundation	Assists Association, the Muscular Dystrophy Handicapped	Dentistry for the

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Purpose of Degrees

Masonic degrees are a series of initiatory ceremonies that teach moral lessons and philosophical principles through symbolism, allegory, and ritual. The purpose of these degrees is to:

- Educate members about the values and principles of Freemasonry
- Foster personal growth and self-improvement
- Encourage brotherly love, moral integrity, and community service
- Provide a framework for spiritual development and exploration

The three degrees in order of level are:

- Entered Apprentice or First Degree
- Fellowcraft or Second Degree
- Master Mason or Third Degree

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