White River Trestleboard

Lodge #62

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From The East

Brethren,

We are entering the summer season with warmer temperatures. This is a great time of the year to get out to do things and go places.

I would like to congratulate Brothers Mark and Robert for their advancement to Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft respectively. The lodge needs to have Second and Third Degrees soon. We need to come out to lodge on Tuesday evenings to have fellowship with people who drop by to visit with us. We also need to practice after the fellowship-hour. Please practice your parts at home to help make our practice sessions go smoothly.

The stated meeting in June will be on the 9th, this meeting is the closest to the Fourth of July where we will be celebrating the 250th birthday of the United States. We need someone to prepare hamburgers and apple pie for dinner. in July, Mike Gibbs will be preparing his famous Hawaiian dinner. Let us all plan to wear our Hawaiian shirts, while keeping it dignified by wearing long slacks.

Our candidates are the most important people in our lodge. Let us be working with them to pull them through their proficiencies so that they may advance in a timely fashion.

We have an upcoming BBQ. In the past, we had it on Sunday prior to Labor Day. Labor Day weekend is becoming a very busy time around Show Low. At our next meeting, we need to decide if we want to have the BBQ on August 30, September 5, or September 13.

Fraternally,
Frank Edens, Editor, for Santiago Limon, Master of White River Lodge

From The West

Brethren,

A short note from the West.

We all need to be at Lodge Practices each Tuesday evening. If we just do one hour of practice for our upcoming Second and Third Degrees, they will go so much better and all of us can feel pride.

I will try to bring something good for a nice treat to make the time spent even more enjoyable.

Fraternally,

Danny Keeling
Senior Warden

From The South

Brothers of White River Lodge;

I would like to thank all of you who have supported and assisted in the degree work we have done and are in the process of doing.

I want to congratulate Brother "Crash " on advancing to the degree of Fellow-craft. We are also looking forward to Mark becoming a Fellowcraft soon. Please come and support all our new brother masons.

If you have an interest in participating in the degree work, please let the Master know. The more the merrier and we are all called to seek further light in masonry on our own personal journeys.

Thank you to all who have participated and contributed to the degree work and refreshments and dinner as well.

Fraternally,
Richard Prather PM
Junior Warden/ Trustee

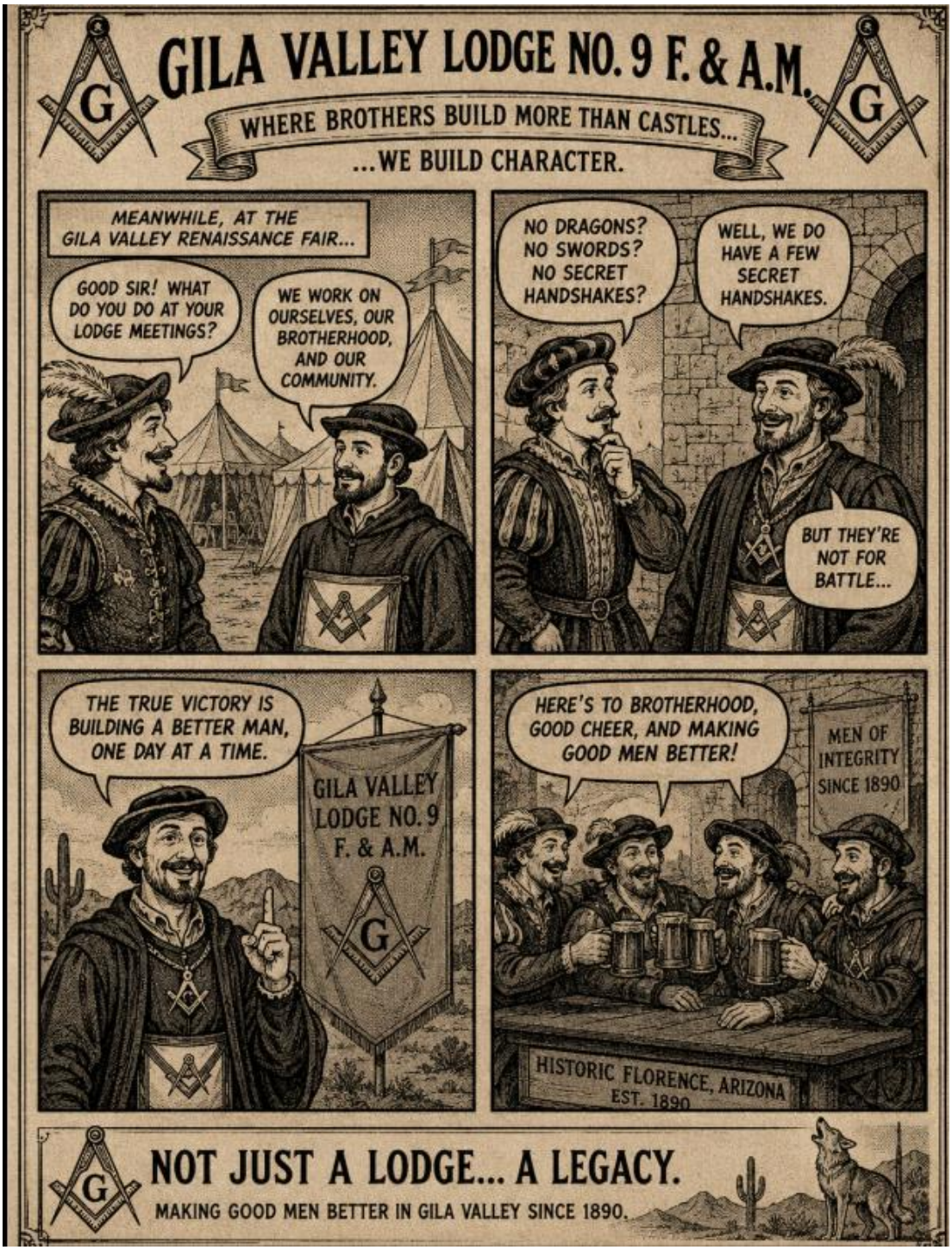
On April 28 we had a Second Degree and on May 5 we had a First Degree, the above picture is from May 5. Pictured are Santiago Limon, Robert Stirling, Robert Cook, Larry Petersen, Mike Gibbs, Richard Prather, Danny Keelin, the candidate Mark Dewey, Steve Beardsley, and Victor Olson. Frank Edens took the picture.

From Mizpah Chapter

Greetings from Mizpah Chapter OES.

Our year is coming to a close. My last meeting as Worthy Matron is this month. We will be electing new officers for the ensuing year. Our installation will be on June 13th. We have had a good year and look forward to working with the Masons on events throughout the coming year. Our Grand Chapter will be in the first week of August this year from Wednesday to Sunday. We are very excited for the sessions and see what unfolds for us and excited for the next group of grand officers for the 2026 - 2027 year.

Look forward to next year.
Respectfully
Julann Johnson


GILA VALLEY LODGE NO. 9 F. & A.M.
WHERE BROTHERS BUILD MORE THAN CASTLES...
...WE BUILD CHARACTER.
MEANWHILE, AT THE GILA VALLEY RENAISSANCE FAIR...
GOOD SIR! WHAT DO YOU DO AT YOUR LODGE MEETINGS?
WE WORK ON OURSELVES, OUR BROTHERHOOD, AND OUR COMMUNITY.
NO DRAGONS? NO SWORDS? NO SECRET HANDSHAKES?
WELL, WE DO HAVE A FEW SECRET HANDSHAKES.
BUT THEY'RE NOT FOR BATTLE...
THE TRUE VICTORY IS BUILDING A BETTER MAN, ONE DAY AT A TIME.
GILA VALLEY LODGE NO. 9 F. & A.M.
HERE'S TO BROTHERHOOD, GOOD CHEER, AND MAKING GOOD MEN BETTER!
MEN OF INTEGRITY SINCE 1890
HISTORIC FLORENCE, ARIZONA EST. 1890
NOT JUST A LODGE... A LEGACY.
MAKING GOOD MEN BETTER IN GILA VALLEY SINCE 1890.

To Kill an American

Contribution by Don Anderson

You probably missed this in the rush of news, but there was a report that someone in Pakistan had published in a newspaper, an offer of a reward to anyone who killed an American, any American. So, an Australian dentist wrote an editorial the following day to let everyone know what an American is. So, they would know when they met one. (Good one, mate!!!!)

An American is English, or French, or Italian, Irish, German, Spanish, Polish, Russian, or Greek. An American may also be Canadian, Mexican, African, Indian, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Australian, Iranian, Asian, Arab, or Pakistani or Afghan. An American may also be a Comanche, Cherokee, Osage, Blackfoot, Navajo, Apache, Seminole, or one of the many other tribes known as native Americans. An American is Christian, or he could be Jewish, Buddhist, or Muslim. In fact, there are more Muslims in America than in Afghanistan. The only difference is that in America, they are free to worship as each of them chooses.

An American is also free to believe in no religion. For that, he will answer only to God, not to the government, or to armed thugs claiming to speak for the government and for God. An American lives in the most prosperous land in the history of the world. The root of that prosperity can be found in the Declaration of Independence, which recognizes the God-given right of each person to the pursuit of happiness.

An American is generous. Americans have helped just about every other nation in the world in their time of need, never asking a thing in return. When Afghanistan was overrun by the Soviet army 20 years ago, Americans came with arms and supplies to enable the people to win back their country!

As of the morning of September 11, Americans had given more than any other nation to the poor in Afghanistan.

The national symbol of America, The Statue of Liberty, welcomes your tired and your poor, the wretched refuse of your teeming shores, the homeless, tempest tossed. These are, in fact, the people who built America.

Some of them were working in the Twin Towers on the morning of September 11, 2001, earning a better life for their families. It's been said that the World Trade Center victims were from at least 30 different countries, cultures, and first languages, including those that aided and abetted the terrorists.

So, you can try to kill an American if you must. Hitler did. So did General Tojo, Stalin, and Mao Tse-Tung, and other bloodthirsty tyrants in the world. But, in doing so, you would just be killing yourself. Because Americans are not a particular people from a particular place. They are the

embodiment of the human spirit of freedom. Everyone who holds to that spirit, everywhere, is an American.

General Musings from Frank Edens

The document, 'Definitions of Words Used in the Ritual,' has been updated and placed on the front page of the Website under the Button "Masonic Definitions: https://www.whiteriverlodge62.org/uploads/1/2/4/7/12477413/definitions_of_words_used_in_ritual.pdf

There are many other buttons on the front pages of the Website that contain articles about Masonic Education. Please review them. One of the important objectives of Freemasonry is to teach men leadership through the ritual. Being able to stand in front of a lodge is a very good leadership practice. This lesson can be used in your profession, your community, and your church. If you can read and study, you will be better able to present your own presentation to various audiences.

In Freemasonry, you do not merely find a place; you discover your purpose. You do not simply attend; you are called to labor with passion, to build, to improve, and to become!

This quote is from a postcard from an unidentified person.

Many have difficulty learning major parts such as the Apron Lecture, a prayer in the First or Third Degree or a charge. All Master Masons should be proficient in each of the candidate proficiencies including the catechisms; we have a critical need for people who can work with candidates. Candidates are important for the long-term health of the lodge. Master Masons who work with candidates will find a high level of fellowship and brotherhood with candidates for many years.

Personal Responsibility in Daily Effort

We need to take pride in our knowledge of Masonic ritual and the meanings behind it. I know many consider the word 'pride' has a negative connotation to mean self-aggrandizement; it also has other derogatory and depraved meanings that will not be discussed here. But I consider PRIDE to be an acronym for ***Personal Responsibility in Daily Effort***. If we are to be proficient in anything, we must work on it daily even if it is for a short time each day. Let us take PRIDE in our ritual work and work with candidates.

I have had a rough time dealing with my kidney failure issue. My wife, Julia, has been very worried about me. I had a difficult time dealing with the situation, but I believe that I have made adjustments mentally. At the last First Degree, I was able to do the lecture. I am at the point where I can start doing lectures and charges for the other degrees.

Frank Edens, PM

2026 Officers					
Master	**Santiago Limon**	**Chaplain**	**Robby Stirling**	**Trustee 1 Y.**	**Daniel Keeling**
S Warden	**Danny Keelin**	**Marshal**	**Al Warner**	**Trustee 1 Y,**	**Richard Prather**
J Warden	**Richard Prather**	**Tyler**	**Don Anderson**	**Trial Commissioners**	
Treasurer	**Steve Beardsley**	**A. Secretary**	**Frank Edens**	**#1 – Jason DiCamillo**	
Secretary	**Gene Stirling**	**Prospect M.**	**Mike Gibbs**	**#2 – Frank Jacks**	
S Deacon	**Mike Gibbs**	**Trustees**		**#3 – Robert Stirling**	
J Deacon	**Larry Pedersen**	**Trustee 2026**	**Mike Gibbs**	**#4 – Larry Pedersen**	
S Steward	**Fred Bridges**	**Trustee 2027**	**Larry Pedersen**	**#5 – Al Warner**	
J Steward		**Trustee 2028**	**Robert Stirling**		

Masonic Birthdays

First Name	Middle	Last Name	Masonic Birthday	Years of Service
Chad	Phillip	Berlin	7/10/2010	15.88
Thomas	Gustave	Cedarblade	7/27/2013	12.84
Copp	Parsons	Collins	7/24/1999	23.39
Robert	Franklin	Edens	7/16/1977	48.87
Peter	Charles	Fountain	7/20/1991	34.86
Michael	Lynn	Machamer	7/10/2010	15.88
Lawrence	Robert	Pedersen	7/7/2012	13.89
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Michael	Alan	Porter	7/13/1985	40.87
Neal	Patrick	Smith	7/26/2008	17.84
Robert	Russell	Stirling	7/31/2004	21.82
Guy	Michael	West	7/19/1986	39.85
Steven	Vincent	West	7/12/1986	39.88
Jason	Anthony	DiCamillo	6/26/2021	4.92
Robert	Williamson	Neely	6/24/1986	39.93