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From The East

Brethren,

I had recently given much thought of our Lodge and how much it means to be a Mason. And I would like to share them with you.

My personal beliefs are as follows, and I will lay my beliefs out to you.

I believe every Lodge is a living body and every Mason is expected to show up to our stated meetings. And is expected to take part and carry the weight. The “beehive” effect, I have seen glimpses of it, and I would never ask of brother to do something that I wouldn’t be willing to do myself for the good of Masonry, our craft.

First, as a brother, what are you doing to keep our Lodge strong?

Participation as an active member: Every Mason whether your a Entered Apprentice, Past Master, or sitting in the East has a moral obligation to his Lodge by attending stated meetings, participating in ceremonies, such as learning rituals, memorizing the station currently at a station, to call upon when your needed to cover it, and help carry on Lodge business.



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A brother Mason should take his share in Lodge decisions. Even without mandatory meeting attendance rules, active involvement is encouraged. Such as Masonic education, officers, or committee members is essential for our Lodge’s welfare. Including, standing in for office when able, teaching degrees or catechisms, acting as a mentor within the Lodge, helping organize events, and so forth. Our Lodge depends on its members’ willingness to share time and talents for ritual work and management. This ensures the Lodge remains vibrant.

We as Masons should observe proper Masonic etiquette by respecting the Worshipful Master, officers, and members.

Following customs such as dress and ritual format. As a whole, when we work together, we can do great things in/for our Lodge!

Fraternally with much love,

WM Santiago Limon

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From The West – So Mote It Be

Masons say "So mote it be" as an ancient ritualistic closing to prayer and ceremonies, meaning "So may it be" or "So be it", similar to saying "Amen". The phrase originates from the Halliwell Manuscript, the oldest known document relating to stonemasons in England, dating back to around 1390 AD. By ending their rituals with this phrase, Masons continue a centuries old tradition, signifying their hope for the fulfillment of the sentiments expressed and affirming a deep-seated wish for God's will or good things to come to fruition.

*So mote
it be*

The next time you're in lodge and say "So mote it be" after the chaplain finishes a prayer, remember that you are continuing a 600-year-old Masonic tradition

Fraternally,

Daniel Keelin

Senior Warden, White River Lodge #62

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From the South

Brethren,

I want to say a big thanks to all the brothers who have provided us with our meals at our stated meetings lately. It is truly appreciated.

I am looking forward to seeing our work in any future degrees. We have some amazing brothers and I know that the work will be great.

Thank you all for your attendance at the meetings and participation in them.

Thank you to all my brothers, I truly enjoy being a member of this lodge.

W. B. Richard Prather

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Tuesday Nights Fellowship Hour and Friend to Friend Program

We must attend the Fellowship nights, which are held on Tuesdays other than the Stated Meetings evenings. We need to find potential members who are reasonably intelligent and understand that Masons believe in a higher power. We need prospects who we believe can eventually take leadership roles in the lodge.



Our membership is critically low; we only have 54 Master Masons. We need to start encouraging men who might be interested in our lodge to attend these Tuesday night sessions. The Tuesday evening Fellowship Hour is our version of the Grand Lodge's Friend to Friend program.

From time-to-time we might consider playing miniature golf together, dress up to go to dinner out, or after a meeting visit a local establishment. We need to bring the lodge into the view of the public. Men that are the best prospects are those who are active in churches, it does not matter the. Denomination or religion. Men who have an interest in spiritual matters are also good prospects.

Fraternally,

Frank Edens
Secretary 928 242 3565

Dues Structure

Dues for the Lodge are \$100 per year for lodge plus the Grand Lodge per capital. The Grand Lodge is increasing the per capital from \$38 to \$45 per year in 2026. The 2026 total dues will be \$145.



Dress Code

At the September Stated meeting, we discussed the dress code for the Lodge, which is available on the White River Lodge Website for Officers and participants in Degrees.



Sideliners and visitors should be encouraged to dress in business casual attire, which includes ties and sports jackets. The Lodge frequently has visitors for meetings. Officers should dress accordingly as follows. Suits and Sports jackets with ties are appropriate for Stated Meetings. Tuxedos and dark suits are appropriate for Degrees. We need to show respect for our lodge and the amount of time officers spend learning the ritual. Those dressed in t-shirts and/or shorts will not be in pictures. Please dress professionally and respectfully. Officers not dressed appropriately may be asked to sit among the

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brethren and not participate in the opening or degree work. The Master has the authority to specify dress for a special meeting, such as a Hawaiian night, an outdoor degree, or other special event. Lodge blue shirts are appropriate for fellowship evenings, practices, BBQs, and other informal gatherings, but not for meetings.

Fraternally,

Principal Officers of White River Lodge

Masonic Birthdays

Name	Mason Day	Years
JOEL NELSON LAWSON, Jr.	10/26/2002	23
Richard James Palmer, Jr.	10/17/2009	16
Dennis James Azevedo	10/23/2021	4
Daniel Lee Vertz	11/27/1990	35
MARK EDWARD (Moose) SUMERLIN	11/13/1998	27

Masonic Week 2026

Masonic Week in 2026 will be February 4 through 8. This is sponsored by several smaller orders of the York Rite such as the Allied Masonic Degrees and other small Orders. Our Lodge should recognize this week by sponsoring events or having an open house.

Calendar

October 11 at 10 AM Third Degree at Chalcedony Lodge in Holbrook

October 14, November 11- White River Lodge Stated Meeting. Dinner at 6 PM Meeting at 7 PM

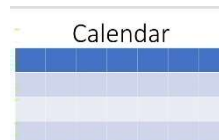
White River Lodge Fellowship Hour is every Tuesday evening at 6 PM

October 16, November 20 - Mizpah Chapter Stated Meeting at 7 PM

October 7, November 4 - Winslow York Rite Stated Meeting at 7:30 PM on Winslow

October 4 – York Rite Four Corners Royal Arch Festival in Utah

October 19 through 21 -York Rite Colorado River Fall Festival in Laughlin, Nevada



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Hermetic Philosophy, Alchemy, and Masonic Legends

Frank Edens, PM White River Lodge

Let us consider Masonic legends, some of them has to do with gods in the ancient world. In Greek mythology, Hermes was the Olympian god whose mind protected travelers, thieves, and merchants. He was the messenger of the gods. He was also a trickster. A patron of music, literature, language, travel, luck, invention, shepherds, and roadways. He was known for his winged sandals, his speed, and his magic wand.

Hermes was known throughout the ancient world by many names. Some believed him to be a man, others believed him to be a god. Examples include the following:

- According to some, Hermes was the great-grandson of Noah, through Shem and then Cush
- Mercury by the Romans
- Thoth by Kemetian Egyptians
- Woton by the Norse
- Inki or Ea by the Sumerians – Inki was an Anunnaki who created mankind and saved mankind from the great flood. The term Anunnaki means those who came from the heavens. Hence, they were space creatures from another planet.
- In Greek legends, Hermes was the brother of Dionysus. Both were sons of the ancient Greek god Zeus. Dionysus was the god of wine, fertility, festivity, madness, and theater. Known for his dual nature as both a joyous and chaotic deity and for Dionysian architecture.



Many philosophers and scientists studied writings attributed to Hermes. His writings influenced such historical people as Leonardo Da' Vinci, Elias Ashmole (the first English Freemason), Isaac Newton, Theophilus Desaguliers, and many others. Theophilus Desaguliers had a significant influence on the development of our modern ritual in the early 1700s, particularly the Third Degree.

Hiram may be an allusion to Hermes. A French Masonic Ritual in the 1800s had two degrees called Knight of Hermes and Sage Knight of Hermes. A quote in one of the degrees by a brother, representing one who emerged from tomb of Hermes says:

“Remember me My true name is Mercurous for the Egyptians, Thoth for the Phoenicians, Hermes Trismegistus (thrice great) for the Greeks, and all over the earth, I am Hiram, whose wonderful story has amazed you.”

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Both Hermetic Philosophy and Alchemy have to do with understanding mankind in mind, body, and spirit. Alchemists in the Middle Ages considered Hermes to be the patron saint of alchemy because he was believed to be the inventor of the art. Alchemy is a science, in Western esoteric traditions, that engages the seeker in very internal and private work; he is protected by symbols. Hermeticism or alchemy is a system of hieroglyphical instruction based mainly on symbols and taught through allegory. Lessons are only revealed to those who are ready to receive them. This knowledge is considered a part of the secret tradition. Hermes is credited with learning and communication. He was the inventor of science.

The various degrees of the Scottish Rite frequently mention Hermes and his teachings. The Old Charges or the Gothic Manuscripts were compiled and published by Brother J. Roberts in 1722. They may have been written in the 14th century.

In the Third Degree, there are two named Hiram. The second chapter of *Entering the Chain of Union*, discusses Gnosticism. Hiram Abiff and Hiram, King of Tyre, represent Gnostic Twins. Some see the death of one twin, known as the Eidolon (spirit image and the other twin is called the Knightly Daemon. According to the Oxford online dictionary, a Daemon is “a divinity or supernatural being of a nature between gods and humans.” The Daemon attempts to raise the Eidolon, but he cannot. He needs the assistance of King Solomon, representing the universal Daemon.

The creators of the Third Degree took “literary liberties” with the names of Hiram, King of Tyre and Hiram Abiff to create an allegory to demonstrate the concept of the immortality of soul. They used names that brothers could relate to similar to how they selected passwords for each degree for instructional purposes.

References:

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From Mizpah Chapter

Hello all,

Greetings from Mizpah Chapter OES. Our year is moving along smoothly. We had our steak fry on September 20th and had a good turnout. Thank you to the Masons who were able to come and support our fund- raiser.

We are looking forward to planning a few social events throughout the year. Our year is filled with many events, including our official visits though that state and fundraisers. We hope to see many of you at the Masonic Picnic in Tempe at the Kiwanis Park on October 25th.

Thank you for your Support,

Julann Johnson,

Worthy Matron

