WHITE RIVER LODGE TRESTLE BOARD

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From The West

The Most Important Roll of a Masonic Lodge.

Do you ever wonder what the role of a Masonic Lodge is?

We do a lot of good work such as: Scholarships, Spelling Bees, Community Bar-B-Q's, assisting a worthy Brother. We hold Stated Meetings, honor the flag, and have good dinners. Those are all activities and not the true purpose of a Masonic Lodge. The real and most important propose of any Masonic Lodge, weather in Show Low, Santa Fe New Mexico, New York City or even London England, is to make Masons.

We make Entered Apprentices, Fellow Crafts and then the ultimate purpose – Master Masons. Membership is down all over the Country. Not just becoming Masons, but other fraternal organizations too. I won't go into all the myriads of reasons. We need more members.

Unlike most other types of organizations, we have one hand tied behind our backs. We cannot just go out and find, advertise, or solicit new members – they must find us! They sometimes find us by our Bar-B Qs, parades, and other community functions.

A good way for a prospect to find us is by wearing our Masonic rings and lapel pins. I remember back when I was a young teen-ager; my much older Brother-in-law was visiting from out of state. He was having some car trouble and asked if I knew of a honest mechanic. I told him that on my paper route there was a customer who had a shop. I don't know a lot about the man;

except he wears a Masonic ring. My Brother-in-law said, “that was a good enough recommendation for him.”

Daniel Keelin
Senior Warden

Masonic Birthdays

First	Middle	Last Name	Item Type
Stephen	Ford	Beardsley, Sr	Masonic Birthday for April: 4/30
Alberto		Cruz	Masonic Birthday for April: 4/10
Michael	Andrew	Gibbs	Masonic Birthday for April: 4/9
Robert	Benner	Hephner	Masonic Birthday for April: 4/9
Frank	Thomas	Jacks	Masonic Birthday for April: 4/1
Norman	Ray	Martindale	Masonic Birthday for April: 4/21
Rex	Arnold	Nichols	Masonic Birthday for April: 4/29
Richard	Davis	Prather	Masonic Birthday for April: 4/15
Enrique	Trujillo	Tadeo	Masonic Birthday for April: 4/27
Allen	Thomas	Warner	Masonic Birthday for April: 4/21
Donald	Clyde	Anderson	Masonic Birthday for May: 5/11
Julius	“Juice”	Horvath	Masonic Birthday for May: 5/6
Jose	Soledad	Ramirez	Masonic Birthday for May: 5/27
Clinton	Thorpe	Russell	Masonic Birthday for May: 5/6
Brian	Todd	Sellers	Masonic Birthday for May: 5/19
Chad	Thomas	Shultz	Masonic Birthday for May: 5/15
Gene	Robert	Stirling	Masonic Birthday for May: 5/21
Michael		Thomas	Masonic Birthday for May: 5/10

Thank you, Jim Baker, for assisting me to get the Masonic birthdays from Grand View.

Articles added to Website

Several buttons were added to the front page of the website: www.whiteriverlodge62.org. If you have time, you might read some of these articles. One of the articles is e How Secret is Freemasonry,
The article “Learning Ritual” was also updated on the website. The article is to provide ideas to make learning lectures easier and gives some history behind the ritual.

Mission Statement for Lodge Updated

I felt the Mission Statement for the lodge on the Website under the tab “About” to the following:

To create a brotherhood among its members and candidates. The primary focus of the Lodge is the development of its candidates going through the degrees. The Lodge will follow Grand Lodge directives and participate in Grand Lodge programs.

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**		

THE SILENT SUMMONS

A member of a certain Lodge, who previously attended meetings regularly, stopped going. After a few months, the Worshipful Master decided to visit him. It was a chilly evening, and the Worshipful Master found his brother at home alone, sitting before a blazing fire.

Guessing the reason for the Worshipful Master's visit, the brother welcomed him, led him to a comfortable chair near the fireplace, and waited. The Worshipful Master made himself comfortable but said nothing.

In the grave silence, he contemplated the dance of the flames around the burning logs. After several minutes, the Worshipful Master took the fire tongs, carefully picked up a brightly burning ember and placed it to one side of the hearth, all alone. Then he sat back in his chair, still silent.

His host watched all of this in quiet contemplation. As the one, the lone ember's flame flickered and diminished. There was a momentary glow, and its fire was no longer there. Soon, it was cold and dead.

Not a word had been spoken since the initial greeting. The Worshipful Master glanced at his watch and chose this time to leave. He slowly stood up, picked up the cold, dead ember, and placed it back in the middle of the fire. Immediately, it began to grow once more, with all the light and warmth of the burning coals around it.As the Worshipful Master reached the door to leave, his host said, with a tear running down his cheek, "Thank you so much for your fiery summons, my brother. I'll be back in our Lodge next meeting."

-- Author Unknown