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Trestleboard

April, May, June 2022



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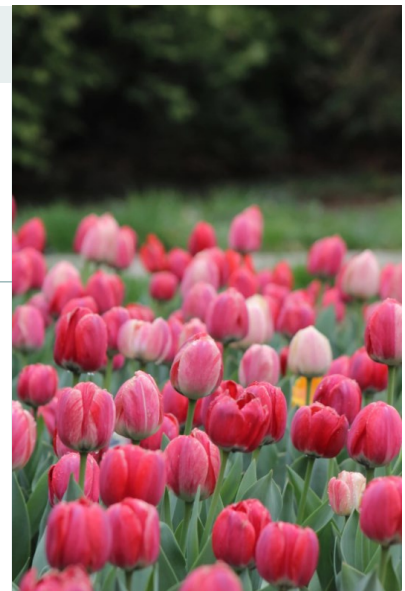
Brethren,

I very much enjoy the fellowship that we have on Tuesday nights when several of us get together and enjoy each other's company. These are very important for the health of the lodge. These Fellowship nights are a time that we may bring guests who might find Freemasonry appealing. During the last couple of years several men who have petitioned the lodge have joined us for Fellowship. After a time of Fellowship, we practice ritual to improve our proficiency,

We expect to have a first-degree soon, and the trustees are considering ways in which the lodge can donate to NPC scholarship funds and school meal programs. This is a way for the lodge to get involved with the community.

We use our Trestleboard for Masonic education. We are able to go into subjects deeper than we could just buy having an education presentation at lodge meetings. Some of our brothers contribute poetry, some history, and some biblical stories that have Masonic significance, all of which are very interesting and will broaden the mind in relation to Freemasonry. If you have any recommendations for changes that we could make to The Trestleboard, please let us know.

Fraternally,
Larry Pedersen
Worshipful Master,
White River Lodge #62



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JOHN THE BAPTIST

Paul Diaz

Past Master, White River Lodge #62

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God”

It has become more and more apparent (at least to me anyway) about the overall importance of John the Baptist in our ritual and to Freemasonry in general. In years past he was probably one of the most important characters in our ritual; however, in modern times he has in a way been marginalized and I sought to understand why. As I cannot hope to contain all I have discovered and most likely will continue to discover on this important individual in one article, I am going to write a series of articles all dedicated to John the Baptist. Hopefully, as with everything I write, I am not going to offer you conclusions, but information that the Masonic reader can do with as he pleases.

In this, the first of what I hope to be many articles, we should in fact start at the beginning... The following paragraphs are generally accepted as common knowledge to all who study the “Gospels”



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The Gospels as we know them today are considered to consist of 4 texts. Three of the texts, (Matthew, Mark and Luke) are considered the Synoptic Gospels. The word Synoptic derives from a Latin word which means “seen together,” or in the specific case of these three Gospels, of giving an account of the events from the same point of view or under the same general aspect. Because the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke tell many of the same stories, often in the same words, frequently following the same order they are considered synoptic because they can be seen together.

The Gospel of Matthew, believed to be one of two of the gospels written by a disciple, was written for a Jewish audience. Matthew wrote to identify Jesus Christ as the fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecies so that the Jews would recognize Jesus as the Messiah they had been waiting for.

The Gospel of Mark on the other hand was written with a Gentile audience in mind. The shortest of the four gospels, early Church history tells us that Mark had a close connection to the apostle Peter. Today, most scholars accept that Mark was the first Gospel to be written, and this is based on the evidence which demonstrates that much of Matthew can be linked directly back to Mark.

JOHN THE BAPTIST—CONTINUED

The Gospel of Luke, however, appears to have been written to a specific person, Theophilus. An interesting meaning of this name appears to be “loving God or a friend of God”; this opens the door to an audience much larger than a single person. Though not an eyewitness to the life of Jesus, Luke seems to have written as an historian who had access to multiple accounts and compiled them together into a single story.

So, what is it exactly about the Book of St. John whereby it does not seem to be “seen together” or in giving an account of the story of Jesus from the same point of view or under the same general aspect? John, for some reason is different.



While the synoptic gospels contain material facts, John seems to be more *esoteric* or “spiritual” than the other three. Clement of Alexandria, wrote this statement in regards to the Gospel of John: “But, last of all, John – aware that the outward facts had been set out in the gospels – was encouraged by his disciples and divinely motivated by the Spirit, composed a spiritual gospel.”

Leon Morris a leading New Testament scholar had this to say about John:

“There are unplumbed depths in the limpid clarity of this writing. What at first appears obvious is presently seen to pose problems. Most students would agree with Hoskyns¹ that years of close study of this Gospel do not leave one with a feeling of having mastered it, but rather with the conviction that it is still “strange, restless, and unfamiliar.”

Evangelicals may love John because it seems simple on the surface. However, John isn't always simple. In fact, no other New Testament book (outside Revelation) compares with the mystery contained within its pages. What seems clear on the surface is not quite so plain.

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SCHEDULE

WHITE RIVER LODGE

April 12—Stated Meeting at 7:00 Dinner at 6:00 PM

May 10 —Stated Meeting at 7:00 Dinner at 6:00 PM presented by Mizpah Chapter OES

June 7—Stated Meeting at 7:00 Dinner at 6:00 PM

April 19 or 26—First Degree at 7:00 Dinner at 6:00 PM

Practices or Degree Work on other Tuesday nights

MIZPAH CHAPTER OES

April 21—Stated Meeting at 7:00 PM

May 10— Make dinner for Lodge Meeting

May 19—Stated Meeting at 7:00 PM

May 28 at 11:00 AM— Open Installation of Officers

June 16—Stated Meeting at 7:00 PM

WINSLOW YORK RITE

April 6—Stated Meeting at 7:00 PM. Open in Council in Holbrook

May 4—Stated Meeting at 7:00 PM. Open in Council in Holbrook

May 14—Order of the Temple at 13:07 in Holbrook

June 1—Dark so members can focus on Grand Lodge

JOHN THE BAPTIST—CONTINUED

John's gospel overflows with mystifying symbolism, anomalies and codes, hidden levels of meaning that go well beneath the surface of the text, clues to a powerful truth. John is a mystery inviting the perceptive reader to unravel. (Miller, 2012)

Does any of this sound familiar to the Masonic reader? As Masons, we have been invited via our ritual to learn more about this enigmatic individual. I will leave the reader at this time, with this one question...Who wrote the Book of John?

†Sir Edwin Clement Hoskyns was an Anglican clergyman and theologian. Among his many works include a theological commentary on the fourth gospel.

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THE CANDIDATE - by RW Alan R. Heath, Grand Lodge of Maine; contributed by Mike Gibbs

It was his dream to become a Mason, Though he wasn't sure quite why. So he made an application, Then waited months for a reply.	He came to the lodge hall two more times, And was raised to the third degree. That was the last time they saw him. What could the trouble be? They scratched their heads and won- dered, As again they cried and moaned, "Our time has all been wasted!" "We should have stayed at home."	And when it's time to present him, With the gift of a degree, Remember, genuine friendship is, The true gift of masonry.
No committee came to pay a call, To meet him and his wife, No invitation to Mason's hall; Nor offer of advice.	It seems to me that they've missed the point, But they need to understand. It's not just how well you do the work, It's how you treat the man.	Pick him up and take him home. Isn't he worth the trip? No candidate should come alone. Please, don't ignore this tip.
Finally a postcard in the mail, Said, "come Monday night at six, And bring us twenty dollars, If you want to see our tricks."	Because you can only be a Mason, When you're a Mason in your heart; And along with his jacket seams, They had burst his dream apart.	All should rush to greet him, As he enters by your door. Extend your hand in friendship, That's what a Mason's grip is for.
He made that solitary journey, And entered by the door, But not one hand was offered, As he slowly crossed the floor.	So, if you get an application, Please, call on that man at once. Invite him and his family, To tour your hall and share some lunch.	Remember your obligation, As you lead him to the gate. It's up to you to guide him through, Not to hurt or humiliate.
They fed him beans and hot dogs, And a piece of apple pie, Then lead him to a little room, With no explanation why.	Answer all his questions, Let him share your pride. A Mason's work, is honest work; That's not a secret to hide.	Now armed with proper instruction, Masonry's door will open wide, Thanks to you, his best example, Of what a Mason should be inside.
The work was done with care and skill, No one could argue that. But, the candidate was forgotten, As they patted themselves on the back.		And thank him sincerely for coming. Invite him back to his new home, For a brother will not be a brother, If he feels unwelcome and alone.

MIZPAH CHAPTER TO PRESENT DINNER TO LODGE MAY 10

"Brethren, mark your calendar! Our own Order of the Eastern Star Mizpah Chapter #57 is celebrating Mother's Day with the Brothers of White River Lodge #62 by putting on a dinner for the Lodge prior to our Stated mtg on 10 May. The menu has not yet been set, but I am sure it will be a culinary delight. Please bring your **way better** halves with you and celebrate Mother's Day with our Sisters in the Star!"



Paul Diaz
Past Patron, Mizpah Chapter OES

MIZPAH CHAPTER OES

Hello Brothers,

I'm Donna Meyer as Associate Matron for the next two months before becoming Worthy Matron for Mizpah # 57. I joined the Eastern Star Nov. 4, 2006, at Georgetown #4 in New Mexico. This Has been one of the best things I have done. I very much enjoy the ritual of the Eastern Star that is very insightful on many levels. I also enjoy all the many friendships I have may both locally and from many other locations.



Because I didn't want to wait on Tom, I went through my grandfather on my mom's side. I take the obligations of the Order seriously and placed them in my heart.

Brothers and Sisters, I look forward to being the Worthy Patron to Mizpah # 57 for 2022-2023 with a happy and productive year!

We extend our love to all and we would like both the Masons and Stars to grow stronger together.

Donna Meyer
Past Matron



Mathematics is the language in which God/dess has written the universe." ~ Galileo Galilei

But! Remember Geometry is the Root of the Mathematics.

Geometry helps to explain all to the mind.

Picture Source: Jain 108 Academy Facebook Page February 19, 2022

TIPS ON LEARNING RITUAL FROM MY PERSPECTIVE

By Frank Edens,

Past Master, White River Lodge

The difference between a Ritual and a Ceremony is that a Ritual uses the same words and movements each time. This connects you to brothers who were raised generations ago and brothers from other lodges you have never met. You have a link to all of them through time and place. All these brothers have been initiated using the same Ritual. Rituals are very important to lodges. These include openings, closings, lectures, and so forth used in meetings and degrees. Ceremonies are also important. A church service would be a ceremony because different songs and sermons are used each week. A funeral service would also be considered a ceremony.

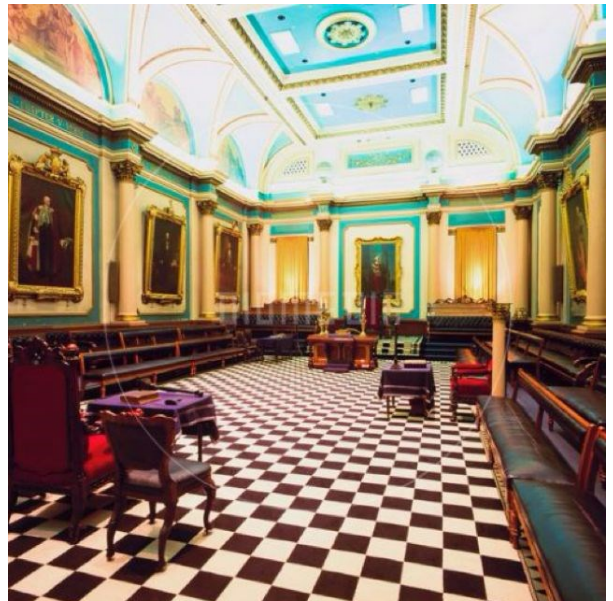
Never assume you will learn lectures in a few mega sessions. Usually, it is not good to spend more than an hour in any one day studying a lecture. It just takes time to first get to know the flow of a lecture and then to start concentrating on various sections. Relax, let your mind tell you how it wants to learn.

Reading out loud greatly helps because it gets the two sides of the mind working together. When you are giving a lecture, you can sometimes feel the other side of your mind double check what is flowing out of your mouth. You become very aware that your brain has crosschecks.

If you have ever taken a karate class you learn that when you practice movements, you let your mind relax. Your various limbs will remember the movements without your thinking about them. The lectures are similar. You are using parts of the mind you do not normally use. You just let the lecture flow out of this section of the mind without consciously thinking about it. Obviously, this means it takes time to learn lectures. I believe we use similar sections in our mind to learn lectures as we do to learn songs. While giving lectures, your consciousness should be focused on the responses of your candidate, the responses of the audience, and the use of a chart or slideshow.

One of the first things to remember is not to try to learn a lecture one word at a time. When you read through the lectures for each of the three degrees, each lecture has three major themes. Understand various images and stories that lectures tell and then learn the words around these images and stories presented to create the lectures.

One important observation I have made is the lectures are usually easiest the first time you give them in open lodge because you are very well prepared. The second and third time you might have more difficulty because of over confidence. Always review a lecture before giving it. Watching others give a lecture you know can also reinforce your knowledge of it and help you to correct a few wrong words you may have substituted here and there. After you have given a lecture several times, you begin to really learn the lecture and the meanings behind it that are not at first apparent. This benefits you as well. Practice! Practice! Practice!



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TRUSTEES MEETING

On March 22 the trustees had a meeting on topics that will be up for consideration at the next stated meeting on April 12. We considered donating to several local organizations and decided upon the following:

The meal programs of two schools in the area
NPC Vocational Programs

A couple donated a new standard sized refrigerator to the Lodge, still in the box at Lowe's. We are proposing to raffle this during the summer at the Farmer's Market in Show Low. We would use the money raised to donate the community causes and to add to the building fund.

Fraternally,
Trustees

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