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White River Lodge #62 Trestleboard



August September 2023

FROM THE EAST

SUMMER

Summer to me was always the best, because there was no school (yeah!). Me and my friends (yes, I had them) would run wild from sun up to sundown, fishing, shooting, camping out in the hills, and just running amok. We were either getting in trouble, being in trouble, or getting out of trouble. Looking back now, I realize how important school is, and that I should've maybe tried harder. But here we are. Oh, and running is now out of the question, unless I'm being chased by a bear, and that's still not likely.

Summer was working with my dad, who really was the teacher of most everything useful that I know today. I carried this forward to my son and had him by my side learning all I could teach him to make him a better man later in life. I'm not sure what digging holes, shoveling dirt, getting covered in grease, and working on cars did, but it seemed to work out. Summer to me now is just being outside in the beauty of nature, looking around and saying how lucky I am being where I am now. I would have never thought that the "wild child" would take such pleasure in sitting on his big butt, sipping ice tea on the front porch with my wife and dog, but again, here we are.



Mike with friends playing near a battleship being towed

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**Temple Chapter #8
Royal Arch Masons is
celebrating 120 Years**

**White River Lodge #62
F&AM is celebrating 60
Years**

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One of the bodies of the Winslow York Rite, Temple Chapter Royal Arch Masons, received its charter on November 11, 1903. We are planning a **Birthday Party!** to celebrate this Grand Event. The **Birthday Party!** will be on **September 16, 2023**, at High Twelve at the Winslow Lodge . Reservations can be purchased on winslowyorkrite.org

FROM THE EAST—CONTINUED



Mike and his brother

So, take time to sit back and enjoy every hot, dry, humid, sunny, rainy, hail-y, windy, allergy-y, getting eaten alive by bugs minute, because before you know it, we will be shoveling snow, wishing for all of the above.

Oh, I almost forgot... Cook something outside on fire, it really makes it taste so much better. And if you can't, you can always come to the Lodge for our BBQ, which is on September 3 from 12 to 2 PM. But if you really want to have fun times with your brothers, be there on September 2 for all of the prep work! ☐ Fun times to be had by all.

Fraternally,
Mike Gibbs, Worshipful Master

Remember the Lodge BBQ, September 3 from Noon to 2 PM. For a great time be at the Lodge on September 2 at 8:00 AM for the burning of the pit and the prep work! Breakfast will be Sunday morning about 7 AM.

FROM THE WEST

REGRETS ONE TIME, NOT TWICE

When I was very much younger, just out of High School, it was 1968. I thought I wanted to be a Mason. Nobody in my family was Masons on either side of my parents. But my boss at work wore a Masonic ring and I had noticed, in my short time on earth, the difference I had dealing with people who wore the Masonic ring, that I was treated well and with honesty. I did know the Order had been around for many years and that many of America's Founding Fathers were Masons.

I discovered my mom's hairdresser's husband was a Mason. I set up an appointment to meet this man and find out more. I was impressed with our meeting and within a few days I had filled out an application and paid a fee. This was going to be a new experience for me and as days passed, I was getting a little scared. The hairdresser's husband told me that if I proceeded, I would be asked some personal questions and go through a set of degrees where I would have to prove myself. He also said every Mason had gone through this examination and rigors of the 3 degrees.

Now here comes the regret. Before even my first degree was to start – I decided to back away. I got my fee back and was told when I was ready to come back. Twelve years passed. Twelve years of seeing more men I liked who wore the Masonic ring, twelve years of wondering and thinking of how I backed out of starting something good and wonderful.

Now the year is 1985. The day my third child was born was very happy for me. Because that evening I received my 1st Degree as a Mason. I let a young man's fear hold me back before. The Lodge has been a truly great experience, both in brotherly love and friendship. The Ritual has a deeper and purposeful meaning to me each time I see it. I was not going to have another regret.

Dan Keelin
Senior Warden
White River Lodge #62



FROM THE SOUTH

As a kid around the age of 11 or 12, I remember walking home from school and used to pass this mysterious white building with strange symbols on the wall. As my curiosity grew I asked around (friends, relatives, etc) what this building was and what those markings meant? Nobody knew, as I grew up I moved around quite a bit, but never lost the thought of what was already embedded in my head those “symbols” as I periodically ran into other men who wore them as rings, necklaces, etc.



Little did I know I would become one of those men, a Mason! Which brings me to this topic, the understanding of our freemasonry symbols. Our craft is rich in symbolism and understanding these symbols is crucial to fully grasp the craft. The most recognizable symbols of Freemasonry is the Square and Compass, ahh those strange markings that first caught my attention as a kid! They represent moral and intellectual values. The Square symbolizes morality, reminding Freemasons to act with fairness and honesty in their daily lives.

The compass represents wisdom, guiding members to use knowledge and judgment in all aspects of life. Which is the reason why I wear my ring with the square and compass facing me to remind me to keep my passion within due bounds toward all mankind.

We are in the company of such notable Masons: George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Winston Churchill just to name few; and countless celebrities and sport figures!

On a personal note my curiosity continues to grow in our beloved craft expanding my knowledge in becoming a companion in the York Rite and a Sir Knight in the Knights Templar. Continuing to strive to be a better man.

Fraternally,

Santiago Limon
Junior Warden,
White River Lodge #62

SCHEDULE

WHITE RIVER LODGE

Stated meetings August 8 and September 12. Dinner at 6 PM, Lodge at 7 PM.

First Degree: August 15 at 7 PM

September 3 Fall BBQ from Noon until 2 PM. We will burn the pit on September 2 beginning at 8 AM

MIZPAH CHAPTER OES

Stated meetings August 17 September 21. at 7 PM

OES Grand Chapter: August 1-5, 2023 Scottsdale Resort at McCormick Ranch 7700 McCormick Blvd Scottsdale, Arizona

WINSLOW YORK RITE

Stated meetings August 3 September 7 at 7:30 PM in Show Low, Openings are in the Commandery

September 16 at Noon: **Birth-day Party!** Temple Chapter at Winslow

Grand Sessions: August 16, 2023 through August 19, 2023 at the Hilton Doubletree, 1011 W. Holmes Ave. in Mesa, AZ

General Grand Chapter and Council: Branson, Missouri August 11-17, 2023 at the Chateau on the Lake Resort Spa and Convention Center.

FROM MIZPAH CHAPTER OES

Hello to everyone from Mizpah Chapter #57! I hope everyone is having a wonderful summer! I have been thinking about what to write for this month's Trestleboard and I finally decided to just go with an issue that is weighing heavily on my heart.

I am worried about the longevity of our wonderful Eastern Star chapter! I have been a member of Mizpah Chapter for almost 31 years, before that, I was a member of our Rainbow Girls Assembly for 9 years. This is a total of 40 years I have been attending events at Whiteriver Lodge. Our lodge has a very special place in my heart!

When I was in Rainbow Girls, I remember having to hold our official visits at the conference center at Licano's to be able to fit everyone who was members and all the visitors! I remember hearing Glenn Lozar, Past Master and Past Patron, talk about the honor it was to be elected to "go up the line" in Eastern Star, the ladies were all excited to take their turn as Worthy Matron.

Fast forward 30 years, every year we struggle to have our

elected offices covered to keep the chapter open. Many of us have been Worthy Matron multiple times! I am currently serving my second term.

How can you help? **The answer is simple ... Join our order, we need both Masons and their wives, daughters, mothers and sisters in our order! But more important than just becoming a member is to be active in the order! The more the Masons of Whiteriver Lodge and Mizpah Chapter can work together, the stronger BOTH of our organizations will be!**

If you have questions, please reach out to me! My phone number is 928-322-0095 and my email is moun-taingirlaz@gmail.com.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you at the Annual Lodge BBQ on September 3, 2023!

Fraternally,
Cheri Witt
Worthy Matron
Mizpah Chapter #57 Order of Eastern Star

GUY WILLIAMS—MY MYSTIC JOURNAL

I began my masonic journey earlier than many. I was initiated in the Order of DeMolay at the age of 14. Upon the removal of the hoodwink, I observed many strange symbols. After the ceremony and in the dining room, I approached the Master Councilor and asked him the meaning. He told me that he didn't know their meaning, but that I should ask the chapter dad. Being the inquisitive boy that I was, I approached the chapter dad and asked him. He informed me that they were Masonic symbols and that I would have to be a Mason to learn their meaning. This, in no way, satisfied me.

On the ride home with my bet friend's dad, the Chairman of the advisory Council, I continued my questions. He explained that the Square and Compasses were the universal sign of a Mason, but I would have to wait to learn the true meaning of those, as well, as the others. I figured that as I went through the chairs in the Chapter, more light would be shed. Sitting in the chapter room I guessed at many of the symbols was partially correct as to the letter G suspended in the east. The rest of the symbols remained a mystery as I progressed through the chairs to ultimately become Master Councilor.

I continued in the dark even though I assisted in reopening a dark charter while I was in Japan. I assumed that by being instrumental in the endeavor I would learn more than I had surmised to this point. Wow I was surprised. Nothing new came to light as to the meaning and significance of the mysterious symbols, only more questions.

Through my tenure as an Associate Advisor with two Chapters in California I remained in the dark. Due to residency requirements of the Grand Lodge of California, I was unable to submit my petition for membership in Masonry until April of 1969. I was Entered and Passed in July and Raised in September. Being the inquisitive person that I was, I began to read the Monitor and several books from the Lodge library. Not only did I learn the meaning of the symbols, but the significance of them. Learned the meaning of the importance of Masonry and the use of our symbols in everyday life. The more light that I received through the York Rite, the more significance I am aware of in our words, signs and symbols.

Guy Williams
Senior Warden

TRESTLEBOARD LAYOUTS AND DUE DATES

Trestleboard Due Dates, Issue Names, and Possible Discussion Ideas

Issue	Issue Name and Possible Discussion Ideas	
October and November 2023	September 27, 2023	Issue: Fall - Discussion: Results from Fall BBQ and Thanksgiving
December 2023 and January 2024	November 27, 2023	Issue: Winter - Discussion: Christmas and New Year, New Officers' Objectives for Lodge
February and March 2024	January 28, 2024	Issue: Wellness - Discussion: George Washington
April and May 2024	March 28, 2024	Issue: Spring - Discussion: Upcoming Grand Lodge Legislation
The most important Discussion topic is leadership to promote attendance, participation, and assist members give potential members information.		

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WHITE RIVER LODGE ADOPTED A STREET

White River Lodge adopted a street behind the Ford Dealership in Show Low.

The street is a section of East Adams. This street was selected because our Master, Mike Gibbs, works at Robinsons Golf Cart Supply that is on Adams Street. If you need golf cart supplies and service, this is the place to go.

BODY LANGUAGE CHECK SHEET

BY FRANK EDENS, PAST MASTER WHITE RIVER LODGE #62

Here are a few body language positions that brothers may help each other with during practices. These points are drawn from an internet article written for leaders, all participating in degree work are leaders, leadership transfers during a degree from brother to brother, each must know his part and be in control when he is performing. Body language is important. A few of the mistakes brothers may make with body language is as follows:

#1: Failure to make eye contact with the people you are engaging with. Making eye contact, while listening or talking, is very important.

#2: Crossed arms can convey that you are not receptive to what is being communicated.

#3: Slumped shoulders can convey a lack of energy or confidence. Standing tall conveys strength and confidence.

#4: Consistent Fidgetiness conveys nervousness, lack of confidence or discomfort. To improve non-verbal communication, focus on being still and present in your body. This will make you appear more confident.

#5: Inconsistent Facial Expressions can cause confusion and mistrust. Be aware that your facial expressions match the words and the tone of what you are trying to communicate.

Body language is very important. Members need to help each other with body language while practicing ritual and giving lectures.

Reference: Lolly Daskal, *5 Body Language Habits That Sabotage Your Leadership Success*, Internet article, <https://www.lollydaskal.com/leadership/5-body-language-habits-that-sabotage-your-leadership-success/>, retrieved 6/27/2023

BODY LANGUAGE



COWANS

BY FRANK EDENS, PAST MASTER WHITE RIVER LODGE #62

As a name, Cowan, is of Irish or Gaelic origin that means 'Hallow in the Hill.' It also refers to someone who has not served as an apprentice, a worker in un-mortared stone. In freemasonry cowan refers to someone who tries to pass as a freemason without having received the degrees.

According to the Macoy's Website, operative masons regulated their trade. A cowan was a person:

- Who could not prove their rightful association.
- Who was a dry-dyker, meaning someone who did not use mortar.
- Who has not regularly bred.
- Who were semi-skilled.
- Who were viewed with great hostility.
- Who were prevented from learning the building arts because of their lack of spiritual values or faith.
- Who were attempting to pass themselves off as masons to obtain charity.

Cowans of today lack spiritual values and a lack of faith.

Macoy's Masonic Minute - What is a Cowan, a Masonic supply company), [https://www.macoy.com/What-is-a-Cowan-define-cowan - Search \(bing.com\)](https://www.macoy.com/What-is-a-Cowan-define-cowan - Search (bing.com))

Cowan - definition of cowan by The Free Dictionary, <https://www.thefreedictionary.com/cowan>



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Masonic Birthdays -Third Degree

Brother	Date	Years
Richard Harold Russell	8/24/1965	68
Daniel Joseph Keelin	9/30/1985	38
Shane Allen Jacobson	9/30/1991	32
David Allen Saunders	9/22/1994	29
Larry James Logan	9/12/2007	16
Robert Hughes Honea	9/20/2014	9
Erasmio Zazueta, Jr.	9/23/2015	8

BIRTHDAY PARTY!

FRANK EDENS, PM, FOR WINSLOW YORK RITE

One of the bodies of the Winslow York Rite, Temple Chapter, received its charter on November 11, 1903. We are planning a **BirthDay Party!** to celebrate this Grand Event. The **BirthDay Party!** will be on **September 16, 2023, at High Twelve at the Winslow Lodge** (315 N. Kinsley). We will have a 1903 style menu. Gifts, birthday cakes, fun, and the history of Masonic Organizations in our area will be on the agenda.



You will have a choice of pork or lasagna dinners on our website, <https://www.winslowyorkrite.org/birthday-party.html>. A few of our members also have tickets to sell. All are welcome to join the celebration.

White River Lodge Fall BBQ

September 3, 2023, from Noon until 2:00 PM

We will be burning the pit on September 2 from 8:00 AM until we put the meat into the pit about 4:00 PM

We will be celebrating 60 years as a Chartered Lodge

Breakfast for workers at 7:00 AM on Sept 3

WHAT PART OF THE RITUAL ARE YOU LEARNING?

BY FRANK EDENS, PAST MASTER WHITE RIVER LODGE #62

“So! What are you learning?” Should be a regular question brothers should ask of each other frequently. All members of the lodge should be learning something. For example, in my opinion all members should know at least one charge if not all three charges. The charges contain great capsules of responsibilities, both in Lodge and abroad in the world. The openings, closings and obligations should be old hat, they can be learned at practices if you focus during practices. It only takes a few minutes to review them a day or two before a meeting.

Lectures and charges are best learned slowly over time. It took me about a year to learn each lecture, a few minutes every week. It just focus. As long as learning lectures and charges does no interfere with the rest of your life, you can continue the focus. The trick is scheduling your time.

We need at least two more brothers who know the First Degree Lecture, two more who know the Staircase Lecture, and two more who know the Third Degree Lecture. All brothers in the progressive chairs should be learning a lecture. The ability to give lectures is a mark of distinction. Having several brothers who can perform lectures well is a mark of distinction for the Lodge. Get busy!

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WEB PRESENCE

Lodge Website: whiteriver-lodge62.org

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THE ROAD NOT TAKEN BY ROBERT FROST

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,
And sorry I could not travel both
And be one traveler, long I
stood
And looked down one as
far as I could
To where it bent in the un-
dergrowth;



Then took the other, as just
as fair,
And having perhaps the better claim,
Because it was grassy and wanted wear;
Though as for that the passing there
Had worn them really about the same,

And both that morning equally lay
In leaves no step had trodden black.

Oh, I kept the first for another day!
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,
I doubted if I should ever come
back.

I shall be telling this with a
sigh
Somewhere ages and ages
hence:

Two roads diverged in a wood,
and I—
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference.

<https://poets.org/poem/road-not-taken>,
retrieved 7/6/2023.

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