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FROM THE EAST

I would like to start by saying thank you to everyone for all your support and hard work this year. I am extremely thankful to be surrounded by great men and brothers. Thanksgiving and Christmas are times to recognize how great our lives are, and to be surrounded by our families and fraternal brothers... which at times may be hard to realize. Every family has that one that may be a pain in the rear, but down deep we know we love them. It has been my privilege to be accepted into this Lodge, even though I am from California, and have worked through the line and have been elected into the East by my Brothers. It has been a great learning experience, and it will leave a lasting mark on my life. It often makes me reflect on my father's career, and how his life as a Mason played an important role in my life. I am truly thankful for this experience. I look forward to watching the line continue to grow, and to see the development of others on their way into the East. I will do all I can to support them in any way I can.

I'd like to wish all of you and your families a very happy Thanksgiving, and a very Merry Christmas.

Take a moment to remember all of the many things that we should be thankful for in our country, and in Freemasonry. We are members of the greatest fraternity in the world, so never take this for granted. Be thankful for this important privilege, and remember why you became a Mason.

I would like to end with a quote from our brother, Benjamin Franklin:

"Masonic labor is purely a labor of love. He who seeks to draw Masonic wages in gold and silver will be disappointed. The wages of a Mason are in the dealing with one another; sympathy begets sympathy; kindness begets kindness; helpfulness begets helpfulness; and these are the wages of a Mason." - Brother Benjamin Franklin.

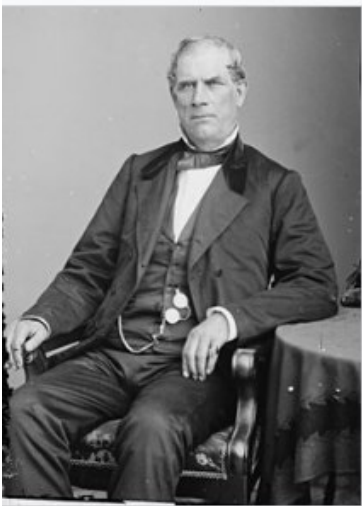
Sincerely and Fraternaly,
Michael Gibbs
Worshipful Master



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FROM THE WEST—ANTI—MASONIC PARTY



Thurlow Weed, newspaper editor who helped form the Anti-Masonic Party



Solomon Southwick, newspaper publisher and 1828 Anti-Masonic candidate for Governor of New York

In 1828 there was an Anti-Masonic fever in much what was then the United States. The thinking of some religious Citizens is where the Masons were too secret, elitist, and a conspiracy plotting to take over the Government. This led to the forming of a new political party, the first serious 3rd Party of our young country. This new party was called the Anti-Masonic Party.

They were gaining steam and in the Presidential election of 1832 ran a candidate by the name of William Wirt. The Irony was Mr. Wirt was actually a Mason, and often spoke highly of the Masonic Lodge. In the Partys nomination conference, the former President, John Quincy Adams also sought the nomination, but it was William Wirt how won the process and became the first 3rd Party candidate to run for President in our young country history under the banner of the Anti-Masonic Party.

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Mr. Wirt was running against two very formidable candidates. That being Henry Clay and Andrew Jackson. The race was not much of a challenge and Andrew Jackson won easily. However, the Anti-Masonic Party did win 7 of the 286 Electoral College Votes.

The Anti-Masonic Party fell out of favor and was disbanded by 1840. During its short but historic life span it did elect a few Governors, State Officials and some Mayors. During this same period of U.S. history there were other anti-political conspiracies movements, most notably Anti-Catholic and Anti-Morman.

Fraternally,
Danny Keelin
Senior Warden

DONATED MEMOBELIA AVAILABLE AT LODGE FOR A DONATION



We have lots of memorabilia donated by widows of Masons at the lodge. These are available for a donation to the lodge. Your donations will be greatly appreciated.

FROM THE SOUTH— MAKING IMPACT WHEN DOING RITUAL



My brothers, when you are a Freemason as we are, you know that delivering a Masonic ritual is a significant part of experience.

Whether you're performing a degree ceremony or giving a lecture, the way you deliver it can make a significant impact on the candidate and the attendees.

Our goal should be to create an unforgettable experience for the candidate/brother and the brethren attending long after the ceremony is over. I always felt delivering a memorable Masonic ritual requires more than just words.

It should require a specific mindset that enables you to connect with the candidate, lodge brothers, and visiting brethren. Convey the meaning behind the ritual and make it a truly

meaningful experience.

This mindset should involve a combination of preparation, focus, and intention that allows us to deliver the ritual with confidence and authenticity.

“Convey the meaning behind the ritual and make it a truly meaningful experience.”

When preparing for a ritual, your mindset should be strong and focused. It's important to take the time to mentally prepare yourself before the ritual. By clearing your mind of any distractions and negative thoughts that affect your performance.

Visualizing the ritual beforehand can be helpful in mentally preparing yourself. Just imagining yourself performing the ritual flawlessly with confidence. This can remove any anxiety you may be feeling.

It is important to practice the physical movements and gestures required for the ritual. Rehearsing the steps and movement in front of a mirror or with one of us in the lodge hence the practices on Tuesdays.

Take deep breaths before beginning the ritual to calm your nerves and clear your mind. Enjoy the moment!

Developing a powerful Masonic ritual requires an emotional connection with the candidate and brethren. By delivering the words with conviction and feeling and making eye contact.

Each movement and word must be executed with precision and the timing should be perfect. This requires practice and preparation so you're confident in your ability to deliver the ritual flawlessly!

My brothers, I know this is easier said than done, but with practice and preparation you will be able to deliver a part that will be remembered for years to come! And part my brethren upon the square much love and respect.

Fraternally, Santiago Limon

Junior Warden

CALENDAR

WHITE RIVER LODGE

Stated Meeting: December 12
Dinner at 6 PM Meeting at 7 PM

Practices other Tuesdays at 6PM

We are planning a Third Degree on a Saturday in December .

MIPAH CHAPTER OES

Stated Meeting: December 21 at 7 PM

Dark in January and February

WINSLOW YORK RITE

Stated Meeting: December 7 at 7:30 PM in Winslow.
Opening is in Commandery

December 10 beginning at 10:30 AM at the United Methodist Church, Lunch at the La Posada about 12:30 PM. Knight Templar Observance about 2:30 PM at the Winslow Lodge. All are welcome

Stated Meeting: January 4 at 7:30 PM in Holbrook.
Opening is in the Council.

The Winslow York Rite is planning a Mark Master Mason Degree in either January or February. The Degree will be free to Local Master Masons. Please request a petition from a member of the Winslow York Rite.

https://www.winslowyorkrite.org/uploads/1/2/4/7/12477413/petition_for_mark_master_degree_4.pdf

MIZPAH CHAPTER #57 OES

From Mizpah Chapter OES

The Brothers and Sister of Mizpah Chapter #57 a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Our next stated meeting will be December 21st at 7:00 PM. We will be dark in January and February. Our March meeting will be on March 21st.

Frank Edens,
Past Patron
Mizpah Chapter #57, OES.



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Masonic Birthdays in December and January

Name	MasonDay	Years
Fred Reese Bridges	12/4/2010	13
Santiago Limon, Jr	12/15/2020	3
ROWLE PAUL SIMMONS	1/15/1972	51
GARY HAL BUTLER	1/19/1974	49
Clayton Jack Howard	1/31/1984	39
Paul Anthony Diaz	1/26/2005	18
Adam Ray Garrard	1/18/2007	16

VISIT OF DEPUTY GRAND MASTER MICHAEL DALE ON NOVEMBER 14, 2023



A SERMON IN SYMBOLS

BY PETER H. JOHNSON,, PM CHALCEDONY LODGE

The festive decorations that appear every year on the light poles in Holbrook are always a beautiful source of Christmas cheer. The effort and expense required to provide these cheerful festoons of the season must serve some human need or this practice would have long been canceled and deemed as frivolous. Perhaps it's because all of these various symbols: bells, wreaths, angels, stars, candles, Christmas trees, and even Rudolf the Red Nosed Reindeer strike a chord within the human Soul. The enjoyment of these annual visitors warms something inside of us, and in some mysterious way makes us better people. Let us examine these aforementioned symbols and see if they relate to our own natures.

Bells: The bells remind us that the Universe is composed of vibrations and motion. We are all parts of this great Universal totality.

Wreaths: This form suggests a circle which is perhaps the greatest earthly concept that Man can experience that expresses the Infinitude of God.

Angels: These heavenly beings are part of many world religions and serve as messengers and guides from the Heavenly Throne. We intuitively sense that these beings are indeed real and frequently offer us aid and comfort if we will only listen.

Stars: The five-pointed star is an obvious emblem of Man with its points outlining the human frame. The four lower points of the star could represent the ancient elements of earth, fire, wa-

ter, and air or the natural aspect of human nature. The top point represents Spirit, sometimes referred to as the Quintessence. The ideal man should be dominated by this Spiritual Essence.

Candles: This is another emblem of Man. The flame is another illusion to Spirit or the Fire of the Universe that is present to a greater or lesser extent in the individual person. The human life diminishes like the melting wax of a burning taper. When the flame goes out, the smoke rises towards the heavens, an illusion to the Spirit of Man at death.

Christmas Trees: The evergreen suggests Immortality. Trees are rooted in the earth and stretch to the heavens and suggest our own True Nature. This symbolism is very similar to that of the five-pointed star,

Rudolf the Red Nosed Reindeer: This is a pop culture reference but still is full of meaning. Rudolf was the original poster boy for bullying back in the 1940s. We are admonished to “not judge by appearance but to judge with righteous judgment”. Rudolf was not a loser, but saved the day with his God given unique talents. We too have a responsibility to discover our own personal gifts and talents and develop them to the greatest possible extent.

Take time during the holidays to think about all the wonderful signs of the season. It could enrich your life!

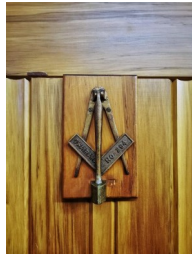


Christmas decorations in Holbrook in 2022.

WHY DID I KNOCK?

I once requested to enter in
A place unknown a place within
I had a guide, cause I was blind
I could not see what was inside

Instructions given to knock
three times
So I obeyed, and did it thrice
Before I knew a sound was made
A door flew open, admission gained.



Escorted in, conductors path
To different places I could not
grasp
Three times they asked, was it
my choice
I said, "it is", in nervous voice.

Once this had ended, I came
again
Once more to enter a second day
After it all, I was requested
To come once more, complete the les-
son.

The mysteries, of arts, of Mind
Philosophies that prove divine
To seek and learn the lessons told
Improve yourself, a voice had echoed.

It came so clear, why I had asked
To enter in, the door of paths
Subconscious thoughts an endless clock
In all I realized, why I had knocked.

Grand Lodge of North Carolina
October 10 at 3:47 AM ·
Found on Facebook



The Seal of the Grand Lodge of Israel.

Within the Square and Compasses are the Seal
of Solomon, the Cross of the Christian Religion,
and the Crescent Moon representing Islam.

DUES ARE NOW DUE FOR WHITE RIVER LODGE #62, MIZPAH CHAPTER #57, AND THE WINSLOW YORK RITE

FRANK EDENS, PAST MASTER WHITE RIVER LODGE, PAST PA-
TRON MIZPAH CHAPTER

Dues are due for your various Ma-
sonic Organizations. For both
White River Lodge (\$138) and
Mizpah Chapter (\$35) dues can be
mailed to P. O. Box 336, Show
Low 85901. Winslow York Rite
dues may be mailed to 301 N. Re-
treat Way in Show Low 85901

Dues for White River Lodge and
the Winslow York Rite may be
paid through through PayPal us-
ing the respective Websites—
whiteriverlodge62.org and winslowyorkrite.org



RECOMMENDATION FOR REPLACING CIRCUMAMBULATION IN THE FELLOWCRAFT DEGREE

FRANK EDENS, PAST MASTER, WHITE RIVER LODGE

Historically we had used the thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians for the circumambulation in the Fellowcraft Degree. It represents many of the values of Freemasonry.

Let us review the thirteen chapter of First Corinthians.

13 Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.² And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.³ And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.⁴ Charity suffereth long and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunted not itself, is not puffed up.⁵ Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; ⁶ Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth;. ⁷ Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. ⁸ Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away.⁹ For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. ¹⁰ But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. ¹¹ When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things. ¹² For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known. ¹³ And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.

Therefore, I sent legislation to the Grand Lodge's Secretary's Office for the 2024 Grand Lodge. If you would like to have a copy of what I sent, please let me know. I did not want to publish it here because it contains ritual.

RESPONSE TO POPE FRANCIS'S DECLARATION ABOUT FREEMASONRY

FRANK EDENS, PAST MASTER, WHITE RIVER LODGE

In 1738, Pope Clement XII declared Freemasonry an excommunicable offense, and the Catholic Church's position hasn't softened much since then. The Vatican this week confirmed its ban on Catholics becoming Freemasons, a secretive and ritualistic society with an estimated 6 million members worldwide. "Active membership in Freemasonry by a member of the faithful is forbidden because of the irreconcilability between Catholic doctrine and Freemasonry," the Vatican's doctrinal office wrote in a Wednesday opinion that was signed by Pope Francis.

Copied from: <https://www.newser.com/story/342759/vatican-reminds-catholics-freemasonry-is-banned.html>

Our response to the Pope's announcement is as follows:

Freemasons are taught to have respect for all religions. We realize that many people in the Catholic Church receive much spiritual enlightenment from the priests, bishops, cardinals, and the Pope. We cannot criticize anyone in the Church.

We do have many members of the Catholic Church within our fraternity. We admit members of many different denominations and religions of good moral character.

We do not solicit membership. Those who want to join our lodges come to us of their own free will and accord.

[I did find a blog on a Catholic website that people of all religions can agree upon. Please click here to read about intercessory prayer.](https://christlife.org/blog/the-power-of-intercessory-prayer) (https://christlife.org/blog/the-power-of-intercessory-prayer)

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