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White River Lodge #62 Trestleboard



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Special

Mizpah

Chapter

Issue

FROM MISPAH CHAPTER OES

What does it mean to be a member of the Order of the Eastern Star? I have been asked this question many times and my answer is always the same. Being part of Eastern Star is to become part of an amazing family whose life goal is to support worthwhile charities that are often forgotten about!

Why should YOU become a member of the Order of Eastern Star? Well, the answer is easy, join us to support our charities and bring your unique personality and skills to help us in our mission to help the downtrodden, support our wider community and to have a lot of laughs along the way!



Let me see if I can clarify some of the statements, I have heard about joining Eastern Star:

1 – Order of the Eastern Star is a woman’s organization – they don’t need Masons!

This is only partially true! Yes, OES was founded for the Wives, Daughters, Mothers, Sisters and Widows of Masons and they do hold some of the most important offices in our order. However, our ritual calls for TWO of the top 4 leadership roles to be Masons!

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DEDICATION

This Trestleboard is Dedic-
ated to Robert Bradfield,
Past Grand Master of Ari-
zona and Past Grand
Worthy Patron who
Passed to his heavenly
Father on January 14,
2024

FROM THE EAST

I would like to start by wishing a Happy New Year! to all my brothers and their loved ones. I this coming year is a great one, filled with joy and love for one another. I would like to thank all my brothers for the opportunity to sit in the East. It is truly an honor for me. I know we all joke about it being some sort of sick, Masonic punishment, but we all know that this is not the case. At least, that is what I tell myself, ha ha! As a Lodge, we have issues with the building that need to be taken care of, but we will get through them all. There are many things we can do to bring more funds to the lodge. They will involve hard work, and some new ideas on how to make them happen.



“As a Lodge, we need to be a Lodge that causes things to happen, instead of waiting for things to happen... And not wondering what happened. “

CALENDAR

WHITE RIVER LODGE

Stated meeting March 12, 2024 Dinner at 6, Meeting at 7PM

Fellowship and Practices every Tuesday night we do not have a stated meeting

MIZPAH CHAPTER

Stated meeting March 21, 2024 7PM

WINSLOW YORK RITE

Stated meeting February 1 and March 7, 2024 at 7:30 PM in Holbrook. Openings are in the Council of Cryptic Masons using the Arizona Opening.

As a Lodge, we need to be a Lodge that causes things to happen, instead of waiting for things to happen... And not wondering what happened. No idea is a bad one if you have an idea, please bring it forward. If we think you are out of your mind, that will most likely be a good idea. Let's try new things as a Lodge. Who knows? One of



our harebrained ideas may stick, and be the start of something great. There is a lot of work to be done, but through the love and support of all of us, brothers, we can accomplish great things. May brotherly, love, prevail, and every moral and social virtue cement us.

Mike Gibbs

Master, White River Lodge#62

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FROM THE WEST—THOUGHTS ON DECLINING LODGE MEMBERSHIP

Since 1950 Masonic Lodge membership in the U.S.A. has declined 75%. In 1959 almost 5 out of every 100 American men were Masons. To be fair, the decline starting in the 60's has not just affected our Fraternity. Organizations, clubs, and societies of all stripes are in decline, having more membership dying off – then new members coming in.

Reason for the shrinking numbers? All kinds of theories. From Monday Night Football, to men taking a more active role in child rearing, working more hours, changing demographics, and all people in general being less active with God.

What is the solution? – or is there a solution? I don't have the exact answer. But since a man must ask to be a member, we have to be visible. Much more visible than our White River Lodge #62 is now. We need to have a presence in the White Mountains beyond a building on Whipple Street. An article two times a month in the newspaper. A listing in the paper of our meetings times. A Lodge volunteer day once a quarter.



Let us all make suggestions and give input. We have made a good start already. Under the leadership of our Worshipful Master Mike Gibbs, we perform a road clean-up activity twice a year. We are now participating in the sponsorship of a Community College Technical Scholarship. All very good starts at showing our presence. Now let's tell everyone in our sphere of influence why we are Masons.

Fraternally,
Brother Dan Keelin
Senior Warden

FROM THE SOUTH—MASONIC PILLARS: SYMBOLISM, HISTORY, AND SIGNIFICANCE

The world of Freemasonry is rich in symbolism and ancient wisdom, with its roots dating back to the medieval stone masons and extending even further into the mysteries of ancient civilizations. Among the many symbols found within the craft, the Masonic Pillars hold a special place due to their historical, spiritual and architectural significance. These twin pillars, known as Boaz and Jachin, can be found in every Masonic Lodge and have a deep connection to the biblical story of King Solomon's Temple.

The Twin Pillars: Boaz and Jachin Origins and Significance

The origins of the Masonic Pillars can be traced back to the biblical account of King Solomon's Temple, an ancient Hebrew temple in Jerusalem. According to the Hebrew Bible, the temple was constructed with two prominent bronze pillars named Boaz and Jachin, which stood at the entrance of the temple's portico.

Within Freemasonry these two pillars hold a great symbolic importance. They represent the strong foundations upon which the Masonic tradition is built, symbolizing stability and wisdom. The pillars are also believed to embody the balance between opposite forces such as light and darkness or strength and beauty.



DIFFERENCES BETWEEN MEN AND WOMEN

FRANK EDENS, PAST MASTER, PAST WORTHY PATRON

In first century, women were considered second class citizens. Jesus' regard for women was much different though, his approach was revolutionary. Jesus believed women have an intrinsic value equal to that of men. Like men, women have a measure of self-awareness and self-determination. Examples of Jesus' treatment of women is found in the four gospels.

Jesus addressed women directly as is found in John 4:27, Luke 7:12-13; Luke 8:48; Matt. 9:22; Mark 5:34; Luke 11:27-28; Luke 13:12; and Luke 23:27-31. In John 4:7-26: Jesus was talking to a Samaritan woman at the well. He knew a lot about her before she even started talking. The verses talk a lot about their conversation. She became the first convert to Jesus' teaching.

Jesus spoke in a thoughtful caring manner to women as is found in Luke 13:16. He believed all Jewish women to be daughters of Abraham. He held women responsible for their sins. (John 4:16-18; John 8:10-11; Luke 7:44-50) Their sin was not condoned but confronted. In the first chapter of Matthew, Jesus' genealogy lists five women: Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba, and his mother Mary. This was not customary in ancient Israel. Normally only men were listed in a genealogy.

Jeffery Curtis Poor had interesting observations about how Jesus put women on the same level as men. He gave them as much of a role as men. Some of the unique observations Mr. Poor made are copied from his article:

- ◆ The first miracle went to a woman. (John 2:1-11)
- ◆ The first news of incarnation went to a woman. (Luke 1:35)
- ◆ The first Samaritan convert was a woman. (John 4:39-42)
- ◆ The first person clearly told by Jesus that he was the Messiah was a woman. (John 4:26)
- ◆ The first news of the resurrection went to a woman. (Luke 24:1-12)

According to Matthew 19:4 and Genesis 1:27: God made them Male and Female in his own image. From an article by Art Larimore, men and women complement and strengthen each other. There are great difference in the way that the brains of men and women work, partly due to hormonal levels and hardwiring. A table in an article I wrote documents differences between men and women on Pages 26 through 29. Please review the references below for more detailed information.

Freemasonry in general does not allow women to join lodges because they want to insulate their members from marriage difficulties. It is a chance for men to meet and relate to each other. Most Masons believe women have equal value, but they also recognize differences between men and women.

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FROM THE SOUTH—CONTINUED

Masonic Lodge and Rituals

The Masonic rituals play a crucial role in the architecture and layout of the Masonic Lodge. In most lodges, the pillars feature prominently displayed in the east, symbolizing the entrance to the spiritual temple. They serve as a constant reminder of the ancient origins and spiritual connections of the organization. In addition to their physical presence in the lodge, the twin pillars feature prominently in various Masonic rituals, particularly during the initiation of new members. The pillars are often symbolically represented in these rituals, highlighting the need for balance and strength in the face of adversity. The candidates are taught to emulate the qualities of these pillars as they progress through the degrees of Freemasonry.

Design and Construction: Dimensions and Materials.

The original pillars of Boaz and Jachin in King Solomon's Temple were made of bronze and adorned with intricate designs. The biblical account provides specific details about the dimensions and materials of these of these pillars. Hiram Abiff, a master craftsman from Tyre, is credited with the construction of the pillars in King Solomon's Temple. He was known for his exceptional skill in working with metals, and his craftsmanship is evident in intricate details of the pillars.

Adornments and Capitals

The original pillars in Solomon's Temple were adorned with ornate decorations the capitals or chapters, atop each pillar were 5 cubits high (approximately 7.5 feet) and featured intricate carvings of pomegranates and other decorative elements. The top of the pillars also included symbolic representations, such as the sun and the moon emphasizing their connection to celestial bodies and divine light. The artistic depictions of these symbols further enhanced the sacred and mystical nature of the pillars within Freemasonry.

Symbolism and Interpretations from Egyptian and Ancient Civilizations

The Masonic pillars share connections with Egyptian and other civilizations in terms of symbolism and architectural design. The concept of twin pillars acting as a gateway to sacred space is prevalent in various ancient cultures including Egyptian, Mesopotamian, and Greek architecture.

The Three Pillars of Freemasonry are Wisdom, Strength and Beauty. These three pillars are metaphorical and represent the values that Masons strive to uphold. Wisdom represents knowledge, learning and understanding, it is gained through study and experience. Strength represents willpower, determination and character.

These pillars are said to support the Masonic Lodge both symbolically and philosophically.

1. Wisdom symbolizes the pursuit of knowledge and understanding.
2. Strength signifies the resilience and fortitude necessary to face life's challenges and uphold the principles of the craft.
3. Beauty reflects the harmony and balance that Freemasons strive for in their lives, as well as the importance of art, creativity, and aesthetics in enriching the human experience.

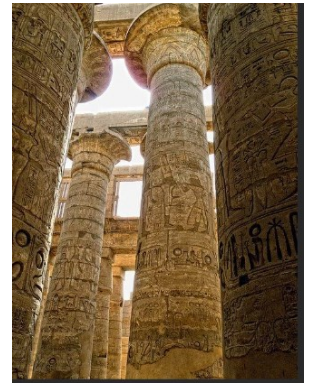
Conclusion

In summary, the Masonic pillars play a crucial role in history, symbolism, and rituals of Freemasonry. The twin pillars in Boaz and Jachin, represent strength, stability, and divine support. The three principle pillars of Wisdom, Strength and Beauty further embody the core values that Freemasons strive to uphold in their lives.

The connections to Egyptian and other ancient civilizations, celestial and divine symbolism, and emblematic interpretations such as the Pillars of Hercules, enrich the Masonic tradition and emphasize its deep rooted history.

Overall the Masonic Pillars serve as powerful reminders of the rich history, symbolism, and significance of Freemasonry. They remind the members of the organization to seek Wisdom, strength, and beauty in their lives while staying true to the ancient teachings and principles of our Craft!

Fraternally,
Santiago Limon
Junior Warden



THE ORDRR OF EASTERN STAR

We are the largest fraternal organization in the world to which both men and women may belong. Only men who are Masons are eligible, and only women with specific Masonic affiliation may be members.

HOW DOES ONE BELONG?

Those seeking membership must petition to do so. Petitions are carefully read, eligibility investigated and election to membership is made by a Chapter ballot. The Order strives to select persons of mental, moral and spiritual quality who will work together in harmony to perform its objectives.

PURPOSES

Dr. Robert Morris, the poet laureate of Masonry, founded this Order using beautiful and inspiring Biblical examples of heroic conduct and moral values. These portray the noble principles which should adorn the personal lives of Eastern Star members. Eastern Star strives to take good people and through uplifting and elevating associations of love and service, and through precept and example, to build an Order which is truly dedicated to Charity, Truth and Loving Kindness.



GOVERNMENT

The heart of the Eastern Star is in the subordinate or local Chapter. For proper administration these Chapters join to form a larger Province or State organization, the Grand Chapter. To facilitate uniformity and coordination of effort, these jurisdictions work together under a General Grand Chapter. In those cases where there are too few Chapters to form a Grand Chapter, the General Grand Chapter has Jurisdiction over these Subordinate Chapters. There are five thousand Subordinate Chapters with a membership of over 500,000 which serve this Order. The membership encompasses fourteen countries which have active Chapters, and others have expressed interest in becoming associated with the beneficial work of the Order.

INTERNATIONAL EASTERN STAR HEADQUARTERS

The awe-inspiring International Eastern Star Headquarters, located at 1618 New Hampshire Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20009-2549, is the headquarters for all the Chapters and Grand Chapters throughout the Eastern Star World. A once-in-a-lifetime contribution of five (\$5.00) dollars per member to each Chapter to which you become a member helps with the maintenance of the Headquarters. Many sources of information and supplies are available from the office of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary.

MEMBERSHIP-

Eligibility for the Degrees Affiliated Master Masons in good standing, the female relatives related by birth, marriage or adoption of affiliated Master Masons in good standing, or if deceased were in good standing at the time of their death, as well as members –either active for three (3) years or majority –of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls or Job's Daughters International, each of whom having attained the age of eighteen (18) years, are eligible to membership in the Order of the Eastern Star.

EASTERN STAR -A WAY OF LIFE

Eastern Star is a social Order comprised of persons with deep religious beliefs and spiritual values but is not a religion. People of all faiths may belong; we only require a belief in a Supreme Being. Its appeal rests in the true beauty of the beautiful and character-building lessons that are portrayed in its ritualistic work. It is the fraternal relationship of brotherly and sisterly love brought about through high principles exemplified in our daily lives which makes us near and dear to each other.

THE ORDRR OF EASTERN STAR –CONTINUED

PROJECTS

Concrete evidence of the charitable nature of the organization is the millions of dollars which have been raised and the countless hours of service donated by the membership to many organizations including:

- Service Dogs –Our premiere project
- ESTARL-Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership
- Regenerative Medicine
- Knights Templar Eye Foundation
- Shriners Hospitals and Transportation
- Military & Veterans Projects
- Masonic Youth Groups
- Scottish Rite Learning Centers and Hospitals



INTERNATIONAL PEACE GARDEN

The International Peace Garden is located on the boundary between North Dakota and Manitoba, Canada. The members of the Order of the Eastern Star donated a lovely Chapel to the Peace Garden and provide for it through a Maintenance Fund.

YOUTH GROUPS

Eastern Star gives support to young people who are members of Rainbow for Girls, Job's Daughters, and the Order of DeMolay. These fine young people who are training to be leaders are likely prospects to become valued Eastern Stars. The Order of the Eastern Star and the Masonic fraternity are highly rewarded by their support of and interest in these youth organizations.

Meaning OF MEMBERSHIP

The members of the Order of the Eastern Star are dedicated women and men who sincerely reflect the spirit of fraternal love and the desire to work together for good. It gives them the opportunity to give a part of their time to many projects that benefit mankind. We are proud of our Order's heritage. We need the energies of our members to increase the membership of our order. Thousands of our members have contributed their time, talents and wisdom in unselfish service to our Order and for the good of the world. It is through this fraternal service to humanity that together we build a better life for all.

Next Arizona Grand Chapter Meeting

July 30 – August 3, 2024

Next General Grand Chapter Meeting

General Grand Chapter, OES 51st Triennial Assembly "Worldwide the Family of God Marches Together" Sheraton Myrtle Beach Convention Center Myrtle Beach, SC October 24–November 1, 2024

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[Petition for OES Membership for those who meet Membership requirements. Please click here while holding the Ctrl Key.](#)

MISPAH CHAPTER OES—CONTINUED

2 – I am so busy, there is NO way I can add another organization.

I understand being busy, we all have busy lives, and it seems like the older we get, the faster time goes by! Do you have young children? Until they are 2, they can join you in Chapter.

Mizpah Chapter meets the third Thursday March – December at 7PM – this is ONE night a month. Please join us!

I could go on and on, my suggestion is, reach out to any member of Mizpah Chapter, even one of your Brothers in Whiteriver Lodge #62 and talk to them about Eastern Star! If you still have questions, give me a call!

I have been a member of Mizpah Chapter #57 for 31 years this past December. WOW – 31 years –I was shocked when I came up with this number!! Our membership is ageing and if we are to survive, we need YOU to join us!

Our next meeting will be March 21, 2024, at 7:00pm as we are dark January & February due to the weather. I look forward to seeing you there! Cheri Witt

Worthy Matron

Mizpah Chapter #57 Order of Eastern Star



Picture of Chandler Chapter #18 OES in January 2024

Picture taken from Facebook

Arizona Grand Chapter, Order of Eastern Star

“THE FEMININE TOUCH”

BY PETER JOHNSON, PM, CHALCEDONY LODGE NO.6

This is indeed an odd title to appear within the context of the male-oriented Masonic Fraternity, However, a little investigation will reveal that there truly is a feminine aspect to be found in both Freemasonry and the Western Esoteric Tradition. Our grandest symbol, King Solomon’s Temple, is said to symbolize both the individual Man and the Universe itself. The Universe, literally “ONE-VERSE”, suggests the grandest of all totalities. The brazen pillars at the entrance of the Temple, Boaz and Jachin, reveal another great Truth: The Universe is a dual unity. Many examples of this concept come to mind - to name a few: light/dark, cold/hot, life/death, good/evil and, of course, male and female.



In this sense, we are not just considering male and female as physical characteristics, but as cosmic or divine principles. The Divine Feminine plays a much smaller part in Western culture than that it does in the Orient. However, the Divine Feminine is far from nonexistent in Western thought. The highly emotional love songs of the medieval troubadours are said to actually have been songs of adoration to a female deity. Roman Catholicism also has the beautiful theology of exalting the Virgin Mary as the Queen of Heaven. This seems to be similar to the figure of Isis in the religion of ancient Egypt.



In the Orient, female and male are depicted by the curious symbols of yin and yang. An interesting aspect of these symbols is the appearance of the small dots in each symbol. This tells us that there is a little of the male in the female,

and a little of female in the male. In traditional terms on the earthly plane, maleness is seen as the hunter, food gatherer, and protector, while the female nature is that of home and hearth and playing the part of the nurturer. Although the culture of the ancient Hebrew was that of a Patriarchy, the role of women was at the same time quite advanced over many other neighboring countries. Women had great responsibility in running their individual households on a day-to-day basis. They were expected to take charge of the wealth of their husbands and use it in a responsible manner.

It is also interesting to observe that the concept of wisdom was referred to in a feminine context in the Old Testament:

“Doth not wisdom cry and understanding put forth her voice? She standeth at the top of the high places, by way in the places in the paths. She cries out at the gates at the entrance of the city...”

It seems clear that wisdom does possess a nurturing quality. (This may remind you of all the helpful advice your mother gave you as a kid.) In Gnostic Christianity, Sophia is highly venerated as the heavenly instigator of wisdom.

The human soul is also considered to be of a feminine nature due to its nurturing qualities. The subconscious mind is considered by some to be a part of the powers of the soul and thus also has a feminine characteristic. This aspect of the mind seems to be the place where thoughts go to a sort of “womb” where they become more developed.

According to traditional Chinese lore, even the seasons have a yin/yang, or female/male, aspect to them. The fall and winter seasons are the yin or female time of the year. There is less daylight and colder weather. This is the time when one should decrease activity, eat hearty foods, and get more rest. The yang or male time of the year are the spring and summer seasons. During this period of extended daylight, it is time to eat lighter, sleep less, and work harder. Hopefully one is using some of the energy that was stored up from the yin time of the year.

As a parting thought, keep the masculine and feminine energies in good balance in your own home during this special month. Make sure to do something thoughtful for Valentine’s Day!

Masonic Birthdays

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Name	MasonDay	Years
THOMAS PERRY LEWIS	2/22/1965	59
Lawrence Edward Valis	2/11/1982	42
WILLIAM BOZEMAN SLOAN	2/7/1987	37
James P. Kasburg	2/7/1995	29
KEVIN BRUCE EOFF	2/22/2003	21
WINSTON RANDALL FOX	3/25/1977	47
Ronald Dean Jones	3/11/1983	41
JAMES HARRY TURNBULL	3/19/1988	36
CHARLES GARRETT WILLIAMS	3/19/1994	30
Jimmy Chandler Adams	3/18/1998	26
Thomas Meyer, Jr	3/26/2007	17
Michael Lynn Machamer	3/27/2010	14
Kenneth Frank Myers	3/10/2012	12
Total Years		411

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