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White River Lodge #62 Trestleboard

February March 2025



FROM THE EAST

Brethren;

A few newer members are working very hard to turn the lodge around. We have many new members who show leadership qualities. Plans for this year, such as a George Washington Dinner on February 15, at least one rummage sale in the spring or summer, and a Fall BBQ on August 31, the day before Labor Day.

We have one brother working diligently to learn the Third Degree Lecture. Other brothers are working diligently on conferring degrees. All three of our dais officers are proficient in their stations. We need more brothers to attend meetings to support our officers in their work to get the lodge on track.

We need to consider how to get community involvement in the lodge. We might consider having a community dance, the John Darst might be willing to play, there are other bands around we could invite. This would require the support of many members and their families. We could serve sandwiches with soup or salads.

We need members to develop ideas to increase community involvement so that we can have ways of finding new members.

Santiago Limon

Master, White River Lodge



Pray for moisture, this has been a very dry winter



Show Low, AZ : Winter at dusk
in Show Low

FROM THE WEST

How many U.S. Presidents have been Freemasons. Fourteen United States presidents have been Freemasons, meaning that there is conclusive evidence that these men received the Master Mason degree. The Masonic presidents are: George Washington; James Monroe; Andrew Jackson; James Polk; James Buchanan; Andrew Johnson; James Garfield; William McKinley; Theodore Roosevelt; William Taft; Warren Harding; Franklin Delano Roosevelt; Harry S. Tru-

man; Gerald Ford.

A few more have been Entered Apprentice Degree, but only the 14 above have been raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason.

See you at Lodge,

Danny Keelin

Senior Warden

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The lodge needs someone who can send out sympathy cards, masonic birthday cards, get well cards, etcetera. The person would be a member of the sickness and distress committee

I dare someone in White River Lodge to work to become a Master Ritualist by learning all the Lectures, Openings and Closings, et cetera. Frank

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Tyler	Don Anderson	928 243 5342
Secretary Emeritus	Clay Howard	928 242 2994

Masonic Birthdays, Mason Day, and Years Mason			
	Birthday	Mason Day	Years Mason
Winston Randall Fox	7/4/1945	3/25/1977	47.84
Ronald Dean Jones	9/9/1961	3/11/1983	41.88
James Paul Kasburg	4/19/1938	2/7/1995	29.97
Kevin Bruce Eoff	9/25/1957	2/22/2003	21.93
Thomas Meyer , Jr	1/18/1955	3/26/2007	17.84
William Bozeman Sloan	7/7/1939	2/7/1987	17.03
Neal Patrick Smith	3/22/1966	7/26/2008	16.51
Chad Phillip Berlin	2/7/1975	7/10/2010	14.55
Robert Hughes Honea	3/6/1977	9/20/2014	10.35

MIZPAH CHAPTER

Easter

The beautiful, verdant Easter season brings a message of joy and peace to all whose consciousness is in tune to receive the message of Christ's Resurrection. On all sides, we view nature's rebirth with pleasure, inspiring us to new visions of great opportunities for growth in our souls through generous deeds and sympathetic cooperation.

In Eastern Star, we have five-star points. The first star point is Adah. Adah represents the spring of her life. The story of Adah challenges us to carry throughout our lives the innocence and sweetness of a young girl and to approach our life problems with the enthusiasm and willingness with which Adah approached the difficulties she faced.

Our first meeting of the year is March 20, 2025

Membership Rule Changes

The Eastern Star has recently changed its membership rules. Ladies no longer need a Masonic relative to join, but men must still be a Mason to join. Rainbow Girls and Job's Daughters may also petition to join an Eastern Star Chapter.

Open House

Mizpah Chapter is planning to have an open house on March 29 from 10 AM until 2 PM. We are inviting members of the community to visit the lodge. The objective is to attract new members in light of the new membership rule changes. We will have refreshments.

Steak Fry

On June 14 Mizpah Chapter will hold a steak fry from 11 AM until 4 PM. We will mention this in future Trestleboards. Although Calvary Commandery 8 will have a meeting on June 14 beginning at 11 AM, this will not conflict in any way with the York Rite Meeting. York Rite Members are welcome to attend. All lodge brothers and members of the community are welcome to attend.

Worthy Matron. Amber Thompson

Worthy Patron Tom Meyer

References: Eastern Star The Officers Speech Book and Symbolism of the Eastern Star



Condoleezza Rice is an example of a very inferential members of the Order of Eastern Star

CALENDAR

WHITE RIVER LODGE #62

Stated Meetings: February 11 and March 11—
Dinner at 6 PM, Meeting at 7 PM

Fellowship Hour are on other Tuesday Evenings at 6 PM.

MIZPAH CHAPTER #57

Stated Meeting: March 20 at 7:00 PM

Open House—March 29 from 10 AM until 2 PM.

Steak Fry—June 14 11:00 AM til 4:00 PM

WINSLOW YORK RITE

Stated Meetings: February 4 and March 4 at 7:30 PM in Winslow. Openings are in the Council of Cryptic Masons. Dress is purple jackets.

White River Lodge Members—Please Log into az-masons.org,

Click the Grand View Oval, enter your email address and create a password if necessary. Please check to see if you owe dues and update your contact information if necessary. If you have trouble log in, please contact the secretary at 928-242-3656 or send a email to whiteriver-lodge62@gmail.com

GRAND MASTER'S NEW YEAR MESSAGE FOR 2025



The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Arizona

Michael A. Dale Grand Master
PO Box 2059
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Subject: Grand Master New Year's Message

To: All Arizona Masons Withersoever
Dispersed Bretheren,

HONOR
COURAGE
COMMITMENT

As we embark on another year, let us continue our journey with the theme that has guided us thus far: Circumscribing our desires and keeping our passions within due bounds. This enduring principle remains at the core of our Masonic journey, and it is through Honor, Courage, and Commitment that we will continue to strengthen our fraternity and ourselves.

Honor

Honor is not a fleeting value but a continuous practice. Let us recommit ourselves to the obligations we have taken. These sacred promises are the foundation of our Craft, and I urge each of you to revisit them regularly. Honor extends beyond ritual; it resides in our actions and interactions. Listen actively to others, show respect in both word and deed, and cultivate kindness and patience in every encounter. Through Honor, we uplift each other and set an example for all.

Courage

Courage remains essential as we face the challenges of our modern world. It takes courage to live by our principles, to share the light of Masonry openly, and to face fears that may hold us back. Continue refining your ability to speak about Masonry with confidence and clarity. Remember, courage grows with practice. Every step taken in courage brings us closer to becoming the men and Masons we aspire to be.

Commitment

Commitment is the steady flame that keeps our purpose alive. As we move forward, let us renew our dedication to our lodges, our brethren, and our personal growth. True commitment is not measured in grand gestures but in consistent, meaningful actions. Be reliable, be persistent, and be loyal. Commit not only to the Craft but also to your own improvement, for a stronger Mason builds a stronger lodge.

Brethren, our theme continues not because it has not been fulfilled, but because it remains ever-relevant. Let us build upon the foundation we have laid and carry this message forward with renewed energy and determination. May the Great Architect of the Universe guide and bless each of you in this year ahead.

Sincerely and Fraternaly, Michael A. Dale Grand Master 2024-2025

THREE IMPORTANT LEADERSHIP SKILLS

FRANK EDENS, PAST MASTER

When attempting to lead an organization, you become aware of any deficiencies within the organization. Many present cannot create new ideas. Many do not have abilities to enter into conversations during a meetings. Candidates for membership in a lodge should have leadership qualities and traits of independent thought.

I tripped across an interesting article titled "3 Ways to Start Sounding Like an Executive." All dais officers are executives. They are supposed to be leaders of the craft. They potentially are capable of creating new ideas to lead the craft.

The three ways to improve your leadership qualities are to

- Have views
- Manage the airtime
- Use only positive language

Have Views

You may not know the answer when asked a question, but having a perspective is important. For example, if you are discussing fundraisers, you may not know the best fundraiser to generate the most profit for the lodge. You could say based on my experience the best ones are the ones that attract the public to the fundraiser. These have the highest potential. Or you might say, observing the results of rummage sales at X Lodge, we need to determine how to have a rummage sale at our lodge. Both opinions convey authority without being definitive. Either option could set brothers on track to create solutions and get more brothers involved.

Manage the airtime

A good meeting involves paying attention to who is speaking and how much. You may have to interject yourself into the discussion to make it more efficient. You may have to make subtle in adjustments to discussions to make them more productive.

Keeping the meeting focused and efficient shows, you are thinking about the bigger picture and respecting other brothers in the meeting. Managing your airtime is also important. If you talk too much on a subject, your words begin to lose impact. Speaking succinctly and to the point demonstrates your good leadership abilities.

If someone dominates the conversation too much, make it easier for others to participate. If someone is called upon in a meeting, they may get the impression they are being put on the spot. You might instead ask if there are other points of view.

Use only positive language

Positive words help convey a diplomatic and solution-oriented approach. Leaders are problem solvers, not complainers. Using only positive words makes it impossible to complain. Instead of saying "That idea will never work." say "How would that meet our objectives?"

Being a leader is not about having the right answers, but encouraging others to create new ideas and bring brothers together for a common purpose. How you project confidence and encourage brothers to work together demonstrates your leadership ability. Leadership also means that you encourage brothers to brainstorm and create new ideas that will work within the organization.

Working on these three subtle skills will improve your leadership skills.

Reference: May Busch, 3 Ways to Start Sounding Like an Executive, *ASU (Arizona State University) Thrive*, Volume 28, Number 1



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May your day be filled with good thoughts, kind people, and happy moments.

Always believe something wonderful is about to happen.

People hear your words, but they feel your attitude.

From the Facebook page of Jeff Bolstad

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