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## White River Lodge #62

### Trestleboard

January, February, March 2023



#### FROM THE EAST

I am truly honored as I accept with humility the opportunity to serve and be entrusted with the care of the Masters Jewel of White River Lodge #62 for the upcoming year. As I look back on my journey to the big chair, I pay tribute to all of the past Masters and Brothers, who have been the strength of the lodges to which I have been a member. Thank you for making it possible to keep the Lodge doors open. I seek your counsel, and promise to try my best to uphold the principle and customs of our ancient institution. In return, I pledge to keep in view the best interest of this great brotherhood and will endeavor to do all that this high office requires.

I am fully aware that I cannot do all this by myself. Just asking all of you, my Brothers, to continue supporting our lodge projects, and to maybe come up with new ones. I congratulate all of the members of the Lodge, especially the newly installed officers who will bring a bright future. What the future holds is not in the hands of fate, nor in the hands of others but in our ours alone. What is left for the next generation will depend on how we walk and act as Masons today.

I would also like to thank my wife who supports me in every hare-brained idea I have. She inspires me every day to be a better husband and a better father, and a better person in general, which at times is no small task.

To all my Brothers of White River Lodge #62 for welcoming me to be a member of the Lodge, even though I was from a California Lodge. This shows brotherly love does run deep.

Lastly, I thank God for this wonderful life and blessing me with a loving family and friends, and with a fraternity that I love.

Fraternally,  
Michael Gibbs



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## FROM THE WEST

Thank you my Brothers for electing me and putting your trust in me as the Senior Warden in 2023. My foremost duty is to serve and support our newly elected Worshipful Master Brother Mike. Another important job is our 2023 Bar-B-Q. If we stay on top of it and start the planning early the September event will be more special and successful. Our Lodge numbers of newly and active members is growing and the Brotherhood we feel and see at our meetings is strong.

Let us make 2023 a very good year to be a Mason, and White River Lodge #62 shows support for one and all. Remember we are here for each other - it is in our oath and hearts. See you at the Lodge,

Fraternally,  
Brother Dan Keelin,  
2023 Senior Warden White River Lodge #62

## FROM THE SOUTH

Thank you, Brethren of White River Lodge #62 for electing me to sit in the South. I'm humbled to serve you as the Junior Warden of this Lodge. It seems like yesterday when I was initiated, passed, and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, I am truly blessed!

My plans are to work closely with our elected Senior Warden Dan Keelin and our Worshipful Master Mike Gibbs. We have our own ideas on the direction our Blue Lodge will be heading in the incoming year and beyond! No need to worry, nothing extreme!

Brothers keep an eye out on those emails or texts, for I will put out the dinner we will be having at every stated meeting for 2023!

I want to give a special shout out to our DDGM, Most Worshipful Past Master Paul Diaz! My mentor.

Fraternally,  
Santiago Limon  
2023 Junior Warden White River Lodge #62

## FROM THE LODGE SECRETARY

As you should already know the dues (\$138.00) for the upcoming year are due on or before January 2nd. This is so you can attend your first Meeting in January or another Lodge's meetings. White River is normally Dark in January and February so we are a-little lax in this respect. It is anticipated that we may be changing our Bylaws where we can meet if the weather permits.

Your Dues are used to support the lodge activities, utilities, maintenance, insurance and repairs. Due to the bat infestation and the replacement of a 1/3rd of our sewer line because of roots and clean outs not pervious install, we have had to expend funds that were meant for other charitable purposes.

Coupled with loss of Brothers, Covid shut down, over the last three years, and present inflation we are expending funds that would normally be used to support the community or for needed repairs. We are also into funds that we are required by our obligations we all took oaths to provide for.

We are going to have to come up with different ways to improve our fund-raising ideas to do things and still not jeopardize our tax exempt status. At the present we have a limit of a yearly income of \$50,000 before we lose our tax exempt status. There is a 5-year averaging if you exceed that in any year, if that doesn't change.

If you are experiencing difficulty with making a full payment please see me or one of our pedestal officers about making different arrangements. Lodge e-mail is whiteriverlodge62@gmail.com. You can also Use Pay Pal (approx. \$143.50) to make your dues Payment and/or donations to any of our charities, Building Funds.

## MIZPAH CHAPTER #57 ORDER OF EASTERN STAR



Ah! January the month of resolutions, keep it simple no grandiose goals; “I’m going to lose 30 pounds; I’m going to write the next great American novel. These rarely work. Eat dessert only on weekends. Write in a journal for 15 minutes every other day. Does your resolution truly matter to you? That’s why. Make it a goal you feel you should achieve, but don’t really want to, keeping a resolution it may prove difficult. So, spend time in quiet contemplation before spelling your resolutions. Once you have a goal, write it down, where you can see it every day and make a support group consisting of spouse, family and friends. The goal is to have people around that will help you.

In February don’t forget the George Washington dinner at the lodge on the 11th at 6:00 PM. Will have Past Grand Master Scott Thomas talk to us. I am looking forward to his talk.

March will the famous time change & will have our OES meeting the day before St. Patrick’s Day .

For all Worthy Matrons they have 1 or 2 special charities for their year. For my year. The Summit Health Care Cancer Center was given some crochet/Afghan hats & lap blankets. The Director (Julie Forney) loved them. I sent a picture & article to the newspaper. Don’t know when it will be in the paper?

Hope you had a great Christmas and a Happy New year.

Donna Meyer

Worthy Matron, Mizpah Chapter #57 OES.

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## FROM THE LODGE SECRETARY— CONTINUED

A Second Degree is coming up, hopefully in February or March. If you have a NEW e-mail, contact, or address, please e-mail the changes to the Lodge.

See you in Lodge.

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Secretary,  
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## SCHEDULES

### WHITE RIVER LODGE

George Washington Dinner: February 11 at 6 PM

Next Stated Meetings:  
March 14. Dinner at 6:00 PM, Lodge at 7:00 PM

Practice and Possible Degree work on other Tuesday evenings January through forever weather permitting.

### MIZPAH CHAPTER OES

Dark in January and February. Please attend the George Washington dinner on February 11 at 6PM

Next Stated Meeting on March 16 at 7:00 PM

### WINSLOW YORK RITE

Stated Meetings: January 5: Commandery, February 2: Royal Arch, March 2: royal Arch in Winslow  
Please see <https://www.winslowyorkrite.org/meeting-schedule.html>

Degree Work: January 14 at 11 AM: Past Master and Most Excellent Master Degrees in Holbrook

February 18 at 10 AM: Possible Royal Arch Degree in Winslow

February 18 at 9 AM: Chapter Festival in Phoenix

February 25 at 9 AM: Council Festival in Phoenix

March 18: Mid-Year Meeting in Sun City, 18810 N 107th Ave

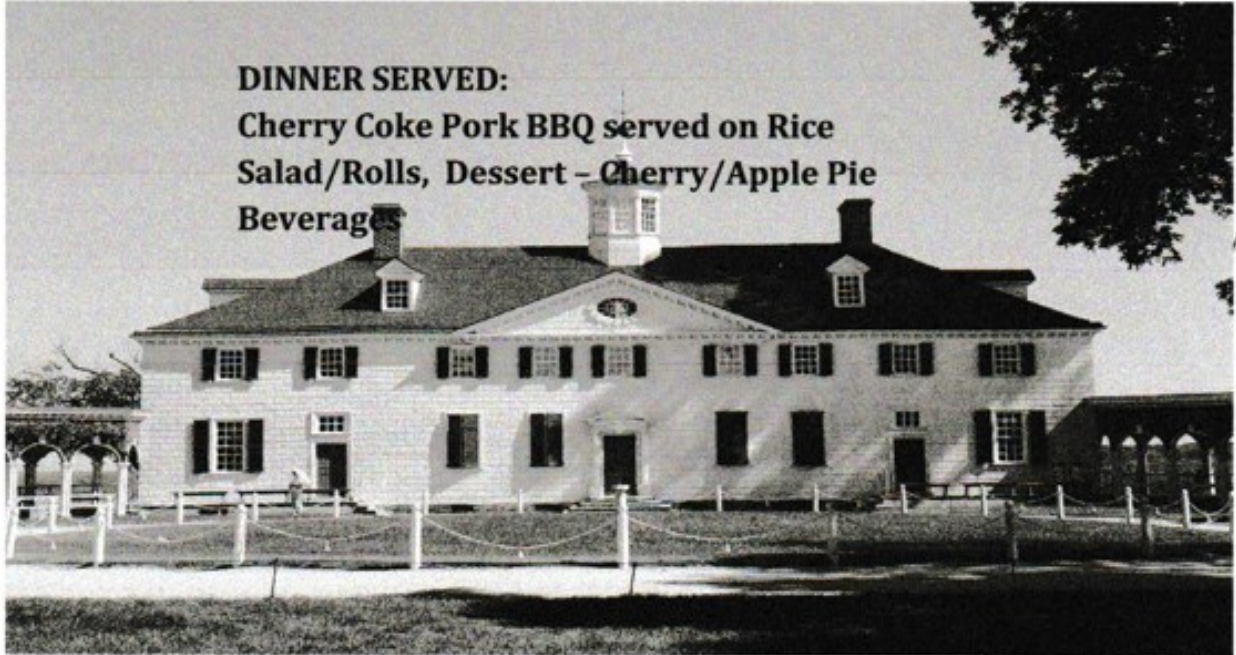
# *Invitation to a Party !!!*



Celebration of the Birth

Brother

**"George Washington"**



**DINNER SERVED:**

Cherry Coke Pork BBQ served on Rice  
Salad/Rolls, Dessert - Cherry/Apple Pie  
Beverages

**DATE:** February 11, 2023  
**TIME:** 6:00 PM  
**PLACE:** White River Lodge #62  
741 E. Whipple - Show Low, AZ

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Washington Memorial Ambassador  
M.W. Scott Thomas

**-Reservation Required-  
No later than February 1st - 928 537-1567**

**COST \$17.00 AT THE DOOR  
Open to the Public**

# SHRINERS AND MASONS AT SHOW LOW CITY COUNCIL MEETING OCTOBER 4, 2022



On October 4 several Shriners and Masons attended the Show Low City Council meeting where a proclamation honoring the 150th birthday of the Shrine International and the 100th birthday of the Shrine Hospitals.

We would like to thank the City of Show Low Mayor, Vice Mayor, and city council for this recognition of the Shrine International. We had Shriners and Masons drive from as far away as Winslow for his presentation in the City Council meeting chamber.

Steve Beardsley  
White Mountain Shrine Club



## QUOTES AND THINGS

### PAST MASTER

Perhaps you think your work is done,  
A task completed, honors won;  
Still there's much more work to do,  
The Lodge you ruled has need for you.

Make no mistake, you are needed now;  
Assist your brothers, show them how.  
Sage advice give and good advice.  
The cable tow, extended twice;  
Each act with kindness and open hand  
Real "Brotherhood" then will expand.

Found on Facebook Page: Freemasonry Squared

Contributed by Frank Edens

### STRUCTURE OF FREEMASONRY ADDED TO WEBSITE

A chart of many of the degrees and orders has been added to our Website: [whiteriverlodge62.org](http://whiteriverlodge62.org) under a dropdown menu of 'Freemasonry.' The chart is relative to the Winslow York Rite.

### QUOTES

*Strong teams won't be told what to do. They work together to figure out what to do. Elon Musk*

Hebrews 13: Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. <sup>2</sup> Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it.

## ORIGINS OF FREEMASONRY – FRANK EDENS, PM WHITE RIVER

In the September 2022 issue of the Knight Templar Magazine are couple of interesting articles about the Knights of St. John in the Crusades, how the knights influenced the creation of the masonic order formed during the Crusades, and how knightly principles were preserved in the fall of the Templar Order.

### The Knights of St John

Blessed Gerard, who was first known as Gerard de Martigues, formed The Knights of St. John of in 1099. Pope Paschal II recognized the new order on February 15, 1113, as a new religion. The order served as a hospice for the sick, weary, and dying in a Christian quarter of the old city of Jerusalem. They also became known as the Knights Hospitaller.

In 1185, Pope Innocent II issued a Coat of Arms for the Order since they had been forged in battle. This coat of arms consisted of a silver Latin cross on a field of red. Standard military dress was issued in in 1248 by Pope Innocent IV that consisted of a red, or a black surcoat with a white cross emblazoned on it. This uniform increased their range of motion.

After the fall of Jerusalem in 1187, and the fall of Acre in 1191, the Knights of St. John ultimately went to Cyprus in 1291, and onto Rhodes on 15 August 1310. In 1312 Pope Clement V handed over the assets of the Knight Templar, which had been recently disbanded, to Knights Hospitaller. By 1489, statues required the knights to wear a eight pointed cross. The eight points not only represented the eight languages the order had originally been formed from, but it also represented the eight obligations or aspirations of a soldier of Christ as discussed in the article. These eight obligations are in the following table, and are compared to the eight Beatitudes from Matthew. These eight languages and beatitudes as revered by Christian Knights are discussed in the Order of Malta of the York Rite. My question when I read the article was how the Obligations compare to the eight Beatitudes.

Comparison of the Obligations the Knights of St. John to the Eight Beatitudes

Obligation Number	Obligation of Christian Warriors and Knights of St. John	Comparison Obligations to Beatitudes	The Eight Beatitudes
1.	Live in Truth	4.	Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven
2.	Have an unwavering faith	3.	Blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comforted
3.	Repent one sins in accordance with the doctrine of the faithful	2.	Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth
4.	Give proof of humility through acts of contrition and other more corporal acts	7.	BLESSED ARE THEY WHO HUNGER AND THIRST AFTER RIGHTEOUSNESS: FOR THEY SHALL BE FILLED
5.	Love justice above the sin of cowardice	6.	BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL: FOR THEY SHALL OBTAIN MERCY
6.	Be merciful and compassionate	1.	BLESSED ARE THE PURE IN HEART: FOR THEY SHALL SEE GOD
7.	Be sincere and wholehearted in truth and justice	5.	BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS: FOR THEY SHALL BE CALLED SONS OF GOD.
8.	Endure persecution and freely give up one's life for Christ	8.	BLESSED ARE THEY THAT HAVE BEEN PERSECUTED FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS' SAKE: FOR THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

## ORIGINS OF FREEMASONRY —CONTINUED

The knights ceded Rhodes on 22 December 1523 due to the expansion of the Ottoman empire. Charles V and Pope Leo X agreed to grant the island of Malta to the knights. The Knights of St. John became known as the Knights of Malta. The knight resumed attacks on the Ottoman shipping. Suleiman I of the Ottoman Empire had attempted to take Malta in 1551 without success. He then became determined to take the island. The knights became apprised of Saleiman's intentions to take the island, the 500 knights were reinforced with 8,500 soldiers, sailors, and citizens. They were able to thwart what became known as "The Great Siege." The knights with their reinforcements were able to defeat Saleiman's forces. Over 35,000 of Saleiman's forces were killed.

This gave inspiration to Europeans to form an alliance against the Ottoman Empire. The strategic location of Malta assisted to Europe to defend itself against invaders of the Ottoman Empire.

### The Origin of Freemasonry from the Templars

According to the research of Albert Mackey, the Chevalier Andrew Michael Ramsay's oration of 1737 gave an aristocratic view of Freemasonry. Ramsay's oration told of the development of Freemasonry in the Holy Land during the Crusades through interactions of Masons and Knights of St John. Thus, early Masonic Lodges were called Lodges of St. John. Ramsay promoted masonry in Scotland and France.

There are a couple of interesting legends. One is that Jacques DeMolay appointed, sometimes before his death while in prison on trumped-up charges, his nephew, Beaujeu to create four lodges in Paris, Edinburgh, Stockholm, and Naples.

Another is that the Provincial Grand Master of Auvergne, Pierre D'Aumont, after the fall of the Templar Order, fled from France with two commanders and five knights. They disguised themselves as operative stonemasons to take refuge on a Scottish island. Here they found the high commander, George Harris, and several other brothers. They vowed to preserve the ancient traditions of their defunct Templar Order. They formed their new chapter on St. John Day in 1312. D'Aumont was elected Grand Master. To avoid persecution, they adopted secret signs and passwords. The chapter was called the Franc Masons. When they traveled to England, they were called Free Masons.

Mackey wrote the following about Ramsey's oration of 1737 when he discussed the D'Aumont legend about the beginnings of Freemasonry:

The Chevalier Ramsay was the real author of the doctrine of the Templar origin of Freemasonry, and to him we are really indebted (if the debt has any value) for the D'Aumont legend. The source whence it sprang is tolerably satisfactory evidence of its fictitious character... Without a particle of historical evidence for its support, it has nevertheless exerted a powerful influence on the Masonic organization of even the present day. We find its effects looming out in the most important rites and giving a Templar form to many of the high degrees. And it cannot be doubted that the incorporation of Templarism into the modern Masonic system is mainly to be attributed to ideas suggested by this D'Aumont legend.

A year after Chevalier Ramsay gave his oration, Pope Clement XII issued the first of many Papal Bulls against Freemasonry this first one was titled: *In Eminenti Apostolatus Specula*. The Vatican may have known about the Templar/Masonic connection.

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