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FROM THE EAST—THE FORGET ME NOT

The 'Forget Me Not' is the informal name of the Myosotis flower, generally known for being small, with 5 blue or purple petals. Historically, it holds a place in the poetry of Wadsworth and Thoreau, medieval German legends, Christian hagiography, and English political history. For Freemasons, the 'Forget Me Not' is a symbol that reminds us of resilience and resistance, and of love for the Fraternity and its principles, even under distress and persecution.

This little flower was first introduced in German Masonry back in 1926, long before the Nazi era, at the annual Communication of the Grand Lodge Zur Sonne, in Bremen, where it was distributed to all the participants, much like Masons still do today with our multitude of lapel pins and other symbols. During this time, many people depended on charity, some of which was Masonic. Distributing lapel pins of the Forget Me Not at the Grand Lodge Communication was meant to remind German Brethren of the charitable activities of the Grand Lodge.

This was a particularly terrible time in Germany, economically speaking, as they were still recovering from the ramifications of losing the Great War and trying to rebuild their economy while under the constraints of the Treaty of Versailles, which among other things required Germany to pay reparations to those nations who formed the Entente Powers. This situation was further aggravated in 1929 following that year's Great Depression. It was this economic situation that was instrumental in the resurgence of German nationalism and was a significant contribution in enabling Hitler's rise to power.



The 'forget me not' pin and Myosotis flower discussed in the Master's From the East article.



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From its inception in 1933, Nazi Germany placed a strong emphasis on propaganda and achieving a positive public perception of its ideological goals. This included legal, political, and civic restrictions against opponents of the regime, and those who were victims of its rigid racial and social ideology. Along with Jews, homosexuals, those living with physical and mental handicaps, Catholics, and Jehovah's Witnesses - Freemasons were targeted for criminal prosecution and exclusion from society. This was achieved in a number of ways. The Enabling Act of 1933 allowed for a governmental decree the following year that officially dissolved all Masonic Lodges within the Third Reich, confiscated their property, and formally barred those associated with Freemasonry from membership in the Nazi Party. In 1934-5, the Ministry of Defense ruled that soldiers, officers, and civilian personnel could not be members of Masonic organizations, and Hitler declared a victory over "international Jewry" in which he linked antisemitism to conspiracy theories about Freemasonry.



The inverted red triangle worn by Freemasons in German concentration camps.

In early 1934, it became evident that Freemasonry was in danger. In that same year, the Grand Lodge of the Sun (one of the pre-war German Grand Lodges, located in Bayreuth) realizing the grave danger they were facing, adopted the Forget Me Not as a substitute for the traditional square and compasses.

The head of the Sicherheitsdienst des Reichsführers-SS, (or for those of us who don't speak German so well, the SD), the intelligence branch of the SS, Reinhard Heydrich, labeled Masons as "most implacable enemies of the German race." He later demanded that Germany "root out from every German the "indirect influence of the Jewish spirit" -- "a Jewish, liberal, and Masonic infectious residue that remains in the unconscious of many, above all in the academic and intellectual world." The SS featured two separate offices dedicated to pursuing Masonic properties and Freemasons, a process that would continue into the war and into countries under direct or indirect German control. Vichy France declared Freemasons 'enemies of the state' and in Fascist Italy, Mussolini spoke out against Jewish-Bolshevik-Masonic conspiracies. It is estimated that upwards of 200,000 Freemasons were forced into the German concentration camp system under the auspices of being considered political prisoners and as such were forced to wear the inverted red triangle badge on their prison uniforms.

Anti-Freemasonry took many forms under the Nazis, both individually and collectively, and in official and informal capacities. The most popular charges were conspiratorial and antisemitic. Freemasonry was linked to a variety of Nazi enemies – Communism, the international press, and Jews. This was done in Party newspapers and literature, in political speeches, and through indoctrination events such as museum exhibitions. Mock lodge displays were set up featuring skeletons in Masonic regalia alongside Jewish symbols or imposing the square and compass over or alongside a six-pointed Star of David. Portraits of prominent Freemasons were displayed alongside a Torah scroll, and posters featuring the site of European radical political revolutions featured a Masonic apron.



Prisoners in a German concentration Camp

FROM THE EAST—CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

"The relationship between Jews and Freemasons." The text at the top reads: "World politics World revolution." The text at the bottom reads, "Freemasonry is an international organization beholden to Jewry with the political goal of establishing Jewish domination through world-wide revolution." The map, decorated with Masonic symbols (temple, square, and apron), shows where revolutions took place in Europe from the French Revolution in 1789 through the German Revolution in 1919. This poster is no. 64 in a series entitled *Erblehre und Rassenkunde* (Theory of Inheritance and Racial Hygiene), published by the Verlag fuer nationale Literatur (Publisher for National Literature), Stuttgart, Germany, ca. 1935.

"Free association between and among Masons under Nazi control was dangerous. There were Brothers, however, who were determined not to give up their identity as Freemasons, even under those most difficult of circumstances. For example, at the concentration and later prison camp at Esterwegen, Belgian political prisoners formed the Loge Liberté chérie (Beloved Liberty Lodge) and conducted meetings and ritual in secret from 1943-1944.

So, now we, modern Masons use the little 'Forget Me Not', not as an emblem of charity, but as an emblem to remember that during the darkness that was Nazi power in Europe, that little blue flower worn on a Brother's lapel served as one method whereby one Brother could identify another Brother in the "dark" as well as in the light. We remember those Brethren who staunchly refused to allow the Light of Masonry to be extinguished, even under penalty of death.

Now, I know there has been a lot going on lately here in America...but, it seems that June 6th just sort of came and went without many calls for remembrance or circumspection. It sometimes seems that maybe some things are being silently removed from our national consciousness. But we should never forget this...according to The National D-Day Memorial Foundation there are 4,414 names enshrined in bronze plaques, representing every Allied soldier, sailor, airman and coast guardsman who died on D-Day, at its memorial site in Bedford, Virginia. That figure is the result of years of exhaustive research by librarian and genealogist Carol Tuckwiller on behalf of the Foundation, and remains the most accurate count of Allied fatalities within the 24-hour period known as D-Day. As far as Americans go, for the month of June; the First U.S. Army, accounting for the first twenty-four hours in Normandy, tabulated 1,465 killed, 1,928 missing, and 6,603 wounded. The after-action report of U.S. VII Corps (ending 1 July) showed 22,119 casualties including 2,811 killed, 5,665 missing, 79 prisoners, and 13,564 wounded. The numbers don't end on 1 July...the war in Europe would continue for another 10 months.

So, because this is June, I choose to remember the sacrifice America made in bringing to an end the horrors that took place under Nazi control...not only for our Brothers but for all humanity. I suggest that this little flower may have yet another purpose when we see it worn on the lapel of another Brother...not only in remembering our Brothers who suffered under the Nazi regime...but, also to remember the men who sacrificed everything to liberate them.

Paul Diaz

Worshipful Master of White River Lodge #62





FROM MIZPAH CHAPTER #57 OES

SCHEDULES—

WHITE RIVER LODGE

June 30: Practice 6:30, Trustees 7:00 during practice

July 4: Hot Dogs and Hamburgers on Ramada: 4:00 Bring a dish

July 7: First Degree—Bring your own chow 'BYOC' at 6:00

July 14: Stated Meeting BYOC at 6:00

July 21: Second Degree—BYOC at 6:00

July 28: First Degree—BYOC at 6:00

We have three more degrees to schedule and we will continue to hold Tuesday practices.

Remember if you feel sick, please let us know that you will not be attending.

MIZPAH CHAPTER

Dark until Grand Chapter gives us the go-ahead to have meetings

WINSLOW YORK RITE

July 1 7:00—Stated Meeting on Zoom.

September 2 7:00—Stated Mtg in Show Low

CHALCEDONY LODGE

July 8—Stated meeting
August 12—Stated meeting
September 9 —Stated meeting

Hello Mizpah #57 Brothers and Sisters:

What a crazy year 2020 has been... and we are only half way through.

Due to the COVID19 pandemic, Arizona Grand Chapter 2020 has been cancelled, and our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, have decided that all appointed and elected grand officers will remain in their current position and the same applies to elected/appointed officers in subordinate chapters. Paul and I are happy to remain in the East for another term.

As of the day of this writing, we are not yet permitted to hold in person meetings, or events. I'm hopeful this situation will change in time for July meeting. Stay tuned for updates.

It is much easier to communicate updates from our chapter and from Grand Chapter through email. If you

are an active member and haven't received emails from me in the past 2 months, it means I do not have your email. Thank you in advance for providing updated email addresses to christina.lane28@gmail.com.



“Be kinder than necessary because everyone you meet is fighting some kind of battle” J.M. Barrie

Christina Diaz
Worthy Matron

SECRETARY OF WHITE RIVER LODGE

For those who were unable to attend or felt that it was a bit early to reacquaint one's self with our friends and brothers, we have opened the lodge again for meetings. At the current time we are not serving any meals before lodge. The lodge has been opened in accordance with the guidelines of the Grand Master. Since we are meeting every Tuesday, we are sanitizing the area as required. Masks are available for use if desired.

The Star is not having their Steak fry this year as a result of COVID-19, but will be selling a book of recipes to raise the funds to support they charities.

If you have a recipe or recipes you think others might enjoy you can send them to Marjorie Stockton, 680 N. 8th Avenue, Show Low, AZ 85901 by letter or E-mail it to leesandmargies@aol.com. Recipes can be appetizers, breads, desserts, entrees, soups, salads, side dishes, beverages, or candy. The recipe should contain its Name, all ingredients and amounts, clear instructions for preparation, serving size, the Name of the person submitting the recipe and their phone number. Phone numbers WILL NOT be printed in recipe book, its only for any questions on recipes. Plans are to have the book for sale B4 Christmas. THEREFOR RECIPES MUST BE SENT NO LATER THAN JULY 31.



FROM THE SECRETARY—CONTINUED FROM PAGE 4

The Lodge is planning a Hotdog and Hamburger fry on the Ramada for the 4th of July at 4 pm. Fry starts at 5pm. Dogs, Burgers, Buns, Ketchup, Mustard, Relish, Onions and Mayo will be provided by the Lodge. BRING a small dish of pot luck, we don't want to have any leftovers. BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS.... BRING YOUR OWN MASK. Tables and chairs will be available. Bean bag board game will be there.



Clay Howard, PM, Secretary of White River Lodge

MORE ON THE DEVIL FROM THE DESK OF ROBERT STIRLING, PM

I had some people ask me why God would allow the devil to do these evil things to his creation. God knew that humanity needed a Boogeyman, something to push against and keep us down to show them the consequences of not being self-dependent, because if we didn't have it we would stand right up and there would be nothing to work hard for. Like the tree needs the wind blowing and pushing on it to strengthen its roots and make it stand up straight. The devil is like the wet stone used to sharpen the knife of humanity. God also foresaw that if everything was sweet and nice for humans they would get fat and happy and die less than 40 years old. Humanity needs this test to grow stronger to stay on gods path which is straight and narrow, if you veer off the path it's easy to get lost. God knew that man must go through the darkness to find the inner light. In "Morals and Dogma" Albert Pike says "The conviction of all men that God is good led to a belief in a Devil, the fallen Lucifer or light-bearer, Shaitan the Adversary, Ahiriman and Tupon, as an attempt to explain the existence of Evil, and make it consistent with the infinite power, wisdom and benevolence of God."

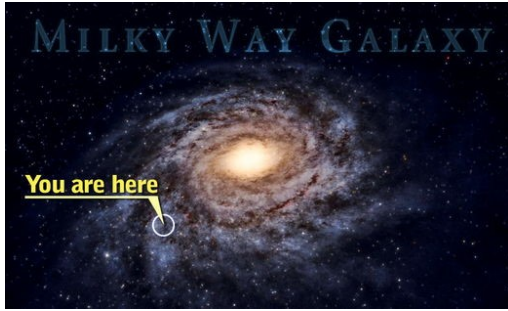
The devil has no power here, it can only test. The devil is a psychopath that manipulates, deceives and perverts. Nothing is more homosexual than the devil. I'm going to use some of the symbols from our lodge, the Rods and Staffs used by the Deacons and Stewards as an example. An article from Masonic world called "The Masonic Rods and Staffs" by C. Richard Walk PM says, "The devices on top the rods represent the forces of nature acting beneficially for mankind. Oliver Day said "The glorious orbs of night and day (referring to the moon and sun of the deacon staff) have not yet lost their power to stir the thoughts of divinity in the human mind". The moon on the Junior Deacon's staff is a water spilling moon. The water spilled on the ground with sunshine, as represented by the sun atop the Senior Deacon's, on the growing crop brings forth the fruit of harvest overflowing in the cornucopias in the rods of the Stewards. The story of the cornucopias goes like this: When Zeus was an infant, he

was raised by the two daughters of Melisseus. His daughters were virgins, so for nourishment, Zeus was given the milk of the goat Amalthea. When Zeus became ruler of the Gods, to show appreciation for his early care and nourishment, he placed the goat Amalthea in the heavens as a constellation. To the daughters of Melisseus, he gave each one horn of the goat with the provision that as long as they lived, whatever they desired they only had to express the wish and it would be supplied from the goat's horn in over-flowing abundance. And so the cornucopias of the steward's rods are overflowing with the fruits of the harvest to symbolize the abundant material and spiritual life which faithful masons may hope to enjoy." We see that the devices on the Rods and Staffs represent fertility, fruitfulness and plenty. But the devil likes to pervert so he took the gift God gave us to be fruitful, and did the opposite and make it dead and sterile. God wants human-kind to be fruitful and multiply to bring Gods children into the world. The devil wants traumatized people suffering in fruitless sterile relationships. You can see all the pain and suffering in the homosexual materialistic life-style. They are tricked into being selfish and reject their families past and future, by allowing their bloodlines to end.

The Faustian bargain or deal is one of the favorite tests of the devil. The Faustian bargain or the deal with the devil is an agreement in which a person abandons his or her spiritual values or moral principles in order to obtain knowledge, wealth or other benefits. It's a deal in which one focuses on present gain without considering the long-term consequences. Faustian bargains are by their nature tragic or self-defeating to the person who makes them, because what is usually surrendered is ultimately of more value than what is obtained. You see this one play out on tv all the time. Some examples are the comedian that makes \$30 million a year but can't tell any jokes, or the multimillionaire professional football player who can no longer play because he decided to kneel for something other than God. I hope that this cleared up any of the confusion from the previous article.

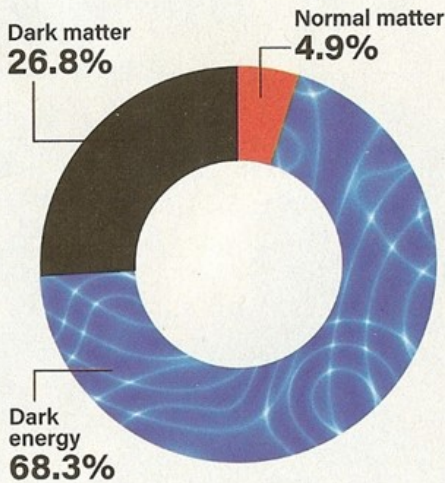
THE EXPANSION OF THE UNIVERSE

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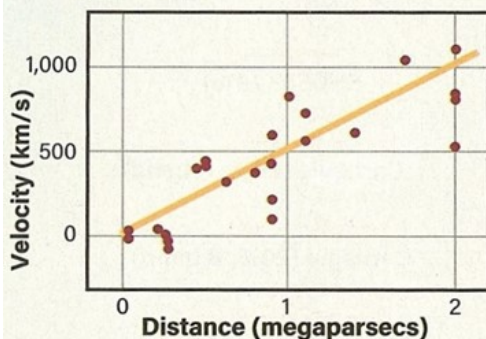
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WHAT IS THE UNIVERSE MADE OF?



The atoms that make up stars, planets, and people add up to less than 5 percent of the universe's constituents. Invisible dark matter contributes more than five times as much, while the dark energy that powers the accelerating cosmos accounts for more than two-thirds of the total. ASTRONOMY: ROEN KELLY

GALAXIES IN MOTION



Edwin Hubble discovered the expanding universe in 1929, when he first plotted the velocities of individual galaxies relative to their distances. (The line gives the best fit to the data.) Although his estimated distances were a factor of nearly 10 too small, he got the basic relationship right. ASTRONOMY: ROEN KELLY, AFTER EDWIN HUBBLE/PNAS (MARCH 15, 1929)

In my reading I found a couple of remarkably interesting articles. One was from the Astronomy magazine about problems that astronomers are having reconciling the 'Big Bang' theory. The second article, on Page 7, is from the Weekly Encryption of June 22 published by the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons. The Cryptic Masons are one of the three organizations that from the York Rite.

When our ritual was being developed to its present form about 300 years ago, astronomers were fascinated how planets moved about the sun—galaxies were unknown. Today they are fascinated with the movement of galaxies through the universe. I found pictures and information presented in the Astronomy magazine article to be amazing. Pictures in this article were taken from the internet for better resolution. For your perspective, in the above left, is an artist's rendition of the galaxy where we live, called the Milky Way; below is a picture of the famous Andromeda Galaxy. The picture on Page 8 is of the Godzilla Galaxy where some of the material that composes the universe, called dark matter, was discovered in observations between 1933 and 1970. Surprisingly, dark matter is not believed to be composed of atoms, it does not radiate or reflect or absorb light to a great extent. A table showing the present knowledge of the composition of the universe is to the left.

Dark energy, that was discovered in 1998, is believed to be causing the expansion of the universe. A chart titled 'Galaxies in Motion,' bottom left, demonstrates that as galaxies move through the vast expanse, their speed increases as distance from the earth increases. The agreements among astronomers include: the expansion rate of the universe, the temperature pattern when atoms are forming, the abundance of various chemical elements, and the distribution of galaxies in the universe. What they cannot explain is what happened in the first few seconds after a big bang happened, or even if a big bang took place. They do not understand why matter and anti-matter formed shortly after their respective creations did not destroy each other as they were forming.

In my opinion astronomers are still trying to learn how the universe works. Their observations are invaluable. But after only a few hundred years of observations, they may not be able to project back to the beginning of time that is assumed to be 13 billion years ago. Remnants of ancient knowledge lost, may still exist in legends that many of the educated consider to be myths. See the next article.

Reverences: Dan Hooper, "Is the Big Bang in Crisis", Astronomy, May 2020, page 21



<http://solarey.net/burning-library-alexandria-egypt-africa/>

Andromeda Galaxy (M31)

<http://www.constellation-guide.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/01/Andromeda-Galaxy-M31-NASA.jpg>

The Word - GGC Education Committee

By S. Lane Pierce

“1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. 2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. 3 And God said,” Let there be light: and there was light.” – The Holy Bible KJV

In the beginning there was nothing but an instance of God. Astrophysicists refer to this as the point of singularity when all of the universe we know today existed as just a single point of energy ready to burst into existence. Upon doing so, everything known to man today was created with the sound, or perhaps the ‘Word’, which science calls ‘the big bang’.

I note that in the Holy Bible, God said let there be light is not specifically set out in quotations. Certainly, we cannot know what God did actually say however the result was light. I interpret this use of light to mean knowledge or knowing. With this as a simple foundation, we can then equate the sound of creation (made at the big bang), with the instance of creation when everything known was made possible.



The ancient religions of Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism, and others use a ‘word’, or sound, that refers simultaneously to the soul of man and the ultimate reality, entirety of the universe, truth, divinity, supreme spirit, cosmic principles, and knowledge. That sacred sound is referred to as OM. In some systems it is written and intoned as AUM which is to some the very name of Him, the Great Architect of The Universe. We are taught that AUM as a word is Ineffable, meaning it cannot, or should not, be spoken. This is because it is to be sung and sung in holy reverence.

Perhaps the sound made at the creation of the Universe wasn’t BANG after all. Perhaps the sound was AUM and from that sound, all of knowing (light) was created. Further, we are taught that the GAOTU is the beginning and the end, the alpha and the omega. Isn’t it interesting that AUM, when intoned correctly, represents all of the possible sounds made by the human vocal cords? And, the path of that sound begins in the base of the vocal cords (the origin of human speech), follows the throat into the caverns of the mouth and sinuses, then ends upon the lips (the last point where human speech is made).

Indeed, we are created in the likeness of God. Through the creation of a thought, we create an experience. The words we speak, or sounds we emit from our mouth, are a ‘representative copy’ of the energy of our thinking. It is through the expression of sound we attempt to share our thinking with others and hope they will use our words to create for themselves the same or similar experience.

Carl Gustav Jung (1875 - 1961), the founder of Analytical Psychology, spoke of this idea that nothing exists outside of our own mind. He said that one must first perceive through his senses and create in his own mind the meaning of that perception, which is then projected externally to one’s self as an experience. This is the process of meaning-making, or how we understand our world around us. It is the process of personal creation.

The words we speak, the sounds we hear, are translated into some form of a mental image and the knowing of that image (memories, experiences, emotions, etc.) create the reality we experience. In a very real way, each of us personally creates our own reality in the here and now. Here is proof of that: If you were to remember a time from the past in which you were angry – really angry. And remember who was there, what had happened, what was said. You will notice that you begin to feel the feelings of anger. No one else feels it, just you, because you are thinking those thoughts. It is your personal creation, right here, right now.

Yes, you are created in the image of God. You are the co-creator, with Him, of your experience. When Masons remember their spiritual nature and choose to be personally responsible for the life, they create for themselves, the world can see their good works, and this honor and glorifies the Father.



S. Lane Pierce

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Godzilla Galaxy (UGC 2885) is one of the larger spiral galaxies. It is about 2.5 times larger than the Milky Way, which is the galaxy where we live.

This galaxy is composed of 85% dark matter. Dark matter was discovered by Vera Rubin.

Reference: Hooper, Dan (May 2020) "Is the Big Bang in Crisis", Astronomy Magazine, Page 21

According to <https://spaceplace.nasa.gov>, a galaxy is a huge collection of gas, dust, and billions of stars and their solar systems, all held together by gravity. The 'Big Bang' is an astronomical theory describing the formation the universe at the beginning of time.

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