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FROM THE EAST

Brethren

Our Lodge has set aside money for two local schools to assist with weekend meals that students carry home with them and to a Northland Pioneer College scholarship program. To assist us to continue to raise money for these projects, we are selling raffle tickets for a brand-new refrigerator from Lowe's that was donated to us. The drawing will be at the after the July 4 Parade at the Lodge. We will meet at the Lodge at 6:30 AM to load onto the Fourth of July Float and we will be to the park by 7:00 AM.

We continue to have our fellowship meetings each Tuesday night. These fellowship meetings, between 6:00 and 7:00 PM allow us to talk about many subjects and to meet men who happen to drop by that are interested in Freemasonry. If you know men that might be interested in the Lodge, invite them to join us for these fellowship meetings. If these fellowship meetings occur before a stated meeting or a degree, we will have a meal.

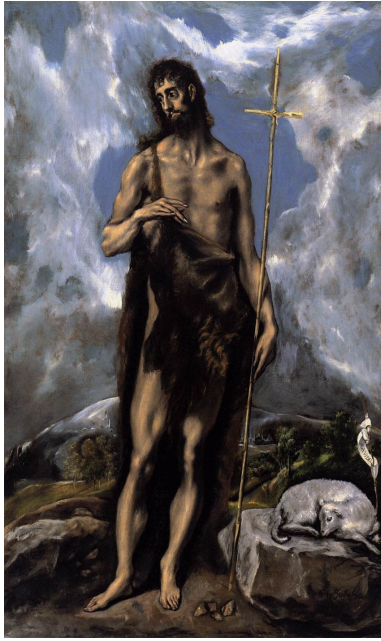
Our Fall Bar-B-Que will be on September 4 at Noon until 2:00 PM. We will be burning the pit on September 3. For starting the fire, we have tree trimming from around the lodge property that we will burn prior to burning oak for producing coals for cooking the meat. Please join us on Saturday the 3rd of September about 8:00 AM until we put the meat into the pit that afternoon.

Fraternally,
Larry Pedersen, Master, White River Lodge #62



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THE JOHANNITES

PAUL DIAZ—PAST MASTER WHITE RIVER LODGE #62

Johannite – a “*spiritual tradition carried in part through the initiatory tradition of John the Baptist, exemplified in the relationship between Christ and the Apostle John, brought to fruition in the community addressed by the Gospel of John, the Gospel embraced by the early Gnostics, and which, some believe, produced the Book of Revelation and the Apocryphon of John.*” Father Anthony Silvia

Of course, anytime you are researching something related to Masonry, I have always found that a real good place to start is with Mackey. This particular case is no exception and even if he doesn't have exactly what you thought you might be looking for, he always seems to offer a nugget that sends you in the right direction. For this piece of research, he didn't let me down.

In my continued research into John the Baptist, I was confronted with a term I had seen before, but up until recently didn't mean a whole lot to me. Well, as usual, that has changed.

“According to the Charter of Cologne, which is a singular Masonic document alleged to have been written in 1535, and in Latin, states that before 1440 the Society of Freemasons was known as John's Brothers or Joannaeorum fratrum.”

According to Mackey the Johannites were a “Masonico-religious” sect established in Paris in 1814 and they were attached to the Order of the Temple. (Mackey, 1946)

Mackey also provides a brief description of Johannite Freemasonry. Johannite Freemasonry was a term first used by a Doctor Oliver to designate the system of Freemasonry which recognizes the two St. Johns as the patrons and to whom the Lodges are dedicated. Recall our Entered Apprentice lecture. This according to Dr. Oliver, is different to the “more recent system” in which the dedication is to Moses and Solomon. Brother Oliver himself seems to be opposed to this change and wrote an interesting work in 1848 which was published under the title *A Mirror for the Johannite Masons*. We will come back to this work shortly, but according to Oliver the system practiced in the United States is Johannite Masonry. (Mackey, 1946)

According to the Charter of Cologne, which is a singular Masonic document alleged to have been written in 1535, and in Latin, states that before 1440 the Society of Freemasons was known as John's Brothers or *Joannaeorum fratrum*. This Charter also claims that certain associations of Brothers were called Brothers consecrated to John or *fratres Joanni Sacros* because they followed the example of and imitated John the Baptist. (Mackey, 1946)

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THE JOHANNITES—CONTINUED

A Mirror for the Johannite Masons is actually a series of letters written by Rev George Oliver D.D., Lt. Commander of the Supreme Grand Council of the 33rd Degree for England and Wales and Past DGM of numerous Grand Lodges. These letters were all written to the Right Honorable The Earl of Aboyne Provisional Grand Master of Masons for Northampton and Huntington.

In Letter II Dr. Oliver presents evidence against just about every myth there is out there as to the veracity of all the myths pertaining to John the Baptist and how or why he is considered the Patron Saint of Masonry. Hold on to that for a second. However, he starts out the letter explaining to the recipient and throughout that it is a principal tenant of Freemasonry that our Ancient Landmarks are unchangeable and incapable of alteration. He extensively argues on this point throughout the letter. On this, I think every Mason can agree. What I found was interesting is that he complains that at the “revival” of Masonry in 1717 it was resolved that “it is not in the power of any man or body of men to make an alteration or innovation in the body of Masonry.” And, in spite of that resolution, there were changes. After writing for a couple of pages on how or why our Ancient Landmarks may or may not have been changed however unintentionally and insignificantly and dismissing all the myths pertaining to the “reasons” (one might be tempted to use the phrase “according to Masonic Tradition”) as to the real reasons John the Baptist is so important to Freemasonry, he ends the letter thus: “But all this is little to the purpose. Conjecture is well, where authentic evidence is not to be had; but proof is better, when it is based on rational and well-grounded argument. And if in every accessible document which treats on Freemasonry down to the re-union above mentioned, the two St. Johns are named as its patrons, it must appear clear to every unprejudiced person, that the record can have no other reference than to the two contemporaries of our Saviour, as real persons, and in their real characters; and that it possesses a just and reasonable claim to be considered one of those unalterable landmarks which it is a violation of the true principles of Masonry to reject.”

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SCHEDULE

WHITE RIVER LODGE

July 4 7:30 AM: Float in Parade

Stated Meetings: July 13, August 10, and September 14

September 3: Burn Pit

September 4 at Noon: Fall BBQ

Fellowship, practice, Degree work or Stated Meeting on every Tuesday

MIZPAH CHAPTER OES

Stated Meetings: July 21, August 19, and September 15:

Grand Chapter: August 3-6 in Chandler at the Wild Horse Pass Resort and Casino

WINSLOW YORK RITE

July 6: Stated Meeting in Show Low, open in Council of Cryptic Masons

August 10 through 13: Grand Sessions at the Hilton Doubletree in Mesa

August 17: Stated Meeting in Show Low, open in Commandery

September 7: Stated Meeting in Show Low, open in Commandery

Saturday, October 1: Four Corners in Grand Junction Colorado. October 23 through 25: Colorado River Fall Festival in

THE JOHANNITES—CONTINUED

But what happened in 1717? Well, first of all this is the year, when the newly established Grand Lodge in London met at the Goose and Gridiron Ale-house in St. Paul's Churchyard for a mid-summer feast. The date chosen? 24 June, St. John the Baptist's Feast Day. Does anyone know what is different about St. John's Feast Day compared to any other Saint's Feast Day in the Catholic religion? Well, we celebrate St. John's Day on the day he was born...all other Saint's Feast Days are celebrated on the day they died. It was also about this time that this new Grand Lodge began to assert its own sort of control over the existing Lodges as well as creating new Lodges in its own image, so to speak. This image included a new form of membership devoid of any Christian denomination, with all of its political divisiveness. This was perceived as contrary to the peace and harmony of this "new" form of Masonry. Under this new leadership and ideology, The Baptist had to go, along with any other purely religious symbol. They didn't just send him packing however, but one of the first things done was on St. John the Baptists day in 1721 the Grand Lodge approved the outgoing Grand Master's Resolution that future Annual Communications could be held either on St. John the Baptists Day OR St. John the Evangelists Day (winter solstice). At this early date in the Grand Lodge's history, the Baptist, who was the ONLY John associated with Masonry beforehand is now already on equal footing with John the Evangelist. And we only have to look at our own ritual to understand how miniscule John the Baptist is in modern Freemasonry, even if according to Dr. Oliver that here in America we practice Johannite Masonry. (Churton, 2012)

It should be noted that here in Arizona, we still hold our annual communications in the month of June, regardless of how hot it is!



The Holy St. John and the point within a circle

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THE DESK OF STEVE BEARDSLEY

Brethren,

Our ticket sales for the Brand New 18 Cubic Foot Refrigerator are going well. We only have 50 tickets left to sell. If any of you would like to sign-up to sell tickets at the Show Low Farmer's Market on July 2, please let me know. The drawing will be after the Fourth of July Parade on July 4 at the Lodge.

Speaking of the July 4 Parade: Members of the the Lodge and Shrine Club will meet at White River Lodge at 6:30 AM to load onto our float. We will go over to the park by 7:00 AM. Wear something Masonic. After the Parade, we will have hamburgers and hotdogs at the Lodge. We will also draw for the refrigerator.

Fraternally,

Steve Beardsley, Past Master White River Lodge #62



CALVARY COMMANDERY #8 CONFERS THE ORDER OF THE TEMPLE By Frank Edens, Secretary/Recorder Winslow York Rite

Members of Calvary Commandery #8, a contingent of the Winslow York Rite, conferred the Order of the Temple on two candidates on May 14. This was quite an accomplishment. Few York Rite Bodies can confer this Order, most depend upon Festivals such as in Phoenix or Laughlin, Nevada. We had a great time and great fellowship in the several rehearsals required.

Please consider that Freemasonry represents elite men within society, the active members of the York Rite are elite Masons within Freemasonry. The Commandery of Knights Templars are a very elite group as can be seen in the picture above. The Commandery Orders reiterate the lessons of Freemasonry, but from a unique chivalric and Christian perspective.

If you would like to be a part of an elite group, please consider joining the Winslow York Rite. You can go through the degrees and orders of the York Rite one or two at a time over a period of months, or you could consider going to a festival where several

degrees are conferred in a day.

The Four Corners Royal Arch Festival will be in Grand Junction Colorado on October 1 this year. Arizona, Utah, Colorado, and New Mexico meet to confer the four Royal Arch Mason Degrees. The Winslow York Rite is planning to assist in the conferral of the Past Master Degree at this festival.

The Colorado River Fall Festival will be in Laughlin, Nevada on October 23 through 25. Orientation will be on Sunday October 23. The Degrees of the Royal Arch and the Royal Master and Select Master will be on Monday October 24. The Commandery Orders will be on Tuesday October 25.

Please see a member of the Winslow York Rite to obtain petitions for membership in the Winslow York Rite that can be printed from the Winslow York Rite Website: www.winslowyorkrite.org.

Consider being a part of this elite organization.

MIZPAH CHAPTER, ORDER OF EASTERN STAR

My Dear Sisters and Brothers. As you know, Tom and I are now Worthy Patron and Matron of Mizpah#57. Now that the pandemic has passed, we can concentrate on our need to co-operate and support each other in carrying on the work of our beautiful order through out the coming year.

Let us consider my theme “A circle of love.” We all want to be encompassed by our families and friends. Interaction with each other bring moments of memories. Some are warm happy memories; others are sadness and heartache. This “is why my motto is “Helping Hands” for we need to help each other. So let us find a renewed energy of love, strength and compassion toward one another.



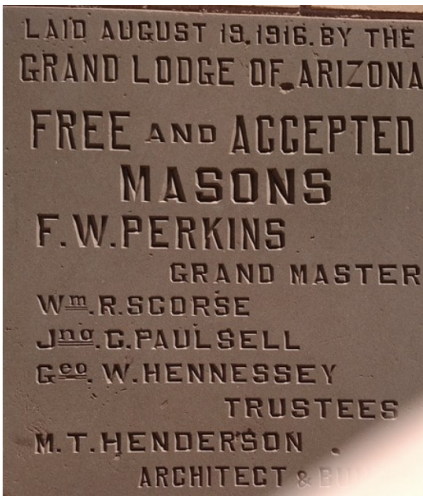
Your Worthy Matron,
Donna Meyer
Mizpah Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star

NEWS FROM CHALCEDONY LODGE #6

Peter Johnson— Worshipful Master of Chalcedony Lodge #6

Yesterday was the first day of summer. “Old Sol” is half way through his journey, much like my term as Worshipful Master. All in all, it’s been a good year for Chalcedony Lodge. Brotherly Love has prevailed, and steady, if not slow, progress is being made,

Historically, this lodge is of great interest. Having been established in 1887, it is the oldest ANYTHING still operating in the community. It is older even than any of the existing churches in the community. Holbrook did not have a permanent church until 1912 and is said to have been the only county seat in the United States without a church. Probably, the second oldest institution in the community that still exists is our newspaper, “The Tribune”, which traces its origins back to 1909.



Chalcedony Lodge Cornerstone
laid August 19, 1916

Perhaps we over romanticize the past...our little lodge in Holbrook did not have a permanent building for its first thirty years. Talk about recycling Masters! During our early years, one Francis Marion Zuck served nine terms in this office. Most Worshipful Brother Zuck was a Union army veteran of “The War of the Rebellion,” as it was called in those days. He also served as Grand Master of Masons in Arizona Territory and Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons. Personally, I am very comfortable with MWB Zuck retaining his record as most terms served as Worshipful Master of our lodge.

Our stated meetings are still the second Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. with a dinner downstairs about 6:00 p.m. Like Motel 6, we’ll leave the light on if you’re coming over. We have some degree work coming up and are planning a booth again for the County Fair in September. We also have our annual Labor Day Barbecue coming up on Monday, September 5th. See you in lodge!

WHY SMART PEOPLE IN HIGH PLACES DO STUPID THINGS

By Frank Edens, PM, White River Lodge #62

So what is important about lessons you learn in the lodge? The lessons concern Honor, Integrity, and Truth. If you think about it, the degrees in the lodge tests men's patience, perseverance, courage, constancy, humility, and faith. Those who do not make it through the degrees fail in one of these areas. These are all lessons we should learn in our youth and that are reinforced in the Masonic Fraternity. The lessons are also taught in other Masonic Organizations such as the Eastern Star, Rainbow Girls, etcetera.

Recently we heard about people in large corporations, universities, and government who had stellar careers having to resign over their mistakes in their treatment of lower-level employees. These executives were considered very smart, but they violated standards of conduct that they had agreed upon. An article in the Wall Street Journal summarizes the character failings of these executives that caused their downfall.

Reasons for their failures can be as follows:

- They feel insulated, they have privately driven cars, they enter conventions from private doors, they consider emails to be personal and they impulsively send offensive emails. They have aides who clean up messes for them.
- They feel entitled. They receive flattery that exaggerate their brilliance. They issue incentives and punishments that they dangle in front of people to keep them in line. They begin to feel indispensable. They begin to feel they are entitled to seize what they want for themselves. Thus, they begin to indulge.
- They begin to buy their own hype. They start to believe that the next quarterly report or the next big donation is what is important. They believe that misconduct can be overshadowed by their good performance before anyone notices. They do not control their impulses.
- Failing to admit mistakes. The executives do not want to admit to flaws in their character even to themselves. They might know they are breaking a rule, but they convince themselves that the rule does not 'exactly' apply to them.
- They underestimate opponents. When questionable behavior comes to light what happens next is important. They fail to realize that not everyone is pulling for them, and they let their guard down. Their flatterers may become the greatest gossipers.



The conclusion was that without great strength of character and humility in wielding power, executives can forget that the rules also apply to them. Such stumbles can end a formerly stellar career.

Lessons taught in the Freemasonry are very important.

[Rosabeth Moss Kanter](#), The Wall Street Journal, Why Really Smart Executives Do Really Stupid Things, Retrieved 4/3/2022

FROM THE SECRETARY

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Brothers all;

There has to be a Higher Powers at work! Unfortunately our candidate has suffered another set back in his recovery from surgery. The doctors have confined him to bedrest for another 2 weeks and informed him that if he does not heal they will have to go back and repeat the surgery. With this information we cannot set a date for his initiation, we will continue to have Stated Meetings on the Second Tuesday and practice on the other Tuesdays until his Doctors release him to return to work and other activities.

Fortunately our brother lodges in Holbrook and Winslow are looking forward to having Fellowcraft degrees very shortly. Holbrook will likely be the next lodge to have a Fellowcraft Degree. I will endeavor to give everyone as much notice when it occurs. As a member of Chalcedony Lodge and its Chaplin I will know as soon as our Junior Warden feels ready. We welcome all who can attend.

DOES YOUR DUES CARD STILL READ "2021?" If so please pay your dues.

Clay Howard PM, Secretary of White River Lodge #62

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