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White River Lodge #62 Trestleboard



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FROM THE EAST

I would first like to thank all my brothers and their families that helped out with our Labor Day barbecue. I cannot express enough appreciation for those who were involved with making the Lodge look so nice. I believe a good time was had by brothers and visitors, and having the sit down barbecue brought folks together for fellowship, and a nice relaxing time. Sure, it is a lot of work, but I believe it is well worth it. There are many more opportunities to get the Freemason presence out to the public, and with the help from Brothers I think we can accomplish great things (or at least throw the ideas out there and see what sticks). You do not know until you try.

It is also important to attend Lodge and be involved with practice and degree work. I think all Brothers should learn a part in a degree and say, "I would like to be_____."

Being a "knife and fork Lodge" is not how a successful Lodge works. For those who don't know what that means, it is a Lodge that is attended by Brothers for dinner, and little else.

So, as the year is swiftly moving toward its end, let us look forward and use our time to think of ways to improve, and make Freemasonry something people understand, and have the desire to be part of. It takes time, it takes work...but if it doesn't challenge you, it won't change you.

I would like to end this article with a short quote from our brother, John Wayne... "Tomorrow is the most important thing in life. It comes in to us at midnight, very clean. It is perfect when it arrives, and it puts itself in our hands. It hopes we've learned something from yesterday."

May Brotherly love prevail.

Fraternally,

Mike Gibbs, W.M.



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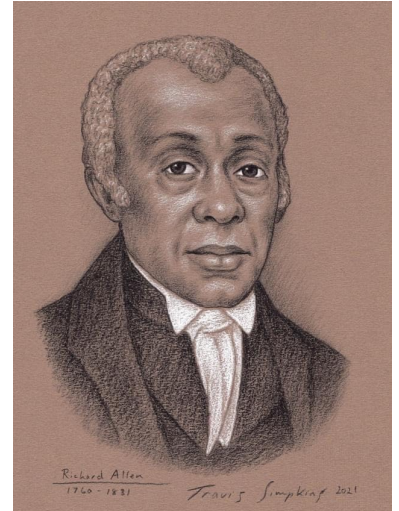
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FROM THE SOUTH– PRINCE HALL

Brethren,

While searching for something to share with you on our Trestleboard, I came upon some interesting reading material for the good of the order in Masonry! Our brother, Prince Hall's birthday falls on the month of September. While there is some debate on the day it actually is, it is traditionally celebrated on September 14th. So, without further ado do my personal obligation towards Masonic education.

Prince Hall was an American abolitionist and founder of Prince Hall Masonry. There is unclear information about Hall's early life. Some accounts have him being born in Cuba. Even the date of his birth is in question, between 1735 or 1738, the proceedings of the 1906 Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts session goes with the 1738 date. There is also a question of his status in his youth, whether free man or slave. At least one historian theorizes at the age of 11 he was a slave, although later documentation indicates Hall was a free man all his life. Other than learning the tanner trade from William Hall of Boston, Prince Hall was either a slave or servant of William Hall, it is unclear where the rest of Prince Hall's education came from. Some claim he is self-taught, although it was uncommon at the time for slaves and free blacks in Massachusetts to get help for their education. By 1770, Hall is listed as a free, literate man. He was a homeowner, voted and paid taxes while working as peddler and leather worker.



During the Revolutionary war, Hall encouraged enslaved and free blacks to serve in the Continental army. Hall was one of the first to propose to the Massachusetts Committee of Safety to allow blacks to join the army, but the committee refused, many blacks in America joined the British army who had promised freedom for all who served. This caused a quick change of course for the committee. It is believed this Prince Hall is one of the six Prince Halls who served in the American Revolution. Hall arranged community events to blacks in the Boston area. He fought for rights for African Americans of the time and also sought laws to prevent slave traders from kidnapping free blacks from the Boston area and other parts of New England. He also established a school in his home to educate black children after he petitioned the Massachusetts congress to create a school program. Hall was also a prolific public speaker and often debated in public as well giving various speeches to African lodge.

In 1775, prior to the start of the revolutionary war, Hall and fourteen other free black men petitioned to join Boston St. John's lodge. They were turned down for membership. Hall who was interested in the Masonic fraternity because of its ideals of liberty, equality, and peace, did not give up. Hall and fifteen others petitioned Lodge # 441 of the Grand Lodge of Ireland. The lodge was attached to a British unit stationed in Boston. Hall and the other men, formed African Lodge # 1 and Hall was made the Worshipful Master. African Lodge # 1 was not what Hall was necessarily hoping for, they could not exemplify degrees. Hall petitioned the Grand Lodge of England to give them a charter they could operate under. In 1784, a charter was issued for African Lodge # 1 (later renumbered to African lodge # 459) the lodge was the first African Masonic lodge in the United States. Due to the lodge's popularity and Hall's leadership he was made a Provincial Grand Master in 1791. From there he created another lodge in Philadelphia, also called African lodge #459. Another African lodge was opened in Providence, Rhode Island, which later became Hiram lodge # 3.

It was not until after Hall's passing on December 4th, 1807, brethren of the lodges Hall created formed the African Grand Lodge in 1808. In 1827, the African Grand lodge declared independence from the Grand Lodge of England. In 1847, the Grand Lodge was changed to the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge.

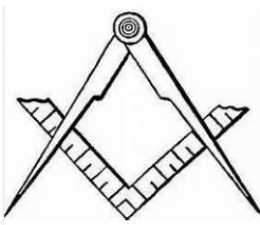
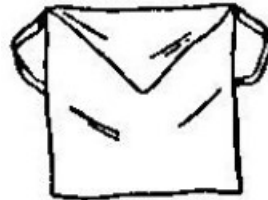
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FROM THE WEST—MASONIC SYMBOLS

Brothers,

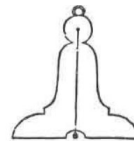
I was recently reading about some of our better-known symbols. In doing so it reminded me of why I became a Mason and why I need to know and remember the meaning behind our tools and symbols.

APRON: Known as the “unique badge of a Mason”, the apron is the most recognizable item of a Mason’s attire. Masons wear aprons while at lodge and at certain public events. The tradition dates to the fraternity’s operative days, when stonemasons wore protective work aprons.



SQUARE and COMPASS: The masonic square and compass is probably the most common symbol in masonry, used to represent Freemasons and Masonic lodges around the world. Ancient stonemasons used the tools to create 90-degree angles and test the accuracy of their stones. In speculative Masonry the square is an emblem of morality, the compass represents the relationship between the individual and society.

PLUMB and LEVEL: In stonemasonry, the plumb and level ensure surfaces are vertically and horizontally flush. For today’s Freemasons, the plumb is a symbol of justice, rectitude and the importance of living in an upright manner, while the level is a reminder that all men are equal.



Let us endeavor to remember these things in and out of Lodge.

PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGES— BY FRANK EDENS

A letter was mailed to all members containing proposed By-Law changes to Article III Section 1, Article V Section 1, Article X Section 1, and Article X Section 4. In the letter are explanations of the reasons for the changes, the current wording of these Articles and Sections, and the new wording.

The By-Law changes will be Balloted upon in the November 14th Stated Meeting.

If you would like another copy of the letter, please let one of us know.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WHITE RIVER LODGE

Stated meetings—October 10 and November 14

We are planning an Outdoor Third Degree for sometime in October or November—the date has not been set yet. It might be at Buckelew Springs

MIZPAH CHAPTER

Stated meetings—October 19 with School of Instruction at 4:30, Meeting 7:00

November 16 with Taco Bar at 5:30, Meeting 7:00

WINSLOW YORK RITE

Stated meetings—October 5 in Show Low, Opening in the Commandery; and November 2 in Holbrook, Opening in Council

October 7—Four Corners in Farmington, New Mexico.

October 22-24—Colorado River Fall Festival in Laughlin, Nevada. Please see crff.org to register, registration closes soon.

Temple Chapter #8 Birthday Party! Pictures from September 16th



OLD MR. SUN

BY PETER JOHNSON, PAST MASTER— CHALCEDONY LODGE NO.6

I have a magnificent view of the eastern sky from my home in Holbrook. I also am the owner of a wonderful little beagle named Gracie that seems to intuitively want to go outside about sun-up. We were up in time to see the sun rise on Saturday, September 22nd. This was the day of the autumnal equinox, the first day of fall. The sun is again at its half way point and heading south as the winter season approaches in December. The sun is the biggest physical object with which man has any interaction. It has also been an object of fascination since the earliest times. To early man the sun was a sort of visible god. The light of the sun was associated with benevolence, while the dark of night was thought of with trepidation and fear of the unknown.



Such authorities on ancient religion as Brother Manly P. Hall make the point that although common people worshiped the visible sun, the wisemen of all ages realized that the sun was actually the projection of some great invisible power. The ancient worship of the sun has never truly gone away. In the Bible we learn that Jesus was a “sun” of sorts; a man that traveled around with twelve friends just as the physical sun travels through the heavens by way of the twelve houses of the zodiac. King Solomon is also a type of solar figure: “Sol-o-mon” or “man of the sun”. The Old Testament character of Samson is also solar in nature. His strands of hair that were his strength can be likened to the rays of sunlight emanating from the great solar orb.

It will be obvious to all Masons that study our ritual, that Freemasonry in some way descends from the most ancient religious thoughts of Man. The opening remarks of the Master and Wardens are fraught with imagery of the daily travels of the sun. The legend of Hiram is also full of cosmic imagery. Hiram Abiff and the sun are both builders of sorts. Hiram is slain by three ruffians just like the physical sun “dies” every year during the three months of autumn. The twelve fellowcrafts could also be analogous to the twelve houses of the zodiac.

Another solar reference that comes to mind in the ritual is the circumambulation of the candidate as he traverses the lodge in the three degrees.

Typically, the term of the Worshipful Master of a lodge of Masons is about one calendar year or 365 days. This is identical to the time “the great luminary of creation” takes to make its annual trip though the heavens. Similar to the heavenly sun, a good Master dispenses love and light to his brethren. Hopefully, the “weather” for the year that he serves will be characterized as “fair, clear, and bright”,

WINSLOW SHRINE CLUB YARD SALE

The Winslow Shrine Club will be having a Yard Sale on the 5th through the 8th of October at the Shrine Club. Set up will be October 5

October 6th and 7th: from 7AM until 6 PM

October 8th: from 7 AM until Noon



THE LEADERSHIP CULTURE OF MASONIC LODGES

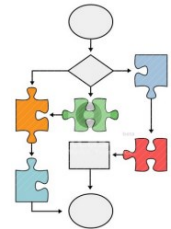
Masonic Lodges has a leadership culture that helps Lodges stay solvent and encourages members to participate. There are several layers of this culture. Layers of the culture are in several categories. All layers are important. Those who:

1. Support the organization through their dues (These are very important members).
2. Attend occasionally.
3. Participate in simple parts of degree work.
4. Participate in more complex parts.
5. Are willing to hold an office and participate regularly.
6. Can do lectures, direct degree work, and assist officers.
7. Help to manage the organization – Those who:
 - a. Pay bills.
 - b. Send out dues' notices.
 - c. Attend Grand Lodge and special meetings such as the Secretary and Treasurer Meetings.
 - d. Regularly contact members.
 - e. Understand Website and can update it.
 - f. Manage the Member, Visitor and Widows Database
 - g. Assist with QuickBooks and Manage the Books
 - h. Create reports such as financial, IRS 990N, and audit report at the end of each year
 - i. Assist publishing Trestleboards.
 - j. Maintain Grand View Data.
 - k. Send out dues notices, collect revenue, and mail dues cards.

Layers Six and Seven are normally Past Masters who are very proficient in the management of the Lodge. Our lodge has a shortage of members in these layers. We need a few more members who are willing to step up. If you are inter-

ested, please discuss this with our Worshipful Master who is attempting to find long-term solutions.

Layer Seven is normally done by the Secretary and a Past Master, but the duties at this layer in White River Lodge are so complex that Layer Seven should be split by at least three or more brothers who can work together. The Secretary and Treasurer should be administrators overseeing that the various duties are done with the assistance of Brothers in the Lodge. This would be a way of unloading the Secretary.



Just remember that we receive communications through our Website for people who are interested in learning more about our Lodge and Freemasonry in general. It is also used by family members to let us know of the passing of a member. The Website is an important link to the public.

Updating the Website is easy. At least two or three brothers should be competent in maintaining the Website. No coding is required. You just have to have a vision of changes needed, then drag and drop elements into the website builder and enter the verbiage and/or pictures you envisioned. A child could do it!

We would also like to have someone who would be willing to mail sympathy cards, keep in contact with Widows, plan widows programs, and mail Masonic Birthday Cards to members. These would not have to be Past Masters.

We need Brothers who would be willing to step-up to say “I want to know how I can support the Lodge I joined.”

WHY JOHN THE BAPTIST IS A PATRON SAINT OF THE FRATERNITY

FRANK EDENS, PAST MASTER, WHITE RIVER LODGE #62

John the Baptist is a Patron Saint of Freemasonry because of his humility, stern integrity, steadily reprov'd of vice and an unshakable firmness with which he met martyrdom.



John the Baptist continued preaching of repentance and virtue makes him a good reason for the Fraternity to adopt him as a Patron Saint. According to Robert Elsner, the Greek word for repentance is metanoia that means to turn around. When you repent, you must also change your ways. John the Baptist preached repentance, he wanted people to change their ways. Matthew 3:13-17 illustrates his humility When Jesus asked to be Baptized by him. John the Baptist led by example. He strictly followed the law. He wanted to set mankind free from sin. A second reason he is a Patron Saint is that he was devoted to God. To put others before yourself is considered irrational, giving up personal gain to benefit others, sometimes who are unknown is not thought reasonable outside of Freemasonry. You must live your obligations and vows before God and not before people. And example is found in 1 Corinthians 1:13-25.

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HERMAN DAVID 'JAKE' JACOBS RECOGNIZED FOR 70 YEARS



On July 8, 2023, Jake Jacobs was recognized for having attained 70 years in freemasonry at White River Lodge #62 in Show Low. He is a member of White River Lodge #62, Free and Accepted Masons of Arizona. He received his degrees in LaFontaine Lodge #295 in Indiana in 1953. Jake Jacobs is pictured holding the framed 70 year certificate in the middle of the picture with his brothers.

WINSLOW YORK RITE AT GRAND SESSIONS IN MESA, AZ



Temple chapter received the copper award from the Grand Chapter's Grand Lecturer. Clay is holding the award.
Calvary commandery received commandery of the year

YOU! YOU! YOU! NIMROD!

STOLEN FROM FACEBOOK BY FRANK EDENS, PM

In modern parlance, Calling someone "Nimrod" is thought of as derogatory. But, in Masonry, the story and character of Nimrod has deep roots.

According to Albert Mackey's famous Masonic Encyclopedia, the legend of Nimrod's connection to Freemasonry dates back to the Old Constitutions. References can be found in both the York and Cooke manuscripts. Nimrod was purported to be a great hunter and an architect of many cities, hence his tie to Freemasonry.

The idea of Nimrod being an insult may stem from extra-Biblical traditions that connect his involvement to the fabled Tower of Babel. However, some scholars believe the negativity to be more modern contrivance, dating to the 1930's, when Bugs Bunny used the name "Nimrod" to taunt Elmer Fudd.

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JOHN THE BAPTIST—CONTINUED

The third reason is he loved God. Josephus wrote that John was a good man who commanded the Jews to exercise virtue towards each other and to be pious towards God. King Herod feared the influence John had over the people. John spoke out against Herod's right to rule and also the Roman's right to rule. Thus we can understand why John was put into prison and eventually beheaded.

Masons could do no better than having John the Baptist as a patron Saint. His life exemplified duty to God through his faith, religious practices and the living of his life.

John was a prophet who baptized others. Psalm 133 discusses baptism as the dew of Hermon. God forgives our sins, but we must dip, immerse, dip oneself, wash, plunge, sink, drench, overwhelm. Christians consider baptism to be the outward washing that symbolizes the inward regeneration by the holy spirit. To Jews it symbolized repentance and renewed Humility. There are reminders in the scriptures that as we sin, we must repent and worship God.

He is spoken of in all four Gospels as well as in the writings of Josephus. John was born three months prior to Jesus and executed a few months before Jesus. He had his own band of disciples teaching preparation and repentance. Although many believe he preached against the wealthy, the powerful, and leaders of society – he was calling for people to be accountable before God. He was against hypocrisy, and arrogant self-centeredness that he preached against.

John was born to Elizabeth and Zecharia. Elizabeth was too old to bear children, the Angel Gabriel intervened. Told them they were to name their son John, which means grace or the mercy of the Lord. When Mary visited Elizabeth while Elizabeth was pregnant with Jesus, John leaped in her womb. This revealed to Elizabeth that Jesus was to be the Son of God

John began his public ministry around 30 AD. When John baptized Jesus, the Heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of God descend like a dove that alighted on them. A voice from heaven said: "This is my son, whom I love, with him I am well pleased." Thus, John initiated Jesus' ministry.

Reference: Elsner, Robert. Bible Study for Freemasons: Exploring the Scriptural Bases of Masonic Work (p. 266). Kindle Edition.

WHY JOHN THE EVANGELIST IS A PATRON SAINT OF THE FRATERNITY

FRANK EDENS, PAST MASTER, WHITE RIVER LODGE #62

John the Evangelist was known as the Beloved Disciple. He was the only Disciple to die of natural causes on the island of Patmos under house arrest by the Roman's for preaching the Gospel. He was the son of Zebedee and Salome. The brother of the elder James. John was a fisherman and ten years younger than Jesus. His name means God is gracious and also beloved.

John was trustworthy and did things correctly. He was one of the first to see the empty tomb and responded appropriately by admitting he did not understand. John's mother, Elizabeth, also followed Jesus. Elizabeth was adopted as the patron Saint of operative masons. She purchased spices to embalm Jesus. She was the last at the Cross, and the first at the open Tomb. Jesus trusted John enough to ask him to take care of his own mother.

John added the spiritual framework needed by the church. Peter laid the foundation of the church, John contributed very significantly. John wrote the Gospel of Saint John; First, Second and Third Epistles of John and the Book of Revelations. The writings of John are "shallow enough for a baby to wade in, and deep enough for an elephant to drown in."

John was direct, but not always blunt as John the Baptist was. He was gentle in his writings, he wanted you to love Jesus as he did. He was the apostle that we should emulate. Thus, this is why John the Evangelist is a Patron Saint of our Fraternity.



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LIFE LESSON'S

1. Don't lend money to your family. Give it.
 2. Never shake a hand while sitting down.
 3. Stop telling people more than they need to know.
 4. Never eat the last piece of something you didn't buy.
 5. Don't throw your friend under the bus to impress someone.
 6. Never insult the cooking when you are the guest.
 7. Don't use the urinal next to an occupied one.
 8. Don't take out your phone during a conversation.
 9. Never take credit for work you didn't do.
 10. Listen, nod, and most of all make eye contact.
 11. Don't make fun of your friend in front of his kids.
 12. Never let emotions overpower you.
 13. Never beg for a relationship.
 14. Dress well no matter what the occasion.
 15. Never kick a man when he is already down.
- Found on the internet

THE MASTER'S APRON BY ROBERT BURNS

Ther's mony a badge that's unco braw;
Wi' ribbon, lace and tape on;
Let kings an' princes wear them a'
Gie me the Master's apron!

The honest craftsman's apron,
The jolly Freemason's apron,
Be he at home, or roam afar,
Before his touch fa's bolt and bar,
The gates of fortune fly ajar,
'Gin he but wears the apron!

For wealth and honor, pride and power
Are crumbling stanes to base on;
Fraternity suld rule the hour,
And ilka worthy Mason!
Each Free Accepted Mason,
Each Ancient Crafted Mason.

Then, brithers, let a halesome sang
Arise your friendly ranks alang!
Guidwives and bairnies blithely sing
To the ancient badge wi' the apron string
That is wom by the Master Mason!

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