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## White River Lodge #62 Trestleboard

August September 2024



### FROM THE EAST

Brethren,

We hope all brothers and their families have a great holiday season beginning with Thanksgiving. In September we had a good BBQ. Lodge members came out to assist, we served 214 during the two and a half hours we were open (from 11:30 until 2 PM), and we made over \$2,500 for the lodge's coffers.

Our First Degree on September 24 went well. We will have another First Degree on October 1. We look forward to seeing as many brothers as possible at the degree. During our fellowship hours on Tuesday evenings we will start assisting these two brothers with their degree proficiencies. All brothers in the lodge should be able to assist candidates with the catechism of any degree, so all brothers are welcome to attend the training sessions. We will have one brother work with the candidates and others may observe.

Later in the year we will have a Third Degree and possible Fellowcraft Degrees depending upon how quickly our candidates can become proficient.

We are quickly coming to the end of the year. I am going to let others take the East for the Stated Meetings and Degree work for the remainder of the year. In November, we will have elections of new slates of officers for the lodge. Please support the new officers elected in November.

We will have a brief discussion about the Lodge's dress code as will be established here. The lodge has three modes of dress: Formal, Casual with Jackets or Sweaters, or Relaxed.

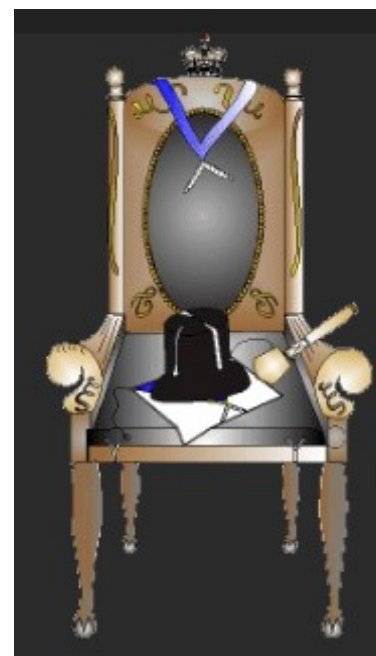
- Formal dress includes a dark suit with a solid-colored shirt and either a bow tie, long dress tie, or a bola tie. The bola tie is the state tie of Arizona.
- Casual dress includes suits of various colors, sports jackets, or button up sweaters with shirts and ties. Pull over sweaters with nice slacks are also acceptable.
- Relaxed dress include button up shirts, such as a lodge shirt, with slacks or nice jeans.

Unacceptable modes of dress include short pants and/or no socks.

We would like to thank our summer visitors who attend our meetings during the summer. We appreciate you and hope to see you again next summer.

Fraternally,  
Mike Gibbs

Master of White River Lodge #62



# FROM THE SOUTH—FREEMASONRY AND THE ILLUMINATI



Brethren,

I found an interesting article that I would like to share with you!

Freemasonry and the Illuminati are two separate societies that have captured the public imagination for centuries. Both organizations have been the subject of numerous conspiracy theories with many people believing that they are part of a shadowy cabal that controls world events.

But what is the truth behind these groups? Are they real or they just myths and legends? We will explore the history of Freemasonry and the Illuminati, and separate fact from fiction.

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**Note from the Editor:** Next month I will have a follow-up article on the illuminati. The illuminati laid the foundation for modern liberalism and communism that are opposed to individual liberty, religion, and a believe in God. The article will include references.

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Masonic Birthdays		
Name	MasonDay	Years
Dennis James Azevedo	10/23/2021	3
Richard James Palmer, Jr.	10/17/2009	15
JOEL NELSON LAWSON, Jr.	10/26/2002	22
MARK EDWARD (Moose) SUMERLIN	11/13/1998	26
Daniel Lee Vertz	11/27/1990	34
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Marshal	Al Warner	928 537 1937
Senior Steward	Robert Stirling	928 242 4947
Junior Steward	Larry Pedersen	928 242 7519
Tyler	Don Anderson	928 243 5342
Secretary Emeritus	Pat Place	928 367 6911
Treasurer Emeritus	Clay Howard	928 242 2994

## MIZPAH CHAPTER #57 OES



On September 27, 2024 Mizpah chapter had an Official visit of the Worthy Grand Matron Candice Leininger and Worthy Grand Patron Doug Steele of the Grand Chapter of Arizona. We had looked forward to the visit.

The November Stated meeting on November 21 will be friendship night. A night to give a gifts to your visiting counterparts from other OES Chapters.

Starting Sep. 18 and ending Oct.17 Mizpah Stated meeting. The chapter's fundraiser is popcorn. There are 16 flavors at \$20 each. The Order form can be taken to a Masonic meeting on Tuesdays. No mail orders.



Charity, the pure love of Christ, is the antidote to contention.

When we humble ourselves before God and pray with all the energy of our hearts, he will grant us charity. As we all seek to have the love of God dwelling in our homes.

Let us give thanks for \_\_\_\_\_. You can fill in the blank.

Worthy Matron Amber Thompson

Thank you for everything you do.

## FROM THE SOUTH CONTINUED

The history of Freemasonry.

Freemasonry is a fraternal organization that has been around for centuries. Its origins are shrouded in mystery, but most historians agree that it emerged in the late 16th or early 17th century. The organization is based on the principle of brotherhood, charity, and truth, and its members are known as Freemasons.

The early masons were craftsmen who worked with stone such as stonemasons, architects, and engineers. They formed guilds, or groups, to share knowledge and skills, and to regulate their trade. As the organization grew it expended its membership to include non-craftsmen and it became a social and philanthropic society.

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## CALENDAR

### WHITE RIVER LODGE #62

Stated Meetings: October 8 and November 13. Dinner at 6 PM, Lodge 7 PM

First Degree October 1. Light supper at 6 PM, Degree at 7 PM

### MIZPAH CHAPTER #57

Stated Meetings: October 17 and November 21 at 7 PM

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### WINSLOW YORK RITE

Stated Meetings: October 3 and November 7 in Winslow at 7:30 PM. Open in Royal Arch

Four Corners Royal Arch Festival on October 5 in Holbrook, AZ at 8 AM. Please see the Website: [winslowyorkrite.org](http://winslowyorkrite.org)

Colorado River Fall Festival in Laughlin, Nevada on October 20, 21, and 22. Please see the Website: [crff.org](http://crff.org)

### LODGE ACTIVITIES FOR MEMBERS WHO ARE NOT OFFICERS

Lodge members who are not officers may contribute to the lodge several ways:

- We are planning to have new candidates over the next several months. Lodge members may assist candidates with the candidate education program. Documents for this are in Grand View. The Secretary may download them for you.
- Members plan to make dinners prior to our stated meeting. The junior warden would like to have a list of brothers who would be willing to prepare dinners.
- Members who are not officers may assist with ritual and may even learn lectures and charges.
- The lodge needs brothers who can assist with organizing the various rooms of the lodge building better – such as the paraphernalia room and the sheds out back.

## FROM THE SOUTH CONTINUED

Today, Freemasonry is a global organization with millions of members. Its lodges can be found in almost every country in the world, and its members include people from all walks of life. Including politicians, celebrities, and business leaders.

### The origins of the Illuminati:

The Illuminati was founded in Bavaria, Germany in May 1776. Its founder Adam Weishaupt who was a professor from Canon law at the university of Ingolstadt. Weishaupt was a staunch critic of the Catholic Church and the ruling Bavarian government, and he believed secret societies were the key to overthrowing these institutions. The Illuminati's goals were ambitious, Weishaupt wanted to create a society that was free from religion and superstition and that was based on reason and science. He believed that the Illuminati could help to bring about a new world order in which the rulers would be enlightened, and the people would be free.

The Illuminati was initially successful in attracting members and it quickly grew into a powerful organization. Its members included prominent politicians, writers, and scientists and it had branches in several European countries. However, the Illuminati's success was short lived. In 1784 the Bavarian government discovered the organization's existence, and it was banned.

### Connections and differences:

The connections between Freemasonry and the Illuminati are the subject of much debate. Some conspiracy theorists believe that the Illuminati infiltrated Freemasonry and that the two organizations are part of a larger conspiracy to control world events. However, there is little to no evidence to support these claims.

While there may have been some overlap between the two organizations in the past Freemasonry and the Illuminati are fundamentally different.

Freemasonry's is a fraternal organization that is based on the principles of brotherhood, charity, and truth. Its members are known as Freemasons, and they are sworn to secrecy about their activities.

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## PROVERBS 8:10-11

Receive my instruction, and not silver; and knowledge rather than choice gold. For wisdom is better than rubies; and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it.

## FROM THE SOUTH CONTINUED

The Illuminati on the other hand, was a secret society was dedicated to the overthrow of the ruling class and the establishment of a new world order. Its members were known as Illuminati, and they were sworn to secrecy about their activities. The Illuminati's goals were far more ambitious than those of Freemasonry and its methods were far more radical.

Modern day Freemasonry and the Illuminati are very different organizations than they were in the past. Freemasonry is a legal and recognized organization, and its members are open about their membership. This organization has evolved into a social and philanthropic society and its members work to support charitable causes and promote social welfare.

The Illuminati on the other hand, is a largely defunct organization. While there are still some groups that claim to be the Illuminati, there is no evidence that they are linked to the original organization. The Illuminati's goals of world domination and the establishment of a new world order are largely seen as unrealistic and out of touch with modern reality.

In conclusion:

Freemasonry and Illuminati are two completely separate societies that have captured the public imagination for centuries. While both organizations have been the subject of numerous conspiracy theories there is no evidence to support the claims that they are part of a larger conspiracy to control world events. Freemasonry is a fraternal organization that is based on the principles of brotherhood, charity, and truth.

While the history of Freemasonry and the Illuminati is fascinating it is important to separate fact from fiction. The organization's are fundamentally different and there is little evidence to support the claims of conspiracy theorists.

Santiago Limon, Junior Warden

**BROTHERS AT THE FIRST DEGREE OF SEPTEMBER 24. WE HAD A GREAT TIME PUTTING ON THE DEGREE.**



**ADVICE FROM AN OLD PAST MASTER OF THE LAST CENTURY**

Remember that learning a lecture is a little like eating a elephant: one piece at the time, but the first bite is the most difficult and it actually feels impossible until at last you are able to chew it. Once you get past the first few bites the other bites become easier and easier to devour until you have devoured the whole.

## UNSPOKEN RULES FOR MEN

1. Never shake a hand sitting down – Standing up shows respect and engagement. It signifies that you value the person you are meeting and are fully present in the interaction.
2. Protect who is behind you, and respect who is beside you – This emphasizes loyalty and honor. Protecting those behind you means safeguarding your family, friends, and teammates. Respecting those beside you signifies recognizing the equality and value of your peers.
3. Never insult the cooking when you are the guest – Showing gratitude and respect for hospitality is essential. Criticizing the cooking is disrespectful and ungrateful, especially when someone has gone out of their way to host you.
4. Never eat the last piece of something you didn't buy – This rule underscores courtesy and consideration for others. It demonstrates awareness and respect for shared resources and the contributions of others.
5. Never make the first offer in a negotiation – Letting the other party make the first offer can provide strategic advantages. It gives you insight into their expectations and can help you negotiate better terms.
6. Don't take credit for work you didn't do - Integrity in acknowledging others' efforts is crucial. Taking undue credit undermines trust and damages your credibility.
7. Take the blame and give credit when due – Owning up to mistakes and recognizing others' contributions builds respect and trust. It shows maturity and leadership.
8. If you are not invited, don't ask to go – Respecting boundaries and invitations is key to maintaining good social etiquette. It avoids awkward situations and respects the host's intentions.
9. Always aim for the head – This metaphorical rule can apply to many scenarios, implying that you should strive for excellence and precision in your efforts.
10. Don't beg for a relationship – Self-respect and dignity are important. Desperation can lead to unhealthy dynamics and undervalues your worth.
11. Dress well no matter what the occasion – Good grooming and dressing appropriately show respect for yourself and others. It also boosts confidence and makes a positive impression. This is especially true for Stated Meetings and Degree Work. If you come straight from work, it is acceptable not to dress up. But short pants are discouraged.
12. Always carry cash – Being prepared for various situations, including emergencies, is practical. It reflects foresight and responsibility.
13. Listen, nod, and most of all make eye contact – Active listening and non-verbal engagement are crucial for effective communication. They show that you value and are attentive to the speaker.



## UNSPOKEN RULES FOR MEN—CONTINUED

14. Show restraint in expressing anger, no matter what. Being angry is a waste of energy – Managing anger is vital for maintaining composure and making rational decisions. It prevents regrettable actions and fosters a more positive environment. But anger can have positive benefits according to an article in Psychology Today. It can help us to move positively towards our goals. It can provide us with information to evaluate situations better. The article provides eleven reasons anger may have positive benefits. I observe managers use anger when employees are not performing adequately when they know the employees are able.

15. Whether it's dinner, drinks, or both, avoid placing phone on the dinner table – prioritizing face-to-face interactions over digital distractions shows respect and attention to those present.

16. Never pose with alcohol – Maintaining a responsible image is important. Posing with alcohol can convey unprofessionalism or recklessness.

17. Proper grammar will get you far in life. Leave the foul language for the less educated – Good communication skills, including proper grammar, enhance your credibility and professionalism. Avoiding foul language shows respect and maturity.

18. Ask more than you answer – Showing interest in others by asking questions fosters better relationships and understanding. It also demonstrates humility and a willingness to learn.

19. You can tell a great deal about a person by their handshake, so make yours strong and firm – A firm handshake conveys confidence and sincerity. It is often the first impression you make, so it's important to get it right.

20. Speak honestly. Say what you mean and mean what you say – Honesty builds trust and integrity. It involves being truthful and consistent, fostering deeper connections and mutual respect. Speaking honestly also means balancing truth with empathy and tact, ensuring that your words are respectful and considerate.

One thing not mentioned in in the article is a belief in God. It gives people a sense of purpose, moral guidance, community and support, coping with challenges, a shared commitment brings people together, believing in something bigger than ourselves gives a connection to a higher power, it sparks personal growth, guidance in decision making, a sense of gratitude, and it gives hope and optimism.

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