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# White River Lodge #62

*October, November, December 2021*

### FROM THE EAST

My Brothers,

What does it mean to you to be Masons? I find that for myself it is all the things that are in the obligations. Of course as far as it does not interfere with any duty that I owe to God, my country, my neighbor, or myself. This was how I tried to live before I knew what Freemasonry was about and even before I knew it existed.

I love the fact that our craft endeavors to take already good men and help the become better men. This is something that I think our society needs especially today. Charity is something that our world cannot live without; I appreciate that charity is one of the tenets of Masonry. We are all brothers experiencing this world together and I think the most important duty is to help our brothers travel through their journey.

I thank all of my Brethren for helping me as well.

Larry Pedersen  
Worshipful Master

P.S We will have a Third Degree on October 23 at 10:00 AM



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## FROM THE SOUTH

### Folk Art



Picture of a handmade apron  
<https://www.etsy.com/>

Folk art resists simple definition, it is a tradition that covers hundreds of years across the entire globe. It includes everything from the 17th century African textiles to today's county fair crafters. Broadly speaking, however, folk art is made with a utilitarian purpose, by self-taught or informally trained craftspeople. It is handmade, not machine made or mass produced. It speaks to a common culture, and like outsider art and self-taught art, it exists outside the academic main stream.

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### SCHEDULE

#### White River Lodge

Stated meetings on the  
Second Tuesday with dinner  
at 6:00 PM.

October 13

November 17—Elections

December 14

Practices and fellowship  
on Tuesdays

Third Degree: October 23  
at 10:00 AM

#### Mizpah Chapter OES

Stated Meetings on the  
Third Thursday :

October 21

November 19

December 16

#### Winslow York Rite

Please refer to:

[www.winslowyorkrite.org](http://www.winslowyorkrite.org)

For that reason, folk art tends to exist within close communities, often for ceremonial or practical purposes. Freemasonry, with its scores of Lodge jewels, regalia, and other paraphernalia... Plus its expansive symbolic language... Provides a rich source of opportunities for this kind of artistic expression. As Freemasonry's reach expanded during the late 19th century, the so-called golden age of fraternities, so too did the swell of ceremonial objects and regalia made for the fraternity by amateur craftspeople, makers, and artisans.

The aprons, signs, and furniture used in the lodge were adorned with symbols and figures that were meaningful to their owners and communities. The artists behind them were often anonymous or little known. And yet together, they form a body of work that not only speaks to an enduring Masonic heritage, but also it helps to provide a sort of artistic vernacular that spoke to artists outside the fraternity. With so many members and so many pieces of folk art being produced for them, the fraternity found itself on a two-way street, both inspired by the fashions of the time, while also influencing them.

Mike Gibbs, Junior Warden

From the California Freemason Magazine

## FROM THE DESK OF ROBERT STIRLING—THE TRIVIUM AND QUADRIVIUM

### Trivium and Quadrivium, the Seven Liberal Arts and Sciences, Freemasonry leading brothers down the path of Classical Education.

The Trivium and Quadrivium form the seven liberal arts and sciences, which are famous in the lecture of the middle chamber, and until the European Renaissance they were the two books that formed the foundation of a classical education. The Seven Liberal Arts and Sciences are the baseline ideas of Plato, Aristotle, and St Augustine, and their main intent was to show people the difference between fact and fiction because they teach how to think, rather than what to think. Plato considered logic our highest cognitive faculty and being necessary to see both sides of an argument, the pros and cons, and the means to understand it. St Augustine of Hippo was the greatest teacher of rhetoric, he said that if one wished to defend truth, he must be eloquent enough to refute falsehood through the power of oratory. The Fellowcraft is admonished to study the liberal arts and sciences.

The Trivium is the lower division of the seven liberal arts and sciences and is comprised of grammar, logic, and rhetoric or input, process, and output. The quadrivium consists of arithmetic, geometry, music, and astronomy these followed the preparatory work of the trivium and were considered preparatory for the study philosophy.



The Trivium consists of:

1. Grammar, or knowledge, how to systematically gather data and arrange it in a way that forms a solid basis of knowledge. In the book of Genesis the first job given to Adam is to name all things, and to have dominion over creation. By knowing the names of things gives man the ability to speak and understand. In elementary school or grammar school we learn to recite the alphabet, numbers, and colors. In the Fellowcraft charge we are told to keep a tongue of good report, and the lecture directs us to have an instructive tongue, so we can speak clearly and concisely to become better men.
2. Rhetoric or wisdom, how to communicate the knowledge and understanding to others in a productive way, so they can learn how to use the information in their daily lives. A synonym for rhetoric is persuasion. Rhetoric is essential in the study of law and regulations. Rhetoric adds force and elegance to our thoughts, and as we improve we captivate the listener with both the strength of our arguments and the beauty of our expression.
3. Logic or understanding, is how to eliminate all conflicts from the knowledge in order to form the conclusion of understanding the contexts. Logic trains the mind to think clearly. Critical thinking or dialectics, we weigh the pros and cons to find the better choice and we observe the world to see patterns and relationships and begin to make predictions using inductive reasoning.

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## THE TRIVIUM AND QUADRIVIUM—CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS PAGE

The Quadrivium is associated with science and learning the mysteries of the universe. It consists of:

4. Arithmetic or numbers, the abstract reflection of the physical, arithmetic teaches the nature of being itself. Mathematics is taught step-by-step, first we learn to count, then we learn to add and subtract. As a science it is progressive by building skills and familiarity through frequent practice. The application of this science and a great moral lesson passed down from Masonic writers is to: “Add to your knowledge, never Subtract from the character of your neighbor, Multiply your benevolence to your fellow creatures, and Divide your means with those in need.”
5. Geometry or numbers in space, geometrical shapes show a deeper meaning of symbology or the key to architecture. Geometry is made of the two words, geo and metric or earth measurement. It discovers unmeasured areas by comparing them to areas already measured. It is also synonymous with self knowledge and understanding of the substance of our being. The main tools used in geometry are plumbs, squares, and levels, we also use them in speculative masonry to teach lessons of right behavior, rectitude, and truthfulness.
6. Music or numbers, teach the brain natural harmony and how the universe was shaped in to form. Pythagoras considered studying music as a science very important. Our heart beat is the basic pattern of music, and our sense of hearing is improved so that we recognize the rhythms and syncopation, also clapping and singing are part of who we are as humans. Sound is caused by vibrations, pitch is determined by the frequency of vibrations, we learn to hear major, minor, and chromatic scales, it takes discipline to achieve this harmony. Many whole pieces of music have been dedicated to the music of the spheres. The Senior Warden asks for harmony in the Lodge and is also associated with this science.
7. Astronomy or numbers in time and space, this is the highest form of learning, and the basis of all science. We feel tiny compared to time and space as we look at the Milky Way, we hear that the fear of God is the beginning of wisdom, Looking at the universe helps to instill a sense of glory of the universe. Times and seasons are understood by contemplating astronomy.



The seven liberal arts and sciences are branches of wisdom or learning. To become better men we need to work on becoming better able to understand our world. These are seven keys to learning other areas knowledge including history and psychology. They are rooms that we should enter daily and continue to be Learners. Education doesn't stop with high school or college and we should continue to read classic literature, the Bible, biography's, and history. We should see ourselves as lifelong learners. We will become better men in masonry if we continue to observe music, plays, and art, and keep using math and geometry, and to expand our vocabulary and practice writing.

Reverences: Bob Rhet, Liberalarts.online-trivium and Quadrivium , liberalarts.com

- 4 William Arnold Trivium and Quadrivium or seven liberal arts and sciences from Suffolkmasons.com  
Richard D. Marcus, A Stroll Through the Seven Liberal Arts and Sciences, masoniceducation.com

## THE SECRETARY'S DESK

\$138.00.

*What?* Is it that time again? Yes, Brothers it is! Dues notices will be coming in the mail shortly.

As happened last year your dues card is now printed by Grand Lodge's *Grandview system* as is the tracking of your payment may be. Welcome to the "New World Order". Your 'membership #' at the bottom Left corner of your dues card is also used when you sign up to have access to the Grandview's "White River Lodge 62 page", yes another password, where 'guess what' YOU can change *your mailing address, your telephone #, and your E-mail address.* **Now if you are reading this in your "Dues Notice" it means that I "may not" have your correct e-mail address or do not have it at all.**

The Lodge's E-mail address is '[whiteriverlodge62@gmail.com](mailto:whiteriverlodge62@gmail.com)'. Which is not different than our Name of "White River" Lodge, just pronounced a little different, although most of our founding members worked for the Whiteriver Reservation. Different than the Black River and the White River which join together and become the Salt River which is just east of the reservation town of Whiteriver. confused, welcome to my world.

### MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

We had a fairly successful barbecue,

- sold approximately 150 to 160 meals
- donations of about \$300 from the drive up area
- a couple brothers donated supplies and such as burlap, plates beans and a few other things
- still have a bout about 75 pounds of meat left in the freezer
- We will clear somewhere around \$2000

There were several other things going on in Show Low that weekend which effected our sales.

Several Brothers were called home recently by the Grand Architect of the Universe, these included Ken Walker, Bob Burmeister, and Anthony Whetten. We have also raised several Brothers to the sunlime degree of Master Mason during the last quarter.

Joel Nelson Lawson, Jr.	10/26/2002	19
Richard James Palmer, Jr.	10/17/2009	12
Eugene Martin Christiansen	11/21/1962	59
Thomas Berry McRitchie	11/26/1968	53
William Clyde Hazel	11/17/1975	46
Willard Earl Van Cleave	11/1/1986	35
Daniel Lee Vertz	11/27/1990	31
Michael Edward Pennington	11/22/1997	24
Mark (Moose) Edward Sumerlin	11/13/1998	23
Donald Galen Newby	11/3/2001	20
Scott Ashley Hveem	11/18/2003	18
Evan Lewis Lehr	11/5/2019	2
Roger Preston Foster	12/16/1963	58
Fred Reese Bridges	12/4/2010	11
Santiago Limon, Jr	12/15/2020	1

Total years since Third Degrees 412

The best of Brotherly Love to all;  
Clay Howard PM  
Secretary, White River #62

## A BIT OF HISTORY

Contributed by Steve Beardsley

One of the wonderful aspects of Freemasonry is the pleasure we experience when meeting and conversing with our brothers during and after lodge, and also being able to say so, and so is my brother. We all are aware of the brothers that were past presidents, famous athletes or public figures but do you know you are walking in the path of Freemasons that changed the history Arizona?



The following brothers should be thanked for their contributions to the development of Phoenix and the state of Arizona.

John Y.T. Smith conceived the idea of building a canal system upon the old Hohokam canals along with Jack Swilling and Darrel Duppa.

Columbus H. Gray;

- One of the first farmers in the salt river valley.
- In 1872 began constructing a building at Jefferson and First which he planned to use as a Masonic Hall but sold it to Joe and Mike Goldwater as their first store.
- A signer of the Salt River Valley Town Association Agreement
- In 1879 elected to territorial legislature.

Judge John T. Alsap;

- April 10, 1874 President Grant issued to Judge Alsap a patent for the township of Phoenix
- In February 1881 Phoenix became a city with Judge Alsap as the first mayor.
- Served in the legislature and drew up the Salt River Valley Town Association Agreement.
- Member Arizona Lodge #2
- First Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Arizona.

John p. Orme.

- Was know as the “empire builder of the valley”.
- Second president of the Salt River Valley Water Users’ Association
- Founder of the Orme School.
- Farmer and businessman.

We owe a great thanks to these brothers for their help in making Arizona a wonderful place to live.

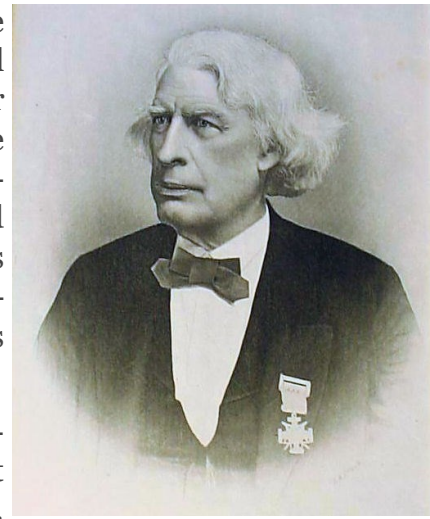
Excepts from “The Taming of the Salt River” Salt River Project Employees Magazine

*Albert G. Mackey on The Mystical Meaning of Numbers*  
*Provided by the Oklahoma Chapter and Council Education E-Newsletter*  
*(<https://okyorkrite.com/>)*

*Extracted from the It's Monitorial Column in the July 2021 Issue*

*The following monitorial instructions on the Select Master degree appear on pp. 59-61 of "Cryptic Masonry: A Manual of the Council" by Albert G. Mackey.*

Of all the superstitious notions which prevailed among the ancient philosophers, there was none more prevalent than that which attributed a mystical meaning and a divine virtue to numbers. Nor did the idea die with antiquity. It was a favorite theory of many of the Christian Fathers, and even as late as the sixteenth century we find Cornelius Agrippa asserting that "there lies wonderful efficacy and virtue in numbers, as well for good as for evil." [*De Occulta Philosophia*, Lib. II. Cap. iii.] The doctrine was especially taught in the school of Pythagoras, and afterwards by the Cabbalists, whence it has evidently descended to Freemasonry, of whose symbolical science it constitutes an interesting portion. But the numeral symbolism of Masonry very materially differs from that of the Pythagoreans as well as the Cabbalists.



Albert Mackey  
(Public Domain)

With the Masons, odd numbers alone are considered mystical, which was according to the ancient doctrine, where it was taught that odd numbers were pleasing to the gods. ["Numero deus impari gaudet." Virgil. *Eclogae*, VIII.] Hence *three*, *five*, *seven*, and *nine*, are deemed Masonic numbers. *Three* is the foundation of the Masonic symbolism of numbers, because it is the first odd number after unity, and it is particularly applicable to the lower degrees. When we ascend to the higher grades, *nine* comes into play as the square of three, and *twenty-seven*, which is the cube of three, and lastly *eighty-one* which is the square of nine.

The number *nine* is the sacred number of the Select degree, which, however, also refers to *twenty-seven*, simply because that is the product of *nine* multiplied by *three*.

*Nine* was called by the Pythagoreans *teieios*, or the number of completion, and as such it is appropriate to that degree which professes to complete the circle of Masonic science. But the lecture of the Select Master teaches us that the number *nine* alludes to the nine attributes of the Deity, which are said to be: 1. Beauty. 2. Wisdom. 3. Power. 4. Eternity. 5. Infinity. 6. Omniscience. 7. Justice. 8. Mercy. 9. Perfection.

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