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White River Lodge #62 Trestleboard



FROM THE EAST

BROTHERLY LOVE, RELIEF, TRUTH

TRUTH!

What is the truth? Will we ever find it? How will I know if I do find it?

As I have grown older I realized that what I may have thought the truth at age 20 is not the same as I found at age 50 or 60.

But one thing has not changed. The ancient charges of Freemasonry. Take a look at the charges of 1390 A.D. and examine the world of 2018. Has the truth really changed? If we adhere to these charges today will the results be different than 1390?

I don't think so.

Give it some thought and let me know if you find the same to be true.

Fraternally

Steve Beardsley

Master of White River Lodge #62

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HIGHLIGHTS IN THIS ISSUE

- The Mizpah Chapter OES has an interesting historical perspective of the Eastern Star.
- Why do we say "So Mote It Be"
- An historical perspective of the Royal Arch



Lodge Schedule

April 10, May 8, June 12: Stated Meeting, dinners will be at 6:00 family and friends are welcome to the dinners

April 19, May 17, June 21 : Practice, or Degree work

April 19, May 19, June 16: Discussion night at 6:00, family and guests are welcome to join in the discussion.

April 28, June 21: Movie night or fireside chat, light dinner will be provided at 5:00

If the schedule changes we will notify you

White Mountain Shrine meets the third Sunday at Noon at the Show Low Cafe

FROM THE SECRETARY

Most of our members have paid their dues, a few have not. Dues are \$134.00 per year payable to White River Lodge #62. If you wish, you may pay your dues on our Website through PayPal: <https://www.whiteriverlodge62.org/donations-and-payments.html>
Clay Howard

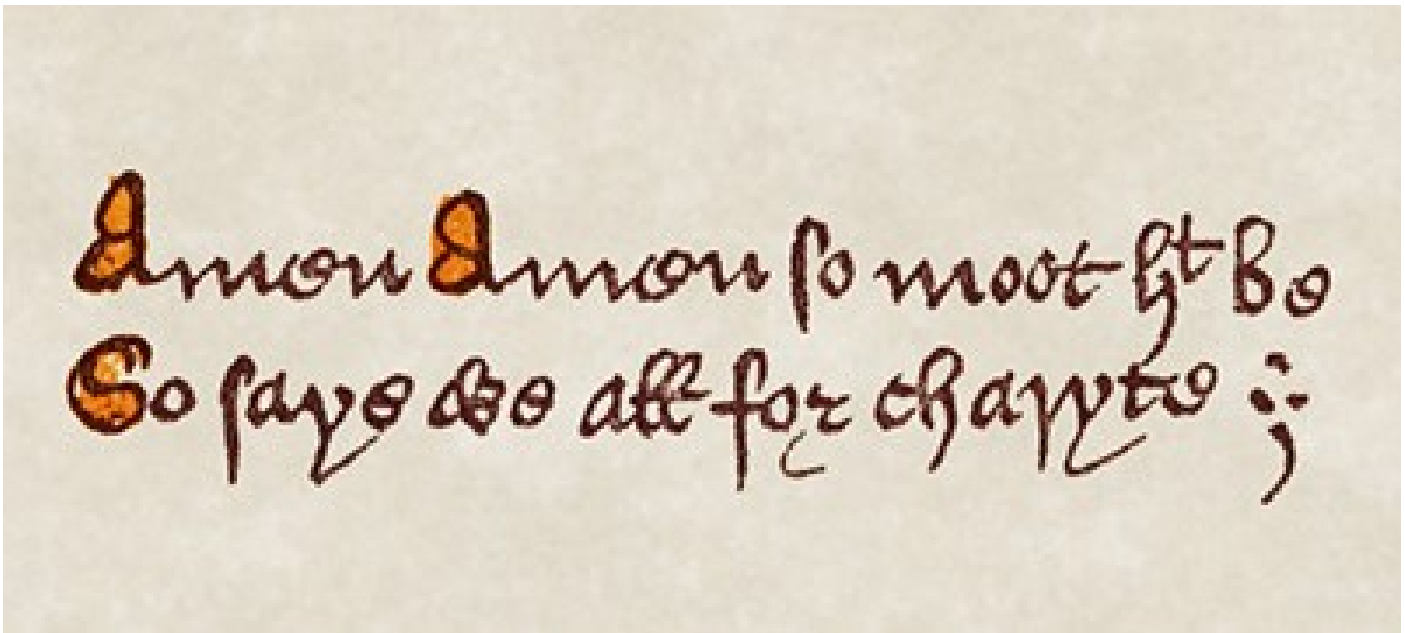
LODGE SCHEDULE OVERVIEW

Our Lodge is planning new types of events to increase participation. We hope you find our new types of meetings interesting and educational. We will plan the following events each month:

- Second Tuesday: Stated meeting with dinner at 6:00. Family and friends are encouraged to have dinner with us
- Third Tuesday: Lodge practice
- Third Thursday: A discussion night with both members and non-members
- Either Third or Fourth Saturday: Movie night—members and their friends and family are welcome to attend. From time to time we may have a fireside chat on the Ramada.
- On Saturday, May 27 we will have an Hawaiian Pig Roast at 1:00 pm. The pig roast will replace movie night in the month of May
- On September 2 we will have our annual Fall BBQ from Noon until 2:00 pm.



The library in the lodge dining room is beginning to take shape.



WHY DO FREEMASONS END THEIR PRAYERS WITH THE PHRASE “SO MOTE IT BE”?

The above picture is from a Scottish Rite publication. It is a facsimile taken from the last two lines of the Regius poem that was discovered in 1390. words that translated to:

“Amen! Amen! so mote it be!.”

“So say we all for charity.”

The word “moot” or mote as it is spelled today is old English for may or might.

The poem contains rules and regulations for Masonic guilds. Some believe the poem dates back to King Athelstan in the 10 century England.

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The word ‘amen’ is from a Latin word (on the left) is also derived from a Hebrew word meaning certainly or so be it. The words ‘so mote it be’ have the same

meaning as amen.

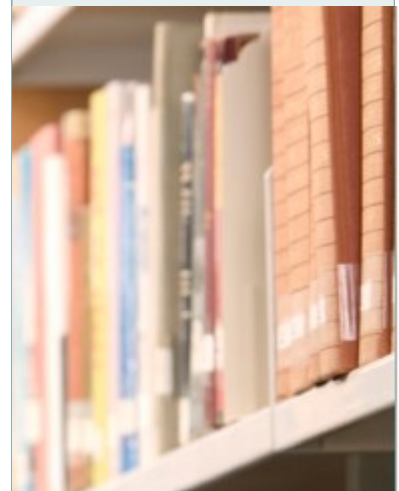
Therefore, when you say “So Mote it be,” you are continuing a Masonic custom that dates back to approximately 1390.

Frank Edens

Reference: March/April 2009 Scottish Rite Journal Retrieved from <https://scottishrite.org/scottish-rite-myths-and-facts/qa-so-mote-it-be/> on 3/28/2018 ,

FROM THE EDITOR

In each issue, we will plan to have at least one educational article to assist with Masonic education. I would appreciate articles from members.



WINSLOW YORK RITE SCHEDULE

The Winslow York Rite has Stated Meetings in Winslow, Holbrook, and Show Low .

The meeting schedule for the next few months is as follows:

April 4: Stated meeting – Commandery in Holbrook

April 24: Royal Arch Degree in Holbrook

May 2: Stated Meeting – Royal Arch in Show Low

July 11: Stated Meeting – Royal Arch in Show Low

We are planning to have the Council Degrees in June or July.

Meetings are at 7:00 pm. We normally have a dinner at a restaurant prior to each meeting.

Winslowyorkrite.org



WINSLOW YORK RITE

THE ROYAL ARCH

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Alberta

The Royal Arch Degree is the climax of Ancient Craft Masonry and Masonic Symbolism. It is described as “the root and marrow of Freemasonry.” The Degree of Royal Arch is the capstone of the Craft Degrees. It is concerned with the discovery of a crypt and the value of the resulting discoveries to the Craft. In this Degree, that which was lost in the 3rd (Master Mason) Degree is again found. It is the complete story of Jewish History during some of its darkest hours. Jerusalem and the Holy temple are destroyed, The people are being held captive as slaves in Babylon. Here you will join with some slaves as they are set free to return home and engage in the noble and glorious work of rebuilding the city and the Temple of God. It is during this rebuilding that they make a discovery that brings to light the greatest treasure of a Mason - the long lost Master’s Word. Many historians have traced the earliest origins of the Royal Arch Degree to Ireland, late in the 17th century and in England in 1738, In 1752, ambulatory or military warrants for Lodges were introduced. This was instrumental in placing the Royal Arch Degree on a par with the Master Mason Degree. Military lodges were greatly responsible for planting Freemasonry in the Colonies and also gave birth to the use of the Mark and Royal Arch degrees in the “New World.” Lodge records show that the Royal Arch Degree was conferred at Fredericksburg No. 4 on December 12, 1753. George Washington was raised in this Lodge a few months prior to this date. The value of Royal Arch Masonry will be appreciated by all who are exalted to that most sublime degree, particularly by those who are seeking to complete their Masonic education. It reveals the full light of Ancient Craft Masonry, presents it as a complete system in accordance with the original plan and justly entitles you to claim the noble name of Master Mason. These Degrees continue the education which the Master Mason received in the Symbolic Lodge. Any Master Mason who wishes "Further Light in Masonry" should receive them.

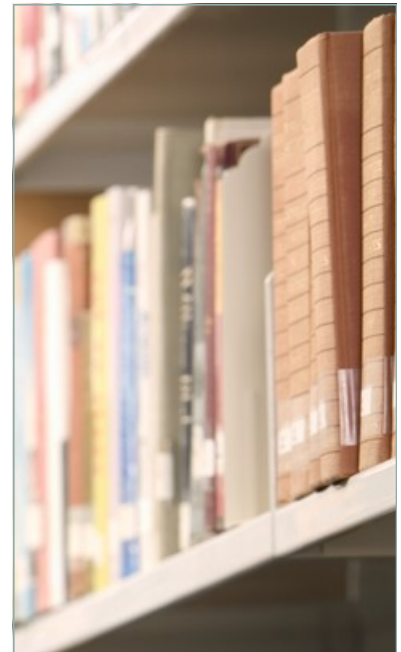
Copied from the April Mohave York Rite Trestleboard

MIZPAH CHAPTER, ORDER OF THE EASTERN

Female Freemasonry

Secret societies, imitating Freemasonry, for the admission of females as members were first organized in France during the early part of the eighteenth century, and still exist there and in other parts of Europe as a distinctive Rite.

By the term Adoptive Masonry is implied that system of forms, ceremonies and explanatory lectures which is communicated to certain classes of ladies, who, from their relationship by blood or marriage to Master Masons in good standing, are entitled to the respect and attention of the entire Fraternity.



“Its obligations are based upon the honor of the female sex; and framed upon the principles of Equality and Justice...”

These ladies are said to be adopted into the Masonic communion, because the system of forms, ceremonies and lectures above referred to enables them to express their wishes, and gives satisfactory evidence of their claims in a manner that no stranger to the Masonic family can do.

Many systems of Adoptive Masonry have, from time to time, been introduced in the United States, with varied success, none of which, however, seemed to possess the elements of permanency, except the Order of the Eastern Star, which was established in this country during the year 1778. The success of this Order, therefore, corresponds in its beneficence and usefulness with the extent of Freemasonry. Its obligations are based upon the honor of the female sex; and framed upon the principles of Equality and Justice; that whatever benefits are due by the Masonic Fraternity to the wives, widows, mothers, daughters and sisters of Masons, corresponding benefits are due from the Eastern Star to the members of the Masonic Fraternity.

Adopted from the Manual for the Order of Eastern Star, written by Robert Macoy. The manual is still available from Amazon.

Cheri Witt, Worthy Matron

Dean Powell, Worthy Patron

MIZPAH CHAPTER,

Mizpah Chapter meets on the second Saturday of each month at 2:00 pm, except for January and February.

As a fund raiser, Mizpah Chapter will prepare sloppy joes for the White River Lodge dinner on Tuesday, April 10 at 6:00 PM

**WHITE RIVER
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TRESTLEBOARD**

White River Lodge #62 Free and Accepted Masons of Arizona received its charter in 1963. Its meeting location is at 741 E. Whipple in Show Low, Arizona

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WHITE RIVER LODGE #62 WEB PRESENCE

White River Lodge's Website is www.whiteriverlodge62.org. The Website has information about the Lodge's current events, links to various Masonic and local interest websites, the history of the lodge as written by various brothers, Mizpah Chapter OES history, Masonic Etiquette, contact information for the Lodge, and the ability to make donations to the lodge, order lodge shirts, and pay dues.

The Lodge's Facebook page is at <https://www.facebook.com/WhiteRiver62/>. The lodge also has a private Facebook group (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/WhiteRiverLodge62Mizpah57/>) that you can request to join if you are a member of Freemasonry or one of its appendant bodies.

As our schedule changes we will update you through these avenues and through e-mail also. We may also use the telephone if you prefer.

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