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White River Lodge #62 Trestleboard April, May, June 2019



FROM THE EAST

Brethren, our period of darkness is over and it is now once again time to renew our labors. Our Stated Meeting of 12 March was preceded by a wonderful meal of corned beef, cabbage, potatoes and carrots which was prepared by Debi and Fred Bridges. I would like to once again thank them for a meal that was a great success and attended by many Brethren and their guests and which in and of itself made the evening a fun time enjoyed by all.

Since sometime around the 21st day of December, the Winter Solstice, (anyone recognize the Masonic significance of this date?) the Sun has been steadily “climbing” from his House in Sagittarius. It is during this period in his cycle where the days are the shortest and the nights are the longest. A time when the Earth (in the northern hemisphere) sleeps and appears dead. The trees are barren, animals hibernate or move to warmer climes and the ground is frozen and covered in a blanket of white. Today, the Sun is currently residing at his House in Pisces; in the vicinity of the Vernal Equinox; where his “climb” crosses paths with the celestial equator. Eventually, he will come to his House in Gemini on or around the 21st day of June (anyone recognize the Masonic significance of this date?) or the Summer Solstice before he begins again his journey back “down” to his House in Sagittarius.

This regular progression of the sun as it appears to move along the ecliptic has an astronomical term and is represented in the Lodge.
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FROM THE EAST CONTINUED



It is during this period, when the Sun is in the vicinity of the Vernal Equinox, as he reaches his House in Pisces, that spring begins. The days get longer, the trees begin to bud, the ground begins to thaw, and animals begin to wake from their long winter naps in the search of food. The chirping of birds will soon be heard everywhere along with the long-awaited return of the humming birds to the White Mountains. For the Earth this is a period of renewal and regrowth.

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WINSLOW YORK RITE SCHEDULE

Apr 3th—Stated Meeting in Holbrook. Dinner will be at Chalcedony Lodge, We will exemplify the Mediterranean Pass and the Order of Malta

May 1— Stated Meeting in Show Low. Dinner will be at 6:00 at White River Lodge.

May 4—
Commandery Orders in Phoenix at 345 W. Monroe at 8:00 AM

No stated meeting at this time will be held in June

June 15—
Commandery Orders in Tucson at the Scottish Rite Temple

As Masons, we too, should take this time, this opportunity, this period of rebirth and renewal to commit ourselves to a renewal of our zeal for our Craft. During March, I visited Chalcedony #6 in Holbrook and had a great time with the Brethren there and learned a lot about how the history of Arizona and Masonry are intertwined with that Lodge. I intend to visit as many Lodges as I can and invite you to come along. With that thought, there is a Master Mason Lodge of Instruction being held at Winslow Lodge #13 on Saturday, 6 April from 10:00am to 1:00pm. This MM Lodge of Instruction is being put on by the DDGL, Worshipful Brother Cal Magness. There will be light refreshments before, as well as a light lunch after. All are invited. Although reservations are not required it is helpful for them to know about how many are coming, so, if you plan on attending, please contact WB Cal Magness at river_cal@hotmail.com, 928-607-9374 or Jimmy Atha at jatha@ymail.com, (928) 386-5077. This is a great opportunity to review and renew our knowledge of the Master Mason degree as well as meeting with and starting new relationships with Brothers from other Lodges across the state.

I look forward to seeing everybody at our next Stated Meeting on 9 April. See you then!

Paul Diaz

Master of White River Lodge #62

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Happy spring Brethren,

It was so good to see everyone at our first state meeting of 2019. I look forward to seeing more of you as the year progresses. As the opening prayer says we can all ask for help from The Great Architect for help in subduing any discordant passions within us. This will help and remind us to be better men and Masons every day, and what better time to start than springtime.

Humbly

Larry Pedersen



FROM THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

I want to thank all of you who have paid your dues. We still have approximately 10 who have a couple of months before you place yourself in jeopardy. As always if you are having difficulties we are just a phone call away or visit with one of the officers..

As you know from the obligation you swore to on the book of Holy Writings, we are obligated to assist a Worthy Brother, his widow and orphans. But if you or they don't ask we never know. There are actions that can be taken, either long term or short term.

A further note is the Grand Lodge has been cutting expenses where ever possible and they have reached their limit. A proposal budget for Grand Lodge will raise the per capita by \$4.00 per person per lodge. As DDGM I have received an advanced copy which will be sent to the lodges next month. I do expect the budget to pass at Grand Lodge when proposed. All lodges lost money on their perpetual funds this past year and I am sure it effects their budgets, lodge operations and charities. Our lodge, though, is in good shape financially.

As some of you know our lodge experienced some heavy utility and repair bills this past few month and expect more repairs. Hopefully not any more cold weather as this winter was the 2nd coldest on record.

Clay Howard, PM
Secretary, White River Lodge #62
District Deputy Grand Master, District #4

Note: A printable lodge calendar can be downloaded at <https://www.whiteriverlodge62.org/trestleboards-and-calendar.html>

Editor: Frank Edens

LODGE SCHEDULE

Apr 5th - No Host Social at Buffalo Bills. 6:00pm

April 6th - School of Instructions in Winslow at 10:00 AM

Apr 8th - EA Practice

Apr 9th - Stated

April 13th—OES 2:00

Apr 15th - EA Practice

Apr 16th - FC Degree Practice

Apr 23rd - Practice and Discussion

Apr 30th - Practice and Discussion

May 6th - EA Practice

May 7th - FC Degree Practice

May 11th—OES 2:00

May 13th - EA Practice

May 14th - Stated

May 21st - Practice and Discussion

May 28th - FC Degree Practice

Jun 3rd - EA Practice

June 4th - FC Degree Practice

Jun 6-9 - Grand Lodge

June 7: Memorial Service for Rob Jarvey

June 8th—OES 2:00

Jun 18th - Practice and Discussion

Jun 24th - EA Practice

June 25th - FC Degree Practice

WHAT WE MIGHT LEARN FROM MOSES

The stories of how the descendants of Jacob, who was also called Israel, came to live in Egypt are very interesting. The first story that we all have heard is how Jacob's son, Joseph, was sold into slavery by his brothers who were very jealous of him. Joseph became the slave of one of Pharaoh's guards. He demonstrated how he could foresee the future. He became an advisor to Pharaoh and then a high official in Egypt. He predicted seven years of plenty and seven years of drought. During the drought, people from neighboring countries came to Egypt to buy wheat. This drought eventually caused Jacob to move his family to Egypt. After the death of Joseph, successive Pharaohs forgot about the accomplishments of Joseph. The Israelites became mistrusted by the Egyptians and put into slavery. After four hundred years, the Pharaoh ordered the murder of all the male babies of the Israelites.

We have all heard about the birth of Moses, how he survived being killed, and how he grew up in Pharaoh's temple. When Moses was about 40, he witnessed an Egyptian taskmaster beating a slave. Moses came to the defense of the slave and killed the taskmaster. Other Egyptians witness the event. Moses was deemed to be a traitor. Although Moses demonstrated he was willing to stand up for what he believed, he also demonstrated he was susceptible to great anger. He fled to Median that is across the Red Sea in what is now Saudi Arabia. While sitting by a well he observed the daughters of a Midianite priest giving their flock water and daughters being harassed, Moses again had the courage to stand up to injustice and saved the daughters from the humiliation. Again, he demonstrated he was willing to stand up for what he believed. Moses eventually married one of the daughters. In a short time Moses went from being a prince to a shepherd. The Egyptians considered to shepherds to be the lowest form of life. He attended flocks of sheep.

During his first 40 years, Moses as a prince learned the Egyptian language, culture, economics, construction, leadership, and much more. In the wilderness, he learned humility, perseverance, self-discipline, faith, character, and the voice of God. When Moses was before God at the burning bush, Moses argued with God saying that he was not a good speaker. Moses recommended Aaron would be a better speaker. Moses eventually made God angry. Finally, God told Moses that Aaron could assist. Moses was showing his fear, having Aaron to assist gave Moses more confidence.

They made it to the border of the promised land within two years, all except two men were fearful to enter. Therefore, since so many were afraid to enter, they turned back into the wilderness and spent the next 38 years in the wilderness.

Aaron may not have been the best person for Moses to have chosen to assist him. For when Moses was on the Mountain after freeing the Israelites, it was under the supervision of Aaron that the Israelites built the golden calf. They were losing faith and were returning to the religion of the Egyptians.

The lessons for us is that when we see the need for leadership in our lodge, our church, or in our communities, we should be willing to step up. Too many in our lodges are willing to sit on the sidelines. We need to assist our lodges make the best decisions for the future. We need to respect each other. We need not to fear to take part. Don't worry if the first time you do something it is not good, demonstrate you can be fearless when learning something new. By learning and exemplify ritual you are helping others to learn. The ritual helps brothers obtain a foundation that they can use for learning. Notice that what is written in many Masonic publications, such as the Scottish Rite Magazine and the York Rite Publications, build on what we learn in our ritual. We need to help others build on what they know.

In his closing farewell, when Moses realized he would not be entering the promised land, Moses finished with the following in summary:

I have set before you: life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you. (Deuteronomy 11:13-21 NRSV)

His greatest fear was that what they had learned in the wilderness would not be passed down to their children.

Reference: Hamilton, Adam (2017) Moses: In the Footsteps of the Reluctant Prophet, Abingdon Press

LESSONS FROM VENTAGE TV

Peter Johnson, Commander, Calvary Commandery #8, Winslow York Rite

Perhaps the most aired TV series of the past is the beloved Andy Griffith Show. It is a program devoted to solving basic problems of everyday life. A loving and beautiful solution to the “bump in the road” is worked out in the course of thirty minutes and all is well. The stories often center on the theme of redemption: the transmutation of a character to a higher way of living.

The main character, Sheriff Andy Taylor, is an idealized man. He is self-effacing and humble, yet very wise. He has a great sense of humor, goes to church on Sunday, is an avid outdoorsman, and also sings and plays the guitar beautifully. As a lawman, his character is so strong that he need not carry a gun. He also understands that the spirit of the law is more important than the letter of the law when dealing with everyday people. We could say he IS a Master Mason. Curiously, like Hiram Abiff, Andy seems to be a “widow’s son” who, like his son Opie, is raised by the matronly, yet nurturing, Aunt Bee.

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The other main character that plays so well off Andy is, of course, the bumbling Deputy, Barney Fife. We all love Barney because he is so human. We also identify with his “screw ups” and irritations with everyday life; there is a little Barney Fife in all of us. Perhaps Barney teaches us not to take ourselves too seriously and “loose our cool”.

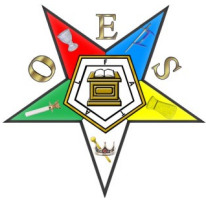
Many of the other characters in the show also represent parts of our own personalities. These individuals make us laugh, but actually deal with very serious issues. We all sympathize with poor Otis the town drunk. He is a lovely person with a demon that he just can’t lick. Ernest T. Bass is like our lowest animal nature. Ernest T. is wild and totally out of control. Everyone has at least some part of their own nature that is like Ernest T. Floyd, the barber, and Gomer Pyle, at Wally’s Service Station, are what Barney refers to as “non-intellectual types.” They are plain folks that just kind of bumble through life in a good natured way.

The female characters of the show are also very interesting. Andy and Barney’s girlfriends, Helen and Thelma Lou, are the “good girls”: sweet, kind, understanding, and patient. They are contrasted by the “fun girls” from Mt. Pilot, Daphne and Skippy. Daphne and Skippy are definitely the “bad girls”, the type of women that tempt men and get them into trouble.

Why do we love this show? In some small way watching this program, having a good laugh, and thinking about its simple message makes us all a little better. Each episode challenges us to continually search for wisdom and deal with our fellow man in a more kind and loving way.

WHITE RIVER LODGE'S REFRESHMENT WITH WILD BILL CODY

White River Lodge is planning to have refreshment with Brother Wild Bill Cody at Buffalo Bill's Restaurant at Bison Crossing just off AZ Highway 260. A map to the restaurant is below. This refreshment will be April 5 at 6:00 PM.



MIZPAH CHAPTER OES #57 OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Just a friendly reminder to those members who have not paid their 2019 dues, they were due on January 1. Our dues are now \$35 per year. Our mailing address is PO Box 1802, Show Low, AZ 85902.

We look forward to seeing a good turn out for our next meeting to be held at 2pm on Saturday, April 13.

Sue Connors, Secretary



White River Lodge #62 Dues:

Dues are \$134 for 2019. You may either mail your dues to P.O. Box 336 Show Low, AZ 85902 or you may pay through PayPal at our Website:

<https://www.whiteriverlodge62.org/donations-and-payments.html>



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Winslow York Rite Dues:

Dues are \$117.50 for 2019. You may either mail your dues to 301 N. Retreat Way Show Low, AZ 85901 or you may pay through PayPal at our Website:

<https://www.winslowyorkrite.org/donations-and-payments.html>

MASTER MASON LODGE OF INSTRUCTION



Winslow Lodge No. 13 welcomes you to a School of Instruction for the Master Mason Degree. The school will concentrate on the allegory, symbolism and properly presenting the degree to your candidate.

This will be directed by
DDGL, Worshipful Brother Cal Magness

WHERE: Winslow Lodge No. 13, 315 N Kinsley Ave #13, Winslow,
AZ 86047

WHEN: Saturday, April 6th, 10 AM - 1 PM.

Please join us for coffee and rolls before hand and a light lunch after.

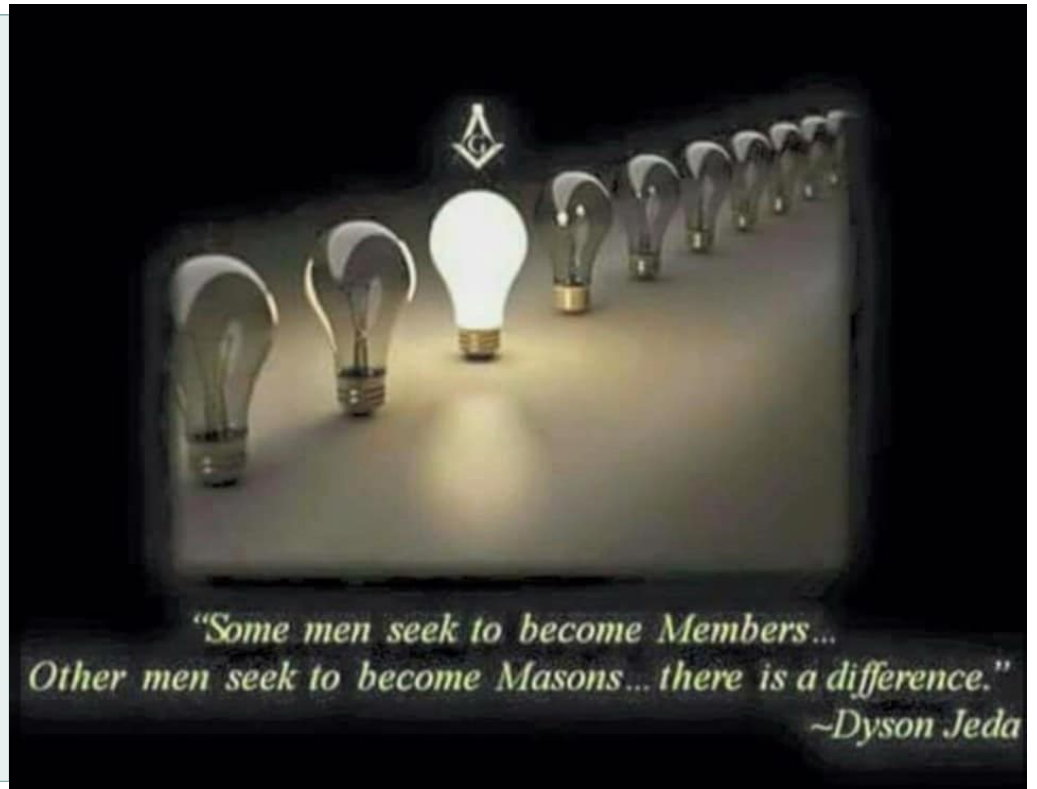
Please come and join us for some enlightenment of a degree that is so important to what we do. You will walk out with new knowledge and probably learn some things you did not know.

Although there are no reservations required but is helpful for us to know how many are coming, please contact

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river_cal@hotmail.com, 928-607-9374
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The Lodge has dinners on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 PM. Please join us for dinner on April 9, May 14, and June 11.

Friends and families of members of White River Lodge are welcome to join us for dinners.



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