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## *White River Lodge #62 Trestleboard*

*August September 2024*



### FROM THE EAST

We had a good turnout of brothers who worked at the Rummage Sale. I would like to thank Mike Gibbs for promoting the sale. His dedicated service made it a success.

We have a few candidates in the works. Please be alert for announcements of upcoming Degree work. We are expecting to have several degrees over the next couple of months. I would like to thank the couches who are working with these candidates.



Remember the Fall BBQ. We will be burning the pit on August 30<sup>th</sup>. We will meet early in the morning to take the meat out of the pit. We are planning to serve coffee and pastries to our workers. About Noon, we will start serving. We will close up about 2:00 PM.

Our next stated meetings will be on August 12 and September 9<sup>th</sup>. At the August 12th meeting, we will invite to dinner:

- Our student whom we are sponsoring through scholarship, Brent Hatcher. Brent is studying through NPC to become a surgical Technician.
- NPC Friends and Family Executive Director, Jesse Reeck.
- Brother Gary Butler, a fifty year member who will receive his apron

Santiago Limon

Master, White River Lodge #62 F&AM

### FROM THE SOUTH —THANK YOU FOR PUTTING YOUR TRUST IN ME

Brothers:

I am humbled that you have put your faith in me to serve as your Junior Warden for the remaining year. I hope I will do you proud.

Thank you again for your support in me.

WB Richard Prather, PM  
Acting Junior Warden

# FROM THE WEST– THE SIGNIFICANCE OF 3, 5, AND 7

In Freemasonry, the numbers 3, 5, and 7 are symbols representing different aspects of the journey towards enlightenment and self-improvement, particularly within the context of the Fellowcraft degree. These numbers are not just numerical values but embody deeper spiritual and philosophical meanings.

Here's a breakdown of their significance:

- **3:** Represents the three degrees of Craft Masonry (Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft, and Master Mason), symbolizing the progressive steps in a Mason's journey. It also symbolizes unity, harmony, and the Divine.
- **5:** Often associated with the Fellowcraft degree, representing the five human senses, the five orders of architecture, and the active principle of life. It signifies the integration of knowledge and experience, as well as the active pursuit of moral and intellectual growth.
- **7:** A revered number representing perfection, completeness, and the culmination of the spiritual journey. In Freemasonry, it can be linked to the seven liberal arts and sciences that form the foundation of Masonic knowledge.



These numbers, particularly when appearing together, serve as guiding principles within the Masonic tradition, urging individuals to strive for continuous self-improvement, intellectual development, and a deeper understanding of themselves and the world around them, according to Masonic educational materials.

Danny Keelin  
Senior Warden  
White River Lodge #62

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## MIZPAH CHAPTER #57 OES

Greetings from Mizpah Chapter # 57

We are off to a great start for our new year. We installed our new officers on June 14th. Our Grand Chapter is coming up on August 6th through the 9th. We are looking forward to electing new Grand officers and excited to see who has been appointed new officers for the upcoming year.

We initiated our first new member who, is not Masonic Related. Our General Grand Chapter passed a motion to allow ladies to join Eastern Star with no Masonic affiliation. They need a recommendation from two star sisters and one Mason. This is very exciting for Eastern Star as we are hoping it will increase our membership.



We are planning our Steak Fry in September and do a rummage sale at the same time. We will have a few fundraisers throughout the year and will keep you updated. Thank you for your support, and look forward to joining our groups together.

Julann Johnson  
Worthy Matron

## GRAND LODGE JUNE 2025



Brothers at Grand Lodge representing White River Lodge: Santiago Limon, Danny Keelin, Robert Stirling, Gen Stirling, and Mike Gibbs.



WB Mike Gibbs being installed as the District, Deputy Grand Master for White River Lodge #62 and Chalcedony Lodge #6. Congratulations to WB Mike.

### CALENDAR

#### WHITE RIVER LODGE #62

Stated Meetings: August 12, September 9, Dinner at 6 PM, Lodge @ 7 PM

Lodge meets every Tuesday evening at 6:00 for fellowship unless it is too close to a holiday.

Burn pit August 30th beginning at 8 AM. Fall BBQ August 31, Noon til 2 PM,

A second rummage sale may be scheduled in September.

#### MIZPAH CHAPTER #57

Stated Meetings: August 21, September 18 at 7 PM

Steak Fry: To be determined

Grand Chapter OES—August 6-9 2025 <https://www.azoes.org/124th-annual-session.html>

#### WINSLOW YORK RITE

Stated Meetings: September 2 at 7:30 AM in Winslow, Opening in Royal Arch. Dress is Red Jackets or Dark suite

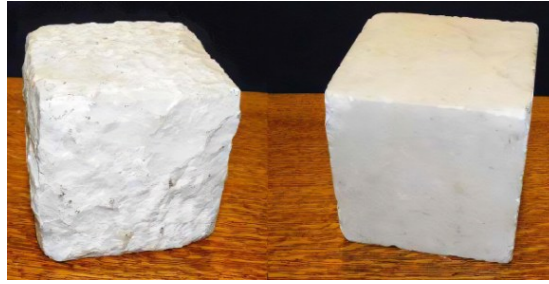
Grand Sessions—August 14-16 2025. <https://azyr.org/grand-sessions/>

This will be my last Trestleboard. It is time to turn it over to someone else in the lodge. Frank Edens

# PERFECTING YOUR ASHLAR

WB MIKE GIBBS, JUNIOR PAST MASTER

The ashlar is introduced in the first degree of Masonry and is intended to represent our imperfections. In this ritual, the ashlar is perfected and prepared to be used in the construction of the Mason's temple. It is dressed and smoothed by carving away the unnecessary layers of stone. To become a good and useful man, the lesson is clear: we must shed our habits and traits that prevent us from building our own temple, from becoming a good and just man. Our ashlar should only be measured against itself and never that of a fellow Mason, for comparing our journey to another only leads to the ego-centric traits we should strive to overcome. A Freemason becomes a perfect ashlar through hard work, education, and a diligent effort to live an upstand-



ing life. Of course, being a Freemason is much more than simply being industrious. A Freemason is a man who is committed to bettering himself and his community, one who has vowed to help and mentor his brethren to do the same. A Freemason is a man striving to be part of something greater than himself, is filled with compassion, and yearns to create a better future for generations to come.

This is something I found online thought my be interesting for those who don't know.

Masonic Birthdays		
Name	MasonDay	Years
RICHARD HAROLD RUSSELL	8/24/1955	70
Daniel Joseph Keelin	9/30/1985	40
SHANE ALLEN JACOBSON	9/30/1991	34
David Allen Saunders	9/22/1994	31
Larry James Logan	9/12/2007	18
Robert Hughes Honea	9/20/2014	11
Erasmio Zazueta, Jr.	9/23/2015	10

## THE IMPORTANCE OF READING

1. It sharpens vocabulary.
  2. It reduces the brain's rate of decline in old age.
  3. It expands emotional intelligence and well-being.
  4. It improves memory.
  5. It builds a robust vocabulary and foundation of knowledge.
  6. It adds richness and depth of meaning to life.
  7. It broadens imagination and enhances creativity.
  8. It challenges preconceived notions and expands understanding of the world.
- It improves comprehension and critical thinking skills.

Reader's Digest

## CALVARY COMMANDERY #8 JUNE 21, 2025

Calvary Commandery #8, a division of the Winslow York Rite, met on June 21, 2025, to provide an Arch of Steel for the ashes of our fallen Sir Knight James Theodore Atha. Ruby Chapter performed an Eastern Star service and the Winslow York Rite performed a Masonic service. After a reception, Calvary Commandery had a Stated Meeting. Below is a picture of Sir Knights at the Stated Meeting, which was held after the memorial service. Pictured Below are Dean Powell, Brian Sellers, John Huth, Pete Johnson, Frank Edens, John Lervold, Guy Williams, Santiago Limon, Dick Young. Derald Hogeland took the picture. Several other knights were at the memoural service and the meeting.



## FIRST DEGREE DECEMBER 1, 2025 AT WHITE RIVER LODGE #62



Dee Jay Gumabao, Jeron Velasco, and Steve Beardsley. In the background are Mike Gibbs and Don Anderson

Frank Edens, Gene Stirling, Pete Johnson, Robby Sirling, Larry Peder- sen, Danny Keelin, Tom Meyer, Steve Beardsley, Jeron Velasco, Mike Gibbs, Santiago Limon, Mark Jackson, Clint Russel, Dee Jay Gumabio, Mark Reynolds, Dean Powell, Robert Cooke took the picture.

# THE CHARGES

FRANK EDENS, PM WHITE RIVER LODGE #62

The definitions of the words 'charge' and 'read' as they were used when our ritual was written in the early 1700s are important to understand. The definitions would have been at the time the King James Version of the Bible was written. A Bing Search of the Biblical Definition of the Word 'Charge' means to convey a solemn responsibility or duty. For example, in 2 Timothy 4:1-5, Paul charges Timothy to fulfill his role before God and the Lord Jesus Christ. There are other examples of the use of the Charge in the Bible. According to the Website KJV Dictionary Definitions,

- The word 'Charge' means "That which is enjoined, committed, entrusted or delivered to another, implying care, custody, oversight, or duty to be performed by the person entrusted."
- The primary sense of the word 'read' "...is to speak, to utter, that is, to push, drive or advance."

Thus, in the ritual when the Master says "I will read you the Charge," he means that he will assign duties to a candidate that he is set to perform.

Thus, the Charges are used to impress upon candidates the very foundation of Masonic beliefs that originated with the Anderson's Constitution of 1723. I had attended a Third Degree in London, the Charge impressed upon the candidate was essentially the same as what we use in Arizona. In Scotland, the Second Degree Charge was also the same as in Arizona, except they added another paragraph at the end. At the end of the degrees in both lodges, I went downstairs to have dinner, feeling I could have almost given these Charges. Let us review some of the ancient charges from the Anderson's Constitution. Although it is difficult to find copies of Anderson's, we must depend on other sources such as the Masonic Trowel.



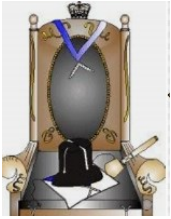
The ancient changes as found in the ritual give Masons their duty to God, their country, their fellows, their lodge, and their neighbors. These charges give Masons the foundation of the philosophy of lodges. From reading this, I infer a fellow is a man who has expressed his interest in Freemasonry, but who has not received his first degree.



The Old Charges are set forth under six headings:

- Of God and Religion – Masons must obey the moral law and respect different religions.
- Of the Civil Magistrate, Supreme and Subordinate – Masons must have respect for the civil officials, whatever their level. They should not engage in plots to overthrow governments, but if they do, they cannot be expelled for that crime alone. Participation in rebellions by a Freemason is indefensible, though.
- Of Lodges – All Masons must be affiliated with a lodge. He must be careful who he recommends for membership. All Masons reading this know that you should only recommend good men in good standing to join your lodge. When a Mason receives a summons to attend a special meeting, he should obey. Many times a summons is sent to require a Masonic trial of a brother to select jurors.

## THE CHARGES—CONTINUED



- Of Master and Wardens, Fellows, and Apprentices – Masters and Wardens should be chosen upon their merit and not seniority. They should demonstrate their leadership abilities to the lodge. All brothers must obey their rulers with humility, reverence, love, cheerful readiness, promptness, and willingness.
- Of the Management of the Craft in Working – The Craftsman must avoid bad language and name-calling they should behave courteously

always.



- Of Behavior - Brethren are not to hold private committees without knowledge of the Master, nor interrupt anyone speaking to the Master. No jesting behavior is to be tolerated when the Lodge is engaged upon solemn business. Masters and Wardens are to receive reverence and be "put to worship". Brethren must submit to the decisions of the lodge, unless appeal is carried to the Grand Lodge, and "you must never go to law about concerns of

Masonry, without necessity.

These Charges for the First, Second, and Third degrees cover the following topics:

- ⇒ In the lodge, while constituted -
- ⇒ After the Lodge is over, but while brethren are still in the building -
- ⇒ When Brethren meet outside of a lodge, when strangers are not present
- ⇒ In the presence of strangers who are not Masons
- ⇒ At home or in a neighborhood
- ⇒ Towards a strange Brother

To truly understand what Freemasonry is about and its objectives, one must know the Charges as published in our ritual. All brothers should know and understand the Charges. Charges are the foundation of Masonic beliefs.

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