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# White River Lodge #62 Trestleboard

January, February, March 2019



Brothers,  
FROM THE EAST  
We have come to the end of another year.

As we sing Brother Robert Burn's 'Auld Lang Syne' let us reflect on the work we have accomplished building our spiritual selves and what needs to be done in the future.

Remember: "WHAT CAME YOU HERE TO DO?", "LEARN TO SUBDUE MY PASSIONS AND IMPROVE MYSELF IN MASONRY." I trust we have made progress.

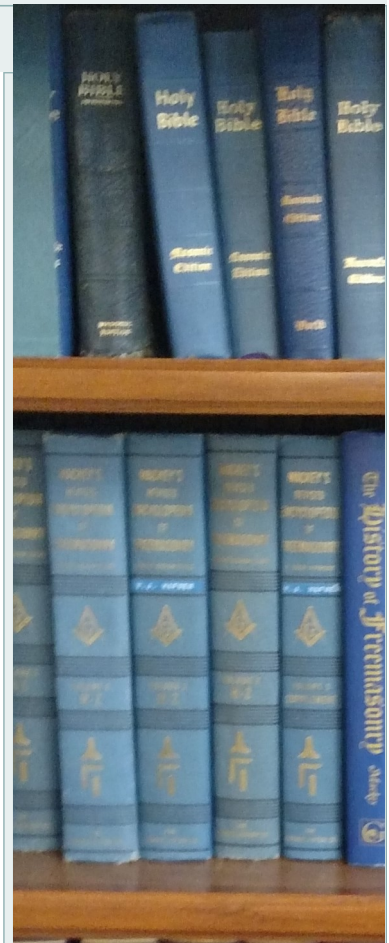
My term is over. I thank you for the honor you have given me and look forward to the coming years.

Fraternally,  
Steve Beardsley, WM

## FROM THE INCOMING MASTER

Thank you, Brethren of White River Lodge #62 for electing me to sit in the East. I am extremely humbled to be able to serve as Master of this Lodge. There are many titles and laurels that have been bestowed upon me throughout my Masonic career and pursuits of more light e.g. Sir Knight, Most Excellent Master, Prophet Monarch, 32° Degree Mason, etc... but, none so significant or important to me as being Master of a Lodge...of this Lodge.

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### LODGE SCHEDULE

Although we are dark in January and February, we will plan the following:

January 8 7:00 —  
Lodge practice for  
Second Degree and  
Installation

January 12 1:00—  
Installation of Offic-  
ers

February 12: 7:00 —  
Game night, may in-  
clude Hearts, Spades  
or even Penny Poker

March 12: 6:00  
Corned beef and Cab-  
bage. Stated meeting  
is at 7:00

March 19: Practice  
7:00

### FROM THE INCOMING MASTER (CONTINUED)

A wise old Gunny once told a young Sergeant Diaz that it wasn't time to sweat until you are in a hot LZ. I have since tried to live my life knowing that unless someone is shooting at you, there is nothing to be nervous or scared about. I have to admit though, that the faith you have in me and the responsibilities you have entrusted to me as Master of your Lodge are cause for a slight case of trepidation. The Masters who I am following have set great examples of leadership that I can only hope to emulate. I will do my utmost to ensure all the hard work before is not lost; and when I reflect on the Brothers who have accepted the duties of the officers of this Lodge, I am confident we will have another successful year.

Brethren, it has been awhile since I knelt at the altar on my naked left knee, but I have finally arrived in the East. I am both excited and humbled by this opportunity and look forward to our year together. Although we only meet together as a Lodge a few times a year, I would like to impress upon you that Freemasonry and the position of Worshipful Master of the Lodge are not part time jobs. We all must carry the teachings of the Craft outside the Temple walls if its Light are to be firmly embedded in our minds and hearts and made known to others. What I would like to emphasize right now is that I am available to you whether or not the Lodge room is open. The duties of the Master are not just to preside over meetings; he must also be ready to aid and assist any Brother in time of need. I intend to fulfill all of my duties to the best of my time and ability. To that end, I encourage all of you to call upon me at any time with any problem, Masonic or otherwise; I will try to aid you in any way I can.

To Worshipful Master Brother Steve Beardsley, I would like to thank you for the wonderful job you have done throughout your tenure as Master of our Lodge. I am confident that although you are now traveling West again your dedication to our Lodge will continue. Thank you, Steve for the guidance and inspiration you have given me during the past 2 years when I was privileged to assist you from the South. I will feel a sense of accomplishment if, when I relinquish the gavel to my successor, I can look at myself in the mirror and know that I have done as well as you did. And with that, on behalf of the Brethren of White River Lodge #62 I say thank you.

Now, lets get out there and have fun! That's an order! – *an admonition from every Company Gunny ever*

Fraternally,  
Paul Diaz, Master Elect

## OFFICERS OF LODGES IN OUR AREA

Office	White River Lodge	Winslow Lodge	Chalcedony Lodge
Master	Paul Diaz	Jimmy Atha, PM	Kenneth Evans, II
Senior Warden	Robert Stirling	Ernie Cano	Jimmy Atha, PM
Junior Warden	Eddy Zazueda	Kenneth Evans, II	Michael Sample, PM
Treasurer	Pat Place	John Scott, PM	Bill Jeffers, PGM
Secretary	Clay Howard, PM	David Brakefield	Dean Powell
Senior Deacon	Rob Hepner	Harold Soehner	Pete Johnson, PM
Junior Deacon	Michael Gibbs	Shane Robertson	Christian Evens
Chaplain	Larry Pedersen	Earl Wunder, PGM	Clay Howard, PM
Marshal	Al Warner	Christopher Robertson	Don Anderson
Tyler	Don Anderson	Stephen Paul	
Senior Steward		James Cox, PM	Jack Vicars
Junior Steward		Joseph Cox	
Organist	Larry Valis		
Trustees			
	Steve Beardsley, PM	Shane Robertson	Clay Howard, PM
	Gene Stirling, PM	Harold Soehner	Richard Young, PM
	Rob Jarvey, PM	Joseph Cox	Pete Johnson
	Larry Pedersen	David Brakefield	
	Fred Bridges		

We congratulate the officers for 2019. We wish them a good year and that their lodges progress to higher levels of proficiency and prosperity.

### 2019 DUES ARE NOW DUE AT WHITE RIVER LODGES (AND OTHER LODGES ALSO)

For White River Lodge. Please mail in a check for \$134.00 to the Lodge. The address is

White River Lodge #62  
P.O. Box 336  
Show Low, AZ 85901

You may also pay your dues on the Lodge's Website: <https://www.whiteriverlodge62.org/donations-and-payments.html>

Lodge email is [whiteriver62@cableone.net](mailto:whiteriver62@cableone.net).

## MIZPAH CHAPTER OES SCHEDULE

Mizpah Chapter will be dark in January and February.

March 9 2:00 pm—Stated meeting

## WINSLOW YORK RITE SCHEDULE

January 2 6:00— Dinner at Winslow Lodge. Stated meeting in Winslow

January 5: 3:00 Order of Red Cross in Holbrook.

February 6 6:00—Stated Meeting in Winslow. Dinner at the Lodge

March 6 6:00—Stated meeting in Holbrook.

## WINSLOW YORK RITE DUES

Winslow York Rite dues are due.

For those with the rank of Knight Templar, the annual dues are \$117.50.

The Address is:

Winslow York Rite  
301 N. Retreat Way  
Show Low, AZ 85901

You may also pay your dues and donate to the various York Rite Philanthropies on the Winslow York Rite Website:  
<https://www.winslowyorkrite.org/donations-and-payments.html>

## MIZPAH CHAPTER OES

### Sisters & Brothers of Mizpah Chapter #57 OES

Our Chapter is now dark for the winter and will hold our first meeting of 2019 on March 9 at 2 PM, the second Saturday of the month.

Your 2019 dues are now payable to the chapter. By a vote of the Chapter, our by-laws were changed and the dues amount for 2019 are \$35 per member. Please note our mailing address if PO Box 1802, Show Low, AZ 85902-1802.

I hope you had a Merry Christmas and extend best wishes for the New Year.

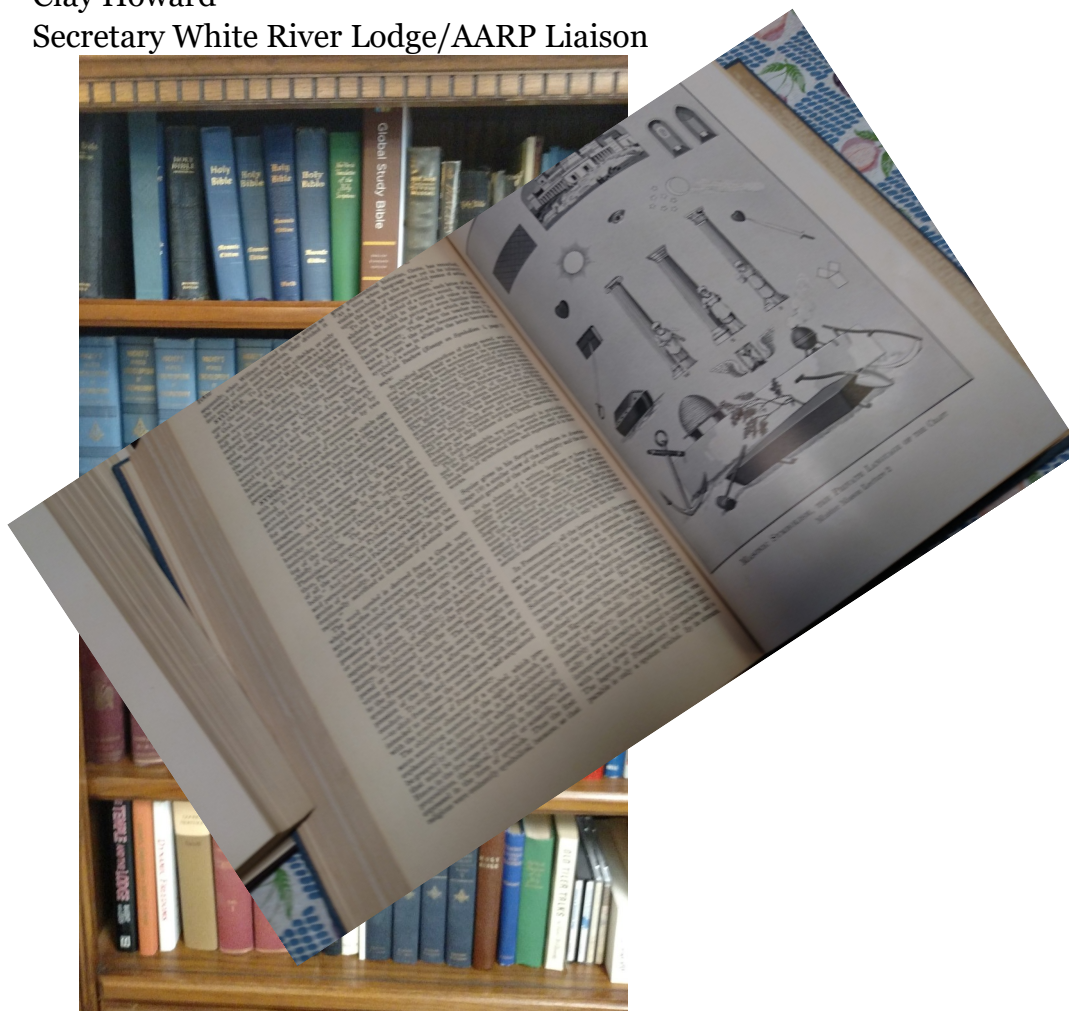
Sue Connors, PM, Secretary

## AARP TAX PREPARATION

During January the local chapter of AARP will have tax preparation training in our dining room. They will do tax preparation every Thursday from February 7 through April 11.

Clay Howard

Secretary White River Lodge/AARP Liaison



## MASONIC HUMOR

Several years ago Worshipful Brother Joe Edwards, from Sierra Vista, was Grand Orator of the Grand Lodge of Arizona. He gave an oration on Masonic Humor at Grand Lodge, some of his stories were from his own experience and some were from books on Masonic humor by Stuart M.L. Pollard. Brother Pollard's books included: *At Refreshment* and *Tied to the Apron Strings*.

I included a few of the more "printable stories" below. None of the stories Worshipful Brother Edwards told were bad, but they might be misinterpreted outside of a Lodge Room or in the more sensitive political correctness atmosphere today.

The first story told is about Worshipful Brother Jeff Horton of Tucson.

This tale is of expect the unexpected. Jeff Horton says, "There is yet strength in the lion of the tribe of Judah, and the body shall be raised by the Strong Grip of the Lion's paw, and on the five points of fellowship, and the first word uttered or spoken after the body is thus raised shall be the substitute for the ancient Master's word. At this point, Jeff squats to reach for the candidate's hand. This is a loud "rrriipppp" as the crotch of his pants tear from zipper to belt loop. He expeditious response was a verbal "OH S---". An astonished candidate still prone in the ceremonial coffin looked up at the Brothers encircling the graveside scene and said, "Are you serious?" And the rest is an uncontrolled quaking of bodies attempting to return to a serious mode as Jeff and the candidate went foot to foot to transmit the real Master's word.

Stewart Pollard said, when we talk about the universality of Freemasonry, we realize there is an underlying "tie that binds" us together as friends and Brothers. That tie is good fellowship, mutual respect, and good humor.

Some of his witticisms cause us to roll our eyes to confirm we understand that! Some examples are as follows:

Rules for Lodge members –

Rule #1 The Master is always right.

Rule #2 When the Master is wrong, refer to Rule #1

And — When I came to my first meeting as a Junior Past Master, the new Worshipful Master invited me to a seat in the near East. There must have been a message there.

And -- After Lodge the Chaplain asked me why I didn't play golf with the Master any more? I said, "Would you play golf with anyone who moves the ball when you turn your back – or undercounts his score." The Chaplain said "course not!" I said, "Neither will the Master."

# CHARITY

The word charity is a word in our ritual that may not mean what it was originally intended to mean. In the 17<sup>th</sup> century charity did not mean giving aid to the unfortunate. Instead, alms were given to the poor. Alms derived from the Greek word for pity (Κρίμα).

In the King James Bible, translated in 1611, Apostle Paul's first letter to the Corinthians the word *agape* was translated as charity. The ones who created our ritual believed that charity referred to the perfection of every virtue. Charity refers to a loving kindness not only to mankind, but also to God. Charity refers to excellence and something of high value.

Charity is derived from the Greek word *caritas* that meant preciousness, or something bearing a high price. It is also from the Latin translation of the Greek word *agape*. *Agape* is an unconditional love of God or mankind. Augustine of Hippo believe *caritas* reflected mans desire to be like God. *Agape* was also used to translate the Hebrew word *abava* that has the same meaning as *agape* – that of a higher love of God.

Other Greek words for love include: *Éros* (passionate or emotional love), *Philia* (brotherly love), *Storge* (love one has for a dependent or motherly love) and *mania* (obsession or possession). Much of the New Testament was written in Greek. English does not distinguish well between the types of love. Without going to the original text, much was lost in translation. The King James Version generally translated *agape* love as charity. Some places in the new testament used *philia* love.

Masonic Charity is not material benevolence, but a spiritual or philosophical awakening. It is the motivator that helps us develop ourselves and others. All other forms of benevolence will follow.

Frank Edens, PM

Reference: Hammer, Andrew, (2015) *Observing the Craft*, copyright 2010 by Mindhive Books

# PSALMS 133

The Psalms are songs that were written over a period of 500 to 1000 years. They were songs that were sung with instrumental accompaniment. The Psalms were usually sung while the singers were in motion. This developed the idea of the circumambulation or ceremonial procession around a central sacred object. The 133<sup>rd</sup> Psalm was written in the same style as other Psalms written by David. The Templars were using the 133<sup>rd</sup> Psalm in their initiations in the 1100's and lodges have used it for centuries. It is the Psalm of Fraternity.

The 133<sup>rd</sup> Psalm, that is also the circumambulation of the First Degree, reads:

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments; as the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the LORD commanded the blessing, even life for evermore.

# PSALMS 133 CONTINUED

Let us study some of the meanings of Psalm 133 and how it relates to Masonry.

“Behold!” – This means to listen.

“How good and pleasant it is,” – this gives the candidate a hope of safety or comfort. It can help the candidate to relax and trust his guide.

“for brethren to dwell together” – this gives the candidate a sense of permanence.

“in unity” – a shared experience, harmony, or destiny

“It is like the precious ointment upon the head, even Aaron’s beard, that went down to the skirts of his garments.” – Aaron was Moses’ older brother, they were the grandsons of Levi. Aaron was a high priest of the Israelites, and thus he could wear a long beard with impressive garments. As a high priest he would have regular anointments of ointments containing myrrh, olive-based spices and Frankincense. These oils would run down to his garments. From Exodus 30:34-35 we read

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Take fragrant spices-gum resin, onycha and galbanum-and pure frankincense, all in equal amounts, and make a fragrant blend of incense, the work of a perfumer. It is to be salted and pure and sacred.

“As the dew of Hermon.” – Hermon mountain range in the Golan Heights that is composed of three peaks. These peaks capture lots of moisture that feed springs in the area around the mountains. The moisture from these mountains forms four rivers, which merge to form the Jordan River.

“And as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion” – the mountains of Zion were the lesser mountains. Jerusalem is in these lower mountains.

The poetry of the Psalm uses parallelisms to compare two ideas, things, or people. They use repetition to create allegorical comparisons. An example of this parallelism is oil running down the beard and on to garments being compared to the moisture running down mount Herman and on to the mountains of Zion. At the end we have a blessing: “for there the LORD commanded the blessing, even life for evermore.”

Frank Edens

Reference: The Masonic Significance of Psalm 133 By Sir Knight Jonathan P. Park, PGC, Jan-



