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FROM THE EAST

Brethren, having been chastised for writing articles that were too long, I will do my best to make this one as short as possible. Unfortunately, for me as well as for you, I have a difficult time cutting to quick about things that I am passionate about. I do tend to ramble. In any event, I will do my best....

Midrash, from the Hebrew verb to “search out” is the Semitic way of interpreting ancient sacred/religious (Hebrew) texts. Vanessa Lovelace, who is an Associate Professor of Hebrew Bible at The Interdenominational Theological Center defines midrash as "a Jewish mode of interpretation that not only engages the words of the text, behind the text, and beyond the text, but also focuses on each letter, and the words left unsaid by each line.”

As most of you are aware, ancient Hebrew script contains only consonants and then, those consonants themselves are words which have their own meaning/concepts and more often than not have different meanings based on the atmosphere/context of the words they are contained in! For example, the name Maryam, spelled as MRYM in Hebrew script begins and ends with the “letter” mem which can indicate bodies of water or all things connected with water. This name also contains the concepts of respect such as to a lord “mar” and again water or more literally the sea... ”yam”. While the letter *resh* indicates a ray of light. So, while on the surface...the name Maryam may be straight forward and simple, beneath the surface it is a very beautiful and thought-provoking name.

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FROM THE EAST (CONTINUED)

Now, let's take a look at the Hebrew word *pardes* (PRDS). *Pardes* in Hebrew means to "Enter the Orchard" and refers to approaches to interpretation of ancient sacred and religious texts. If we take a look at the 4 consonants contained in this word, PRDS, something wonderful appears for Masons. The letter P, *peshat*, refers to the simple, literal, or superficial meaning. The letter R, *remez*, refers to the meaning hinted at, or implied, through metaphor, allegory, poetry, parable and dreams. The letter D, *derash*, refers to a creative search for meaning, through interpretation and maybe even through what may be felt intuitively. Finally, the letter S, *sod*, is the most elusive, hidden, mystical or transpersonal meaning.

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MIZPAH CHAPTER OES SCHEDULE

July 13 2:00 PM—
Stated Meeting

July 30 through Au-
gust 2—Grand Chap-
ter of Arizona

August 10 2:00 PM—
Stated Meeting

September 1 at Noon
until 2:00 – Fall BBQ

September 6 6:00
PM Stars Night Out
with White River
Lodge at Buffalo
Bill's Tavern and
Grill in Show Low

September 13 2:00
PM— Stated Meeting

I opine that nowhere in Masonry do we expound any further on any part of our ritual beyond what *remez* may provide, and I opine further that the vast majority of our teachings do not even provide a meaning beyond what *peshat* may offer us. We may know that what we are being told or instructed in is a metaphor or allegory but, we are given no hints as to what it may be alluding to or what it is that we are being taught. To uncover anything beyond the superficial meanings of our symbols and allegories is left entirely up to us.

So, the next time you are reading through your ritual and come across any one of the multitudes of beautiful metaphors, symbols or allegories that we **know** are there, I invite you to Enter the Orchard with me to harvest the fruit of those most elusive, mystical or transpersonal meanings hidden in our symbols and allegories.



*Paul Diaz,
Worshipful Master of White River Lodge
Worthy Patron of Mizpah Chapter OES*

FROM MIZPAH CHAPTER WORTHY MATRON

Hello Masonic Brothers and Sisters

I'm grateful to be nominated Worthy Matron for 2019-2020 and even more grateful to have Paul Diaz in the East with me as Worthy Patron! Our charities this year include the Shriner's Children's Hospitals and Mizpah Chapter #57 Scholarship Fund.

O. E. S. Friendship Day is in July at the stated meeting and we are looking forward to having many visitors from other chapters. In August Mizpah Chapter will be providing refreshments for White River Lodge #62. Donations are welcome and appreciated!



We offer an expression of gratitude to our Masonic brothers and sisters for supporting the OES steak dinner on 6/15/19. It was a huge success, thank you. Our fund raising efforts will benefit the Shriner's Hospitals and our local scholarship fund. Thank you again for your support!!

Christina Diaz, Worthy Matron

Paul Diaz, Worthy Patron

Order Of Eastern Star Offices Installed in May		
Office	Mizpah Chapter #57 (S.L.)	Ruby Chapter #3 (Winslow)
Worthy Matron	Christina Diaz	Ila Remy
Worthy Patron	Paul Diaz, PP	Jimmy Atha
Associate Matron	Becky Powell, PM	Jill Montoya, PM
Associate Patron	Dean Powell, PP	David Brakefield, PP
Secretary	Sue Connors, PM	Margie Brakefield, PM
Treasurer	Cheri Witt, PM	Teri Bumgarner, PM
Conductress	Donna Meyer, PM	Jessica Cox-Atha, PM
Associate Conductress	Lindsey Atran	Barbara Wunder, PGM
Chaplain	Judy Hukill, PM	Earl Wunder, PGP
Marshal	Clay Howard	
Organist	Mitzi Loughridge, PM	
Adah		Donna Bland, PM
Ruth	Shirley Warner	Patricia Irene Luedtke, PM
Esther	Mayme Preusser	Rebecka Powell, PM
Martha	Donna Carver Brown	Patricia Raygor
Electa	Marjorie Stockton, PM	
Warder	Amber Thompson, PM	E. Dean Powell, PP
Sentinel	Tom Meyer, PP	John L. Scott, PP

WHITE RIVER LODGE SCHEDULE

8 July—Official Visit of White River Lodge #62 Brothers to Winslow #3

9 July— Stated Meeting for White River Lodge #62

11 July— Official Visit of White River Lodge #62 Brothers to Chalcedony Lodge #6

16 July — MM Degree Practice

23 July —MM Degree Practice

30 July — MM Degree Practice

6 Aug — MM Degree Practice

13 Aug — Stated Meeting

20 Aug — MM Degree Practice

27 Aug —MM Degree Practice

30 Aug— 8:00 AM Burn and load pit

1 Sept—Fall BBQ Breakfast for workers at 6:00 AM, BBQ from Noon until 2:00 PM

3 Sept — MM Degree Practice

6 Sept —6:00 PM Lodge and Mizpah Chapter Combined Refreshments and Dinner at Buffalo Bill's Tavern and Grill— Highway 260 at Bison Crossing. We will have a plaque presentation in honor of our Brother William Cody to go by the statue of him there

10 Sept — Stated Meeting

17 Sept — MM Degree Practice



WHITE RIVER #62 OPEN TABLE LODGE



SAVE THE DATE AND BRING ON THE NEW YEAR IN STYLE!

WHEN: 17 JANUARY, 2020
5:00 PM – WHEN WE'RE DONE
WHERE: 741 E. WHIPPLE RD
SHOW LOW, AZ

MASONS, EASTERN STAR AND GUESTS ARE INVITED!
DRESS AS FORMAL AS YOU WANT.

**GUEST SPEAKER: SHOW LOW CITY
COUNCILMAN Mr. BRENT HATCH**



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SHRIMP COCKTAIL
PRIME RIB
BAKED POTATO
CORN
ROLLS
DESSERT!



Request: \$25.00 per person/\$45.00 a couple

SEATING IS LIMITED TO 40, RESERVE EARLY!

RSVP PAUL DIAZ WM

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WINSLOW YORK RITE

Brothers, Companions, and Sir Knights,

The next three meetings of the Winslow York Rite will be on July 3, August 7, and September 4 in Show Low with all openings in the Chapter of Royal Arch Masons (Red Jackets). On July 3 we will have dinner at Buffalo Bill's Tavern and Grill in Show Low at 5:30PM with an official visit of our Grand High Priest, Most Excellent Companion Bob Richards.



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The Colorado River Fall Festival will be in Laughlin, Nevada from October 20 through 22. All nine of the progressive degrees and orders of the York Rite will be exemplified at this festival through the dazzling Order of the Temple.

If you are a Master Mason and you are considering joining the York Rite, this would be a good time to put in your petition.

The meeting schedule for the remainder of 2019 and 2020 is located on our Website at: <https://www.winslowyorkrite.org/2019-stated-meetings.html>.

DINNER AT BUFFALO BILL'S TAVERN AND GRILL

White River Lodge and Mizpah Chapter are planning a joint fellowship dinner at Buffalo Bill's Tavern and Grill in Show Low on September 6 at 6:00. White River Lodge will be presenting a plaque to the restaurant honoring our Brother William Cody (Buffalo Bill). This will be Mizpah Chapter's *Stars Night Out*. The dinner is open to the family and friends of all members of White River Lodge and Mizpah Chapter.

A FEW NOTES ABOUT THE EASTERN STAR

Some members of the Masonic Lodge have a misconception of the Order of Eastern Star; they consider it to be a ladies' organization. In fact, it is an organization for Masons and their Ladies that includes wives, mothers, daughters, granddaughters, nieces, etc. Its various initiations include stories of five historical female figures from the Old and New Testaments, not from a religious perspective, but from a historical or spiritual perspective. The ceremonies, when performed well, bring to life stories about women in the Bible that will remain with you. The stories include those of Ruth, Esther and Martha, along with others whom the Bible does not name.

Membership is open to Masons and their female rela-

tives, regardless of which branch of the family tree they come from, who believe in a supreme being.

The Eastern Star is a philanthropic organization that sponsors scholarships and charities. From time to time the Grand Chapter may donate to the Shrine Hospitals and medical research through the York Rite or Scottish Rite. Through its Star Mail, it gives members updates on the health of members throughout the various chapters in Arizona who are having serious health problems as well as updates and goings on in each of those chapters. The Worthy Matron and Patron may also select charities that they want to donate to during their term of office.

FALL BBQ SEPTEMBER 1—NOON UNTIL 2:00

The Lodge is again planning to have its annual BBQ on the Sunday before Labor Day, September 1. Members of the Lodge will meet on August 31 at about 8:00 AM to start burning the pit. On Sunday morning we will have breakfast at 6:00 AM. We will serve beginning around Noon and go until 2:00 PM.



INTERESTING AGGRANGEMENT BEING ADOPTED FOR INDIANA NPD'S

The Grand Lodge of Indiana is forming Restoration Lodge UD to gain some control over the ever-present problem of suspension of a member because of non-payment of dues (NPD). Grand Master Carl E. Culmann's solution is to create Restoration Lodge UD where a suspended member will be placed for up to two years while his suspension and membership is verified. While other Grand Lodges have used different methods to determine the status of a member should be changed, this maybe a new approach.

Volunteers will contact the Restoration Lodge UD members and assist them in maintaining their Masonic membership. There are many reasons why a member doesn't pay his dues. It may be that his financial condition doesn't allow him to continue membership. He could apply to the lodge for relief, but that often is an embarrassing position to be put into, and he might find it easier to say nothing. If a Brother has become elderly and frail, his supporting relatives may find this expense an undue hardship and refuse to pay the dues bill. Still, others have moved into nursing homes where HIPPA regulations prohibit his health and address information from being forwarded to the lodge. Many times, a lodge just can't locate the Brother who still owes dues.



It is important that a Brother's family know his wishes. He may think he is still in good standing, but the person who pays the bill disregards it because they don't understand the significance of membership. For most Brothers, the importance of being a Mason goes far beyond lodge attendance. The essence of the three degrees leaves such an indelible mark that they influence his life in such a way as to render him a different and better person. In some jurisdictions, a Brother is told he had "assumed obligations designed to make a lasting impression upon your mind and to serve as an uplifting and ennobling influence upon your life and character." For many, simply taking the degrees is the only time they attended lodge; but, they still consider themselves just as much a Mason as a regular attendee or a lodge officer might.

When a Brother becomes at risk of being suspended for non-payment of dues, lodges are obligated to contact him and ascertain his condition and true motives. This necessity is often very difficult, time consuming, and many times impossible. Some statistics have shown the average Masonic age of one who is suspended is seventeen years. The mode or most common Masonic age is likely three years. A man becomes a Mason, doesn't pay his dues, is carried by the lodge for one or two years, and then is dropped for non-payment.

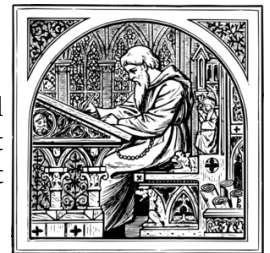
A study several years ago by Dr. S Brent Morris at the Southern Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite showed many Brothers suspended didn't know it and thought they were still in good standing. Around 20+% of the NPD Brothers wanted to reinstate but needed to know how. Maybe the Restoration Lodge UD is the way to go and a model for other Grand Lodges to follow. Maybe the Grand Lodge of Indiana will gain helpful experience in dealing with suspensions from men who want to be able to remain Masons.

Source: The Masonic Service Association of North America, February 2019, Emessay Notes, www.msana.com, 301-476-7330

FROM THE SECRETARY OF WHITE RIVER LODGE #62

Brethren:

The Grand Lodge raised per capita by \$4.00 per member; this means that dues for 2020 will increase from \$134.00 per year to \$138.00 due to this increase. Dues notices will be sent out near the end of October. As long as you are up to date and have a 2019 dues card, you do not have to worry about dues until then.



If you have been receiving a paper copy of the Trestleboard and would prefer to receive it through email, please send your email address to either whiteriver62@cableone.net or through the Website at <https://www.whiteriverlodge62.org/contact-us.html>. The postage and printing costs are over \$1.00 per copy and we print over 80 Trestleboards per quarter. We hope you enjoy reading the Trestleboard.

Clay Howard,
Secretary, White River Lodge #62

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN ON INVESTING

Brother Benjamin Franklin had some very good quotes on investing and savings.

On saving for the future: If you would be wealthy, think of Saving as well as Getting. Remember that time is money. Lost time is never found again.

On the importance of cost control: Beware of little Expenses; a small leak will sink a great Ship

On taking risks: There are no Gains, without pains. He that would catch fish, must venture his bait.

On understanding what's important: An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest. Learning is to the studious, and riches to the careful. If a man empties his purse into his head, no man can take it away from him.

On the markets: One man may be more cunning than another, but not more cunning than everybody else.

On safety: Great estates may venture more, but little boats should keep near shore.

On forecasting: 'Tis easy to see, hard to foresee.

On looking after your own interests: If you would have a faithful servant, serve yourself.

And finally, on steadfastness: Industry, perseverance, and frugality make fortune yield.

Think long term. patience and consistency are the most valuable assets for the intelligent investor. The principles of sensible saving and investing are time-tested, perhaps even eternal.

Bogle, John C. (2017) *The Little Book of Common Sense Investing*, Wiley



A FEW NOTES ON REMEZ

Remez is a Jewish word meaning hint or clue. Although it is a word never used in the Bible, we can find many examples of it. It can come in at three forms, it can be written, spoken or exemplified through action.

Examples of remez include the following pairs of quotes from the Bible:

John 1:1 – *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God*

Genesis 1:1 – *In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.*

Or these pairs:

Psalm 2:7-10 ⁷I will proclaim the LORD's decree: He said to me, "You are my son; today I have become your father. ⁸Ask me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession. ⁹You will break them with a rod of iron; you will dash them to pieces like pottery." ¹⁰Therefore, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth.

Isaiah 42:1-10 ¹"Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him, and he will bring justice to the nations. ²He will not shout or cry out, or raise his voice in the streets. ³A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out. In faithfulness he will bring forth justice; ⁴he will not falter or be discouraged till he establishes justice on earth. In his teaching the islands will put their hope."

In mathematics, there is an example in the Remez Algorithm that is used to estimate the value of a very complex polynomial (or a very complex equation or matrix) under certain conditions without having to solve the polynomial.

Freemasonry is about searching for the truth. Remez means to look for hints or clues. If one reflects on the lectures and charges in the various degrees such as the Staircase Lecture, one can see that each paragraph can represent many volumes or even libraries of knowledge. The concept of remez fits nicely into Freemasonry.

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Frank Edens, Editor of Trestleboard

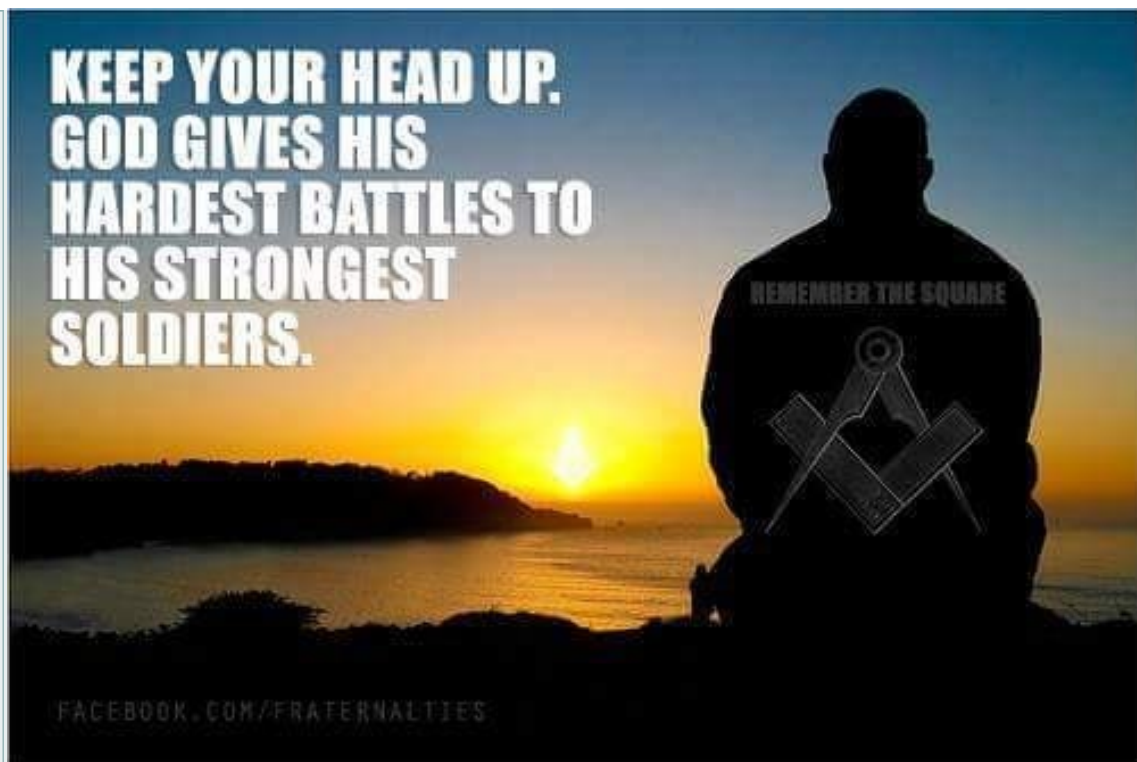
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A printable events calendar is below on the electric copy of the Trestleboard only.





Scheduled events are also listed on pages 2 and 3.



July 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
			Winslow YR in Show Low (Royal Arch)		Winslow Ruby OES at 7:00	
7	8 Official Visit of WR62 to Winslow	9 White River #62 Stated: Dinner 6:00	10	11 Official Visit of WR62 to Chalcedony Stated	12 Winslow Shrine at 6:00	13 Mizpah OES 57 stated Meeting & Friendship Day 2:00
14	15	16 MM Practice at WR62 at 6:30	17	18	19 Winslow Ruby OES at 7:00	20
21	22	23 MM Practice at WR62 at 6:30	24	25	26	27
28	29	30 OES Grand Chapter Banquet	31 OES Grand Chapter Picknic			

August 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
				OES Grand Chapter	OES Grand Chapter/ Winslow Ruby OES at 7:00	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		MM Practice at WR62 at 6:30	Winslow YR in Show Low (Chapter)	Chalcedony #6 Stated Dinner 6:00	Winslow Shrine at 6:00	Mizpah OES 57 Stated Meeting 2:00
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	Winslow #13 Stated 7:00	White River #62 Stated: Dinner 6:00	Grand York Rite Session - Vespers 7:00pm	Grand York Rite Sessions - Commandery	Grand YR - Chapter/ Winslow Ruby OES at 7:00	Grand York Rite Sessions - Council
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
		MM Practice at WR62 at 6:30				
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
		MM Practice at WR62 at 6:30				Burn Pit beginning at 8:00 AM

September 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Breakfast @ 6:00AM BBQ @ Noon til 2		MM Practice at WR62 at 6:30	Winslow YR in Show Low (Chapter)		6:00 Dinner at Buffalo Bill's/ Winslow Ruby OES at 7:00	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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29	30					
		