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White River Lodge #62 Trestleboard



June July 2024

INSIDE STORY HEADLINE

We are entering the season of summer now. Although summer does not officially began until June 22. I hope you get out to enjoy the warm weather to do things such as going fishing in many of the lakes and streams in our beautiful location.

In June Santiago and I are going to Grand Lodge to vote on legislation. It is a time when we meet with officers of other lodges to compare notes on how our lodge are doing and gather new ideas. Our lodge expect to receive a Master Builder award through the efforts of several members of our lodge. The principal officer of lodges are required to attend.

At the July Stated Meeting on July 9, we will have a Hawaiian Night. Please dress in your Hawaiian outfits. We will have an Hawaiian dinner at 6 PM.



We continue to have gentlemen visit us who are interested in Freemasonry and the fellowship hours are open to anyone who would like to visit with us. We usually go into a practice session after the fellowship hour.

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Summer time fishing

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Announcement: Diane Lara is having a memorial service and lunch at st. Mary's in Pinetop 1915 S Penrod Lane, Pinetop, AZ on July 2 at 10:00. All Masons and Shriners and their families are invited.

Thanks,
Steve Beardsley

FROM THE WEST—THE PILLARS

Greetings to all Brothers from the West. Currently our Lodge is very quiet with the only work being done is regular Lodge business. We hope for Degree work this summer.

I would like to talk about the two Masonic Pillars Boaz and Jachin. There is actually a town in Georgia named after the pillar Jachin. I could not find a town named after Boaz. Here is some further information on our Pillars.



The two pillars in a Masonic lodge are Boaz and Jachin, which are located at the entrance to King Solomon's Temple in the Bible. These pillars are a prominent symbol of Freemasonry and are often depicted in Masonic buildings, artwork, and rituals. The pillars are said to represent the pillars of cloud by day and fire by night.

Hope to see you at Lodge,
Senior Warden; Danny Keelin

“The pillars are said to represent the pillars of cloud by day and fire by night.”

FROM THE EAST—CONTINUED

Although the Winslow York Rite is planning to have a Stated Meeting at 7:30 PM on the Evening of July 2, We will still have a fellowship evening. If there is any interest in doing a practice, we will have it in the dining room. The lodge may have Sloppy Joes with beans and a desert for all present.

There are a couple of things we are considering doing during the summer:

- ◆ We are considering having a Third Degree at Buckelew Springs in August. The specific date has not yet been selected. The idea would be to meet at the lodge to caravan out to the location. We would begin setting up at 10 AM and have the degree beginning at 1 PM. We may still have signs in storage to guide people out to the location.
- ◆ At our last meeting we discussed the possibility of having a yard sale at the lodge, we are considering inviting members of the community to rent spaces on the ramada. We could sell pancakes for breakfast and hamburgers for lunch. We also have things at the lodge we could sale. Anything brothers can donate to sale would be appreciated. We appointed a committee to organize the possibility of such an idea.

Mike Gibbs,
Master, White River Lodge #62

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Masonic Birthdays

Name	Mason Day	Years
Jason Anthony DiCamillo	6/26/2021	3
Thomas Gustave Cedarblade	7/27/2013	11
Lawrence Robert Pedersen	7/7/2012	12
Kahauanu Lake Kai	7/21/2012	12
Chad Phillip Berlin	7/10/2010	14
Neal Patrick Smith	7/26/2008	16
Robert Russell Stirling	7/31/2004	20
COPP (Beau) Parsons COLLINS III	7/24/1999	25
PETER CHARLES FOUNTAIN	7/20/1991	33
HARRY DAVID QUAYLE	7/16/1987	37
Robert Williamson Neely, III	6/24/1986	38
STEPHEN VINCENT WEST	7/12/1986	38
GUY MICHAEL WEST	7/19/1986	38
MICHAEL ALAN PORTER	7/13/1985	39
ROBERT QUACKENBUSH, Jr	7/19/1980	44
R. FRANKLIN EDENS	7/16/1977	47

CALENDAR

WHITE RIVER LODGE #62

Stated Meetings:
June 11 and July 9.
Dinner at 6 PM,
Meeting at 7 PM.

Yard Sale: a Week-
end in July

Buckelew Springs
Outdoor Degree: on a
weekend in August.

Fellowship and Prac-
tices: Every Tuesday
Evenings except
Meeting nights.

MIXPAH CHAP- TER #57

Stated Meetings:
June 20 and July 18
at 7 PM

WINSLOW YORK RITE

Orders of Red Cross
and Malta on Satur-
day June 15 at 11 AM
in Holbrook

Stated Meeting:
Tuesday July 2 at
7:30 PM in Show
Low. Opening in
Commandery

MIZPAH CHAPTER #57, ORDER OF EASTERN STAR

At this time of year. The Order of the Eastern Star Mizpah # 57 instillation.

This will be on 15 June 2024 at 10:30 am. Those being installed will be:

Worthy Matron.....Amber Thompson, PM
Worthy Patron.....Tom Meyer, PP
Associate Matron.....Julann Johnson
Associate Patron.....'Dean Powell, PGP
Secretary.....Cheri Witt, PM
Treasurer.....Donna Meyer, PM
Conductress.....Rebecca Powell, PM
Associate Conductress. Jeannette Wright
Chaplain.....Judith Hukill PM
Marshal.....Ruth Anne Wilmot, PM
Ruth.....Mayme Preusser
Martha.....Sandra Roach
Electa.....Linda Batten
Warder.....Donna Carver-Brown

SentinelDee Jay Gumabao

Each year the Worthy Matron has a Scripture, mine will be Proverbs 3:5-6 – *Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.*



My goal will for this year is to have better communication with our brother masons.

(((Thank you for all that the Masons have done over the years.)))

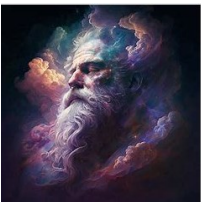
Also July is to Celebrate our Nations Independence. We have a very unique way to do this.

We have the firing of the anvil in Taylor AZ, starting at 4:00am thu to 6:00am; finishing at the rodeo grounds.

Amber Thompson
Worthy Matron, Mizpah Chapter #57

FROM THE SOUTH—A PECULIAR SYSTEM OF MORALITY

My brethren, “A peculiar system of morality veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols.”



The Moral Teachings of Freemasonry, the above phrase is often quoted as if it supplied a complete and adequate definition of Freemasonry, but this is far from it. It occurs in a certain catechism addressed to an EA and should be regarded merely as an explanation of Freemasonry intended for the initiate.

Freemasonry is something much wider than a school of purely moral instruction, as becomes manifest when we study the second and third degrees, which to a large extent consist of mystical teaching of a more complex and spiritual nature than that usually designated by the term moral instruction.

The true significance of the above quoted phrase lies in the fact that it is given to an EA, and first degree teaches the important lesson that spiritual progress is only possible to those who have confirmed rigidly to the moral law. Indeed, it is only when the Apprentice has satisfied his instructors that he has made himself acquainted with the principal moral truth and virtue.

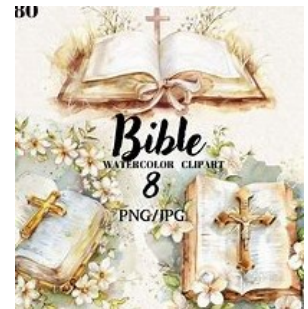
F'ROM THE SOUTH—CONTINUED

Now, the hidden mysteries of nature and science are clearly something quite different from the principles of moral truth and virtue. These we are told form a necessary qualification for advancement in the search for further knowledge, and this fact should put us on our guard against assuming that freemasonry is a peculiar system of morality, and nothing more. Let us however consider the phrase in more detail, for at first it strikes us as unusual in form. Indicating at first that the morality of Freemasons is peculiar, but even a cursory glance through the rituals, not only of the first, but also of the second and third degrees, reveals nothing at all unusual in the type of morality taught. It is in this system of moral instruction which is accurately described as peculiar and it may indeed, be regarded as almost unique or at least as characteristic of Freemasonry. It is moreover especially marked in the first degree, whereas in the second and third, though not entirely lacking, it is clear that we are dealing with a rather different subject, including the nature of God, the initial of whose name we are supposed to discover in the second degree!



“Thus at the very commencement of our Masonic career we are taught in a peculiar way by means of allegory and symbol, that the moral laws are not man-made conventions but Divine commands, which man should be able to recognize as such by means of the Divine light within him.”

The manner in which the candidate is brought into the lodge is intended to symbolize the fact that man is by nature the child of ignorance and sin, and would have ever remained so had it not pleased the Almighty to enlighten him by the Light which is from above. We are truly taught that but for Divine inspiration and we should not even be able to perceive what is right and what is wrong. Or from instruction contained in the VSL, but without it we should ever remained in a state of moral darkness. Thus at the very commencement of our Masonic career we are taught in a peculiar way by means of allegory and symbol, that the moral laws are not man-made conventions but Divine commands, which man should be able to recognize as such by means of the Divine light within him. The Mason replies by placing his hand on the VSL remembering the most dramatic incident in the first degree, he declares that the Divine Wisdom sets forth in that sacred book the definite command. For having been taught to look to the VSL as the great light in Freemasonry he has no alternative but to accept this as a definite binding instruction.



In like manner, the first regular step inculcates the important moral lesson that we must subdue our passions towards all mankind, particularly our in Freemasonry. In order to make further progress in Freemasonry. Charity, true charity which today can be best translated by the phrase “Brotherly Love.”

Fraternally,

Santiago Limon

Junior Warden

THE BEEHIVE

FRANK EDENS, PAST MASTER WHITE RIVER LODGE #62

Symbolism is used in literature to create images in the reader's mind. For example, here are two sentences:



- ◆ He looked at his wedding ring and was reminded of his commitment to his marriage.
- ◆ He looked at his wedding ring, noticing its perfect circular shape. It reminded him of his never-ending commitment to his marriage.

Notice how symbolism conjures up images in your mind that you would not otherwise be able to transmit through words. Books and movies create images and symbolism in your mind.

Examples are the Great Gatsby, the Scarlet Letter, and the Lord of the Ring. The Masonic Fraternity uses symbolism to convey ideas. A brief explanation of the hieroglyphical emblems mentioned in the Third Degree Lecture from the Arizona Monitor is given below. These are symbols that should conjure up images in your mind like how various books and movies create symbolism.



Car from the Great Gatsby

The story is one of great wealth with little emotional or ideological purpose.

In the in the Arizona Monitor, emblems from the Third Degree are explained, examples are:



- ◆ Three Steps – Emblematical of the three stages of human life: Infancy, Manhood, and Old Age
- ◆ the Pot of incense – an emblem of a pure heart, which is acceptable to deity. It represents the manifold comforts and blessings that surrounds us.
- ◆ the Beehive – an emblem of industry, we will discuss the beehive in greater detail.
- ◆ the Book of Constitutions Guarded by the Tyler's Sword – That we should be ever watchful of our thoughts and actions.
- ◆ the Sword Pointing to the Naked Heart – That justice will sooner or later catch up to you.
- ◆ All-Seeing Eye – that which governs the sun, planets, moon, comets, and stars. It even investigates the deepest recesses of your heart.
- ◆ The Anchor and the Arch – These are symbols of a well-grounded and well spent life. The Arch represents being wafted over a sea of troubles while the anchor represents us being safely moored in harbor free from troubles and the wicked.
- ◆ The Forty Seventh Problem of Euclid - This was an invention of Pythagoras, who traveled the known world during his time. He enriched his knowledge with geometry and masonry. He solved many problems in mathematics. It teaches Masons to be general lovers of the arts and sciences.
- ◆ The Hourglass - The emblem of human life and the passing of time.
- ◆ The Scythe – An emblem of time that launches us into eternity. We all soon must be cut down by all-devouring Scythe of time.

The Beehive

Mankind has been interacting with bees for at least 10,000 years. Men started building beehives about 2500 BC. In ancient Egypt. The relationship between man and bee has evolved since then. Beekeepers started building small cylindrical hives out of mud from the Nile. Over time these hives were stacked together, either horizontally or vertically. About 900 BC, the Israelites started building hives out of straw and clay. The straw made the hives more breathable. Well planned apiaries were discovered around the Tel Rehov region that existed in the trade routes of the time. Honey was an important condiment in ancient times.

THE BEEHIVE— CONTINUED

Five hundred years later citizens of Rome begin to make hives out of straw or grass. These were later made into baskets and later were turned upside down to provide protection for the bees.

Symbolism of the Beehive

The Website Pollen Paths, listed below, we may learn spiritually much from beehives. Some what we may learn from beehives include the following:

- ◆ Community and collaboration
- ◆ The importance of unity and strength that can be found by working together, just as bees thrive when they work together, so do humans.
 - ◆ To have a strong work ethic and to approach tasks with determination and enthusiasm.
 - ◆ No matter how small our efforts, we are contributing to the greater whole to create something that is sweet and fulfilling.
 - ◆ Structure, discipline, and organization that leads to order and balance.
 - ◆ To declutter our physical spaces.
 - ◆ Organize our thoughts.
 - ◆ Establish routines that support our overall wellbeing.
 - ◆ Seek enlightenment and spiritual growth.
- ◆ Teaches us to be open minded and precepted to different perspectives.
- ◆ The pursuit of wisdom can lead us to a deeper understanding of ourselves.



Future Articles

Future articles may focus on other hieroglyphical emblems mentioned in the Third Degree to a greater degree than explained in the monitor.

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STREET CLEAN-UP

On May 11, several brothers of White River Lodge cleaned our adopted street in Show Low. We had a great time and great hotdogs with chili and chips.

Pictured are Larry, Robby, Al, Danny, Santiago, Fred, Mike and Frank.

Picture taken by Frank Vass of Scottsdale Lodge.

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