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White River Lodge #62 Trestleboard

October, November, and December 2018



FROM THE EAST

Subject: Masonic Education

This term refers to more than just our training within the lodge. Education is a vital part of our craft. Learning is in our blood so to speak. Public education as we know it would not exist without the influence and work of our colonial brothers and their lodges. As the country was developing they could see that an educated population was necessary to maintain our freedom and provide prosperity in the future. Benjamin Franklin acted by establishing what is today the University of Pennsylvania. Many other brothers pushed for local schools and colleges as the country grew. We as modern Masons must not forget the importance of getting involved with our local schools, colleges, and universities.

At our Lodge we have a library in the dining room for your benefit. There are many interesting bits of information. Please take advantage of the material to enhance your knowledge of Masonry and history. The library is growing through the efforts of many brothers who have donated books and bookcases.

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If you have books on freemasonry, history, science, or mathematics, please feel free to make donations. We are also in need of additional bookcases so that we can fill the dining room back wall with books. We might also be interested in movie DVDs that the lodge brothers might find interesting.

The Grand Master decreed that the week of November 12-16 is Public School Week. The lodge will be observing the occasion by donating to one of our local grade schools. Please provide your thoughts on the subject between now and the first of November!!!

Fraternally

Steve Beardsley WM

Please provide your thoughts on donations to one of our local grade schools by the first of November in honor of Public Schools week.

LODGE SCHEDULE

October 9 6:00 —
Official visit of Right
Worshipful Greg
Vasquez, Deputy
Grand Master

October 16 7:00 —
practice or degree
work

November 13 6 :00—
Election of officers

November 20 7:00 —
practice or degree
work

December 11 6:00 —
Stated Meeting.

December 18 7:00—
practice or degree
work



LODGE IMPROVEMENTS

The trustees of the lodge have identified projects that need to be accomplished to improve the condition of the building. Before committing to spend any money, we need an inspection by a professional building inspector. We also need to keep Grand Lodge informed of any significant money the lodge decides to spend.

Evaluate condition of heater ducts under floor

Close ceiling, improve insulation in attic, and install air conditioning

Walls of building move causing doors to jam

Evaluate condition of foundation

Cracks in dining room wall

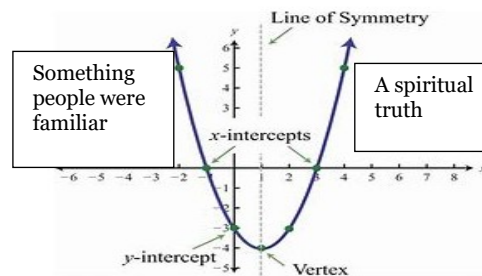
Condition of brick façade on outside of the building

Leaks in ceiling caused by poor condition of roofing paper under steel roof

The lodge has investments we believe will be adequate to cover expenses we may incur.

A PARABLE AND A PARABOLA

Let us consider a parable of Jesus, not from a religious or a historical viewpoint, but from an educational or philosophical viewpoint. The word parable comes from the combination of two Greek words, 'para' that means beside and 'ballo' that means throw. It means "to place alongside" or to compare two things. The word is like "parabola," which is a geometric curve with two parallel sides. Both words come from the same Greek roots. The parabola is composed of two curves that are mirror images of each other, the two curves meet at a vertex. Parables compare something people were familiar with to a spiritual truth.



Parables and Parabolas

We will discuss the meaning of the parable of the talents, which most of us learned when we were children. You can find the parable in Matthew 25:14-30.

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2019 DUES ARE NOW DUE

Dues for 2019 are now due. Please mail in a check for \$134.00 to the Lodge. The address is

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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.

MIZPAH CHAPTER OES SCHEDULE

October 10—Practice for Official Visit

October 13 2:00 —Official Visit

November 10 2:00— Stated Meeting

December 8 2:00—Stated Meeting

Dark in January and February 2019

March 9 2:00—Stated Meeting

WINSLOW YORK RITE SCHEDULE

October 3— Stated Meeting in Holbrook in Council of Cryptic Masons. Dinner at the Mandarin Beauty Restaurant

November 7 7:00—Stated Meeting in Winslow in the Council of Cryptic Masons

December 16 10:30 AM Christmas Observance at the Winslow Methodist Church. Lunch will be held at the La Posada Restaurant. Around 2:30 or 3:00 pm we will have a Knight Templar Observance at the Winslow Lodge

Saturday January 5, 2019
Time to be announced —
Order of Red Cross in Winslow

PARABLES (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3)

According to Hugh Whelchel the parable discusses our attitudes towards work, success, and wealth. He believes there are five lessons found in the parable.

The first deals with work, he points out that Adam was placed in the Garden to take care of it. We are put here for various purposes. We all have many aspects to our lives. Our lodge also has purposes for being here.

The second lesson is that we will be given what we need to meet the obligations we are assigned. According to Whelchel, a talent the servants were given may have been worth over a million dollars each in today's value. Ephesians 2:10 states that: *For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.* In James 2:22 states that: *You see that his faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did.*

The third lesson is that we are not all created equally (we may have equal rights, but we all have different abilities). Diversity is woven within creation. The Master gave each of the three servants according to his ability. Remember, he gave the first servant five talents, the second servant two talents, and the third servant one talent. We know that it takes as much effort to double five talents as it takes to double two talents. The reward given by the master depends upon the degree of effort applied.

The fourth lesson is that the money the servants invested was not their own. The money was not theirs to keep. They were the stewards of the master's wealth and the master evaluated the quality of their efforts by their results.

The last lesson is how we use our works to fulfil our earthly callings. It is about stewardship in all we are called to do in our lives. The unfaithful servant did not waste the master's money, he wasted an opportunity.

We are to promote Freemasonry in our communities. The long-term health of our Lodge is important. What we do and how we do it will influence how we are judged by people in our communities and by those who follow us in the Lodge.

THE NAVAJO COUNTY FAIR

What should we do about membership?

Was the question. One idea was to have a booth at the Navajo County Fair in hopes that we could spark an interest in the lodge again and if nothing else we could let the public know that we are still there. So, it was decided to go forward with it, and I was nominated as chairman for this endeavor. So, with lots of help from my wife Jessica we made up some nice posters representing all of the masonic bodies in Winslow, Holbrook, and Show Low. We also had lots of pamphlets with lots of information about Masons and Shriners. I used the newly bought TV from Winslow 13 to show educational videos to everyone. The banner we had at this booth was **The Masons of North East Arizona** emphasized the following topics: The Real Secret of Freemasonry, Making Good Men Better, and Better Men Making The World Better.



The first day was a little slow but there was definitely some interest. The second day was better with even more interest. There seemed to be several wives picking up the brochures for their husbands. Friday night had been a problem at first because it conflicted with the stated meeting of the Winslow Shrine Club, but the Potentate of El Zaribah, JC Reece, was kind enough to give us permission to temporarily move our meeting to the fair. That day then became the Shrine day with all those who were Shriners were wearing their fezzes. We did give some information to a mother who had three children who definitely could use the help Shriners hospitals could give. Our current Winslow Shrine Club President, who is also a shrine kid, spoke with her at length. This made it all worth it. Saturday was the busiest by far. We had participation from all the bodies (Winslow Lodge #13, Chalcedony Lodge #6, White River Lodge #62, Winslow Shrine Club, White River Shrine Club, Ruby #3 OES, Mizpah #57 OES, and the Winslow York Rite Bodies). Thanks to all those that helped.



So overall, I think it was time well spent and I will plan on doing it again next year.

Jimmy Atha
Past Master Winslow Lodge #13

THOUGHTS ON THE WINSLOW YORK RITE BODIES

Temple Chapter No. 8, Royal Arch Masons, in Winslow, Arizona is one of the oldest Masonic Bodies in Northeast Arizona. The Chapter was under dispensation as early as 1903. The Winslow Masons have traditionally been railroad men of the great “high iron” of the Santa Fe. For many years railroad men were the kings and royalty of the American blue collar work force. The Masonic Orders of Winslow were thus highly infused with monetary wealth which resulted in a magnificent structure or Temple as a meeting place and also a beautiful collection of costumes and other regalia.



winslowyorkrite.org

For a long time, Temple Chapter operated as a standalone organization. However, the other York Rite Bodies were added over the span of many years. The Knights Templar Order, Calvary Commandery No. 8, was chartered in 1939 adding for a Christian expression of the Masonic ideal. This was the era of the Templar uniform with the long black frock coat, silver and gold sword and belt, and beautifully feathered military chapeau. The present uniform is actually quite similar to the old one except the coat has now been shortened to a double breasted naval CPO jacket.

In 1947 the Winslow Bodies added the Council of Cryptic Masons, Navajo Council No.7, making for a complete York Rite structure. These degrees are sometimes referred to as the “degrees of preservation” and give beautiful insight into the manner in which Master’s Word was preserved for future generations to discover.

Four years ago this month, the stunning Winslow Masonic Temple was nearly burned to the ground in a malicious arson caused fire. Fortunately, the building and contents were insured and the original structure has been meticulously rebuilt. Costumes and paraphernalia are now being purchased from the finest sources and manufacturers. The Winslow York Rite is now being restored to the elegance of its golden age of many years ago. Costumes received are generally made of top quality satin and hand embroidered. The new Chapter and Council aprons are leather with intricate hand work and beautiful coloring.

The York Rite Degrees are said to complete the story that we all learn about in the blue lodge degrees. They also give the Christian Mason a unique insight in the Commandery Orders. These degrees and orders are for the discerning Mason that wants to receive more light in the Craft. Could this Mason be you?

Fraternally,

Peter H. Johnson, Jr.

Eminent Commander, Calvary Commandery No.8,KT

Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Arizona

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TRESTLEBOARD FOR WHITE RIVER LODGE

White River Lodge is a Masonic Lodge in Show Low, Arizona. We have dinners on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm except for January and February. Family and friends are not only welcome to attend our dinners but are encouraged to join for fellowship while we break bread together.

If you know someone who is interested in Freemasonry and who would like to find out more about it, please invite them to one of our dinners.

Our Website is www.whiteriverlodge62.org. We also have a Facebook page at www.facebook.com/whiteriver62 that you may use to contact us.

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