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1:30 pm
Globe Chapter
No. 7 R.A.M.

WB Ernie Miranda
2023 Master

New Logo

Another month has passed. At our stated meeting in February, I informed the Lodge that we were now operating on a new website, white-mountain3fam.org. I also produced, for review, a new logo for White Mountain #3, which was approved and adopted for use by the Lodge. Both elements, the website and the logo are part of my goal for the year, to re-engage the lodge with the community. As I had previously mentioned to the Brethren in the Lodge, there are many in the community who are not aware of our continued existence. So, by re-branding our logo and modernizing our website, in addition to our Facebook account, we are elevating our presence. More about my community engagement ideas will be presented at a later time. The adopted logo is shown here.

The colors utilized in this logo signify key elements of our Lodge and Fraternity. You will note the copper and turquoise hues used throughout the logo, which are emblematic of the two mineral resources prevalent in Globe-



Miami, copper and turquoise; plus, copper ore has a turquoise hue as well. These minerals have contributed to the employment and history of the area. The compass lends itself to the orientation of King Solomon's Temple, with the sun rising in the East. Of course, there is the emblem of our Fraternity, the square and compass, nestled under the white mountains from which we derive our name. Lastly, the new logo captures the wonderful and colorful sunrises that Arizona is recognized as having.

The Brothers in Freemasonry love our Fraternity, but sometimes life takes us away from the things we enjoy.

Don't let this happen to you. Brothers, your Lodges need you now as they always have. Don't assume that they will always be there waiting for your return. A Lodge is not our buildings but the assemblage of good and upright men who gather there. Never assume that you don't have anything to offer. Your presence and ideas could be the difference between a Lodge closing/merging and thriving in our community.

Every single Brother is an asset to their Lodge. We need experienced Masons and Past Masters to help teach the influx of new men coming into the Fraternity. We need your passion and desire to do what they've always done to support the communities in which we operate.

What say you Brothers?

Author unknown

Fraternally,

Ernie Miranda

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A RESPONSE TO CRITICS OF FREEMASONRY

From Northern Ireland to Iran, from the Middle east to the United States, religious extremism is a growing force throughout the world. Jarred by the rapid pace of social and cultural change, especially the apparent disintegration of moral values and the break-up of the family, some people within this movement have sought refuge from the complexity of modern life by embracing absolute views and rejecting tolerance of other beliefs.

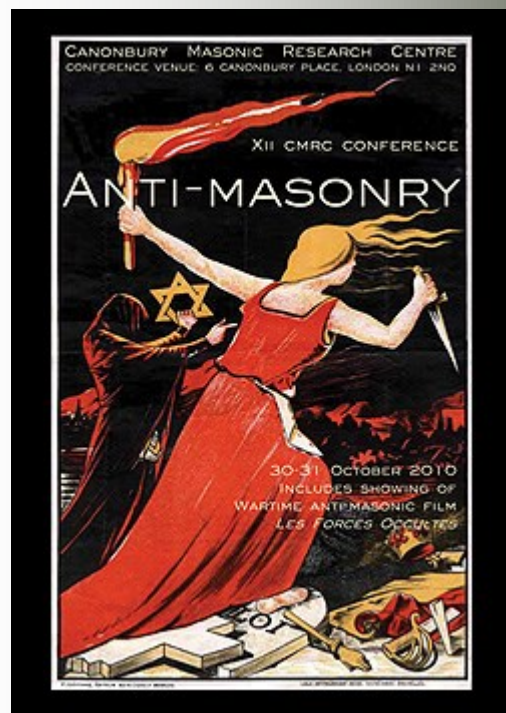
Simple, easy, seemingly stable answers bring comfort in a rapidly changing world. For example, some churches have responded to the personal anguish of their members by circling the wagons, that is, by strictly defining theological concepts and insisting their members "purify" their fellowship by renouncing any other beliefs.

The next step, already taken by various churches, is to yield degrees of control within their ranks to vocal factions espousing extremist views. These splinter groups focus the congregation's generalized anxieties on specific targets, The proffered cure-all is to destroy the supposed enemy. Freemasonry has become one of these targets precisely because it encourages members to form their own opinion on many important topics, including religion.

Thus some churches have expressed concerns, even condemnations, of Freemasonry. Generally, these actions are based on misunderstandings. A case in point is the June 1993 report to the Southern Baptist Convention by the Convention's Home Mission Board. This report defined eight alleged conflicts between the tenets and teachings of the Masonic Fraternity and Southern Baptist theology.

Let's briefly look at those areas, as representative of the thinking of some well-meaning but misinformed church members today, and see if the concerns are real or simply a matter of misinformation or misunderstanding.

Most of the issues really deal with language in one way or another. Almost every organization has a special vocabulary of words which are understood by the group. It's hardly appropriate for someone outside a group, and without the special knowledge of the group, to object to the terms unless he or she fully understands them and why they are used.



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If someone wants to read the *Journal of American Medical Association* for example, that is his right-but he doesn't have a right to complain the articles use medical terms. A person reading a cookbook had better know terms like fold, cream the butter, or soft ball have special meanings-or he'll make a mess instead of a cake. The same is true of a non-Mason reading Masonic materials. As to the critique of Freemasonry by the Southern Baptist Convention (which, incidentally, had several positive things to say about Freemasonry), here is a brief explanatory discussion of each point.



1. Because they do not see specific words in their historic context, some critics complain of the prevalent use in Masonry of offensive titles and terms such as Worshipful Master for the leader of a Lodge. The leader of a Masonic Lodge is called the Master of the Lodge for the same reason the head of a Boy Scout troop is called a Scoutmaster, an orchestra's leader is termed the Concert Master, or a highly-skilled electrician is called a Master Electrician. The term arose in the guilds of the Middle Ages when the most skillful workman was called the Master. Much Masonic vocabulary dates from that period. Worshipful in Worshipful Master has nothing to do with worship in any religious sense. Masonically, Worshipful is a term of honor and, in this sense, it is a term still used in England and Canada today to refer to such officials as mayors of cities. Worshipful John Doe means exactly the same thing as the Honorable John Doe. In the same vein, the Mayor of London is addressed as the Worshipful Lord Mayor. Certainly there is nothing irreligious here in the use of Worshipful or Lord. Such terms are a matter of history and tradition, not religion.

2. Some critics of Freemasonry object to what they term archaic and offensive rituals or so-called bloody oaths in Masonry. There is nothing offensive in them. They are ancient, not archaic, since many of them are so old their origins are lost in history. But there is nothing bad in that. The Declaration of Independence is about the same age as the Master Mason Degree, but few complain it is "archaic." The alleged bloody oaths refer to the penalties associated with the Masonic obligations. They originated in the medieval legal system of England and were actual

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punishments inflicted by the state on persons convicted of opposing political or religious tyranny. Masonry's obligations do not contain any promise ever to inflict any of the penalties or to participate in the execution of them. In Masonry, they are entirely symbolic and refer exclusively to the shame a good man should feel at the thought he had broken a promise,

3. Certain critics claim the recommended readings for the Degrees of Masonry are "pagan" in origin- "Pagan", as they are using the term, simply means "pre-Christian." The major purpose of Masonry is the study of man's intellectual and moral history for the purpose of developing ourselves morally and intellectually. Such a study has to start with the concepts of man and God as held by early cultures and evidenced in their mythologies. The Greeks and Romans, as well as earlier peoples, had much of importance to say on many topics, including religion. The idea that a physician must act



in the best interests of his patient comes from the pagan Hippocrates, and the concept that the government cannot break into your house and take what it wants on a whim comes from the pagan Aristotle.

None of us would want to live in a world without these ideas.

In almost every field- law, government, music, philosophy, mathematics, etc. -it is necessary to review the work of early writers and thinkers. Masonry is no exception. But to study the work of ancient cultures is not the same thing as to do what they did or believe what they believed. And no Mason is ever told what he should believe in matters of faith. That is not the task of a fraternity, nor a public library, nor the government. That is the duty of a person 's revealed religion and is appropriately expressed through his or her church.

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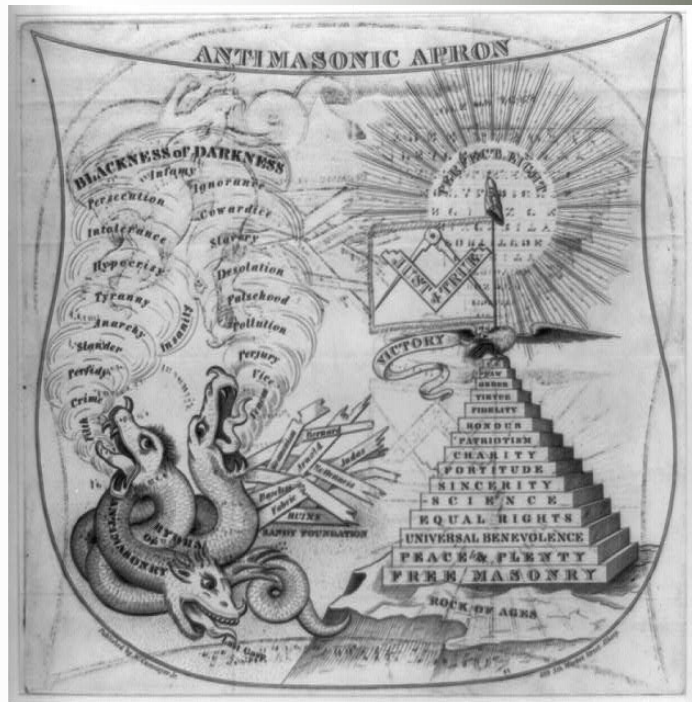
4. Ironically, some people complain about the Bible used in Lodge being referred to as the "furniture" of the Lodge. No disrespect is intended. Indeed, just the opposite is true. Masons use the word "furniture" in its original meaning of essential equipment. Since no Lodge can meet without an open Volume of the Sacred Law, (which in North America is almost always the Bible) the Bible is essential and given a special place of honor as the "furniture" for every regular Lodge.

5. The Masonic use of the term "light" is often misunderstood by non-Masons. This confusion may lead

some to think Masons are speaking of salvation rather than knowledge or truth. Nowhere in Masonic ritual is "light" implied to mean anything other than knowledge. Light was a symbol of knowledge long before it was a symbol of salvation. The lamp of learning appears on almost every graduation card and college diploma. Masonry uses Light as a symbol of the search for truth and knowledge. it is very unlikely that any Mason would think that Light represents salvation.

6. Masonry does not imply salvation may be attained by one's good works. Masonry does not teach any path to salvation. That is the duty of a Church, not a Fraternity. The closest Masonry comes to this issue is to point to the open Bible, and tell the Mason to search there for the path to eternal life. Masonry does believe in the importance of good works, but as a matter of gratitude to God for His many great gifts and as a matter of individual moral and social responsibility. The path to salvation is found in each Mason's house of worship, not in his Lodge.

7. Various critics accuse Masonic writers of teaching the "heresy of universalism." Universalism is the doctrine that all men and women are ultimately saved. Masonry does not teach universalism or any other doctrine of salvation. Again, that's the province of the church, not a fraternity. You have to look rather hard to find Masonic writers who "teach universalism." Even if you could find one, it's important to remember that any Masonic author writes for himself alone, not as an official of the fraternity. Masonry simply does not have a position, official or

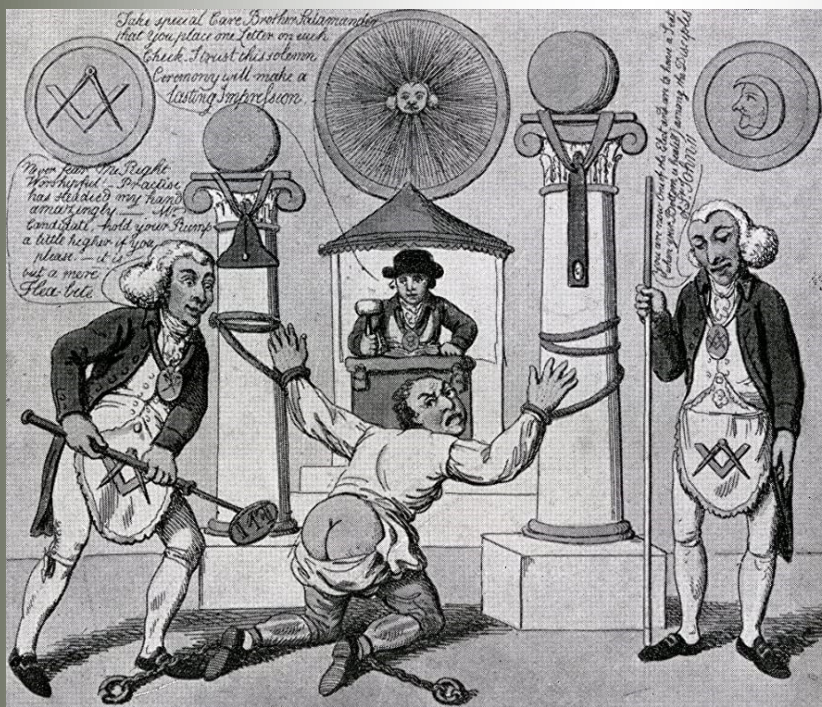


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otherwise on salvation. Since men of all faiths are welcome in the fraternity, Masons are careful not to offend the faith of any. Possibly this in itself may seem to be universalism to some critics. Masons call it common courtesy.

8. Some critics, less eager to put their own houses in order than to find fault with others, contend most Lodges refuse to admit African Americans as members. Masonry today is not a whites only organization as the hundreds of thousands of Black, Native American, Hispanic and Oriental Masons can testify . Petitions for membership do not ask the race of the petitioner, and it would be considered completely

wrong to do so. At the same time it must be said that Freemasonry, like American society and churches in general, has not lived up entirely to its high ideal of brotherhood in dealing with African Americans and other minorities. This is a situation which most Freemasons, like most Americans, are trying to overcome. There is a schism in Freemasonry dating back over 200 years to when "Prince Hall" Masons, who are African-Americans, declared



them selves independent. This schism is similar to the division of the United Methodist Church from the A.M.E., C.M.E., and United Methodist Church from the A.M.E., S.M.E., and A.M.E. Zion churches or the National Baptists from the American and Southern Baptists. In each of these three examples, the organizations are working to repair the damages of centuries of segregation. for each, complete reunification remains an elusive goal hindered by social resistance on both sides, but not by organizational ideals. In the case of Freemasonry, mutual recognition between "black" and "white" Grand Lodges has proceeded at a steady pace for nearly ten years, while African-American members are increasingly common in formerly "white" Lodges.

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For instance, at the international celebration of the 275th anniversary of the Grand Lodge of England in 1992 (the most recent Masonic gathering of about the same size as the Southern Baptist Convention), there were far more



Blacks present than there were at the Southern Baptist Convention in Houston in 1993. Freemasonry's movement regarding racial matters affirms Masonry's genuine revolution with the rest of American society and churches toward genuine brotherhood among all races.

In summary, looking over the concerns raised in the report, none are the tenants and teachings as the report claims. Four of the concerns are merely misunderstandings of Masonic vocabulary by non-Masons. The complaint that some of the writers whose work Masonry studies are pre Christian could be raised against any study of man, government, or philosophy. Almost all areas of study start with the ancient (pagan) Greeks. All members of the Fraternity know that Masonry does not invade the area of the Church to teach any doctrine of salvation, neither universalism, salvation by works, nor any other. And the objection that Masonry is some sort of whites only club is refuted by the myriad of non whites wearing the Square and Compasses. Freemasonry is simply a Fraternity---an organization of men, banded together to further develop themselves ethically and morally, and to benefit the community at large!

With special thanks to Jim Tresner, Masonic Author and John Boettjer, Editor, The Scottish Rite Journal for their work preparing this Short Talk Bulletin.

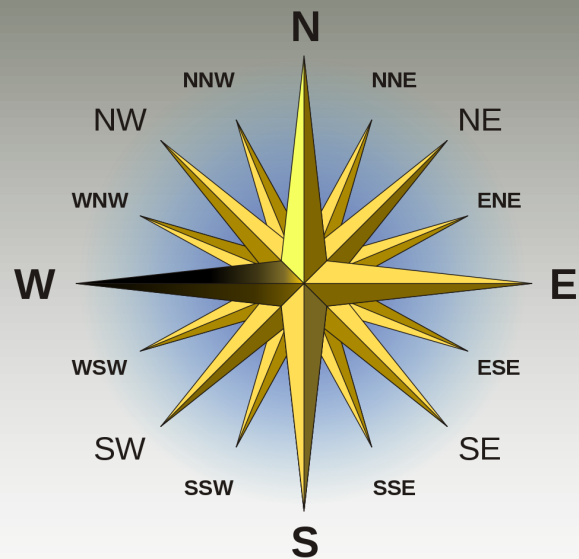
Thoughts from the West

I have contemplating lately on Freemasonry and what it has meant to me and I've come to realize how it has changed my life. Masonry is personal. It has its effect on each of us in a different way. For me, it filled a void I've had in my life for quite a while. I soon as I was asked to kneel for the benefit of prayer, I knew that this was going to be much different than I expected. I had been missing that religious part for a long time which masonry seemed to fill.

I found a cadre of men that I used to have while in the military but much more than that. I had a strong belief in God while growing up in a Catholic family and although my dad was a 4th degree KofC, I knew that my grandfather was a Mason so I had a good opinion of the fraternity. That didn't help me much when I attempted to join in 1975 in Virginia where at least someone in the lodge did not want Catholics in the lodge and I didn't make it past the 1st reading.

That changed when I was teaching square dancing in Globe in 1998 to some members of the lodge and they wanted me to try again and I did. Since that time, I fell in love with the ritual and the Brothers I've meet along the way in these past 24 years. It's a place that I can call home. A place that I can come and leave all the stresses and worries at the door and find peace inside. A place where I can feel close to my Maker and contemplate how to improve myself. A place where the Golden Rule is stressed. A place where I can help others find the peace that I've found and better themselves. A finally a place that attempts to find that true Brotherhood of man.

That's my experience in Freemasonry. I may be unique because Masonry is like that, a personal experience. And so it should be because we are all different with different needs and view Masonry in different ways. No two Brothers



ers have the same experiences and experiences shape our lives. Those experiences allows us to share that which shaped our lives with our Brothers and their experiences with us making both of our lives richer.

How did Masonry make you a better man?

Education:

What is a cowan?

“Cowan” is an old Scotch word, meaning an ignorant Mason who put stones together without mortar, or piled rough stones from the field into a wall without working them square and true. He is a Mason without the Word; the Apprentice who tries to masquerade as a Master.

Source: One Hundred One Questions about Freemason

Fraternally,

Bill Greenen

2023 Senior Warden

White Mountain Lodge No. 3

Clothe a Child Campaign

White Mountain Lodge No. 3 continues to be a leader in the Globe/Miami community by raising money for the annual Clothe a Child campaign for needy youth.

Year after Year White Mountain Lodge works with local businesses to raise money to supply chooses children with very needed clothes and school supplies.

This amazing endeavor should be a year around effort to be successful! The Globe, Miami and Claypool area has many worthwhile children that could take advantage of our program!

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White Mountain Lodge No. 3 joins FACEBOOK

To better reach out to the local community and share information with the members, White Mountain Lodge No. 3 has joined the online community of Facebook. We will use the page as a public forum to share the activities of the Lodge with the community of Globe/Claypool/Miami and the surrounding area. We hope that this will not only raise the profile of the Lodge within the community but also help the Lodge be a bigger part of our community as a whole!

We hope that this sharing will not only help our philanthropic efforts but also elevate our standing in the community. We also hope that this will help our Clothe a Child program and other efforts while also letting the locals that we are here to join!



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Euclid's 47th and 48th problems were necessary for the builders to understand for construction because they read: "In every right angled triangle the square of the hypotenuse is equal to the sum of the squares on the other two sides".

This is the root of all geometry the foundation of mathematics. It has made it possible for railroads, tunnels, roads, and bridges to be built from both sides and join perfectly in the middle. The astronomer, navigator, engineer, and mathematician would be lost without the 47th Problem to point the way.

Who was this man Pythagoras whom operative and Speculative Masons revered? He was a traveler, a philosopher, a mathematician seeking knowledge, and so much more. He was an astronomer, a teacher, a founder of a school, a man who many writers claim performed miracles. He believed in the immortality of the soul. He was an outstanding athlete. He became so wise and learned that his teachings were followed by such giants of the ancient world as Socrates, Plato, and Aristotle. He did more for his century than any other man.

Like many great men of antiquity, Pythagoras left no writings of his own. What he did and what is known about him, has been handed down through the writings of his followers. There were many of them. There still are. To some extent, Masonic lodges of today are patterned after the society he formed. The philosophy he taught in the 5th Century b.c. Is much the same as the philosophy taught Freemasons in the 21st Century.

Pythagoras is credited with many other accomplishments. He founded the "Pythagorean Fraternity", the most influential school of its time. He was the first to consider women the equal of men, and admitted both to his school on equal terms. Weights and measures were introduced into Greece by Pythagoras. The doctrine now known as the "harmony of the spheres" originated with him. He discovered the

therapeutical value of music. The term "philosopher" was used by him. There is evidence that no one considered the earth a sphere revolving in space before him. He was probably the first to teach by parables and symbols.

One of his followers quoted Pythagoras speaking to a group of politicians in these words: "The best laws and constitutions must be a composite of all constitutions, and contain something democratic, oligarchic, monarchic, and aristocratic. The true leader must not only possess the science and power of commanding well, but he must also love men: for it is absurd that the shepherd should hate his flock, and feel hostile disposition towards those he is educating. We must first know that the good man is not necessarily happy, but that the happy man is necessarily good; for the happy man is he who deserves praise and congratulations; the good man deserves only praise". Pythagoras might well have been speaking to all Freemasons, particularly those who are leaders of the craft.

What does the 47th Problem of Euclid symbolize? Perseverance; a need for Truth; the need for more and more knowledge.

PROBLEM SOLVER INDEED

Fraternally,

Stephen Englund PM

2023 Junior Warden

White Mountain Lodge No. 3

Do you have the time?

Good day Brethren, I hope this finds everyone well.

For this article I want to talk about some very important men in history that found time to attend lodge. They were very busy in their business and

lives but yet found time to attend

Lodge, can you?

First is George Washington and

Gerald Ford, two busy men who

found time to attend Lodge, can you?

If Grand Masters Benjamin Franklin, Paul Revere, Andrew Jackson, and Harry Truman found time to attend

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Aldrin and Green Bay Packers legend Bart Starr found time to attend Lodge, can you? By the way, six of the seven Ringling Brothers sat in the chairs to raise their father in Baraboo Lodge in Baraboo, Wisconsin, in 1891.

Okay let's talk about some of our Presidents. We know which of the Presidents have been Masons, but how active were some of these Brethren in their Lodges? Their Grand Lodges? Other Masonic bodies?

I got this information from an article Gary Littlefield, Grand Historian of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut wrote.

Two Presidents have held the office of Grand Master of their Grand Lodges - Andrew Jackson of Tennessee and Harry S. Truman of Missouri.

Four were Worshipful Masters of their Lodges - George Washington of Virginia, Jackson, Buchanan, and Truman. Besides those who presided

over their Lodges, two others served in Lodge officer lines - James Garfield of Ohio and James K.

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among the Masonic Presidents included Johnson, Garfield, McKinley, Harding, and Truman. Scottish Rite Masons were Gerald Ford of Michigan, Franklin D. Roosevelt of New York, McKinley, Truman, Johnson, Garfield, and Harding. 33rd degree was conferred on Truman and Ford. Harding died before receiving the 33rd degree.

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Globe Chapter No. 7

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Would you like to remember a Masonic family member, Masonic friend or notable Mason? Recent changes in the Arizona Masonic Code now allow you to purchase a Memorial Life Membership for any deceased Mason that you wish to memorialize in White Mountain Lodge No. 3. The fee for these memberships is only 10 times dues. The Deceased Mason's name will remain on the Lodge's register for Perpetual Membership in perpetuity and the Lodge will receive an annuity every year from this help cover Lodge expenses.

Contact Paul Dore Sr. Lodge Secretary for Memorial Perpetual
Membership Application

WHAT IS AN "EAVESDROPPER" ?

A LISTENER. THE PUNISHMENT WHICH WAS DIRECTED IN THE OLD LECTURES, AT THE REVIVAL OF FREEMASONRY IN 1717, TO BE INFLICTED ON A DETECTED COWAN WAS: "TO BE PLACED UNDER THE EAVES OF THE HOUSE IN RAINY WEATHER, TILL THE WATER RUNS IN AT HIS SHOULDERS AND OUT AT HIS HEELS." THE FRENCH INFLICT A SIMILAR PUNISHMENT: "ON LE MET SOUS UNE GOUTTIERE, UNE POMPE, OU UNE FONTAINE, JUSQU'À CE QU'IL SOIT MOUILLÉ DEPUIS LA TETE JUSQU'AUX PIEDS," MEANING THEY PUT HIM UNDER THE RAIN-SPOUT, A PUMP, OR A FOUNTAIN, UNTIL HE IS DRENCHED FROM HEAD TO FEET. HENCE A LISTENER IS CALLED AN EAVESDROPPER. THE WORD IS NOT, AS HAS BY SOME BEEN SUPPOSED, A PECULIAR MASONIC TERM, BUT IS COMMON TO THE LANGUAGE. SKINNER GIVES IT IN HIS ETYMOLOGICON, AND APPROVINGLY CALLS IT VOX SANE ELEGANTISSIMA, APTLY SOUND WORD; AND BLACKSTONE (COM, MENTARIES IV, 13) THUS DEFINES IT:

EAVESDROPPERS, OR SUCH AS LISTEN UNDER WALLS, OR WINDOWS, OR THE EAVES OF A HOUSES TO HEARKEN AFTER DISCOURSE AND THEREUPON TO FRAME SLANDEROUS AND MISCHIEVOUS TALES, ARE A COMMON NUISANCE AND PRESENTABLE AT THE COURT OR ARE INDICTABLE AT THE SESSIONS. AND PUNISHABLE BY FINE AND FINDING SURETIES FOR THEIR GOOD BEHAVIOR. ~MACKEY

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