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## From the East

Greetings, Brethren...

With our first stated meeting of the new year under our belt, I want to commend everyone on coming out of the gate roaring...well done! It has been equally rewarding to see brothers, some familiar and some not so much, who have been missing for years, returning once again in Lodge

Normally, I would ramble on in this space, but the fact is, we already have so much going on at Lodge during Stated Meetings, and almost daily with our Lodge projects, that we will forgo the normal "From the East" pep talk and break things down into bullet points for the space we have.

☞ The Masonic Museum is up and running, although we could use some "sponsorship" for some framing of a few of the historic photos that have been damaged over the years.

☞ Bend Lodge is looking to amass a tool kit and other equipment equal to the challenges the facilities have gone through in the last few years. A ladder (a 24-footer extension, ideally), painting supplies (roller covers, drop cloths, tape), electrical, plumbing and landscaping tools, all to be kept at the lodge for the weekly and monthly chores and projects we embark on. (See also "From the South").

☞ Work on the wall murals will begin soon in the Lodge room; we are looking for an opaque projector or something similar to project images on the wall to start the designs.

☞ We have an exceptionally large (and obscenely heavy) but really cool electric movie screen that we want to install in the Lodge room. Electrical work, framing, some basic grunt work and lifting are all needed. This will be used to present candidate lectures as brothers go through their degrees.

☞ We are scheduling Degree and ritual practices for the 4th Thursday of the month at around 6:30. This is also good opportunity to engage in some Lodge fellowship.

☞ February 15th will see the Lodge used by PGM Arron Harvey for a York Rite event. The Degree of the Red Cross will be performed at Bend #139.

If you are a member of York Rite, and at the Lodge after an extended absence, you might enjoy the historic photographs



recently hung in the preparation room, showing over 90 years of Bend Lodge's proud participation in the York Rite.

☞ We have received two new Petitions for the Degrees of Masonry, in addition to three requests for Petitions for Advancement from Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts who have been absent for an extended period. If we keep up this pace, we are on our way to a great year with an active Lodge. (See note above regarding degree practice...we need a SOLID degree team in place to ensure that brothers are not falling by the

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## Forrest C. "Poe" Sholes (1919-2000)

wayside as they advance through their degrees).

☞ We are also in need of a few more brothers who have prior experience or are up to speed on the Investigation Committee to check out some of these new petitioners.

☞ We will be holding a Draping ceremony at the February Stated meeting for two brothers of our Lodge who have passed. This will be an open-to-the public event, as we will be hosting the family members as well as the Brothers for this solemn event. Please do turn out to the Lodge and honor those who have passed to that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

☞ We will also be presenting a brother's apron to the family of Forrest C. "Poe" Sholes, a past member of Bend Lodge. (See the article to the right for additional information in case you can't make it to the February meeting).

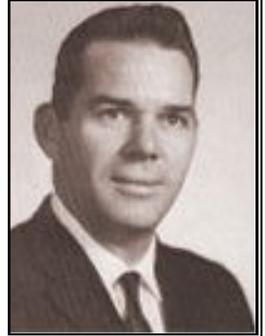
☞ Saturday, March 15th (times yet to be determined but probably along the lines of 9am to mid-afternoon) will be the Bend Lodge Family Yard Sale. Besides selling a large number of items that have been languishing around the Lodge, and for which we have no further use, we are also taking donations of saleable items, or reservations for tables at the event. Proceeds from the sale will go to a Lodge project; one idea discussed is the purchase of an AED (Automated Electronic Defibrillator). Spring Cleaning and helping the Lodge... what a win-win!

I look forward to seeing all of you at the Lodge.

Fraternally...

*W.M. Derek Stevens*

Forrest C. "Poe" Sholes was born in Bend in 1919 and lived in the area all his life. He got his nickname from his little brother, who had a tough time saying "Forrest".



He graduated from Bend High School and spent time in the Marine Corps after graduation. When he came back to Bend in 1946, he was hired as a patrolman with the Bend Police Department. In September, 1949, he went to work as a deputy under then-Sheriff Claude McCauley. A little more than four years later, McCauley decided not to run again after serving as a six-term Sheriff. He encouraged Sholes -- his only deputy at the time -- to seek the position. For the first few years, Sholes and his wife, who was the jail cook, lived in a little room above the jail, on the top floor of the current Deschutes County Courthouse.

Sholes followed Claude McCauley with an even longer series of consecutive terms. He first was elected in 1953 and served seven straight terms in four different decades, serving from 1953 to 1981. Sholes was the third Sheriff in Deschutes County history, after Samuel Roberts and Claude McCauley.

He was initiated in Bend Lodge #139 on April 4th, 1962, passed May 10th, 1962 and raised June 7th, 1962. Brother Sholes passed February 4th, 2000.

### WHAT IS A MASON?

Have you ever struggled to answer this question when asked by someone outside the fraternity? The truth is, men join and remain in Masonry for their own personal reasons...but there are common ties that bind all brothers together once they become a Mason.

Perhaps this is a good answer to that very question...

**"Masons are men who voluntarily asked to join a lodge. They were accepted because they were good men who believe in God and hold high ethical and moral ideals. They go to meetings which they call the Lodge, in order to learn and to teach what friendship, morality, and truth really involve, and to practice on a small scale the reality of brotherhood. They also have meetings open to their wives, children, and friends where they promote an understanding of the serious nature of the Fraternity by entertainment and sociability. Practical programs for charity and relief are planned and executed. The special kinship they feel for each other as a brotherhood is their deepest satisfaction."**

Masons. Live better.

# Central Oregon Shrine Club

## COSC 4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL FAMILY CAMPOUT

COSC holds a family campout every year and would like to extend an invitation to members of the Bend Lodge to join us. It is a great time for fellowship, great food and fun.

This year we are going to USFS Gull Point Campground on Wickiup Reservoir. Shriners have campsites 25-31. If you would like to participate, please contact Terry Griffith at 503-910-2162. This park fills quickly, so make your reservations now at [reservation.gov](http://reservation.gov). Hope to see you there!

## RWB DAVE JOHNSON ELECTED POTENTATE - AL KADER SHRINERS

Illustrious Sir Dave Johnson, a member of Bend Lodge and COSC, was elected and installed as Al Kader's Potentate for 2014. He will spend his year managing the Al Kader Temple in Wilsonville and touring Oregon and the States. It is quite an honor to have Dave represent the Central Oregon region, as the first Potentate from the east side of the Cascades. No doubt he will be putting a few miles on this year, as he has in the past five years. We wish Dave the best and to have a safe and busy year!

## From the South

### MASONIC TOOLS

As highlighted in "*From the East*", one of our goals for this year is to facilitate deferred maintenance and upgrades to the Lodge and the lodge property. Several such projects have already taken place including fixing and clearing the roof, clearing gutters and drains, topping and trimming of bushes, cleaning of parking lots, painting doors and repair of existing external security lights to name a few. There are far too many additional projects on our "to do" list to actually list here.

Besides the obvious need for participation from brothers, the other common denominator is that every project requires tools - tools which the Lodge currently doesn't possess. To that end, we are

asking that each brother consider donating their unused or duplicate tools to the Lodge. This process has already begun with a generous donation of a tool box and a variety of hand tools from Brother Mackey. Our goal is to have enough tools on-hand at the Lodge that maintenance issues can be addressed as they come up without having to buy, beg, or borrow for everything we need.

As you know, the Lodge is a BIG building, and it sits on a BIG lot. Both require considerable effort to maintain and having the necessary tools at the lodge will allow for the streamlining of that effort.

So... if you think about all of the tools you may use in the repair, maintenance or upgrade of your own residence and property - and consider the size and need at the Lodge - those are the tools we hope to acquire. Everything from

## BROTHER BIRTHDAYS

(February)

Jack Cooper	(89)
Robert Dunlap	(77)
Carl Hopp Jr.	(64)
Kenneth Kment	(64)
David Shea	(61)
Terry Griffith	(59)
Jason Griffith	(33)

pry bars to push brooms, rakes to ratchets, duct tape to dust pans, snakes to sockets, saws to sanders - you name it - if it is in good working order, we will use it. Thank you for considering assisting in this effort.

### PORTICO "GO-SLOW"

If you have spent any time at all near the entry to the Lodge, you have witnessed first-hand the blatant disregard for personal property (much less personal safety) as the time-challenged or caffeine-deprived race through our portico. Recently, I was working on my hands and knees near the portico, my truck parked under it and my tools scattered about when a woman drove right up behind me. I acknowledged her; she stayed, idling at my rear. I finally got up and asked if I could help her. She asked me to move and to move my truck and my tools. I politely explained she was on private property. She asked me again to move. That delightful engagement solidified the need in my mind to do something to discourage at least slow the trespassers down as they race through our entryway.

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## BROTHER BIO

WB Phillip Van Buren

Worshipful Brother Phillip Van Buren was born in Warren, Minnesota in 1948. The family moved to Albany, Oregon in 1955. Phil graduated from Albany Union High School in 1966, and then served a four-year tour of duty in the U.S. Navy (fleet sailor and Seabees), so he is a Vietnam-era veteran.

Phil moved to Klamath Falls in 1994. He worked in the sheet metal trade for 41 years, and retired in 1999. He's been married 19-½ years to his lovely wife Louise, and has two sons, Shaun and Brent.

To say that Phil has "a bit" of Masonic experience would be a definite understatement, as indicated by the following:

- **Order of DeMolay:**
  - \* (1963-1966)
- **Scio Lodge #39:**
  - \* Raised in March, 1987; served as Senior Deacon, Junior Warden, Senior Warden and Worshipful Master
- **Crater Lake Lodge #211:**
  - \* Served as Chaplain, Senior Deacon, Junior Warden, Senior Warden and Worshipful Master
- Klamath Falls Scottish Rite valley
- York Rite, Melita Chapter
- Member of Hillah Shrine
- **Order of Eastern Star (Aloha, OR Chapter #5):**
  - \* Served as Past Patron, Chaplain, Warder and Associate Patron
- Past President of the Klamath Falls Shrine Club
- **Oregon Grand Lodge:**
  - \* District Deputy, District #29 (three years)
  - \* Junior Grand Steward (two years)

Phil holds Life Memberships in the following Lodges:

Creswell #112, Scio #39, Robert Burns #97, Cove #91, St. Johns #17, Bend #139, Newberg #104, Oregon Military #223, Warren #10, Klamath #77, Crater Lake #211, Eugene #11, Belt #18, Joseph #81, Ashland #23, Blue Mountain #34, Medford #103, Blanco #48, Hiram #67, Pearl #66, Lyon #29, Grants Pass #84, Rogue River #226, Grande Ronde Valley #56, Seaport #7, Rickreall #110, Cascade #208, Evergreen #137, Prineville #76, North Bend #140, Tigard-Orenomah #207, Salem #4, Research Lodge of Oregon #198, Maple #127, Ainsworth #201, Tillamook #57, Rainier #24, Woodburn #106, La Grande #41, Jefferson #33 and Marys River #221!

*(That's 41 member cards, brothers! And you thought it was difficult keeping track of one or two...☺)*

In Phil's "spare" time, he's also involved with the Grange (1973 to present) and the Widow's Sons Motorcycle Association (Eastwood Chapter).

Phil says that when he gave back his proficiency for his Master Mason degree in April, 1987, he was installed as Senior Deacon and presented with his first life membership. He was so impressed with the brothers

and organization that he decided that he would strive for ten (10) life memberships before he retired as his contribution to Masonry. Phil continues, saying that he doesn't tell others how many lodges he belongs to because, "...it's just something I wanted to do. When I'm gone, it will help those as my gift".

**Well SAID, WB Van Buren...  
and WELL done!**



## From the South

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To that end, we have now installed a second metal post, painted both posts bright fluorescent yellow and connected them with an orange chain in the hope that drivers will either think twice about cutting through our portico or at least show a measure of restraint as they do so.

We are also looking at the potential of adding two additional speed bumps in close proximity to the existing speed bump to further slow drivers passing so close to our front entry. Please note that the remaining drive-through gap is nine feet, more than enough for a vehicle to pass through - hopefully slowly!

*JW Brian Canady*

# FEBRUARY, 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3	4	5	6 <u>Amaranth</u>	7	8
9	10 <u>Officer's Meeting</u> 7pm	11	12	13 <u>Dinner: 6pm</u> <u>Meeting: 7pm</u>	14	15 <u>York Rite</u> <u>"Red Cross" degree</u> (Time TBA)
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 <u>Degree Practice</u> 7pm	28	

## Secretary's Desk

I GREATLY appreciate everyone who has taken the time to return the survey and updated information sheet from the January Trestleboard. Our Bend Lodge brother database is now in much better shape, enabling us to stay in better contact with Bend Lodge brothers near and far, either by postal mail, email or phone.

I attended the one-day Secretary School at Grand Lodge on January 15th. There were 80+ brothers in attendance, most acting as new Secretaries for their various lodges. We all picked up a lot of useful information; I hope to be able to put those skills and knowledge to good use immediately. Grand Lodge is promoting a number of new programs to benefit various segments of our communities and we'll be putting out additional information on those programs very shortly.

If you've never visited or stayed at McMinnamin's Grand Lodge (right next door to Oregon Grand Lodge), you really should. The sense of Masonic history is everywhere in the refurbished building, and, the accommodations are...well... "interesting"!

I've received many positive comments over both the format and content of the Trestleboard...thank you for those. Those returning their surveys have also mentioned many good ideas for what they'd like to see, both in the Trestleboard each month and for things they'd like to see at Bend

Lodge itself. Remember that this is YOUR Trestleboard... questions, comments, article ideas, photos, anything that you think would be of interest to other brothers are always welcome.

Our new-format Bend Lodge website should be up and running in the next month or so. Brother Preston Callicott has graciously turned over control of it to me, and I think you will enjoy both the new format and the various segments that we've included, both for education and information. The website is also the public "face" of Bend Lodge #139, and we want people to have easy access to accurate and timely information. Redoing the website has involved equal parts luck, sweat and patience...and a VERY steep learning curve. Prior to starting this, I knew enough to make myself dangerous, so it's been a real learning experience as things progress. We'll be sure to let you know when the new site is up and operational.

One of the questions we asked on the survey was whether you wanted your monthly Trestleboard mailed, emailed or sent both ways. I'm a bit surprised at how many indicated they wanted their Trestleboard by mail. While we will try and accommodate your preference, if you supplied an email address, you will probably get your Trestleboard in that manner. By the time we print, stuff, stamp and mail as many as I'm expecting each month, we're looking at anywhere from \$35-\$50...or \$420-\$500 each year. THAT is money that we could be using for other Lodge projects or assistance in our community. The good news is that after the new website goes

active, you'll be able to check it for both current and past editions of the Trestleboard.

A number of older brothers who returned their surveys indicated that while they would be interested in attending Lodge meetings, they don't drive at night anymore. The idea of asking Grand Lodge for a dispensation to hold a daylight Special Communication, possibly on a Saturday, has been discussed and, if we proceed with those plans, we'll give ample advance notice.

Thanks for your support and interest...if you need anything or have any questions, please feel free to email me at [mackey@bendcable.com](mailto:mackey@bendcable.com), or call me at (541) 815-6052.

*Secretary Neil Mackey*

◇ Brother Treasurer Bobby Durham underwent shoulder surgery recently and is recovering at home. He is in good spirits, and, according to his wife, driving her nuts. Other brothers are encouraged to stop by and sit on him to make sure he doesn't overdo it while he recovers.

## SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

◇ We were saddened to learn of the recent sudden, unexpected passing of Brother Preston Callicott's mother. Please keep him in your thoughts during this difficult time.