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The Grand Master's Message: The Mosaic Pavement

As Entered Apprentice Masons, we learn the ornaments of a Lodge are the Mosaic Pavement, the Indented Tessel and the Blazing Star. The Mosaic Pavement in a Masonic Lodge is said to be a representation of the ground floor of King Solomon's Temple. It is emblematic of human life, checkered with good and evil, right and wrong, yin and yang, freedom and despotism, and night and day.

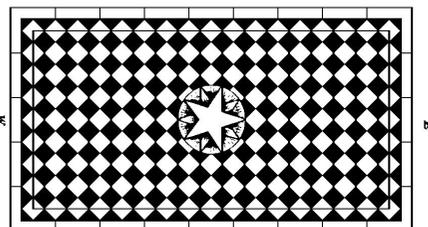


M.W.B. Arthur L. Borland
Grand Master

According to "The Meaning of Masonry" by W.L. Wilmshurts, "The Floor, or groundwork of the Lodge a checker-work of black and white squares, denotes the dual quality of everything connected with terrestrial life and the physical groundwork of human nature – the mortal body and its appetites and affections." "The web of our life is a mingled yarn, good and ill together," wrote Shakespeare. Everything material is characterized by the blending of a positive and negative element.

The Mosaic Pavement has often been characterized as life's chess-board. In chess, the movement of each piece is based upon calculated expectations of a future outcome. As the pieces move upon the mosaic board, they mirror the movement of life. If a move is not well planned and conceived, the game may be lost. So it is with Masonry. As Masons move within our Mosaic Pavement, we should plan our movements through life based upon the lessons we have learned through our Degrees, keeping our passions circumscribed within due bounds by the ancient tools we have been given.

The tessellated border, which surrounds the pavement, is characterized as a rope border consisting of four knotted ropes representing the four cardinal virtues: temperance, fortitude, prudence and justice. According to "The Knotted Rope in Masonic Esoteric Tradition" by Bro. William Steve Burkle, the knots used to embellish the ropes are called the Masonic Love Knot or Infinity Knot as represented by a modern



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Membership & Publicity Guiding a Potential Brother

You just received an inquiry from an individual asking about the Fraternity and how to join. He has questions and would like to speak to someone for answers. As part of your Lodge's membership committee, you have been assigned to follow up with this individual. What do you do?



R.W.B. Dale B. Palileo
Grand Chaplain

Here are a few tips that will guide you in this important aspect of a potential Brother's journey.

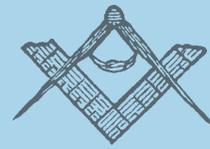
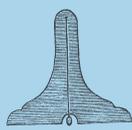
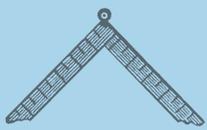
Contact. Give the person a call and establish basic rapport. Ask questions about his profession, age, reasons for wanting to join the Fraternity, and perhaps his interests. These questions will give you an idea of whether this person is a good candidate for Freemasonry. It will also give you an opportunity to answer his questions about the Craft, your Lodge, and the petitioning process.

Show. If possible, schedule a face-to-face meeting. Show him where your Lodge

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figure eight knot. The tessellated border of the Mosaic Pavement reminds Masons of the importance of the four cardinal virtues which we hold so dear.

In the "Encyclopedia of Freemasonry" by Albert G. Mackey, Mackey writes that in the Prestonian lecture, the Blazing Star is explained as follows:

"The Blazing Star, or glory in the center, reminds us of that awful period when the Almighty delivered the two tables of stone containing the ten commandments to His faithful servant, Moses on Mount Sinai, when the rays of His divine glory shone so bright that none could behold it without fear and trembling. It also reminds us of the omnipresence of the Almighty, overshadowing us with His divine love, and dispensing His blessings amongst us; and by its being placed in the center, it further reminds us, that wherever we may be assembled together, God is in the midst of us, seeing our actions, and observing the secret intents and movements of our hearts."

Masons are often caught maneuvering through the fabric of life, making choices between good and evil, right and wrong, surrounded by the blessings and comforts, all the time influenced by the radiating Blazing Star in the center. Through careful thought and consideration, on the Mosaic Pavement, you can contemplate the issues of black and white.

As a non-Mason enters a Lodge room, he or she will see an elaborate room decorated with a Mosaic Pavement, a tessellated border, a Blazing Star, two huge columns, officer stations, an altar, tapers, the Holy Bible and square and compasses. An interesting room to say the least, but, we as Masons see more. We see an understanding of the relationship between God and our lives. We see an understanding of the world and our place in it. We see a path to enlightenment and right living.

Fraternally,

Arthur L. Borland, Grand Master, A.F. & A.M. of Oregon



Grand View

New Membership Portal

Lodge Secretaries have been busy learning the features and functions of the new Grand View database. While this resource is proving to be a valuable tool for Secretaries, the Grand Lodge of Oregon is pleased to announce the database is now available for members to start using and taking advantage of its benefits. The new membership portal allows Masons to manage their own profile by updating contact information, mailing preferences and even uploading a profile photo.

Key features include the option to pay Lodge dues online and the ability to view upcoming Grand Lodge events, as well as events posted by your Lodge and Lodges in your area. Master Masons may purchase a listing space to promote a business or service (\$240/year). These listings are viewable by all members and may be filtered by location or need.



Start taking advantage of the member benefits in a few simple steps.

- Visit <https://or.gvsoftware.com>
- Click "Member Portal"
- Click "Member Registration"
- Enter your home Lodge number, member ID, and last name.
- Click "Check Membership Status"
- Click "Sign Up"

Once your membership has been confirmed, enter your primary email address and create and confirm your password.

Step-by-step instructions on how to register and use the membership portal can be found by logging in to the Grand Lodge website, <https://www.masonic-oregon.com>, and visiting "Resources" found under the "For Members" tab on the homepage. Select "Books and More" and click *Grand View: Member Manual* to download. Questions? Contact the Grand Lodge office at (503) 357-3158.



Blue Lodge Training Six locations available



On Mar. 18, a Blue Lodge Training (BLT) will be held in Portland, Salem, North Bend, Medford, Baker City and Bend. The topics discussed will include a modified Basic School of Instruction, Lodge etiquette, receiving the Grand Master, two video presentations, and a basic overview on how to use the membership portal on Grand View, the new database software. A discussion of Robert's Rules of Order as it relates to the running of our business meetings is also on the agenda. Adequate time will be set aside to discuss the training material. We look for each Master and Warden from all Lodges to attend this event. Attire is business casual and breakfast and lunch will be served for a nominal fee.

Some of you may be attending a School of Instruction near the time of this training. The Grand Master implores you to also attend the BLT session as the discussion topics will differ from what is offered at a regular School of Instruction.

District Deputies are setting a point of contact for registration and location details are being finalized.

Questions? Contact the local District Deputy in your area. A list can be found on the Grand Lodge website, <https://www.masonic-oregon.com/contact-us/district-deputies>

- by R.W.B. Ron Eggers,
Junior Grand Warden



GRAND MASTER'S TENTATIVE ITINERARY

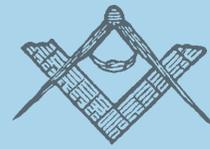
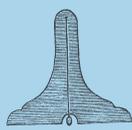
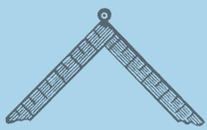
March 2017

- 1 – Rickreall No. 110, Official Visit and Past Masters Night: dinner, 6:30 p.m.; Lodge, 7:30 p.m. - Bib overalls, L
- 2 – Prineville No. 76, Official Visit: dinner, 6:30 p.m.; Lodge, 7:30 p.m. - U, L
- 3 – Hillah Shrine, Scottish Rite Temple, Medford, Official Visit: dinner, 6 p.m., meeting, 7 p.m. - U
- 4 – Youth Activities Day, Salem Scottish Rite
- 5 – Murder Mystery with the Order of the Eastern Star: Salem Scottish Rite, 12 p.m. - U, L
- 7 – Union No. 3, McMinnville, Official Visit: Corned Beef & Cabbage, 6 p.m.; Lodge, 7:30 p.m. - U, L
- 8 – North Bend No. 140, Official Visit: dinner, 6:30 p.m.; Lodge, 7:30 p.m. - U, L
- 9-11 Amaranth Grand Court, Salem Scottish Rite - T, L
- 10 – Leadership Meeting: Grand Lodge, Forest Grove, 12 p.m. - BC
- 11 – MESH Meeting: Forest Grove, 8 a.m. - U
- 13 – Redmond No. 154, Official Visit: dinner, 6 p.m., Lodge, 7 p.m. - U, L
- 18 – Blue Lodge Training: Portland, Salem, North Bend, Medford, Baker City, Bend - BC
- 18 – Daughters of the Nile Installation: Medford Scottish Rite, 1 p.m. - T, L
- 24 – Pendleton No. 52, Official Visit: dinner, 6 p.m., Lodge, 7 p.m. - U, L
- 25 – Umatilla No. 40, Echo, 150-Year Anniversary Event, 12 p.m. - U, L
- 30 – Masonic Family Night: Salem Scottish Rite, 6-10 p.m. - U, L

April 2017

- 1 – MESH Meeting: Forest Grove, 8 a.m. - U
- 1 – Al Kader-Hillah Potentate's Ball: Al Kader Shrine, Wilsonville, 5 p.m. - T, L
- 2 – Potentate's Hospital Tour, Shriners Hospital for Children, Portland, 9:30 a.m.
- 4 – Heppner No. 69, Official Visit: dinner, 6 p.m.; Lodge, 7 p.m. - U, L
- 6-8 Grand York Rite, The Mill Casino, North Bend - U, T, L
- 10 – Creswell No. 112, Official Visit: dinner, 6:30 p.m.; Lodge, 7:30 p.m. - U, L
- 12 – Eugene No. 11, Official Visit: dinner, 6:30 p.m.; Lodge, 7:30 p.m. - U, L
- 15 – White Shrine Installation, Washington Masonic Center - T, L
- 18 – Grants Pass No. 84, Official Visit: dinner, 6:30 p.m.; Lodge, 7:30 p.m. - U, L
- 20-22 Grand Lodge of Hawaii, Honolulu - U, T, L
- 27-29 Baker Valley Scottish Rite Spring Reunion

**U = Uniform; L = Ladies; T = Tuxedo; S = Suit;
BC = Business Casual**



Grand Lodge Announcement

With the Grand Treasurer legislation passing at the 2016 Annual Communication, the Grand Lodge of Oregon is pleased to announce its first Grand Treasurer since 1967. Most



R.W.B. Gary Ball
Grand Treasurer and
Grand Organist

know R.W.B. Gary L. Ball as the Grand Organist, but now he is assisting the Grand Lodge of Oregon, as Grand Treasurer. R.W.B. Gary was born and raised in Salem, Ore. He received his Bachelors in mathematics with honors at the University of Oregon and Masters in mathematics at the University of Illinois. He settled down in Roseburg and began his career with the Oregon Water Resources Department. While there, he worked with W.B. M. John Youngquist, who interested him in Masonry and became his mentor. He was raised in Laurel Lodge No.

13 in 1985 served as Worshipful Master in 1990 and Treasurer in 1991.

R.W.B. Gary is a Life Member of Laurel Lodge No. 13, Washington Lodge No. 46, the Portland Valley Scottish Rite, and Douglas Court No. 10, Order of Amaranth. He was first appointed Grand Organist in 2003 by M.W.B. L.L. "Vern" Beito, P.G.M. after he heard him play at the Salem Keizer Outdoor Degree and has served as Grand Organist ever since.

The Grand Lodge is also pleased to welcome W.B. Rick Komraus, Assistant Grand Secretary. W.B. Rick was born and raised in Romeo, Mich. He attended Oakland University and served in the United States Navy. W.B. Rick has worked for Hewlett Packard in Vancouver, Portland General Electrical and the City of Portland in the Bureau of Environmental Services.



W.B. Rick Komraus
Assistant
Grand Secretary

W.B. Rick is a Past Master of Beaverton Masonic Lodge No. 100 and a Hiram Award recipient. He is also a member of Al Kader Shrine and a 33rd Degree Mason at the Portland Valley Scottish Rite. His goal is to serve the Craft while continuing his Masonic education. W.B. Rick and wife, Georgi,

have been married for 19 years, and have five children.

Want to submit an article?

If you have Lodge stories of community involvement, events, etc. you are invited to submit your articles and pictures to Erin Evans at eevans@masonic-oregon.com. Deadline: The 5th of the previous month (i.e. articles for June issue are due by May 5).



Membership & Publicity,

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meets and provide a few historical tidbits about the building and/or your members. Dispel urban legends and myths, and of course, do your best to answer any questions your potential candidate may have. Don't be afraid if you don't know the answer; be honest and follow up with him at a later date. If your potential petitioner does ask ritual-related questions, be candid and inform him that the answers are part of his future Masonic experience should he decide to pursue membership in your Lodge.

Invite. Invite your potential candidate to dinner on the night of a Stated meeting and introduce him to the members of your Lodge. If you are located in a small community, there is a good chance he will know at least one member, aside from yourself, which will go a long way in making him feel more comfortable. Make sure the Lodge officers (especially your Junior Warden and Worshipful Master) acknowledge and thank him for attending. In short, make him feel welcome.

Care. Always remember: Your potential petitioner is an individual that you will hopefully call "Brother" in the future, so treat him like he is a member and make him feel like he belongs. Give him a call to see how he is doing from time to time and invite him to Lodge-related events. If he received a petition, follow-up to see if he has any questions and inform him of what he can expect as far as the next steps in the petitioning process are concerned.

Keep in mind, these tips are certainly not set in stone. You are welcome to modify and add a few other elements as you see fit, as each Lodge is different and approach membership in their own way. The important thing to remember is that you have the power to shape someone's view of our Fraternity. Make it a positive one. And one more thing: Trust our traditions. Never ask or force anyone to join our beloved Craft no matter how good of a fit he may seem to be for your Lodge.

- by R.W.B. Dale B. Palileo
Membership & Publicity Chairman



United Grand Lodge Celebrating 300 years



The United Grand Lodge of England will celebrate its 300th anniversary at the Royal Albert Hall (pictured above) in South Kensington on Oct. 31. While much is still to be determined, invitations to the Grand Masters of all Grand Lodges recognized by UGLE have been sent.

While Masons around the globe would love to be present for the celebration at the Royal Albert Hall, it would be impossible to facilitate all those who wanted to attend. For that reason, the event will be streamed in other venues in England and around the world.

There are other events being planned in every Province and the range is extensive. More information will be updated as it becomes available on the United Grand Lodge of England's website, <http://www.ugle2017.org.uk>.

Want to participate in the celebration? Why not start making plans to host your own event at the Lodge. More ideas on how to join in on the fun will be coming in future issues of this publication.

Famous Freemason Trivia: Know this Mason?

Greatest of American diplomats, distinguished also as an inventor, publisher and printer, editor and author, philosopher, scientist, and a devoted Freemason.

Hint: He is one of the Founding Fathers who signed the Declaration of Independence, and the inventor of bifocal lenses and the lightning rod.

Answer: M. W. B. Benjamin Franklin, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania F. & A.M. in 1734.

March 2017 Contributions

January 4, 2017 – January 31, 2017

Masonic & Eastern Star Home



Petitioner Club

Mark Rohrbacher (66) Howard Leachman (208)
Frank Springer, Jr. (208) Stephen Broadwater (112) Judy Bousquet
Beaverton Masonic Lodge No. 100
McKenzie River Lodge No. 195 – in memory of departed Brothers:
Don Paulus, Walter Carlson, William Baker, Dale Morris, Neil Crance,
Fred Himsworth, Harry Gates, Robert Potter, and Robert Fogedalen

Master's Club

Rainier Lodge No. 24

Foundation Society

Logan Lanham Estate (142) Mary Louise Hayes Estate

Oregon Masonic Youth Education & Literacy Foundation

Petitioner Club

Ed Bousquet, P.G.M. (139) Mark Cook (207)
Mark Rohrbacher (66) Howard Leachman (208)
Beaverton Masonic Lodge No. 100 Medford Lodge No. 103
Jennifer Brundidge – in honor of Tom Burke (130) and
in memory of Forrest A. Steen

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Petitioner Club

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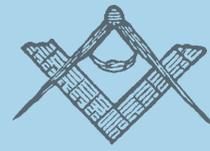
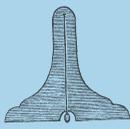
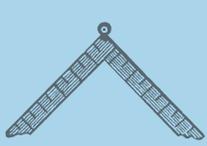


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NEWS FROM OUR LODGES —

Molalla Lodge No. 178

On Jan. 18, Molalla Lodge No. 178 received the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge officers for an official visit. The festivities started at 6 p.m. with a social hour. Dinner was served shortly after by the members of Job's Daughters, Bethel No. 81 of Canby. Their cheery attitudes and youthful voices were a nice counter to the older, deeper men's voices and all enjoyed their company. The members of Job's Daughters later performed the Closing Cross Ceremony for the benefit of the members and visitors in attendance. Their performance was exemplary and exceptional.

During the proceedings, W.B. Earl W. Powers was presented with a Jewel and certificate for having attained 60 years as a Mason. Few men can make it to that position in life still active and interested, as is W.B. Powers.

- submitted by W.B. Michael E. Early



Rainier Lodge No. 24



Rainier Lodge No. 24 welcomed M.W.B. Arthur L. Borland, Grand Master, for an official visit on Jan. 17. Also in attendance were M.W.B. Jim Mendoza, Grand Master and R.W.B. Charles Wood, Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of F. & A.M. of Washington. Pictured are M.W.B. Arthur L. Borland; W.B. Bowen L. Kelley, Worshipful Master of Rainier Lodge No. 24; and M.W.B. Jim Mendoza.

- submitted by Tomey R. Greer, H.P.G.M.

Poems on the Trestle-Board

by W.B. Walter K. Belt

Spring

At this beginning of Spring,
Gardens stand high in our minds.
This is the time we should bring
Planting of various kinds.

Let us sow generous deeds,
Let us sow brotherly love,
Good things will grow from such seeds,
Blessed by the Master above.

What you put in you will reap—
Craftsmen, use all of your skill—
What you give, that you will keep,
If you but serve with a will.

If you are doing your part,
If at no duties you balk,
You will have Spring in your heart,
You will have Spring in you walk.



Santiam Lodge No. 25

Jan. 30 was another busy night for Santiam Lodge No. 25. The evening began with a well-done proficiency by E.A. Jeremy Smith, who will soon be passed to the Fellow Craft Degree. The main event of the night was for our newest member, Patrick Fields. We conferred the Entered Apprentice Degree upon him and welcomed him into our ancient and honorable Fraternity. We all wish him the best of luck and hope he has a long and successful Masonic career.

- submitted by Bro. Hunter C. Tinney





Mason of the Month Nominate a Brother today

Brethren, there's no denying it is nice to be recognized for the good works we do, not only in Lodge but also in the community.

The Grand Lodge welcomes you to nominate that Mason who, in your experience, exemplifies what it is to be a Mason. To do so, we ask that you submit a short bio on the Brother (500 words or less) and send it to the Grand Secretary, M.W.B. Ed Bousquet, P.G.M., by email to grandsecretary@masonic-oregon.com.

Submissions must be received by M.W.B. Bousquet before the fifth of the month to be considered for that month's award. All entries will be reviewed by the Trustees and one nominee will be selected each month through May, 2017. Out of those, one will be selected as the Mason of the Year.

There are countless Masons out there working tirelessly for their Lodge. Please nominate a Brother today.



Public Education Achievement Award

Brethren of the Craft;

It is time for each Lodge to submit their annual report regarding their activities in support of public education. The report form is readily available on the Grand Lodge website or from your District Deputy. It is urged that all Lodges submit a report even if you may feel you did not achieve the requirements to receive this award. Your efforts should be acknowledged nonetheless. This report is due by **Apr. 1, 2017**. Please complete the submission form and send or email to:

W.B. Jerry Schierling
2120 Robins Ln. SE #98
Salem, OR 97306
jschierling@comcast.net

Fraternally,
W.B. Jerald Schierling, PEAA Chairman

Making a Difference at Multnomah Lodge



During the short time between snowstorms, Multnomah Lodge No. 1 awarded four bikes and four Kindles to outstanding readers at two Oregon City-area elementary schools: Redland Elementary and Gaffney Lane Elementary. The third school, Carus Elementary, changed their school year from three terms to two semesters this year, so bikes and Kindles will be awarded at a later date.

Last year, Multnomah Lodge expanded their program to include the Kindles to attract older kids to the reading program. This action was taken by the Lodge on the advice of the school librarians who administer the program on the Lodge's behalf. The Kindles include a \$25 gift card to provide the recipients with more books to read. The bikes also come with a gift card for the purpose of purchasing a helmet.

"Reading is so fundamental to later success in any endeavor that the Lodge wants to foster it as much and as early as possible," notes Bro. Michael Churchill, Senior Warden of Multnomah Lodge and long-time Oregon City SMART volunteer.

- submitted by Bro. Steven P. Witten



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Photo Contest – March winner announced

This month's winning photograph in the Esoteric category was submitted by Bro. Deryk Moore from Kenton Lodge No. 145 and focuses on one of the Lesser Lights at Sandy Lodge. On Jan. 30, Bro. Deryk traveled to witness a dual Entered Apprentice Degree for East Gate Lodge No. 155 and Sandy Lodge No. 158 in Sandy, Ore. It was a most enjoyable time, filled with Light and Brotherly Love.

Oregon Lodges and members are invited to submit photographs they have recently taken to Grand Lodge for evaluation each month. A committee will review and select the best photograph in the following three categories: a historic Masonic building, a Masonic event or some Esoteric meaning to Masonry. Photographs must be received by the 5th of the month to eevans@masonic-oregon.com to be considered for that month's competition.



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High resolution photos, along with story submissions, may be sent electronically to the Grand Secretary. Photos should not be reduced in size. Printed photos are also acceptable. If you scan your own photos, they should be at least 300 dpi. Photocopies are NOT acceptable.

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