

MARCH, 2017

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From the East

It's March and the year is moving very fast... another busy month in front of us!

Our Stated Meeting on **March 9th** is family dinner night, so bring your family for dinner at 6pm. It will be fun and will give everybody an opportunity to get to know each other. The meeting will follow at 7pm.

Bend-La Pine School District Superintendent Shay Mikalson will be our guest and will present a short presentation on the school district. The district is the 5th largest in Oregon and has a current enrollment of 18, 034 students in 31 schools.

On **March 18th**, from 9:30am to 4pm, we will have Blue Lodge Training and I urge all Master Masons to attend, especially our newer Master Masons. This is a very enlightening and important class. Our instructor for the day will be our Grand Secretary, MWB Ed Bousquet, PGM. Please RSVP with MWB Bousquet by calling him (503-789-3558) or by emailing him at grandsecretary@masonic-oregon.com. Lunch will be served during the class.

On **March 23rd**, we will have our Etiquette Class instructed by yours truly. This is a fun class and illustrates the importance of proper lodge etiquette. All newer Masons, and those who haven't been to lodge in a while, and would like a refresher, this is the class for you. Both classes are great so bring yourselves, questions, and enjoy.

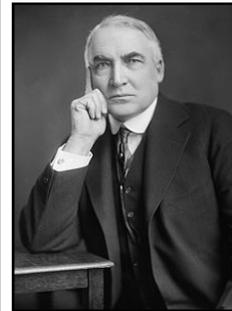
We are still working on the apartment's water damage. It's a slow go as the restoration companies are extremely busy. The windows in the upstairs lodge room should be installed within the next week or so.

EVER WONDER HOW LONG SPECULATIVE MASONRY HAS AROUND?

To be historically accurate, one cannot go beyond six centuries to find lodges of masons accepting men other than operative craftsmen. And for many centuries few, other than actual craftsmen, were accepted. But it's not unreasonable to assume clerics and other educated men were readily united with the craftsmen (most of whom couldn't read or write).

Grand Lodge says the first record of non-operatives being accepted was in July 1634 when Lord Alexander, Sir Anthony Alexander and Sir Alexander Strachan were admitted "fellow craft" in the Lodge of Edinburgh (Mary's Chapel). Coil dates non-operative masons from 1600 in the Lodge of Edinburgh, but McLeod believes this incorrect. The non-operative, John Boswell, attended a trial of a warden, not a meeting of the lodge. But this Lodge did admit Lord Alexander of Menstrie in 1634 as a Fellowcraft. Then Coil finds non-operatives in Kelso, 1652; Aberdeen, 1670; Kilwinning, 1672. He found the last of the operative masons as members of a lodge in Lodge Glasgow in 1842.

From the Masonic Trowel



"No man ever took the oaths and subscribed to the obligations with greater watchfulness and care than I exercised in receiving the various rites of Masonry, and I say with due deliberation and without fear of breaking the faith. I have never

encountered a lesson, never witnessed an example, and never heard an obligation uttered which could not be openly proclaimed to the world."

The words of a Master Mason who was also the 29th President of the United States, Warren G. Harding.

I look forward to seeing you in lodge...

Fraternally,

Wm. Lee Randsall
MASTER



2AM
SUNDAY,
MARCH 12TH

Secretary's Desk

IN MEMORIAM

- Brother **JAMES BARRY PALMER**, Master Mason and Life member of Bend Lodge, passed away on December 29, 2016
- Brother **ROBERT STEVEN HUNTER**, Master Mason and Life member in Bend Lodge, passed away on February 26th 2017

THIS MONTH IN MASONIC HISTORY

- **March 3rd:** In 1753, George Washington received his Fellowcraft Degree in Fredericksburg Lodge in Virginia
- **March 5:** On this date in 1792, the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts was organized
- **March 6:** On this date in 1775, several black men, including one named Prince Hall, were initiated into Freemasonry in Boston. This marked the beginning of what became a huge movement or organization in the United States known as Prince Hall Masonry, composed mainly of African Americans.
- **March 9:** On this date in 1822, a national Masonic Congress was held in Washington DC, in the U.S. Capitol building
- **March 17:** On this date in 1856, the Grand Lodge of Kansas was formed. On this date in 1848, the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Washington DC was established
- **March 18:** On this date in 1902, the Tall Cedars of Lebanon was incorporated, in Trenton, New Jersey.
- **March 23:** On this date in 1887, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle received his 3rd degree. (*You know...the author of Sherlock Holmes?*)
- **March 25:** On this date in 1882, the Grand Lodge of Arizona was organized. On this date in 1902, Sir Winston Churchill received his 3rd degree in Studholme Lodge #1591, London.



SEVEN BLUNDERS OF THE MASONIC WORLD

RIUAL WITHOUT MEANING

Too many times, we are more concerned about performing the ritual perfectly without understanding what it means. I know many men that give great lectures, but will confide that they don't even know what something means. Ritual for the sake of tradition is worthless. Ritual for the sake of enlightenment is valuable. An understanding of the ritual's meaning is far more important than just memorizing it.

FELLOWSHIP WITHOUT FRIVOLITY

Whenever Masons decide to hold a function for fellowship, a discussion typically ensues about how to make the function have the smallest impact on the lodge's coffers and the wallets of the members. This results in paper plates, meager meals, and boring events. To spend money wisely in order to make fellowship a grand time is wise for the lodge that wants to be successful.

QUANTITY WITHOUT QUALITY

A lodge with seven great men that believe in the Masonic ideals and actively labor to improve themselves—and therefore the lodge—is far better off than a lodge with one hundred men that show up to lodge just to show up to lodge.

EDUCATION WITHOUT PHILOSOPHY

Many times, we think of Masonic education as being a lesson on the local lodge's history, a famous Mason, the history of the world wide fraternity, or how to do the ritual properly. But if no philosophy is covered in Masonic education, then little self improvement is accomplished. Discussing Masonic lessons in terms of philosophy, ideas, and a man's conduct is what truly transforms men into Masons. It is important to discuss topics that are foreign to a lodge's membership and it is sometimes even necessary to challenge our preconceived ideologies through Masonic education.

CHARITY WITHOUT CONNECTION

Big institutional charities often require that fund raisers be conducted and large checks written to the people that actually perform the charity. This type of charity is devoid of self improvement because it has no real connection. If we extend our hands to our needed Brethren and devote our own skills and time to their problems, then we are engaging in true, meaningful charity.

FRUGALITY WITHOUT DISCRETION

Frugality is not a tenet of Freemasonry, a cardinal virtue, or a Landmark. It is okay for the lodge to spend its funds on worthwhile activities that will enhance the Masonic experience of its Brethren. Not everything should be done in the cheapest way, a habit to which we have become accustomed.

LEADERSHIP WITHOUT COMPETENCE

A man does not deserve to be Master of the lodge solely because he has spent a certain amount of years in the lodge. We elect leaders without any regard for the skills that they possess to function in that capacity. Only competent, qualified men should be elected to preside over the Craft.

MONTHLY EVENTS AT BEND LODGE

2ND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH:

STATED MEETING, 7pm

4TH THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH:

LODGE TRAINING, 7pm

(Topic varies from month-to-month)

MARCH, 2017 EVENTS

THURSDAY, MARCH 9TH:

- **STATED MEETING @ 7pm:**
 - ◆ **Family Dinner preceding at 6pm**
 - * Bend-La Pine School District Superintendent Shay Mikalson will be our guest speaker

THURSDAY, MARCH 16TH @ 7pm

- *POTENTIAL ENTERED APPRENTICE DEGREE CONFERRAL*

SATURDAY, MARCH 18TH: 9:30AM-4PM:

- *BLUE LODGE TRAINING*
 - ◆ Instructor will be MWB Ed Bousquet, PM
 - ◆ Lunch will be served
 - ◆ All Master Masons, especially those newly raised, are encouraged to attend!
 - * PLEASE **RSVP** with MWB Bousquet at either 503-789-3558 or at grandsecretary@masonic-oregon.com

THURSDAY, MARCH 23RD @ 7pm:

- **LODGE ETIQUETTE CLASS**
 - ◆ Instructor will be WM Lee Ransdall, PM



UPCOMING 2017 EVENTS

APRIL

THURSDAY, APRIL 13th:

- *STATED MEETING @ 7pm*
 - ◆ Dinner preceding at 6pm

THURSDAY, APRIL 20th:

- Family bowling night, 6pm at Lava Lanes

THURSDAY, APRIL 27th:

- Practice for Grand Master's visit (May 11th), 6pm
- Lodge Candidate Coaching class, 7pm

MAY

THURSDAY, MAY 11th:

- *STATED MEETING @ 7pm*
 - ◆ Dinner preceding at 6pm
 - * OREGON GRAND MASTER M.W.B. ARTHUR BORLAND
WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE...PLEASE COME PAY YOUR
RESPECTS!

JUNE

The Oregon Grand Lodge will be convened in Annual Communication in Bend, **Thursday and Friday, June 1st and 2nd**, at The Riverhouse