

**Bend Lodge #139 Trestleboard - November 2015**  
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**From the East- Zachary A. Richard, Worshipful Master**

- As this year comes to an end I have had the opportunity to reflect on our work at Bend Lodge and I must say we have accomplished quite a bit.

The dining room in the lodge building including the flooring was given the attention it needed. We have secured new tenants in the building which has been financially beneficial. We raised a brother to the sublime degree of Master Mason, advanced brothers to the degree of Fellow Craft, and welcomed new brothers into the fraternity.

All of these accomplishments would not have been possible without all of the brothers of the lodge who volunteered their time and often went above and beyond for the benefit of Bend Lodge.

I am truly grateful for the work of Brother Brian Canady. His efforts and dedication to Bend Lodge has been the glue that has held things together over the past year. My educational program at Portland State University has called me away from the Lodge quite a few times this year, and Brian was always there to fulfill the duties of the East.

I know the Lodge is in good hands for the upcoming Masonic term as Brian will be making his way to the East. Well done Worshipful Master Elect. Please keep in mind the less fortunate this time of year and give to those in need however you can.

**From the West - Brian Canady, Senior Warden**

I am truly honored to have been elected Master of Bend Lodge for the coming year. 2016 holds great promise for the Lodge on many fronts and I am committed to continuing the work to maximize our Masonic potential everywhere possible. My congratulations and thanks to all of the fine Masons who have been elected or appointed to positions of responsibility within the Lodge for next year. With seven Past Masters in the officer line I am confident that that wealth of experience and leadership will prove to be very beneficial in all of our endeavors. I hope you will show your support of the men who will be leading Bend Lodge next year by attending the Installation of Officers on Saturday, December 5th starting at 10:30am. More details on the Installation

ceremony and the Installation Program can be found on the Bend Lodge website at [www.bendlodge139.org](http://www.bendlodge139.org) under Home/Breaking News.

Speaking of our website, with the help of our Webmaster Neil Mackey, we are continuing work to make our site more user-friendly and complete. Our website sees significant traffic and has become a very important tool for both Brothers and potential candidates to reach out to the Lodge. We are prioritizing the functionality of the Calendar and have also started loading pictures into the Photo Gallery located under the Library tab. Websites are not static environments so your input and feedback on how we might continuously enhance this important tool will always be welcome and appreciated. If you have photos of Bend Lodge activities that would be nice to feature on our website please feel free to let us know. As we gather more images we plan to organize them into individual photo albums (Degrees, History, Events, Community, etc.

I am pleased to announce that this year's Bend Lodge Christmas food box program will benefit more underprivileged families than ever before. With the Lodge's contribution and donations collected thus far, we fully expect to be able to deliver food boxes to between 50 and 60 families prior to Christmas.

The food boxes are \$20 each. If you can contribute to this program please contact Terry Griffith. We will make one last call for donations at the December Stated Meeting prior to putting in our final food order. With the projected volume we would like to have about a dozen Brothers helping with the delivery of the boxes. We will have more information and delivery sign-ups at the December meeting.

As mentioned in previous Trestleboards, starting on January 22nd, Bend Lodge will again hold a Masonic function every fourth Thursday of the year. These will typically start at 7pm. More information will be provided on the upcoming events but please go ahead and schedule these times on your 2016 calendar. Wishing you and your families all the best this Holiday Season, I look forward to seeing you at the Installation of Officers next Saturday!

**From the Secretary's Desk - Terry Griffith**

Greetings Brothers. For the past several months I have been working on a project to bring everyone's contact information up to speed. I am pleased to say that I have updated the information. Having said that, I am also certain that there still may be some missing or outdated information, but this is a beginning.

The most important aspect of this project is to enhance our communication in the Lodge. Having correct contact information, such as addresses and emails will be extremely important to maintain an even flow of communication. We have eased in with our Trestleboard, thanks to WB Dave Johnson, via email. It is our intention to send out an initial Trestleboard to our Brothers who are not on our email list, to ascertain if they would like to continue receiving the Trestleboard by mail, or if they could receive it from emailing (which would save the Lodge dollars).

But the underlying premise, is to improve communications. I know that many of you were contacted for updated information. If you were not, please contact me so that I can verify your information. Additionally, in January, the 2016 Lodge Directory will be available for distribution. I will be mailing the Directory out to our local members. Please review it and let me know what changes need to be made. If you are not in the local area and would like to request one, please just let me know and I will send you out one. Remember, that if you have ANY questions pertaining to what is going on in the Lodge, always feel free to contact me, either by email ([welcorp@bendbroadband.com](mailto:welcorp@bendbroadband.com)) or just give me a call- 503-910-2162. I am more than happy to help.

Enjoy the Holiday Season and look forward to seeing you in Lodge. (I always have an extra seat next to my desk!)

**December Dates to Remember**

Installation of Officers - December 5th 10:30 a.m  
Stated Meeting - Thursday, December 10  
Christmas Box Prep - Monday, December 21st at 6p.m. (tentative)  
St John's Day - Sunday, December 27