



Oregon Masonic News



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The Grand Master's Message: A year of change

It's a New Year! A time to reflect on the past and look forward to the new; new Lodge officers, new programs, a new dedication to the Masonic ideals that we all hold sacred. It has been a challenging year for many Lodges with buildings that need repair, members to raise, personal issues and yes, even questions about fees for dues and life memberships. Doesn't this seem to be a common topic from year to year? It is and from this Grand Lodge's participation in the World Conference of Regular Grand Lodges recently held in San Francisco, these challenges are universal.

A feeling like no other, to be present with some 105 Grand Lodges from all around the world is truly a remarkable experience. That was the case in November when we all met to exchange ideas and hear from other jurisdictions about *Quality vs. Quantity; What Will Our Future Look Like; Tools and Implements of the Information Age and Tolerance in Contemporary Masonry.*

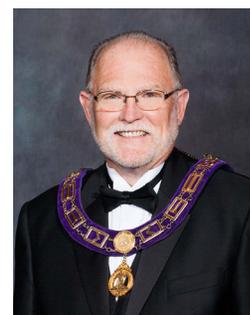
While this discussion will go on from session to session it shows that Masons around the world are on common ground preserving the fundamental tenants of our order; Brotherly Love, Relief & Truth.

The New Year will no doubt offer us many challenges but what I want from each Mason is a rededication to those principals, your quest for learning, an understanding of the symbolism of our ritual and a respect for true Brethren. You can agree to disagree but peace and harmony must prevail in the Lodge room.

Finally, I'd like to remind Lodges to sign up for the Leadership Workshop nearest you and make your Lodge experience one that can make you truly proud. I wish you the best in 2016!



M.W.B. Don Stapleton
Grand Master



R.W.B. Myles McMillan
Senior Grand Warden

Leadership Workshops

As time progresses and things change, believe it or not, Freemasonry also changes: From the *Wardens Charge* of the '90's, to the *Wardens College* and *Masonic College*, to the *Masonic Leadership Workshops* of 2016. Each Grand Master sees it as a duty to educate his Brethren, to see they are equipped to guide and grow their respective Lodges with the most current information and training available. As the Master and Wardens of the Lodge are its *guiding light*, it is imperative that they be properly trained and equipped; this is the purpose of the Masonic Leadership Workshops.

Whether you are a Steward, Warden or a Past Master of a Lodge there is something you will learn at this training. Regardless of the title, it is a training session, and you owe it to your Lodge to be prepared to guide and participate in proper Lodge activities. You are urged to attend the training closest to you. These are great activities given by fellow Masons who are willing to share their knowledge of the Ritual and etiquette. A

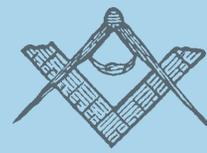
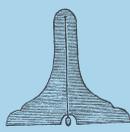
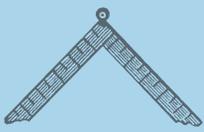
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Lodge investments: *it's your money*

Picture a Lodge, in any town across the globe. This Lodge is in good standing, active in the community and raising new Masons regularly. Financially, they are also doing well thanks to income from a rental property, regular fundraising and generous gifts from the estates of several deceased Brethren.

It is time for the annual audit and the Senior Warden, who has been appointed to head the auditing committee, is setting up a meeting with the treasurer and the committee members. He checked the Code and found Section 217-19. It states that it is the responsibility of the audit committee to *"examine the books and records of the Treasurer and Secretary, bank statements and vouchers and check all securities belonging to the Lodge."* Though most Lodges perform audits annually, the Senior Warden preferred to do so quarterly, as is his experience while serving on boards and budget committees in his community. During a routine quarterly audit, he obtained the records from the treasurer and with the committee began the audit. What they found surprised them as it was clear that the funds were being mishandled. Thankfully, it was not financially damaging to the Lodge but could have been so much worse had it gone unchecked for countless years.

This is a fictional tale, but we only need to shrug our duties once to put our own Lodges at risk for this situation. Our Lodges are not exempt. While we always trust our Brothers, we also need to verify that proper procedures are being followed. The investments and assets of a Lodge do not belong to the Master, Wardens or any officers; they belong to the members of the Lodge. Since they belong to all the members, everyone has the right and responsibility to ensure things are being run according to the rules and guidelines found in our By-Laws and Code. As we see in this story, one Brother's commitment to confirmation and checks-and-balances can save a Lodge from financial ruin.

How frequently does your Lodge conduct a financial audit? Does your Lodge have a member that has an aptitude for finance, and if so, does he serve as a member of your Lodge Audit Committee? It is important to leverage your human resources to protect the financial resources of the Lodge to ensure continued prosperity and service to your local community.

- by R.W.B. Jim Morgan, Junior Grand Deacon

"People who shine from within don't need the spotlight."

- Todd Creason

2016 Secretary Seminar

The Secretary Seminar is fast approaching and features improvements based on attendee feedback from the 2015 session. This year's event will take place on Jan. 15-16, 2016. Friday afternoon will begin at 3 p.m. with the kick-off of the *Nuts and Bolts* program, intended mainly for new secretaries, focusing on basic Lodge secretarial information while Saturday will cover more advanced topics from 8-3 p.m. The event will take place in the Jefferson Room at the Jennings McCall Center. Lunch will be provided on Saturday and the Grand Secretary will be available for additional questions throughout the event.

The Grand Lodge invites all Master Masons to attend but strongly recommends the attendance of each Secretary as the presentations and shared information are pivotal to the role. Please have your registration form and any supply orders submitted to the Grand Secretary's office no later than one week prior to the event. There is no fee for attending; simply bring a current copy of the Oregon Masonic Code and the Secretary's Handbook, which are available to print from the Secretary's Portal. Questions? (503)357-3158



2016 Secretary Seminar

REGISTRATION FORM

Please fill out and return to:
Masonic Grand Lodge
2150 Masonic Way
Forest Grove, OR 97116

NAME:

LODGE NAME:

LODGE NUMBER:



NEW YEAR, NEW OPPORTUNITIES.

The 2016 Masonic Model Student Assistance Programs are fast approaching. The spring session (March 9-11, 2016) is a quarter full. We're hosting another at the end of summer (August 23-25, 2016). Additionally, we're taking a 1-day training to Grants Pass school district. We're thrilled to attempt this new offering for our schools.

Thank you, to each Mason who has taken the time to approach a local educator. You've made the difference! If you haven't approached any, I implore you to do so. As we know, the benefits to Oregon children are endless and the program is regularly hailed by Oregon educators as, "one of the most useful and dynamic conferences [out there]."

- by Marissa Douglas

MASONIC MODEL
STUDENT ASSISTANCE
PROGRAM
SPRING & SUMMER, 2016



GRAND MASTER'S TENTATIVE ITINERARY

January 2016

- 2 – Al Kader Shrine, Installation, Wilsonville: 5:30-9 p.m. - T, L
- 6 – Fairview No. 92, Troutdale, Official Visit: dinner, 6:30 p.m.;
Lodge, 7:30 p.m. - U, L
- 7 – Salem Scottish Rite Honors Grand Master, 6-9 p.m. - U, L
- 9 – MESH Meeting, Forest Grove: 8 a.m. - U
- 11 – Marys River No. 221, Corvallis, Official Visit: dinner, 6:30 p.m.;
Lodge, 7:30 p.m. - U, L
- 14 – Fidelity No. 54, Brooks, Official Visit: dinner, 6:30 p.m.;
Lodge, 8 p.m. - U, L
- 15-16 Secretary Seminar, Jennings McCall, Forest Grove - BC
- 16 – Hillah Shrine Installation, Medford
- 18 – Medford Scottish Rite Honors Grand Master, 6-9 p.m. - U, L
- 20 – Waluga No. 181, Lake Oswego, Official Visit: dinner, 6 p.m.;
Lodge, 7 p.m. - U, L
- 22 – Robert Burns Dinner: location TBA, 5:30-9 p.m. - T, L
- 24 – DeMolay Endowment Foundation meeting, Al Kader Shrine,
Wilsonville, 10 a.m.
- 28-31 Grand Lodge of Utah, Salt Lake City - U, T, L

February 2016

- 1 – Sandy No. 158, Official Visit: dinner, 6:30 p.m.; Lodge, 7:30 p.m. - U, L
- 3-5 Grand Lodge of Alaska, Anchorage - U, T, L
- 8 – Cornerstone No. 157, Portland, Official Visit: dinner, 6:30 p.m.;
Lodge, 7:30 p.m. - U, L
- 9 – Newport No. 85, Official Visit: dinner, 6:30 p.m.; Lodge 7:30 p.m. - U, L
- 10 – Eugene No. 11, Official Visit: dinner, 6:30 p.m.; Lodge, 7:30 p.m. - U, L
- 13 – MESH Meeting, Forest Grove: 8 a.m. - U
- 17 – Corvallis No. 14, Official Visit: dinner, 6:30 p.m.;
Lodge, 7:30 p.m. - U, L
- 19-24 Conference of Grand Masters of North America, Madison, WI - U, T, L
- 26-27 Leadership Workshop; Clackamas - BC

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

Winter Special

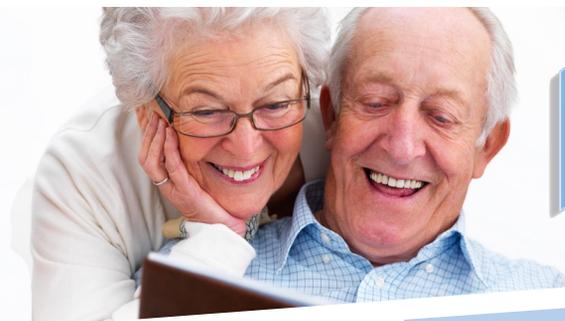
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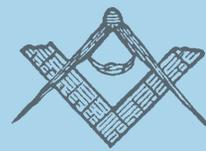
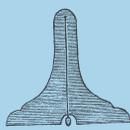
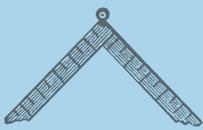


*Fulfilling the obligation
to our Brothers,
their wives or widows,
and our Sisters.*

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Leadership Workshops,

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plethora of information is available to those who participate and ask questions.

These trainings are offered in three locations around the state to make the content readily available to more Lodges. We are trying to make it easier and more cost effective for Brethren to attend. The dates are as follows (*please note these have been updated to simply two days of training*): Feb. 26-27, Monarch Hotel in Clackamas; March 18-19, Ontario Convention Center; and April 29-30, Medford Ramada Inn. Classes include: Esoteric Freemasonry, Code including consolidations and dispensations, Proper Lodge Investigations and some 7 others. Lodges are asking the Grand Lodge office for additional input in some subjects we hope to cover.

Friday evening will include an introduction, a light meal, and short presentation. Saturday will be full of classes, with a dinner and presentations in the evening. Sunday is set aside for return travel. Ladies are encouraged to attend, as they are an important part of our Masonic family and events will be made available.

The trainings cost \$100, and an additional \$50 for attending spouses. This includes dinner on Friday and all three meals on Saturday. Lodging will be the responsibility of the members. It is recommended the host hotel/motel be contacted for the best lodging prices available. We look forward to welcoming you to one of these trainings to enhance your awareness of Masonic policy, protocol and other offerings.

The Grand Lodge goes to England

The United Grand Lodge of England, the Mother Lodge for almost all of Freemasonry, will soon celebrate its 300th anniversary. The Grand Lodge of Oregon wants to join in the festivities. We are starting plans to visit the United Grand Lodge, London and the surrounding areas in April, 2017. Tentatively, travel "across the pond" would be on April 21 with a return date of April 29 or 30. Don't buy plane tickets yet. These plans are just starting and there are about 15 months to go.



Check your calendars to see if you can squeeze in that trip to accompany our Grand Master, his Grand Lodge Officers, District Deputies and other Masonic dignitaries.

The hope is to open the Grand Lodge in an Occasional Grand Lodge Communication at the United Grand Lodge. We'll tour that facility and many other famous London highlights. We also hope to make a side trip to visit Roslyn Chapel, made famous in the DaVinci Code.

The intent is to have quarterly updates on plans appear in the Oregon Masonic News and flyers out to the Lodges and Appendant and Concordant Bodies. M.W.B. Dennis and April Johnson are the primary planners. They can be reached at April's email address: krugajor@yahoo.com.

Mark your calendar!



Masonic Leadership Workshops

WE ARE FROM LODGE:

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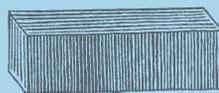
Feb. 26 - 27, 2016
MONARCH HOTEL, CLACKAMAS

Mar. 18 - 19, 2016
CONVENTION CENTER, ONTARIO

Apr. 29 - 30, 2016
RAMADA INN, MEDFORD

Please select a session.
Space is limited.

The \$100 fee covers a member for both days of training and meals. Submit this form to the Grand Lodge along with a check, or pay by credit card by calling the Grand Lodge office at (503) 357-3158. For questions, call Myles McMillan at (503) 510-6155.



NEWS FROM OUR LODGES —

Florence Lodge No. 107

For the second year, homeless and people without heat in the town of Florence will find warmth, welcome and overnight shelter when the nights turn icy-cold, thanks to the Masonic Lodge. Lodge Master, Hunt Ramsey, said simply, "that is what we do." As stated in the agreement between the Lodge and the local Emergency Cold Weather Shelter Committee, "Florence Lodge #107 has undertaken this responsibility as an expression of its traditional and historic mission of service to the community."

The Cold Weather Shelter opening will be broadcast around town when the wind chill is below freezing. Also, flags will be displayed to announce it is open.

A van will transport those in need directly to the shelter, making stops around Florence. A warm welcome, full dinner, and cozy cots will greet the guests. After breakfast, the shelter will close and guests will be transported to their

choice of day retreats. Pets are welcome at the shelter, but because the Lodge is a restricted space – remember this is just a shelter to keep people from freezing – pets will be warmly welcomed and fed, and will have comfy and warm kennels outside the back door of the Lodge, where their companions can visit them.

The committee of local citizens who organize this effort, want to announce long and loud that **more volunteers are needed**. Volunteers are needed to help set up, welcome guests and do many other small but important tasks. The easiest way to volunteer is to go to the shelter's website, coldshelter.org and click on "volunteer." You may also call Volunteer Coordinator Norma Barton at (541)581-0396 for more information on how you can help these brothers and sisters in need.



Cold Weather Shelter Facilitator Linda Castro displays flag that will be posted around town when the shelter is open. Visit coldshelter.org.

Clatskanie Lodge No. 133

We hosted a lunch on Dec. 3 to honor the outstanding students of Clatskanie middle & high schools. Offered twice annually for 15+ years, it has grown to include 7th through 12th grade students with a 3.5 GPA or better. There were 104 students eligible to attend the lunch this semester. 41 had a perfect 4.0 GPA and 63 more earned 3.5 or better. There were 91 students that attended the lunch and showed off the best of the school.

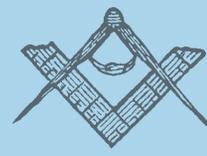
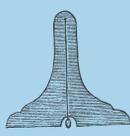
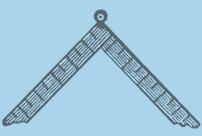


Portland Lodge No. 55 and East Gate Lodge No. 155

On Nov. 16, seven Masons and three wives assembled to present a check for \$2000 to the Tucker Maxon school, specialized in verbal education for hearing impaired students. This donation was made by Portland and East Gate Lodges for the purchase of FM receivers for classroom use to enable the students to better interact with the teachers and further their education. These devices connect directly to the children's existing hearing aids to allow for teachers to be heard. Opened 68 years ago, the school was founded by a Harvard-educated attorney, Paul Boley, whose 18-month-old daughter became deaf from meningitis. Present in its current location since 1952, it serves pre-school to 5th grade with its own audiology department and staff audiologist, which monitor each child's hearing aid or cochlear implant. If there is an equipment malfunction, of the student's hearing aid or implant, it is repaired on-site and there is no loss of time for the student. All teaching and learning is done by speech communication. There is no sign language used at Tucker Maxon.

This project fulfills Past Master Adam Bayer's hope of providing hearing assistance to children. He originally wanted to purchase a single hearing aid, but then we learned of the Tucker Maxon School and their need for these FM receivers for its students. The device, the Roger DigiMaster X, attaches to the child's hearing aid or cochlear implant and compliments the classroom speakers. The teachers wear a microphone and there are also pass-around microphones to allow everyone the chance to speak. This is just the beginning as our Lodge looks forward to our new partnership with Tucker Maxon School for on-going projects.





Mason of the Month: *rebuilding the East*

THANK YOU, W.B. DANIEL BUSH

Tigard-Orenomah has had a face lift thanks to W.B. Daniel Bush who worked tirelessly to rebuild the East. He constructed a new stone podium, built a hand-turned wooden frame delineating the Master's station, installed metal handrails designed to resemble wood, and painted the Lodge room after removing the outdated paneling. Further plans are being made to create additional space for administrative work and storage. The



following interview explains the desire and work of W.B. Bush to make his Lodge room a more inviting space for the Brethren.

Q: Tell us about yourself as a Mason.

A: I was raised in 2008 in Tigard-Orenomah Lodge No. 207 and, after coming up the line, served as Master in 2014. I am a 32 Degree Scottish Rite Mason too.

Q: What motivated you to refurbish the Lodge room? When did you first form the idea to transform the Lodge room?

A: During my term as Master, it became clear to me that our Lodge room had become outdated and was in serious need of refurbishment. I'm a general construction contractor and regularly build homes for clients, I have many design ideas and know how to do the work. I decided that after I completed my term as Master, I'd start the project. I did it because all the Brothers deserve it.

Q: How many hours did you spend on this project? I notice that the materials used are unique, can you describe them?

A: I probably spent more than 300 hours on this project, but I did have assistance in the preparation. W.B. Joshua Bush and his friend Danielle assisted in the removal of the 1970s era paneling and whitewash painting. Several Brothers assisted with this work too. I did the rest. The first step was to lay down new wooden flooring in both the East and West stations. In the East, the wooden beams are from a 1890s barn in Dufur, Oregon, and are all hand-turned. Each beam is filled with unique turns and all are highly polished. They are distinctive, simply one of a kind. The stones used for the Master's podium are excess stones from one of my projects. The work to build the podium was time consuming. Each stone had to be individually placed and secured. I'm confident that the finished product is very secure. Lastly, the handrails in the East are metal, made to resemble wood. A friend crafted them and I installed the finished product.

Q: You dedicated a great deal of energy to the design. Could you describe it?

A: I wasn't satisfied with how the photographs of the Honorary Past Masters and the Past Grand Masters (Tigard-Orenomah members) were displayed. I took to arranging their photos on separate walls and commissioned stenciling by an artist to create a gallery of distinction. The stenciling is reminiscent of 19th century writing and adds a touch of nostalgia to the displays. I hope the Brothers like it.

Q: Do you have any plans for more work?

A: Yes, I do. I plan to construct a closet for the officers to store their regalia, an office space for our Secretary and wooden book cases for our growing Lodge library. We're just getting started. I hope Brothers will visit and see the work, it's not the same Lodge room. I hope that visitors will be inspired to remodel their Lodge rooms too. Remember Brothers, you don't have to sit in the same tired room. You too can transform it, all it takes is vision and some hard work!

- by W.B. Thomas Pierce

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. You have the opportunity to do just that. 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 our Senior Grand Deacon, Ron Eggers at ron.egggers44@gmail.com. Submissions must be received by W.B. Eggers before the 5th 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, 2016. Out of those nine, one will be selected as the Mason of the Year. That individual will be featured in the Oregon Masonic News and presented with a plaque. There are countless Masons out there working tirelessly for their Lodge. Please nominate a Brother today.



Fellow of the Craft

The opportunity to improve ourselves in Freemasonry can be achieved by participating in the Torchlight study program. Many Brethren over the years have found this challenge to be of great benefit to themselves and to their respective Lodges. Through this study, we become better prepared to carry out the duties as officers as well as active members of the world's greatest fraternity. The wide variety of questions found in this study provide the foundation of our history, rules, and aspirations to govern our Lodges effectively in harmony.

This program can be done as an individual Brother, or as a group. The questions and group study forms are found on the Grand Lodge website on the *Educational Resources* page under the *For Members* tab. The materials required to complete the questions are listed.

Please cite your references, as there may be cases where multiple sources can be found. However, it is advised to use the *most* current edition of each of the required sources. Generally, the order of preference is the Code, Officers Handbook, Standard Manual, Masonic Etiquette booklet, Mentor's Manual, then the Ritual. Listing more than one reference is accepted but not required. I would encourage you to set this as a Lodge goal for the 2016 year as some have done in the past. It pays to be enlightened.

- by W.B. Jerald Schierling

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 Marissa Douglas at mdouglas@masonic-oregon.com.
Deadline: The 5th of the previous month (i.e. articles for June issue are due by May 5).



January 2016 Contributions

October 29, 2015 – December 2, 2015

Masonic & Eastern Star Home

Petitioner Club

Jack Armstrong (160) Judy Bousquet David Grover (57)
 Quentin (112) & Jean Smith – in memory of Mickey Morris
 Arthur D. Case, Jr. (44) Kenneth Stivers (30) Larry Williams (30)
 Connie & Frank Surroz (77) Victor Morton (29) Kelly Barnett (57)
 Amy & Robert Seymour (57) Lewis R. O'Mohundro (41)
 Bradley A. Stivers (30) Ben W. Harper (157)
 Chris & M.W.B. Aaron Harvey, P.G.M. (179) – in
 memory of M.W.B. John Smith, P.G.M. (140)
 Jerrine & M.W.B. James R. Belshe, P.G.M. (15) – in
 memory of M.W.B. John Smith, P.G.M. (140)
 Hermiston Lodge No. 138 Sunnyside Lodge No. 163
 Tillamook Lodge No. 57 – in memory of Roger H. Pye
 Klamath Lodge No. 77 – for MESH Pin Money

MasonicAid: OutReach - Giving Tree

Petitioner Club

M.W.B. Mike Wick, P.G.M. (138) Del Shermer (16)
 William Bitar (114) LeRoy D. Parker (103)
 Pat & M.W.B. Don Stapleton, GM (46)

Apprentice Club

Vista Masonic Lodge No. 215

Oregon Masonic Youth Education & Literacy Foundation

Petitioner Club

M.W.B. Ed Bousquet, P.G.M. (139) David Grover (57)
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 in memory of Forrest A. Steen

Apprentice Club

The family of Carl W. King (139) in his memory

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Masonic Ritual Competition

Coming to a location near you

In Spring of 2016, the Grand Lodge will sponsor a Masonic Ritual Competition. The purpose of the competition is to promote excellence in the Ritual Work in the Blue Lodges, and to thereby enhance the experience of the Brothers being initiated, passed, and raised.

The competition will consist of the performance of the opening and closing of the Lodge on the Entered Apprentice Degree. Each Lodge in Oregon can enter one team in the competition. The Lodge's team must consist of members of that Lodge. It is not required that the team members be the current officers of the Lodge.

Round 1: Regional competition. For each of the five regions (Northwest, Metro East, Willamette Valley, Southwest, and Central/Eastern), a Saturday will be selected for the competition, possibly the same in several regions, and the location will be chosen central to that region. A panel of 3 judges will be selected, consisting of Deputy Instructors, District Deputies, and/or Grand Lodge Officers. The list of teams will be put into a random order, and each team will perform the opening and closing ritual for the Entered Apprentice Degree. The judges will score each team, using a scorecard (to be provided), and then name the champion for each region.

Round 2: Final competition. A Saturday will be selected for the competition, with the location to be decided later. A panel of 5 judges will be selected, consisting of Deputy Instructors, District Deputies, and/or Grand Lodge Officers, ideally one from each region. The list of the 5 regional champions will be put into a random order, and each team will perform the opening and closing ritual for the Entered Apprentice Degree. The judges will score each team, and then name the Oregon Masonic Ritual champion.

If your Lodge plans to participate, please contact your District Deputy and let him know that you wish to enter the competition. The crystal trophy is ready and waiting for the name of the champion.



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