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TRESTLEBOARD



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L to R: Chaplain Dave Johnson, PM; Junior Warden Matt Alexander; Worshipful Master Brian Canady; Installing Master Dale Palileo (Kenton Lodge #145, Portland, Oregon); Senior Warden Lee Ransdall, PM; Treasurer John Pinckney, PM; Junior Deacon Steve Karpstein, PM; Marshal Ed Bousquet, PM, PGM

2016 BEND LODGE OFFICERS INSTALLED

On December 5th, 2015, the 2016 Bend Lodge officers were installed by installing Master Dale Palileo of Kenton Lodge #145 (Portland, OR). Besides the officers listed above, the following officers will be installed at a later date: **Senior Deacon** Ryan Duffy; **Secretary** Terry Griffith; **Historian** Dale Claypool, PM; **Senior Steward** Ryan Palotay; **Tyler Kelly** Jennings, PM.

The selection and installation of a **Junior Steward** will be forthcoming.

From the East

Not waiting for the closing door of 2015 to hit us on the backside on its way out, Bend Lodge has been busy in the early days of the new year. By the time you read this we will have initiated two new Brothers, held a training program on investigative committee procedures and a training session for coaches in the candidates lecture of the Entered Apprentice degree. With our Stated Meeting a few days away, a Fellowcraft Degree training in the works and our Fourth Thursday meeting on Lodge etiquette on January 28th, the Lodge has hit the ground running!

Before going forward I would like to take a moment to look back and thank all of the men, women and children who helped make our recent charitable Holiday Food Box distribution program the most successful program yet. Everyone involved had a great time putting it all together and the many families touched by this program were truly appreciative. Well done everyone - and a big thank you to Dave and Lynn Johnson! (see pictures on our website)

Speaking of our website, I would like every Brother to make a point of visiting our site to see some of the hard work that

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Brother Mackey has been putting into the site.

With a view toward making the site an even better resource for our members, you will find a number of new elements to help you stay abreast of what is happening at Bend Lodge. While there are more enhancements to come, I am confident that all of us will benefit just from being able to see upcoming events at a glance simply by clicking on the “*When*” tab. Thank you, Neil!

While we’ve already been busy, there is much more to come and I encourage each of you to resolve to be involved this year. I truly enjoy seeing the Lodge having success on so many levels, but, for me at least, it is the uplifting feeling of the fraternity enjoying one another’s company while doing the work that defines success.

Wishing you and yours a happy, healthy and uplifting 2016. I look forward to seeing you Thursday evening, January 14th for our first Stated Meeting of 2016.

Fraternally,
Brian Canady
MASTER

BEND LODGE PHONE / EMAIL SYSTEM

While the existing Lodge phone number (541-389-7407) is still the same as it’s always been, some new features have been added so that messages don’t “languish” in the inbox.

From now on, when someone calls and leaves a message, the system will automatically send a digital audio file of the message to the Worshipful Master and several others...sort of like a ‘call forwarding’ system. That way, any incoming messages can be received, answered or rerouted accordingly.

Here’s a great example of how this can be used... if you know a Brother who might need a last-minute ride to Lodge, simply call the main lodge number, leave a message with the Brother’s name and address, and arrangements can be made quickly to see that they get a ride.

As for individual email addresses for each of the Lodge Officers (for example, *Worshipful.Master@Bendlodge139.org*, etc.), these MAY be forthcoming in the near future, depending on how WM Canady wants to proceed.

More information on that as it develops...

From the West

As we begin this Masonic Year, I thought we might want to reflect on how Freemasonry was regarded in the early years of the 19th Century.

“A Freemason is distinguished from the rest of Mankind by the consistent unrestrained rectitude of his conduct. Other men are honest in fear of punishment, which the law might inflict; they are religious in expectation of being rewarded, or in dread of the devil in the next world. A Freemason would be just if there were no laws, human or divine except those written in his heart by the tenants of our Craft and the finger of his Creator. In every climate, under every system of religion, he is the same. He kneels before the Universal Throne of God in gratitude for the blessings he has received and humble solicitation for his future protection. He venerates the good men of all religions. He disturbs not the religion of others. He restrains his passions, because they cannot be indulged without injuring his neighbor or himself. He gives no offense, because he does not choose to be offended. He contracts no debts which he is certain he cannot discharge, because he is honest upon principle.”

“*The Character of a Freemason*”
From the Farmer's Almanac, 1823
Andover, Massachusetts

Bear in mind that it is we, the Masons, who influence our craft and set the tone for all to judge us.

It is going to be a very exciting and positive year and I urge all to attend lodge on a regular **basis**.

We have two EA’s degrees on the 11th... so please attend and help us welcome our newest brothers.

In case you did not know, Astronauts, John Glenn, L. Gordon Cooper, Virgil I. (Gus) Grissom, Edwin E. Aldrin, Jr., Thomas P. Stafford, and Donn F. Eisele were members of our "Gentle Craft."

Wm. Lee Ransdall, PM
SENIOR WARDEN

BEND LODGE WEBSITE

Hopefully, you’re all aware of the Bend Lodge website (www.bendlodge139.org)...if not, you really DO need to check it out!

While more than a few older Brothers may be a bit reluctant to embrace “*all this high-falutin’ technology*”, we ARE living in a digital age! The website offers a great wealth of information... and the ability to post last-minute meetings, announcements and other important information.

The website is not only for member use, but also for the general public. Prospective members can learn about Masonry in general terms and Bend Lodge specifically, and others can make arrangements for renting the hall for events.... *(continued on Page 3)*

Happy New Year and are things changing! I have seen a change in the past year, and from what I have seen so far, this year is going to be a dramatic change – **FOR THE BETTER**. Our Lodge has suffered a few lackluster years, but that is changing with the energy that WM Canady and the rest of his Officers have. It will be an exciting year.

Secretary's Desk

As for my part, the 2016 Directory is done and available at the Lodge (on the Tyler's Table). If you are not able to get to the Lodge, please let me know and I will send you one. Due to the cost, there will not be a blanket mailing for these. I know that there may be some discrepancies, so please let me know so I can make the changes for next year.

Many of you know that another part of my life is as the Secretary for the E/W All-star Football Committee. This is the committee that organizes the Shriners All-star Football Game in Baker City. This year the Central Oregon Shrine Club is hosting the selection meeting at the Bend Lodge on **January 30th at 9am**. If you are interested in attending, it is open to everyone. It is an opportunity to see Shrine Masons from all over Oregon (and a touch of Idaho). It will be held upstairs in our Lodge room.

Lastly, if you have ANY questions regarding the Lodge or membership, please contact me so that I can help.

S & F,
Terry Griffith
 SECRETARY

THIS MONTH IN MASONIC HISTORY

- **JAN. 2, 1901:** President Teddy Roosevelt receives his 2nd degree in a lodge in Oyster Bay, New York
- **JAN. 7, 1808:** Grand Lodge of Ohio was established
- **JAN. 7, 1785:** Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart received his 2nd degree
- **JAN. 8TH, 1843 OR 1844:** Grand Lodge of Iowa was formed
- **JAN. 12, 1886:** Quatuor Coronati Lodge #2076 was consecrated and constituted in London. It is considered by many to be the premiere masonic research lodge in the world.
- **JAN. 12/13, 1818:** Grand Lodge of Indiana was formed
- **JAN 16, 17 OR 26TH, 1865:** Grand Lodge of Nevada was formed
- **JAN. 17, 1872:** Grand Lodge of Utah was formed
- **JAN. 26TH, 1866:** Grand Lodge of Montana was formed
- **JAN. 26TH, 1887:** Sir Arthur Conan Doyle received his 1st degree

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...and space rental **IS** a substantial source of income to the Lodge throughout the year.

If you are a little confused as to how the website is organized, here's a brief 'primer' so that you use the site more effectively...

Once you open up the website, you'll notice some 'tabs' across the top of the page under the "**Welcome to...**" banner... "**HOME**", "**WHO**", "**WHAT**", etc. Some of those page tabs have other pages listed under the main heading...for example, if you hold your cursor over "**HOME**", you'll see a subpage of "**BREAKING NEWS!**" come up. Here's what those tabs mean:

- ◆ "**HOME**" is the homepage for the website, what folks will be taken to when they go to our website
 - The subpage "**BREAKING NEWS!**" will be used for any last minute meeting announcements, events, etc.
- ◆ The "**ticker**" on the homepage also contains any last minute information and reminders.
- ◆ The "**WHO**" page contains general information on Bend Lodge officers. That page will be updated with photos of the various Bend Lodge officers shortly, as well as contact information for the various officers.
 - The subpages "**LODGE OFFICER DUTIES**", "**THE BLUE LODGE**" and "**THE MASONIC FAMILY**" contains information for those who are interested in Masonry. That information is contained within our site, so that readers don't have to go to other sites to access the information. Once we get someone to our site, we want them to stay within it for information!
- ◆ The "**WHAT**" page contains information on the types of things Bend Lodge does within the local community.
 - The subpage "**FAQS**" (Frequently Asked Questions) contains additional information and resources about Masonry in general.
- ◆ The "**WHEN**" page contains several calendars detailing events occurring at Bend Lodge, now and in coming months.
- ◆ The "**WHERE**" page contains information and a map of where Bend Lodge is located
- ◆ The "**HOW**" page spells out the process on how someone can learn about becoming a Mason
- ◆ The "**WHY**" page contains some great information (including several very good videos) on why someone might consider becoming a Mason
- ◆ The "**BOOK THE LODGE**" page contains information and instructions for those who are interested in renting space at the Lodge. This includes a subpage with a form that is sent to Jean Stevens, Bend Lodge's Event Manager.

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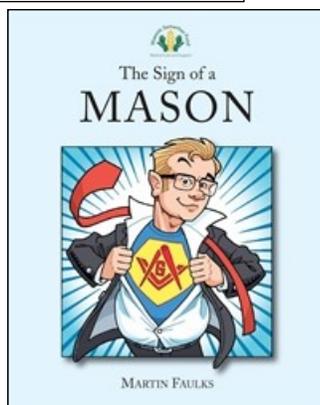
- ◆ The “**CONTACT US**” page has a form that can be filled out with questions and requests for contact/further information. This has a “*Captcha*” code that helps us from getting ‘spammed’ by others.
- ◆ While the “**LIBRARY**” tab doesn’t have much on the main page, the three subpages are what is important:
 - “**PHOTO GALLERY**” is where images will be displayed showing various functions and events;
 - “**TRESTLEBOARDS**” is where the most current edition of the Trestleboard will be displayed, along with a few prior editions. There is also a link to the most current edition of the Oregon Grand Lodge *Oregon Masonic News (OMN)* as well as a link to past copies of the OMN;
 - “**ARCHIVED MATERIAL**” is where past Bend Lodge Trestleboards and other information will be stored.

The general public has access to all these pages and materials. Somewhere down the road, we **MAY** end up adding a ‘members only’ aspect, where members can log in to access training materials, member rosters and/or other information specific to be a Lodge member and Mason.

So even though some might not see the need, having a website with the ability to update information quickly for ALL members is a definite plus!

We hope that you’ll make good use of the website...if you have photos that you’d like posted in the Photo Gallery, or suggestions as to other content for the site, please do let us know!

Neil Mackey
WEBMASTER



Brethren, it is an honor to have been elected as Junior Warden and it is my pleasure to serve you and this lodge for 2016. I would like to thank you all for this opportunity and I look forward to keeping you apprised of meals and refreshments for the lodge.

Our January Stated Meeting dinner will be on Thursday the 14th at 6:00 pm.

I am looking forward to the year ahead and if there are any special needs or assistance needed in in the dining room, or if there is anything I can do to be of assistance, please don't hesitate to contact me directly or leave a message with the Secretary.

From the South

Matt Alexander
JUNIOR WARDEN

The Ancient and Accepted Mysteries of the Masonic Feast		
		
What the Master Requested	What the JUNIOR Warden promised	What the MEMBERS expected
		
What the Treasurer could afford	How the JUNIOR Warden explained it to his wife	What the JUNIOR Wardens wife heard
		
What the JUNIOR Wardens wife purchased	What the JUNIOR Warden Provided	What the Stewards actually served

UPCOMING 2016 EVENTS

- **MASONIC YARD SALE:**
 - Date / time to be announced
- **BASIC SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION:**
 - Saturday, June 18th, 9a-4p @ Bend Lodge
- **MASONIC FAMILY BBO / FIREWORKS:**
 - Monday, July 4th, afternoon/evening
- **MALHEUR CAVE DEGREE:**
 - Friday through Sunday, August 26-28th
- **VETERAN'S DINNER:**
 - Date / time to be announced

MONTHLY EVENTS AT BEND LODGE

- *2nd Thursday* of each month (except for August):
 - **STATED MEETING**, 7pm
- *4th Thursday* of each month (except for August):
 - **LODGE TRAINING**, 7pm
 - *Topic varies from month-to-month*

JANUARY, 2016 EVENTS

- **MONDAY, JANUARY 4TH**, 6:30pm:
 - *Plain text cypher training for EA/FC/MM Degrees*
- **FRIDAY, JANUARY 8TH**, 7pm:
 - *EA Degree practice*
- **MONDAY, JANUARY 11TH**, 7pm:
 - *EA Degree conferral for Harris and Ulibarri*
- **THURSDAY, JANUARY 14TH**, 7pm:
 - **STATED MEETING**
- **THURSDAY, JANUARY 28TH**, 7pm
 - **LODGE TRAINING**: *Lodge etiquette*
- **SATURDAY, JANUARY 30TH**, 9AM
 - *Central Oregon Shrine Club East/West high school all-star football selection committee*

FEBRUARY, 2016 EVENTS

- **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH**, 7pm:
 - **STATED MEETING**
- **THURSDAY, JANUARY 28TH**, 7pm
 - **LODGE TRAINING**: *History of Bend Lodge*
- **DATE / TIME TO BE ANNOUNCED**:
 - *FC Degree, Denver Lee*