

Bend Lodge #139 Trestleboard - October 2015
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From the East- Zachary A. Richard, Worshipful Master Greetings Brothers--

This summer has been full of lessons that I will carry with me for a life time. Through my travels with Portland State University to Costa I learned about different customs, foods, holidays, and traditions of a beautiful people. I also received an unexpected lesson on the global reach the Masonic family has. During my educational trip two of our speakers were Master Masons and one is currently the Grand Master of Costa Rica. Both Brothers were passionate about their professions and the work they do in their communities. Social responsibility and being agents of change were major themes coming from their lectures and illustrated just how important and long reaching our work in the Masonic family is.

As we get ready for fall and the holiday season let us continue to be agents of change. One of our community projects each year has been the distribution of holiday baskets to families in need in the local area. Thanks to Dave and Lynn Johnson who have coordinated this effort in the past, we have been able to make a real difference on our community. I look forward to continuing this important work that is so desperately needed.

This past year has not been easy at Bend Lodge, but thanks to Brother Brian Canady we have reached many goals and are on track for many successful years to come. I am constantly impressed with the hard work and dedication Brother Canady exhibits. I have been called away from the East a number of times this year and Brian showed tremendous leadership in filling any roll needed. I could not be more proud of Brian Canady and am thrilled to see that he has been awarded Mason of the Month by the Grand Lodge of Oregon. Well done Brother.

From the West - Brian Canady, Senior Warden

Welcome to Fall! Summer ended strong with our MM Degree for Brother Palotay and a great experience at the Burns Cave Degree (where Bend Lodge took home

the team horse shoe competition prize-which we will need to defend next year!).

We've continued to have new inquiries about Masonry and our Lodge, and our new approach for handling this process seems to be working. Potential candidates appreciate the opportunity to learn more about us and the fraternity while we have an opportunity to get a better feel for the man prior to offering a petition. We ensure they understand that it needs to be a mutual fit and they have a chance to reflect and research prior to asking for a petition. Hopefully, we will have one such potential candidate at our dinner prior to the upcoming Stated Meeting next Thursday. One change you may have noticed is that the kombucha hut in our west parking lot is gone. While they were gradually growing their business and we looked forward to a continuing relationship with them, this enterprise was shut down by the city. It seems that in order for us to have such a business in our parking lot we would need to make some substantial changes to our property to meet current city codes. This included putting in sidewalks along both the east and west perimeters of our property. More on this down the road I'm sure.

I am also pleased to say that Brother Dale Nelson continues to make strides on returning to health after having some medical issues. We look forward to hopefully seeing him back in Lodge this fall. I would also like to thank WB Lee Ransdall for stepping up and assisting with the duties of the Treasurer during this period. Looking forward to next year for a moment, one goal is to reestablish a Masonic function every fourth Thursday of the year. Some plans for Looking forward to seeing you on Thursday!

From the Secretary's Desk - Terry L. Griffith

Member Corner

Bro Glenn Brisendine-4/7- Passed Away
Lady Barbara King- 8/7- Passed Away
Bro Ryan Palotay – 8/20 – Raised to MM
Bro Dale Nelson – Hospitalized –Recovering
Bro Ed Wyman- Hospitalized- Recovering
Lady Lynn Johnson-Hospitalized- Recovering
RWB Terry- Surgery- Recovering

Membership dues

With fall in the air and winter approaching, it is again time to send out our dues statements. All members who have not paid their dues for 2015, may be dropped from the roll if they are not paid by September 30 (Code 255.1). Each member will receive a Notice of Election letter in the next couple of weeks, which will also serve as your dues notification. Enclosed will be a letter regarding Life members and the benefit of becoming a Life member of our Lodge.

As always, if you have any questions regarding the Lodge or membership, please do not hesitate to contact me.

October Dates

Officers Meeting on the 5th
Stated Meeting on the 8th
Practice on the 22nd

Thought for the Day

FREEMASONRY IS ...

Freemasonry is kindness in the home; honesty in business; courtesy in society; fairness in work; pity and concern for the unfortunate; resistance towards the wicked; help for the weak; trust in the strong; forgiveness for the penitent; love for one another and, above all, reverence and love for God.

Freemasonry is many things but most of all:
FREEMASONRY IS A WAY OF LIFE.

Anonymous