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From the East

The year has gotten off to a strong start with two new EA's, several inquiries about becoming members of our Lodge and Fellowcraft Degrees for Brothers Lee and Brasher coming up on the 15th. Please come out to support our Brothers as they progress in their Masonic journey.

If you haven't already experienced it, when you come to the Stated Meetings, you will also enjoy an enhanced culinary experience. Brother JW Alexander has enlisted our own chef, Denver Lee, to help provide some delicious food for our dining tables. *Thank you Denver!*

I would also invite you all to mark **Monday, March 14th** on your calendar. On that evening Bend Lodge will be formally visiting Redmond Lodge #154 for their Stated Communication. That evening will also feature the official visit of the Grand Master of A.F. & A. M. of Oregon so this is a special opportunity for every member of our Lodge. As a courtesy, we will be providing a headcount of how many Brothers from Bend Lodge will be attending so they can plan accordingly.

With the weather teasing us with an early taste of Spring, it reminds me to let everyone know that when Spring does return in earnest, we will be doing a large bit of spring cleaning of the various Lodge closets and storage areas. We will be clearing out these areas of unused items. Many of these items may end up in a Masonic Parking Lot sale that will be held shortly thereafter. I bring this up now so that anyone who may have items of interest or value to the Lodge has ample time to set these aside. Everyone will be invited to take part in the parking lot sale as well, so don't toss anything just yet...hang onto it a bit longer and help make our sale a success for you AND the Lodge!

On **Monday, February 29th**, we're planning on doing plain-text training on the Candidates Lecture of the Fellowcraft degree. We had previously labeled the January training on the Entered Apprentice Degree as a Coach's Training but I would like to emphasize that that is not necessarily the case – any Brother who is a Fellowcraft Mason who is interested in improving their competency in this area is very much encouraged to attend. Any Brother who is an active coach or would like to coach at some point down the road *should* attend.

Last, but certainly not least, WB Claypool is scheduled to conduct a presentation and discussion on the very interesting history of Bend Lodge at our 4th Thursday gathering on **February 25th** at 7pm. This will be of interest to all members of the Lodge and their families if they would like to attend. As is often said, *'It's difficult to know where you're headed if you don't know where you've been'* so please make every effort to take part in this special event.

With that said, I look forward to seeing you at the next Stated Meeting on **Thursday, Feb. 11th** at either 6pm for dinner, or 7pm for the meeting.

Fraternally,
Brian Canady
MASTER

DID YOU KNOW...

...that there is an official Masonic tartan?

In 2004, The Grand Lodge of Utah sponsored the design and production of a Tartan fabric that would represent Freemasonry in Utah as well as elsewhere. Scottish Tartan plaids have been used for centuries by Scottish clans as a means of identifying and unifying families across the country. This tartan was designed with the family of Freemasonry in mind.



Secretary's Desk

SAFETY IS EVERYONE'S CONCERN

The Lodge or "Center" is used by numerous people on a daily basis, including our renters as well as members and visitors. One of the most important topics that we discuss this month is safety. Safety is EVERYONE's number one concern and it takes everyone to make certain that our Lodge is safe.

This may include picking up trash that could create a safety hazard, to locking the door. It can also extend to seeing something in the parking lot that is unsafe. It is your responsibility to resolve the issue or report the issue. I fully understand that you may not be physically able to fix a safety issue...but you can ALWAYS call someone and report it.

Recently, many of you may have heard on the news about a plot to attack a Masonic Lodge in Milwaukie. Although this type of attack is the first of its kind reported in the United States, it should also be given the consideration of the times we live in. The plot was foiled before anything occurred, but you can look at our own Lodge and the possibility of someone entering during Lodge. Open or unlocked doors always escalate the potential for unwanted individuals. It is a double-edged sword; on one side we need to protect our brothers and the Lodge, while on the other we need to invite visitors in. Diligence is the key.

When someone is injured, albeit minor or major, an accident investigation form should be filed out. This form is available from my office and is fairly simple to complete. It entails the particulars of the accident, witnesses and a general investigation, not to find fault but merely just to document. This is vitally important, especially when it involves a serious injury or an injury to a visitor. We maintain insurance on our Lodge but we still need to do everything we can to keep it safe and free of hazards.

Please free to contact me at any time if an accident occurs and I would me more than happy to conduct the investigation and documentation.

S & F,
Terry Griffith
SECRETARY

FBI ARRESTS MILWAUKEE MAN ACCUSED OF PLANNING MASONIC TEMPLE ATTACK

MILWAUKEE — A Milwaukee man wanted to storm a Masonic temple with a machine gun and kill at least 30 people in an attack he hoped would show "nobody can play with Muslims" and spark more mass shootings in the United States, federal agents said Tuesday after the man's arrest.

Federal agents said that on Jan. 19 and into the early morning of Jan. 20, the suspect discussed his plans to attack the temple with the informants, telling them they needed two more machine guns — the group apparently already had one — and silencers. They planned to station one person at the temple's entrance while the other two went through the building, killing everyone they saw. They then planned to walk away from the scene as if nothing had happened.

From the West

Here we are into February already and we have had two EA degrees and are preparing for two FC's on February 15th... I hope you will take the time and attend these and all future degrees. The importance of which cannot be ignored. These newest Brothers need to know the true spirit of a Mason and what Masonry is truly about. The paragraph below highlights my point.

"The genius of Freemasonry is not our Masonic buildings and temples or the trappings of our organizations. It is not our great charities or community activities. It is not our beautiful rituals or their teachings! It is the 'practice of Freemasonry' by the Freemasons. Yet we cannot practice that which we do not know or understand. Thus, Masonic education is the foundation for our Fraternity."

Brother Carl H. Claudy in **The Master's Book** says,

"One thing and only one thing a Masonic Lodge can give its members which they can get nowhere else in the world. That one thing is Masonry."

*From the Occasional Bulletin
of the Texas Lodge of Research
by Michael L. Wiggins, P.M.*

According to Solomon's Lodge No. 1, F. & A. M. in Savannah, Georgia, founded February 21, 1734 by the English Statesman, philanthropist and Freemason Br. James Edward Oglethorpe; it is the oldest Continuously Operating English Constituted Lodge of Freemasons in the Western Hemisphere. Solomon's Lodge has in its possession a 1733 John Baskett Bible which was actually signed and given to the Lodge, during its earliest days, by Oglethorpe, the founder of the Colony of Georgia.

"Remember not only to say the right thing in the right place, but far more difficult still, to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment".

Brother Benjamin Franklin

When Brother "Buzz" Aldrin, a member of Clear Lake Lodge #1417 in Texas stepped onto the surface of the moon, he carried a special deputation from his Grand Master to claim the moon as being in the territorial jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Texas. And so, it is.

Wm. Lee Ransdall
SENIOR WARDEN



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



FEBRUARY, 2016 EVENTS

- THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH, 7pm:
 - ◊ **STATED MEETING**
- MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH, 7pm
 - ◊ *Fellowcraft degree conferral for Bros. Lee and Brasher*
- THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH, 7pm
 - ◊ *History of Bend Lodge, presented by WB Dale Claypool*
- MONDAY, FEBRUARY 29TH, 7pm
 - ◊ *Plain-text training on Fellowcraft candidate's lecture*

MARCH, 2016 EVENTS

- THURSDAY, MARCH 10TH, 7pm:
 - ◊ **STATED MEETING**
- MONDAY, MARCH 14TH, 7pm:
 - ◊ *Visit Redmond Lodge, Grand Master in attendance*
- THURSDAY, MARCH 24TH, 7pm:
 - ◊ *New Torchlight program kickoff (more information will be in March Trestleboard)*
- DATE / TIME TBA:
 - ◊ *Fellowcraft Degree conferral for Bro. Trace Harris*
 - * Watch the website for latest information

A man is walking through the recreation ground of his local park when he notices a huge fight going on in full fury on the football field he is passing.

"What's going on?", he asks a spectator, watching from the side-lines.

The other replies "It's a match between the Masons and the Knights of Columbus."

"What's the score?" asks the first man.

"I don't know. It's a secret."



UPCOMING 2016 EVENTS

- MASONIC YARD SALE:
 - ◊ Date / time to be announced
- BASIC SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION:
 - ◊ Saturday, June 11th, 9a-4p @ Bend Lodge
- MASONIC FAMILY BBQ / FIREWORKS:
 - ◊ Monday, July 4th, afternoon/evening
- MALHEUR CAVE DEGREE:
 - ◊ Friday through Sunday, August 26-28th
- VETERAN'S DINNER:
 - ◊ Date / time to be announced



Happy anniversary to Lee Ransdall, PM (and current Bend Lodge Senior Warden) and his lovely wife Gail for 35 years of wedded bliss!

WHY IS THE MASONIC ALPHABET SOMETIMES REFERRED TO AS THE “PIG PEN” CYPHER?

A	B	C	J	K	L
D	E	F	M	N	O
G	H	I	P	Q	R

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T	X		U	W		Z
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Rumor has it the cipher is so named because many of the shapes in the cipher text look like ‘pig pens’, with lines representing the sides of the pen and dots representing pigs.

Give it a shot and see if you can decipher the message below...

V0 300 > <7E0 > N0 40A0E...J00 7J
F> <7E0 > N0 VAJKFO

