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From the East

As Master of Bend Lodge one of my top priorities for the year has been to provide opportunities for training and personal growth.

Such opportunities benefit each member of our fraternity who participates and the Lodge as a whole. We have already held a number of such gatherings and we will continue to do so moving forward. We all know that Masonry is a progressive science, but by no means do we all take the same path. We do not all take the same things from Masonry and we do not all contribute to our fraternity in the same way. This is part of the beauty and intricacies of our gentle craft.

Having just returned from a Masonic Leadership Conference put on by our Grand Lodge, I was again reminded of several imponderable things, including the amazing depth and richness that Freemasonry affords to any brother who seeks it. The offerings are innumerable and the never-ending journey to greater personal enlightenment will span a lifetime. Our individual paths will always be uniquely our own, but as Masons we are assured we will never be alone. The spirit-lifting fellowship that is enjoyed when Masons come together, even when most have never previously met, is a wonderful reality of our brotherhood and one that makes the efforts we make along our Masonic paths all the more rewarding. All the more reason for each of us to make the effort.

A personal note of thanks to our Historian, WB Dale Claypool, for his informative presentation and in-the-round discussion of Bend Lodge's history at the last Fourth Thursday gathering. If you don't know the story of how John "The Duke" Wayne came to regale a packed audience in our Lodge room, well, you'll just need to ask someone who participated. That discussion also might have shed some light on the mysterious footsteps in our Lodge!

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THIS MONTH IN MASONIC HISTORY

March 6, 1775 :

- ◆ Prince Hall was made a Master Mason in Irish Constitution Military Lodge No. 441

March 12, 1807:

- ◆ Albert Gallatin Mackey – d. June 20, 1881 – Masonic Author, notably of the Masonic Dictionary

March 17, 1856:

- ◆ Grand Lodge of Kansas established, Wyandotte County, Kansas

March 18, 1919:

- ◆ Order of DeMolay founded in Kansas City, Missouri, later to become DeMolay International

March 25, 1882:

- ◆ Grand Lodge of Arizona was established in Tucson



Daylight Savings Time Begins
March 13th Spring Forward

Don't forget to set your clocks ahead
1 hour Saturday Night March 12th.

From the East

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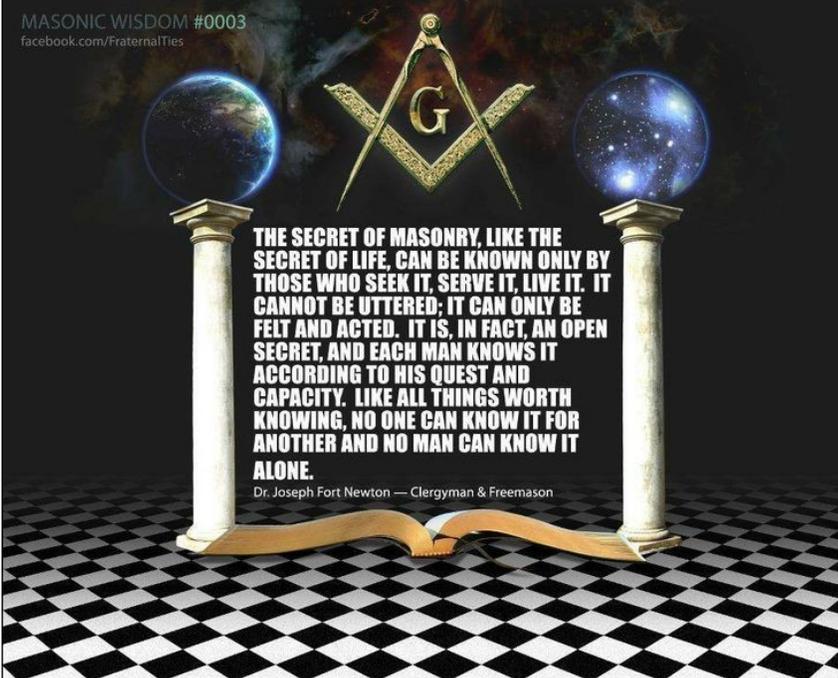
I also would like to thank MWB John Turner for his leadership in the training on the candidates' lecture of the Fellowcraft Degree held on February 29th (*don't get to write THAT very often!*) Thank you also to every brother who participated in this training that benefits all of us.

It appears that we will have at least two proficiencies at our next Stated Meeting on March 10th which will, of course, soon be followed by new degrees for both the MM and FC degrees. I encourage you to support our newest Brothers in these important milestones on their Masonic paths.

The next time you come to Lodge, remember to look up at our sign. We are close to having a new face in place and I am hoping it will be available to be installed prior to our next Stated Meeting. We also have a number of projects in and around the Lodge that will help spruce things up (and provide a healthy dose of fellowship), if you would like to participate in any of these projects don't be shy!

With that said, I look forward to seeing you on March 10th.

Fraternally,
Brian Canady
MASTER



BEND LODGE FAMILY BOWLING NIGHT

**THURSDAY,
APRIL 28TH, 7PM-9PM
Lava Lanes in Bend**

***FUN for the
whole family!***

From the West

WELCOME TO MARCH...

The Fellowcraft Degrees on the 15th of last month went very well and we congratulate Bros. Brasher and Lee. It looks like we will be having an Master Mason degree in the near future so be prepared to contribute where you can. This degree is the most important of the sublime degrees we bestow on our brothers. You will have the necessary lead-time for scheduling so please do your best to set aside the time.

Our Worshipful Master and I just returned from the Grand Lodge Leadership Training and found it to be very beneficial. You will be hearing about it at our next stated meeting.

The month of March is looking to be busy. Our next Stated Meeting is on March 10th followed by our lodge traveling to Redmond Lodge for the Grand Master's official visit on March 14th. Our fourth Thursday training on March 24th is devoted to the Torchlight program. Try not to miss any of these interesting events.

"It is most reverently to be wished, that the conduct of every member of the fraternity, as well as those publications that discover the principles which actuate them, may tend to convince mankind that the grand object of Masonry is to promote the happiness of the human race."

George Washington
1st President of the United States
and fellow Mason

"I ask of each Mason, of each member, of each brother, that he shall remember ever that there is upon him a peculiar obligation to show himself in every respect a good citizen; for after all, the way he can best do his duty by the ancient order to which he belongs is by reflecting credit upon that order by way in which he performs his duty as a citizen of the United States."

Theodore Roosevelt
26th President of the United States
and fellow Mason

Ever wonder why we use the term 'Lodge' for our meeting location?

"As with many things, we can only speculate as to where the word "lodge" derived. Dictionaries say that it probably came from the buildings, or huts, where the craftsmen worked and lived. Lodges of Masons are mentioned at York Minster in 1352, at Canterbury Cathedral in 1429, at the Church of St. Nicholas, Aberdeen in 1483, and at St. Giles, Edinburgh, in 1429. "Lodge" first referred to non-permanent bodies, but gradually reverted to fixed localities, such as Edinburgh in 1598."

The Masonic Trowel

See you in Lodge...

Wm. Lee Ransdall, P.M.
SENIOR WARDEN

Secretary's Desk

MY BROTHERS:

My job is to interact with our membership and be there to answer questions and resolve issues related to the "paperwork" part of the Lodge. Typically, it involves doing some investigative work, as in our busy lives we (often) forget to contact the Secretary of the Lodge. Usually, that is the last thing we think about! So, I spend much of my time online searching through obits, news files and other avenues looking for clues as to where our brothers might be. Sometimes, I do the unthinkable...I call the last phone number on file and talk with the brother. In today's society, it is faster and easier to just email and call it good...which leads into my topic this month.

Our Lodge membership is made up of 108 brothers, of which 87 are Life Members. A Life Member pays a one-time amount and then never pays dues again. This amount ranges from \$250-\$125 depending on age. The 21 remaining brothers are obligated to pay \$50 each year on or before September 30. I just recently sent out notices to our brothers who have been delinquent since 2014. These notices are not sent easily, as within the notices it describes the process for dropping these brothers from the roll. I also asked that if there were extenuating circumstances to let me know so that we could address them. It is not my intent nor the intent of the Code to drop a brother who desires to continue within the Fraternity in Good Standing. I bring this up, as I believe it is important for the membership to understand the operations of the Lodge.

On a brighter note, I had the opportunity to visit with a Master Mason from the State of Missouri, who resides in Bend. He will be receiving his 50-year emblem from his home Lodge. I talked with him on the phone and will meet with him later to present his emblem. In visiting with him, his story reminded me of several others I have heard...basically, "...that I have been out of Masonry for so long, I wouldn't know what to do and am embarrassed that I am to that point".

How many of YOU reading this are at that juncture? Remember, beyond anything, we are brothers and brothers help each other. The Lodge is a SAFE place, where we can gather, enjoy fellowship and not be afraid of ridicule or judgement. I understand the hesitation, but believe me when I say that you will be greeted with open arms and a welcoming smile.

Ferry Griffith
SECRETARY



WHAT IS THE OREGON MASONIC TORCHLIGHT PROGRAM?

Torchlight is a "correspondence" course designed to illuminate any Master Mason desiring more light in Masonry. **Torchlight** is not a test of your Masonic knowledge but is designed to teach Masons how to research the manuals of Oregon Masonry.

By the time you finish the course, you will have a good grasp of the rules that govern us as Masons. Also, when you are done, you will know how to research the Masonic Code of Oregon and other materials for information that you may have forgotten or that was not covered in **Torchlight**. Your Grand Lodge committee thinks that you will enjoy the course and once you have started, you will be anxious to finish it.

Answers to the questions are located in the following publications:

- **Masonic Code of Oregon**
- **Officers Handbook**
- **Masonic Etiquette & Instructions**
- **Standard Manual**
- **Oregon Mentor Manual**
- **Ritual (include optional Openings/Closings)**

The **Torchlight** study group, slated to kick off **Thursday, March 24th at 7pm**, is designed to help participants go through the questions as part of a team. Work will be divided up, but must be worked on together and answers agreed on by group at meetings. Team members may work on additional questions not assigned to them at their own pace for learning and in preparation for meetings. Their answers may be used for meeting discussion should the member who had them assigned be unable to complete them

One finished copy will be submitted to Grand Lodge for grading, signed by all participants. Everyone is part of the team. When the graded copy is returned, all the team will meet to go over the corrected answers and discuss them again.

Successful completion of the **Torchlight** program will result in the presentation of a lovely lapel pin at a future Stated Communication, by the District Deputy.

Some examples of questions:

40. When may Lodges, as Lodges, appear in public?

Reference: _____

46. Can someone other than the three principle officers open a Lodge for a Stated Communication if the Master and Wardens are absent? If so, who are they?

Reference: _____

94. Where does the word "Worshipful" in the Master's title come from and what is its meaning?

Reference: _____

(Ed's note: Having participated in and successfully completed the **Torchlight** program in 2012, I would heartily encourage other brothers to consider participating in the program. I gained a much broader knowledge of how we are governed, more insight on most of our rituals and it makes it much easier to find things in the various Oregon Masonic publications!

Whether you intend to move through the line, or just want more knowledge about how (and why) we do some of the things we do, **Torchlight** is an excellent, fun and enlightening way to continue your Masonic journey.

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*

Yard Sale Today

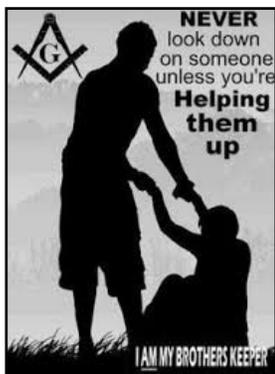


Masonic Lodge

Spring is in the air and every good Mason's attention turns to...the "honey-do" list! Time to see what sort of trinkets, unused stuff and other assorted "treasures" can be sent out the door...remember the old saying, "One's man's junk is another man's treasure!"

To that end, Bend Lodge will be having a Masonic Yard Sale on **Saturday, June 25th** from **8am-noon** at Bend Lodge. Bring your unwanted items, some cash to make change and see if you can create some extra space in your garage, closet or storage room! All proceeds belong to the individual participants, unless, of course, you're feeling especially charitable and would like to make a donation to the Lodge.

We'll also have a BBQ towards the end of the event...



MARCH, 2016 EVENTS

THURSDAY, MARCH 10TH:

- Dinner @ 6PM
- **STATED MEETING @ 7PM**

MONDAY, MARCH 14TH @ 7pm:

- Visit Redmond Lodge, Grand Master in attendance

THURSDAY, MARCH 24TH @ 7pm:

- New Torchlight program kickoff
- * *More information in the March Trestleboard)*

DATES / TIMES TBA:

- **Fellowcraft Degree** conferral for Bro. Trace Harris
 - **Master Mason Degree** conferral for Bro. Scott Brasher
- * Watch the website for latest information

APRIL, 2016 EVENTS

THURSDAY, APRIL 14TH:

- Dinner @ 6PM
- **STATED MEETING @ 7PM**

THURSDAY, APRIL 28TH, 7pm-9pm

- Bend Lodge family bowling night
- * **Lava Lanes in Bend**

DATES / TIMES TBA:

- **Master Mason Degree** conferral for Bro. Denver Lee
 - Training on Candidates Lecture of the Master Mason degree
- * Watch the website for latest information

UPCOMING 2016 EVENTS

- ⇒ **MASONIC YARD SALE:**
- **Saturday, June 25th**, 8a-noon
@ Bend Lodge
* BBQ!
- ⇒ **BASIC SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION:**
- **Saturday, June 11th**, 9a-4p @
Bend Lodge
- ⇒ **MASONIC FAMILY BBQ / FIRE
WORKS:**
- **Monday, July 4th**,
afternoon / evening
- ⇒ **MALHEUR CAVE DEGREE:**
- **Friday-Sunday, August 26-28th**
* More information as we
get closer to the event
- ⇒ **VETERAN'S DINNER:**
- Date / time to be announced

From the South

Greetings Brothers!

March is upon us and I want to remind all that Daylight Saving Time is also upon us! The time to set your clocks ahead is on Sunday, March 13th at 2:00am.

I am looking forward to seeing you all at our Stated Meeting on March 10th where Brother Lee will be making enchiladas for dinner!

Fraternally,

Matt Alexander
JUNIOR WARDEN

**DON'T FORGET...BEND LODGE #139 VISITS REDMOND LODGE #154 ON
THEIR REGULAR STATED MEETING NIGHT,
MONDAY, MARCH 14TH @ 7PM.**

Most Worshipful Grand Master Don Stapleton will be in attendance...

The Ultimate Masonic Lesson

by WB Frederic L. Milliken

Recently I had the joy of instructing a class of our newly raised Master Masons. Going over "what's in the book" is vitally important and we did that. But equally important is to teach what is not in the book, what is not part of the curriculum per se.

For me that means teaching the new recruits that Freemasonry is a non-judgmental, non-confrontational, tolerant, peace loving fraternity. That doesn't mean that we will accept evil, immorality or injustice. What it does mean is that as Masons we need to refrain from criticizing another lifestyle, another culture that is legitimate and acceptable in the eyes of God.

Every Lodge room is a haven of peace where harmony prevails and where no harm should come to any Brother. Nor should any be subjected to racism, slander, cussing, berating or other vulgarities.

As Masons we check our guns at the door. We also check our argumentative attitudes, the chip we may have on our shoulder, the cause du jour we may be promoting and the path of immortality we may believe is the one and only true way.

That does not make us a bland, superficial society, however. We stand firmly by the religion common to all faiths. Freemasonry is not a religion but it does promote and instill in its members those tenets of morality common to all religions without prescribing a particular path. It also stands foursquare for justice. Just looking at the Four Cardinal Virtues...

Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence and Justice should give anybody an insight into the character of Freemasonry. For this reason we talk about the Universality of Freemasonry.

This is the ideal of Freemasonry. Ideals sometimes get sidetracked. Such has been my criticism of some Southern Mainstream Freemasonry that blackballs African-Americans, non-Christians and foreign speaking people. Freemasonry was never organized to be an all White, Christian only, Protestant only, English speaking-only, born in America society. It is inclusive of all peoples of good character who profess a Faith.

Practiced as it should be, Freemasonry brings together Brothers of different races, religions, creeds, cultures, economic circumstances and political persuasions all under one roof. It brings them together in the pursuit of truth, peace, justice and brotherly love and affection. It's not what divides us that is important, it's what we have in common as children of God, a God, however interpreted, who wants us to recognize the fact that we are all one and that in His eyes we are all His children, that is of the utmost importance.

The lessons of the Craft are not complete until we have instilled in each and every Brother that the Lodge is an oasis of peace, that harmony and accord are its modes of operation resulting in a universal society where we are all one.