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The Grand Master's Message: The beat goes on

This Masonic year is rapidly moving along. As we have travelled the hi-ways and by-ways of the state, we have heard loud and clear that Masons are anxious for change. There is excitement and anticipation of the new events the Lodge has planned for the coming year: the community picnic in the summer, ritual practice for the upcoming competition and the special evenings when scholarships are awarded at local high schools. Lodges are busy making a difference in their communities. They are involving newer members in Lodge activities, the older generation working alongside the new.



M.W.B. Don Stapleton
Grand Master

It is daylight-saving time which means more light in the evening and for the Mason, more Light for his Masonic education. This brings me to our recent Grand Lodge Leadership Workshops. A resounding success, the workshops had great participation both in Portland and Ontario. "Engaging" and "informative" are just a few of the comments from those in attendance. I want to thank the instructors and members that participated. We will hold the final class in Medford later this month.

Additionally, our goal this year is to support the Masonic Youth Groups. Pat and I cannot thank you enough for your contributions to this worthy organization. These young men and women will encounter many obstacles in their quest for success, but with our ongoing encouragement, these future leaders will know this Fraternity and the Masonic Family are ready to support their cause.

In closing, I would like to express to all our members that compassion for our Brothers and Sisters goes a long way in healing any disagreements and misunderstandings. Treat everyone fairly and as this quote from Golda Meir indicates: "Trust yourself. Create the kind of self that you would be happy to live with all your life. Make the most of yourself by fanning the tiny inner spark of possibility into flames of achievement."

Don Stapleton, Grand Master of A.F. & A.M. of Oregon



What Masonry has done for me

Ideals from yesterday, for tomorrow

My previous impression of Masonry is that of a fraternity of upright men who enjoy doing good works together. This impression has altered considerably in the last few years, but I hasten to add, irrefutably for the better. I had never imagined the enormity of 'the beast', or the support systems embedded within it. At first I was preoccupied with just getting to the third 'step'. My memory, never having been good for rote learning, was not getting any better. Certainly, I frustrated several very tenacious and forgiving coaches and I am thankful for their kindness.

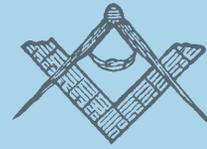
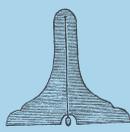
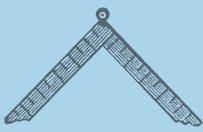


Having reached the 'third' rung, my attention returned to my primary intention, 'helping others', as nebulous as that sounds. I found that there were more opportunities than I, or all but the enlightened few could imagine. Not wanting to overcommit myself, my earliest attempts were of a modest nature; helping

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What Masonry has done for me

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out with Lodge functions, staffing coffee fundraisers and the like. Shortly however, I began to be tempted by the myriad of other opportunities dangled before me and I began to drool!

Truly, the two main 'Rites' and the innumerable bodies encompassed by them offer an amazing number of ways to get involved. Let's not forget the Shrine. As one gets more involved, the fancier the costumes get! What I did notice almost immediately was that although most choices focused on doing good for others, they all had remarkable rewards for the Mason involved. Whatever your chief motivation is, you will find an opportunity to work toward it, fulfilling your philanthropic aspirations. Simultaneously, you will be reinforcing and expanding those worthwhile qualities you have put to good use, thereby polishing your 'ashlar.'

I am not sure how rough an ashlar I was when I started down this path, but I am sure I could do with a lot more polishing! My hope, contrary to popular belief, is that when I came to Freemasonry I already possessed a few good qualities, and I have learned that there is always room for improvement. Freemasonry attracts *good* men, not perfect ones, and like all humans, they have their faults. One still comes across the petty conflicts that plague our mortal species. In Masonry, however, they seem fewer and easier to resolve.



The difference is that in our Craft, our Fraternity, one must commit oneself to seeking that progress, the Light, which benefits one and all. When you do feel yourself slipping, as we all do, there is an incredible support system surrounding you. You do not have to look very far for an exemplary Brother, who by their mere presence reminds us of our obligation.

We do not live in the world of our parents or grandparents. Our children will not live in ours. The honoured traditions and values of Freemasonry provide a continuous thread of standards and ideals binding generations together. To continue doing this and remain relevant, Freemasonry must adapt and stay in touch with the times while maintaining its respected traditions. No easy task!

- by Bro Roland Lakey



"The strength of Freemasonry is in its loyalty to each other."

- Vasilios Karpos

The Grand Secretary's Corner *Continuity and insight*

Who is the Lodge Secretary? He is a Brother who generally serves for several years often providing a level of continuity and historical insight regarding events that have transpired in the Lodge. What I believe to be the heart and soul of the Lodge Secretary are his duties which bring him into frequent and intimate contact with the members of all organizations that make up the Fraternity of Freemasonry.

Many Brothers will "go through the line" during a Secretary's tenure. The Lodge Secretary is in a unique position to provide vital assistance to all Lodge officers as they progress through the various chairs on their way to becoming the Worshipful Master. Most Lodge Secretaries are Past Masters but not all. There are many very good Lodge Secretaries who have never served as Master of the Lodge and never intend to serve as Worshipful Master. They prefer to provide support to those travelling on their journey to the East.

The gold crossed quills that indicate a Brother has served five or more years as a Lodge Secretary are a sign of a Brother who has a unique level of devotion to our kind and gentle Craft and to his Lodge specifically. Or maybe he is doing it for the money!

- by M.W.B. Ed Bousquet, P.G.M.



70
YEAR

ANNIVERSARY

*Oregon Military Lodge
No. 223*

April 23 marks the anniversary of the Oregon Military Lodge No. 223 and a scheduled visit from the Grand Master. Cheers to the remarkable history of this Lodge.



Reworking the Library & Museum

At the start of this Masonic year, the Library and Museum Committee went into full gear finishing projects from the previous year and then starting our new projects.

The entire collection of museum items donated to the Grand Lodge that had accumulated over many years, was inventoried and photographed. The information for these items was placed into a new museum database program. Upon completion of the inventory of the donated items, they were labeled and placed within the archives. This was a very large task and we, as the Library and Museum Committee are very proud to have it completed.

In June 2015, we reorganized the book shelves and cabinets in the Library/Museum Room. The new location of these large items was necessary for the protection of the antique textiles and paper items within the glass cabinets.

Placing the glass cabinets where the least amount of sunlight can reach them will protect the contents from further deterioration than what has already occurred.

The inventory of all the books within the library will begin soon. This will be a very long project but in the end, finding books will be much easier.

The Library and Museum Committee would like to encourage the Brothers of this Ancient Craft of Freemasonry to visit your Library and Museum. Mentors: please take the time to bring new Brothers out to the Grand Lodge and share our honorable Library and Museum with them.

Finally, thank you to the Grand Lodge Trustees for all of their support.

- by Johnny J. Edwards,
Library & Museum Chairman

GRAND MASTER'S TENTATIVE ITINERARY

April 2016

- 2 – MESH Meeting; Forest Grove 8 a.m. - U
- 5 – Crater Lake No. 211, Klamath Falls, Official Visit; dinner, 6:30 p.m.; Lodge, 7:30 p.m. - U, L
- 7-9 Grand York Rite, North Bend - U, T, L
- 14-16 Grand Lodge of Hawaii, Honolulu - U, T, L, Hawaiian Shirt
- 20 – Jennings No. 9, Dallas, Official Visit; dinner, 6:30 p.m.; Lodge, 7:30 p.m. - U, L
- 21 – Clatskanie No. 133, Official Visit; dinner, 6:30 p.m.; Lodge, 7:30 p.m. - U, L
- 23 – Oregon Military No. 223, Sherwood, Official Visit & 70th Anniversary; lunch, noon; Lodge, 1 p.m. - U, L
- 29-30 Leadership Workshop; Medford Ramada Inn - BC

May 2016

- 3 – Florence No. 107, Official Visit; dinner, 6:30 p.m.; Lodge, 7:30 p.m. - U, L
- 7 – Reception for Associate Supreme Guardian
- 11 – Washington No. 46, Portland, Official Visit; dinner, 6:30 p.m. Lodge, 7:30 p.m. - U, L
- 14 – MESH Meeting; Forest Grove, 8 a.m. - U
- 21 – District Deputy Training, Forest Grove
- 22 – Grand Lodge Officer Training, Forest Grove
- 27-30 DeMolay Conclave, Kah-Nee-Ta Resort
- 30 – Wreath laying at the grave of Berryman Jennings, Greenwood Hills Cemetery, Portland, 11 a.m.

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

MMSAP: A successful session

Mar. 9-11, fifty-four educators were welcomed to the Masonic Model Student Assistance Program (MMSAP) hosted in the Jennings McCall Center. Teams reigned from public and private K-12 schools around the state, some trekking 8+ hours to attend.

Introductory information gave way to the valuable material and knowledge offered by two trainers from Newman/Stecker International, a consulting firm providing training to schools in the area of comprehensive at-risk prevention. As usual, the attendees' participation in the exercises and discussions reflected sheer excitement toward the tools and information offered by MMSAP.

Thanks to the Jennings McCall staff for accommodating the group, providing attendees with energizing food and service.

"We appreciate that you are one of the few programs that believes every child matters."

- Al Kennedy Alternative High School

Many teams are already planning on sending additional staff to future trainings. Continued thanks for every donation and positive comment given to support this worthy and popular Masonic program.



NEXT SESSION: AUG. 23-25, 2016

June 2 & 3, 2016

The Masonic Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Oregon

166th Annual Communication

M.W. GRAND MASTER, Don Stapleton, invites all Master Masons, their wives and guests to attend the 166th Annual Communication of the Masonic Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Oregon. The Fellowship Banquet will be held Thursday, June 2nd at the Red Lion Hotel on the River – Jantzen Beach in Portland. A no-host social hour will begin at 6:00 p.m. with dinner at 7:00 p.m. The theme for this banquet will be Hawaiian so plan to wear your Hawaiian attire!

Ladies Events: Thursday, while the men are in Session, the Ladies are invited aboard the *Portland Spirit* for a River Cruise and Luncheon. Delicious Northwest cuisine and amazing views provide the perfect ingredients for a day to remember. Boarding begins at 11:30 a.m. at the Red Lion docks. The attire will be casual and weather appropriate. On Friday, June 3rd, there will be a Ladies Tea, with live entertainment and a buffet luncheon, beginning at noon. Attire for the Tea will be dress or slacks. If not attending either of these Ladies Events, the Ladies are welcome to join the men during the Thursday and/or Friday Fellowship Luncheons.

Reserved meal information will be held in your name to be picked up in the "Hayden Room" during registration hours from 2:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 1st and beginning again at 7:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 2nd.

NOTICE: Meal tickets will not be sold at the door. Refunds will not be given to those unable to attend.

LODGING:

Please make your own hotel reservation(s) by calling Red Lion Hotel on the River – Jantzen Beach directly at **(503) 283-4466**. Be sure to inform them you are with the Masonic Grand Lodge Group. In order to receive the Group rate, you must make your reservations by **May 12th**.

Red Lion Hotel on the River – Jantzen Beach
For reservations call: (503) 283-4466



Visit the Grand Lodge website to print this form, or submit your order online at www.masonic-oregon.com

Questions? Call the Grand Lodge: (503) 357-3158 or (800) 970-9920

Please make checks payable to: The Masonic Grand Lodge of Oregon

Mail to: Masonic Grand Lodge

2150 Masonic Way

Forest Grove, OR 97116

Fax to: (503) 357-1815 or email to: TV@masonic-oregon.com

NOTE: Oregon Grand Lodge Officers, District Deputies and Out-of-State visiting Dignitaries will be provided with a separate meal sign-up form.

Please complete your meal selections below and return this form with your check, money order or credit card information to cover the total number of tickets you desire for each meal.

Tickets will not be mailed.

Meal orders must reach the Grand Lodge office by Friday, May 20th.

Please enclose check, money order, or provide **VISA, Master Card or American Express** information.

Card # _____

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Billing address (incl. **ZIP** code) required:

(Please provide the address **as it appears on your statement**)

MEALS:

DELEGATES AND GUESTS: (All Invited)

Thursday, Noon – Fellowship Luncheon: \$29.00 each person

Roasted Turkey Sandwich # _____

Vegetarian (Chef's Choice) # _____

Thursday, Fellowship Banquet: Hawaiian Theme \$52.00 each person

6:00 p.m. No-Host Social Hour - 7:00 p.m. Dinner

Kahlua Style Pork # _____

Grilled Teriyaki Chicken Breast # _____

Vegetarian (Chef's Choice) # _____

Friday, Noon – Fellowship Luncheon: \$33.00 each person

Herb Roasted Pacific Cod # _____

Vegetarian (Chef's Choice) # _____

Sub Total \$ _____

SOMETHING FOR THE LADIES:

Thursday, Portland Spirit River Cruise: \$40.00 each person # _____

Boarding Time: 11:30 a.m. – from the docks at Red Lion Hotel. Hop aboard the *Portland Spirit* for breathtaking views during this two-hour cruise of the Columbia River. Select your lunch from the on-board menu. Dress appropriately for the weather.

Friday, Ladies Tea - Noon: \$35.00 each person # _____

Come and relax with a buffet of fruit, veggies, assorted finger sandwiches, mini desserts and tea, while enjoying a performance by professional tap dancers.

Sub Total \$ _____

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Your Lodge Title _____

Your Lady's Name _____

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Raising A Reader



Left to Right: W.M. Zachary Cohen, local teacher Katie Heard and W.B. Jerry Schierling

Vista Masonic Lodge No. 215 welcomed Katie Heard to deliver a presentation on the Raising A Reader program. She is the lead teacher at Mid-Willamette Valley Community Head Start. The school has 40 young minds eager to have their imaginations inspired by learning how to read. Katie expressed how important it is that these children develop a strong foundation in reading skills. This program helps many children to whom English is a second language. Katie also pointed out how this program has encouraged parents to spend time reading with their child and in many cases, it has improved their own reading and understanding of English. Each child is provided 2-3 books weekly to take home to their family. By doing this, lessons of responsibility are also taught.

Just think, kids are learning to read, create and support their imagination and becoming responsible additions to our community. What better return can one expect from the investment the teachers, staff and Vista Masonic Lodge No. 215 are making?

Fraternally,
W.B. Jerry Schierling
Education Committee



April 2016 Contributions

February 2, 2016 – March 2, 2016



Masonic & Eastern Star Home

Petitioner Club

David Grover (57) Leland Fries (67) Ed Schmittle (67)
Glenn R. Munkres (157) Judy Bousquet
Lyon Lodge No. 29 – in memory of David Malcolm Fry
Janice Preedy & Harvey MacQuarrie –
in memory of Verna MacQuarrie, P.W.M.
Martha Chptr. No. 60, Washington, O.E.S.

Oregon Masonic Library and Museum

Marylou A. Edgerton Irrevocable Trust (45)

Oregon Masonic Youth Education & Literacy Foundation

Petitioner Club

M.W.B. Ed Bousquet, P.G.M. (139) David Grover (57)
Jennifer Brundidge – in honor of Tom Burke (130) and
in memory of Forrest A. Steen

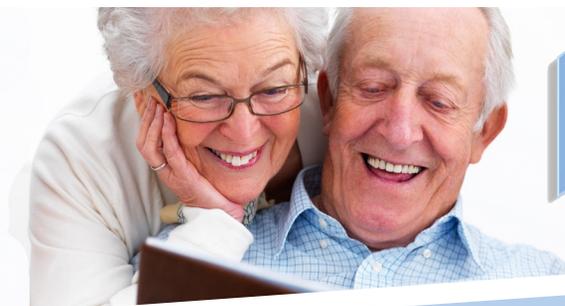
Oregon Masonic Charitable Foundation - MMSAP

Petitioner Club

Leland Fries (67) Don Anson (67)

**Your donation,
no matter what size, helps
Oregon Masonry achieve its
goals and fulfill its mission.**

Donation Level	Tier
Foundation Society	\$10,000 and above
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Masters Club	\$2,500 - \$4,999
Fellowcraft Club	\$1,000 - \$2,499
Apprentice Club	\$500 - \$999
Petitioner Club	\$499 and below



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

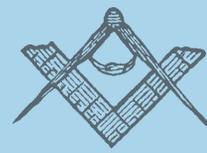
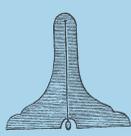
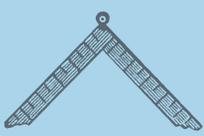
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NEWS FROM OUR LODGES —

Bandon Lodge No. 130

On March 2, W.M. Fritz H. Thomas called the Lodge from Labor to Refreshment and invited the friends and guests of W.B. David Colberg into the Lodge room. M.W.B. Ed Bousquet, P.G.M., travelled to Bandon with his wife Judy to personally present W.B. Colberg with the 50-year award.



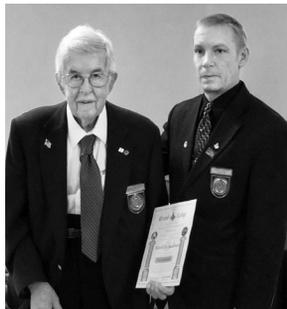
Cornerstone Lodge No. 157

On Feb. 8, Cornerstone Lodge had the distinct pleasure of an official visit from the Grand Lodge. Moreover, the momentous occasion was highlighted by the presentation of not only one, but four 50-year jewels. The ceremony of presenting a 50-year jewel is only exceeded in importance by a visit of the Grand Master, his District Deputy and very few other Masonic ceremonies. To experience these simultaneous events was a rare pleasure indeed!

There was a turnout to match the occasion, as noted by a pause in our meeting when we realized we had over a millennia of combined Masonic membership in the room. If you find the opportunity, please extend your congratulations to Brothers William Pritchard (*Southgate No. 182: 1963*), Richard Shettler (*Mt. Tabor No. 182: 1964*), Robert Buys (*Southgate No. 182: 1965*) and Gerald Johnson (*Mt. Tabor No. 182: 1966*). On behalf of Cornerstone Lodge: thank you to M.W.B. Don Stapleton for presenting these jewels, the Grand Lodge, as well as the other Lodges who made official visits that night.

Tuality Lodge No. 6

Bro. Harold Smallwood was presented with his 60-year award at Tuality Lodge's February Stated Meeting. Making the presentation was W.B. Jason Surret, Worshipful Master, at a dinner celebrating completion of Lodge renovation after a fire vandalized it last February.



Tillamook Lodge No. 57

Ward Weissenfluh was honored with the presentation of the Hiram Award at Tillamook Lodge. He was selected by the members, recognizing his exemplary attitude and leadership in the Lodge and community. W.B. Ward chose a career of teaching and administration in the public school system and has been a member of the Masonic Lodge for 59 years. His lady, Neva Weissenfluh, assisted as the award was presented by W.B. Robert Reed.



Eugene Lodge No. 11

There will be a Basic School of Instruction on April 9, at Eugene Lodge No. 11, beginning at 9 a.m. We are located at 2777 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. in Eugene (near Autzen Stadium). Contact the Lodge at (541) 344-9413 for questions.

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US!

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



“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.”

-Benjamin Franklin



Final Leadership Workshop

Two of the three Masonic Leadership Workshops have been completed and reported as a success. The third and final workshop will be held in Medford at the Ramada Inn on April 29-30. Registration is \$100. Check-in will begin at 5 p.m. on Friday, followed by the opening event, dinner and welcome program beginning at 6 p.m. Breakfast will be served on Saturday morning at the nearby Denny's from 7-8:15 a.m. Classes begin sharply at 8:30 a.m. There will be a no-host gathering Saturday night and dinner will follow at 6 p.m. Please register early with the Grand Lodge, as meals need to be ordered: (503) 357-3158.

Additionally, a program is available for the ladies on Saturday morning. Meals are included with registration fee (\$50).

Ramada Inn has a block of rooms for those wishing to stay. We look forward to seeing all of Southern Oregon in Medford.



Masonic Leadership Workshops

I AM FROM LODGE:

NAME

OFFICE HELD

Apr. 29 - 30, 2016

RAMADA INN, MEDFORD

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.

Mason of the Month: A true leader

THANK YOU, JERRY!

This month's Mason is a very humble man that is highly respected and admired for who he is and what he does for Masonry. W.B. Jerald D. Schierling has served the Fraternity since 1983 with exceptional distinction as a leader, contributor and participant at local, regional and state levels. He continues today in many highly active and visible roles.

W.B. Schierling's deep passion for Masonry started in his hometown of Dallas, Ore. where he received his Degrees in Jennings Lodge No. 9. He has the rare gift of being a highly effective, hard-working contributor and leader. He lives by and epitomizes the lessons learned at the Altar. He has, in many ways, set the standard by his dedication, commitment to and love of Masonry. He has a sense of duty, shown in everything he does, notably having served as Worshipful Master for eight years and District Deputy of the Grand Master for five years.

He freely shares his knowledge with all Brethren. He has diverse perspectives while leading the charge for continuous improvement. This has created a healthy environment of learning in ritual, Masonic law, etiquette, leadership, service, traditions, and other factors that perpetuate the tenets of our beloved Fraternity. Jerry has influenced countless Masons to learn to take to heart their mission to support and maintain a special organization by which they learn about fellowship, philanthropy, leadership, service and giving back.

Simply put, he sparks the interest and commitment of his Brethren in all facets of Masonry and philanthropic giving.

- nominated by W.M. Zachary Cohen, R.W.B. Jay Raymond, W.B. Louie Sansing and W.B. Dennis Stephens



W.B. Schierling speaks at an event hosted by Chemeketa Community College.

The 13th Annual Student Assistance Golf Tournament

Thursday, July 21st



Benefiting the Oregon Masonic Charitable Foundation (OMCF). Proceeds assist youth by supporting programs such as the:

- Masonic Model Student Assistance Program;
- Oregon Youth Transition Program;
- and Masonic Child ID.

Look for details in the upcoming OMN issue.

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2nd Annual Community Health Fair



**Friday, April 29th, 2016
2:00 - 6:00 PM**

**Jennings McCall Center
2300 Masonic Way
Forest Grove, OR 97116**

**For questions or Booth inquiries,
please call 503-359-4465.**



Grand Lodge Announcement!

Erin Evans is the newest team member to join the Grand Lodge. She graduated from the University of Nevada with a bachelor's degree in journalism. She is currently learning the ins and outs of the Communication Specialist position before Marissa Douglas transitions into a new marketing role at the Grand Lodge. Erin will be working behind the scenes on the Oregon Masonic News newsletter to bring you the most relevant and up-to-date information and looks forward to your future submissions. When Erin is not at the Grand Lodge, she and her husband spend their time renovating their bungalow, built in 1910, and exploring Oregon's mountains, beaches and eateries.



WELCOME, Erin!

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