

APRIL, 2016

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Save this Date!

**SATURDAY
AUGUST 13
2016** 9:00 am
Riverbend Park
in Bend, Oregon

4th ANNUAL Run for a Child

Register or volunteer at
shrinersrunforachild.com

5K & 10K Runs
Free Participant BBQ
Silent Auction
Kids Activities



Net proceeds are for the benefit
of the Shriners Hospitals for Children®.



Macy is a high school student from Bend. In May 2013, she entered the Shriners Hospital for Children® system in Portland. Two months later she underwent a lengthy spinal surgery to correct her scoliosis. Without this life-changing surgery, her future mobility may have been questionable. She is working on signing up 100 friends and family for the event. We are excited and honored to have her join with us.

Zachary lives in Bend and was born with one leg significantly shorter than the other. He was referred through our local screening clinic in 2004 and has been a patient of Shriners Hospital in Portland since he was 9 months old.. We are honored to have been a part of his journey and honored that he will be sharing race day with us again.



SHRINERS NIGHT AT RED ROBIN



One of the goals with the Shriners Run For A Child, is to raise awareness of the Shriners and the Shriners Hospital for Children. We all know that our future depends on recruiting and letting the public know that we are here and ready to help our local children. To facilitate these actions, we will have our first ever “**Shriners Night at the Red Robin**”. This will be held on May 16th from 5:30pm – 7:30pm. Between those hours, for everyone who orders food and tells their server they would like to participate in the Shriners Night, we will receive 20% of their food bill. We have been partnered with the Red Robin in Bend for the past several years as a generous sponsor for our event and this is the next level for our partnership.

We will have Shriners with Fez’s as well as a couple of our local Shiner Kids present to raise our awareness. Business card advertisements will be handed out, so the diner just has to show the card to the wait staff. This will be an excellent opportunity for the public to see that Central Oregon Shriners are alive and well.

So, please come and have dinner at Red Robin and **TELL YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY**. This is open to the general public and the more people we get the more dollars we have for the Shriners Run For A Child in August. Bring your fez and have dinner!



From the East

With spring upon us, at least for the time-being, we are heading into a very busy time of year with many projects and opportunities for engagement.

Of immediate note is the fact that we will hold a vote on the proposed amendments to our by-laws as presented last month, in our next Stated Communication on **Thursday, April 14th**. I hope that you will join us and take part in the vote.

When next at the Lodge you will also note several projects currently underway. Chief among those is a restoration effort of our beautiful, but badly yellowed, Lodge room floor which is being tackled by WB Stevens. We have also removed the staircase barrier and are adding a new doorway to better insulate the apartment from the many goings-on taking place on a regular basis in the Lodge hall. Our new, gently illuminated sign above the portico is in place and plans are moving forward to update the blue Lodge schedule sign west of the main door just to name a few of the many physical projects that we hope to see completed this year. All such projects, and many others, will benefit from the involvement of as many Masons as possible. If you would like to join in on some 'functional fraternity' please let me or our Junior Warden know.

As Grand Lodge has been exhorting all Lodges, it has become increasingly important, unfortunately, for all of us to be aware and ever vigilant to any safety concerns in and around our Lodge. Times are changing and recent incidents, including an act of vandalism to the front of our Lodge, remind us that we all need to play a role in protecting the safety and security of our Lodge and all those who visit it.

On a brighter note, I would like to thank and encourage our Brothers who have sought to build on their Masonic understanding by participating in the recently launched Torchlight program and Masonic Study Group activities. These opportunities will continue in the months ahead for those who may not have been able to take advantage up to this point.

On a Spring cleaning note, we will hold a Masonic Yard Sale on **Saturday, June 25th**. While we will be cleaning out the Lodge of many unused items, I also wanted to make it clear that all Masonic families are welcome and encouraged to hold their own yard sales at the same time. The bigger the event, the better the outcome for everyone involved. We will post ads and get the grill going, you can clean out the garage and make a few bucks without the hassle of doing a yard sale on your own! We are also planning on renting spaces to the general public to help raise needed funds for our upcoming "Bikes for Books" program with the Deschutes County Library system.

And last but not least, don't forget that our 4th Thursday event this month is a social event for the whole family. Mark your calendar for **Thursday, April 28th from 7p-9p** and then join us for Masonic Family Bowling Night at Lava Lanes!

With that said, I look forward to seeing you on Thursday.

Fraternally,

Brian Canady
MASTER

From the West

Its April... taxes...yeah! Oh, I mean... **Ugh!**

Busy month ahead! Officer's meeting at 6:30 on the 11th followed by our Stated Meeting on the 14th. We have an MM degree for Scott Brasher on the 27th with practices on the 18th and 25th. It looks like shortly thereafter we will have another MM degree for Denver Lee. It should be sometime in early May so watch for my email to arrive in the next several days. Also in the mix will be at least one or two FC degrees so be ready to assist our brothers with their advancement in Masonry. They are all energized and looking forward to their Masonic journey. You should be hearing from our Junior Warden very soon.

Ever wonder how long lodges with speculative masons been in existence?

To be historically accurate, one cannot go beyond six centuries to find lodges of masons accepting men other than operative craftsmen. In addition, for many centuries few, other than actual craftsmen, were accepted. However, it is not unreasonable to assume clerics and other educated men were readily united with the craftsmen (most of whom couldn't read or write). Grand Lodge says the first record of non-operatives being accepted was in July 1634 when Lord Alexander, Sir Anthony Alexander and Sir Alexander Strachan were admitted "fellow craft" in the Lodge of Edinburgh (Mary's Chapel). Coil dates non-operative masons from 1600 in the Lodge of Edinburgh, but McLeod believes this incorrect. The non-operative, John Boswell, attended a trial of a warden, not a meeting of the lodge. However, this Lodge did admit Lord Alexander of Menstrie in 1634 as a Fellowcraft. Then Coil finds non-operatives in Kelso in 1652, Aberdeen in 1670, and Kilwinning in 1672. He found the last of the operative masons as members of a lodge in Lodge Glasgow in 1842.

--From 'The Masonic Trowel'--

Lodge Etiquette: The Master's Gavel

You must immediately obey the gavel. Failure to immediately obey the gavel is a grave discourtesy and very poor Masonic Etiquette.

The Master is all-powerful in the lodge and his word is final. He can put or refuse to put forth any motion. He can rule any brother out of order on any subject at any time. He can say what he will, and what he will not permit to be discussed.

Brethren who think him unfair, arbitrary, unjust, or acting illegally have redress.

The Grand Lodge can be appealed to on any such matter. However, in the lodge, the Master's gavel, which is his emblem of authority, is supreme.

When a brother is rapped down, he should obey at once, without any further discussion. It is very bad manners to do otherwise. In fact, it is perilously close to the line between bad manners and a Masonic offense.

Masonic etiquette decries anyone who does not obey the gavel.

--From the 'Masonic Lodge of Etiquette'--

See you in Lodge...

Wm. Lee Ransdall, P.M.
SENIOR WARDEN

Secretary's Desk

At our last Stated Meeting in March, a motion was presented to amend our Lodge By-Laws, and I wanted to share information this with the membership.

It was moved and seconded to change our annual dues to \$60 and to increase the cost of our Life Memberships significantly. Per the Masonic Code, this motion was set over until our next meeting in April to be voted upon.

Details of the amendment are presented below with the **bolded** highlights representing the proposed changes:

Article VII – Annual Dues

Each member shall pay the sum of ~~\$35.00~~ **\$60.00** per year, on or before the 31st day of January of each year, as dues for the current year.

Article VIIA – Life Membership

The fee for Life Membership in this Lodge shall be:

Age 18-35 inclusive: ~~\$250.00~~ **\$1200.00**

Age 36-~~64~~ **50** inclusive: ~~\$250~~ **\$1200.00**

Age 51-60 inclusive: \$900.00

Age ~~62~~ **61** and over: **\$600.00**

Memorial Life Memberships for deceased Master Masons: **\$250.00**

This motion will again be presented at our April meeting and then voted upon. If you have questions, or want to provide YOUR input on the proposed changes...see you in Lodge on **Thursday, April 14th at 7pm!**

Terry Griffith
SECRETARY

APRIL, 2016 EVENTS

- **MONDAY, APRIL 11TH** @ 6:30PM:
 - *Officer's Meeting*
- **THURSDAY, APRIL 14TH**:
 - *Dinner @ 6PM*
 - ***STATED MEETING @ 7PM***
 - *Vote on proposed changes on member dues*
- **MONDAY, APRIL 18TH AND 25TH** @ 7PM:
 - *Master Mason degree practices*
- **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27TH** @ 7PM:
 - *Master Mason degree conferral for Bro. Scott Brasher*
- **THURSDAY, APRIL 28TH**, 7pm-9pm
 - *Bend Lodge Family Bowling night*
 - *Lava Lanes in Bend*

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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

MAY, 2016 EVENTS

- DATES/TIMES TBA:
 - *Master Mason degree conferral for Bro. Denver Lee*
 - *Several pending Fellowcraft Degree conferrals*

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UPCOMING 2016 EVENTS

- MASONIC YARD SALE:
 - ◆ Saturday, June 25th, 8a-noon
⇒ BBQ!
- 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