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MEET BEND LODGE'S NEWEST MASTER MASON



In a degree conferral on April 27th, 2016, Brother Scott Brasher was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason at Bend Lodge. In attendance was Bro. Brasher's grandfather, Bill Brasher, PM, a multi-time Past Master of Vesper Lodge # 84 in Red Bluff, California.

From the East

As spring brings with it a sense of renewal and heightened activity, so too are similar sensations permeating our Lodge. It is a busy and exciting time highlighted by a succession of degrees that have been, or soon will be, conferred on newer members of our Lodge. Congratulations to Bend Lodge's newest Master Mason Scott Brasher who was raised in the presence of his grandfather on April 27th and to Trace Harris, who was just passed to the degree of Fellowcraft on May 6th! Coming up soon will be the Master Mason degree for Denver Lee, the Fellowcraft degree for Chris Ulibarri and the Entered Apprentice degree for Budd Collings. I can think of no better way to exemplify what it means to be a Mason than to have had these degrees executed with a high level of coordination and precision by degree teams consisting of members of both the Bend and Redmond Lodges. Thank you to all of our Brothers who are doing the important work of living what it means to be a Mason.

I would also like to take some space here to communicate a couple of important scheduling changes. The first of those is the postponement of the *Basic School of Instruction* that was originally scheduled for June 11th. I am working on rescheduling this in October so that more Brothers, many of whom are going through the degrees now, will be in position to take advantage of this important opportunity.

With the change of the BSI date, we have decided to move the **Masonic Yard Sale** from June 25th to **June 11th** in order to be closer to those 'spring cleaning' days when we all start cleaning out our garages and sifting through unused or unneeded items. The idea of the Masonic Yard Sale is to have the Lodge and our members benefit from having the sale all together. Please consider doing your own sale with us on that date. We have a great location, we will promote the event, grill up some hot dogs and hamburgers and have some fun getting rid of clutter while making a few bucks. Invite your friends and neighbors as well; non-members can join us for a nominal \$10 space fee. If you need assistance in transporting your items to the Lodge for the yard sale let us know and we'll provide help. The money you make on your sale is yours to keep; the proceeds from the sale of Lodge items will go towards the purchase of 28 new bicycles for our **'Bikes for Books'** program. Let's join together to make this a great success!

On another note, I would like to extend my personal *'it's great to have you back'* and *'thank you'* to WB Dale Nelson who, after battling some health concerns, is not only back at Lodge, he has also agreed to act as Tyler for the remainder of the year!

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MAN (OR WOMAN) YOUR ROLLERS! With the warmer temperatures comes painting season! We are in the process of picking colors (or trying to find the existing colors) and buying paint to give the Lodge a fresh coat in certain places, both internally and externally. If you would like to take part in helping spruce the Lodge up, please let either Junior Warden Alexander or me know and we'll get you involved.

I would also like to thank everyone who participated in our **Masonic Family Bowling Night** in the 300 Club at Lava Lanes. It was wonderful to have so many wives and kids participate in some casual Masonic fraternity. Great fun was had by all and it seems that Masons, ever at work at building, really enjoy knocking things down as well!

Our Stated Meeting is coming up on **May 12th** and I would like to remind everyone that your wives, family members and significant others are always welcome to join us for our pre-meeting dinner. I encourage you to invite them and have them share in that part of your Masonic experience.

With that said, I look forward to seeing you on the 12th!

Fraternally,
Brian Canady
MASTER

From the South

GREETINGS BRETHREN!

I would like to take a moment to share with all of you some history that started on the 5th of May 1866 in the little town of Waterloo, New York.

The town closed the stores, flew the flags at half-mast and marched with wreaths and martial music to the village cemeteries to eulogize the fallen heroes of the Civil War. As New York Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller proclaimed, "*This was the first formal, complete, well-planned, village-wide observance of a day entirely dedicated to honoring the war dead*".

General John A. Logan issued his famous order Number 11 proclaiming May 30th as the day for collectively remembering the Union Civil War dead. Memorial Day evolved over the years to include the dead of all wars. The Monday holiday law of 1971 helped to destroy the importance of May 30th. This year, May 30th is on Monday and marks the 150th anniversary of Memorial Day. This special holiday calls for honoring only the wartime loss of lives in uniform. As you observe this special Memorial Day, I would like you to honor our Masonic brothers who have fought and died in every war in which this country has been involved.

Fraternally,

Matt Alexander
JUNIOR WARDEN

Credit: the May 2016 issue of VFW Magazine

From the West

IT'S MAY AND SUMMER IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER... ANOTHER BUSY MONTH AHEAD!

We have a Fellowcraft degree practice on **Wednesday, May 4th** followed by the dual degree on **Friday, May 6th**. We have another Master Mason degree, for Denver Lee, coming up in May, but with an exact date still to be determined. Sometime thereafter, we will have an Entered Apprentice degree. Please keep a close tab on your emails, and the 'ticker' on the Bend Lodge website, for the dates of these degrees.

I want to thank everyone involved in Scott Brasher's Master Mason degree; it was an excellent degree with all contributing at a very high level...**well done!** We should note that the cooperation between Bend and Redmond Lodges is unsurpassed...the benefits to our members are exceptional and set an excellent example of Masonic teamwork between the lodges.

WISE WORDS...

"No man ever took the oaths and subscribed to the obligations with greater watchfulness and care than I exercised in receiving the various rites of Masonry, and I say with due deliberation and without fear of breaking the faith, I have never encountered a lesson, never witnessed an example, and never heard an obligation uttered which could not be openly proclaimed to the world."

Warren G. Harding, 29th President of the United States, and a fellow Mason

LODGE ETIQUETTE: THE SALUTE:

Some lodges (but not all) offer salutes to the Master. Each of the brethren will salute the Master when the Master enters and leaves their Lodge room or any other Masonic lodge room. Some lodges offer salutes to the Senior Warden.

The Masonic etiquette of saluting the Master is your renewed pledge of fealty and service. It is your public display of decorum before all other brothers of your obligation.

It shows your courteous respect for all that the Master stands for and shows that you acknowledge his authority. Salutes should reflect your heart-felt respect for all that for which he stands.

The salute to the Master is your pledge of honor and service, your publicly-shown obligation. A lazy, sloppy or improper salute is to be Masonically impolite and, thus, to exhibit poor Masonic etiquette.

—From the 'Masonic Lodge of Etiquette'—

Remember, Officers meeting on **Monday, May 9th** with our next Stated Meeting on **Thursday, May 12th**...dinner at 6pm followed by our meeting at 7pm.

See you in Lodge...

Wm. Lee Ransdall, P.M.
SENIOR WARDEN

ANNUAL AND LIFE MEMBERSHIP DUES SET FOR INCREASE

At the April Stated Meeting, a proposal to amend the Bend Lodge by-laws to increase both the annual dues and Life Membership cost was on the agenda. After discussion with members present, a vote was taken. The results were overwhelmingly in favor of approving the amendments to the by-laws.

The formal documents for Grand Lodge's approval have been drawn up and will be submitted upon the return of the Bend Lodge Secretary. The amendments will take effect upon final approval from the Grand Master, as follows:

- **ANNUAL DUES:**
 - ◆ ~~\$50/year~~ to **\$60/year**

- **LIFE MEMBERSHIP:**
 - ◆ Age 18-35 inclusive: ~~\$250.00~~ to **\$1200.00**
 - ◆ Age 36-~~61~~ **50** inclusive: ~~\$250.00~~ to **\$1200.00**
 - ◆ **Age 51-60 inclusive: \$900.00**
 - ◆ Age ~~62~~ **61** and over: **\$600.00**

- **MEMORIAL LIFE MEMBERSHIPS FOR DECEASED MASTER MASONS:**
 - ◆ **\$250.00**

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*

UPCOMING 2016 EVENTS

- **MASONIC FAMILY BBO / FIREWORKS:**
 - **Monday, July 4th**, afternoon/evening

- **MALHEUR CAVE DEGREE:**
 - **Friday through Sunday, August 26-28th**

- **BASIC SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION:**
 - **Date / time to be determined in October**

- **VETERAN'S DINNER:**
 - **Date / time to be announced**

MAY, 2016 EVENTS

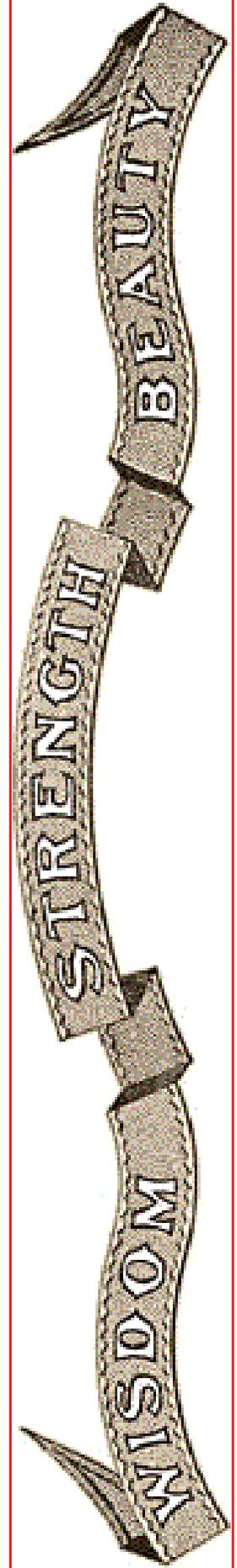
- **2ND THURSDAY, MAY 12TH: STATED MEETING**
 - *Dinner @ 6pm*
 - *Stated Meeting @ 7pm*
 - District Deputy RWB Ron Terry official visit
- **4TH THURSDAY, MAY 26TH @ 6pm, BEND LODGE**
 - *“Crews and Brews”:*
 - Lodge clean-up, identify/tag lodge items for garage sale on June 11th
 - Dinner and refreshments provided!
- **TUESDAY, MAY 31ST @ 7:30 PM, BEND LODGE:**
 - *Master Mason degree conferral practice*

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JUNE, 2016 EVENTS

- **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8TH @7:30 pm, BEND LODGE:**
 - *Master Mason degree conferral for Bro. Denver Lee*
- **SATURDAY, JUNE 11TH, 9:30-1:30, BEND LODGE**
 - *Masonic Yard Sale*
 - **BBQ!**

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ATTENDANCE *(from the Old Master's Musings, The Masonic Trowel)*

"There are a lot of Masons in this old lodge tonight" began the Old Past Master. "See the new faces? Must be most two hundred. Pretty good attendance, what?"

"But is it a good attendance?" asked the Very New Mason. "Why, there must be six hundred members on the rolls. Seems a pity they can't all get out to enjoy this kind of an evening, doesn't it? Seems to me Masonry fails when she has so many on the rolls who don't come regularly to lodge."

"I don't agree with you!" answered the Old Past Master. "Masonry succeeds because she gets so many of her members to take an interest! True, she might...if she were a wizard... so interest every one of her devotees that all would crowd the lodge room every meeting night. Then, I think, there would be no use for Masonry, because the millennium would have come. But in place of being discouraged because only a third or a fourth of our members attend, I am always highly encouraged because so many do attend."

"You see, my brother, Masons are picked from the general body of men by two processes, and neither one of them works out for the very best interests of the Order. The first process is a man's making up his mind he wants to be a Mason. If we could go to the best men and ask them, we would get a lot better men than we do, of course. Equally, of course, we would vastly injure the Order by making it seek the man instead of the man seek its gentle philosophy. I wouldn't change that unwritten law for anything, but the fact remains that as the first selection of Masons is made by the profane, it isn't always for the best interests of the Order."

"The second selective work is done by committee. Now in theory every one appointed on a committee to examine a member is a sort of cross between a criminal lawyer, an experienced detective, a minister of the gospel, a super-perfect man, a well read Mason and an Abraham Lincoln for judgment!"

"But as a matter of fact most committeemen are just average men like you and me, and we do our work on committees in just an average sort of way, with the result that many a self-selected candidate slips into our ranks who has no real reason for being there. The theory is that all men become Masons because of a veneration of our principles. The fact is that a lot become Masons because their brother is one, or their boss is one, or they want to wear a pin and be a secret society member, or they hope it will help them in business."

"They get into the lodge and find it quite different from what they expect. They learn that they can't pass out business cards, that it doesn't help them because the boss belongs, and that they don't have to come to lodge to wear a pin. If they are the kind of men to whom Masonry doesn't appeal because of her truth, her philosophy, her Light, her aid in living, they wander away. They become mere dues-payers, and often, stomach Masons, who come around for the feed or entertainment."

"Don't let it distress you. It takes all sorts of people to make a world and it would be a very stupid place indeed if we were all alike. There is room in the world for the man who doesn't care for Masonry. He has his part to play in the world as well as the man to whom Masonry makes great appeal. Do not condemn him because he has become a member of the fraternity and found it not to his liking. At least there is something in his heart which was not there before."

"And let me tell you something, my brother. There are many, many men who become Masons, in the sense that they join a lodge and pay dues, although they never attend, who do good Masonic work. There is Filby, for instance. Filby has been a member of this lodge twenty years and has never been in it, to my knowledge, since the day he was raised. I don't know why. I rather think he was frightened, and showed it, and has been afraid of being laughed at, now that he knows there was nothing to be frightened about. But there was never need for money that Filby didn't contribute; there was never a committee appointed to work on the Masonic Home that Filby didn't head. There was never any work to be done outside the lodge that Filby didn't try to help do it. He is a good Mason, even if he doesn't attend lodge."

"And there are lots of young men who join the fraternity and neglect their lodge in early years, who turn their hearts towards it in later years; boys who are too fond of girls and dances and good times to spend a moment in serious thought while they are just in the puppy age, who grow up finally to become thoughtful men, turning their hearts toward the noble teachings of this fraternity and becoming most ardent lodge members and attendees."

"Oh, no, my brother, never weep because we have but a portion of our membership at a meeting. Be glad we have so many; be happy that those who come, come so regularly and enthusiastically, be proud that there is such a large number of men content to sit through the same degrees year after year to learn what they can, let sink deeper the hidden beauties of the story, absorb a little more of that secret doctrine which lies behind the words of the ritual."

"Masonry is not for yesterday, for today, for tomorrow alone. She is for all the ages to come. The Temple Not Build With Hands cannot be built alone by you and me, nor in a day, nor yet a century. And remember that the stone rejected by the builder was finally found the most necessary of them all. Perhaps the man who doesn't come now to lodge may be the most earnest and powerful Mason of tomorrow. Only the Great Architect knows. Masonry is His work. Be content to let it be done His way."