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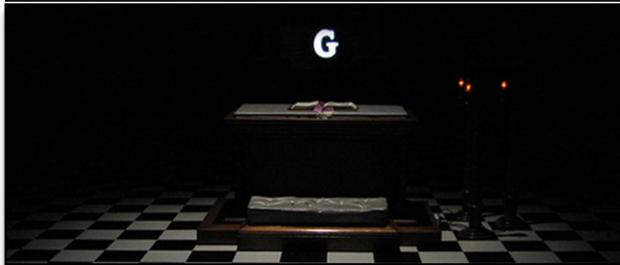
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**BEND LODGE
GOING DARK
FOR JULY AND
AUGUST, 2016**

Bend Lodge #139 A.F. & A.M. will be going dark for the months of July and August, 2016.

This means there will be NO Stated Meetings scheduled for either of those months; the next regularly scheduled Stated Meeting will be Thursday, September 8th at 7pm.

Although no Stated meetings are scheduled for those months, Special Communications for urgent business and/or degree conferrals MAY be called. For that reason, please check the “ticker” on the website (www.bendlodge139.org) for the latest information.

WHY DO SOME MASONIC LODGES GO “DARK”?

When a Masonic Lodge “*goes dark*” or is said to have “*gone dark*”, it either:

- Has ceased to exist as a Lodge (permanently closed its doors), or
- Has ceased to have Stated Meetings for an agreed-upon length of time.

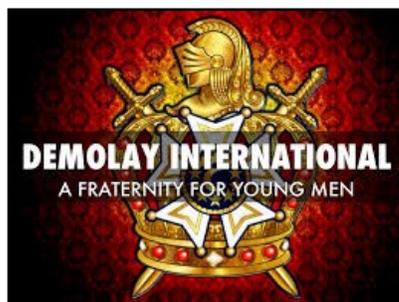
Truth be told, going dark (or “*calling off from labor*” as some other jurisdictions refer to it) is a carryover from years ago! When America was more of an agriculturally-based nation, lodges in many farming communities would generally go dark for a few months during the summer so that lodge members involved in farming could tend to their crops and prepare for the upcoming harvest. America is one of the few places that still has an extended summer vacation for children; in days past, those children were needed for the harvest as well.

There’s also the fact that many Masonic lodges were built over 100 years ago, without air conditioning...and we know how hot and muggy THAT can get!

Going dark also applies to other trades and livelihoods such as if a large number of a particular lodge’s members are fishermen (where they might be out to sea for an extended period of time) or for military lodges where members have been deployed.

These days, Masonic Lodges often go dark because many members are vacationing with family. It also allows a lodge to schedule some “down time” for things like lodge maintenance, and for members to focus on charitable work such as doing at maintenance at Masonic cemeteries and widows’ homes, visiting the elderly or those in nursing homes and hospitals and participating in community partnerships.

So...take some well-deserved time off, enjoy your family and friends, and recharge your Masonic batteries...we’ll be back at labor in due time!



There will be an informational meeting on **August 5th at 7pm** at Redmond Lodge for individuals interested in being part of a DeMolay Chapter here in Central Oregon.

This meeting is open to all Freemasons, mothers and fathers of interested boys, and the boys themselves. WB Claypool will discuss what DeMolay is and what will be happening as we get things up and running again.

Please pass the word on as this will be an important meeting and we want to make sure everyone knows that they are invited.

From the West

July! Independence Day celebrations, outdoor barbecues, camping, and lots of family fun...

The two Master Mason degrees held on Saturday June 25th for Brothers Lee and Harris were exceptional. The degree team that was a combination of both Bend and Redmond lodges was on top of its game with both degrees performed at an extremely proficient level. The fellowship that comes from these assemblages is superb. Special congratulations to our newest Master Masons, Brothers Denver Lee and Trace Harris. An individual thanks to all of you who participated and made this possible:

<u>OPEN AND CLOSE</u>		<u>MM 1ST SECTION</u>		<u>MM 2ND SECTION</u>	
WM	Brian Canady	WM	Martin Anderson	KS	Travis Bryan
SW	Lee Ransdall	SW	Lee Ransdall	SGW	Lee Ransdall
JW	Matt Alexander	JW	Matt Alexander	SD	Gary Bailey
Secretary	Terry Griffith/ Ron Terry	SD	John Pinckney	JD	Steve Karpstein
SD	John Pinckney	JD	Steve Karpstein	1st FC	John Ferguson
JD	Steve Karpstein	SS	Steven Moyer	2nd FC	Brian Canady
SS	Steve Moyer	JS	Brian Canady	3rd FC	Steve Moyer
JS	Scott Brasher	Chaplain	John Pinckney	1st Ruffian	Matt Alexander
Chaplain	John Pinckney	Tyler	Neil Mackey	2nd Ruffian	Bill Farrow
Tyler	Neil Mackey			3rd Ruffian	John Pinckney
				Sea Capt.	Scott Brasher
				WFM	Scott Brasher
				Grand Secretary	Terry Griffith / Ron Terry
				Lecture	Gary Bailey
				Soliloquy	John Pinckney
				Charge	John Ferguson
				Instructions	John Turner
				Tyler	Neil Mackey
				Prayer @ Grave	Steve Moyer

(***Ed's Note:** We had two out-of-town visitors, both Master Masons, attend this double degree conferral.

One, from a California lodge, was taking a break from hiking the Pacific Crest Trail in the Sisters Wilderness. He lost the trail in the snow, came down, looked up Bend Lodge and decided to check things out. The second visitor, from a Texas lodge, was passing through Bend and also decided to check out Bend Lodge.

While both Brothers commented that the Oregon way of conferring the MM degree was a bit different in their respective jurisdictions, there was more than enough commonality for them to follow along. At a lunch break between degrees, both visiting Brothers said they were VERY impressed with the performances of all involved and that it had been an honor to attend!

While we will be dark in July and August, we will still have officers meetings, an occasional degree and/or Special Communications. There will be an EA degree in early August so please pay attention to your emails and our web page for upcoming events and dates.

THE LETTER "G"

The earliest known appearance of the letter "G" inside the interlaced square and compasses is on a photo of an etching in *"Freemasonry: A Journey through Ritual and Symbol"* by Kirk MacNulty. The date shown on the etching is "5776" which we Masons know to be 1776 in standard dating form. Another very early appearance is on a cast bronze plate made by Paul Revere in 1796. By the year 1800, the combined symbol had appeared in England on embroidered aprons and upon a *"Master's Tracing Board"*. In the language of some countries, the letter "G" does not stand for either "God" or "Geometry" so it is not a part of their basic symbol of Freemasonry.

Source: *"Fraternal Review", Southern California Research Lodge F&AM*

LODGE ETIQUETTE

Masonic etiquette is simply the rules of good manners, which make lodge meetings pleasant for everyone.

The position of Worshipful Master in the East occupies the most exalted position within the lodge.

A lodge, which does not honor its Master, himself, lacks Masonic courtesy.

The honor conveyed by the brethren in electing him, in other words, the historical traditions and the men who have gone before you must be given the utmost respect, if the traditions of the Fraternity are to be observed and proper Masonic etiquette is to be maintained.

Masonic etiquette comprises lodge courtesies and proprieties.

Good manners imply observance of the formal requirements governing man's behavior in polite society and a sense of what is appropriate for a person of good breeding with high morals and good taste.

The spirit of brotherly love and affection, by which we are bound together, will be exemplified in our conduct, our carriage and our behavior at all times.

Source: *The 'Masonic Lodge of Education'*

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"FROM THE WEST" (continued from Page 2)

See you in lodge, if not before...and please remember to check the ticker on the lodge website for any last minute announcements for Special Communications, etc.

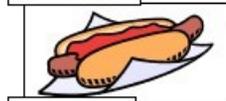
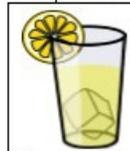
Wm. Lee Ransdall, P.M.
SENIOR WARDEN

**Masonic Youth
Recognition Night and
Family Night Out!!**
Thursday, July 28, 2016
5:30 - 8:00 p.m.

LIVE MUSIC!



Gilbert House
116 Marion St. N.E.
Salem, Oregon
www.acgilbert.org



Vista Masonic Lodge #215 will be hosting and serving burgers, hotdogs, side dishes and beverages.

Please **RSVP**

approximate count by July 25th to:
vistalodge215@gmail.com

PRIVATE EVENT

Please try to arrive at 5:30 to enjoy a full evening of fun. Family and friends are invited from youth organizations, Masonic Lodges, Appendant and Concordant bodies, as well as prospective members. We'll have LIVE USIC outdoors on the dance floor and we'll have full run of the facility.

FOOD WILL BE SERVED STARTING AT APPROX. 6:30 PM.
SHORT PROGRAM AT APPROX. 7:00 PM.



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®.

BEND LODGE'S "MASONIC YARD SALE" IS A BIG SUCCESS!

The Advil has finally gained the upper hand, so I wanted to reach out to everyone in our Masonic Family that contributed to the very successful Masonic Yard Sale held on Saturday, June 11th. It was truly a team effort and I wanted to let everyone who participated know how very grateful I am for your efforts. From those who graciously donated items for the sale, to those who assisted in the many preparatory activities, to everyone who actively participated in the sale and the many helping hands that did the heavy lifting of actually setting up and dismantling the event. The event would not have been the same without the unique efforts of each individual who took part.

The initial goals of the Masonic Yard Sale included: improving organization and function within the Lodge while redistributing unnecessary items; creating a revenue-generating event to help address the higher than planned costs of our "Bikes for Books" program; and to create a new opportunity for fellowship that could include our extended Masonic families. I believe that all of these goals were met.

As a result of this effort, a little over \$950 was deposited into the Lodge bank account – which will more than cover the budget shortfall related to buying and distributing up to 28 bikes for kids this summer.

Again, my heartfelt thanks - well done one and all!

WM Brian Canady

BASIC SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION (BSI) RESCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, SEPT. 17TH

The previously postponed **Basic School of Instruction** has been rescheduled for **Saturday, September 17th at 9am**. This training at Bend Lodge will be led by MWB John Turner.

This training will be open to all Master Masons and most especially our more recently raised brothers. Bend Lodge will provide lunch for all attendees. Your assistance in getting the word out to our Brethren would be greatly appreciated.

RSVP's are requested so we can be properly prepared. Those interested in taking advantage of this opportunity may email WM Canady directly at bcanady@bendcable.com or call him at 541-408-1100.

So what exactly IS the BSI?

This school will help an individual Brother to understand the many facets of a Lodge and help separate such things as "Lodge custom" from actual Ritual or CODE requirements. It will explain Lodge etiquette as it applies to titles and introductions and will discuss the role each Lodge officer plays during a Lodge meeting. Proper floor work, how to examine visiting Brethren or receive the Grand Master on his "official" visit, are only some of the information provided at a Basic School of Instruction.

Curriculum - Basic School of Instruction (A ritual book is required)

- Open and Close Lodge on all three (3) degrees, both long & short form;
- Calling from Labor to Refreshment & from Refreshment back to Labor;
- Purging the Lodge and answering an alarm at the door
- Investigating Sojourners;
- Proper escorting of Visitors such as the Grand Master, Grand Lodge Officers, District Deputies both within and without their districts, visiting Worshipful Masters, etc.;
- Proper use of titles;
- Proper use of Grand Honors - private, public and funeral;
- Greeting of Visitors;
- Balloting - all aspects, the degrees of Masonry, Affiliation, Dual Membership;
- Election of Officers;
- Voting in Lodge - for officers and Lodge issues;
- Masonic Funerals;
- Proper Floor Work;
- Masonic Etiquette in Lodge and at Refreshment.





Newly-raised Master Masons (June 25th, 2016) **Denver Lee** (bottom, 2nd from left) and **Trace Harris** (to right of Bro. Lee) along with members of the degree team.



Bend Lodge **Worshipful Master Canady** (left) and **MWB Bousquet** (right) with **WB Clayypool** (center) after the presentation of Brother Claypool's 50-year pin

From the East

Greetings Brethren,

I hope that you are all enjoying the splendor that is summer in Central Oregon!

Although the Lodge voted to go dark in July and August, as far as Stated Meetings, we remain active on any number of fronts. Having brought Brother Scott Brasher fully into the light last month, we now stand poised to hear the Master Mason proficiencies of both Brother Trace Harris and Brother Denver Lee in the very near future. These examinations will likely be done in Special Communications that are not yet scheduled. We will send out notification of any Special Communications once we have firm dates. Also note that we will initiate Budd Collings into our craft with his EA Degree scheduled for **7pm on Thursday, August 4th**. Please make every effort to be there to support Budd Collings and the degree team. It is my expectation that we will also receive a new petition for the Degrees of Masonry in the very near future so there is much to be excited about with the addition of these quality men to our membership rolls.

With so much focus on our many new members, if you were not at our last Stated Meeting, please remember to congratulate our Historian WB Dale Claypool on having received his 50-Year emblem. Not to be outdone, our Chaplain WB Dave Johnson is set to receive his 50-Year emblem in our September Stated Meeting. I hope you plan on joining us on **September 8th** for this presentation.

Coming up in the next two weeks Bend Lodge will be delivering the two-dozen bikes that will be awarded to the winners of our *Bikes for Books* program in conjunction with the Deschutes Public Library. The awarding of these bikes, the largest number of bikes our Lodge has ever awarded, was made possible with the revenue generated from our very profitable Masonic Yard Sale last month. My thanks and congratulations to all who participated in these successful ventures.

With the fine summer weather comes a variety of work projects around the Lodge. A big "thank-you" goes to WB Steve Karpstein for single-handedly tackling the sea of weeds on the Lodge's north side – a big job! Many other opportunities exist to help with maintenance, repairs and updates at the Lodge so don't be shy about jumping in!

With August just around the corner I hope that you will consider joining your many brothers from all over the state at the Malheur Cave Degree **August 26-28**. Rumor has it that Bend Lodge may be adding a ping-pong tournament to the activities!

Also, for your calendar, please note that Bend Lodge will hold a *Basic School of Instruction* on **Saturday, September 17th** starting at **9am**. (See article on Page 4 for details on the content of this training). This training will be led by MWB John Turner. All Master Masons are encouraged to attend... please make plans to join us and help spread the word to other Lodges! An RSVP to me by email at bcanady@bendcable.com or by phone at 541-408-1100 would be MUCH appreciated!

My thanks, also, to everyone who came out to enjoy our Masonic Family 4th of July event. A good time was had by all. Good food, fun, fraternity and fireworks – with the occasional water balloon mixed in!

More to come, but for now enjoy your Summer...I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Fraternally,
Brian Canady
MASTER

MONTHLY EVENTS AT BEND LODGE

2ND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH (except for July/August):

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

4TH THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH (except for July/August):

- ♦ **LODGE TRAINING**, 7pm
- * *Topic varies from month-to-month*

UPCOMING 2016 EVENTS

ENTERED APPRENTICE DEGREE CONFERRAL:

Thursday, August 4th @ 7pm:
For Budd Collings

MALHEUR CAVE DEGREE:

Friday through Sunday, August 26-28th

NEXT STATED MEETING:

Thursday, Sept. 8th :
Dinner @ 6pm, meeting @ 7pm

BASIC SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION:

Saturday, Sept. 17th, starts at 9am
Please RSVP to WM Canady!

