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From the East

Greetings Brethren,

I hope that you have all had an enjoyable Summer!

Our September Stated Meeting is just around the corner - coming on the heels of Labor Day and the opening of a new school year. I hope to see you all on **Thursday, Sept. 8th** as we will have the honor of recognizing WB Dave Johnson on 50 years of membership in our fraternity.

While we did not hold Stated Meetings in July or August the Lodge was far from idle. We welcomed Brother Trace Harris into the Fraternity of Master Masons, we initiated Brother Budd Collings into our craft, we completed our *Bikes for Books* program providing 24 children with new bicycles, added a new renter and continued work to upgrade and enhance our facility.

Looking into our immediate future, after our Stated Meeting, we will hold a *Basic School of Instruction (BSI)* led by MWB John Turner on **Saturday, September 17th**. All Master Masons are encouraged to attend. The training will start at 9am and lunch will be provided. We hope to have a good turnout so your help in spreading the word to other Lodges would be greatly appreciated. Anyone interested in attending need only leave a message on the Lodge voicemail (541-389-7407) or contact us through our website (bendlodge139.org) so we can plan the lunch service accordingly.

Following soon after the BSI, the Grand Lodge of Oregon will be holding a *Masonic College* in our Lodge on Saturday, October 1st. This important opportunity is a must for anyone who is interested in or already involved in serving their Lodge as an officer. Grand Lodge will be providing more details on this event which will also include a catered dinner that evening.

Shortly after that event on October 13th we will receive our District Deputy RWB John Ferguson on his first Official Visit to Bend Lodge.

Preparations for all of these events are underway including ministrations to our building and property. Some enhancements of

note include the refreshing of our Lodge entrance and (currently underway) Lodge Room. We also said goodbye to 'Lake Brotherhood' with the addition or enhancement of asphalt berms at our west and east entrances to our parking lots. These berms will help stem the flow of rainwater and debris from 8th and 9th Streets that have contributed to the clogging of our parking lot drain in the past. That drain has also been cleaned out so we will no longer have Lake Brotherhood develop in our west parking lot with every downpour.

You may also note that our front sign has also been taken down for updating before reinstallation. We are still looking for just the right resonant Masonic Quote that can be included on the updated sign – so send us your suggestions!

On the business side there are two important items to note. First, our Lodge apartment is now available for renting. We have some cleaning and updating to do first but hope to attract and sign a new renter for this space by October 1st. The space should be particularly attractive with extremely low rental availability in Bend. Please keep this in mind if you come across someone that you think might be appropriate for this unit. I am also pleased to announce that we have signed up a new long-term facilities renter. We have a dance troupe that, starting in September, will be using the Lodge Room on Tuesday evenings from 6:45pm to 8:45pm. Both of these developments present opportunities to improve the overall financial status of the Lodge going forward.

On the ritual side of things, I would like to congratulate all of the Brothers who have been working to execute some of the best degree work seen in many years. Since the beginning of the year Bend and Redmond Lodges have been combining our talents to deliver degrees that we should all be proud of and have left both candidates and our Brothers in chairs duly impressed.

With that in mind, and with the consensus of Bend/Redmond members who just attended the Malheur Cave Degree, we have asked for the honor of executing the Master Mason Degree at the Malheur Cave Degree in 2017.

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Hopefully, we will have some positive news to share on this in the near future.

Last, but by no means least, I would like to belatedly acknowledge some excellent work done by one of our Brothers. If you enjoy getting this Trestleboard and appreciate the effort that goes into its presentation – you are not alone. At the last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, our Bend Lodge Trestleboard was recognized as The Best Trestleboard in Oregon! This award is a direct result of Brother Neil Mackey’s singular effort to make our Trestleboard and website the invaluable communication tools that they are. And while I have not been successful in getting Brother Neil and the plaque in the same place at the same time to get a picture for this Trestleboard, I encourage everyone who appreciates getting this Trestleboard to take a moment and congratulate Brother Mackey and thank him for his outstanding work.

More to come, but until then, I look forward to seeing you all at the next Stated Meeting on **September 8th**!

Fraternally,
Brian Canady
MASTER

From the West

I hope everyone had a fun summer filled with family and friends and all of the good times that can be had in Central Oregon.

As you know, we had a busy summer with many more activities to come. These are mentioned in our Masters ‘From the East’ message. I urge you all to attend these upcoming events and broaden your Masonic knowledge.

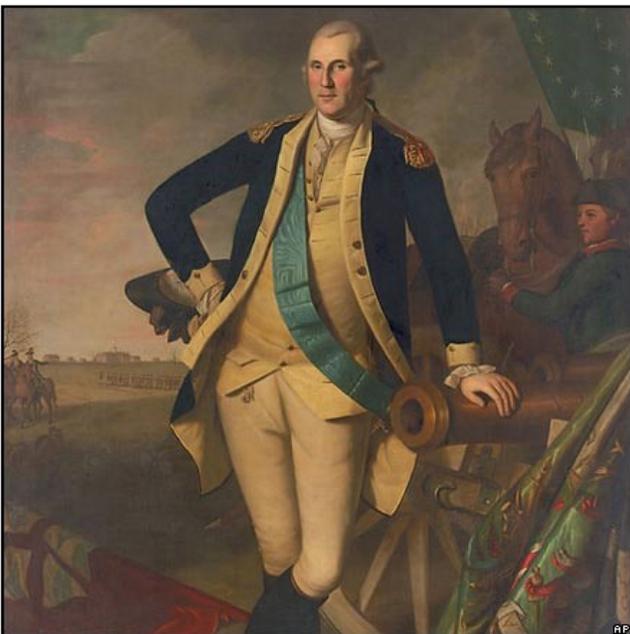
I would like to thank all of you who attended the EA degree in July. Our newest EA, Budd Collings is an excellent addition to our lodge.

Do not forget our next Stated Meeting is on September 8th...

BROTHER WASHINGTON

Research on Brother Washington finds only two references to his having or wearing a sash. One is the blue sash he wore in the painting by Charles Willson Peale (1741 - 1827). The other is the bloodstained sash given him in 1755 by the dying and defeated British general Edward Braddock at the Battle of Monongahela, where Washington became a war hero at age 23. Brother Washington kept Braddock's sash and pistol and carried them throughout the remainder of the war of Independence.

In a letter written in 1932 by Mrs. Ellis Lovell Crosby, a great-



great niece of President Washington to Brother S. J. Pridgen of Atlanta, GA, she states, “I am sending a piece of fringe from Washington’s sash. I sold the sash to Pierpont Morgan for \$3,500.00. He gave it to Mount Vernon and it now hangs in the hallway of the mansion. I only took a little from the sash so as to keep it”... She presented the small piece of the sash to Georgia Lodge #96, F&AM of Atlanta, which they proudly displayed among their archives. It is not known whether the fringe came from the sash worn in the painting or the one given Brother Washington by General Braddock. Most believe it is from the latter.

From "Georgia Lodge Tidings", Vol. 10, July 2, 1932



The Masonic apron shown here was made by Madame la Marquise de Lafayette and claimed to have been presented to Bro. George Washington of Fredericksburg Lodge, Virginia by General Lafayette in 1784.

LODGE ETIQUETTE: PRAYERS IN LODGE

Freemasonry is worldwide and holds no sectarian views. Non-sectarian means not sectioned into one, specific religion. Freemasonry embraces ALL religions.

A Mason may choose the religion of his choice in his private life but should be aware and open to the fact that others among the brethren do not necessarily share or were they brought up with the religious dogmas and beliefs that you, personally, embrace. Prayers at lodge functions should be scrupulously in keeping with Masonic teachings. The Masonic Etiquette of offered prayers is that they should never be an expression of specific sectarian views or dogmatic creeds.

It is a matter of courtesy that all prayers, speeches and discussions at Masonic affairs avoid sectarian, controversial or political tones.

Prayers are best directed to the Creator, the Master Architect of the Universe and not toward specific religious teachings such as Jesus Christ, Mother Mary, Muhammad, Jehovah, Allah etc.

Secretary's Desk

Hello my Brothers...hope you had a wonderful summer with great new memories.

This has been a very busy summer for all of us, with a great number of Lodge activities, as well as our own personal adventures. Now that the summer is coming to an end, we can get back to our regular activities, which I hope includes the fellowship that we offer during our Stated Communications. The September Communication is especially important because we will honor a Brother who has been with the Fraternity for 50 years, as he receives his 50 Year Emblem. WB Dave Johnson will receive this notable achievement on **September 8th** and I hope you will plan on being there.

Sadly, we've have lost two Brothers in the past months, WB Carl King and WB Ed Wyman. Both were very strong Masons and truly great men who will be very much missed. As we remember these two great Brothers, we also look to the future and the raising of three Master Masons, Scott Brasher, Denver Lee and Trace Harris. We also initiated a new Mason, Budd Collings.

As we reflect on the loss of our members, the raising and initiating of new members and Masters, we pause to look at ourselves and remember why we become Masons and members of Bend Lodge. For most, it was the fellowship and the fraternity itself that enticed us and keeps us still coming and being involved with the Lodge. In the best interest of the Lodge, we recently amended our by-laws to increase our life-time membership. This was a sound economic move, one which made very good business sense. Our annual dues were also increased, but only by \$10, making them \$60. I bring this up, because in October I will be sending letters to Brothers who have not paid their dues for 2016 and in some cases, previous years.

This is a difficult task, one that is not taken lightly. Oftentimes, I know the majority of the members affected, so it becomes personal. I know that they made sacrifices to join our Lodge and Fraternity, as we all did. Lastly, I hate to see any member of our Lodge dropped from our roles. I understand that there can be extenuating circumstances as to why they are leaving, but feel we can definitely help to find a resolution. I share this with you, so that you are aware of the workings of the Lodge and as a business what we are bound to do.

Due to work and an extended vacation, I will miss the next three meetings, but will be working behind the scenes to make certain everything is ready for our Stated Communications. I will leave you in WB Ron Terry's capable hands, with much gratitude, as he fills in for me during my absence.

Terry Griffith
SECRETARY

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In earlier times, Freemasons used a 'cipher' or code to write correspondence, send messages to another, or keep records. It is seldom used today, but remains a part of our lesser-known history none-the-less.

Below is a diagram depicting the basis for the cipher. It was written by using the "cell" for each letter. There is an example of which cells are used to spell the word 'mason'.

With a few minutes of study, and by memorizing the cipher, you can now read or write in the Freemasons Cipher. You can also translate what is written in cipher in the center seal on the Bend Lodge main floor...enjoy!

The Freemason Cipher

A	B	C		M=
D	E	F		A=
G	H	I		S=
N	O	P		O=
Q	R	S		N=
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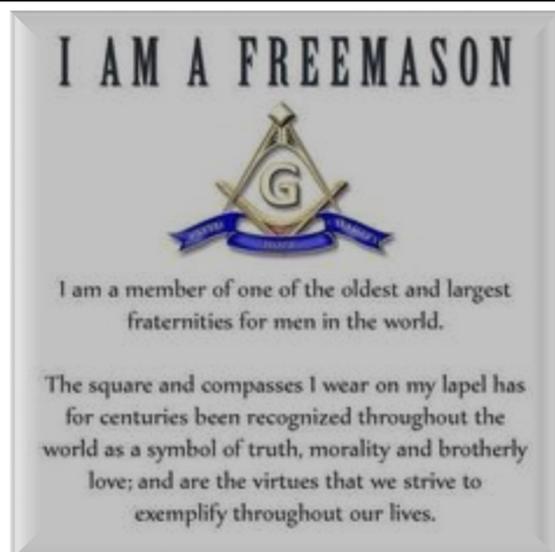
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To do so omits the religions of others within the brethren, which can cause conflict and therefore not be harmonious to the whole. In the spirit of non-sectarianism, we must remember that since the day that our Creator found that Man created the Tower of Babel to glorify themselves, it is HE who changed man's language into the many diverse languages now spoken on Earth. In so doing, our Creator has many names across the world.

From the 'Masonic Lodge of Education'

See you in Lodge on September 8th...

Wm. Lee Ransdall, P M
SENIOR WARDEN



MONTHLY EVENTS AT BEND LODGE

- 2ND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH (except for July/August)
 - ◇ **STATED MEETING**, 7pm
- 4TH THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH (except for July/August):
 - ◇ **LODGE TRAINING**, 7pm
 - * *Topic varies from month-to-month*

SEPTEMBER, 2016 EVENTS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH @ 7pm:

Officer's Meeting

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH @ 7pm:

Stated Meeting

Dinner preceding at 6pm

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH, 9am-finish:

Basic School of Instruction (BSI)

Instructor: MWB John Turner

Lunch provided!

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OCTOBER, 2016 EVENTS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1ST, 9am-finish:

*Masonic College, presented by Oregon Grand Lodge
instructors*

Catered dinner to follow

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The 4th Annual Central Oregon Shriners Run For A Child was held at Riverbend Park in the Old Mill District on Saturday, August 13th. It was a beautiful day along the Deschutes River and the event was well-attended. We had over 170 participants, who ran, enjoyed a fantastic BBQ, visited with sponsors and partook in the beer garden.

We had great representation from local Shriners/Masons as well as several visiting Shriners/Masons from the Willamette Valley. Illustrious Sir John Nerksi, Potentate of Al Kader Shrine was there, along with several members of his Divan. After IS John retires at the end of this year, he will be affiliating with Bend Lodge and is anxious to participate.

It was very rewarding to see several of our Shriners kids (patients) at the Run and enjoying themselves. A post-run BBQ at our house was enjoyed by all the volunteers.

We could use more help for next year, so mark your calendar for **August 12, 2017!**

This year's anticipated donation to the Shriners Hospital for Children is expected to be in the neighborhood of \$20,000. Thanks to everyone who helped for a VERY worthwhile cause!

SPEAKING OF SHRINERS...DOES THE NAME ANNA HARRINGTON RING A BELL?

“A big dream dawned in the heart of a young girl from Arizona: at the tender age of 12, Anna Harrington yearned to walk across the United States to support an important cause.

The budding young adventurer from Tucson, moved to Meridian, Idaho, a suburb of the State's capital city of Boise. Anna cherished the opportunities the beautiful State of Idaho had to offer: camping in the rugged outdoors; fishing in the pristine lakes, rivers, and ponds; taking photographs of the exquisite terrain; steep, craggy mountains; and elegant trees that abundantly line the Boise River—and after which the city took its French moniker (*“les bois”*).

Sadly, in 2005, her nephew developed scoliosis, a debilitating musculoskeletal disorder, which was exacerbated by the fact that he was also a paraplegic. Since the local hospital did not have the facilities to perform the required surgery, Shriners Hospital for Children in Sacramento, California, accepted him as a patient—and the surgery was successfully performed. When visiting her nephew at the hospital, Anna noticed the diversity of medical cases, the magnitude of their respective needs, and the impact on the children's families. She visited with families who were also grateful for the world-class, life-altering, medical care administered at the facility.

Her heart, brimming with respect and gratitude, and her mind, cognitively knowing this was the answer to her life-long dream, rekindled in Anna the incentive and motivation to accomplish her distant desire to walk across America—to support a worthy cause. She unexpectedly happened upon her mission through the unfortunate medical condition of her nephew!

Now, instead of dreaming, Anna is “preparing”. As the March, 2014, expedition kickoff approaches, and as the unknowns diminish, she is eager to begin an adventure she dreamed of so many years ago. Anna knows that, *“A child's dream had become a woman's mission”.*



Anna started her trip in Astoria in mid-May 2014. Her Oregon travels took her to Portland, over Mt. Hood to Madras and down to Bend, where Brother Mackey happened to come across her as she was hoofing it down the road. While initially unaware of Anna and her mission, it didn't take long to make the Masonic connection...and from then on, alllllll the way to Boston, she was treated like royalty! Anna stayed with Brother Mackey and his wife for a few days, and they discussed logistics for the trip east.

On a good day, Anna, who was pushing a tricycle-type stroller with all her gear, figured she might be good for 20-30 miles, depending on the weather, terrain and her health. She really had NO concept of what she was heading into as she went east from Bend. On her first day going east from Bend, she made it as far as she could and Brother Mackey went and picked her up and brought her back to civilization. This same process was repeated over the next several days...a ride out to the previous day's stopping point, walk as far as she could during the day, get picked up, back to Bend, and repeat.

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While Anna did have camping gear, she was still a little nervous about setting up camp in the middle of nowhere. Brother Mackey contacted Burns Lodge and made arrangements for them to start connecting with Anna as she got closer to Burns. On the last day Brother Mackey saw Anna, he dropped her off at Hampton Station, which is approximately 70 miles east of Bend, and a little over 1/2 way to Burns. From there, the Burns Lodge members did the daily routine, getting her through Burns and over to the Idaho border.



Even though Anna lives near Boise and was aware of some of the “vast expanses” of the American West, I don’t think it really dawned on her until she got into her trip how FAR (and desolate, in many cases) her route was going to be in spots. Ironically, although she was doing this walk in support of the Shriners, she hadn’t really developed any Masonic contacts along her route to assist her when needed. (We

immediately got that fixed, however...sort of a Masonic “telephone tree”, so that Masons in towns where she was headed to or passing through knew who she was, where she was going and to contact other lodges as she continued east on her walk...)

Anna was DETERMINED to walk as much of her route as possible; we would hear from her on occasion and watched her progress on her Facebook page.

Long story short, on January 15th, after eight months, 3800+ miles, 18 states, visiting nine Shriner’s Hospitals along her route and wearing out six pairs of shoes, Anna made it to Shriners Hospitals for Children-Boston.

VERY cool to be involved in something of this nature...don’t know exactly how much money she raised, but Anna CERTAINLY raised Shriners Hospitals into the public eye!

“People often ask me how the shriners became involved with my walk. This is Neil and Stella Mackey. Neil is a deputy sheriff and mason. Neil heard about my walk and tracked me down on the road after hearing about my walk and helped me for several days. He contacted a Shriner in the next town, and that momentum carried me all the way to Boston. Love you both !”



“Al Kader, the first shrine club I visited”



