



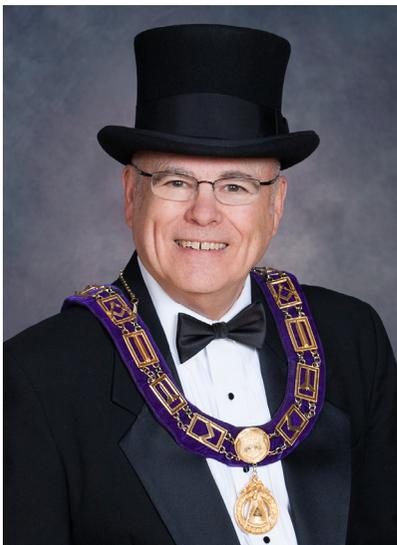
Oregon Masonic News



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The Grand Master's Message: Traditions: Past, Present and Future

The theme for this Masonic year is *Traditions: Past, Present and Future*. Our Masonic traditions, from the time of King Solomon's Temple to today, are what define our Fraternity and give us direction and purpose. The teachings we impart in our Masonic degrees come from the stories of the building of King Solomon's Temple.



M.W.B. Arthur L. Borland
Grand Master

The lessons we learn about the Square, Level and Plumb teach us to treat everyone fairly, meet with them on the level and place our faith first in all of our actions. We further learn to spread the cement of Brotherly Love and affection and divide our daily time so we always have time for our work, rest and God. These traditions are the core of our fraternal values and we cannot exist without them.

Over the years, we have added traditions to these core values to meet special needs which arise. For example, it has become a tradition that we do not allow politics or religion to be discussed in a Masonic Lodge because these

two subjects are often the cause of wars and dissension in our world.

Early Freemasonry in the Americas was more of a social fraternity where members would discuss the events of the day and, some say, plot against the King of England. Most Lodges did not own their own buildings but met above general stores, inns or private houses. Secrecy was high among the membership and they never discussed Masonry or Lodge business among family or friends.

Today, individual Lodges have their own traditions they use to meet the needs of their members and community. They hold community events, support local schools and partner with Grand Lodge programs.

Our traditions are aimed at making good men better and attracting men who see the good in what we do, but times are



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Robotics Program Imagination at work

Many schools today support competitive robotics programs or clubs, creating an excellent opportunity to expose and encourage students to pursue a future in technical education. Teams compete in various "technical" challenges, determined by grade or age. Recently, the Robotics Committee, chaired by R.W.B. Greg Jenkins, was established by the Grand Master to work with Lodges interested in supporting existing programs or helping a school start one.



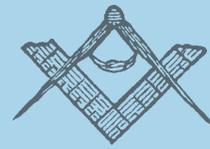
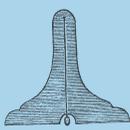
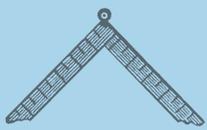
R.W.B. Greg Jenkins,
District Deputy, District 7

The opportunity to sponsor and work with a robotics team is limitless. Your Lodge can help financially by making a donation or sponsoring a team. Donations up to \$1,000 per school or club will be reimbursed 50 percent by the Grand Lodge. Lodge members could also participate in a workshop or training to become an instructor, coach, mentor or

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Report of the MESH Board

The first three phases of the Jennings McCall Center (JMC) remodel are now complete. PDG Construction Services recently finished the Memory Care Unit and replacement of roof shingles over the Assisted Living area and is now working on the next phase of the remodel. Phase four includes the expansion of the entryway, lobby area and hallways on the east side of the building. If all goes well, construction for this phase is scheduled to start January 2017.



There are currently six LifeCare residents residing at JMC and 10 approved MESHCare members living in Oregon. It is the MESH Board's long-term goal to support these members and those in our MESHCare program. Ms. Tammy Vanderzanden, Program Manager, is always willing to answer questions and points out that services can be provided throughout the state, not just in Forest Grove.



Our OutReach Services Director, Ms. Danielle Christopherson, currently has 80 active cases. She is doing a great job using local services to help clients and provides financial assistance to Lodge and Eastern Star members in need.

With the future of the home in mind, the MESH Board is working hard, building for the future, providing the best care for our residents and promoting our home as one of the best in the state. We are proud of our success and your continued support is greatly appreciated.

-by M.W.B. Don Stapleton, I.P.G.M., MESH Board Chairman

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changing. The traditions which attracted me to this Fraternity 37 years ago may be different than what younger people expect today.

Members from the millennial generation have grown up in a technology-driven world. The average millennial will spend no more than eight seconds viewing a web page before deciding if they will leave or stay. With that in mind, a Lodge website may be the first introduction to Masonry a potential member sees.

We cannot expect to gain members by using the tools and traditions from the past. The traditions which founded our wonderful Fraternity are different than the traditions which exist today and must adapt to address the needs of our future members. However, we must be careful not to change our core values while doing so.

Are the traditions of your Lodge meeting the needs of its members today and tomorrow? Are your programs attracting new members? Have you asked your members what they would like to add or change in the Lodge? Are new members able to participate and impact the Lodge in new ways?

Brethren, the traditions of today are much different than they were at the building of King Solomon's Temple and even in the early development of Masonry in America. Our traditions should adapt based on the needs of our current and future members and their communities, in order to carry Freemasonry far into the 21st and 22nd centuries. What is your Lodge doing to make sure Masonry attracts new members and is it ready for the next 100 years or more?

*Fraternally,
Arthur L. Borland, Grand Master
A.F. & A.M., of Oregon*



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

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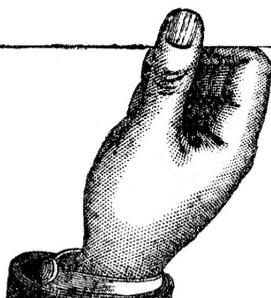
There are currently five Lodges participating in local robotics programs. Any Lodge interested in getting involved should determine if a robotics program exists in a local school or if they would be interested in starting one. Either way, Lodges may partner with the Robotics Committee to make an impact on this valuable, technical education.

Contact R.W.B. Jenkins at (503) 474-7449 for further detail about getting involved.

*- by R.W.B. Greg Jenkins,
Robotics Committee Chairman*

REMINDER TO ALL LODGES:

PROPOSED
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GRAND MASTER'S TENTATIVE ITINERARY

November 2016

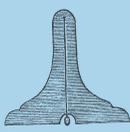
- 1 – Florence No. 107, Official Visit: dinner, 6:30 p.m.; Lodge, 7:30 p.m. - U, L
- 2 – Bandon No. 130, Official Visit: dinner, 6 p.m.; Lodge, 7 p.m. - U, L
- 3 – Beaverton Masonic No. 100, Official Visit: dinner, 6 p.m.; Lodge, 7 p.m. - U, L
- 4 – Enlightenment No. 228, Portland, Official Visit: dinner, 6 p.m.; Lodge, 7 p.m. - U, L
- 5 – DeMolay Grand Master's Class, Eugene - U
- 5 – Daughters of the Nile, Al Kader Shrine, Wilsonville, Supreme Queen: reception & dinner, 5:30-8:30 p.m. - T, L
- 8 – Daughters of the Nile, Zuleima Temple, Medford, Supreme Queen - T, L
- 9 – Seaport No. 7, Astoria, Official Visit: dinner, 6:30 p.m.; Lodge, 7:30 p.m. - U, L
- 10 – Kenton No. 145, Portland, Official Visit: dinner, 6:30 p.m.; Lodge, 7:30 p.m. -U, L
- 12 – MESH Meeting: Forest Grove, 8 a.m. - U
- 13-15 Grand Lodge of Nevada, Las Vegas - U, T, L
- 17 – Acacia No. 118, Ontario, Official Visit: dinner, 6 p.m.; Lodge, 7 p.m. - U, L
- 19 – Masonic College - O.G.L., La Grande - BC, SU, L
- 21 – Santiam No. 25, Stayton, Official Visit: dinner, 6:30 p.m.; Lodge, 7:30 p.m. - U, L
- 28 – Sunnyside No. 163, Portland, Official Visit: dinner, 6:30 p.m.; Lodge, 7:30 p.m. - U, L
- 29 – East Gate No. 155, Portland, Official Visit and Oyster Stew Dinner: Lodge, 7:30 p.m. - U, Masons only

December 2016

- 1 – Medford No. 103, Official Visit: dinner, 6:30 p.m.; Lodge, 7:30 p.m. - U, L
- 3 – Masonic College - O.G.L., Medford - BC, SU, L
- 6 – Grants Pass No. 84, Official Visit: dinner, 6:30 p.m.; Lodge, 7:30 p.m. - U, L
- 8 – South Umpqua No. 72, Canyonville, Official Visit: dinner, 6 p.m.; Lodge, 7 p.m. - U, L
- 9 – Leadership Meeting: Grand Lodge, Forest Grove, 1 p.m. - BC
- 10 – MESH Meeting: Forest Grove, 8 a.m. - U
- 14 – Laurel No. 13, Roseburg, Official Visit: dinner, 6 p.m.; Lodge, 7 p.m. - U, L

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





OutReach Services' Giving Tree: Answering grown-up Christmas lists

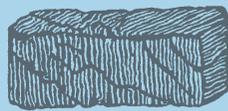
Displayed below are Masonic & Eastern Star members of the 'OutReach Giving Tree' who are in poor health, have little money, or may be spending the holidays alone this year. If you would like to make a monetary donation to one of our OutReach Sisters and Brothers, please select a numbered ornament from the list, and a gift card will be purchased and delivered to them in time for Christmas. Donations may be made by calling the Grand Lodge office at (503) 357-3158 or by visiting our donations page under the "Charity & Goodwill" tab of our website, www.masonic-oregon.com. Simply mention "OutReach Giving Tree" with your submission. If you would like to mail your designated donation, please fill out the ornament to the left and send with payment to the Masonic Grand Lodge, 2150 Masonic Way, Forest Grove, OR 97116. We ask that all donations be received **no later than Monday, Dec. 12**, to allow delivery by Christmas. Thank you for your generosity and kindness!



OutReach Members in need:

1. 91 years, widow, Friendship Masonic Lodge 160
2. 78 years, Cottage Grove Chapter 4
3. 87 years, Central Oregon Chapter 23
4. 92 years, widow, Tigard-Orenomah Lodge 207
5. 77 years, La Grande Lodge 41
6. 88 years, Union Lodge 3
7. 88 years, Home Star Chapter 187
8. 77 years, Myrtle Lodge 78
9. 92 years, Oregon Chapter 57
10. 91 years, Mt. Scott Chapter 110
11. 77 years, East Gate Lodge 155
12. 72 years, Ashland Lodge 23
13. 79 years, Acacia Lodge 118
14. 90 years, Willamette Lodge 2
15. 85 years, Home Star Chapter 187
16. 67 years, Washington Lodge 46
17. 73 years, Meridian Chapter 179
18. 37 years, Sunnyside Lodge 163
19. 69 years, Friendship Rose Chapter 148
20. 88 years, Adarel Chapter 3
21. 81 years, Mt. Scott Chapter 110
22. 92 years, Doric Chapter 53
23. 89 years, widow, Tuality Lodge 6
24. 80 years, Gresham Lodge 152
25. 62 years, Washington Lodge 46





2017 Secretary Seminar

Mark your calendar for the upcoming Secretary Seminar on Jan. 20-21, 2017. The free training features improvements based on attendee feedback from the 2016 session. An important topic will be the new membership database program Grand Lodge will be implementing between now and the training. Friday afternoon will begin at 3 p.m. with the popular *Nuts and Bolts* program, while Saturday will cover more advanced topics from 8-3 p.m. The event will be held in the Jefferson Room at the Jennings McCall Center. A light breakfast will be available and lunch will be provided on Saturday.

The Grand Lodge invites all Master Masons to attend but strongly recommends the attendance of each Secretary as the presentations and shared information are pivotal to the role. Please register and submit any supply orders to the Grand Secretary's office no later than Jan. 10. There is no fee for attending; simply bring a current copy of the Oregon Masonic Code and the Secretary's Handbook which are available to print from the "Resources" page under the "For Members" section on the Grand Lodge website. Register online, masonic-oregon.com/secretary-seminar or call the Grand Lodge office at (503) 357-3158 to reserve your spot.

Proceedings Garage Sale

Throughout the years, the Grand Lodge of Oregon has accumulated multiple copies of hardbound and softbound Proceedings books that date back to the late 1800s. Whether you are a lover of old books or looking to start a collection for yourself or your Lodge, this is the perfect opportunity to own a piece of Masonic history. Contact the Grand Lodge at (503) 357-3158 for current inventory and pricing information.



November 2016 Contributions

August 24, 2016 – September 27, 2016



Masonic & Eastern Star Home

Petitioner Club

Arthur D. Case, Jr. (44) David Grover (57)
James C. McNamara (154) Judy Bousquet

Fellowcraft Club

Davis Henrichsen

Oregon Masonic Charitable Foundation - MMSAP

Petitioner Club

Craig Esselstrom (13)

Oregon Masonic Youth Education & Literacy Foundation

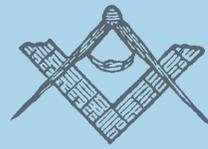
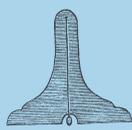
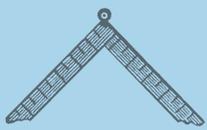
Petitioner Club

M.W.B. Ed Bousquet, P.G.M. (139) Mark Cook (207)
David Grover (57)
Jennifer Brundidge – in honor of Tom Burke
& in memory of Forrest A. Steen

Introducing the new Grand Lodge Website



The Grand Lodge of Oregon was delighted to launch a new website in September. Found at the same address (www.masonic-oregon.com), the goal is to provide visitors with an easy way to learn about Oregon Freemasonry, current-day activities of the membership and what it means to be a Mason. While it still includes many popular resources, a new members-only section provides helpful information, newsletters and resources specific to the membership. We hope you find the new website fresh and modern; we worked hard to make sure it contains valuable information. We plan to continually improve this tool and add helpful resources to better serve the Craft. Should you have any questions, comments or issues, please contact the Grand Lodge office at (503) 357-3158.



NEWS FROM OUR LODGES —



Medford Lodge No. 103

On Oct. 6, W.B. Bill Daves was presented his 50-year Jewel by R.W.B. Roland Kari and W.B. James Pringle with the 50-plus-year members of Medford Lodge No. 103 in attendance.

- submitted by W.B. Howard Leachman



Santiam Lodge No. 25

On Sept. 12, Santiam Lodge No. 25, with the assistance of Brothers from neighboring Lodges, raised Bro. Ryan Smith to the sublime degree of Master Mason.

- submitted by W.B. Hunter Tinney

Sandy Lodge No. 158

Sandy Lodge No. 158 will host a Chili Feed on Nov. 12 at 6:30 p.m. at 38308 SE Pioneer Blvd., Sandy, Ore. All Masons and their families are invited to attend. Lodges of District 8 are encouraged to bring their best chili for a friendly cook-off challenge. Following dinner, there will be an opportunity to meet all of the Master elect's of Lodges in District 8 and recognize any Past Masters in attendance. Kindly RSVP by Nov. 5 to W.B. John Kirk at (510) 685-0605.



Mt. Hood Community College Time Capsule Burial

On Sept. 22, M.W.B. Don Stapleton, I.P.G.M., R.W.B. Bill Taylor, District Deputy No. 8, and the Board members from Mt. Hood Community College loaded up the time capsule, originally buried in 1971 and opened by M.W.B. Stapleton on June 18, with Masonic memorabilia and items from the college to be buried and reopened 50 years from now.



Mason of the Month: Enlightening the Lodge

This month's Mason of the Month nominee comes from Oregon Military Lodge No. 223. W.B. Robert V. Long is a Mason dedicated to the Craft and his Lodge. W.B. Long is currently on dialysis three days a week but still finds a way to attend most meetings.



W.B. Robert V. Long

As Chaplain, he dedicates his time and energy into his work. The Lodge members look forward to his Chaplain's report, as they are always enlightened by his message. If everyone put in half the effort he does, our Lodges would be packed.

- nominated by W.B. Willard T. Richards

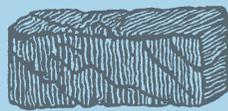
THANK YOU, W.B. ROBERT LONG!

Photo Contest November winner announced

This month's winning submission in the Esoteric category comes from W.B. Johnny Edwards, Past Master of Union Lodge No. 3. The goal of the photograph was to capture Masonic Light with illumination above Worshipful Master William MacRae.



Oregon Lodges and individual members are invited to submit photographs they have taken to Grand Lodge for evaluation each month. A committee will review and select the best photograph in each category to be published in the Oregon Masonic News. Photographs must be received by the 5th of the month to eevans@masonic-oregon.com to be considered for that month's competition.



Camping, Fun and Fellowship

On Sept. 8-11, campers from Oregon, Washington and California gathered for a fun-filled, four-day weekend of camping, fun and fellowship at the Tri-State National Camping Travelers Rally in Westport, Wash.

During the campout, fundraising events were held for the Shriners Hospital, raising \$1,020 for the transportation fund to be shared among the Portland, Spokane and Sacramento Shriner Hospitals.



National Camping Travelers Inc. (NCT) is an organization dedicated to bringing Masonic families together for fun and fellowship, while continuing to uphold our Masonic teachings. NCT was founded in 1966 in Gettysburg, Pa. by Bro. Myron Fox and his family, along with 21 other Masonic families. Since 1966, the organization has spread, with 61 active chapters in 31 states and one chapter in Canada.

The only requirement to become a member is to be a Master Mason or a member of the Order of the Eastern Star in good standing. Visitors are always welcome. For more information about NCT, contact Ken Frack at kfrack@earthlink.net or by phone at (360) 666-0585.

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Low-12 Club

Brethren, please join in our relief effort for Masonic widows. The Low-12 Club provides a \$500 cash donation to the widow of a Brother when he passes. An annual contribution of \$50 per year or \$25 semi-annually will help during a time of need and distress. Joining the Low-12 Club is a critical part of our Masonic charity work. Your contribution is a way to offer relief to a worthy Brother's widow and orphans; it may someday be yours. For more information, contact Jay Raymond, electjaybird@aol.com; Jerry Anderson, janderson3936@gmail.com; or Jerry Schierling, jschierling@comcast.net.



MASONIC COLLEGE

REGISTRATION

Only two Masonic colleges remain in the La Grande and Medford areas. The sessions are open to all Masons (E.A., F.C. & M.M.). An Occasional Grand Lodge will be opened and closed at the training. Ladies are encouraged to attend as a program will be offered for \$35.

Cost is \$50 per Mason. Registration will be open on Friday from 5-7 p.m. and 7-9 a.m. on Saturday. A continental breakfast will be served during registration on Saturday. All sessions begin at 8 a.m. and conclude at 5 p.m. A catered dinner will follow at 5:30 p.m. Registration deadline will be open until one week prior to the session. **Fuel and half of one night's lodging will be reimbursed for those attendees residing outside of the host Lodge district.** Receipts will be required. Room sharing and carpooling is encouraged. Space is limited so register early to reserve your place.

MASONIC COLLEGE • REGISTRATION FORM

WE ARE FROM LODGE:

No. _____

NAME

OFFICE HELD

MY LADY WILL BE ATTENDING

The \$50 fee covers a member for one day of training, lunch and catered dinner. Register online, masonic-oregon.com/masonic-college, 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 more information, contact R.W.B. Ron Eggers, Junior Grand Warden at (503) 539-7938.

Nov. 19, 2016

LA GRANDE
LA GRANDE LODGE No. 41

Dec. 3, 2016

MEDFORD
MEDFORD VALLEY SCOTTISH RITE

Please select a training session.

Space is limited.

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 June issue are due by May 5).



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High resolution photos, along with story submissions, may be sent electronically to the Grand Secretary. Photos should not be reduced in size. Printed photos are also acceptable. If you scan your own photos, they should be at least 300 dpi. Photocopies are NOT acceptable.

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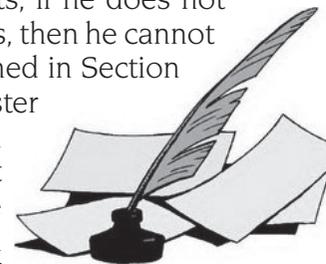
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The Grand Secretary's Corner

Voting rights of a new Master Mason

This month, Lodges will be holding elections for officers to serve in 2017. The Grand Master is allowing me to write this article regarding the voting rights of new Master Masons. Over the years, there has been confusion regarding the question about a new Master Mason being allowed to vote before completing his proficiency in the candidate's lecture of the Master Mason degree within the required six months following the signing of the Lodge By-Laws. **Section 224 of the Code specifically lists five things the new Master Mason cannot do and voting is not listed.** What is listed? He cannot transfer his membership; cannot be granted a demit; cannot acquire plural membership; cannot hold office and cannot petition for membership in any organization whose qualifications for membership include being a Master Mason.

While a new Master Mason initially has voting rights, if he does not complete his proficiency within the required six months, then he cannot vote, unless he receives an extension of time as outlined in Section 246 of the Code. As a matter of interest, the new Master Mason **must** vote when the Lodge is balloting on petitions for degrees. Additionally, it is very important to allow these new Master Masons to be part of the election process. Remember what it says in the Grand Lodge instructions about the rights and privileges of the new Master Mason after signing the Lodge By-Laws.



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

"Work and live to serve others, leave the world a little better than you found it and garner for yourself as much peace of mind as you can. This is happiness."

- Bro. David Sarnoff