

November, 2016

# TRESTLEBOARD

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## From the East

Greetings Brethren...

The leaves have fallen and change is in the air! Our Stated Communication on **Thursday, November 10th** will feature the election of Lodge Officers for 2017. It is YOUR Lodge and I strongly encourage every member to "have your say" and participate in this important process. The men elected as Officers of the Lodge are integral to the function and future of our fraternity, so make your vote count. Plus, our election will be quite civil! Dinner at 6pm with Lodge opening at 7pm. If anyone requires or would appreciate a ride to / from Lodge on Thursday, please let me know and we will make that happen.

Based on individual donation commitments made by our members at our October meeting, this year's Christmas Food Basket program will benefit more families than in any previous year. Given the large number of baskets that we will be putting together and distributing to families prior to Christmas, I hope you will consider joining us on **Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>** to help put the food boxes together and get them out to local families. It is a fun and rewarding experience and the whole family is invited to participate. If possible, it would be appreciated if those brothers who previously pledged donations please bring their check to the meeting on Thursday. Anyone who would like to contribute to this effort may certainly do so on Thursday as well.

With all of the rain that fell in October, I would like to take a moment to thank Brother Scott Brasher for his solo work on rebuilding the

wheelchair ramp into the Lodge Room and customizing the downspout next to the ramp to take rainfall away from the building foundation where it has caused significant problems in the past. With his work, this should no longer pose a threat to our building.

I would also like to recognize Bros. Steve Karpstein, Matt Alexander, Lee Ransdall, Dan Johnson and Trace Harris for their tireless work in rehabilitating the Lodge apartment, which was in a very sad state. We have more to do but hope to have the apartment once again generating revenue for the Lodge in the very near future. If you know of anyone who might be a good renter for this space, feel free to spread the word. Once we post the availability of the apartment we expect it to rent quickly.

The Grand Lodge of Oregon held a Masonic College in our Lodge in October. A good deal of information and insight was shared which will prove beneficial going forward. Thank you to those Brothers who invested their time in this important training. Some of these training sessions were videotaped for use in future Lodge meetings. Stay tuned for more info on that.

I have reached out to Robert Burns Lodge about our petition to have the honor of executing the Master Mason Degree at the Malheur Cave Degree in 2017. Hopefully, we will have some positive news to share on this in the near future.

More to come, but until then, I look forward to seeing you all on Thursday, November 10th!

Fraternally,

*Brian Canady*  
MASTER



**Brothers! Please remember that elections will take place at the November Stated Meeting (Nov. 10th, 2016 @ 7pm).**

**This is YOUR chance to not only have some input on the 2017 officers, but on the progressive line for several years to come!**

## From the West

November, and it's hard to believe that the holiday season is about to be upon us. Most importantly we have our elections at this month's Stated Meeting. I am happy to say that this coming year will be a truly great year for Bend lodge. We will have very talented Masons in every position. I hope all of you will join us and participate in your Bend Lodge this coming year. We will be continuing the fourth Thursday activities for those who wish to brush up on their ritual work or become more involved in degree work. Practice makes perfect (eventually) and that is what the fourth Thursday is all about. Join us and have some great brotherhood and fun.

Thanks to our WM, we have repairs underway to our lodge building. A lot of work has been done and will continue to be performed next year as we continue to bring our building into the 21st century. Please visit the apartment and notice the dramatic changes. Numerous brothers have contributed many hours and we owe them a great deal of thanks for the quality work.

### **BROTHER BENJAMIN FRANKLIN** January 6, 1706 - April 17, 1790

A few fragments of his illustrious career...

Former Speaker of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives Benjamin Franklin was one of the Founding Fathers of the United States. Franklin was a renowned polymath (*a person of wide-ranging knowledge or learning*) and a leading author, printer, political theorist, politician, Freemason, postmaster, scientist, inventor, civic activist, statesman, and diplomat. As a scientist, he was a major figure in the American Enlightenment and the history of physics for his discoveries and theories regarding electricity. As an inventor, he is known for the lightning rod, bifocals, and the Franklin stove, among other inventions. He facilitated many civic organizations, including Philadelphia's fire department and The University of Pennsylvania, an Ivy League institution.

#### Masonic time line:

- Initiated: February 1730
- Secretary: 1735-38,
- Junior Grand Warden: June 24, 1732
- Grand Master: June 24, 1734  
(*all the above at St. John's Lodge in Philadelphia*)
- Provincial Grand Master: June 10, 1749 (*Boston*)
- Deputy Grand Master:  
March 13, 1750  
(*Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania*)
- Provincial Grand Master:  
June 1760 (*Philadelphia*)
- Venerable Master:  
1779-80, 1782
- Loge des Neuf Soeurs  
(Lodge of the Nine Sisters)  
(*Paris, France*)



### **OREGON GRAND LODGE WEBSITE HAS NEW LOOK AND FEATURES!**

The Grand Lodge of Oregon was delighted to launch a new website in September. Found at the same address ([www.masonic-oregon.com](http://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 the new website 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.

#### LODGE ETIQUETTE...VOTING

When an issue is put to a vote, all brethren should vote. A brother who does not vote is discourteous because he skews the ballot. He becomes the weak link in a strong chain.

No matter what the reason of his non-vote, he injures the lodge's ballot, its value and its secrecy. Failure to vote can injure a lodge's feeling of brotherhood, and by that injury, can injure the Masonic fraternity.

Do not enter or leave the lodge room during a ballot. It is discourteous to leave the lodge room during voting, a speech, during a degree, etc. There are several natural periods, such as at the end of one section and before the next begins, or when the Master puts the lodge at ease until the sound of the gavel. Then, and only then, one may leave the lodge without being considered rude.

It is Masonic Etiquette that all brethren are expected to vote when requested to do so. No matter what reason you may privately hold about voting, it is poor Masonic Etiquette to fail to vote when requested to do so by the Master. Failure to cast your ballot not only results in your failure to share in your duties, but is in direct disobedience of the Master's request.

*From the 'Masonic Lodge of Education'*

Vote for the best interest of the Nation tomorrow, November 8th...

...and in the best interest of Bend Lodge on the November 10th. See you in Lodge then!

*Wm. Lee Ransdall*  
SENIOR WARDEN

## Secretary's Desk

Fall is a busy time of the year as we begin to close one year and begin another. As your Secretary, it is also an opportunity for me to reach out to all of our 100+ members and invite them to our November Stated Communication, which also serves as our election of officers. It also allows me to send out our dues notices.

As a result of corresponding with all of our members, I always find that we have old addresses and contact information, which launches me into an investigation, trying to track down our members new contact information. I am usually somewhat successful in locating members, but some I just cant find. For the members who are still paying dues, this is really important because if you are in a "non-payment of dues" (NPD) status for more than a year, you can be dropped from the rolls. This is why I endeavor to locate our members when they do move.

During this last mailing, I also discovered that we had lost two Brothers earlier this year. Oftentimes, we are not contacted regarding the death of our Brothers and find out only by chance or in these cases, when mailing out election and dues notices. We can and we will honor our Brothers by doing the Alter Draping Ceremony in their names at our November meeting.

The remainder of the year will continue to be busy with several activities coming. I hope that you will join us for the November meeting and come for dinner at 6pm. If there is anything I can help with, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone (503-910-2162) or email at [secretary@bendbroadband.com](mailto:secretary@bendbroadband.com).

*Terry Griffith*  
SECRETARY



**Bro. Carl N. Paul**, passed 23 July 2016, member of Bend Lodge since 1984  
**Bro. David H. Chilen**, passed 19 May 2016, member of Bend Lodge since 1989



### **MOST WORSHIPFUL BROTHER DAVE JOHNSON HONORED WITH 50-YEAR MEMBERSHIP JEWEL**

At the September, 2016 Stated Meeting, Bend Lodge **Worshipful Master Brian Canady** (*left*) and **Most Worshipful Brother John Turner** (*right*), presented **Most Worshipful Brother Dave Johnson** (*center*) with his 50-year membership jewel.

MWB Johnson has a Masonic resume that spans many years and many various venues in Masonry. He was initiated, passed and raised in 1966 in Sunland Lodge #1344, El Paso, Texas. He joined Bend Lodge in 2004, and served as Master in 2008. He served as the President of the Central Oregon Shrine Club in 2005 and was the Potentate of the Al Kader Shriners in Oregon (one of two state-wide Shrine groups in Oregon) in 2014. In addition, he is a 32° KCCH (Knight Commander of the Court of Honor) and a Knight Templar in the York Rite.

**CONGRATULATIONS, MWB JOHNSON, ON A LONG AND VARIED MASONIC JOURNEY!**



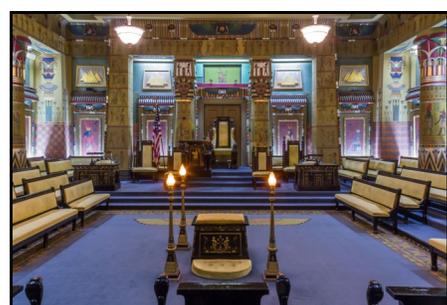
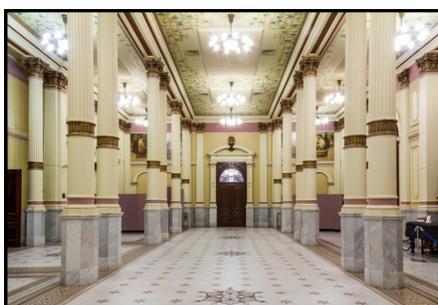
## **PENNSYLVANIA MASONIC TEMPLE, LIBRARY AND MUSEUM**

**M**y wife and I took a trip back to Pennsylvania last month to do some family history research. While in Philadelphia, we came across the Masonic Temple. This **MAGNIFICENT** building serves as the headquarters for the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania Free and Accepted Masons. It also contains a library and serves as the lodge where a number of local blue Lodges and Masonic-related bodies conduct their meetings.

The Temple was designed in the medieval Norman style by James H. Windrim, who was 27 years old at the time he won the design competition. The massive granite cornerstone, weighing ten (10) tons, was leveled on St. John the Baptist's Day, June 24, 1868. The ceremonial gavel used on that day by Grand Master Richard Vaux was the same gavel used by President George Washington in leveling the cornerstone of the nation's Capitol building in 1793.

The construction was completed five years later, in 1873. The interior, designed by George Herzog, was begun in 1887 and took another fifteen years to finish.

Rather than state the obvious in words, I'll let the photos below speak for themselves. Obviously, Philadelphia has a huge number of historical sights, such as Constitution Hall and the Liberty Bell, etc. If you're ever in Philadelphia, you owe it to yourself to take the time, stop in and take the tour, which takes about an hour. Visit <http://pamasonictemple.org/temple/> to see higher-quality photos!



I'll be showing a short video of this beautiful place at the 6pm dinner preceding the Thursday, Nov. 10th Stated Meeting... so with that being Masonic Election night, come elect the 2017 Officers and enjoy a lovely presentation on a spectacular piece of Masonic history!

*Bro. Neil Mackey*

## **MONTHLY EVENTS AT BEND LODGE**

2<sup>ND</sup> THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH:

**STATED MEETING**, 7pm

4<sup>TH</sup> THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH:

**LODGE TRAINING**, 7pm

*(Topic varies from month-to-month)*

## **NOVEMBER, 2016 EVENTS**

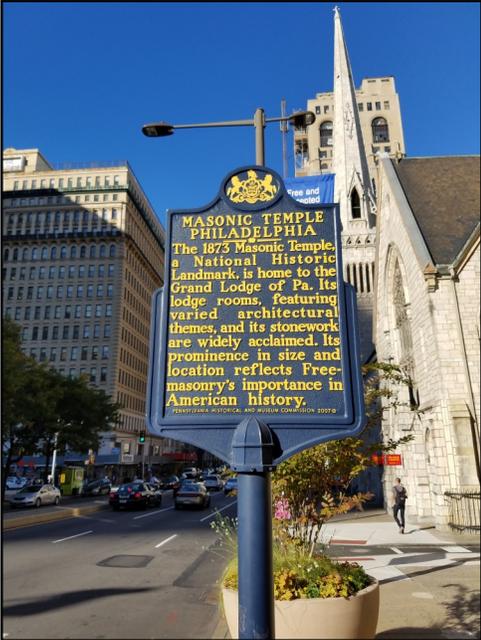
- **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup> @ 7pm:**
  - *OFFICER'S MEETING*
  
- **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup> @ 7pm:**
  - *STATED MEETING*
    - Dinner preceding at 6pm
      - **Don't forget that elections for 2017 Lodge Officers takes place at this meeting!**

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## **DECEMBER, 2016 EVENTS**

- **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup> @ 10am:**
  - *INSTALLATION OF 2017 OFFICERS*
  
- **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>:**
  - *STATED MEETING @ 7PM*
    - **Dinner preceding at 6pm**
  
- **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup> @ 10am**
  - *CHRISTMAS FOOD BOX PREP AND DELIVERY*
    - **Time TBA**
  
- **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup>:**
  - *ST. JOHN'S DAY*

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**Masonry abounds in Pennsylvania, including this monument at Valley Forge, where Brother George Washington crossed the Delaware River during the Revolutionary War.**



