



# Oregon Masonic News



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## The Grand Master's Message: Focusing on holiday traditions

The holiday season is finally upon us and it is a time of joy and celebration for many faiths. Christmas trees are being decorated, Hanukkah dinners are being served, and carolers can be heard throughout Oregon and the world. With winter just around the corner, our children and grandchildren are wide-eyed and excited to see the snow start falling. It is truly a time of peace and joy.

My family celebrates both Christmas and Hanukkah to honor the religious beliefs of our family members. It is a time when we can come together and share in the joy of the season. Seeing my granddaughters' eyes glow as we exchange gifts or carve the turkey for this annual event is something that brightens the season for me.

During this festive season, there are many of our Brothers and Sisters who spend the holidays alone or are unable to travel to visit family. This is where we, as Masons, can make a great impact. We are

taught the lessons of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth and what better time to practice these principles than now.

My family has often invited a Brother or Sister over for Thanksgiving or Christmas dinner with the hope to make the day special for them. We have also delivered meals to Brothers and Sisters who are not able to get out and celebrate. This has been a long tradition in my family. It takes very little effort on our part but brings joy and happiness to those who would otherwise spend the holidays alone.

I ask each of you to seek those in your Lodge, Chapter or Court who will be alone during the holiday season, and invite them to celebrate with your family. They are not strangers, but our Brothers and Sisters whom we have been charged to help, aid and assist. Consider how you might celebrate the holidays if you were alone or housebound. Also think about how you would feel



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## Trustees' 2016 Report

The first half of the Masonic year has been busy but rewarding and filled with exciting developments. This brief report will attempt to highlight the events and activities of the Trustees thus far.

The Masonic Code requires the Board of Trustees to meet monthly to deal with the activities of the Grand Lodge operations. The Trustee meetings are typically held at the Grand Lodge office in Forest Grove on the second Saturday of each month and consist of the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Senior and Junior Grand Wardens, and the Immediate Past Grand Master. Although they are non-voting guests, the Grand Secretary and the Senior Grand Deacon are also in attendance. Each Trustee is charged with reporting on certain duties, keeping each other informed on the state of the Craft. The not-so-fun happenings are also dealt with, as well as the activity and sometimes inactivity of Lodges and Brothers.

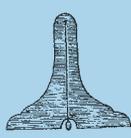
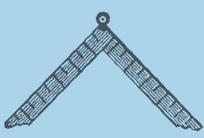


**R.W.B. Myles McMillan**  
Deputy Grand Master

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## Trustees Report,

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So far this year, we have committed Educational Assistance funding for over 15 K-12 families and five post-high school cases, to children and grandchildren of Master Masons both residing in and out of Oregon. Much of the preparation for these grants falls on the District Deputies and the Worshipful Masters of the Lodges and each case is truly time sensitive and reviewed on a first-come, first-served basis. It cannot be stressed enough, the importance of providing funding for this cause.



Educational grants, often called Lodge programs, to be approved, include reimbursements to Lodges for Kindles-for-Books, Bikes-for-Books, Creating A Partnership, Child ID, Raising A Reader, and Masonic Youth Scholarships, are all reported on and given considerable attention. The Masonic Model Student

Assistance Program (MMSAP) is a topic which is also discussed each month. In August, Ms. Marissa Douglas, MMSAP Coordinator, held the first 1-day training for the Grants Pass School District. The positive feedback from the attendees exemplifies the success of the program. Also recognized are bequests and donations to Grand Lodge funds by Master Masons, their families, and others interested in our Fraternity.

Recently, the issue of security of personal information has been addressed. The development of new email addresses for the Grand Lodge Officers and District Deputies was implemented to provide continuity and security. The debut of the new Grand Lodge website, features a members-only section where the Grand Master's itinerary, forms and resources, educational materials and more can be found. The Trustees are busy preparing to attend the Conference of Grand Masters of North America in February and the planning process has begun for a new library and museum facility on the Grand Lodge of Oregon property in Forest Grove.

This is a brief list of some of the actions and duties of the Trustees of the Grand Lodge. Look for my next Trustee report in the June 2017 issue of the Oregon Masonic News.

*- by R.W.B. W. Myles McMillan, Deputy Grand Master*

*"The only man who never makes a mistake is the man who never does anything."*

*- Bro. Theodore Roosevelt*

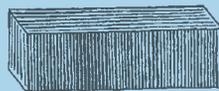
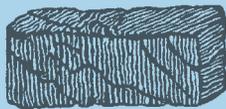
## 2017 Secretary Seminar

As we near the first of the year, plans for the Secretary Seminar are taking shape. We are inviting anyone interested in learning more about being a Lodge secretary. We only ask that you be a Master Mason to attend. The free training on Jan. 20-21, 2017, features improvements based on attendee feedback from the 2016 session. 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.

One key topic will be a presentation on a new membership database program called Grand View, currently being implemented. A representative from Grand View will make presentations at the Friday and Saturday sessions. This new database is a huge step forward, providing many features that have not been available until now including tracking online payments and donations, adding correspondence for members to view, Lodge storage for By-Laws, 990's, minutes and more, and an easier review and approval process for Annual Returns. We have several secretaries reviewing this new database with very positive feedback. We are looking forward with great anticipation that this new program will be a giant step forward for our Jurisdiction.

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. 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](http://masonic-oregon.com/secretary-seminar) or call the Grand Lodge office at (503) 357-3158 to reserve your spot.



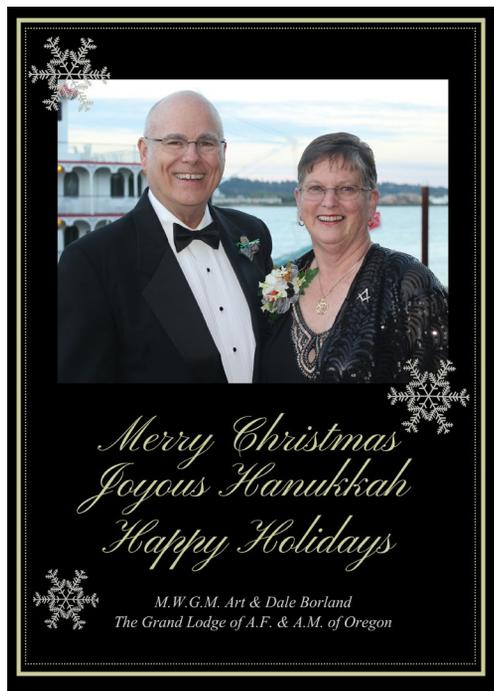


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if a Brother extended his hand and invited you to join his family in celebrating this joyous season. You have the opportunity to step up and strengthen the loving bond between members of our wonderful Fraternity.

However you spend this holiday season, I wish joy and happiness for you and your family. *Merry Christmas, Joyous Hanukkah and Happy Holidays.*

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



### 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](mailto:eevans@masonic-oregon.com). Deadline: The 5th of the previous month (i.e. articles for June issue are due by May 5).



## GRAND MASTER'S TENTATIVE ITINERARY

### 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
- 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
- 15 – South Umpqua No. 72, Canyonville, Official Visit: dinner, 6 p.m.; Lodge, 7 p.m. - U, L

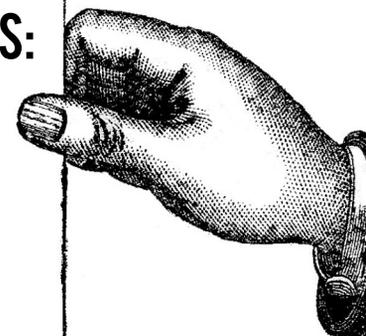
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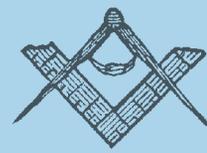
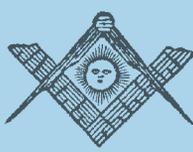
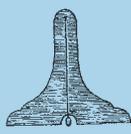
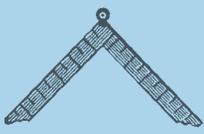
- 2 – Medford Scottish Rite Honors the Grand Master, 5:30-8:30 p.m. - U, L, SR Cap
- 3 – Holbrook No. 30, Forest Grove, Official Visit: dinner, 6:30 p.m.; Lodge, 7:30 p.m. - U, L
- 4 – Salem No. 4, Official Visit: dinner, 6:30 p.m.; Lodge, 7:30 p.m. - U, L
- 5 – Salem Scottish Rite Honors the Grand Master
- 7 – Al Kader Shrine Installation: Wilsonville, 5:30-9 p.m. - T, L, Fez
- 10 – Newport No. 85, Official Visit: dinner, 6:30 p.m.; Lodge, 7:30 p.m. - U, L
- 11 – Columbia No. 114, Portland, Official Visit: dinner, 6 p.m.; Lodge, 7 p.m. - U, L
- 12 – Bend No. 139, Official Visit: dinner, 6 p.m.; Lodge, 7 p.m. - U, L
- 14 – MESH Meeting: Forest Grove, 8 a.m. - U
- 17 – Rainier No. 24, Official Visit: dinner, 6:30 p.m.; Lodge, 7:30 p.m. - U, L
- 18 – Molalla No. 178, Official Visit: dinner, 6:30 p.m.; Lodge, 7:30 p.m. - U, L
- 19 – Pendleton No. 52, Official Visit: dinner, 6 p.m.; Lodge, 7 p.m. - U, L
- 21 – Hillah Shrine Installation, Medford - T, L

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

## REMINDER TO ALL LODGES:

**PROPOSED LEGISLATION  
IS DUE TO THE GRAND  
SECRETARY'S OFFICE BY  
JANUARY 2, 2017.**





# MASONIC COLLEGE

## REGISTRATION

The final Masonic college will be held in Medford at the Medford Valley Scottish Rite on Dec. 3. The session is 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 \$25.

Cost is \$35 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 \$35 fee covers a member for one day of training, lunch and catered dinner. Register online, [masonic-oregon.com/masonic-college](http://masonic-oregon.com/masonic-college), submit this form to the Grand Lodge along with a check, or pay with 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.

Dec. 3, 2016

MEDFORD  
MEDFORD VALLEY SCOTTISH RITE

## Upcoming leadership meeting



On Friday, Dec. 9, the quarterly leadership meeting will be held at 1 p.m. at the Grand Lodge of Oregon in Forest Grove. The Grand Master invites current and upcoming leaders and line officers of our Masonic groups to attend so we can get your input and coordinate events.

## Malheur Cave Fundraiser

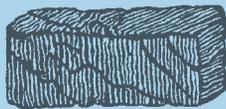


Each year vandalism steadily increases at the Malheur Cave. At this year's outdoor degree, a group of Brothers met and developed a plan to limit unwelcomed access by securing the entry to the Cave. To ensure success, fundraising efforts are being made to help offset some of the costs of the project. Materials and labor have also been offered to help reduce the overall expense. Please help Robert Burns Lodge No. 97 successfully complete this project and ensure continuation of one of the annual highlights in our Jurisdiction.

This particular outdoor degree is unique in its very nature. Brethren from all parts of Oregon, as well as other states, assemble in a ravine for several days of camping and camaraderie. There is a horseshoe tournament that ignites friendly and spirited competition and serves as a fundraiser for the annual meeting. M.W.B. D. Arthur Bush, P.G.M. heads up this special event that occurs each year. The degree is held near the end of August and is enjoyed by all who attend. Another event is a remote-controlled aircraft demonstration by W.B. Mike McGuyer. W.B. Mike's aircraft has LED lights that make for an exciting display after dark.

Please consider making a donation to help with materials and make this project a success. To make a donation, please send a check to the Grand Lodge office, 2150 Masonic Way, Forest Grove, OR 97116, and make special note that it is for the Malheur Cave project.





## Mason of the Month

Brethren, there's no denying it is nice to be recognized for the good works we do, not only in Lodge but also in the community.

The Grand Lodge welcomes you to nominate that Mason who, in your experience, exemplifies what it is to be a Mason. To do so, we ask that you submit a short bio on the Brother (500 words or less) and send it to the Grand Secretary, M.W.B. Ed Bousquet, P.G.M. by email to [grandsecretary@masonic-oregon.com](mailto:grandsecretary@masonic-oregon.com).

Submissions must be received by M.W.B. Bousquet before the fifth of the month to be considered for that month's award. All entries will be reviewed by the Trustees and one nominee will be selected each month through May, 2017. Out of those, one will be selected as the Mason of the Year. That individual will be featured in the Oregon Masonic News and presented with a plaque and recognized for his contributions to Freemasonry.

There are countless Masons out there working tirelessly for their Lodge. Please nominate a Brother today.



### In Loving Memory

**Mary E. Kuhn**

July 7, 1908  
to  
November 11, 2016



Member of  
Salem Chapter No. 162 and  
Amity Chapter No. 87

Mary had recently been approved to the MESHCare program. Her passing is very sad indeed, and she will be missed by us all.



## December 2016 Contributions

September 28, 2016 – October 31, 2016



### Masonic & Eastern Star Home

#### Petitioner Club

Melvin Douglas Cohu (11) David Grover (57) David E. Riggs (76)  
James C. McNamara (154) David W. Williamson (154)  
Judy Bousquet  
Tillamook Lodge No. 57 – in memory of Rolf C. Nieuwejaar

#### Fellowcraft Club

Vista Masonic Lodge No. 215

#### Cornerstone Club

Estate of Lewis O'Mohundro (41)

#### Foundation Society

Rostad Family Trust – in memory of Edward & Lanora Hodges

### Oregon Masonic Youth Education & Literacy Foundation

#### Petitioner Club

David S. Jackson (13) David Grover (57) Mark Cook (207)  
Ed Bousquet, P.G.M. (139) Cascade Lodge No. 208  
M.W.B. Arthur L. Borland –  
in honor of Michelle Combs, WGM  
& Allen Beebe, WGP  
Jennifer Brundidge – in honor of Tom Burke  
& in memory of Forrest A. Steen

### Oregon Masonic Charitable Foundation - MMSAP

#### Petitioner Club

Craig Esselstrom (13) David E. Riggs (76)



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

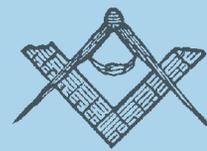
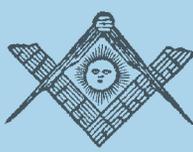
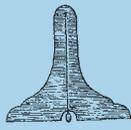
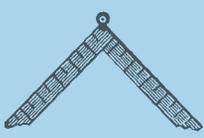
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#### MESHCare Program Manager

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#### OutReach Services Director

Danielle Christopherson  
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## Lodge History Reports *Preserving the past, present and future*



History is our future. It is amazing how things from the past have come full circle and are now being recycled or used as a stepping stone for the way we do things today.

As Masons, we are taught to memorize things. As we get older, there are moments where we forget the exact word, phrase or sentence. When it comes to recording your Lodge history, this is where we need to focus our efforts and start taking notes! Do you ask your elder Masons to recall something that took place in the past? Do you write or record the current events to be filed away with your Lodge history? Without keeping records of the past and present, there is a good chance historical memories will be lost forever.

A few years ago, M.W.B. Hunt Compton, P.G.M. sent an Edict to Lodges requiring them to submit a historical update. This included an annual report of the Lodge, officers, as well as a list of events that happened during the Masonic year. The Edict was created to address the fact that as Masons, we were failing to keep good records of the happenings in our Lodges, and most importantly to accurately report to the Grand Lodge so that it may preserve our history as a Grand Jurisdiction.

M.W.B. Arthur L. Borland will be revising this Edict. It is imperative for Lodges to take a few minutes to report the events from the year to the Grand Lodge. In order to make this process easy, there will be a form going out to Lodge Secretaries shortly. This form will allow your Lodge to quickly and accurately fill in the information. We also hope to create a fillable form online which can be obtained in the forms section of the Grand Lodge website.

The world's history is in many cases our guide to the future. It tells us what we did, who we were, and gives us guidance as to who and what we should be in the future. Our Lodge history can be a useful tool to guide and remind us of our success and failure. It is time to help ourselves by recording our Lodge history once again.

- submitted by W.B. Johnny Edwards,  
Library & Museum Committee Chairman

## Get your raffle tickets here!

The Grand Master is supporting two raffles this year for the 167th Annual Communication in Bend on June 1-2, 2017. The first raffle is for a custom fly rod made by M.W.B. Arthur L. Borland along with a reel, line and case. The winner of this raffle will be invited as the Grand Master's guest in Southern Oregon for a float trip down the Rogue River for summer or winter steelhead. The second raffle is the brainchild of the Endowment Committee and is for a Henry .22 Caliber, Freemasons Tribute Edition rifle. This custom rifle is engraved with Masonic symbols on the body and stock. Each raffle will be limited to 1,000 tickets at \$10 each. All profits will support the Oregon Masonic Youth Education and Literacy Foundation.

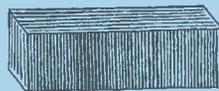
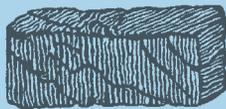
Raffle tickets can be purchased through your District Deputy or at the Grand Lodge office, (503) 357-3158.



## MMSAP 2017 dates announced

Mark your calendar for the upcoming Masonic Model Student Assistance Program (MMSAP) training sessions on Mar. 8-10 and Oct. 11-13, 2017. The 3-day workshops are available at no charge to Oregon educators, administrators and school support staff (K-12). The purpose is to train school professionals to work as a team to identify and refer "at-risk" students who are having difficulty being successful in school. Find more information on the Grand Lodge website, [masonic-oregon.com/mmsap](http://masonic-oregon.com/mmsap) or contact Ms. Marissa Douglas, program coordinator at [mdouglas@masonic-oregon.com](mailto:mdouglas@masonic-oregon.com) or by phone at (503) 357-3158.





## Mount St. Helens Eruption Gateway Lodge fundraiser



On May 18, 1980, a major eruption occurred at Mount St. Helens, a volcano located in Washington. The picture (above) was captured during full eruption by R.W.B. Ronald L. Atkins, District Deputy No. 1 and retired Master Sergeant, U.S. Army, from an OV-10D Mohawk aircraft by A Co 861 MI BN pilots, Oregon Army National Guard. The limited edition photograph is being offered from the personal collection of R.W.B. Atkins as a fundraising project to help replace the roof on the Gateway Lodge building.

There are only 250 8" x 10" photographs being produced and each image is numbered and registered to the owner, recorded at Gateway Lodge No. 175 and includes a certificate of authenticity. M.W.B. Don Stapleton, I.P.G.M. was presented with one such photograph during his official visit to Gateway Lodge on Oct. 7, 2015.

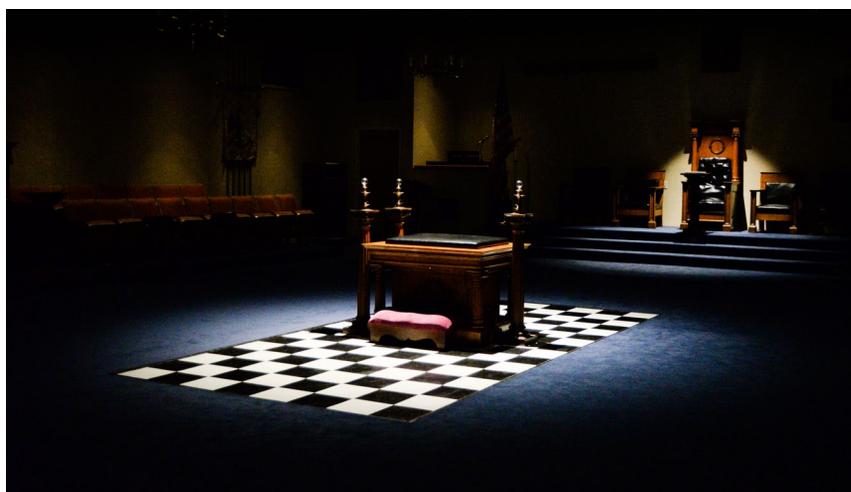
This unique Christmas gift is available for a donation of \$20, plus \$5 shipping and handling anywhere in the U.S. Special numbers 16-23 and 25-250 are available upon request.

Send check or money order to: Gateway Lodge No. 175, PO Box 211, Warrenton, OR 97146.

-submitted by R.W.B. Ronald L. Atkins,  
District Deputy No. 1

## December Photo Contest Winners announced

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 the following three categories: a historic Masonic building, a Masonic event or some esoteric meaning to Masonry. The winning submissions will be published in the Oregon Masonic News. Photographs must be received by the 5th of the month to [eevans@masonic-oregon.com](mailto:eevans@masonic-oregon.com) to be considered for that month's competition. Featured below are the winning photographs for December.



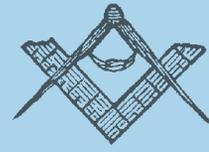
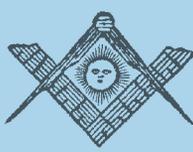
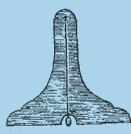
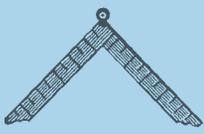
### Esoteric Category

The winning photograph in the esoteric category was submitted by W.B. William Erickson, Tyler at Esoterika Lodge No. 227. The image (above) was taken on Mar. 23 in the Blue Lodge Room located at the Scottish Rite building in Portland before setting up the Lodge prior to Esoterika Lodge's March Stated Communication.

### Masonic Building Category

The winner in the historic Masonic building category was submitted by W.B. Bill Anton, Past Master of Multnomah Lodge No. 1. The photo (right) is of Franklin Lodge No. 5, located in Port Gamble, Wash. It is the oldest active Masonic Lodge in Washington, chartered Sept. 6, 1859. It is a wonderful place to visit as is the entire town of Port Gamble.





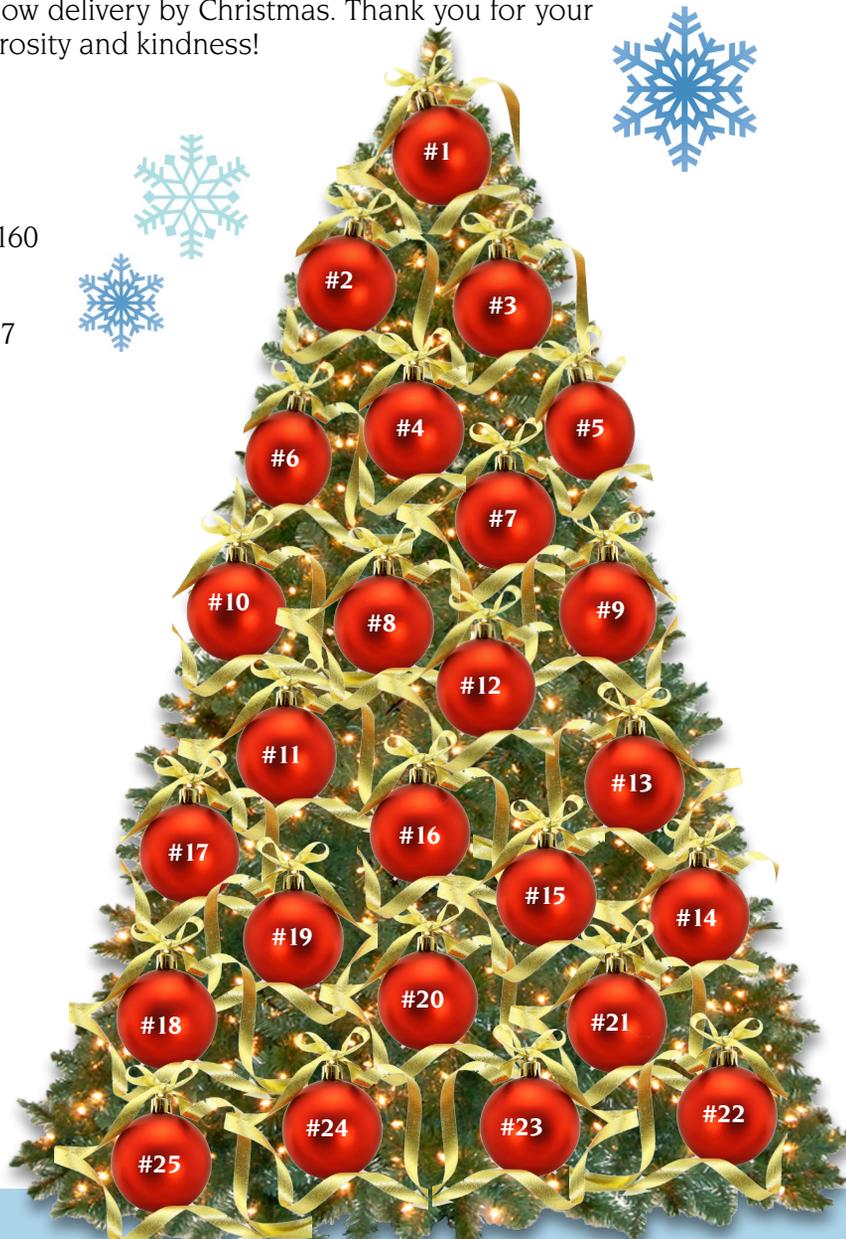
## OutReach Services' Giving Tree: Answering grown-up Christmas lists

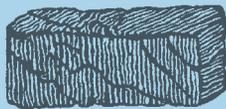
Displayed below are Masonic & Eastern Star members of the 'OutReach Giving Tree' who are in poor health, have little money, or may be spending the holidays alone this year. If you would like to make a monetary donation to one of our OutReach Sisters and Brothers, please select a numbered ornament from 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](http://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





## A warm Oregon welcome to M.W.B. Tom Velvin, P.G.M.

Ed Bousquet, P.G.M., Grand Secretary  
Egreeted Tom Velvin, P.G.M. of the  
Grand Lodge of Maryland, and his wife at



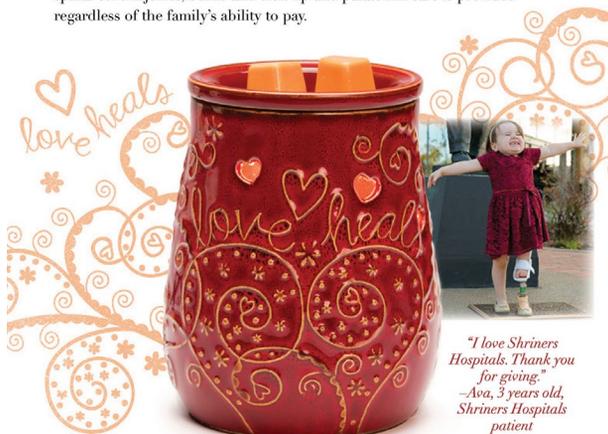
the Grand Lodge office  
on Nov. 3. M.W.B. Velvin  
is a reestablished Or-  
egonian and soon to be  
the Executive Director  
of the National Masonic  
Foundation for Child-  
ren. M.W.B. Velvin also  
presented Ms. Marissa  
Douglas, Masonic Mod-  
el Student Assistance Program (MMSAP)

coordinator with the Starfish Award. The  
Starfish Award is given to MMSAP coor-  
dinators who go above and beyond the  
call of duty in performing their jobs. Con-  
gratulations, Ms. Douglas and welcome  
M.W.B. Velvin!

**WELCOME M.W.B. VELVIN!**

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## Poems on the Trestle-Board Some thoughts at Christmas time

With apologies to the original  
"Night Before Christmas"

'Twas the night before Christmas, and at the Lodge Hall  
The minutes were read in a somnolent drawl;  
When out in the entry there rose such a clatter  
The Tyler woke up to see what was the matter.

'Twas a short chubby man with a heart-warming grin.

His card was in order, so he got in.

He had the right signs, so it wasn't a trick,  
Though we knew in a moment it must be Saint Nick.

The newcomer said, "Men, I have lots to do,  
So quickly I'll pass out my presents to you."

He opened the bag he unslung from his back,  
And, oh, what fine presents came out of his pack.

He said to the Master, "Your term's nearly done,  
So take this nice hair. You can rest and have fun."

To the Master-elect: "These pain pills for your head.  
You will need them I know, e'er the next year is sped.

Brother Sec., this alarm-clock so loud you can keep,  
To wake the boys up, when you read them to sleep.

Brother Treasurer, naturally you won't refuse  
All these letters from Brothers, with checks for their dues.

Brother Drill-master, here is a gift sure to please,

A heap of petitions to take the degrees.

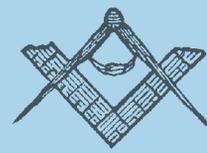
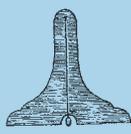
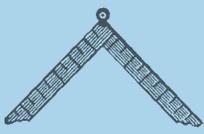
To all, here are gifts you will prize above others,  
For I have brought with me your long-absent brothers."

Then out of his sack there did gaily appear  
Some men we had not seen for many a year.

We were all flabbergasted, as you may presume,  
And when we came to, he was gone from the room;

But we heard Santa say, as he vanished from sight,  
"Happy Christmas, dear Brothers! To all a good night!"

- by W.B. Walter K. Belt



# NEWS FROM OUR LODGES —

## Tigard-Orenomah Lodge No. 207



Tigard-Orenomah Lodge No. 207 hosted its third annual German Festive Board on Oct. 26, with 48 Masons from more than 13 Lodges in attendance, including M.W.B. Don Stapleton, I.P.G.M. and M.W.B. Richard A. Martin, P.G.M. Prior to opening, a “Coast to Coast toast” was done between the Brethren and Honorary Past Master of the Lodge, R.W.B. Daniel DiNatale of Harmonie Lodge No. 669 in Amherst, New York. R.W.B. DiNatale generously permitted the Lodge to use Harmonie Lodge’s ritual for the Festive Board. The ritual was adapted from a Table Lodge format to one suitable for a Festive Board by W.B. Thomas Pierce who served as master of ceremonies for the evening. The cuisine was authentic German Oktoberfest delights catered by the Bavarian Sausage Company and complemented with a good lager. W.B. Frank Blair of Union Lodge No. 3 performed “The Entered Apprentice’s Song”, several solo reels and a closing tune with Brothers singing the choruses! Each piece was expertly explained prior to the performance and well-received. R.W.B. Dale Palileo, Grand Chaplain, delivered an insightful lecture titled, *The Beginnings of Freemasonry in America* which prompted numerous questions and dialogue. It was an evening of education and fellowship which all enjoyed most heartily. Tigard-Orenomah will conduct another Festive Board in the spring. Details will be announced in the coming months.



*“We must live together as brothers or perish together as fools.”*

*- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.*

## Florence Lodge No. 107



On Nov. 1, M.W.B. Arthur L. Borland made an official visit to Florence Lodge No. 107. During the event, he and his wife, Dale, met with the members of the Masonic Widows Club. They discussed the active role the Widows Club plays in all Lodge affairs and activities. This is an excellent example of how Constituent Bodies should interface, and make the “whole” better than the individual pieces.

M.W.B. Borland also presented Jeffrey Ramsey (pictured above) with a press release from the Florence Rotary Club honoring him as “Student of the Quarter” and highlighting Ramsey for his Masonic and community volunteer work. Dale Borland also received a potted rhododendron from the Florence Rhododendron Society.

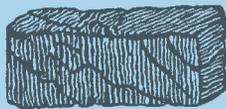
*-submitted by W.B. Rodney D. Stowe*

## Oregon Military Lodge No. 223



On Oct. 22, W.B. James Johnson (pictured left, front) celebrated his 80th birthday with the membership at Oregon Military Lodge No. 223. It is not every day you get to celebrate a Brother’s milestone birthday with him.

*- submitted by W.B. Willard Richards*



### Wasco Lodge No. 15

For several years, Wasco Lodge No. 15 has been donating bicycles and sports balls to local school libraries as an incentive for students to increase their reading fluency. What started in the three elementary schools of District 21 has expanded to a two-county program serving schools in several districts.

Recently, the Oregon Association of School Libraries (OASL) formally commended the Masonic Lodge for its strong support for education and literacy. OASL Past President Robin Rolfe states, "The donation by the Masons of dozens of bikes and sports balls to the libraries in District 21 to promote both literacy and recreation has made a positive impact. Students in grades K-8 have been encouraged to read and because of the incentives, thousands of pages have been read. This support of school libraries helps us achieve our goal of supporting reading instruction and the enjoyment of literature. This partnership between the Masons and the libraries in District 21 speaks to the pursuit of excellent school library media programs."



Individuals, groups or schools interested in learning more about the Bikes-for-Books program may contact W.B. Hew Hillis by email at [athew@oregonequipment.com](mailto:athew@oregonequipment.com).

- submitted by W.B. Fred Wendt

### Klamath Lodge No. 77

Twenty-one Masons and friends celebrated Bro. Ward Friedman's 94th birthday on Oct. 21. Bro. Ward was pleasantly surprised and noted that his wife was born on the same day.

- submitted by  
W.B. Phillip C. Van Buren



### Medford Lodge No. 103

On Oct. 21, Medford Lodge No. 103 hosted a Past Master's night and family dinner. An excellent chicken cacciatore was prepared by Worshipful Master Robert Crum and his wife, Sherryl, along with a layered pistachio dessert. Thank you Sherryl; you are amazing and we appreciate all of your hard work.

-submitted by W.B. Howard Leachman



Honored Past Masters from left to right: Roy Mosser, 1987; John Mast, 1999; Ed Davis, 2011-12; Billy Thompson, 2014; Walter Pose, 1985-2010; Robert Stark, 1969-1977; Jerry Lodge, 2007-08; Harry Baker, 2005; Larry Youmans, 1977; John Halverson, 1992-2007; Les Lawrence, 1957; Skip Bessonette, 2009, 2015-16; Herbert Ellis, 1968; Howard Leachman, 1995; and Worshipful Master Robert Crum (fifth time around).

### Hermiston Lodge No. 138

On Oct. 18, Hermiston Lodge No. 138 presented the Hiram Award to honored Bro. Gene Hetzel, a Mason of 44 years.

The Hiram Award is the highest honor which can be bestowed upon a member who has unselfishly given his time, talents and energy for the betterment of his Lodge and Freemasonry. W.M. Tim Best presented the award and said, "When I think of Brotherly Love, I think of Bro. Gene Hetzel. He has been a tremendous encouragement to me."

Thank you, Bro. Gene for your devoted service to the Lodge and to our Masonic principles. You are a true and steady hand of assistance that binds our Fraternity into Brotherhood.

-submitted by W.B. Randy Smith



### Santiam Lodge No. 25

Brothers of Santiam Lodge No. 25 participated in Stayton's Third Avenue Halloween event. The membership handed out a whopping 14 pounds of candy to the trick-or-treaters outside the Lodge building. A good time was had by all.

-submitted by Bro. Hunter Tinney



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## Happy Holidays

*from the office staff of  
the Grand Lodge of Oregon*