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The Grand Master's Message: Traditions from the heart

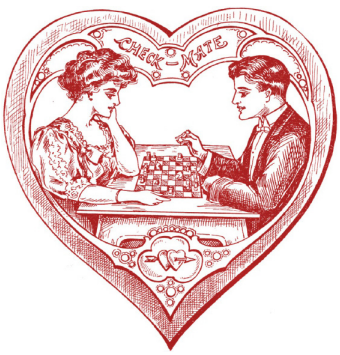
The cold days of February bring Valentine's Day which is a special holiday for my family. It is a time to wait hand and foot on my wife in appreciation for all the things she does for me. Well, maybe not hand and foot, but I usually fix breakfast or take her out to lunch or dinner. Regardless, it is a special time for us.

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

It is our Masonic duty to give back to our family and community for the blessings we have. It has often been said, it is better to give than receive, and what an appropriate time to do so.

It is especially Masonic to include the widows of our departed Brothers in our Valentine's Day efforts. This can be done individually or by the Lodge. The widows of our Lodges have been, and are still, an important part of our Masonic family and should not be neglected.

Many Lodges in my district have invited our ladies to a festive luncheon or dinner. They have also honored them with a special Table Lodge which has always been a great success. A ladies Table Lodge involves many members of a Lodge or district. Brothers are assigned to meet and greet the ladies upon arrival or offer transportation to those who do not drive. Valet parking is provided as needed and the ladies are escorted into the dining hall. Days are spent preparing a wonderful dinner and the dining hall is decorated with a specific theme. Brothers wear tuxedos and act as waiters, wine stewards, bus boys and dishwashers. Entertainment is provided and each honored lady is given a single red rose and a small gift as a token of appreciation. This event brings joy to the faces of our honored ladies and to the Brothers who honor them.



However, this day should not be the only day we pay tribute to our Masonic ladies and widows. We should include them in our family dinners

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Lodge Record Keeping
Documentation

Brethren, a brief word if I may, regarding our Lodges, our actions and our documents. I am concerned that we are failing our forbearers, our progeny and our cause through simple inaction.

What vital activity are we missing that affects our past, present and future? Documentation: writing, curating, and making available our documents. However, do not despair, change and opportunity are coming!

If our entire organization evacuated to that house not built with hands, leaving our buildings, our papers, and our symbols behind, what would those who found them make of our fine order? Would they know of our efforts toward the betterment of our fellow man? Would they understand the rare and jovial fellowship of our gatherings? What about our programs and records of our gatherings or the biographies of our prominent Brothers? Certainly people would find portraitures

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Blue Lodge Training
Six sessions available

We are currently organizing the upcoming Blue Lodge Training (BLT) on Mar. 18 in Portland, Salem, North Bend, Medford, Baker City and Bend. The District Deputies and the Deputy Instructors have been notified to coordinate the specific presentations that will occur during the day. The topics should cover Ritual practice, protocol, proficiency testing and two video presentations. A discussion of Robert's Rules of Order as it relates to the running of our business meetings is also on the agenda. Adequate time will be set aside to discuss the training material.

The session in Salem will take place at the Salem Scottish Rite Center. The other locations are still to be determined. The District Deputies will set up a point of contact for registration ahead of the event. Breakfast and lunch will be provided at each session for a nominal fee.

Some of you may be attending a School of Instruction close to the time of the training. The Grand Master asks that you also attend the BLT session as the discussion topics will differ from what is offered at a regular School of Instruction. We look for each Master and Wardens from all Lodges to attend this event.

Questions? Contact the local District Deputy in your area, found on the Grand Lodge website or visit *www.masonic-oregon.com/blue-lodge-training* for up-to-date information. Look to the March issue of this publication for final details about meeting locations and times for each session.

- by R.W.B. *Ron Eggers, Junior Grand Warden*

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and events. Each Lodge should have a Widows Committee or coordinator who ensures they are included in our lives. We should develop a contact list of our honored ladies and call them on a regular basis. I encourage you to send Christmas and birthday cards signed by the Lodge officers.

When making plans for the year, find time to honor the special ladies of your Lodge. Reach out to them and consider hosting a ladies Table Lodge or taking them to lunch. Invite them to your monthly dinners, send them the Lodge Trestleboard or somehow include them in the life of your Lodge.

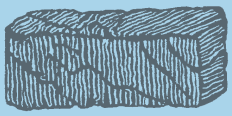
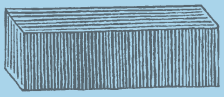
Contact the Grand Lodge office at (503) 357-3158 for a copy of the ladies Table Lodge program.

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

OMYELF Coins
Available now

The Oregon Masonic Youth Education and Literacy Foundation's (OMYELF) double-sided fund-raising coin (*pictured*) is now available at the Grand Lodge office and through District Deputies for a tax-deductible donation of $10.

This collectable coin will be the first of many to follow. Be the first Mason in your Lodge to buy one and do your part to support this worthwhile endeavor.

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of fine looking men and women in our halls, but would they know their stories? I fear not.

Our Fraternity is not just our buildings, symbols or even our Ritual. Our Fraternity is made of good men and their life stories. Further, recording our activities, our debates, our attendance and our accomplishments is not enough. We must also share them. I have an ancient tomb of Masonic wisdom and lore given to me by a Brother from my Lodge. Since none know I have it, none can avail themselves of its wisdom.

What is to be done? In my view, the issue can be resolved by taking a few, relatively simple steps. First, make sure any programs for events are added to the Lodge archive. Second, make sure when a Brother reports to Lodge for an event, that there be an accompanying written account noting the date, time, place, name of reporter and significance to the Brother, the Lodge, the community and/or Masonry. Any narrative adding to the reader's sense of the energy of the event is an added bonus and pleasure.

Finally, we must share our story. In the coming year, the Grand Lodge library will be organizing a digital library which will put in place the final necessary piece. Through this digital library, we will be able to share our story with each other and with those wishing to research Oregon Freemasonry. We each must do our part to fill this library and tell our story.

As for the antiquarian tomb on my shelf, a group of Brothers is working on a digitizer for bound materials, and we will soon be able to add books to our digital shelves. Keep an eye out for more information on these efforts.

- by W.B. *Paul* D. *Hardin*

Grand Master's Tentative Itinerary

February 2017

1-3 Grand Lodge of Alaska - U, T, L
4 — State Master Councilor Reception, Al Kader Shrine Center, Wilsonville - T, L
6 — Maple No. 127, Riddle, Official Visit: dinner, 6:30 p.m.; Lodge, 7:30 p.m. - U, L
7 — Hermiston No. 138, Official Visit: dinner, 6:30 p.m.; Lodge, 7:30 p.m. - U, L
8 — Warren No. 10, Jacksonville, Official Visit: dinner, 6:30 p.m.; Lodge, 7:30 p.m. - U, L
11 — MESH Meeting: Forest Grove, 8 a.m. - U
13 — Klamath No. 77, Klamath Falls, Official Visit: dinner, 6:30 p.m.; Lodge, 7:30 p.m. - U, L
14 — Milwaukie No. 109, Official Visit: dinner, 6:30 p.m.; Lodge, 7:30 p.m. - U, L
15 — Esoterika No. 227, Portland, Official Visit: dinner, 6 p.m.; Lodge, 7 p.m. - U, L
18-21 Conference of Grand Masters, Omaha, NE - U, T, L
24 — DeMolay Crab Feed: Al Kader Shrine Center, Wilsonville, 5:30 p.m.

March 2017

1 — Rickreall No. 110, Official Visit and Past Masters Night: dinner, 6:30 p.m.; Lodge, 7:30 p.m. - Bib overalls, L
2 — Prineville No. 76, Official Visit: dinner, 6:30 p.m.; Lodge, 7:30 p.m. - U, L
4 — Youth Activities Day, Salem Scottish Rite
5 — Murder Mystery Night with the Order of the Eastern Star: Salem Scottish Rite - U, L
7 — Union No. 3, McMinnville, Official Visit: Corned Beef & Cabbage, 6:30 p.m.; Lodge, 7:30 p.m. - U, L
8 — North Bend No. 140, Official Visit: dinner, 6:30 p.m.; Lodge, 7:30 p.m. - U, L
9-11 Amaranth Grand Court, Salem Scottish Rite - T, L
10 — Leadership Meeting: Grand Lodge, Forest Grove, noon - BC
11 — MESH Meeting: Forest Grove, 8 a.m. - U
13 — Redmond No. 154, Official Visit: dinner, 6 p.m., Lodge, 7 p.m. - U, L
18 — Blue Lodge Training: Portland, Salem, North Bend, Medford, Baker City, Bend, 9-4 p.m. - BC
18 — Daughters of the Nile Installation: Medford Scottish Rite, 1 p.m. - T, L
25 — Umatilla No. 40, Echo, 150-Year Anniversary Event, 12 p.m. - U, L
30 — Masonic Family Night: Salem Scottish Rite, 6-10 p.m. - U, L

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

"Real joy comes not from ease or riches or from the praise of men, but from doing something worthwhile."

- Wilfred T. Grenfell

Thank You from OutReach Services
Our best year yet

On behalf of the MasonicAid OutReach Services Program, I would like to extend an overwhelming thank you to the individuals, Lodges and Chapters who generously donated to our 2016 Giving Tree Program. Your donations provided uplifting gifts to our Masonic and Eastern Star members in need of assistance this year. Below are a few of the highlights of the Giving Tree program in 2016:

A heartfelt thank you shared by a Giving Tree recipient:

"Thank you so much for the wonderful, unexpected gift card. This was a miracle for me. Also, the visit from one of the Job's Daughters was one of the nicest things that has happened to me in a long time." - Masonic widow of Friendship Masonic Lodge No. 160

Volunteers from Job's Daughters hand-delivered Giving Tree gifts, brightening the day of several OutReach clients. Pictured (*above*) is recipient, Alice Halvorson, widow of Tuality Lodge No. 6 with Delanie Crabtree, Grand Bethel Senior Princess. Millie Epperson, member of Home Star Chapter welcomed Kendra Young, Grand Bethel Honored Queen; Cassie Allen, Miss Oregon Job's Daughter; and Delanie Crabtree, Grand Bethel Senior Princess (*pictured left*) for her gift.

The Giving Tree program donations surpassed last year's total by more than 30 percent! Twenty-six OutReach clients received a gift. Donations received after the deadline were contributed to the general OutReach fund, which will continue to support our OutReach program efforts.

- Danielle Christopherson, Director of OutReach Services

OutReach Services provides assistance to Oregon Masonic & Eastern Star members in need and promotes independence and safety in the community and at home. OutReach is able to do this by offering information and referrals over the phone, care management services, and financial assistance. Please contact the Grand Lodge office at (503) 357-3158 for more information, or to make a referral.

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Photo Contest
Submissions welcomed

There is still time to participate in the Grand Lodge photo contest. Oregon Lodges and members are invited to submit photographs they have recently 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 photograph must be in JPEG format, at least 2 MB in size and be accompanied by a short write-up detailing the following: the category of the photograph, name of Lodge or Brother submitting the image, a brief description, and the time and place the photograph was taken.

The winning submissions will be published in the Oregon Masonic News. The featured photographs will then be displayed at the 167th Annual Communication in Bend. Attendees will be able to select their favorite photograph in each category.

Photographs must be received by the 5th of the month to *eevans@masonic-oregon.com* to be considered for that month's competition.

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).

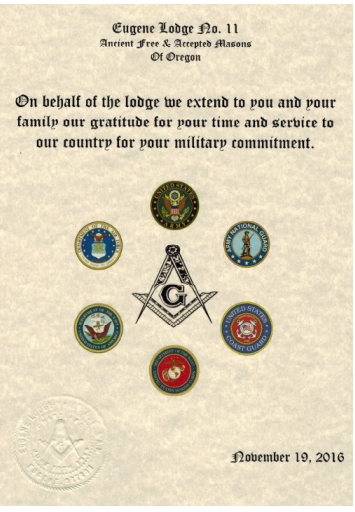
MMSAP
Registration now open

Registration for the next Masonic Model Student Assistance Program (MMSAP) training session on Mar. 8-10 is now open. The 3-day workshop is 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. A second session will be offered on Oct. 11-13.

Find more information on the Grand Lodge website, *www.masonic-oregon.com/mmsap* or contact Ms. Marissa Douglas, Program Coordinator at *mdouglas@masonic-oregon.com* or by phone at (503) 357-3158.

Eugene Lodge No. 11
Dinner honoring veterans

In the January issue of the Oregon Masonic News, we shared a story about Eugene Lodge No. 11 hosting a veteran's dinner on Nov. 19. The dinner was not only open to Masonic veterans as the story stated, but all veterans were honored at this special event. Every veteran in attendance received a Certificate of Gratitude (*pictured*), bearing the emblems of six service branches and the embossed seal of Eugene Lodge No. 11. What a great way to honor the military members who have served this country.



February 2017 Contributions

November 30, 2016 — January 3, 2017

Masonic & Eastern Star Home

Petitioner Club

David Grover (57) William Kincaid (215) Shaun Lynch (215)
Arthur D. Case, Jr. (44) Richard Pickwick (198) Carey Huckaba (198)
Glenn R. Munkres (157) William H. Sparks (6) Judy Bousquet
Eugene T. Wilson (11) Dixie & Lonnie D. Harris (144)
Lionel J. Baur (157) F & M Schoene Endowment Fund
East Linn Lodge No. 44 St. Johns Lodge No. 17
Frank Griffiths – in memory of Charles Griffiths (77)

Cornerstone Club

Albert & Marie Sleight Rev. Trust (181)

Oregon Masonic Youth Education & Literacy Foundation

Petitioner Club

Ed Bousquet, P.G.M. (139) David Grover (57)
Mark Cook (207) Medford Lodge No. 103
Jennifer Brundidge – in honor of Tom Burke (130) and in memory of Forrest A. Steen

Apprentice Club

Harold Fryday – in honor of M.W.B. Dave Fryday, P.G.M. (4)

Oregon Masonic Charitable Foundation - MMSAP

Petitioner Club

William Kincaid (215) Ed Zwaschka (215) Carey Huckaba (198)
Richard & Gloria Varner (195) Richard Pickwick (198)
East Linn Lodge No. 44

MasonicAid: OutReach - Giving Tree

Petitioner Club

Jimmy Minor (223) Arthur Thompson (6) Mark Rohrbacher (66)
Philip G. McClure (89) Jack L. Wallis (195) J. J. Fontana (107)
Rex C. Howe (4) Phil Van Buren (39) Lawrence Fairbairn (18)
Adam Thorvaldson (6) Ray Hoen (103) Ed Bousquet, P.G.M. (139)
Tiffany Cook Anonymous Holbrook Lodge No. 30
Cascade Lodge No. 208 Medford Lodge No. 103
Newberg Chapter No. 55, O.E.S. Oakland Chapter No. 91, O.E.S.
Daphne Chapter No. 139, O.E.S. Silver Wave Chapter No. 18, O.E.S. - #4
Adah Chapter No. 34, O.E.S. - #10 Roseburg Chapter No. 8, O.E.S.
Adarel Chapter No. 3, O.E.S. - #20 Meridian Chapter No. 179, O.E.S.
Doric Chapter No. 53, O.E.S. Friendship Masonic Lodge No. 160 - #1

Apprentice Club

Brian Hellman (6) Katie & Matthew Gerbrandt (3)
Shamindra Singh & son, Davindra Singh
Vista Masonic Lodge No. 215

Mason of the Month
Dedicated to the Blue Lodge

W.B. Kent L. Dyer has earnestly, constantly and quietly served Tigard-Orenomah Lodge No. 207 without fail for many years, becoming one of the most reliable members of the Lodge and one of the best-regarded. Whether he is coaching a Brother through the Degrees, serving on investigation committees, doing Ritual work, helping in the kitchen, designing the Lodge website, driving elder members to and from Lodge or solving problems at a moment's notice, W.B. Kent is always there to do it.

On Dec. 14, Tigard-Orenomah Lodge honored most deserving W.B. Kent with the Hiram Award. The now Immediate Past Master, W.B. Kevin C. Gladysz presented the award to W.B. Kent with his lovely wife, Brynne, in attendance at the last Stated Communication of 2016.

W.B. Kent's father, grandfather and grandfather-in-law were all Masons. His father was a Shriner, as was his grandfather-in-law. W.B. Kent's Masonic history began as a DeMolay at Pilgrim Chapter, Order of DeMolay in Bend, Ore.

After falling 30 feet and breaking both feet and two vertebrae while working on a ski lift in Bend, W.B. Kent went back to school and studied Mechanical Engineering Technology at the Oregon Institute of Technology in Klamath Falls. While in college, he met his wife, Brynne. They made the move to Hillsboro after W.B. Kent was offered a job at a call center within the Intel account. From Hillsboro, they moved to Tigard.

W.B. Kent met with Brynne's stepfather and his son and inquired with the Grand Lodge of Oregon to become a Mason. He petitioned Tigard-Orenomah Lodge. W.B. Kent became an officer in the Lodge and progressed rapidly as the Brother in front of him was deployed to Afghanistan. As a result, he served as Master, 2005-06. The next year, M.W.B. Dennis D. Johnson, P.G.M. appointed W.B. Kent as Grand Standard Bearer.

W.B. Kent started to learn the Ritual and began coaching here and there. Within the last two years, he has become increasingly involved in all aspects of the Lodge's work becoming indispensable. W.B. Kent has been involved in other concordant bodies, but he believes it is vitally important that we do not forget our Blue Lodge.

- nominated by W.B. *Thomas* D. *Pierce*

CONGRATULATIONS, W.B. KENT!

The Setting Maul

The setting maul was passed down from my great-grandfather Telford Osborn, a Master Mason from Yount Lodge No. 12 in Napa, Calif. My family has said it was a tool used in the building of the stockade walls of Camp Sumter, better known as Andersonville Prison, located near Andersonville, Ga.

The prison was built in 1864 after confederate leaders decided to move many union prisoners in Richmond, Va. to a location away from the Civil War front line. Construction of the 16.5 acre prison camp began in January 1864. Pine logs, 20 feet in length, were placed five feet deep in the ground to create the wooden stockade with this setting maul, along with many others. Andersonville Prison holds a place of ill fame in Civil War history but this artifact will have a new life serving a good and noble purpose for Pearl Lodge No. 66.

W.B. *Kenneth* J. *Anderson and daughter, Shelby of Job's Daughters, Bethel No.* 43.

It is unlikely anyone from my family was present during the prison's construction. How it came into my great-grandfather's possession we do not know, but through a strange twist of fate, it landed in the hands of an Anderson once again.

- by W.B. *Kenneth* J. *Anderson*

NEWS FROM OUR LODGES —

Gateway Lodge No. 175

On Dec. 7, Gateway Lodge No. 175 hosted a short memorial program in remembrance of the Pearl Harbor attack 75 years earlier. President Franklin D. Roosevelt's speech to Congress declaring war on Japan was played for the attendees.

Brothers spoke of where they were during that time in history. Seventy-five seconds of silence was observed for those who lost their lives on Dec. 7, 1941.

Pictured is R.W.B. Ronald L. Atkins, District Deputy No. 1, U.S. Army/ Oregon Army National Guard MSgt (Retired) and E.A. SSgt Albert A. Little, U.S. Navy/ Oregon Army National Guard (Retired).

- submitted by R.W.B. *Ronald L. Atkins*

Ashland Lodge No. 23

Members of Ashland Lodge No. 23 made Christmas gift baskets and delivered them to Lodge widows and to some Brothers who have difficulty getting out. All were very appreciative!

- submitted by W.B. *Thomas L. Towler*

Santiam Lodge No. 25

Dec. 19 marked the last Stated Communication of 2016 for Santiam Lodge No. 25. The Brethren gathered for yet another great night of fun and fellowship and commended W.B. Robert Hitchcock on a successful year as Worshipful Master. The Lodge held its second annual ugly sweater contest during Refreshment. Congratulations to W.B. Stanley C. Miller (*pictured right*), this year's winner of the ugly sweater contest. We all cannot wait to see what the Brothers bring next year. The Brethren of Santiam Lodge would also like to wish the best of luck to all elected and appointed officers for the 2017 Masonic year.

- submitted by Bro. *Hunter C. Tinney*

Cove Lodge No. 91

On Jan. 7, W.B. Brian W. Lackey raised Bro. and son Harris C. Lackey as a Master Mason. Bro. Harris is now a sixth generation of the Lackey family to achieve this honorable distinction going back to 1838 in Glasgow, Nova Scotia. W.B. Brian and Bro. Harris' grandfather, Bro. John R. Lackey were extremely happy to witness Bro. Harris become a Master Mason.

- submitted by W.B. *Brian W. Lackey*

Left to right: W.B. *Brian W. Lackey*, Bro. *Harris C. Lackey and* Bro. *John R. Lackey*

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The Grand Lodge goes to England

The United Grand Lodge of England, the Mother Lodge for almost all of Freemasonry, will celebrate its 300th anniversary at the Royal Albert Hall in South Kensington on Oct. 31. The Grand Lodge of Oregon wants to join in the festivities. We are starting plans to visit the United Grand Lodge, London and the surrounding areas. The hope is to open the Grand Lodge in an Occasional Grand Lodge Communication at the United Grand Lodge. We will tour that facility and many other famous London highlights. We also hope to make a side trip to visit Roslyn Chapel, made famous in the DaVinci Code.

Look for more information on how you can take part in this once in a lifetime opportunity in future issues of this publication.

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