

**JUNE, 2017**

# TRESTLEBOARD

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## From the East

It's June and summer is fast approaching...

Outgoing Grand Master Art Borland was here for his official visit on May 11<sup>th</sup>. I appreciate the wonderful turnout; we had about 57 for dinner. Brother Neil Mackey, our Junior Warden, did an incredible job with dinner. The tables were all covered with table clothes and we even had cloth napkins. MWB Art Borland was very impressed...major kudos to our JW for his efforts.

Grand Lodge of Oregon was here on June 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. Our volunteer drivers, WB Steve Karpstein and Scott Brasher, did a wonderful job and were recognized for their efforts at the Grand Lodge proceedings. I heard from multiple Grand Lodge officers including the outgoing and incoming Grand Masters on how smoothly it all went. They both appreciated Bend Lodge and all those who helped.

The Grand Lodge elected officers for the coming year are as follows:

- **W. MYLES McMILLAN** (*Pearl #66*)  
\* M.W. Grand Master
- **JAMES L MORGAN** (*Clatskanie #133*)  
\* R.W. Deputy Grand Master
- **RONALD J. EGGER** (*Waluga #181*)  
R.W. Senior Grand Warden
- **MICHAEL J. MCGUYER** (*Molalla #178*)  
\* R.W. Junior Grand Warden
- **GARY L. BALL** (*Blue Mountain #13*)  
R.W. Grand Treasurer
- **ED BOUSQUET**, P.G.M. (*Bend #139*)  
\* R.W. Grand Secretary

The appointed officers are listed on the Grand Lodge web page.

### ETIQUETTE

In most jurisdictions, when the Lodge is open, it is a form of grave disrespect for a member to pass between the East and the Altar except during progression in the degrees. The Master should always have the Holy Writ, his inspiration and Light, directly in view.

In jurisdictions in which the Lesser Lights are placed in a triangular form about the Altar, it is customary not to walk between the Altar and a light. The theory is that the Altar and the three lights about it represent the Sanctum Sanctorum, or Holy of Holies of the original tabernacle in the wilderness. Into this the High Priest could go, but only to return the same way. Brethren enter this symbolic representation of the Sanctum in a lodge room, but do not use it as a passageway by passing through it.

### THE MASONIC RING

The Masonic (Square and Compasses) ring is not an official item of Masonic Jewelry.

General consensus seems to be that if the wearer wishes to advise OTHERS that he is a Master Mason, then he should wear the ring with the compass tips toward the fingertips.

If the ring is worn to remind the wearer that HE is a Master Mason, then he should wear it with the compass tips toward the wrist.

### APPROACHING MASONRY

"There are five different approaches to Masonry and only five: The Historical approach, the Philosophical approach, the Psychological approach, the Ethical approach and the Ritualistic approach. There are no other approaches to Freemasonry. Now, we have stressed the historical approach; we have spent thousands and thousands of dollars...that is very important. We... have spent thousands and thousands stressing ritualistic approach. But, my brethren, the most important approach - and I venture the assertion here we haven't spent **one cent** on it - is the ethical approach to Freemasonry. Why? Because Freemasonry is a way of life. I hope to live long enough, my brethren, to see as much emphasis placed on it as there is upon the historical approach and the ritualistic approach, important as they are."

*Harold Reader, Grand Secretary of Missouri, 1949  
Extracted from the So. Dakota Lodge of Masonic Research  
Sep. 1952 "Bulletin"*

See you in Lodge June 8<sup>th</sup>... as always, dinner at 6:00PM dinner - meeting at 7:00PM.

Fraternally,

*Wm. Lee Ransdall*  
MASTER

## From the West

Greetings brethren...

June is upon us and we are busy at Bend Lodge! We just finished with our 167th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Oregon, held at the Riverhouse Convention Center right here in Bend. I enjoyed the opportunity to connect and visit with brothers from across the state and a few from out of state as well!

We have our Stated Meeting on June 8th, followed by a Master Mason Degree on June 9th and an Entered Apprentice Degree on the 15th!

The uniform for the MM Degree will be tuxedo for principle officers and dark suits for all other participants. Please come out and support your brothers and enjoy the work that we do as Masons!

I am looking forward to seeing you all at Lodge!

Fraternally,

*Matt Alexander*  
SENIOR WARDEN

### BEND LODGE HOSTS GRAND MASTER'S OFFICIAL VISIT AT MAY STATED MEETING

Most Worshipful Brother Arthur L. Borland made his official visit to Bend Lodge at our regular Stated Meeting on May 11th, accompanied by several other Grand Lodge officers and their wives. This was a "rescheduled" visit; the Grand Master was SUPPOSED to visit in January, but given the numerous heavy snowstorms making crossing the passes more than a bit hectic, he rescheduled it for May instead.

The event was VERY well attended by Bend Lodge members and Masons from other jurisdictions; this was one of the largest turnouts in recent memory!

Members of Job's Daughter's, Bethel #11 Central Oregon assisted, helping make sure everyone was having a great time...thanks for all your help, ladies!

Besides having a cool cake in honor of the Grand Master's visit, we also honored two of our own...Brother Dick Watson's 92nd birthday just **happened** to be this very night, May 11th.



In addition, MWB John Turner celebrated HIS 92nd birthday earlier in the year!

To honor both of these energetic Masons, we presented them with a yummy ice cream cake with a big '92' on it and sang them a rousing version of "Happy Birthday".

Congratulations to both of you for this milestone...





A “changing of the guard”...outgoing MWGM Art Borland (right) & and incoming Grand Master RW Deputy GM Myles McMillan (left).



MWB Art Borland, Grand Master of Masons of Oregon visits Bend Lodge #139 at their meeting on May 11th. Here he is with other Grand Lodge officers and local members of Bend #139 and Redmond #154.

# NOTICE

**BEND LODGE WILL BE GOING DARK DURING THE MONTHS OF JULY AND AUGUST.**

**WHILE NO STATED MEETINGS WILL BE SCHEDULED, THERE MAY BE SOME EVENTS, SUCH AS DEGREES, OR THE 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION, PLANNED.**

**WATCH THE “TICKER” ON THE BEND LODGE WEBSITE FOR UP-TO-DATE DETAILS!**



Wrapping up another successful session at the 2017 Oregon Grand Lodge Annual Communication at the Riverhouse Convention Center in Bend.



## **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)*

## **JUNE, 2017 EVENTS**

THURSDAY, JUNE 8<sup>th</sup>:

- STATED MEETING @ 7pm
  - Dinner preceding at 6pm

FRIDAY, JUNE 9<sup>TH</sup> @ 7PM:

- MASTER MASON DEGREE
  - Dan Johnson

THURSDAY, JUNE 15<sup>TH</sup>:

- ENTERED APPRENTICE DEGREE
  - Dan Sneeringer

## **UPCOMING 2017 EVENTS**

### **JULY**

**Watch the website “ticker” for more information regarding the Bend Lodge 4<sup>th</sup> of July BBQ and parking lot celebration!**

### **AUGUST**

**More information regarding the Malheur Cave degree schedule for the end of the month will be forthcoming soon!**