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OUT OF THE DARKNESS...BACK INTO THE LIGHT!

After going dark in July and August, Bend Lodge is now back in session!
The next stated meeting is **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH...**
dinner at 6pm, followed by the meeting at 7pm.

From the East

I hope everyone's summer was full of fun and family...and I hope you took some time over the summer to pick up your ritual or read the code. It's second nature to get lazy during the months we are dark but a few minutes with the ritual or code is a great way to keep our Masonic traditions fresh in your mind.

The cave degree was nicely done...we had a father help raise his son and it was very touching. Bend Lodge defended its horseshoe championship going undefeated. More about the cave degree at our next stated meeting on **Thursday, September 14th**...dinner at 6pm, followed by the meeting at 7pm. Be prepared for a few surprises, as although the Lodge has been dark for the past few months, work inside had been anything but sidelined!

Our Senior Deacon is still working on scheduling an Entered Apprentice degree that we couldn't get done before we went dark, so be prepared to participate if at all possible.

EVER WONDER...

WHERE THE TERM "LODGE" CAME FROM?

As with many things, we can only speculate as to where the word "lodge" derived. Dictionaries say that it probably came from the buildings, or huts, where the craftsmen worked and lived. Lodges of masons are mentioned at York Minster in 1352, at Canterbury Cathedral in 1429, at the Church of St. Nicholas, Aberdeen in 1483, and at St. Giles, Edinburgh, in 1429. "Lodge" first referred to non-permanent bodies, but gradually reverted to fixed localities, such as Edinburgh in 1598.

HOW LONG HAVE LODGES WITH SPECULATIVE MASONS HAVE BEEN IN EXISTENCE?

To be historically accurate, one cannot go beyond six centuries to find lodges of masons accepting men other than operative craftsmen. And for many centuries few, other than actual craftsmen, were accepted. But it's not unreasonable to assume clerics and other educated men were readily united with the craftsmen (most of who couldn't read or write).

Grand Lodge says the first record of non-operatives being accepted was in July 1634 when Lord Alexander, Sir Anthony Alexander and Sir Alexander Strachan were admitted "fellow craft" in the Lodge of Edinburgh (Mary's Chapel). Coil dates non-operative masons from 1600 in the Lodge of Edinburgh, but McLeod believes this incorrect. The non-operative, John Boswell, attended a trial of a warden, not a meeting of the lodge. But this Lodge did admit Lord Alexander of Menstrie in 1634 as a Fellowcraft. Then Coil finds non-operatives in Kelso, 1652; Aberdeen, 1670 and Kilwinning, 1672. He found the last of the operative masons as members of a lodge in Lodge Glasgow in 1842.

From the 'Masonic Trowel'

SOMETHING TO PONDER...

"There is not a subject so little understood by even its own members as that of Freemasonry. It is not in the strict sense an order. Its purpose is more clearly defined when it is called a fraternity, a brotherhood, or an institution. It is certainly not a club. Ritualism is not Masonry. The ritual is the vehicle which conveys the sublime truths to the heart and mind. If the forms and ceremonies through which the candidate passes fail to lift him to higher conceptions of life, duty and charity..."

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...then they are mere-sounding brass and tinkling cymbal."

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Fraternally,

Wm. Lee Ransdall
MASTER

MALHEUR CAVE DEGREE, AUGUST, 2017

These are just a sampling of some photos taken at the Cave degree in late August 2017. To see more, go to:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/odigrsnc8snevut/AADlhWUBI09SbSRvi3GI0IWSa?dl=0>



Secretary's Desk

SHRINERS RUN FOR A CHILD



The 5th Annual Shriners Run For A Child was held on August 12th at Riverbend Park. It was a beautiful day along the Deschutes River and over 300 people enjoyed the morning. There was something for everyone...kids' games with prizes, a silent auction with great entries for the parents, free ice cream for everyone and a perfect hamburger BBQ.

This is an event that is used to raise awareness of the Shriners Hospital for Children-Portland, as well as generating funds to be used to help with unfunded programs. We also use this as a way to get local Shriner kids (hospital patients) involved with the local Central Oregon Shrine Club. Invitations are sent out to over 100 local children, inviting them to attend. This year we had just under 20 Shriner kids in attendance. Each one receives a yellow Run shirt, regardless of their age. Yes, we did have several that were well beyond a "kids" age.

In addition to the BBQ, silent auction and free ice cream, we also had several other displays including our very own Deputy Neil Mackey, who brought his patrol car and entertained the kids, and parents. Thanks, Neil!

The most important aspect of this event is the fact that it gets Shriners, specifically, and Masons, generally, out into the public's eye. We need the exposure, to let people know that Masons are an integral part of the community... plus maybe get some interest in joining.

Terry Griffith
SECRETARY



THE HIRAM AWARD

By Dave Johnson, PM

(Ed's note): Part 1 of Brother Johnson's history of the Hiram Award appeared in the July, 2017 Trestleboard. What follows is Part 2...if need be, please go back to Part 1 and then complete your education by reading the following.

We will accepting nominations for this year's Hiram Award recipient at the September 14th Stated Meeting.

Little has been written in the Oregon Grand Lodge Constitution about the Hiram Award. While there are detailed descriptions of the Award's medallion, lapel pin and certificate in the Resolutions Section of the "Code", the only direction given is, "...only one 'Hiram Award' shall be awarded by any one Lodge in one Masonic year, and recipients shall be elected by written ballot, without nomination."

Therefore, "Lodge Custom" has filled in the selection process of the Award. Much has been adopted from other Jurisdictions.

- Unlike the office of Master of the Lodge which a Master Mason can hold more than once, a Mason can receive the Hiram Award only one time in his life.
- It has also been our custom not to confer the Award on a "Sitting Master".
- Votes (without nomination) are called for only when the Worshipful Master determines, either by himself or on the advice of a member, that one or more worthy brethren are due for consideration for the Award.
- The Award does not have to be considered at any specified interval. It is not necessary to present the Award every year, and several years may lapse before another Award is conferred.
- Written ballots are sealed in an envelope, and delivered to a former recipient of the Award, chosen by the Worshipful Master, for counting.
- After reviewing the results of the count with the Worshipful Master, the ballots are destroyed.
- The Lodge Secretary is informed, and the process of obtaining the certificate, medallion and lapel pin from the Grand Lodge is begun.
- When, and only when, the Worshipful Master determines to present the Award, is the recipient announced. In the past, the announcement has been either in Lodge or at a special dinner for the recipient.
- The Award is presented by the Worshipful Master, or his designee, (e.g., the District Deputy or other significant party in the recipient's Masonic life) in open Lodge, while at Refreshment.

Previous recipients of the Award will be announced and recognized prior to the voting process.

Remember, Hiram Abif gave his life for Masonry. The Hiram Award was created to be conferred on Lodge members who have given a significant part of their time and effort to Masonry, in general, and for us, Bend Lodge, in particular.

MONTHLY EVENTS AT BEND LODGE

2ND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH:

STATED MEETING, 7pm

4TH THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH:

LODGE TRAINING, 7pm

(Topic varies from month-to-month)

SEPTEMBER, 2017 EVENTS

MONDAY, September 11TH:

- OFFICER'S MEETING @ 7pm

THURSDAY, September 14TH:

- STATED MEETING:
 - ◇ Dinner at 6pm
 - ◇ Meeting follows at 7pm...
 - ⇒ *Nominations will take place for this year's Hiram Award recipient*



SOMEONE ASKED ME RECENTLY IF THERE IS MUSIC SPECIFICALLY GEARED TOWARDS MASONRY AND MASONIC ACTIVITIES...GOOD QUESTION!

Masonic music has been defined as "*music used in connection with the ritual and social functions of freemasonry*". Two major types of music are used in Masonic lodges: lodge songs, played to keyboard accompaniment before or after meetings, or during meals; and music written to accompany specific Masonic ceremonies and events. Because the number 3 and the letter 'B' are of particular significance to Freemasonry, music written in the keys of C minor or E flat major, which both involve three (3) flats, (the musical flat symbol resembling the lowercase letter 'b'), in their key signatures has been considered especially appropriate for Masonic ceremonial music.

Music especially composed for Masonic rituals began to be published in the 18th century, including music written by Georg Benda, Ignaz Pleyel, François-André Danican Philidor, Johann Gottlieb Naumann and Christian Gottlob Neefe. Anthems and other works for use in Masonic lodges were written by, amongst others, in the 18th century William Boyce, in the 19th century Albert Lortzing, and in the 20th century Jean Sibelius.

The music written for Masonic use by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart is among the best-known of its kind. It includes the *Maurerische Trauermusik* (Masonic Funeral Music) and a number of songs and cantatas. Mozart's opera '*The Magic Flute*' and his incidental music to Thamos, King of Egypt also have Masonic connections.

Lodges sometimes used the music of other composers for their proceedings (with or without permission), often adding different words. For example, in 1810, Ludwig van Beethoven, who is not documented as a Mason, wrote to his friend the doctor Franz Wegeler: "*I was told you were singing a song of mine in the Masonic Lodge... send it to me, I am going to replace it and you won't be sorry.*" Wegeler himself published two Masonic texts suggesting melodies of Beethoven (*the Opferlied Werke ohne Opuszahl 126*) and the song *Der freie Mann Werke ohne Opuszahl 117* which could be used for them.

Go to '*YouTube*' and search "Masonic music"...you'll find some interesting results...both music and videos!