

OCTOBER, 2017

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From the East

Well, October is here and there is already a chill in the air and snow in the mountains!

As our next Stated Meeting is a "step-up" night and with elections next month, I urge you attend if at all possible and view your potential officer line for next year.

Those of you who attended last month's Stated Meeting were able to see all of the wonderful improvements to the lodge. For those of you who missed last month's meeting, I urge you to attend and enjoy your new and updated lodge.

A reminder that our Veterans Dinner is on November 4th at 6:00PM. Dinner will be a catered affair with a choice of beef scotch tenders or chicken picatta...**please RSVP to Junior Warden Mackey** on your choice of entrée and how many folks will be in your party...**all RSVPs need to be received no later than November 1st!**

Let's all show up and show our veterans that we truly do honor them and their contributions to the freedoms we enjoy. Remember, freedom is not free...

"When the country is in need, it has always been the soldier..."

Not the newspaper, which has given us freedom of the press;

Not the poet, who has given us freedom of speech;

Not the campus organizer, who has given us freedom to demonstrate;

...who salutes the flag, who serves under the flag; who is called upon to defend our American way of life."

General Douglas MacArthur
Extracted from the S. California Research Lodge
'Fraternal Review', May 2005

MASONIC TIDBITS

The earliest known appearance of the letter "G" inside the interlaced square and compasses is on a photo of an etching in "Freemasonry A Journey Through Ritual and Symbol" by Kirk MacNulty. The date shown on the etching is "5776" which we Masons know to be 1776 in standard dating form. Another very early

appearance is on a cast bronze plate made by Paul Revere in 1796. By the year 1800 the combined symbol had appeared in England on embroidered aprons and upon a "Master's Tracing Board. In the language of some countries, the letter "G" does not stand for either "God" or "Geometry" so it is not a part of their basic symbol of Freemasonry.

The word "**Worshipful**" is used when addressing the Master of the Lodge. "Worship" is derived from the Old English "*worchyppe*" or "*worchyp*" meaning "**greatly respected.**"

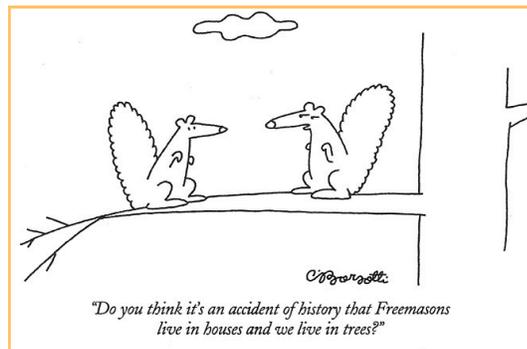
In the Wycliffe Bible, "*Honor thy father and thy mother*" appears as "*Worchyp thy fadir and thy modir.*"

Grand Masters are called "Most Worshipful" meaning, "**Most greatly respected**"...except in Pennsylvania, where the Grand Master is "Right Worshipful" as are Past Grand Masters both there and in Texas.

(*Ed's note*): I have been asked on several occasions if referring to the Master as "Worshipful" in some way implies that we worship him as our leader. As you can see, there IS no religious connotation...just another tradition involving respect dating back hundreds of years!)

Fraternally,

Wm. Lee Ransdall
MASTER



From the West

Greetings Brethren...

I hope that October finds you all well and I would like to say that I am looking forward to seeing you all in Lodge this month!

We find ourselves with a "**Step-Up**" night this month for our stated meeting! *What is a "Step-Up" night you ask?*

Each of the officers in the Lodge will be moving up one chair which will give us a chance to show the brothers what the next year might look like after officer elections in November.

With this event I would like to share a quote from Brother Audie Murphy:

"The way I see it, if you're scared of something, you'd better get busy and do something about it."

I'd call that a challenge - and I believe that the way to grow is to meet all the challenges as they come along."

We at Bend Lodge have been meeting challenges and growing and I am excited about the opportunity to continue along this path!

Fraternally,

Matt Alexander
SENIOR WARDEN

Secretary's Desk

While my submission this month has little to do with Bend Lodge individually, it does apply to everything we do in Masonry....

I had the opportunity, through the Shriners, to attend the Shriners International Membership training in Tampa Florida last week. This is significant because all the 400+ people in attendance were all part of the Masonic Family. Not only Masons and their Ladies, but Ladies of the Nile as well as Ladies of the Oriental Shrine. The common thread is our Masonic background and heritage.

It was inspiring to be able to talk with Masons from not only all areas of the U.S., from sea to shining sea, but also Canada, South America and the Philippines. The largest growing Masonic populations come from both South America (especially Brazil) and the Philippines. In the Philippines, almost all high ranking officials have ties to the Masons.

You can't really appreciate the vastness of our Masonic brotherhood until you encounter brothers from other countries and understand that they hold the same beliefs as you do. The amazing thing is that even though you are in a gathering of several hundred people, it is like stepping into your home Lodge...you feel safe and comfortable with your brothers from other parts of the world.

One very important concept that was discussed is that as a Mason, we are looking for good men to make them better...and as Shriners, we are looking for Masons to make the world better. As we look for new members, we are also looking for new Masons as well.

We also had the opportunity to meet one of our Shriner Patient Ambassadors for 2017-18. She is a pistol and truly reminded us why we devote time to the greatest philanthropy in the world, Shriners International, and our network of 22 Shriners' Hospitals for Children.

Terry Griffith
SECRETARY

BEND MASONIC LODGE VETERAN'S DINNER

PLEASE COME AND CELEBRATE...AND THANK...OUR VETERANS AT OUR VETERAN'S APPRECIATION DINNER. CATERING WILL BE PROVIDED BY TATE & TATE CATERING AND AN ENJOYABLE EVENING OF ENTERTAINMENT WILL FOLLOW.

DATE: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH, DINNER STARTS AT 6PM

ENTRÉE CHOICES: BEEF SCOTCH TENDERS —OR— CHICKEN PICATTA

AN RSVP IS REQUIRED!

PLEASE RSVP YOUR ENTRÉE CHOICE AND THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE ATTENDING IN YOUR PARTY...RSVPS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 1ST!

THIS INFORMATION CAN BE EMAILED TO Info@BendLodge.org OR YOU CAN TEXT IT OR CALL LEAVE AND LEAVE A VOICE MESSAGE AT **541-815-6052**.

8 Ways to Express Appreciation on Veterans Day

Veterans Day is an important day for showing appreciation to members of our military, past and present. If you're looking for an appropriate way to honor a veteran in your life, or would like to contribute in a way that's meaningful for veterans everywhere, here's a list of suggestions to start you off.

1. SHOW UP



Attend a Veterans Day event in your area -- not just a picnic with friends but an honest-to-goodness parade or service for veterans. Roy Rogers said, "*We can't all be heroes; someone has to sit on the curb and clap as they go by.*" Veterans Day is a great opportunity to do just that.

2. DONATE

There are a plethora of wonderful organizations who offer all manner of support, services and appreciation for our service members. To get a few ideas for donations, check out <http://www.military.com/veterans-day/ways-to-give-back-to-veterans.html>



3. FLY A FLAG - CORRECTLY



Veterans Day is a great opportunity to fly the flag! Just make sure you're observing the proper rules for display. Not sure exactly what those are? Check out *Military.com's* guide to the flag at <http://www.military.com/flag-day/us-flag-code.html>

4. ASK SOMEONE ABOUT THEIR SERVICE

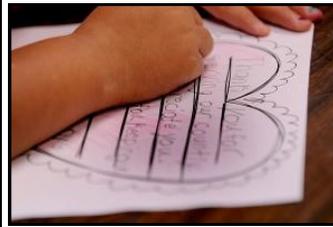
It seems like we all know someone who has served and Veterans Day is a great time to ask them about their service. Some questions to get started are: *What did you do in the military? How long did you serve? What was your favorite moment in all your time in the service? Did anyone else in your family serve? Why did you choose to go into the service branch you did?*



Do not ask if they've killed anyone and should your veteran be a combat vet who is either unwilling to share or plainly states what they went through, be supportive without being intrusive. Sometimes you don't have to say anything...just listen and give them your full attention.

(ARTICLE / PHOTOS COURTESY OF MILITARY.COM)

5. WRITE



If you know a veteran, write a simple postcard or e-card that recognizes them on Veterans Day. If you don't know a veteran, look up the closest military installation and send one there. Small acts of recognizing someone's service, even anonymously, are appreciated.

6. DON'T CONFUSE VETERANS DAY WITH MEMORIAL DAY

Veterans Day is a time to thank those who are serving or have served and are still with us. Memorial Day is to reflect and remember those who lost their lives in service to their country. Confusing the two or combining the two diminishes the importance of both.



7. VISIT A VA HOSPITAL



Find out what the policies are at your nearest VA hospital for interacting with patients or volunteering, and spend the day with a veteran. Many VA facilities will have events on Veterans Day or a special lunch you can help prepare. Even if you never interact with a veteran, helping at a facility is a way to give back.

8. GET OUTDOORS WITH A VETERAN

Invite a veteran or a military family to explore a national park -- admission is free for all visitors on Veterans Day. Being outside helps improve physical and mental health, boosts emotional well-being, and is a great way to celebrate the day with a veteran.



MONTHLY EVENTS AT BEND LODGE

2ND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH:

- **STATED MEETING**, 7pm

4TH THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH:

- **LODGE TRAINING**, 7pm

OCTOBER, 2017 EVENTS

MONDAY, October 10TH:

- OFFICER'S MEETING @ 7pm

THURSDAY, October 12TH:

- STATED MEETING:
 - ♦ Dinner at 6pm
 - ⇒ Meeting follows @ 7pm

UPCOMING 2017 EVENTS

NOVEMBER

SATURDAY, November 4TH:

- VETERAN'S APPRECIATION DINNER
 - ♦ Dinner starts @ 6pm
 - ⇒ An RSVP IS required!

MONDAY, November 6TH:

- OFFICER'S MEETING @ 7pm

THURSDAY, November 9TH:

- STATED MEETING
 - ♦ Dinner at 6pm
 - ⇒ Meeting follows @ 7pm

*A REMINDER THAT ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD AT THE
NOVEMBER MEETING FOR THE 2018 OFFICERS LINE*