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The Grand Master's Message: Back to the Basics

For the past four-plus years, I have been involved with Masonic education in one position or another. This journey itself is enlightening. Over the last two years, this involvement has been from a different angle, one of discovery. The greatest learning experience I had in my quest was to bring Masonic education to the Craft during my year as Senior Grand Warden. During that time, I was tasked with developing the education program for the Masonic year. My learning experience did not come from developing the programs or listening to them as they were presented, but rather from the responses of the Brethren after the classes. It is important to note that the feedback we receive at the end of a training is unbelievably beneficial to the success of future programs. I urge all attendees of our Masonic trainings to fill out any response cards or surveys honestly and completely, as they are used to inform the Trustees about what you want to hear, learn, and



M.W.B. W. Myles McMillan
Grand Master

be involved with in the future.

My year as Senior Grand Warden was an eye-opener for me. I learned of the differences and similarities between Lodges in urban areas like Portland versus the Lodges in rural Oregon. What I gathered and witnessed was a change in the physical make-up of the Lodge membership. We, Oregon Freemasonry, were making a transition, very slowly, but yet a transition. We had experienced a slow growth period, and most Lodges, if not all, had to recycle officers over again due to lack of growth. This recycling was the cause of complacency and apathy in some Lodges. The officers were tired; this was the way the ritual had always been done, right or wrong, more often wrong than right.

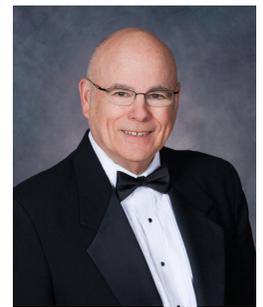
What I learned next came from a training in Portland. The responses given by the attendees after the session communicated that they wanted to learn what was needed to



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Report of the MESH Board by Arthur L. Borland, I.P.G.M.

One of the most important acts a human can do is to stretch out a helping hand to someone in need. We, as Masons, believe in this strongly, and often go out of our way to help those less fortunate. The Masonic Grand Lodge of Oregon and the Oregon Order of the Eastern Star fund and support our Jennings McCall Masonic and Eastern Star Home in Forest Grove, Ore. The Home, named for Berryman Jennings, our first Grand Master, and Mary McCall, our first Worthy Grand Matron was originally built in 1922. A newer and more modern Home was built in 1989 and expanded in 1999.



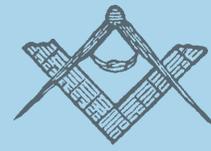
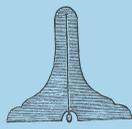
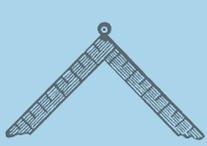
M.W.B. Arthur L. Borland
Immediate P.G.M.

The Jennings McCall Retirement Center now provides 226 Independent Living, Assisted Living, and Memory Care units. The Home provides meals, outings, medical support, and programs for the residents and is considered one of the best of its class in

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Grand Master's Message,

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run their Lodge as a Worshipful Master, what they needed to do to be prepared as Senior Warden, and the responsibilities of the Junior Warden. I could not believe what I had just heard. These men wanted to learn what tools were necessary to be a Lodge officer and how to make their Lodge grow. Then, in far Eastern Oregon in Ontario, I heard the same thing, this time coming from rural Lodges. They were experiencing the same issues, but on a different scale, and a bit later than the urban Lodges.

At that training in Eastern Oregon, I found it interesting when M.W.B. Art Bush, P.G.M. commented and said, "These men are asking for the information in the charges." This was exactly what we were hearing, and the thought of bringing back the charges and getting "Back to the Basics" was born.

After digging around and asking many Past Grand Masters if they still had any material from the old charges, some of the class outlines were reinvigorated and redeveloped. This January, we will be putting on our first Worshipful Master's Charge. This charge will focus on the sitting Worshipful Masters just installed, to help them catch up on what they need to know to operate their Lodge for the year. Many new Worshipful Masters and even some re-runs do not know the responsibilities that come with the office. In March, we will be introducing the other charges for the Senior Warden, Junior Warden, and Senior Deacon. Each charge is aimed at the preceding office: the Junior Warden's Charge is aimed at the Senior Deacon, the Senior Warden's Charge is intended for the Junior Warden, and the Worshipful Master's Charge is designed for the Senior Warden. There is no fee for the actual Charge program, and all Masons are welcome to attend, but the travel incentives, like lodging, are reserved for the intended upcoming officers. Other Masons come at their own expense.

As we all know by now, things move slowly in Oregon Masonry, but it is hard to speed up an event that happens but once a year. I hope we have learned something from the past, and we can put it to use this year. I look forward to seeing full classrooms and excited officers in January and March. Look to the December issue of this publication for further information.

Fraternally,
W. Myles McMillan, Grand Master,
A.F. & A.M. of Oregon

**REMINDER
TO ALL LODGES:**

**PROPOSED LEGISLATION
IS DUE TO THE
GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE
BY JANUARY 8, 2018.**

Mason of the Month Leading by example

W.B. Travis Bryan is serving his second year as Master of Redmond Lodge No. 154 and has been the driving force behind renewed interest in Lodge activities, especially our monthly Masonic education presentation. W.B. Bryan does many of the presentations himself or drafts a member to make a presentation on a topic of special interest.



W.B. Travis Bryan

W.B. Bryan was instrumental in reconstituting Pilgrim Chapter of DeMolay in Central Oregon, which had been dormant for many years. He was the first recipient of Oregon DeMolay's Friend of Youth Award, acknowledging his efforts in re-establishing DeMolay in Central Oregon and his support of Bethel No. 11, Job's Daughters.

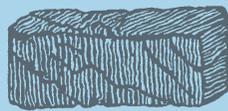
At age 39, W.B. Bryan is the youngest Master/Past Master of Redmond Lodge, and under his leadership, the Lodge has seen a resurgence in membership, especially among younger men in our area. W.B. Bryan is also an excellent ritualist, which is a source of pride for both him and the members of the Lodge, as well as another example of his leadership.

W.B. Bryan still finds time to help his wife, Heather, raise their two sons, Logan and Caleb (both belong to DeMolay) and officiate middle and high school football games. If you want to get something done, ask a busy man (and a Mason), and he WILL get it done. W.B. Bryan certainly meets that description.

*- nominated by R.W.B. John F. Ferguson,
District Deputy No. 19*

THANK YOU, W.B. TRAVIS BRYAN!

To nominate an exemplary Mason, submit a short bio on the Brother to M.W.B. Ed Bousquet, P.G.M., at grandsecretary@masonic-oregon.com.



Mark your calendar for the upcoming Secretary Seminar on Jan. 19-20, 2018. The Grand Lodge invites all Master Masons to attend this free training but strongly recommends the attendance of each Secretary as the presentations and shared information are pivotal to the role. The training on Friday afternoon will begin at 3 p.m. with the popular *Nuts and Bolts* program, while Saturday will cover more advanced topics, including the membership database, *Grand View*, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. 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 to attend; 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, www.masonic-oregon.com/secretary-seminar or call the Grand Lodge office at (503) 357-3158 to reserve your spot.

GRAND MASTER'S TENTATIVE ITINERARY

November 2017

- 10 – Cornerstone Ceremony, Robert M. Richmond Masonic Memorial Library and Museum: Grand Lodge, Forest Grove, 1 p.m. - S, U, apron, L
- 11 – MESH/Trustee Meeting: Grand Lodge, Forest Grove, 8 a.m. - U
- 12-14 Grand Lodge of Nevada, Las Vegas - U, T, L
- 16 – Aurora No. 59, Reedsport, Official Visit: dinner, 6:30 p.m.; Lodge, 7:30 p.m. - U, L
- 18 – Champoeg No. 27, Canby, Official Visit: breakfast, 9:30 a.m.; Lodge, 10:30 a.m. - U, L
- 18 – DeMolay Grand Master's Class: Tigard-Orenomah Lodge No. 207, Tigard, 1-4 p.m. - U
- 18 – Chief Rabban Night: Al Kader Shrine, 6 p.m. - BC

December 2017

- 2 – Regional Gathering, Occasional Grand Lodge: Laurel No. 13, Roseburg, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. - U, BC, L
- 5 – Vista Masonic No. 215, Salem, Official Visit: dinner, 6:30 p.m.; Lodge, 7:30 p.m. - U, L
- 7 – St. Helens Masonic No. 32, Official Visit: dinner, 6:30 p.m.; Lodge, 7:30 p.m. - U, L
- 8 – Leadership Meeting: Grand Lodge, Forest Grove, 1 p.m. - BC
- 9 – MESH/Trustee Meeting: Grand Lodge, Forest Grove, 8 a.m. - U
- 13 – Eugene No. 11, Official Visit: dinner, 6:30 p.m.; Lodge, 7:30 p.m. - U, L
- 14 – Newberg No. 104, Official Visit: dinner, 6:30 p.m.; Lodge, 7:30 p.m. - U, L

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

2018-19 Grand Master's Calendar – Schedule an Official Visit

Any Lodges interested in inviting the Grand Master for an official visit or event during the 2018-2019 Masonic year should email the Deputy Grand Master, dgm@masonic-oregon.biz with the requested date and information. Space is limited, so contact the DGM early to reserve your spot on the calendar.



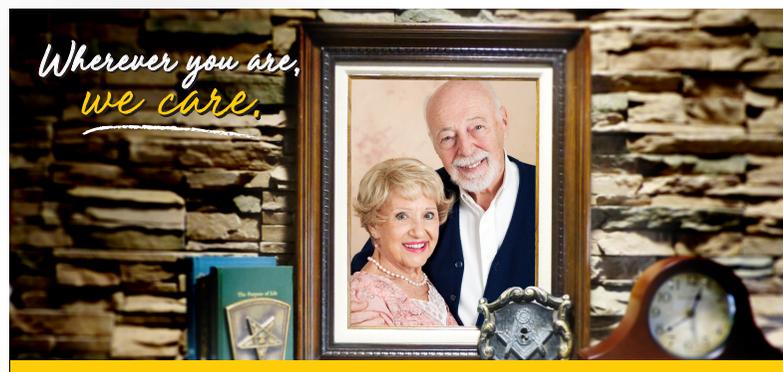
In Loving Memory Maxine E. Nichols

February 13, 1925
to
October 1, 2017



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Salem Chapter No. 162

Maxine was a Life Care member for 17 years, 9 months & 18 days. She will be greatly missed by all that had the pleasure to know her.

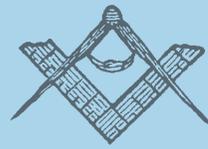
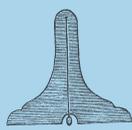
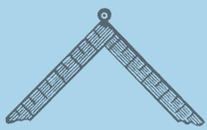


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Oregon Masonic and Eastern Star members can benefit from available services around the state to live happily in the home they choose.

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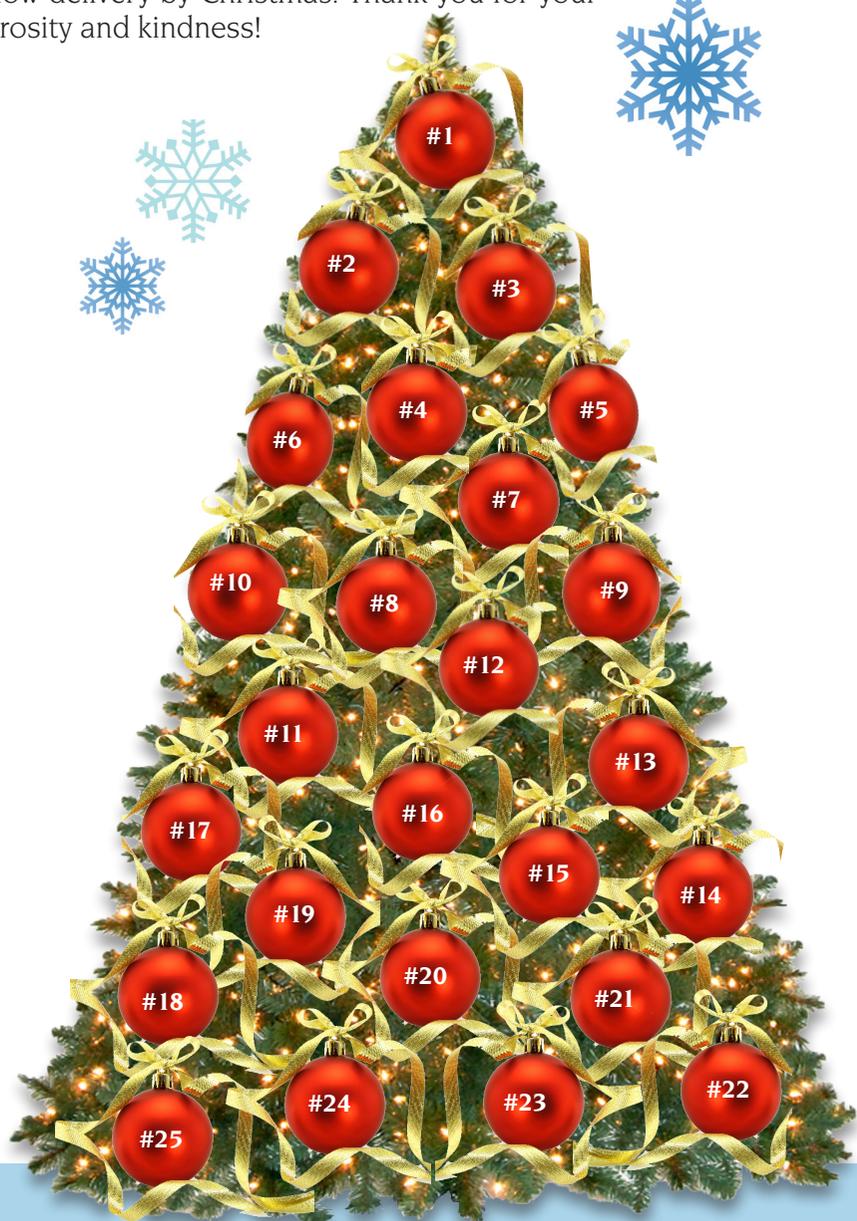
OutReach Services' Giving Tree: Brightening the holiday season

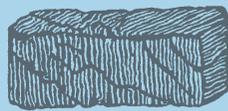
Displayed below are Masonic & Eastern Star members of the 'OutReach Giving Tree' who are in poor health, have little money, or may be spending the holidays alone this year. If you would like to make a monetary donation to one of our OutReach Sisters and Brothers, please select a numbered ornament from 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. 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. 11**, to allow delivery by Christmas. Thank you for your generosity and kindness!



OutReach Members in need:

1. Cottage Grove Chapter No. 4
2. Widow, Tigard-Orenomah Lodge No. 207
3. La Grande Lodge No. 41
4. Oregon Chapter No. 57
5. East Gate Lodge No. 155
6. Ashland Lodge No. 23
7. Home Star Chapter No. 187
8. Sunnyside Lodge No. 163
9. Friendship Rose Chapter No. 148
10. Adarel Chapter No. 3
11. Doric Chapter No. 53
12. Widow, Tuality Lodge No. 6
13. Gresham Lodge No. 152
14. Washington Lodge No. 46
15. Valliant-Sellwood Chapter No. 92
16. Forest Chapter No. 42
17. Holbrook Lodge No. 30
18. Molalla Lodge No. 178
19. Widow, Bandon Lodge No. 130
20. Washington Lodge No. 46
21. Ashland Lodge No. 23
22. Friendship Rose Chapter No. 148
23. Ashland Lodge No. 23
24. Sydney Croft Lodge No. 206
25. Grande Ronde Valley Chapter No. 49





MESH Board,

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the area. Aidan Health Services was hired a number of years ago to manage the day-to-day operations of the Home. Their expertise has made the Home more efficient and a respected operator in Oregon.

To keep the Jennings McCall Center a premier facility, the Masonic and Eastern Star Home (MESH) Board is focused on upgrading our aging complex, bringing it up to modern standards. The entryway and main lobby of the Independent Living portion of the building are now under renovation and should be complete by the start of the new year. Additional portions of the building will be upgraded with a new dining area, lighting, carpeting, and other amenities. Individual apartments are scheduled to be updated with new kitchens, flooring, cabinets, and paint. These renovations will ensure we keep our Home at the top of its class.

The option to live at the Jennings McCall Center or another retirement community in Oregon, under the MESH-Care program, is open to all qualifying Master Masons and Eastern Star members who have been members in Oregon for a minimum of five years and meet the other requirements. For those interested in knowing more about retirement living, please contact Ms. Tammy Vanderzanden, MESH-Care Program Manager, at the Grand Lodge office. She will be happy to assist you.

The Grand Lodge of Oregon also assists members through our OutReach Services program. OutReach Services coordinates resources for eligible members to help them remain independent, whether living at home or in a retirement community. We encourage Masons and Eastern Star members to notify Ms. Danielle Christopherson, OutReach Services Director, if a member may benefit from OutReach Services, including those who have medical, home care, and transportation needs.

*- by M.W.B. Arthur L. Borland, I.P.G.M.,
MESH Board Chairman*



November 2017 Contributions

September 1, 2017 – September 26, 2017



Masonic & Eastern Star Home

Petitioner Club

Arthur D. Case, Jr. (44) Barbara & Robert Furer (50)
Lyon Lodge No. 29 – in memory of Edgar F. Pomeroy
Joseph Lodge No. 81 – in memory of William L. Bailey

Apprentice Club

Cascade Cherry Growers, Inc. – 2016 Allocated Equities
Palestine Masonic Lodge No. 141 Trust – 2016 Distribution

Fellowcraft Club

F & M Schoene Endowment Fund

Oregon Masonic Youth Education & Literacy Foundation

Petitioner Club

Sunnyside Lodge No. 163
Pearl Lodge No. 66 – in honor of M.W.B. Myles McMillan
Jennifer Brundidge – in honor of Tom Burke (130) and
in memory of Forrest A. Steen

Oregon Masonic Charitable Foundation

Apprentice Club

Palestine Masonic Lodge No. 141 Trust – 2016 Distribution

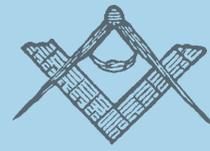
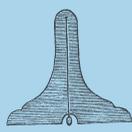
Masonic Service Association Disaster Relief

When a natural disaster occurs, the Grand Jurisdiction(s) affected may request the Masonic Service Association of North America (MSANA) to make an appeal for assistance to all U.S. and Canadian Grand Lodges. The Grand Lodge of Oregon has donated \$15,000 (\$5,000 each) to assist MSANA in their relief efforts to help the Grand Lodges affected by recent hurricanes Harvey (Texas), Irma (Florida), and Maria (Puerto Rico).

Additionally, the Grand Lodge of Oregon received donations from W.B. Joe Fontana (107) and Aurora Lodge No. 59 to assist the Grand Lodge of Texas after Hurricane Harvey. Rainier Lodge No. 24 donated \$1,000 each to aid the Grand Lodges of Florida, Texas, and Puerto Rico in their hurricane relief efforts. Florence Lodge No. 107 also donated funds to assist a Lodge in Texas with a water project.

If you would like to help MSANA in their disaster relief efforts, kindly send your donation, payable to the Grand Lodge of Oregon, and designate which area you would like to assist. The Grand Lodge of Oregon will then compile all donations and forward them to the MSANA.





NEWS FROM OUR LODGES —

Washington No. 46



At the September Stated meeting, Washington Lodge No. 46 in Portland presented two 65-year certificates and jewels to W.B. Ralph Bankston and Bro. Phil Lang, former speaker of the Oregon House of Representatives, 1975-79. R.W.B. Gary Ball, Grand Treasurer and Lodge musician was presented an Honorary Past Master certificate by Worshipful Master and Junior Grand Steward, John Quiroz. Finally, Bro. Timber Joey Webber was presented his Life Membership certificate by M.W.B. Don Stapleton, Lodge Secretary and Past Grand Master.



(From left to right) Top: Bro. Phil Lang and W.B. Ralph Bankston with his daughter. Bottom left: R.W.B. Gary Ball and W.B. John Quiroz. Bottom right: Bro. Timber Joey Webber and M.W.B. Don Stapleton, P.G.M.

- submitted by
M.W.B. Don Stapleton, P.G.M.

East Linn No. 44



On Sept. 14, Worshipful Master Mearl Kroker presented a Life Membership certificate to Bro. Al Harrison (pictured left) at the September Stated Communication of East Linn Lodge No. 44 in Lebanon. Before the meeting, the Lebanon Fire Department presented an AED instruction to the members during the Lodge dinner.

- submitted by W.B. Mearl Kroker



Santiam No. 25



Sept. 18 was another great night at Santiam Lodge No. 25 in Stayton. The main event of the evening was the presentation of a 50 and 60-year pin to two Brothers with the assistance of our District Deputy, R.W.B. Jay Raymond. The 50-year pin was presented to W.B. Jim Gulliford, and the 60-year pin was presented to Bro. Ernie Leffler. A good time was had by all.

- submitted by Bro. Hunter Tinney

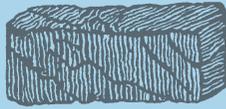
Grand Master's Reception Pearl Lodge No. 66



Grand Master Myles McMillan was escorted by W.B. Bill Chappell under an Arch of Steel — tape measures in this case — during his recent reception in Salem.

"I wish to extend a big Thank You to all of those involved in the production, as well as to those that took the time to enjoy the evening. Thank you all for your support. Nearly every Masonic organization was represented. We are the Tools That Make a Difference."

Thank you again,
Myles and Sue



Library & Museum Cornerstone Ceremony

The Grand Lodge of Oregon invites all Oregon Lodge members, Concordant and Appendant Bodies, and friends of Freemasonry to the Cornerstone Ceremony for the Robert M. Richmond Masonic Memorial Library and Museum on Friday, Nov. 10. The ceremony will begin at 1 p.m. at the Grand Lodge office, 2150 Masonic Way, Forest Grove, OR 97116, with a reception to follow.



Masons, please wear a suit and your Masonic apron. More information about the library and museum will be shared at the event and in future issues of this publication.

We look forward to seeing you at the Grand Lodge office on Friday, November 10th!

YOU ARE INVITED!

Honor Flight for WWII Veterans

W.B. Ralph Thompson was escorted by W.B. Jerry Schierling on the Oregon Honor Flight for WWII veterans. During the time spent in Washington D.C., they visited



the various memorials to our American veterans. W.B. Thompson and the other 24 members were greeted with much fanfare and handshakes at each stop on this journey.

We should always honor these men and women that make this nation what it is today. Take a moment to say, "Thank you for your service," and shake the hand of an American hero.

- submitted by W.B. Jerry Schierling

Occasional Grand Lodge REGIONAL GATHERING

REGISTRATION

Two Occasional Grand Lodge meetings are planned for the North and South regions of Oregon. The first will be held on Dec. 2, 2017, at Laurel Lodge No. 13, in Roseburg. The second is set for Feb. 24, 2018, at Washington Lodge No. 46 in Portland. These regional gatherings are free to attend and will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The attire is uniform or business casual. Ladies are encouraged to attend as a program will be offered in the morning.

Check-in will open at 8 a.m., and a light breakfast will be provided. The first portion of these meetings will include a Grand Lodge opening, followed by a closed session of Masons, the Grand Lodge Trustees, and Lodge Officers. During this time, the attending Worshipful Master, or representative of each Lodge, will be expected to give a brief report of their Lodge status, happenings, issues, solutions, etc. A discussion of the new Grand Lodge membership database, *Grand View*, will be given explaining some of the features and highlights. Lunch will be provided and available to all attendees.

The afternoon session, open to ladies and all attendees, from 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m., will include the introduction of attending Masonic Bodies followed by an overview of the Grand Lodge youth programs. The regional gathering will end with a keynote speech from one of the Grand Lodge Officers. Registration will be open until one week before the session. Space is limited so register early to reserve your place.

REGIONAL GATHERING • REGISTRATION FORM

WE ARE FROM LODGE:

No. _____

NAME

OFFICE HELD

MY LADY WILL BE ATTENDING

Register for the FREE Regional Gathering online, masonic-oregon.com/regional-gathering, mail this form to the Grand Lodge office or call (503) 357-3158.

For more information, contact W.B. Greg Jenkins, Senior Grand Deacon at (503) 474-7449.

Dec. 2, 2017

ROSEBURG
LAUREL LODGE No. 13

Feb. 24, 2018

PORTLAND
WASHINGTON LODGE No. 46

Register for the
North or South
Regional
Gathering.

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Photo Contest — November winners announced

Masonic Event Category

The winner in the Masonic Event category was submitted by W.B. Patrick Sheehan and captured by W.B. Jeremy Ward from Milwaukie Lodge No. 109. During Sept. 6-21, 2017, three Brothers from Milwaukie Lodge went to the United Kingdom and Ireland on a 16-day Masonic pilgrimage, visiting 11 cities, three Grand Lodges, five constituent Lodges, witnessed two Master Mason degrees and one Fellowcraft degree, as well as toured several sites of Masonic interest including the Rosslyn Chapel. The photo was taken from the Master's station at Freemasons' Hall, home to the Grand Lodge of England in their expansive Lodge room.



Pictured left to right: Bro. Peter Lund; W.B. Jeremy Ward, Worshipful Master of Milwaukie No. 109 (in the seat typically occupied by Prince Edward, Duke of Kent); and W.B. Patrick Sheehan.



Esoteric Category

The winner in the esoteric category was submitted by R.W.B. Ronald L. Atkins, District Deputy No. 1 and Secretary of Gateway Lodge No. 175 in Warrenton. The photo was taken on Oct. 3 while R.W.B. Atkins was sitting at his kitchen table for lunch at 1:30 p.m. Sunlight was shining through a peephole on the front door, projecting across the hallway, and illuminating the top of his Past Master's whiskey decanter, with a beautiful rainbow of color.

Oregon Masons and Lodges are invited to submit photographs for consideration to the Grand Lodge in the following three categories: A Masonic event, a historic Masonic building, or some esoteric meaning to Masonry. Submissions must be received to eevans@masonic-oregon.com by the 5th of the month to be considered for that month's competition.