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From the East

The Holiday Season has begun... November is upon us with all the trappings of the holiday season soon to be upon us...

November 4th was our very successful Veteran's Appreciation dinner. We had about 93 attendees who were thoroughly entertained and well fed. Our JW did an exceptional and affecting job with his program and commentary, even our Master had a few inspiring words to say.

It was truly a privilege for Bend Lodge to be able to honor our Veterans from all services with such an exceptional meal and inspirational remarks. The compliments we received were heartfelt and touching.

November is also lodge election time. Lodge elections will be held at this month's stated meeting on November 9th... dinner is at 6:00pm followed by Lodge at 7:00pm. I urge you all to attend and take part in your lodge.

ORIGINS OF THE CRAFT

Respecting the origin and early history of Masonry, men differ and probably will continue to differ. While some date its birth with the creation of the world, others trace it back to an age enveloped by the mist of time.

"The erection of Solomon's Temple," said Bro. De Witt Clinton, *"the retreats of the Druids, and the Crusades to the holy land, have been, at different times, specially assigned as sources of its existence"*.

"The order, harmony and wonders of creation, the principles of mathematical science, and the productions of architectural skill, have been confounded with Freemasonry. Wherever a great philosopher has enlightened the ancient world, he has been resolved, by a species of moral metempsychosis, or intellectual chemistry, into a Freemason; and in all the secret institutions of antiquity, the footsteps of lodges have been traced by credulity."

Various as are the opinions relative to the infancy of Masonry, no one the least

acquainted with history can fail to trace her through centuries to a remote period. Her principles and virtues he recognizes among the good of every age; on her roll, he reads the names of illustrious men whose lives have left an unfading halo around their memory; and on the pages of her history he beholds the record of her beneficent deeds, dating back to the obscure past.

More than this, if he rightly comprehends the institution and its design, he regards it as the most perfect establishment ever conceived and erected by man. He respects it for its antiquity, but he reveres it for its purity and its intrinsic worth. It is not to him a moldy relic of a barbarous age unsuited to the present wants of mankind; it is not a society which has accomplished its mission, and is fit only to be buried with decent ceremonies.

It is a system perfect in itself; no age can improve it, and yet it is adapted to every age and every people; and it is as young and vigorous now as it was centuries ago and as capable of producing results beneficial to the human race. Such we believe to be the opinion of Masons who value our time-honored order and desire to promote its interests.

*Allyn Weston,
The Ashlar,
October 1857*

Fraternally,

Wm. Lee Ransdall
MASTER



2017 VETERAN'S APPRECIATION DINNER

Judging from the attendance and the comments received by many of the participants, the 2017 Bend Lodge Veteran's Appreciation dinner was an overwhelming success!

Dinner was catered by Tate & Tate Catering and they did a fantastic job! Entrees included either chicken picatta or beef scotch tenders...and what a selection of rice, salad, fresh vegetables and fruit.

Bend Lodge Chaplain Dave Johnson was out-of-town for another Masonic event, so Jim Crowley, the head of the Central Oregon Police Chaplaincy, and an Air Force veteran himself, filled in for grace and the final blessing.

Close to 100 attendees, included numerous Central Oregon Band Of Brothers members, and ranging from World War II vets all the way up to active duty military personnel came together so that we could say thank you for their service.

Redmond Lodge WM Travis Bryan and his lovely wife Heather brought four DeMolay members to act as servers and wait staff and they did an EXCELLENT job! A check to say "thank you" will be sent to the Pilgram Chapter DeMolay, a part of Redmond Lodge #154.



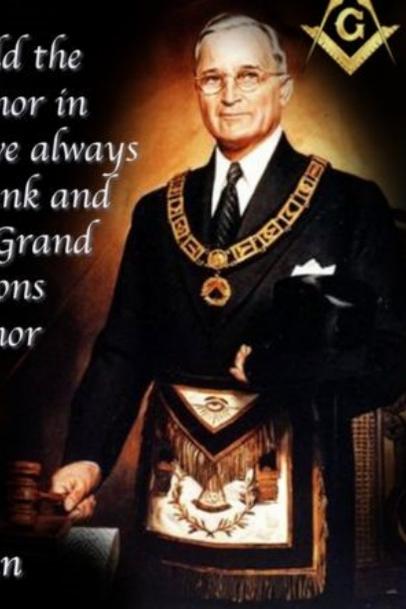
Besides a number of inspiring videos and music, the basic theme of the evening was "*Masons and the Military*". There were also several military service "competitions", including "*Name that Mason*" and a montage of all five of the U.S. military services' theme songs, complete with words, to which members of each service group were challenged to sing along to. The overall winner was...the U.S. Navy!

A donation jar was put out and a brief video was shown about Shriner's Hospitals and the miracles they bring about. Although not an edict, attendees were encouraged to make a donation to the hospital in Portland if they saw fit to. A total of **\$221** was raised and will be forwarded to the hospital...GREAT job, folks!

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“Although I hold the highest civil honor in the world, I have always regarded my rank and title as a Past Grand Master of Masons the greatest honor that had ever come to me.”

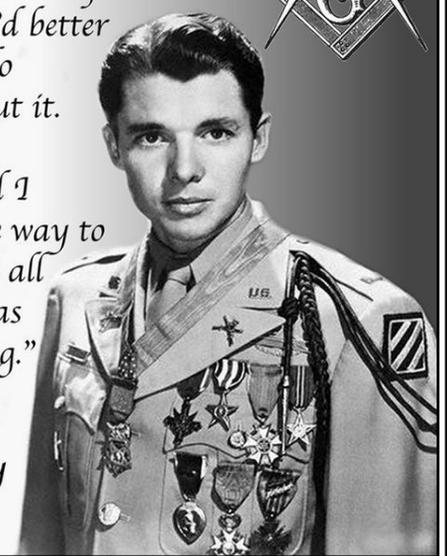
Brother
Harry Truman



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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.”

Brother
Audie Murphy



What Is A Veteran?

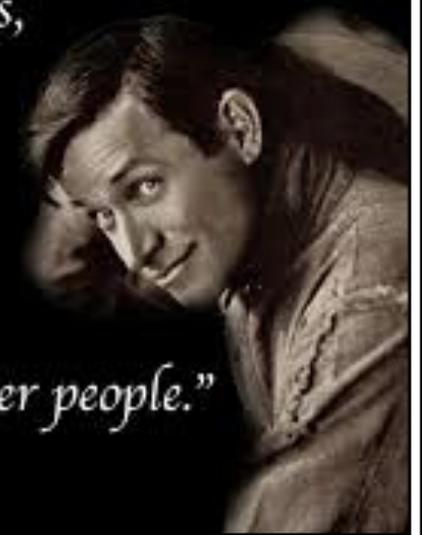
A "Veteran" - whether active duty, discharged, retired, or reserve - is someone who, at one point in his life, wrote a blank check made payable to "The United States of America," for an amount of "up to, and including his life." That is honor. And there are way too many people in this country today, who no longer understand that fact.



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“A man only learns in two ways, one by reading, and the other by association with smarter people.”

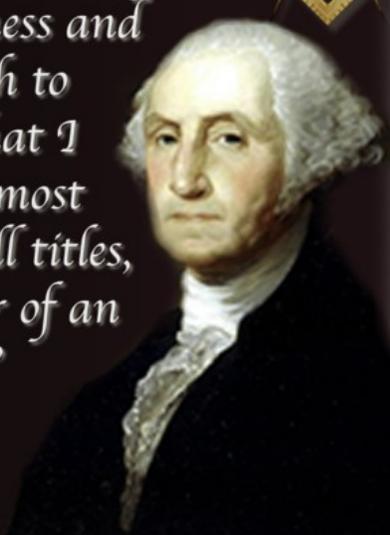
Brother
Will Rogers



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“I hope I shall always possess firmness and virtue enough to maintain what I consider the most enviable of all titles, the character of an honest man.”

Brother
George Washington



BECAUSE I HAVE A
BROTHER



I ALWAYS HAVE A
FRIEND