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## From the East



**G**reetings, Brethren and Happy New Year!

I hope that all are doing well and not too surprised by our lack of snow this season so far!

Our Lodge was busy last year right up to the last week of December. I would like to thank Dave and Lynn Johnson for all their preparations and everyone who helped out with sorting, packing, and delivering the Holiday Food Baskets this year!

At our installation of Officers, I mentioned some of the goals I would like to focus on for the upcoming year. I would like to continue the growth in our fraternity that we have seen in the past few years by getting more brothers active in Lodge activities. I look forward to suggestions of events that would help with that!

We have many repairs planned for the building that have been talked about for several years and their time has come in our priority list! (Fortunately, that list is getting shorter each year...)

This year I would like us to improve our Ritual work; we have more practices planned and need get more brothers to participate and learn more parts in the degree work! We will be doing this by using the 4th Thursday of each month.

If there is a specific area / subject you would like to learn or perhaps you would like to give a lecture on a subject, please let our officers know.

Wishing you all a happy and healthy 2018!

I look forward to seeing you all at our first Stated Meeting on **Thursday, January 11th** at 7:00, with dinner preceding at 6:00. Come see what delectable delights JW Brasher has in store for us!

Fraternally,

*Matt Alexander*  
MASTER

## Secretary's Desk

Now that the Holidays are behind us, we have a little time to breathe and relax.

While many Brothers are still working, several of us are retired and have extra time on our hands. Why not take one night out of the month and come and join us for Lodge. There have been several changes in the past year, with a few more ongoing. I know that if you haven't been in Lodge for a while, you may feel uncomfortable in not knowing what to do. Please do not feel like that. When you became a Mason, you joined a fraternity of Brothers that care about you. We would much rather see you there, than not! I always have a place to sit next to the Secretary's desk and would enjoy the company.

### MEMBERS CORNER

**DAN JOHNSON:**  
*Examined and passed on Master  
Mason Degree, 12/14/2017*

**DAVID BLAIR:**  
*Affiliated to Bend Lodge on  
12/14/2017 (from California)*

**DAN SNEERINGER:**  
*Entered Apprentice on 11/17/2017*

*Terry Griffith*  
SECRETARY



## INSTALLATION OF 2018 BEND LODGE OFFICER LINE

In an ceremony held at Bend Lodge on Saturday, December 10th, the 2018 Bend Lodge Officer line was installed. We were honored to have MWB John Turner as the Installing Master.

The complete new line of officers is listed on the front page of the Trestleboard; some were unable to attend, so they may not appear in the group photo below.



## From the West



Greetings, Brothers, and a belated Happy New Year to all!

I am looking forward to the opportunity to serve as Senior Warden at Bend Lodge in 2018. We have accomplished much over the past few years in the way of improvements at our lodge, both in the brotherhood and the building itself. We must, however, not rest on our laurels as there is still MUCH to do!

I certainly echo WM Alexander's comments about improving our ritual work. Receiving the degrees is often a momentous milestone for a new brother, and we absolutely owe them the best experience possible. When the call goes out for ritual practice, PLEASE make it a priority to try and attend. We should be several brothers deep at every part so that if one brother can't make a degree, we have someone who can smoothly transition in. This not only helps Bend Lodge, but we can also assist Redmond and Prineville lodges when they have a degree to perform.

I also echo JW Brasher's sentiments about staying in contact with some of our brothers "on the sidelines"...those folks who HAVEN'T been to lodge in some time. They might be former or lifetime members of Bend Lodge; they could be "sojourners", Masons who have moved here from different part of Oregon or even from out-of-state. Each one of them have their own reasons...perhaps it's a health issue, or, given the "maturity" of some of those brothers, perhaps they don't drive well after dark. With others, it might have to do with work, family or other obligations. Without nagging, without resorting to guilt trips, we need to reach out to those folks and let them know that they ARE a part of the fraternity of Masonry...and that although a little rusty, they are welcome ANY time!



To that end, we've talked about a number of ideas to try and stir some interest. Perhaps a "Dusty Mason" night where brothers who are a bit rusty in procedure can be "brought back into the Light". How about a "Sojourner's Night", where Masons from other areas are invited to lodge? Please let us know of your ideas and let's see if we can not only attract new petitioners, but also get some of the "sideliners" back into the fold.

MY fondest wish is that at one of our future Stated Meetings, we would see NUMEROUS folks on the sidelines...not just the bare minimum needed to conduct the meeting.

Even though the primary officers have been elected and installed, there are still a few positions to fill. By the next Stated Meeting, on **January 11th**, we should have a better idea of not only the complete line, but also of the various committees and such.

As always...Bend Lodge is YOUR lodge. The officers are merely the folks you elected and entrusted with its day-to-day, month-to-month care. For Bend Lodge to prosper, however...it needs EVERYONE's help, interest and passion.

Hope to see you at the next Stated Meeting...

Fraternally,

*Neil Mackey*  
SENIOR WARDEN

## From the South



As Masons, we are taught to take care of our own distressed worthy Master Masons, their widows and

orphans. As time goes on, we need to remember all of those who have come before us because they paved the path on which we are now standing. We need to make sure that we involve each and every one in our events and meetings and recognize the families of those who have passed on.

I have seen from a personal view that we don't always look out for those who gave so much for Masonry once they have stopped coming to meetings because we either seem to be too busy or we get new Masons who don't know about them or what they have done. We need to find a way to balance them into our lives by either going and giving them rides to lodge, or by just going and visiting with them at their homes. A lot of the older Masons have so much knowledge about Masonry and life that they are always willing to share with brothers.

So the next time you are looking for something to do, pick up the phone and contact an older Mason or their family...because just talking with them will let them know that we still care and that their sacrifices to Masonry are never forgotten.

We need to be ready to do two Entered Apprentice degrees and one Fellowcraft degree near the end of the month. The two petitioners for the Entered Apprentice degree, Shawn "Roxy" Andra'de and Tanner Whilhite, are eager to start their journey in Freemasonry and it is our duty to help them. The Fellowcraft degree is for Bud Collings who just passed his proficiency at December's meeting.

Fraternally,

*Scott Brasher*  
JUNIOR WARDEN



## **2017 BEND LODGE CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKET PROGRAM**

Thanks to A LOT of hard work by brothers, their ladies and other family members from both Bend and Redmond Lodges, the 2017 Masonic Food Basket Program was the most successful we've ever had!

Using recommendations from local FAN (Family Access Network) advocates, approximately 75 food baskets were put together and delivered to needy families. The North Albertson's in Bend made us a **KILLER** deal on all the food items, which allowed us to increase the overall number of baskets from past years.

Most of these were "*standard sized*" baskets, for families of 4-5 people, which included a turkey, ten pounds of potatoes, canned veggies, butter, gravy mix and rolls. For a number of larger families, a large cooked ham was added to the basket as well. In addition, several baskets were delivered to both the Shepherd's House and the Bethlehem Inn.

While the majority of these baskets were delivered to families in the Bend area, several also went to Redmond-area families, delivered by Redmond Lodge WM Travis Bryan. Additional baskets were picked up and delivered by members of the Prineville Lodge.

**A WARM AND HEART-FELT "THANK YOU!" TO ALL WHO HELPED PULL THIS EVENT OFF, AND TO THOSE BROTHERS WHO MADE SOME SUBSTANTIAL INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS!**

## **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)*

## **JANUARY, 2018 EVENTS**

**MONDAY, January 8<sup>TH</sup>:**

- OFFICER'S MEETING @ 7pm

**THURSDAY, January 11<sup>TH</sup>:**

- STATED MEETING:
  - Dinner @ 6pm;
    - Meeting follows @ 7pm

**THURSDAY, January 25<sup>th</sup>:**

- 4<sup>TH</sup> THURSDAY PRACTICE:
  - This might be ritual practice or some other element chosen by the Worshipful Master;
    - *With two (2) EA degrees and one (1) FC degree pending, please come out and make sure that we're in good shape to perform these degrees!*

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AND/OR INFORMATION***