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From the East



Welcome to 2019! We are starting out the year with our first meeting on **January 10th** in what will be a very busy Stated Meeting. Our Junior Warden has promised us an excellent meal at 6:00 PM, with our Stated at 7:00 PM.

The Grand Master will be at Redmond Lodge on **May 13th**...please mark your calendars and attend if at all possible.

Grand Lodge will be held in Seaside this year on **June 6th and 7th** and I urge you all to mark your calendars. If you have never attended a Grand Lodge session, this is a great opportunity to do so as the Seaside area is beautiful. It's an outstanding experience to see how Masonry functions at the highest levels. It also offers you the opportunity to meet and get to know Masons from not only around Oregon and but other jurisdictions from around the world as well. A truly enlightening experience!

This year we will continue to improve the lodge, both inside and out. We will be concentrating on degree work, learning more about Masonry, and making ourselves better Masons. We will continue to use the fourth Thursday of each month for practices and improving our proficiency in degree work. We will also work on any areas you wish, you need only ask. A lot will be happening this year so

follow the Trestleboard and visit the web page for updates.

CHARACTER OF A MASON

"A Freemason is distinguished from the rest of Mankind by the consistent unrestrained rectitude of his conduct. Other men are honest in fear of punishment, which the law might inflict; they are religious in expectation of being rewarded, or in dread of the devil in the next world. A Freemason would be just if there were no laws, human or divine except those written in his heart by the tenants of our Craft and the finger of his Creator. In every climate, under every system of religion, he is the same. He kneels before the Universal Throne of God in gratitude for the blessings he has received and humble solicitation for his future protection. He venerates the good men of all religions. He disturbs not the religion of others. He restrains his passions, because they cannot be indulged without injuring his neighbor or himself. He gives no offense, because he does not choose to be offended. He contracts no debts which he is certain he cannot discharge, because he is honest upon principle."

**"The Character of a Freemason"
From the Farmer's Almanac, 1823
Andover, Massachusetts**

"In Scotland, written records of the 1600s show the existence of a considerable number of lodges of operative masons, with a proportion of non-operative brethren,

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BRING YOUR SWEETHEART TO DINNER... AND LET SOMEONE ELSE DO THE DISHES!



Since February's Stated Meeting is on February 14th, all wives, significant others and other family members are cordially invited to a "Sweethearts Dinner" at Bend Lodge. Dinner will start at 6pm.

To help out JW Nerski, PLEASE RSVP to him **NO LATER THAN Tuesday, Feb. 12th** with the number in your party so that he can plan accordingly! He can be reached at jnerski@aol.com or by phone at 503-793-4527

INSTALLATION OF 2019 BEND LODGE OFFICERS



(left to right):
Junior Warden John Nerski,
Worshipful Master Wm. Lee Ransdall, PM
Senior Warden Scott Brasher

WORSHIPFUL MASTER WM. LEE RANSDALL, PM RECEIVES HIRAM AWARD



(left to right): Former Bend Lodge Hiram award winners

Brian Canady, PM; Dave Johnson, PM; Wm. Lee Ransdall, PM; Dale Claypool, PM; John Pinckney, PM; District Deputy John Ferguson, PM

The Hiram Award is an award presented to a Master Mason who has served the Lodge and the Masonic Fraternity with devotion over and above the ordinary. It is the highest honor, other than being Master of the Lodge, that can be bestowed on a member of a Masonic Lodge. The award consists of a Certificate and a Medallion.

CONGRATULATIONS AND A HEARTY THANKS AND "WELL DONE!", WM RANSDALL!

Secretary's Desk



Brethren,
I would like to thank you all for all the help I received in 2018 to make my year in the East go

as smoothly as it did! I learned a lot as Master of the Lodge and I am looking forward to continuing my learning the Craft as your new Secretary!

Congratulations to all the Officers for 2019!

Please be ready this year to step up and learn new parts and help your brothers learn new parts for Degrees!

Bend Lodge's Christmas Basket program was (yet) another smashing success this past December! Working with local FAN (Family Access Network) advocates, needy families, primarily in the Bend area were identified. Baskets were also shipped out to Redmond and a few to the Prineville area as well.



Many thanks to Albertson's North in Bend for filling our LARGE order. Brother Dave Johnson did another masterful job of collating everything for delivery...thanks, Dave!

While the majority of the funds for this project came from Bend Lodge, a number of lodge brothers also chipped in with some pretty substantial donations. In all, 77 food boxes were put together and delivered to local families; several boxes were also donated to the Shepherd's House in Bend. **GREAT JOB,**



Eight Bend Lodge members were honored to participate in a Masonic funeral service for Brother William C. Hall in late December. Brother Hall, a member of Bend Lodge, had been presented with his 50-year pin earlier in 2018 at Bend Lodge, and at his family's request, he was remembered with Masonic honors at Deschutes Memorial Gardens.

Brother Terry Griffith chose not to stand for Secretary for 2019 as he has a number of other obligations related to Shriners and the Central Oregon Shrine Club that will be keeping him quite busy and on the road a lot. With no one else stepping up, I stood for Secretary and was duly elected and installed. You can always reach me at mattstermason@gmail.com or on my cell phone. I look forward to filling this VERY important position at Bend Lodge!

Fraternally,

Matt Alexander, P.M.
SECRETARY



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some of them of high social rank, but without sufficient involvement to take control, so that the lodges remained operative in overall character as late as the 1720s. A wider organization of these lodges is suggested through provisions of the *Schaw Statutes* of 1598/1599. Scottish Masons had rudimentary ceremonies of admission, when the secret "*Mason Word*" was imparted, and versions of the Old Charges deriving from English originals. It is certain that Freemasonry existed in Ireland during, at least, part of the 1600s, but little more is known of it beyond a few questionable artifacts bearing Masonic symbols".

WHAT WERE THE SCHAW STATUTES?

In 1598 these statutes, or rules and regulations, were enacted in Scotland to cause the craftsmen to observe the ancient usages and to live charitably together. Fines were made enforceable. Obedience to wardens, deacons and masters was enjoined. Cowan's were prevented from working under any master, and other rules and regulations pertaining to craftsmen were made mandatory. In 1599 these statutes were amended at the request of Kilwinning Lodge in an attempt to receive royal recognition. The masters convened at Edinburgh and thirteen articles were adopted. Royal recognition was obtained in part.

From 'The Masonic Trowel'

(Ed. note: Since the Trestleboard did not come out BEFORE January's Stated meeting, here is some information from that meeting).

If dinner at January's Stated Meeting is any indication, this is going to be a banner year for Bend Lodge! Patti, our Junior Warden's lovely wife, put together a delicious dinner! Thank you, thank you, from the bottom of our hearts...AND stomachs! :-)

Our next Stated Meeting just happens to fall on Valentine's Day, **February 14th**. We'd like to do family dinner night, so sweeties, significant others and children are invited to dinner. The only caveat is that we **ABSOLUTELY** need folks to RSVP to our Junior Warden, John Nerski, no later than **Tuesday, February 12th** so that we can make sure we have enough for everyone attending. He can be reached at jnerski@aol.com or by phone at 503-793-4527.

We were honored to present Brother Bob Dempsey with his 50-year pin on behalf of his home lodge in California. Although he has been living in Central Oregon for a number of years, this was Brother Dempsey's first visit to Bend Lodge, and it appears he may be transferring his membership to Bend Lodge later this year. Congratulations, Brother Dempsey!

I look forward to seeing you in lodge!

Fraternally,

Wm. Lee Ransdall
MASTER

CHANGES

We live in a country where change is a way of life. The United States is based on change.

A change from a Monarchy...

A change from oppression...

A change from one president to the next...

A change from the 19th century technology to the 20th, and then to the 21st century. All in the same century, actually all in a 30-year period.

Our forefathers agreed that we should be able to change the constitution to meet the needs and situations of the future. That is why amendments can be added.

Everything changes... transportation, homes, energy, government, environment, food, religion, and even families. We talk about dysfunctional families, common law spouses, living together, living apart, living alone, and just plain living. Some of us think that this is unsatisfactory, but it's only change.

Even the Holy Scripture makes reference to change, for if we do not change we stagnate.

We must make changes to meet this new and ever-changing world. Those who say "*The old ways are the best ways*" better look again, **THEY ARE NOT WORKING! The saying, "*If it ain't broke don't fix it*" only works for machines, and at the rate our membership is dropping, it's broke.**

Masonry, like the United States, the constitution, religion, and our families will always keep their core values, ideas and ideals but we must change to meet the future.

Forty years ago Lipton Tea had little saying on the paper tag attached to their tea bags, on one of those tags was printed these words; "*The best way to cope with change is to help make it.*"

We now have an opportunity to move Masonry into the future, to make the changes. We must make Freemasonry desirable for the young men looking for fellowship. The only way we can do this, is through change to meet the needs of these young men.

The word change was used 19 times in this short talk. How many times did you say it in Lodge last year, and then act on it?

William R. Fischer
Masonic Short Talks