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## From the East



It's March already, and it's almost half gone. The snow, however, might be around for awhile!

January and February have flown by and we have our next meeting on March 14<sup>th</sup>. This is going to be special, as we have asked everyone to bring their wives and kids or significant others to dinner. **Just make sure you RSVP to Junior Warden John Nerski** so we can get an accurate head count for dinner. His contact info is: [jnerski@aol.com](mailto:jnerski@aol.com) or by phone at 503.793.4527. Should be a great dinner as our Chef Pat Nerski is preparing a scrumptious meal (with the assistance of John of course!)

We have two Entered Apprentice degrees forthcoming...Senior Deacon Jason Smith is hard at work lining up all the participants and coordinating with our candidates. Please respond to his scheduling as soon as you can so that we can reserve the date.

Grand Lodge will be held in Seaside this year on **June 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>** and I urge you all to mark your calendars. If you have never attended an Annual Communication, 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 Oregon and other jurisdictions from around the world. 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 4th Thursday for degrees, practices, and improving our proficiency in ritual 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 check the webpage 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**

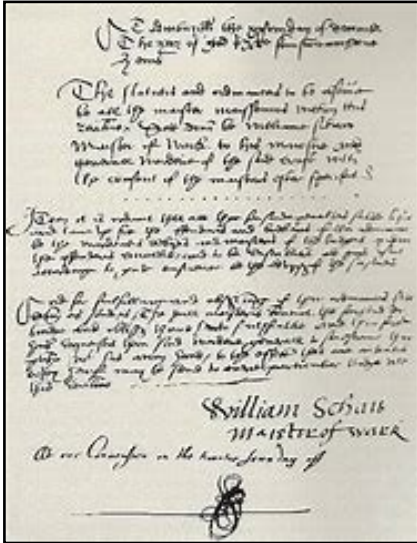
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“In Scotland, written records of the 1600s show the existence of a considerable number of lodges of operative masons, with a proportion of non-operative brethren, some of them of high social rank, but without sufficient involvement to take control, so that the lodges remained operative in overall character as late as the 1720s.

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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.

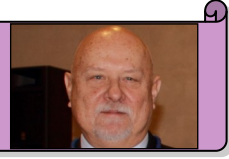
*From 'The Masonic Trowel'*

I look forward to seeing you in lodge...

Fraternally,

*Wm. Lee Ransdall*  
WORSHIPFUL MASTER

**From  
the South**



Greetings my brothers, I hope that you and yours are well and have been enjoying the incredible weather we have been having!

As we go about our business throughout the days and weeks or the year please remember the brothers who have difficulty in making it to Lodge for one reason or another. In the inclement weather such as we've had recently, we also need to check in on those that are elderly and make sure they are alright, including the Ladies of our brothers who have passed on to the house not made by hands. If you know of a Brother or widow, please check on them or if you cannot, let someone know so we can make it happen.

Recently, we have been talking about membership in our Grand Fraternity and it has been foremost in my mind for the last couple of years. We have been working on getting new members in our Lodges through the program that Grand Lodge implemented a few years ago which has been very successful. What about those who are members but are just not coming to Lodge anymore or those who lose interest and drop out as an NPD? We need to do something else to remedy this, to keep up the interest of these Brothers that all of us, including our Brothers, have invested time and effort in becoming members of the world's largest fraternity. If you know someone who has not been to Lodge lately or is in danger of being suspended for NPD, call them, invite them to Lodge or an event we are involved with and show them that we are a brotherhood and they are a part of that brotherhood by making them feel welcome and needed.

We are going to come up with ideas to help with retention but we will need your help as well. We are a brotherhood, a fraternity and a family. For those who have not been to lodge lately, come on out and join us on the second Thursday of the month and bring your lady. I promise...no lasagna for dinner! :-)

Fraternally Yours,

*John Nerski*  
JUNIOR WARDEN

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