



Oregon Masonic News



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The Grand Master's Message: Improving Communication

My goal for the 2018 Charges was to get "Back to the Basics" and to give the Officers and Lodges the tools they need to improve our Fraternity, one Lodge at a time. I think we have succeeded in our efforts. To the Grand Lodge Trustees, Senior Grand Deacon W.B. Greg Jenkins, Grand Lecturer W.B. Bob Fountain, Assistant Grand Secretary W.B. Rick Komraus, Ms. Marissa Douglas, Deputy Instructors W.B. Art McGehey and M.W.B. Tomey Greer H.P.G.M., as well as all the attendees and Lodges that were forward-thinking, *Thank You*. The growth and expansion of the Charges is made possible by the attendees and their evaluation forms given after each training, thank you. I must not forget to thank the staff at the Jennings McCall Center for their assistance in keeping the attendees fully charged with food.



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

This year I have traveled to over 45 Lodges. One observation I have made during my visitations is that Lodges can improve their communications. Communication with their members, communities, Lodges in their District, and the Grand Lodge office.

Communication with their members: A recent comment by a Lodge member after receiving a letter from his Lodge was that this was the first communication from his Lodge in at least 10 years. I think many of us could say the same thing about our own Lodges. After all, why would a Lodge send its members a written communication, when Masons are expected to attend Lodge regularly, or if they receive the Lodge Trestleboard? Brothers, if you look at your member registry and then look at your Tyler's register for the past few months, you may see the two come nowhere close to comparing.

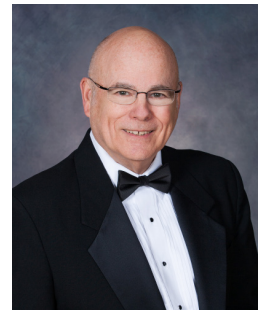
Due to reasons too numerous to list here, not all members attend Lodge regularly. Your Lodge Trestleboard is a great tool to share news and information with your membership; however, not all Lodges



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A Fresh Look: Report of the MESH Board

As the 2017-2018 Masonic year comes to an end in Oregon, I am pleased to give you a year-end update from the Masonic and Eastern Star Home Board. It has been my pleasure to serve as the Chairman of the Board with the assistance of Past Worthy Grand Matron, Michelle Combs, of the Order of the Eastern Star, as our Vice Chair. The Board includes the Immediate Past Grand Master, Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden, Junior Grand Warden, Worthy Grand Matron, Associate Grand Matron, and Past Worthy Grand Matron. We meet monthly in Forest Grove to discuss issues regarding the Home and keep in touch by phone, email, and text messaging.



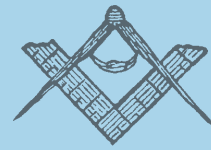
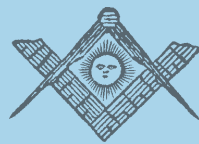
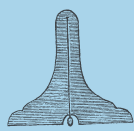
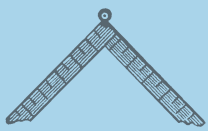
M.W.B. Arthur L. Borland
Immediate P.G.M.

The Jennings McCall Center (JMC), known as our Masonic Home, is in the process of a major renovation. Although we have one of the finest non-profit retirement centers in

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May 2018 Contributions

March 1, 2018 – March 31, 2018

Masonic & Eastern Star Home

Petitioner Club

Peter Harvey (215) Walt Johnson (96) Robert O. Long (76)
Tillamook Lodge No. 57 – in memory of
W.B. Ward W. Weissenfluh

Oregon Masonic Youth Education & Literacy Foundation

Petitioner Club

Mark Cook (207)

Oregon Masonic Charitable Foundation

Petitioner Club

Craig Esselstrom (13) – MMSAP
James L. Morgan (133) Mark Shoemaker (96) – MMSAP

Oregon Masonic Library Foundation

Petitioner Club

Judy & Ed Bousquet, P.G.M. (139)



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Mason of the Month – A true & faithful Brother



Left to right: R.W.B. Ronald L. Atkins, W.B. Richard L. Rodlun, and W.B. John F. "Jack" Bradbury receiving his 50-year award.

W.B. John F. "Jack" Bradbury is a true and faithful Brother who has never missed a Stated Communication of Gateway Lodge No. 175 in Warrenton, since affiliating in 1996, except for a rare health issue that kept him away.

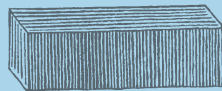
Before arriving in Oregon, W.B. Bradbury was Master of Riverton Lodge No. 26 in Wyoming, about 1981, and was a member of the Wyoming Shriners and York Rite.

After moving to Oregon, W.B. Bradbury went to work for Masonry serving as Master of Arlington Lodge No. 88 in 1982. W.B. Bradbury received the Hiram Award from Gateway Lodge and currently serves the Lodge as Treasurer and Chaplain. He also coordinates the Lodge's participation in the Masonic Model Student Assistance Program (MMSAP) in the Warrenton School District and is a member of the Clatsop County Shrine Club.

A more faithful and dedicated Brother would be hard to find. Thank you, W.B. Jack, for your service and dedication to the Craft.

- nominated by R.W.B. Ronald L. Atkins,
District Deputy No. 1

CONGRATULATIONS, W.B. BRADBURY!



Grand Master's Message, *continued from page one*

produce Trestleboards consistently, and few include important Lodge business. Do you know of any Lodges that send Lodge minutes to members that did not attend Lodge? This effort would be above the call of duty but surely keep their members informed.

In an effort to communicate with Lodge members, I might suggest that your Lodge create a Communications Committee. The committee does not need to contact Lodge Brethren monthly, but maybe quarterly, to bring news to the members of the Lodge, or at special occasions such as birthdays or the anniversary of their Raising.

Communication with your community: Does your Lodge list in the local newspaper or community newsletter the times and dates of your Lodge meetings? Keeping your Lodge's name in the public's eye brings awareness that a Masonic Lodge exists in their community.

District communications: Few Lodges in our Jurisdiction have a district-wide Trestleboard. The benefit of communicating with Lodges in your District allows for the membership to know what is happening district-wide. Does your Lodge Trestleboard get mailed to neighboring Lodges? If not, you may find value to do so. Sideliners are a great sign of Lodge health.

Communications with the Grand Lodge office: Communications with the Grand Lodge office is an important relationship that should not be overlooked. I encourage Lodge Officers, especially the Secretary, to take advantage of the Grand Secretary's office when questions or issues arise. Keep in mind this is a business office, try not to wear out your welcome.

Brothers, do not forget to communicate with your members, your community, your District and the Grand Lodge office.

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

GRAND MASTER'S TENTATIVE ITINERARY

May 2018

- 2 – Friendship Masonic No. 160, Portland, Official Visit: dinner, 6:30 p.m.; Lodge, 7:30 p.m. - U, L
- 5 – District Deputy Training: Grand Lodge, Forest Grove, breakfast, 8:30 a.m.; training, 9-12 p.m. - BC
- 5 – Grand Lodge Officer Training: Grand Lodge, Forest Grove, lunch, 12:30 p.m.; training, 1-4 p.m. - BC
- 10 – Ashland No. 23, Official Visit: dinner, 6:30 p.m.; Lodge, 7:30 p.m. - U, L
- 12 – MESH/Trustee Meeting: Grand Lodge, Forest Grove, 8 a.m. - U
- 15 – Rainier No. 24, Official Visit: dinner, 6:30 p.m.; Lodge, 7:30 p.m. - U, L
- 17 – Clatskanie No. 133, Official Visit: dinner, 6:30 p.m.; Lodge, 7:30 p.m. - U, L
- 19 – Potentate's Ball: Al Kader Shrine Center, Wilsonville, 5:30 p.m. - T, L
- 25-27 DeMolay Conclave, Kah-Nee-Ta Resort, Warm Springs - U, T, L
- 30 – Wreath laying on the gravesite of M.W.B. Berryman Jennings, P.G.M., Greenwood Hills Cemetery, Section 1, Portland - U
- 31 – Grand Lodge of Arizona, Chandler - U, T, L

June 2018

- 1-2 Grand Lodge of Arizona, Chandler - U, T, L
- 6 – Grand Master's Banquet (*invitation only*); social hour, 6 p.m.; dinner, 7 p.m. - T, L
- 7 – Grand Lodge of Oregon 168th Annual Communication, Salem Convention Center - U
Fellowship Banquet: social hour, 6 p.m.; dinner, 7 p.m. - B, L
- 8 – Grand Lodge of Oregon 168th Annual Communication, Salem Convention Center - U
Installation of Grand Lodge Officers 2018-2019, 4 p.m. - U, L

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



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Oregon Annual Communication – Meal Sign-Up Form

M.W. GRAND MASTER, W. Myles McMillan, invites all Master Masons, their wives and guests to attend the 168th Annual Communication of the Masonic Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Oregon, in Salem, Ore. An informal opening will begin at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 7, followed by the Formal Session at 10:00 a.m. On Friday, June 8, the Session will open at 8:00 a.m. The Fellowship Banquet will be held Thursday evening, June 7, at the Salem Convention Center. There will be a no-host social hour at 6:00 p.m. with dinner at 7:00 p.m. The cost of the dinner includes entertainment. Lunch will also be available at noon on both Thursday and Friday. Please make your meal selections online, https://www.masonic-oregon.com/annual-communication or use the form below.

LADIES EVENTS: Thursday, June 7 (at approx. 9:45 a.m.) following the informal opening of Grand Lodge, the ladies are invited on a short bus ride to the Oregon Garden, where lunch will be served in what is described as, "a stunning, 80-acre botanical garden, featuring more than 20 specialty gardens showcasing the diverse botanical beauty of the Willamette Valley and the Pacific Northwest." Friday, June 8, there will be a Ladies Luncheon, with the theme "Celebrating Life." Attire for the Luncheon will be dress or slacks. If not attending either of these ladies events, the ladies are welcome to join the men during the Thursday and Friday Fellowship Luncheons.

LODGING: For room reservations, you must call The Grand Hotel directly at 1-877-540-7800. Be sure to inform the hotel that you are with the Masonic Grand Lodge group. To receive the Group Rates, you must make your reservations by May 15th. A full hot buffet breakfast is included with your room at The Grand Hotel.

MEAL TICKETS: Reserved meal tickets will be available in the Pringle Creek Room at the Convention Center during registration hours from 2:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 6, and beginning again at 7:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 7. Meals must be paid for at the time of ordering. We are not able to hold tickets for later payment. NOTICE: Meal tickets will not be sold at the door. Refunds will not be given to those unable to attend.

NOTE: Oregon Grand Lodge Officers, District Deputies, and visiting out-of-state dignitaries will be provided with a separate meal sign-up form directly from Grand Lodge.

All others, please complete your meal selections and return this form with your check or credit card information for the total number of tickets you desire at each meal. Tickets will not be mailed and can be picked up at Grand Lodge registration.

Meal sign-up for everyone is also available online, https://www.masonic-oregon.com/annual-communication.

Mail orders must reach the Grand Lodge office by Thursday, May 24th.

Please enclose check, money order, or provide VISA, Master Card or American Express information.

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Billing address (incl. ZIP code) _____ (required) as it appears on your statement.

MEALS:
DELEGATES AND GUESTS: (All Invited)
Thursday, Noon - Fellowship Luncheon: \$25.00 each person
Sandwich Buffet (Chicken or Roast Beef) # _____
(Fruit salad, pasta salad & dessert included)
Thursday, Fellowship Banquet:
No-Host Social Hour, 6:00 p.m.; Dinner, 7:00 p.m.
Roasted Pork Tenderloin \$40.00 each person # _____
Grilled Wild Salmon \$40.00 each person # _____
Butternut Squash Ravioli \$40.00 each person # _____
Friday, Noon - Fellowship Luncheon: \$25.00 each person
Grilled Sirloin w/ sage portobello sauce # _____
Chef Salad # _____
(served w/ assorted breads & dessert)
Sub Total \$ _____

SOMETHING FOR THE LADIES:
Thursday, Bus to the Oregon Garden in Silverton, OR:
Boarding Time: approx. 9:45 a.m. from the Convention Center. Dress for the weather. (55-person limit on the bus.)
Indicate Sandwich Selection: \$44.00 each person
Ham _____ Turkey _____ Roast Beef _____
Friday, Ladies Luncheon: "Celebrating Life" \$25.00 each person
11:30 a.m. Dress is business casual.
Chef Salad # _____
(served w/ assorted breads & dessert)
Sub Total \$ _____

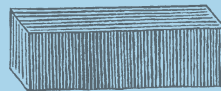
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Questions? Call the Grand Lodge: (503) 357-3158 or (800) 970-9920
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Approximate Schedule

- 11:00 a.m. -

Registration opens
Silent Auction opens
Chipping/Putting contest

- 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. -

Lunch

- 1:30 p.m. -

Shotgun Start
(carts approx. 1:15 p.m.)

- 6:30 p.m. -

Dinner

- 7:00 p.m. -

Awards

Join us on Friday, July 27, for a fabulous day of golf at the Stone Creek Golf Club in Oregon City, to support the 15th annual Student Assistance Golf Tournament benefiting the Oregon Masonic Charitable Foundation (OMCF). Proceeds assist at-risk kids by ensuring the OMCF can support programs such as the:

- Masonic Model Student Assistance Program;
- Oregon Youth Transition Program;
- and Masonic Child ID.

Golfers receive unlimited range balls in the practice area, entry to a chipping and putting contest, cart, goodie bag, boxed lunch, dinner and access to a silent auction. Lend your support to this fundraiser for the OMCF. There will be a lot of fun and some great prizes. Participation packages are available for single players or foursomes (at right). Treat yourself by adding the Gold Card package to your game and enjoy special treats and the Grand Master's Marshmallow Long Drive.

Individual and corporate sponsorship packages are available. Contact Larry Weaver, P.G.M., (503) 380-4717 or lweaver@bctonline.com, for more information. Prefer to donate to the auction? Contact Rich Martin, P.G.M., Auction Chairperson at (971) 212-2356.

Registration is easy at www.masonic-oregon.com, using a credit card with the quick and easy-to-fill digital form or you can also mail a filled form along with a check to the Grand Lodge of Oregon at 2150 Masonic Way, Forest Grove, OR 97116.

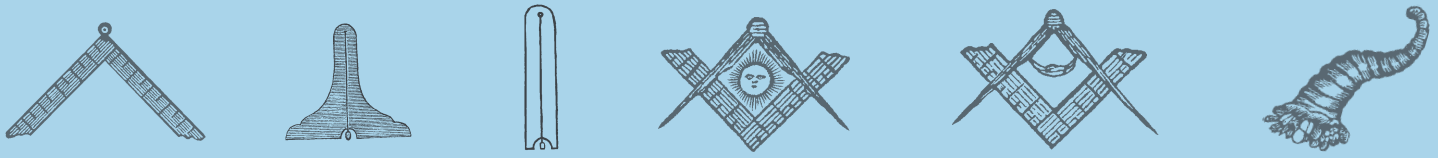


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NEWS FROM OUR LODGES —

Marys River Lodge No. 221



On March 20, W.B. James Woods, Past Master and Scholarship Chair of Marys River Lodge No. 221 in Corvallis, presented a check for \$10,000 to Sarah Leskovec and Chris Quaka of the Benton Community Foundation. This money was added to the Lodge's "Masonic Endowed Scholarship." These scholarships are presented yearly to graduates of Benton County's high schools.

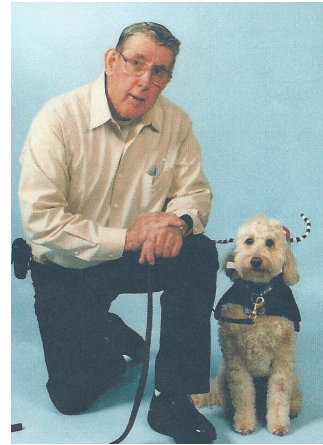
The relationship that Marys River No. 221 has established with the Benton Community Foundation (BCF) brings positive opportunities to work directly with the local community. BCF is celebrating their 65th anniversary this year. Started in 1953 with an initial investment of \$1,000, it has grown to more than \$21.5 million. With the help of BCF, hundreds of donors, like Marys River Lodge, have contributed to supporting local charities, providing scholarships, and building permanent community resources.

-submitted by W.B. David E. Baker

Tillamook Lodge No. 57

Darlin', Noble Chuck Lamb's therapy dog, received the 2018 Oregon Animal Hall of Fame Professional Award from the Animal Health Foundation of Oregon. Dr. Bob Franklin, President of Oregon Veterinary Medical Association, presented the prestigious award during the 2018 Oregon Veterinary Conference on March 5.

Pictured (right) is Goldendoodle Darlin' with Noble Chuck Lamb, Darlin's personal chauffeur and handyman who accompanies her to the Shriner's Hospital for Children in Portland, the VA Hospital and other hospitals and rehab facilities throughout the metro area.



Darlin's vest contains a Tillamook Shrine Club patch in addition to her therapy animal patch and Shrine Hospital ID card. Noble Chuck is a life member of Tillamook County Shrine club.

- by W.B. Carey J. Huckaba & submitted by W.B. Donald "Del" Burk

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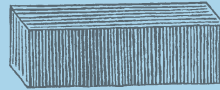


April 7, 1924
to
March 26, 2018



Pearl Lodge No. 66

Willard was a MESHCare client for 1 year, 5 months & 18 days. He will be greatly missed by all that had the pleasure to know him.



Annual Masonic Cleanup Greenwood Hills Cemetery

Mark your calendars for Portland Lodge No. 55's annual cemetery cleanup at Greenwood Hills Cemetery on Saturday, May 19 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Brethren from Portland No. 55 and surrounding Lodges, family, and friends are welcome. Sections four and 10 are the designated Masonic areas in need of maintenance.

Please bring pruning shears, loppers, gas-powered string trimmers, tarps, and gloves. The cemetery is located at 9002 SW Boones Ferry Rd. in Portland. Please RSVP to Eric Nelson by email: ericalannelson@outlook.com. (This will allow for a proper headcount for coffee and lunch, which will be provided by the Greenwood Hills Cemetery Association.)



June OMN Deadline

June is the last issue for this Masonic Year, as the OMN is not printed during July or August. If your Lodge has summer events, such as Outdoor Degrees, picnics or fundraisers planned, consider submitting an article for the June issue by **May 5**, to Erin Evans at eevans@masonic-oregon.com. Should you prefer to recap your summer activities in the September issue, keep in mind article submissions are due to Ms. Evans by **August 5**.



A Visit to New York's Grand Masonic Hall Entered Apprentice Degree

During a family vacation to New York City during spring break, I, W.B. Thomas Pierce, Master of Tigard-Orenomah Lodge No. 207, had the good fortune to attend Mariners Lodge No. 67, F. & A.M.'s, conferral of an Entered Apprentice degree on four worthy candidates. The Lodge meets at New York's elegant Masonic Hall in the Chelsea neighborhood of Manhattan. Approximately 75 Masonic bodies meet in this temple. This is the seat of the Grand Lodge of New York, and the building contains 10 Lodge and four banquet rooms, the Grand Lodge offices, a lounge, and the Chancellor Robert R. Livingston Masonic Library. Free public tours of the building are conducted on weekdays.

Mariners Lodge was consecrated in 1825 and was originally comprised of seafaring men who plied the waters of New York Harbor and beyond. The Lodge maintains some of the flavor of this heritage through the singing of "sea shanties" at their Festive Boards and the ringing of the "Captain's Bell" at the opening of Lodge. During the 1990s, I was a frequent visitor to Mariners when I resided in New York. My own New York Lodge, Franklin No. 195, meets in the same building.

The EA degree conferral was performed on Wednesday, March 28 in the Doric Room. Approximately 45 Masons were in attendance from numerous jurisdictions including New Jersey, Connecticut, Georgia, California, Florida, and of course, Oregon! It was a busy evening, and the degree was long being conferred on four worthy men. The reason for multiple conferrals is because there is a long list of men waiting to be initiated, passed, and raised in Mariners, a nearly two-year wait! One of the highlights of the degree was the "Lecture of Reasons" which explains the various parts of the EA degree to the newly initiated Brothers. Mariners is an active Lodge, busy educating its members, and performing charitable work in the community and beyond. During the Lodge meeting, reports on Lodge sponsored projects in Puerto Rico, Cuba, and India were made! Brothers, if you are in New York, I strongly recommend a visit to Mariners Lodge.

- submitted by W.B. Thomas D. Pierce



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High resolution photos, along with story submissions, may be sent electronically to the Grand Secretary. Photos should not be reduced in size. Printed photos are also acceptable. If you scan your own photos, they should be at least 300 dpi. Photocopies are NOT acceptable.

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Oregon, we must continually update our facilities to keep it attractive for our current and future residents. Over the past few years, we have expanded our Memory Care facility and upgraded several apartments to keep our Home current with industry expectations, and more updates are on the way.

This Masonic year, the main entrance to the Independent Living side of our Home was updated with a new portico and lobby area which includes a fireplace, new furniture, and modern lighting. The original library area has been upgraded and converted into a single-story room with additional floor space above. The stairways have also been enclosed with fire doors to meet the newer safety requirements.



Independent Living lobby area at the Jennings McCall Center.

Several phases remain in the remodel including an upgrade to the dining rooms for the Assisted Living and Independent Living residents and modernizing the kitchen with a new floor, appliances, and more. We will also be upgrading all hallways and remaining resident rooms as they become available. Once completed, our Masonic Home will continue to be a showcase for those desiring to live in a high-quality retirement facility.

Although the Jennings McCall Center continues to be a wonderful place to live, not all Masons or Eastern Star ladies want to move to Forest Grove. The Masonic and Eastern Star Home Board realized this some time ago. Under the MESHCare program, qualified applicants can live in an approved retirement home of their choice, allowing them to stay close to the people and places they know and love. If you have questions about how to apply, please contact the Grand Lodge office for information.

Fraternally and Sincerely,
M.W.B. Arthur L. Borland, I.P.G.M., MESH Board Chairman