

**MAY, 2018**

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## From the East



**B**rethren,

As April came to a close, Bend, Redmond and Prineville lodges all came together to raise a new Master Mason in Prineville! A great effort was made by members from all three lodges in District 19 and I encourage all Masons to travel that short distance to support our brothers and to enjoy the wonderful work that we do here in Central Oregon!

May gives us that opportunity with Redmond Lodge having an Entered Apprentice degree scheduled for **May 5th at 10am** and two Fellowcraft degrees at their Stated Meeting on **Monday, May 14th at 7pm!**

We, at Bend Lodge, are busy getting a team together for our own Master Mason degrees that we would like to do in May and June!

Please...if you are interested in the degree work, let me know when you are available and what you are interested in so that we can make the process easier as our brothers advance! The more brothers that we get involved with the degrees, the more fun we have and the more we all learn about Masonry!

Since I mentioned learning, this is a great time to remind you all about the Basic School of Instruction (BSI) that is scheduled for **May 12th in Prineville at 10:00am**. Great information and answers to those questions that you weren't sure how to ask! I look forward to seeing you all there!

Fraternally,

*Matt Alexander*

MASTER

## Secretary's Desk

One of our great tenants in Freemasonry is Brotherly Love. When I first became a Mason, I immediately realized that I was not only accepted by the brothers of the Lodge, but moreover felt safe in the midst of "strangers". These "strangers" soon became a great deal more, and even more than friends. Over the years, the dynamics of a Lodge change, no matter what Lodge you are active (or inactive) in. The same is true of our Lodge; if you haven't been a member for more than five years, you may not have noticed the changes.

Bend Lodge went through a transition several years ago but the basic tenants of Freemasonry prevailed and we have remained strong. Today, our Lodge is prospering and is stronger for everything our Lodge has endured.

I bring this up as we are experiencing a growth of new members and each of us needs to remember what Brotherly Love is and how it effects each of us. The Lodge is a place that is supposed to be free of turmoil and promote harmony...*"harmony being the strength and support of ALL institutions, especially ours"*. Each of us has a responsibility to promote that harmony. That can be accomplished by helping a brother, being positive and taking an interest in your Lodge.

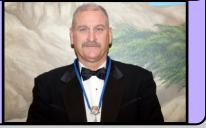
Lodge is, in some ways, much like religion, in that each of us celebrate our religious obligations in different ways. You don't have to go to church to be religious or to believe. The same holds true for Freemasonry. I have had the opportunity to meet a great deal of brothers from throughout the world and the commonality is Brotherly Love. Feeling safe and comfortable in the midst of hundreds of brothers is an amazing feeling.

Our Lodge boasts a contingent of over 100 Freemasons, yet only 20 or so attend Lodge on a fairly regular basis. Each of us have our own way of being a Mason, but please do not feel "out of place" in your own Lodge. I know that our Senior Warden has sent out a survey, looking for specific reasons why some may not attend Lodge,

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## From the West



Greetings, Brothers!

Hard to believe that we're into May already...where DOES

the time go???

By now, those Bend Lodge members who live in Central Oregon should have received their surveys in the mail. If, for some reason, you didn't, or if you would like to participate in the survey, just let me know and I will either email or snail mail a copy to you...

I heartily encourage you to take a few minutes and go through it...since there is no place to put your name on the survey (unless you feel so inclined), we want you to feel like you can give us your honest opinion in several areas...WHY have some members gone missing, and WHAT can we do to not only entice those missing folks back, but make Bend Lodge a place that Masons look forward to attending. Heck, we even included a self-addressed stamped envelope to send your completed survey back! Please try and do so by no later than **May 15th**.

As mentioned by WM Alexander, we've been working with Redmond and Prineville lodges to get some degree work done. It's important to be "several people deep" in some of the various parts, depending on the degree, so that if one person isn't available on a specific date, we have a backup.

Think back to when you went through your own degrees... did you see supporters on the sidelines, or just the primary officers participating in the actual degree?

Junior Warden Brasher mentioned that there has been some much-needed work and improvements going on at Bend Lodge, and we think you will be pleased:

- The parking spaces have been repainted and directional areas put in for ingress/egress;
- A new, lockable (when needed), permanently-mounted security gate now limits access to upstairs;
- By the time you attend our next Stated Meeting, we should have a new phone system and WIFI in the building. The latter should be a great selling point for those looking to rent the downstairs area of the lodge for meetings, etc. The lodge phone number, **541-389-7407**, will remain the same, but now we have a way to be notified and remotely access any voice mails that are left on the recorder. Although the base phone set will probably remain in the upstairs office, there will be two portable units elsewhere around the lodge;
- New metal double doors with a removable center post have been received for the NE corner of the upstairs lodge room. Besides being much more secure than the wood doors they will replace, once installed, they should also be much more energy efficient;
- We now have an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) that has been mounted at the bottom of the first landing so that it is easily accessible both upstairs and down. (*We'll be having some training as to its use in the near future...*).

We still have a number of other improvements yet to be completed. Hopefully, those can be done in the near future.

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and, perhaps more importantly, seeking YOUR input as to how Bend Lodge can better meet your needs. This is to find out what we, as a Lodge, can do to bring you, our brothers, back.

Please take the time to complete the survey... you are our brothers and we would really like to have you in Lodge with us!

*Jerry Griffith*  
SECRETARY



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### COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP EVENT!

**May 7, 2018 • 5:30-7:30 pm**  
**at Red Robin Gourmet Burgers**  
**in the Old Mill District of Bend.**  
**Come and meet your local Shriners as well as some of our local Shriner Patient kids.**

20% of the meal proceeds will be given to the Shriners Run For A Child, with the net proceeds helping fund the Motion Analysis Clinic and the Pre/Post Surgical Nutrition Program at the Shriners Hospital for Children-Portland.

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These include:

- Installation of a powered movie screen above the downstairs stage and a projector. This will be another excellent selling point for potential renters, and we can also use it for movie night, etc. for Masonic functions;
- Replacing the wood entry door downstairs just north of the apartment, which gives access to the handicapped ramp for the downstairs area. This will also increase our security and energy efficiency;
- Replacing the main water line from 8th Street to the Lodge. This will require some coordination with Bend Public Works and possibly a lodge work day for some good old-fashioned manual labor;
- Purchasing and installation of some sort of security camera system for monitoring both the inside and the outside of the lodge.

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## From the South



Brothers, we had an amazing meeting last month and I want to thank everyone who came and also those who helped out. We have been getting things ready for various improvements on and about the Lodge and you will see some of these changes at our next meeting. I hope to see as many of you as possible at our next Stated Meeting on **Thursday, May 10th**...dinner at **6pm** followed by the meeting at **7pm**.

*Scott Brasher*  
JUNIOR WARDEN

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So, as you can see, there is a ton of stuff going on! Our hope is to make Bend Lodge a place that folks look forward to coming to...visitors, brothers, families, renters, whomever!

I will go for the May Stated Meeting on a trip to visit the "Mighty Five" in Utah, so I hope that as many of you as possible can attend either dinner or the meeting on **May 12th** or any of the numerous other events listed in the calendar below. In the meantime be safe, and enjoy spring in Central Oregon...

Fraternally,

*Neil Mackey*  
SENIOR WARDEN

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### MAY:

- ☞ SATURDAY, MAY 5<sup>TH</sup>, 10AM @ REDMOND LODGE:
  - ◇ ENTERED APPRENTICE DEGREE
- ☞ MONDAY, MAY 7<sup>TH</sup>, 5:30-7:30PM:
  - ◇ SHRINERS' FUNDRAISER AT RED ROBIN, OLD MILL DISTRICT, BEND
- ☞ TUESDAY, MAY 8<sup>TH</sup>, 7PM:
  - ◇ BEND LODGE OFFICER'S MEETING
- ☞ THURSDAY, MAY 10<sup>TH</sup>:
  - ◇ BEND LODGE STATED MEETING...DINNER AT 6PM, MEETING FOLLOWS AT 7
- ☞ SATURDAY, MAY 12<sup>TH</sup>, 10AM-3PM @ PRINEVILLE LODGE:
  - ◇ BSI (BASIC SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION)
- ☞ SUNDAY, MAY 13<sup>TH</sup>, 8AM @ BEND LODGE:
  - ◇ DEMOLAY MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST
- ☞ SATURDAY, MAY 19<sup>TH</sup>, 9AM, RIVER'S EDGE GOLF COURSE, BEND:
  - ◇ CENTRAL OREGON SHRINE CLUB GOLF TOURNAMENT
  - \* MORE INFO ON PAGE 4

### JUNE:

- ☞ THURSDAY/FRIDAY, JUNE 7<sup>TH</sup> / 8<sup>TH</sup>:
    - ◇ 168TH ANNUAL GRAND LODGE COMMUNICATION, SALEM CONVENTION CENTER
- FOR MORE INFO, VISIT:**

[HTTPS://WWW.MASONIC-OREGON.COM/ANNUAL-COMMUNICATION/](https://www.masonic-oregon.com/annual-communication/)



## BASIC SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION

Saturday May 12<sup>th</sup> at Prineville Lodge #76  
Prineville, Oregon  
10am to 3pm - Lunch provided for a small donation  
Course taught by MWB John Turner, HPGM

### MORE INFORMATION:

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## 1ST ANNUAL COSC (CENTRAL OREGON SHRINE CLUB) GOLF TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY, MAY 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2018 AT RIVERS EDGE GOLF COURSE

400 NW PRO SHOP DRIVE, BEND OR, 97701

SCRAMBLE FORMAT – SHOTGUN START – 9:00 AM



LIMITED TO FIRST 144 PLAYERS – 36 TEAMS

**\$90.00 PER PERSON - \$360.00 PER TEAM**

ENTRY INCLUDES 18 HOLES OF GOLF, CART  
AND LUNCH

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