



FriendshipMasonicLodge¹⁶⁰

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Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Oregon

from
the **East**

New Tidings for June

Several new items appear at Friendship Lodge this month.

- **EA Degree.** On Wednesday May 25 at 7:30pm, our first Entered Apprentice degree in several years will be conferred. As a fascinating variation, we might have portions of the ceremony sung by a soloist. Special thanks to our Senior Deacon, Bro. Christopher Chase, for helping all of us prepare for our roles.
- **Grand Lodge.** On Thursday and Friday June 2 and June 3, Grand Communication will occur, in Portland. Friendship Lodge has offered to lend its officer chairs for this auspicious event.
- **Andrew Hammer.** On Saturday June 4, beginning at 6pm, there will be an educational presentation at Kenton Masonic Center, by noted Masonic writer and speaker Andrew Hammer. Bro. Hammer travels to Oregon from Washington, DC.
- **Daylight Lodge.** On Saturday June 11, beginning at 10am, our Stated Communication will occur. Tyled portion will go first, followed by a catered brunch. This is intended to be an experiment with the “daylight lodge” concept.

In addition, efforts are underway for initiatives to occur in September.

An educational presentation by a professional speaker on the topic of business etiquette is being planned. This would be a topic relevant to our lives, both within and outside of lodge.

Also that month, we plan to launch a charitable endeavor in which Kindle Fire tablets will be donated for use at a Portland-area school. The general idea is to help introduce schoolchildren – especially those who might not be from affluent families – to how knowledge can be obtained from the internet.

I personally hope that in one way or another, all of these endeavors advance a theme which has emerged this year and become known as Skills of a Modern Gentleman.

WB Bob Casey, *Worshipful Master 2016*



Beauty in the Lodge
Leo Schuman, Senior Warden

As Masons, we are taught to seek the Three Great Pillars in our endeavors: Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty. Looking out the window here in the midst of an Oregon Spring, it is easy to spot the third pillar: Beauty. As the old television commercial says, "[we're] soaking in it." Few places in America display the natural beauty we Oregonians can too often take for granted.

But, how often do we also seek, find, and display beauty *inside* our Lodge? Having approved a new candidate to receive the Degrees of Masonry this month, we now have the chance to offer him some of the most beautiful craftwork we have available: well executed ritual.

Pause and remember your own Entered Apprentice degree. Do you recall how you felt, walking blind? How did the room sound? Was there any scent? Any particular sounds? When you were brought to Light, whom did you see? How did he appear?

Was there beauty in the dignity of your degree?

"Never lose an opportunity of seeing anything beautiful, for beauty is God's handwriting."
- Ralph Waldo Emerson

We offer our degrees to create an impression on our candidates, and to introduce them to the lessons we'll all keep learning and re-learning for the rest of our lives. These lessons will sink most deeply if we impress our candidate with the beauty of his degree, speaking the words as eloquently as we can muster, just as we would speak them to our own Brother. For that's who he is trying to become.

Does this mean we must achieve perfection? Of course not.

"If you look closely at a tree you'll notice it's knots and dead branches, just like our bodies. What we learn is that beauty and imperfection go together wonderfully."
- Matthew Fox

What matters is that we try. I hope some Brothers we haven't seen in awhile will join us!

from the South

For much of May I have contemplated the virtue of *hope*, and have had a tumultuous time with it indeed. However, I think I've made some headway, at least in understanding why we make a virtue of *hope*. In the spirit of full candor: this past year I have often found myself without much *hope*. I won't go into the details, but this past year has been marked by what seems to be the greatest challenge I have ever faced; and every failure, mistake, and missed opportunity has siphoned just a little more off my reserve each time.

Kierkegaard described despair as a sort of default condition in which people find themselves - whether they are aware of it or not - unless they take decisive action to eliminate all traces of despair. Indeed, our gentle craft has been one of the most effective tools for me in dispelling despair. I find myself always looking forward to another delightful meeting with my Brothers - the riveting conversation, the commitment to supporting each other in our respective hardships and successes, and the sincere expression of a brotherly love for humanity that permeates our Lodge. I gain strength from it to better myself and work to improve our world. Even more so, I gain *hope* from the knowledge that as I write this we are less than a day away from bringing a man to light, in Friendship's first Entered Apprentice degree in more than a year.

I look forward to seeing you all welcome this man into our Lodge, if not in May then at our Stated Communication in June. This daylight experiment will be a time of much rejoicing - refreshments provided by Michael Henry, one of Portland's most notable restaurateurs. It will be a very bright day for all, and a good cause to have *hope*.

Be well, my Brethren.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Walter Lee
Junior Warden 2016

BETHEL #4

Greetings from Bethel #4.

June is a busy and exciting month for us. Our installation of Officers is June 18th at 3:00 pm. Ali Keepers is being installed as Honored Queen and is very excited, as she has worked her way thru all the line officer stations to get to this position. We hope some of you will be able to attend. We only have 4 daughters in the Bethel and always love to see sideliners.

June 22 ~ June 26 is Grand Session to be held in Redmond. We so appreciate your help in getting the girls to go. Who knows, maybe one of the girls will be chosen to be a grand officer. The daughters will also be competing on Ritual, Arts and Crafts and Cooking. The Grand Guardian Council (the adults) will be having their installation with Brian Gardes from #160 being installed as an officer.

As June is also your Grand Lodge. We wish you luck and hope some of the members of Friendship will be attending.

Thank you again for all of the support you give to Bethel #4.

Jobie Love,

Grace Poudayel and Christanee Tibball, HQ Pro-tems

Jodie Tibbetts, Guardian

June

Masonic Birthdays

Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason

15 Joseph James (11)
18 Milton Miller (58)
18 Jack Allen (41)
18 Ray Bristow (36)
21 Ronald Kemp (55)
24 James Emmons (57)
24 Rick Schleining (35)
26 Walter Lee (03)
30 Gerald Haugen (57)

June

Natural Birthdays

02 Duane Cartwright
03 Paul Glynn
06 Kenton Barnes
09 Ray Bristow
10 Joseph Smith
11 Monty Glover
15 Carson Bailey II
19 Robert Schultheis
19 John Ley
21 David Shearer
21 William Korte
28 Ronald Kemp

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Minerva 104 Meeting 5pm	3	4 Andre Hammer Presentation 6:00 PM Kenton Lodge
5	6 Bethel 4 7:00 pm	7	8	9 Kenton 145 Dinner 6:30 pm Stated 7:30 pm	10 Mizpah-Rose 12 Dinner 6:30 PM	11 Friendship 160 Stated 10:00 AM Brunch after 11 AM Sufi Community Meeting 7:00 PM
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 Bethel 4 7:00 pm	21	22	23	24	25 Friendship Lodge Lodge of Instruction 9 am to 4 pm
26	27	28	29	30		
Rosicrucians Social Hour 3:15 PM						

To the Brother who stands plumb to his principles, yet is level to his Brethren.

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