



FriendshipMasonicLodge¹⁶⁰

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Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Oregon

from
the **East**

Motion to Amend to Bylaws – Nondiscrimination

by Bob Casey, Worshipful Master

A motion to amend our lodge bylaws might be made, at the November stated communication. As master, I do not intend to make this motion myself. So I cannot predict with absolute certainty that any motion will actually be made. But here's what might happen.

The motion might contain points such as the following:

1. Express condemnation of actions taken by grand lodges in Tennessee and Georgia, to exclude from membership on basis of sexual orientation.
2. Amend the bylaws of Friendship Masonic Lodge, to forbid exclusion from membership on basis of sexual orientation, and to declare attempts to do so as unmasonic.
3. Request that the resolution be published in Oregon Masonic News.

If such a motion is made, I will ask our Secretary to send written notice to members of the motion and of a vote on same, at the December stated communication.

How did we get to this point? No one in Oregon did anything to get to this point. Instead it Freemasons in Tennessee and Georgia who did something. They took actions through their grand lodges, to forbid admission of men who are gay, and to expel from membership members who are gay.

For more information on this issue, you might look at a news article available on the internet, published by National Public Radio, and dated March 22, 2016. It can be found, by feeding the following phrase into your search engine: "npr freemasonry orientation".

Whatever your viewpoint on this issue, I encourage you to attend our stated communications in November and December. You can participate, as Friendship Masonic Lodge No. 160 decides whether to do something ... or nothing ... in response to these recent developments in American Freemasonry.

WB Bob Casey, Worshipful Master 2016



from
the **South**

Greetings from the South, Brethren;

Approaching November, our elections obviously come to mind. I don't mean to be presumptuous, but based on tradition I have my suspicions as to whom might ascend to the West next year. Consequently I have found myself contemplating the Level, and with it the virtue of *humility*.

Among the many lectures given at the recent Masonic College the virtue of *humility* came up numerous times. It is the personal discipline that allows diverse men from so many different faiths, professions and generations to meet as friends when they might have otherwise remained at a perpetual

distance. The Level admonishes us to practice *humility*, recognize that our perceptions of reality are the product of our own experiences and world views; and therein enables us to work, learn and build together. It is in *humility* that we are reminded that that which we build for ourselves dies with us, whilst that which we build for others is perchance immortal.

Friendship has been given a great opportunity in the past several years to study and practice *humility*: since moving into the historic Kenton Masonic Temple, consolidating with and being separated from Kenton Lodge; we have had to learn how to weather these changes with dignity and composure. Along the way we've picked up several brothers, while the time has ushered others away. Our members have had to forge a common understanding of who we are and what we do; as men, Masons and a Lodge of Brothers. I enjoy the growth that this has brought me individually. Even more so I enjoy the friendships I have formed with those Brothers who preceded me, and the experienced wisdom they have shared. It gives me great confidence that Friendship will prevail and endure, even as it continues to grow and evolve.

Thank you for your time and contributions to our Lodge, Brethren. I hope to see you all again soon, and wish you all a beautiful, bright November.

Fraternally,

Walter Lee



Kent Smith Master Mason Degree Team completed on October 21, 2016. This was the First Master Mason degree in several years. The work was excellent thank you for the brother's that assisted.

November Masonic Birthdays

Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason

- 01 Brooks Thompson (13)
- 14 Curtis Cude (15)
- 16 Duane Cartwright (44)
- 18 James Loennig (29)
- 19 Edward Johnson (69)
- 21 Richard Pate (18)
- 21 Eric Wiskoff (18)
- 23 Norm Rosenbloom (33)
- 24 Lovell Danilson, Jr. (62)
- 26 Joseph Smith (58)
- 26 William Korte (47)
- 28 George Fitz (60)
- 28 John Trueb (54)
- 28 Jack Armstrong (43)

November Natural Birthdays

- 16 Matt Truex
- 23 Brooks Thompson
- 24 Rick Schleining
- 25 Howard Charleboix
- 28 Richard Bristow



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Friendship 160 Dinner 6:30 PM Stated 7:30 PM	3	4	5 Sufi Community Meeting
7:00 PM						
6	7 Bethel 4 7:00 pm	8	9	10 Minerva 104 Meeting 5:00 pm Kenton 145 Dinner 6:30 PM Stated 7:30 PM	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18 Mizpah-Rose 12 Meeting 7:30 PM	19
20	21 Bethel 4 7:00 pm	22	23	24	25	26
27 Rosicrucians Social Hour 3:15 PM	28	29	30	31		

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

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