



FriendshipMasonicLodge¹⁶⁰

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Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Oregon

from
the **East**



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- “A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together.” What could be more Masonic, than an awareness of rebuilding the Temple?

Thanks are expressed by me to all lodge members, for allowing me to be Worshipful Master this year. I look forward to supporting the change of leadership that occurs naturally, in our Masonic change of seasons. The men who’ve been elected to serve have my utmost confidence.

WB Bob Casey, *Worshipful Master 2016*

Changing Seasons

by Bob Casey, Worshipful Master

“To everything there is a season,” according to a famous passage of scripture, “and a time to every purpose under heaven.” (Ecclesiastes 3:3)

A new season arrives this month. Both with changing weather, and with changing leadership in our lodge. Chapter 3 of Ecclesiastes contains other observations, which might apply to our lodge....

- “A time to be born, and a time to die.” Only a Master Mason would fully understand the significance of that observation.

- “A time to kill, and a team to heal.” The drama that occurred in our lodge over the last several years might now be in a season of healing. One would hope.



Wisdom and Regeneration

Leo Schuman, SW



"The bee and the hive have long been symbols of industry and regeneration, wisdom and obedience, with a place in Egyptian, Roman and Christian symbolism."

The beehive is an appropriate symbol for the renewing direction of Friendship Masonic Lodge #160, Ancient Free & Accepted Masons. Through the ongoing cooperative work of our active members, older and newer, and the strong commitment to renewal undertaken by our newly elected Master and Wardens, we will exemplify over the next three years the steady, industrious regeneration symbolized by the beehive.

Much work is underway to incorporate the study of Wisdom into the active work of our Lodge. Beginning in January, we will be presenting high quality 30 minute recorded lectures on Western Philosophy – provided through The Teaching Company – as the educational component of each stated meeting. Following the close of each meeting, we will continue our tradition of gently guided conversations, probing and elucidating our Masonic Education topic of the month.

We hope our Brothers will join us, as we continue seeking more light!

from the South

Greetings from the South,

My studies this past month lead me to a short paper, written by Worshipful Brother Alphonse Cerza, Grand Historian of the Grand Lodge of Illinois A.F. & A.M. titled, "Our Most Valuable Asset: Friendship". It would be a bit lengthy to present to you here, but I assure you it is a swift, uplifting and informative read, and I will be certain to provide a route to it through our internet platforms; but I would like to share an excerpt with you here:

"...the greatest asset in Freemasonry is the spirit of friendship that exists between Freemasons in their relationship with one another and their attitude of thoughtfulness for the welfare of others. For example, many years ago the words "Mason" and "friendship" were often used synonymously... Many years ago an English periodical had a contest and offered a prize to the person submitting the best definition of the word "friend." Here are a few of the definitions which were sent to the publication: "One who multiplies joys, divides grief, and whose honesty is inviolable." "One who understands our silence." "A watch which beats true and for all time and never runs down." And here is the definition that won first prize: 'A friend is the one who comes in when the whole world has gone out.'"

Indeed, there are as many ways of understanding *friendship* as there are reasons to desire to have or be a friend. I think I'd have given the blue ribbon to that last definition too, had I been the judge. For now, I will content myself to working daily to show everyone I meet that this is what it is to be a friend. And that a Mason is everyone's friend. Thank you for your time and consideration, Brethren. I pray this year has brought you more joy

From the South Cont'd:

than sorrow, justly-earned refreshment for your labors, peace and wisdom; for these are the precious gifts you have given me. They are every bit as dear as your continuing friendship.

Fraternally,
Walter Lee

December Masonic Birthdays

Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason

08 Nitesh Gulhati (12)
15 Joseph Shull (45)
17 Erin Phelps (30)
18 Robert Byers (59)
18 Howard Charleboix (31)
26 Elbert Collins (65)

December Natural Birthdays

02 Richard Pate
07 Walter Davis
08 Scott Mist
09 Edward Johnson
09 Jack Armstrong
14 Stephen Dyrnes
14 Norm Rosenbloom
19 Charles Tomassene, Jr.
22 Daniel Tuggle
25 Kenneth Bowcutt
28 Alfred Loeb, Jr.
28 Tim Kretchmer
31 Erin Phelps



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

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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