



FriendshipMasonicLodge¹⁶⁰

Trestleboard

Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Oregon

from
the **East**

Dear Friends and Brethren,

First, and most importantly, thank you for your best wishes as we inaugurate a new Masonic year.

Those who know our Lodge, know that one would be hard pressed to find another which has ridden waves quite like ours over the past decade. Yet, what better way to practice Masonry? We have continued lifting our trowels, trimming our ashlar, squaring our corners, and showing up to work the quarry, as time moves forward and life keeps changing. We have completed a harmonious and successful year, thanks to the dedicated work of WB Bob Casey, PM, and we are looking forward to another.

Your new officers represent the trust our elders have placed in a new generation, working together with our experienced brothers to renew and regenerate our Lodge.

Leo Schuman, Worshipful Master
Walter Lee, Senior Warden
Christopher Chase, Junior Warden
Bryan Tranel, Treasurer
Jim Loennig PM, Secretary
Brian Gardes, Senior Deacon
Kent Smith, Junior Deacon
Bob Casey PM, Tyler

We feel grateful for this trust, and look forward to our brothers' wise, kind, and friendly counsel.

In the coming year, we will be placing great emphasis on Masonic Education. Each stated meeting will include a recorded, expertly delivered 30-minute lecture on a topic of Classical Western Philosophy, followed by our "new tradition" of post-meeting fellowship and conversation.

As always, our evening begins with at 6:30pm on the First Wednesday of every month. We hope you will join with us, as we engage with the Western Philosophical tradition, while enjoying our Friendship.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Leo Schuman, Worshipful Master
Friendship Masonic Lodge No. 160, AF&AM



Greetings from The West,

As 2016 is in its final days I find myself with high hopes and aspirations for 2017. Perhaps it will be quieter or marked with less hardship, but my greatest hope is to transcend the recent air of conflict that seems to have distinctly marked this year – most tragically in the cases I learned of Brothers in our Craft getting caught up in piques and feuds.

Greetings from the West Cont'd:

In the hopes that we can all grow either ourselves or those we love in 2017 I'd like to share the following poem with you.

When You Know a Fellow

by Edgar Guest

When you get to know a fellow,
know his joys and know his cares,
When you've come to understand
him and the burdens that he bears,
When you've learned the fight he's
making and the troubles in his way,
Then you find that he is different
than you thought him yesterday.
You find his faults are trivial and
there's not so much to blame
In the brother that you jeered at
when you only knew his name.
You are quick to see the blemish in
the distant neighbor's style,
You can point to all his errors and
may sneer at him the while,
And your prejudices fatten and your
hates more violent grow
As you talk about the failures of the
man you do not know,
But when drawn a little closer, and
your hands and shoulders touch,
You find the traits you hated really
don't amount to much.
When you get to know a fellow,
know his every mood and whim,
You begin to find the texture of the
splendid side of him;
You begin to understand him, and
you cease to scoff and sneer;
For with understanding always
prejudices disappear.
You begin to find his virtues and his
faults you cease to tell,
For you seldom hate a fellow when
you know him very well.
When next you start in sneering and
your phrases turn to blame,
Know more of him you censure
than his business and his name;
For it's likely that acquaintance

would your prejudice dispel
And you'd really come to like him
if you know him very well.
When you get to know a fellow and
you understand his ways,
Then his faults won't really matter,
for you'll find a lot to praise.

Be well, Friends and Brethren. Good luck to you all in this New Year. I look forward to meeting you on the level again in January.

from the South ee

First of all, happy New Year, brethren! I hope your holidays were filled with family, friends, and happy memories. I look forward to the work we have ahead of us in Friendship Lodge this year, and welcome the opportunity to learn and grow with you all.

As I stepped into the Junior Warden's shoes for the first time at the installation, I felt much as I did almost exactly a year before in the Senior Deacon's role for the first time. A little overwhelmed and feeling more than a little underprepared, to say the least. In the moment, I could only think about how I didn't know the first thing about being a Junior Warden.

But looking back at my first time fulfilling the duties of the Senior Deacon, at how unsure and overwhelmed I felt at that time, I remember the wise words: "Anything worth being good at is worth being bad at, at first."

As we've all heard many times, we begin in our "rude and imperfect state." Our aim here is to refine and perfect our shortcomings, and this requires sometimes uncomfortable and difficult work. But the end product is worth the work, the embarrassment, the uncertainty; a smooth ashlar, a better fit for that "house not made with hands."

Be well, and keep working,
Chris Chase, Junior Warden

Secretaries Desk

Brothers many have paid their dues, but several have not, could you please remember to forward your dues to me. That's at 2334 NE 131st Avenue, Portland, OR 97230

January Masonic Birthdays

Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason

- 22 Philip Draper (58)
- 23 Cliff Jenne (66)
- 24 Paul Glynn (39)
- 26 John Ley (41)
- 27 Tom Sawyer (64)
- 27 Brian Murphy (19)
- 31 Scott Mist (11)

January Natural Birthdays

- 02 Brian Shannon
- 07 Verne Rohrbach
- 18 James Emmons
- 22 James Wallace
- 25 Chris Lassen
- 27 Chad Watson
- 27 Joseph James
- 29 Douglas Parrott
- 29 Roy Kirkham

January 2017

Greetings from the members and adults of Bethel #4. We have missed the deadline for the past few Trestleboards...but we want you to know we are alive and happy!

We have been very busy the past few months with various meetings and activities. The girls have been visiting as many bethels as they can and have been participating in initiations and other activities at those bethels as needed.

As you know, Bethel #4 is in danger of being closed if we aren't able to get some new members. We especially need girls between the ages of 10 ~ 15. Girls are eligible up to the age of 20, but to keep our bethel active, we need the younger girls, that won't be leaving after a year or two.

That's where we need your help. A girl does not need a Masonic relationship. All a girl needs is a Masonic sponsor. We are asking you to please check with neighbors, friends, co-workers and family members to see if there are any girls that might be interested. We will be having a "purple Party" sometime in Feb. or March. That is where we would invite girls to join us for a fun event.

Also...save the date of January 16th. That is the date of our installation @ 7:00 pm. I know the girls would really appreciate some Masonic support. The meeting is open so you could bring girls to it so they could see how a bethel is run for special ceremony.

*Thank you again for all the support you have given to us ~ we really appreciate it.
Jobie Love,*

*Allison Keepers, HQ
Jodie Tibbetts, Guardian*



FROM Bethel #4

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

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

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