



FriendshipMasonicLodge¹⁶⁰

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Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Oregon

from
the **East**

Leo Schuman, WM

Brothers! I am happy to report that the transition of our accounting systems from Quicken to Quickbooks Online is complete. This transition enables a long sought and highly valuable goal: instant reports on budget expenditures by category. While that may sound like a very dull result for a major multiple-month Lodge project, it may catch the eye of all of us who've sat in the stations over the years. Knowing to the penny what we've agreed we can spend as a Lodge, and how, is a critical tool for anyone in leadership. And, now we have it!

Along the way, we are also continuing to implement our goal to teach important life skills to our members and officers. Quickbooks Online is one of the most widely used accounting software systems in the market. Knowing how to use it is a major enhancement to the resume of anyone whose work may involve any form of financial knowledge. As an online system, multiple brothers of our Lodge will have appropriate access this software, both to answer financial questions about our Lodge, as well as to learn this important tool.

This transition has been enabled by an accountant, Mary Hansel, who is highly experienced working with small non-profit organizations like ours. Our tax reporting, though, will continue to be handled by Tom Daniels, CPA, as it has been in prior years. Transparency and accuracy in all financial matters remains one of the highest priorities of your Lodge's leadership team.

In other news, five brothers of your Lodge - Kent Smith, Jim Loennig (SC), Chris Chase (JW), Walter Lee (SW), and Leo Schuman (WM) - attended Sunnyside Lodge No. 163 for their March Stated Communication, to enjoy their famous brunch and hospitality. A great time was had by all. But ... I must confess that we also committed an act of theft. Given the five man strength of our attendance, we were able to wrestle away and steal a gavel from their Lodge. We eagerly await their return visit, to enjoy our monthly dinner meeting, and to take their gavel back!

WB Leo Schuman, Worshipful Master 2017



Greetings from The West, Brethren;

I've got my mind on mortar and mortar on my mind right now. We are all taught the proper application of the trowel as speculative Masons, and are informed of its utility to our ancient operative Brothers; but today (and regrettably too often) I find illustrations depicting the operative use incorrectly; as a tool used to spread cement over the *face* of the work. To be clear: if your work needs to be smoothed over on its face – your work is slipshod and the weaknesses you've hidden will show in time. Indeed, there were times when our ancient Brethren did find it necessary to veneer their work, but Masonic tradition informs us that that most sublime Masonic edifice did not use tricks or shortcuts – the builders we study and revere took the longer, harder path of carefully selecting and preparing their stones;

from
the **South**

cementing them together by spreading their mortar between each and every one.

There is a great lesson in this – because mortar does more than cement and connect the work, unifying the structure; it protects the individual stones as well. There is direct, unrelenting pressure anywhere two stones touch. The slight, compounding and inevitable movements of the structure over time put further stress and friction upon the work. Direct contact between the stones puts all of them at risk; even if every facet of an ashlar is perfected and polished. And so that humble (but specifically formulated) blend of lime and gypsum softens their contact, just as it binds them intimately.

Perhaps you all know this already – it wouldn't be the first time I was late to the game, but I think It's good for all of us and our families; good for Friendship Lodge and friendship in general, to consider the proper application of the trowel, even one's own ashlar is well-smoothed.

Fraternally,
Walter Lee
Senior Warden

In many ways, this year has been about seeking clarity in the way we as a Lodge do business. We've changed our accounting practices to be more transparent and modern. We've clarified our Masonic education and actually made it a centerpiece for our stated meetings. We've sought greater clarity and brotherhood inside our Lodge through these educational pieces. We've even begun clearing up some of our old "handshake" agreements and ad-hoc practices for the sake of clarity, unity, and brotherhood. The Grand Lodge has also clarified a few points of order with us, namely that of serving alcohol at our stated meetings. It has long been a staple of our after-meeting discussions to enjoy a digestif with our brothers. It has been our focus to enjoy beverages that we might not otherwise have the opportunity to taste, and thereby educate ourselves and our palates. While this tradition will not be going away, we will need to change the manner in which we implement it. The Grand Lodge requires that an OLCC licensed server be present, and that this server be the one pouring any beverages. With this in mind, I, as the Junior Warden, will be so licensed and serving at our after-stated discussions from now on. Other brothers are welcome to seek out an OLCC license so that they may serve themselves and other brothers. But for now, we respectfully request that all brothers abide by these restrictions, and also remember that temperance and prudence are principles worthy of our consideration, and brotherhood is the true purpose of our meetings. Fraternaly, Chris Chase Junior Warden

April

Masonic Birthdays

Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason

- 19 Earl Carrier (39)**
- 22 Richard Bristow (47)**
- 24 Keith Moon (07)**
- 25 Roy Kirkham (38)**
- 28 Walter Davis (63)**
- 29 Earl Redd (73)**
- 29 Cole Magbanua (08)**

April

Natural Birthdays

- 09 Paul Blackburn**
- 10 Tom Sawyer**
- 13 James Peyer-Nelson**
- 15 Eugene Nelson**
- 21 Cliff Jenne**
- 22 John Bladholm**
- 29 David Gould**
- 29 Joseph Shull**
- 30 Lovell Danilson, Jr.**



Brothers Kent Smith and Tim Kretchmer visiting Lodge Wellington N.1385, in Antwerp, Belgium. Looks like a great time, have you traveled to another Lodge would love to see your pictures.

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