



FriendshipMasonicLodge¹⁶⁰

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Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Oregon

from
the **East**

Our year of organizational housekeeping continued this month. With our bank and accounting transitions in place, audit complete, and revised P&L and related 2016 financial statements in our CPAs hands for timely preparation of our annual Form 990s, it's now time to turn our attention to the state of our bylaws.

Substantively, our bylaws are in good shape, but their formatting has been challenging. There has been redundancy and inconsistency among articles, some typos, and related opportunities for improvement. So, having retyped them in their entirety in original form - typos and all - I proposed a series of major structural and very minor substantive updates to a committee comprised of: Walter Lee, SW, Christopher Chase, JW, Bob Casey, TY, and Rick Schleining, PM, with additional "listening in" review by Jim Loennig, SC, Bryan Tranel, TR, and Kent Smith. By the end of an efficient one hour meeting, our ad hoc bylaws update committee reached unanimous agreement that the proposed revisions should be adopted, with a few small changes.

While the shape and structure of our bylaws is changing somewhat, the substance is not. The only substantive change of note will be to make the amount of our monthly stipends for the Secretary and Treasurer subject to Lodge vote, rather than being fixed into the bylaws. This flexibility would have been helpful this year. We will have it for next year.

Any brother interested in these proposed revisions is welcome to email me for a copy. My email address

is leo.schuman@23cedar.com. The proposed new set will be formally presented at May Stated, and laid over 30 days as required, for a vote at June Stated. All brothers of our Lodge are, of course, welcome to come and participate.

In other news, we've balloted in a new candidate, and will be holding an EA Degree for Quinn Haas on Wednesday, May 17th, at 7pm. Please join us! We will be balloting on another candidate, Patrick Reilly, at our May Stated. He's received a full and favorable report from his investigating committee, and we're looking forward to helping him see the light.

Our Lodge is clarifying, growing, and re-visioning our future. Our brothers are always welcome to come be part of our new Friendship. Dinner is hot and ready for you at 6:30pm, on the first Wednesday of every month!

WB Leo Schuman, Worshipful Master 2017



Greetings from The West, Brethren;

My mind has been pulled in many directions this past month. Consequently, I've struggled to find the right words to convey all the lessons I've encountered since we last met and worked together. But one thing that has stood out to me is the triumphant return of our Brother Junior Deacon,

Kent from his journeys in Europe with his wife.
Among his adventures abroad was an evening spent
at a Lodge in Antwerp and in commemoration of *his*
Masonic education I'd like to offer a poem from
Brother Rudyard Kipling.

The Mother-Lodge

There was Rundle, Station Master,
An' Beazeley of the Rail,
An' 'Ackman, Commissariat,
An' Donkin' o' the Jail;
An' Blake, Conductor-Sargent,
Our Master twice was 'e,
With 'im that kept the Europe-shop,
Old Framjee Eduljee.

Outside -- "Sergeant! Sir! Salute! Salaam!"
Inside -- "Brother", an' it doesn't do no 'arm.
We met upon the Level an' we parted on the
Square,
An' I was Junior Deacon in my Mother-
Lodge out there!

We'd Bola Nath, Accountant,
An' Saul the Aden Jew,
An' Din Mohammed, draughtsman
Of the Survey Office too;
There was Babu Chuckerbutty,
An' Amir Singh the Sikh,
An' Castro from the fittin'-sheds,
The Roman Catholick!

We 'adn't good regalia,
An' our Lodge was old an' bare,
But we knew the Ancient Landmarks,
An' we kep' 'em to a hair;
An' lookin' on it backwards
It often strikes me thus,
There ain't such things as infidels,
Excep', per'aps, it's us.

For monthly, after Labour,

We'd all sit down and smoke
(We dursn't give no banquits,
Lest a Brother's caste were broke),
An' man on man got talkin'
Religion an' the rest,
An' every man comparin'
Of the God 'e knew the best.

So man on man got talkin',
An' not a Brother stirred
Till mornin' waked the parrots
An' that dam' brain-fever-bird;
We'd say 'twas 'ighly curious,
An' we'd all ride 'ome to bed,
With Mo'ammed, God, an' Shiva
Changin' pickets in our 'ead.

Full oft on Guv'ment service
This rovin' foot 'ath pressed,
An' bore fraternal greetin's
To the Lodges east an' west,
Accordin' as commanded
From Kohat to Singapore,
But I wish that I might see them
In my Mother-Lodge once more!

I wish that I might see them,
My Brethren black an' brown,
With the trichies smellin' pleasant
An' the *hog-darn* passin' down;
[Cigar-lighter.]
An' the old khansamah snorin'
[Butler.]
On the bottle-khana floor,
[Pantry.]
Like a Master in good standing
With my Mother-Lodge once more!

Outside -- "Sergeant! Sir! Salute! Salaam!"
Inside -- "Brother", an' it doesn't do no 'arm.
We met upon the Level an' we parted on the
Square,
An' I was Junior Deacon in my Mother-
Lodge out there!

Welcome home, Brother Junior Deacon. Welcome home, Kent Smith. Welcome home, Brother. I know we all look forward to your tales of glory and adventure at our May Stated Communication.

Fraternally,
Walter Lee
Senior Warden

May Masonic Birthdays

Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason

- 15 Brian Shannon (04)
- 19 Alfred Loeb, Jr. (69)
- 19 Mark Cook (06)
- 20 Aubrey Carroll (47)
- 22 James Lasher (54)
- 25 John Bromley (40)
- 25 Bruce Copper (32)
- 27 Stephen Dyrnes (36)
- 28 Brian Gardes (03)
- 30 Charles DeFir (38)

May Natural Birthdays

- 01 James Damron
- 02 Douglas McCarty
- 03 Philip Draper
- 04 Fredric Krueger
- 07 Robert Holloway
- 07 Leo Schuman
- 11 George Fitz
- 24 Bryant Bishop

Secretaries Corner:

Carson Bailey received his 50 year Certificate at last months Stated Meeting.



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