



FriendshipMasonicLodge<sup>160</sup>

# Trestleboard

Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Oregon

from  
the **East**

Brothers, as those who've been closely involved over the past two years already know, our Immediate Past Master, WB Bob Casey, led us last year to approve a new bylaw barring exclusion of candidates or expulsion of members, on the basis of their sexual orientation. MWB Art Borland, IPGM, approved this bylaw in January of this year. Then, he reversed himself in May of this year, and ordered us to present a resolution to rescind this bylaw he previously approved. Various reasons for this reversal have been offered by various members of the Grand Lodge, and its Jurisprudence Committee.

We presented such a resolution at June Stated, and voted upon it in July. Despite calls for compliance with the Grand Lodge order, offered by myself, as WM, as well as our SW and JW, the Lodge voted down this particular resolution to rescind our new bylaw. The consensus view of those Lodge members who've shown up to discuss this matter is that we want to ensure that men are not excluded from our Lodge, nor brought up on Masonic charges, because of the way they were born, nor for the normal and reasonable choices they may make based on how they were born. It is also our consensus view that, because the Oregon State Bar advises that an organization's bylaws are precisely where non-discrimination provisions belong, this is where we want ours to be located, as well. It would be insufficient for a matter of this importance to be relegated to an unenforceable and easily ignored note in our minutes.

As a result, as part of our continuing effort to comply with the order from Grand Lodge to rescind our previously approved bylaw, our officers and

members have met, discussed this matter at length, and agreed to propose to repeal our current bylaw, and simultaneously replace it with the following language:

"The fact of a man's race, sexual orientation, or national origin, shall not be considered an aspect of his moral standing as a candidate or member of our Lodge."

We believe this new language responds to the rationales which have been offered for why the currently approved bylaw must be rescinded.

We are working in active cooperation with MWB Myles McMillan, GM, towards reaching a good and properly Masonic resolution of all concerns related to this matter. If any Brother wishes to share a view on this all, please join us at any stated meeting, or feel free to contact me at any time, at (503) 750-7505.

**WB Leo Schuman, *Worshipful Master 2017***



Greetings from the West, Brethren;

As we approach our coming Fellowcraft degrees this summer I find myself musing on some recurring lessons in our degrees. Most especially of finding balance in all things. The point within a circle admonishes us that our duties will require touching upon both the extremes of left and right, summer and winter, John the Baptist and John the Evangelist; as well as the ideal, middle path of the Volume of Sacred Law. How hard it can be to do just that thing, weigh all sides equally, know the ideal, and still pursue what we think best. A nautical rhyme comes to mind, meant to admonish the sailor to be prudent whenever at sea and in dispute over right of way:

“Here lies the body of Michael O’Day  
Who died defending his right of way.  
He was right, dead right, as he sailed along  
But just as dead as if he’d been wrong.”

The consequences of intransigence are regrettably more obvious at sea than they might be in life. Thankfully we have all been imbued with the knowledge of virtue, we all believe in the Great Architect and marvel at his masterful works – even those which confound and frustrate us – and accept that these conflicts are born not of the imperfections of others, but of our own incomplete knowledge of God. And further thankful am I that Masonry teaches us how to set aside our differences and focus on our common, great and good work.  
Be well, Brethren. I look forward to your company and wisdom throughout this August.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Walter Lee

## August Masonic Birthdays

Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason

None

## August Natural Birthdays

04 Chris Chase  
06 Nitesh Gulhati  
09 Curtis Cude  
17 William Anderton  
17 Bob Casey  
27 Robert Byers  
29 Lexus Johnson

### Secretaries Corner:

**Quinn Allen Haase passed his EA proficiency and did a wonderful job, he just experienced the birth of his first baby. Congratulations Quinn.**

**We still have several brothers that have not paid dues, we will be putting you on written notice in October as final notice at the November Stated Meeting if dues are not paid we will then place you on NPD Status, and your cumulative time as a Mason will stop until dues are paid up.**

**Remember our wonderful Past Masters boards, they are out of date, going back about 7 years or so, we have just authorized a photographer to take all the pictures necessary to get our Past Master’s board up to date. The person that I most want to see on that board is our Honorary Past Master Wayne Felder, he was made Honorary Past Master in 2006, for his contributions to our Lodge, which were significant, I remember he wrote a check for \$5,000 for repairs and improvements to the old Lodge Building, true man and Mason. Kathy Felder his wife is still living in SE Portland, and is still doing real estate last time I checked. If you know Kathy Felder reach out to her and acknowledge her and Wayne’s contributions to our Lodge.**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Friendship 160 Dinner 6:30 pm Stated 7:30 pm	<b>3</b> Minerva 104	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Bethel 4 7:00 pm	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Kenton #145 Dinner 6:30 pm Stated 7:40 pm	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Friendship #160 FC Degree 6:30 pm	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Bethel 4 7:00 pm	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>		

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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