



FriendshipMasonicLodge<sup>160</sup>

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Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Oregon

Greetings from the West, Brethren;

At our recent long-range planning meeting one of our officers said that he thought Friendship was still struggling to define who we are and what we do. I disagree. I think we know very well who we are, but for the sake of our high aspirations and powerful imaginations we unnecessarily fret that who and what Friendship is isn't "good enough". I disagree with that, too. I think we just haven't figured out how to say it clearly for the uninitiated, in a way they can understand; and in a way that communicates the immeasurable value of what we offer. I'm optimistic that now that we have gained full control of our marketing platforms we will soon distill our message – because it is very clear to me who and what Friendship 160 is.

Our meetings focus on creating a sanctuary where everyone is welcome to speak, study and learn. We work together to grow our own knowledge as well as our Brothers' and build a common, unalienating idea of what it is to be a better man. We do this through work, fellowship and service; enjoying games, drinks and more conversation; while also seeking to serve our community through needed (though unglamorous) outreach. For two years we have partnered with Portland Public Schools to alleviate specific needs for specific schools; and in 2018 we began a homeless relief project, where we provide urban-outdoor survival kits to shelters and individuals. In so doing we have spared at least 300 people from the unrelenting ravages of Portland's winters – at a time when I have read in the newspaper not one month ago that Portland's *one* family shelter has had to start wait-listing families; and that this list is already some 39 *families* deep. Furthermore, Friendship has continued the legacy of social justice started by WB Jack Armstrong, and stands out as the sole Oregon Lodge to partner with the Grand Lodge to help guarantee the dignity and

safety of our homosexual Brothers - present and future. And all of this we have accomplished with progressively more conservative budgets and wise management of our patrimony year over year.

It's crystal clear to me: Friendship Lodge is a tight-knit group of men who sincerely love each other and genuinely like spending their time together. We are committed to education (for ourselves, each other, and all of society), we express our mutual affections through hearty fellowship, mutual respect, service, and relief; and have shown a clear commitment to the ideals of social justice and moral progress. And while we keep one eye on the future, we carefully train the other on our past - continuing to honor and include our experienced, elder Brothers while not alienating our newer members (at a time when I see some Lodges notably choosing one over the other). I look at this record and the legacy it seeks to honor, and I am delighted to be a part of Friendship 160; and there is no other Lodge I can imagine calling *home*.

Thank you for your time and consideration, Brethren. I Look forward to seeing you again in December and the years beyond.

Fraternally,  
Worshipful Master Elect, Walter Lee



## 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



BETHEL #4

DECEMBER 2017

Here it is at the end of 2017 already and where did the year go? We hope you and your families and friends had a good and thankful Thanksgiving.

November was a fairly busy month for the daughters. It started off with Leadership Camp on 11/3-11/5 in Turner Oregon. There were many classes that were given, plus lots of fun and good food. On 11/11, the daughters (and some adults) served dinner for the reception for Grand Electa of Eastern Star and then participated along with daughters from other Bethels in the Closing Cross at the end of the reception. Christanee also went to the Milwaukie DeMolay Fall Dance and the Grand Court of Amaranth Ball. On 11/25, Christanee and Theysha helped at the Shrine Christmas Party in Wilsonville.

Also, during November, we held our joint meetings with Bethel #1 and 67 at cornerstone Lodge. The month of December, we will be having our regular meetings at our lodge on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays at 7:00. As always, we would love to see a Mason or two there. On 12/9, we will have our Official Visit with Bethel #1 as they celebrate their 95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

On a personal note, I would like to thank the lodge for all the concern and support, as well as the beautiful flower arrangement while I was in the hospital. It meant so much to me and I love you all for what you do not only for me but others as well. I didn't expect to end up there for 11 days, but I kind of liked it...didn't have to do anything and could nap whenever I wanted too and got ice cream any time I asked...but I don't think I want to do it again!!! LOL...

Now for the good part...since we didn't get to take orders for the yummy Peppermint Bark at the last dinner, we will be bringing some for you to buy. \$15.00 and it's yours. Cash or check would be great.

We are wishing everyone a Happy Holiday and a great New Year ~

Jobie Love,  
The Daughters and Adults of Bethel #4  
Jodie Tibbetts, Guardian

## December

### Masonic Birthdays

Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason

- 08 Nitesh Gulhati (13)
- 15 Joseph Shull (46)
- 17 Erin Phelps (31)
- 18 Robert Byers (60)
- 18 Howard Charleboix (32)
- 26 Elbert Collins (66)

#### Secretaries Corner:

We had the 2018 Election of Officers at Lodge last month and the following men were elected into office:

Worshipful Master: Walter Lee  
 Senior Warden: Chris Chase  
 Junior Warden: Kent Smith  
 Secretary: Jim Loennig  
 Treasure: Leo Schuman

#### Appointed Officers:

Senior Deacon: Brian Gardes  
 Junior Deacon: Bryan Tranel  
 Tyler: Bob Casey



**Sun                      Mon                      Tue                      Wed                      Thu                      Fri                      Sat**

**1                      2**

**3                      4                      5                      6                      7                      8                      9**

Bethel 4  
7:00 pm

Friendship 160  
Dinner 6:30 pm  
Stated 7:30 pm

**10                      11                      12                      13                      14                      15                      16**

Friendship 160  
MM Degree 7 pm

Kenton #145  
Dinner 6:30 pm  
Stated 7:30 pm

Friendship 160  
Reception 6 pm  
Tiled Installation 7 pm  
Dinner following

**17                      18                      19                      20                      21                      22                      23**

Bethel 4  
7:00 pm

**24                      25                      26                      27                      28                      29                      30**

**31**

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

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