



FriendshipMasonicLodge¹⁶⁰

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Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Oregon

Warmest Greetings from the East, Brethren;

When Friendship last met to celebrate the Feast of St. John the Evangelist I was struck by the notion that in a few short hours I would officially take on the mantle of Worshipful Master. Several times since the morning of the 28th I've had occasion to call a Brother or two and have always noticed their joyful use of my new title, *Worshipful Brother*. It's a trip to make such an abrupt transition, but it is a challenge and an opportunity to serve which I treasure and look forward to, and I thank you all for your support. Every Master before me has given his successor a better set of cards than he himself was dealt, and WB Schuman continued that trend. I have the privilege of serving an active, brilliant Lodge and look forward to leading it to greater health and growth.

Over the course of 2017 Friendship Lodge has gained a reputation as a preeminent location for Masonic education, and we will continue to push toward greater levels of achievement therein too. We will enjoy a live lecture at every stated meeting this year – 12 phenomenal talks delivered by a selection of visitors and Friendship Brothers alike. I strongly encourage every member to participate in this delightful project, and to further incentivize participation we will be giving a rare and special challenge coin to every Brother who presents material at a Friendship event this year.

Following Brother Patrick Reilly's eminent Fellowcraft proficiency in December, we will be raising Bro. Reilly to the Sublime Degree this January 24. New initiatives of the executive line last year have brought in more interested fellows, ready to knock on the door of Freemasonry. We can look forward to more focused fellowship nights; taking the form of our very popular board game nights, philosophy discussion nights, and we will be making the effort to complete the torchlight program this

year, to boot! With all this activity we just might earn the Grand Masters Lodge Achievement award this year too! What a delightful year to be working hard in the quarry! I look forward to seeing you all again in January.

Fraternally,

Walter Lee
Worshipful Master

From the West,

Happy New Year, brethren! I hope your holidays have been pleasant, and filled with family and fun.

I look back on 2017 and my time as Junior Warden, and I am filled with pride for the things that we have accomplished. To echo the words of Worshipful Brother Lee at the installation, Friendship Masonic Lodge #160 knows what it wants to do, and we are getting better at it every year. We are working on bigger and better charitable work and involvement in our community, greater education and discussion at our gatherings, and fellowship befitting our name.

I would like to take this time to inform you of some of our efforts toward those ends: We have two types of regular fellowship events planned for 2018. Over the past few months, we have held game nights at the Lodge that have been well attended, and we will continue to hold these events. The first of these events in 2018 will be on January 10th at 7 p.m. at the Lodge. All brethren are welcome to bring their board games, snacks, drinks, and other libations, and enjoy a good night of brotherhood and fun.

These events will alternate with evenings dedicated to continuing our education and discussion of philosophy with the Great Courses lectures. Due to the great live speakers that will be coming in to talk at our stated meetings, and wanting to respect our brethren's time

and give due attention to the material we will be discussing and listening to, we have decided to move our exploration of the Great Courses lectures to a separate night. This will allow us to take our time with the discussion, both at the stated meetings and during these separate events, and also continue to enjoy each other's company and fellowship.

Friendship Masonic Lodge has a bright future ahead of it, and I look forward to continuing our vision of one sacred band or society of brothers, among whom no contention should ever exist but that noble contention, or rather emulation, of who best can work and best agree.

Fraternally,
Chris Chase

From the South

The southerly winds are wont to blow warm, and that holds true for January as well as July! This month, our stated meeting will be Wednesday, January 3rd, at the usual location. Brother Pease (Kenton 145) is preparing yet another wonderful meal – this time it will be built around Swedish meatballs. Dinner hour gets going right around 6, and ends just before meeting time at 7. January's education will involve the reading of a short essay by yours truly, on the subject of Libertines and Masonry. After meeting and lecture, members and post-dinner guests (who will have relaxed in the Library under the watchful eye and ear of the tyler) will meet again for fellowship, including a short group discussion of the essay on Libertines. It is dark and cold of late, but not at Friendship Masonic Lodge! Come on in from the dark, receive some light, some warmth, some fraternity, and some meatballs!

Kent Smith
Junior Warden



Happy New Year to all and Congratulation to Walter Lee and all the officers of Friendship Lodge for the coming year. Thank you for letting Bethel 4 participate in your installation activities.

As our 1st meeting on January 1st is a holiday, we will not be meeting. Instead we will have a joint installation with Bethel 67 on Jan 9th at 7:00 pm at Washington Lodge. As this is a closed meeting, only Masons can attend..hope to see you there. Our next meeting is scheduled for Jan15th at 7:00 pm. At ur lodge.

During December we helped serve dinner for Washington Lodge, helped with their Christmas party, had a wonderful visit with our Grandparents at Jennings McCall and had lunch together afterward. Also participated in Bethel 1's 95 Birthday as well as celebrated 95 years of Jobs Daughters in Oregon.

January we will be starting up with installations. Also, on January 28, we will be having a promotion bowling party with Bethel 67. We will have a more information to share but this would be a good time to invite any girls that you may know between the ages of 10 and 20.

That's all for this month...thank you again for all your support .
Jobie Love

January

NaturalBirthdays

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

MasonicBirthdays

Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason

22 Philip Draper (59)
23 Cliff Jenne (67)
24 Paul Glynn (40)
26 John Ley (42)
27 Tom Sawyer (65)
27 Brian Murphy (20)
31 Scott Mist (12)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Friendship 160 Dinner 6:30 pm Stated 7:30 pm	4	5 Friendship Visitation Enlightenment Lodge Kenton Masonic Temple 6:30 pm	6
7	8	9	10 Friendship 160 Game Night 7:00 pm	11 Kenton #145 Dinner 6:30 pm Stated 7:30 pm	12	13
14	15 Bethel #4 7:00 pm	16	17 Friendship 160 MM Degree Practice 7 pm	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 Friendship 160 MM Degree 7:30 pm	25	26	27
28	29	30	31 Friendship 160 Officer's Meeting Barlow Tavern 6:30 pm			

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

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