



FriendshipMasonicLodge¹⁶⁰

Trestleboard

Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Oregon

from
the **East**

Brothers, as the Masonic year heads towards its close, I want to offer my thanks to all Brothers who have reached out to me personally during the year, to offer advice, a friendly word, or some other form of support to our Lodge. As all who've been around our Friendship 160 over the past ten years know, we have gone through significant transition, in many ways. Many also know what an interesting perspective it is to sit in the East. It changes a man, to be given both the power and responsibility to do *what he can* to ensure we are of one mind.

I am satisfied that our turnaround continues. We will raise two new Master Masons within the next few months, both of whom are already solid, active members who are a joy to know. We are working steadily towards completing important bylaw revisions, initiated by PM Bob Casey during his year in the East. We have significantly updated our financial tracking and reporting capabilities. And, our finances remain solid, thanks in part to sound advice from Bruce Kent, our financial advisor with Edward Jones; and, thanks also in part to our fiscal discipline. This year's budget was in line with recent years, and our total spending for the year will come in under budget. Further, successful efforts were made by me this year to reduce our recurring expenses by \$6,600 annually. These savings will allow us to use our invested funds even more conservatively in the coming years than we already do, remaining well in line with our professional financial advisor's recommendations.

At the same time, it should also be considered that while we no longer own a building, we still own a structure which shelters us, and enables us to express Masonic values in the world. While our

financial endowment was born with heartbreaking difficulty, it is very arguably more useful to us than any building might be. For it not only provides us our meeting space, but the ability to engage charitably with our community and the world. By this year's end, we will have assembled and delivered nearly \$2,000 worth of "homeless kits," and related supplies. We will also have purchased computer equipment for a public school in need, and made a solid contribution to the Grand Lodge education programs. While we must always act prudently and conservatively with our endowment, it would be wrong not to use what we have built as Brothers, to help make our world a better place.

It is personally very important to me that all Brothers of Friendship Masonic Lodge No. 160 AF&AM know that the entire Officer's Line of your Lodge consider is our first line duty to respect, protect, and carefully nurture the financial endowment of our Lodge, as carefully - *more carefully* - than we cared for our building. It is in the direct vision of your Lodge Officers that this endowment will thrive and serve as a continuing foundation for Masonic work and the expression of Masonic values, indefinitely into the future. Anyone with questions about our invested funds, budgets, and expenditures, of any form, is encouraged to call me at any time (503 750 7505).

WB Leo Schuman, Worshipful Master 2017



Greetings from the West, Brethren;

My career as an academic has proven to me time and again that there is no substitute for fieldwork. It's a lesson I've always worked to impart upon my students, and I was reminded of it once again this past October; when in the Worshipful Master's absence, I allowed a contentious motion to proceed on the floor of our Lodge. There was healthy discussion and debate, but to my senses no disharmony. Nonetheless a vote of 5 to 4 in favor made crystal clear to me that there were some very firm opinions on the practice of direct relief. Beyond learning of the practical differences between this act of brotherly relief and Friendship's historical approach to such business, I was educated in a new way of viewing our shared wealth – not just as the profits garnered from the sale of the former temple, but rather as the residue of the men who came before me – before all of us. It is the enduring gift of their time, sweat and benevolence – and I agree that that is nothing to treat casually.

I'd like to be frank and earnest with all of you: I don't see a problem in extending relief to a worthy Brother from our collective funds, though it is quite clear to me that some of our most experienced Brethren disagree with me. And though I think it's foolish to do something the same way it has always been done, simply because that is how it was always done before; I think it is at least equally foolish to push hard against a custom without first coming to understand why things were done the way they were in the past. And as I work to understand and learn from the views of the Brothers I disagree with I want to assure them that I do not begrudge them for their views nor for voting against this recent novelty; rather I respect them intensely for standing by their principles when faced with a difficult choice. In so doing my Brothers have given me some powerful education, and reminded us all of that preeminent example of how a Mason must live, walk and act.

Thank you for your time and consideration, Brethren. I look forward to seeing you again in November.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
Walter Lee

November Natural Birthdays

16 Matt Truex
23 Brooks Thompson
24 Rick Schleining
25 Howard Charleboix
28 Richard Bristow

November Masonic Birthdays

Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason

01 Brooks Thompson (14)
14 Curtis Cude (16)
16 Duane Cartwright (45)
18 James Loennig (30)
19 Edward Johnson (70)
21 Richard Pate (19)
21 Eric Wiskoff (19)
23 Norm Rosenbloom (34)
24 Lovell Danilson, Jr. (63)
26 Joseph Smith (59)
26 William Korte (48)
28 George Fitz (61)
28 John Trueb (55)
28 Jack Armstrong (44)



BETHEL #4

It has been a long time since we have had an article in the Trestleboard so we'd like to catch you up on what has been going on.

The girls had a great Grand Session in Newport at the end of June. They all entered competitions and did great. Also, 3 of the girls received grand offices.

Next Grand Bethel Senior Princess Christanee went to King of Prussia PA for Supreme Session at the end of July. The ritual team from Oregon placed 1st (out of 20 teams) in Team Ritual. They did a great job and all that went had a fantastic time. So much history to see in that area. They also took a trip to NYC to the Statue of Liberty and the 9-11 Memorial.

For the past 3 months, we have been experimenting with Bethel #1, Bethel #67 and Bethel #4. We are meeting together with each bethel acting as hostess for the 2 meetings, Our first month ~ September ~ was with Bethel #67 at Washington Lodge on their regular meeting nights, The first meeting of the month was a regular meeting and the second was a fun or "fireside" meeting. October was Bethel #4's turn and November we will be meeting at Cornerstone Lodge on their meeting nights. The idea is to bring girls together in Bethel's that may be struggling so that the girls can get a feel of what it is like to have a full Bethel. December we will be back to our regular schedule...so please feel free to join us on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month. We would love to have some Masons attend.

We are happy to announce that we will again have the ...drum roll...Peppermint Bark for sale. We will take orders at the Nov. stated dinner and deliver in December. If you can't make it to the meeting, you can, of course, order from us by phone. 503-816-5558. It is \$15 per box.

Thank you all again for the love and support that you give Bethel 4.

Jobie Love,

The Daughters and Adults of Bethel #4



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1 2 3 4
Friendship 160
Dinner 6:30 pm
Stated 7:30 pm

5 6 7 8 9 10 11
Bethel 4
7:00 pm
Kenton #145
Dinner 6:30 pm
Stated 7:30 pm

12 13 14 15 16 17 18
Friendship 160
Officers Meeting

19 20 21 22 23 24 25
Bethel 4
7:00 pm

26 27 28 29 30

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

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