



FriendshipMasonicLodge<sup>160</sup>

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Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Oregon

From the Secretary's Desk.

We had a wonderful feast for dinner last month, with wine tasting from 45<sup>th</sup> Parallel, the food was fabulous with a Chef who is becoming a regular to prepare dinner Eric Pease. Our dinners served by Bethel #4 are very nice, we would like to see more brothers come to dinner.

We had a resolution read last month in regards to changing our By-Laws and removing and replacing specific language in regards to discrimination. We will vote on this Resolution this month at Lodge. We strongly feel that we should not discriminate based upon sexual orientation, religion, creed or color.

Patrick Reilly was made a Fellow Craft Mason last month, and the degree was reported to be well conducted. We have two Fellow Craft Masons in Lodge now and feel excellent that we will in the near future make two more Master Masons for Friendship Lodge.

We have made great strides in our Banking, and Accounting systems this year, and both of these functions are seasoned into a fine machine. You should be proud of the way business is conducted at the Lodge.

Charity is being provided in several ways at the Lodge and we look to increase our Charity Budget by becoming more efficient at running the Lodge.

We would love to have you to Lodge, last month we were visited by Elbert "Collie" Collins who received his 65 year pin. What a wonderful time we had with Collie in Lodge. We like our heritage and look forward to visiting with brothers from years past. Please come join us.

## Erecting a Spiritual Foundation

By Quinn Allan Haase

It has been requested of me that I reflect, in a few short paragraphs, upon my experience in Masonry so far. In this task then, I am delighted to oblige. While the various symbols and allegories used in Masonry had, until recently, been kept secret from me, Masonry and I had a very centralized philosophy already at each of our cores: that a significant portion of this waking life should be dedicated to the search for greater knowledge, greater truth. In short, even before my being brought to the light, I knew that we should each try to make ourselves into a better person. Masonry teaches us to erect a spiritual temple, using the age-old techniques handed to us by the operative Masons of ancient times. But no temple may be erected all at once. It takes planning, it takes organizing, and once the work has begun, it takes a solid foundation upon which will rest the weight of all that comes after. A cornerstone will be placed, and the work will begin.

It is at just such a place that I find myself in this speculative practice we call The Craft. As an Entered Apprentice, my cornerstone was laid. And now, consulting the plans drafted by my superiors, I begin work on the foundation on which will hold, I hope, a glorious and practical spiritual temple. My previous studies in magical symbolism, the occult, and religious mythology, might have made me a unique and well-primed candidate for Masonry. After all, symbols, while illuminous in their universality, have some very unique truths at their center. My interest in Masonry likely started with the idea of proprietary information. If the Masons possessed information I was not privy to, then it stands to reason that by joining them, I may add their

## October

### MasonicBirthdays

Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason

09 Daniel Tuggle (32)  
13 Douglas McCarty (24)  
14 Pepper Howland (30)  
20 Charles Tomassene Jr. (69)  
21 Michael Benson (08)  
25 James Damron (50)  
27 John Bladholm (46)  
28 Michael Watson (47)  
31 Lexus Johnson (55)

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exclusive knowledge to my own. Imagine my delight and surprise to find out that the truths in Masonry are for all to know! The symbols and allegories used to illustrate them may be of Masonic origin, but the truths they point to, are for all to enjoy. There are many paths which lead up the mountain, yet they all arrive at the same peak.

While we were investigating each other, the Lodge me and I the Lodge, Brother Walter Lee impressed upon me to perhaps visit other Lodges, that I might gauge which was most appropriate for me to join. I asked him plainly if the caliber of man I had come to know at Friendship Masonic Lodge #160, AF & AM was reflective of the whole. That, while I had not met every member of the Lodge, those that I had met were a fair representation of the company I would enjoy. He responded that yes, the spirit of the Lodge was accurately represented in the members I had shared a meal and some conversations with. At that time, I felt that seeking out other Lodges would be a bit like tossing aside rubies in the hopes of an emerald. I am thus enriched by what I do hold. In friendship, in community, and in light, I am not left wanting.

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### NaturalBirthdays

20 Brian Murphy  
27 Jerry Parrick

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Bethel 4 7:00 pm	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Friendship 160 Dinner 6:30 pm Stated 7:30 pm	<b>5</b> Minerva 104	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Kenton #145 Dinner 6:30 pm Stated 7:30 pm	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Bethel 4 7:00 pm	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Friendship 160 Officers Meeting	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
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*To the Brother who stands plumb to his principles, yet is level to his Brethren.*

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