



Trestleboard

Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Oregon

from
the **East**

Brothers, we are making Masons. Thanks to the well proved proficiency of our Brother EA Patrick Reilly, will hold our second Fellowcraft degree of the year on the third Wednesday of September. And, we anticipate holding Master Mason degrees in November and December of this year. Please join us!

At our September stated communication, we will be presenting a revised resolution to amend our bylaws, conforming to the language previously shared here in the Trestleboard. This language will ensure that race, sexual orientation, and national origin will not be considered aspects of a man's moral standing in our Lodge. If you wish to participate in discussion of this resolution, please attend. All views are welcome.

We continue to enjoy good food, proficient ritual, Masonic and philosophical education, and great friendship. It is a great and good thing to be part of this tradition we share.

WB Leo Schuman, *Worshipful Master 2017*



Greetings from the West, Brethren;

As summer draws to a close I look back on the great work we've been doing this year; shoring up our by-laws and finances, rebuilding our relationships with various Lodges and the Grandlodge, and of course passing Brother Quinn Hasse to the degree of Fellowcraft; and soon, Brother Patrick Reilly as well. With this all in mind I'd like to share a hymn which was read to Bro. Quinn on the night of his FC.

Had I the gift of tongues,
Great God, without Thy Grace,
My loudest words, my loftiest songs,
Would be but sounding brass.

Though Thou shouldst give me skill
Each mystery to explain;
Without a heart to do Thy will,
My knowledge would be vain.

Had I such faith in God,
As mountains to remove,
No faith could work effectual good,
That did not work by love.

Grant, then, this one request,
Whatsoever be denied,
That love divine my rule my breast,
And all my actions guide.

Be well, Brethren. And do good work.
Sincerely and Fraternally,

Walter Lee



Bryan Tranel, Treasurer

The Great Architect of the Universe

The recent Northwest fervor around the solar eclipse had me thinking a lot about a Masonic invocation of the aid of deity we regularly use - The Great Architect of the Universe.

I can think of no better term to describe this celestial event. What I am impressed with is that everyone experiencing this phenomenon, at least those I was around or talked to, in some form or another felt the emotion and demonstration of the Great Architect, regardless of their inclination toward a Supreme Being.

I was fortunate enough to experience totality on August 21st. But the experience of a total eclipse reminded me of the Great Architect because this title perfectly describes such an exacting occurrence in the Universe. Both on a cosmological level and on an astronomical level.

Cosmologically, the fact that there even is an eclipse, whether people are around to witness it or not, is amazing. That there can be such precision in the Universe as to perfectly align formations to create a rare event that has no parallel.

Astronomically, if you watch archive footage of the 1979 CBS broadcast of the last U.S. solar eclipse, you can hear Walter Cronkite share in that moment that the next total eclipse in the U.S. will be in the year 2017. Thirty-eight years ago astronomers were able to calculate to an exacting degree when an event like this would next happen.

Even now we can know when the next two eclipses will pass through our continent. And the entire world accepts this information. To the point where people are literally making travel plans today for a specific date decades to come, for an event they have no way of proving will take place. They simply trust in the science of it.

If this is not an example of the Great Architect at work, I don't know what is.

So this experience was two fold for me. Initially I was rendered totally vulnerable at the awesomeness of the event itself. Later I reflected on what it means to be a Mason and why we are taught with reverence most humbly to bow.

September Natural Birthdays

05 Charles DeFir
13 Gerald Haugen
17 Bruce Copper

September Masonic Birthdays

Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason

01 James Peyer-Nelson (16)
08 Douglas Parrott (61)
15 William Anderton (61)
15 Bryant Bishop (58)
16 Charles Colgate (58)
18 Matt Truex (04)
19 Russell Wilson (38)
22 Richard Yaggessell (63)
23 John Say (64)
23 Robert Holloway (53)
24 Paul Blackburn (37)
25 Robert Schultheis (54)
28 Eugene Nelson (40)
28 Chad Watson (23)

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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Minerva 104

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

Kenton #145
Dinner 6:30 pm
Stated 7:40 pm

17 18 19 20 21 22 23

Bethel 4
7:00 pm

Friendship #160
FC Degree 6:30 pm

24 25 26 27 28 29 30

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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