



FriendshipMasonicLodge<sup>160</sup>

# Trestleboard

Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Oregon

From the East,

Hail Brothers Hail Brothers and Fellowes Well-Met!

After a two-month pause and brief respite, your Trestleboard is back in business - albeit delayed for September by a week or so. Apologies!

On September 1st, we had a wonderful Stated meeting. We started with a lovely meal: Bro FC Eric Pease brought a dandy portable high-temp pizza oven and made Naples-style individual pizzas to order. Delicious. We intend to carry on with full, sit-down suppers before every Stated going forward, conditions allowing.

In addition to the usual F160 attendees, we had 4 visiting brethren from other lodges, and 2 "knockers" enquiring into Masonry. To keep ourselves safe and healthy, we all wore masks except when eating, seating no more than 4 diners to a table. As with all matters, we continue to follow Grand Lodge guidance around Covid. Despite the fact that we might otherwise be exempt from some requirements binding on public establishments, the GL has asked us to follow the Governor's lead in terms of masking up and keeping distant, indoors or out. See Bro JW Miller-Conley's words for more info.

After supper, the gavel fell at 7:30 (more or less) and we had a brief business meeting, with no votes or deliberations on matters of substance. We did announce the postponement of all degree work until such time as both the brethren AND candidates will feel completely comfortable and safe, with no dilution of ritual. We expect to start our degrees again this November or December, with an MM and potentially 2-3 EAs in the pipeline. We also hope to hold a 2019-2021 Memorial Service for all the Friendship brothers who have been called home over the past two years. Our goal is to hold this

service at the old lodge building on NE Sandy. We will wait until we can safely have a memorial celebration with supper. We will keep you informed!

Brother Dorje Kirsten (Research Lodge) gave us a wonderful bit of masonic education by delivering a History of the Festive Board. If you'd like a copy of his presentation, let our Secretary WBro Loennig know, and we'll get one to you toot-sweet! It's well worth the read.

Brother Matt Turcotte (Esoterika) came as both a visiting mason and a different kind of craftsman, delivering upon an order we placed with him for handcrafted leather wallets bearing masonic emblems - for brothers who complete the Master's Challenge this year (i.e., gain a current Basic Proficiency card). We'll have to get a photo of Bro Turcotte's handiwork into the next Trestleboard! Amazing work.

Until then, please see Bro SW Jaimes' message today - note that we'll be gathering every single Wednesday going forward at 6:30 for a rotating set of activities. We'd love to see YOU come out and join us!

In Fraternity,

WM K R Smith  
Friendship Masonic Lodge No. 160, A.F. & A.M.  
Annis Lux 6020-21

Greetings from the West

Greetings Brethren, spouses, and friends!

For the last two months, Friendship has been dark without business meetings taking place. We have had gatherings that were very fun and productive. The active membership have met to hold the annual Liberty And Hamburgers, we've had a door knockers barbeque, one Chicken Lodge was held, brethren met for a game night, and we have held several ritual study nights.

Liberty And Hamburgers was a great event, held on a nice hot day in the midst of a heat wave back in July. Many brethren showed up for fun, fellowship, and games with family members also in attendance. It was nice to gather and spend time together while keeping active during the dark months this past summer. Friendship also held a door knockers barbeque early in the season with three prospective members attending. It was very nice to meet the new folks and familiarize them with our experience in the craft. A prospective's partner also attended and hopefully she learned about the craft and how her partner will be involved should he seek membership. It looks promising as we have had prospects conversing with us over the last few months with continued inquiries and interest! Chicken Lodge was also held in July to bid a temporary farewell to Brothers Miller-Conley and Smith as they set out to Nebraska and Europe! Many brethren were present with great food and drinks. We had a prospective attend as well and he reported enjoying the time spent with getting to know the brethren. At game night, a few brethren and a family member gathered to play Nintendo Switch games and Dungeon. Wonderful times again and it was a fun being a spell casting mage!

We have worked hard at holding ritual nights at the lodge. For the past few weeks, it has been sit down readings to go over the parts we have wanted to learn in the Master Mason degree.

Turnout has been great and the brethren have reported enjoying the time to refresh ritual knowledge and to spend time in fellowship. Every Wednesday from here to the end of the year, WB Smith and myself have made a commitment to be at the lodge in order to continue this fellowship by simply being present for either conversation, games, or ritual study. At the last officer's meeting, WB Smith initiated a check in; while many reported happiness and success, many brethren also reported difficult times and situations where connection with brethren would be of benefit.

Finally, we will be holding our first stated meeting on Wednesday, September 1st at 7:30 pm the Kenton Masonic Building. Dinner will be served beforehand, starting at 6:30 pm with Brother Pease preparing dinner for the membership. On Wednesday, September 22nd, our own Brother Praharaj will be proving up on the Fellowcraft degree. He will be ready to receive his Master Mason degree soon thereafter. Please join us for both and reach out to myself or any officer for assistance with attending the meetings. Please be mindful that the Grand Master's recent edict requires that we follow Oregon state mandate that citizens must wear masks in public.

Thank you! On the level!  
Jimmie Jaimes, Senior Warden.

Fraternal Greetings from the South Brethren,

Well Brothers, how quickly things change. When we entered the summer things were reopening and with the vaccination rate everything seemed to be returning to normal. Unfortunately things have changed yet again and we're returning to mask wearing and restrictions. Masks are now required inside the lodge building again, and it will remain that way presumably until cases begin to go down again.

The good news is that dinners are still on! We have returned to having buffet style dinners for the brethren, as well as any family members or friends who are vaccinated. Any non-Spouses are required to bring their vaccine cards to prove their vaccine status, but are welcomed. We are sticking to only having four people per table to try to maintain distance as well as we can.

With things changing it can be hard to keep up with all of the up to date information on restrictions, so I'll once again link you all to the Oregon Health Authority's website here: <https://govstatus.egov.com/OR-OHA-COVID-19> Hopefully all restrictions will be removed before too long, but until then it's a good idea to keep an eye on them.

Stay safe and healthy,

Brother Kevin Miller-Conley, Junior Warden

## September Natural Birthdays

05 Charles DeFir  
17 Bruce Copper  
30 Kevin Miller-Conley

## September Masonic Birthdays

Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason

01 James Peyer-Nelson (20)  
08 Douglas Parrott (65)  
15 Bryant Bishop (65)  
18 Matt Truex (08)  
23 Robert Holloway (57)  
24 Paul Blackburn (41)  
28 Eugene Nelson (44)  
28 Chad Watson (27)

<b>June 2021</b>						
<b>Sun</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sat</b>
			<b>1</b> Friendship Lodge Stated Meeting 7:30 pm	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Friendship Lodge Ritual Practice Kenton Temple 7:00 pm	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Friendship Lodge Game Night Kenton Temple 7:00 pm	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<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>	<b>29</b> Friendship Lodge Officer's Meeting 7:00 pm	<b>30</b>		

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

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