



FriendshipMasonicLodge¹⁶⁰

February2022

Trestleboard

Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Oregon

from
the **East**

Greetings friends and brethren!

I hope this message find you all well.

Brethren, I wanted to clarify some things for the membership, in particular, in regards to the move that is currently active about changing our bylaws to increase dues. You should all have received a copy of the changes in the bylaws in the mail by now. I realize that there are some concerns in the membership about this and I have my own concerns about the uneasiness that an issue like this might cause. In my experience as a mason, I have seen this come up in business meetings several times in various lodges in various jurisdictions; rarely has it been without debate! This has been a matter that has been in discussion for quite some time at Friendship and many of you maybe aware that is has been sometime since the last increase. In addition, our current rate has not kept up with economic changes in our community and with recommendations that Grand Lodge has made in regards to this item of lodge finances. I want to be most clear about one thing. There is in no way any effort being made here to drive membership away. As master, I am most humbled with the sincerest feeling of privilege by you, the brethren of Friendship 160, to serve in this position. I can most certainly ascertain that the rest of the officers feel the same way. By no means do the current line of officers wish to sew the seeds of discontent; instead, our mission is to work as representatives of the membership, and to work at facilitating our business meetings with regard to what is the lodge's will. I hope that you all know that I am open to hearing your concerns in person. I hope that you are also aware that

there are alternatives that we can look at if dues payment cannot be made. Please feel free to approach the membership with any concerns. I enjoy a good conversation over the phone or over coffee. If arrangements need to be made to make it to the next stated meeting to voice your views, please reach out to one of the officers or myself. Its important to be heard and we want to hear from you!

Last month's stated meeting was full of discussion with the dues increase being most important. We also balloted on a gentleman's application for the degrees of masonry after his investigation came back with a full and favorable report. We received a petition for reinstatement from a brother. An investigation committee was appointed to contact this brother for interviews. The highlight of the evening was the announcement of Worshipful Brother Loennig's Hiram award. It was a delight seeing his reaction and surprise at being chosen for this esteemed award. Congratulations to Worshipful Brother Loennig! What a well deserved recognition for a great mason!

Lastly, I wanted to announce that we plan on having our stated meeting on Wednesday, February 2nd. Dinner will be catered and served at 6:30 pm. Our business meeting will follow with the gavel falling at 7:30 pm. There are several items of discussion that will take place. I encourage the membership to attend. For the month of February, we are expecting to confer an EA on the candidate we elected at the last business meeting. AMrk your calendars on Wednesday, February 16th as the current date we plan to confer this degree. Please reach out to Worshipful Brother Chase if any of you would like to take part in the ceremonies. Looking into the March, please mark the date of Wednesday

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the 2nd. This is the planned date of Worshipful Brother Loennig's Hiram award presentation. Plans are being made to make it a special night. It will be in a festive board format. More details will be published in the March trestle board.

Again, thank you, friends and brethren!

On the level!

Jimmie Jaimes



from the South

Greetings from the South, brothers!

While caution has once again called upon us to postpone many of the masonic activities which we were just getting used to enjoying in person again, we are still looking forward to our next stated on February 2nd, where we will do our best to fraternize within the bounds of current safety protocols.

Brother and Chef Eric Pease is still recuperating from his recent hip surgery (it's only been three weeks and he's already off of crutches!) and won't be able to cook for us, but we will still try to cater a February feast which lives up to his high standards. We hope you'll be able to join us!

Patrick Reilly, Junior Warden

February Masonic Birthdays

Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason

16 Kenneth Bowcutt (56)
18 George Nelson (69)
19 Tim Kretchmer (08)
24 David Gould (62)
26 James Wallace (58)
26 Fredric Krueger (30)

February Natural Birthdays

17 Pepper Howland
22 Aubrey Carroll

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Friendship 160 Dinner 6:30 pm Stated Meeting 7:30 pm	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 Friendship 160 Zoom meeting 6:30 pm	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 Friendship 160 EA Degree 7:30 pm	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 Friendship Lodge Officers Meeting 6:00 pm Zoom	24	25	26
27	28					

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

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