



FriendshipMasonicLodge<sup>160</sup>

March2022

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Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Oregon

from  
the **East**

Greetings friends and brethren!

February is about over and the brethren of Friendship Masonic Lodge No 160 accomplished quite a bit at last month's stated meeting. The most important item on the agenda was the passing of changes to the bylaws to increase dues to \$150 a year. What this means is that statements in the future will be mailed out reflecting the membership dues at \$150. Plenty of discussion was had at both the January and February stated meetings on this topic with a presentation from a dues exploration committee. It passed with a unanimous vote. I want to reemphasize the flexibility the lodge will to grant to provide assistance for brethren who may be experiencing financial strain. We certainly do not want to hinder any brother from being a part of our organization. At the same time, we also passed a motion to purchase life memberships for about ten brethren on the rolls. I believe this will be a wonderful gesture for those brethren who have contributed to the lodge with their time as members of our wonderful institution! Lastly, we were able to vote in a member for reinstatement. It was great getting to meet and talk to our new brother. He is well known among some of the active brethren and he will be a fine addition to Friendship 160!

On February 16th, there was a special meeting held to initiate a new member. Unfortunately, I was not able to be present because of my own illness. But I did hear that the degree went very well and that the officers performed an impressive ceremony for the candidate. I did get to speak with him after, and he expressed his excitement at becoming a part of our fraternity. I

have spoken to the new brother before, and he will also be a fine addition to our lodge. I am very sorry to have missed the initiation, but I do intend to be more active in learning roles this year as I hope to be a part of making new masons in the future. We are on the right track to keeping Friendship Masonic Lodge alive into perpetuity!

Looking into March, I want to emphasize that the most important event will be the celebration of our own Secretary, Worshipful Brother Loennig, as he is presented with the Hiram Award. On Wednesday, March 2nd, Friendship will open in short form on the Entered Apprentice degree. The meeting will be very short, with the gavel falling at 6:30 pm. The intention is to quickly conclude with business by 7:30 pm to return to the dining room for the presentation and celebration. All masons are welcome to attend, along with family members and friends. This should be a wonderful evening with good food and libations. Also, for those that would like to, please feel free to prepare a story or some words for Worshipful Brother Loennig. He is a marvelous and hard working mason who has been of service to Friendship Masonic Lodge for many years. He is truly deserving of this award! Please reach out to myself or our Junior Warden, Patrick Reilly for a head count.

Thank you!  
Jimmie Jaimes, Worshipful Master



**from  
the South**

Greetings from the South!

As proclaimed by our Worshipful Master in the East, I'd like to reiterate the invitation to our next stated meeting on Wednesday March 2nd, where we'll be celebrating our beloved Secretary Jim Loennig's receipt of the Hiram Award, the significance of which will be explained to any non-Masons at the time. Since our stated meeting will take place *before* dinner this month, we'll begin the celebrations at 7:30 with a meal of short ribs prepared by our own Brother Pease and plenty of libations into the evening. While we always encourage friends and family to join us for dinner, this should be a particularly good occasion to bring anyone interested in good food, fellowship, and Masonry. To that end - if you'd like to attend - please reach out to one of us to RSVP so we can be sure to have too much food and drink for everyone!

While we'll mostly be celebrating Jim's award, we'll also be toasting another recent milestone: our making of a new Mason for the first time since the pandemic began. Despite some concerns about the rust and dust that may have accumulated on our ritual practice, I'm happy to report that we were able to put together an excellent Entered Apprentice Degree last week, and our newest Friendship member reported back that the experience was much more than he could have anticipated. Here's hoping for many more successful degrees in the near future.

Patrick Reilly, Junior Warden

## **March Masonic Birthdays**

**Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason**

02 Carson Bailey II (55)  
19 Rob Chapman (42)  
20 Chris Lassen (48)  
20 Monty Glover (20)  
26 Verne Rohrbach (42)  
26 Bob Casey (21)  
27 Chris Chase (05)  
28 Douglas Neville (28)

## **March Natural Birthdays**

02 Jack Allen  
03 Keith Moon  
16 Bryan Tranel  
18 Rob Chapman  
27 John Trueb  
30 Richard Taggesell  
31 Brian Gardes

From the Pocketbook,

As of the February 2022 Stated Communication, the Lodge has \$2,099,984.11 invested with Edward Jones, and as of this writing, a week before our March Stated Communication, has expended 9.87 % of the 2022 budget. There are no expenses of note at this time, but as always, if you have any questions, or would like to see the Lodge's financial statements, please feel free to reach out to me at [friendship160.finance@gmail.com](mailto:friendship160.finance@gmail.com).

Additionally, the Worshipful Master has asked me to include some information regarding the discussion that has been going on about renting a "clubhouse," and the impacts of such an action on the 2022 and future budgets. I will attempt to be brief, but I fear it is a complex topic that has many considerations.

The officers of the Lodge have been discussing, for a few years now, the idea of securing some space held for the sole use of Friendship Masonic Lodge and its members. It has been the feeling of some in the Lodge that our lease arrangement at the Kenton Masonic Temple, while serviceable for the business of the Lodge so far as our Stated Communications and degrees are concerned, is limiting in other aspects of what the Lodge may want to do. A separate space would allow brothers to meet with prospective members more easily and comfortably, to gather together for fellowship, to engage in other activities for community engagement, and to give the Lodge a more visible presence in the community.

Recently, the Lodge has been examining the possibility of renting a space that has opened up on the ground floor of the Kenton Masonic Temple. A committee was appointed to examine the 2022 budget and see if it was feasible to adjust the budget to accommodate this rental without increasing it. That committee unanimously agreed that it was feasible, and recommended the Lodge proceed with

negotiating a lease with Kenton. I won't go into detail about all of the recommendations that the committee made, but if you would like to see the full report from the committee, feel free to reach out to myself or WB Jaimes.

I would like to note a couple of things however. First is that the committee's recommendations suggest only minor decreases to the Lodge's charitable giving for 2022, a total decrease of only \$600. Second is that most of the cuts are taken from refreshment lines that were increased based on growth in our investment portfolio over the past 10 years, and none of those budget lines fell below what they have been in previous years. Third, that the committee also recommended reducing the current lease with the Kenton Masonic Temple from every Wednesday to two Wednesdays a month, in order to decrease the impact of the new rental. These two nights would be used for our Stated Communications and for degrees. Other meetings and fellowship events that would typically be done in the Lodge could be moved to this new space, even ritual practices.

As always, if you would like to see a copy of the budget, or a full breakdown of the committee's recommendations of how the new expenses would fit into the 2022 budget, feel free to reach out to me.

Fraternally,  
Chris Chase  
Treasurer

Fraternal Greetings from the West,

I hope that everyone has had a great February. Being the Senior Warden of our Lodge while spending most of my time in Nebraska continues to be an interesting experience. It really is amazing how much communication happens online these days. In the months I cannot make it home, I have been attending a lovely Lodge here in Omaha named Mizpah 302. It has been quite a humbling experience to realize how universal our brotherhood is, that I have felt so at home despite only having spent a short time with the Nebraskan brethren. I am hoping with the help and blessing of our Worshipful Master to present them with a couple of our challenge coins as a thank you for being so inviting.

Back in Portland business, we have been conducting a search recently with the purpose of acquiring or renting some sort of permanently accessible space for us to have as a Lodge. This is something that has been tossed around for as long as I have been a member, and we might have a potential space available to us. More details to follow.

Stay safe, and on the level Brethren,

Brother Kevin Miller-Conley, Senior Warden

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Friendship 160 Dinner 6:30 pm Stated Meeting 7:30 pm	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Friendship 160 Zoom meeting 6:30 pm	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<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>	<b>30</b> Friendship 160 Officers Meeting 6:00 pm Zoom	<b>31</b>		

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

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