



FriendshipMasonicLodge<sup>160</sup>

April 2023

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Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Oregon

from  
the **East**

Greetings Friends and Brethren!

Its been a busy couple of months to the start of Friendship's masonic year. As of writing this article, there have been many activities in the working.

At the March stated meeting, we reread the petition for a brother wishing to release it to another lodge in central Oregon, closer to where he resides. We will be balloting on it at the April stated meeting. It was also voted to donate \$1,000 to the Widows Sons Poker Run. What a great cause and a great feeling to assist with this. We also presented two brethren with 50 and 60 year certificates. It was wonderful getting to meet these brethren, have them return to the lodge, and hear about their experiences in masonry.

The following Wednesday, March 8th, three Friendship brethren and myself made a visit to Washington Lodge No 46 in Portland. It was nice to sit in the east with their master and to be a part if their workings and fellowship. I shared some information about what we are doing and will hopefully have some of their brethren attend our meetings in the future.

On Saturday, March 25th, our Junior Warden and myself attended a lodge of instruction hosted by Washington Lodge No 46. It was a remarkable experience where we received instruction in masonic ritual and procedures for receiving Grand Lodge officials. Our Junior Warden and myself had the opportunity to read for our basic proficiency certificates. We hope to be able to qualify additional Friendship brethren in the near future.

On Monday, March 27th, several Friendship brethren and myself attended and provided the cast for the raising of a brother of Multnomah Lodge No 1. This was a spectacular event that also involved brethren from Multnomah 1, Portland 55, and Kenton 145. We do have two more MM degrees that we will be doing for Multnomah 1 on Mondays 4/17 and 5/15, 6 pm at the Scottish Rite Center in downtown Portland. Please reach out to me if you'd like to participate. We could use additional and backup cast members.

Lastly, on Thursday, March 30th, two Friendship brethren and myself attended a certification class for Fellows of the Craft, hosted by Kenton Lodge No 145. It was a fulfilling training that we hope to be able to use to our advantage to add to degree enrichment for both prospects and candidates.

Looking forward, we have much in the works for April. As I mentioned, we have balloting to complete at the stated meeting on Wednesday the 5th. As usual we do have a couple of points of business in regards to the St Johns Parade and lodge approval to wear aprons and officers regalia for that event under the auspices of Friendship 160. On Wednesday, April 12th at the Lents Masonic Center, we will be making a visit to Columbia Lodge No 114. Their dinner starts at 6 pm with a business meeting to follow at 7 pm. Dinner donation is optional. Additionally, we will be assisting Multnomah 1 with their second of three MM degrees on April 17th.

Thank you, as always.

Fraternally,  
Jimmie Jaimes



FROM THE SOUTH:

Hail Brothers and Fellowes Well-Met (and families/friends)!

I just came in from a good bit of yard work in the sunshine to write this note to you. My three bee hives are working too - bringing in a variety of pollens, from something close to pure white, to the darkest orange-red. Pollen is protein for bees - it's what they're made of. The gas for their little buzzing cars is nectar, which has started to flow, but is not quite flowing tremendously. That's a bit further down the road. At any rate, when I see them starting to emerge in large numbers as they did today, it is the final and full arrival of Spring.

This coming Stated (April 5th), we'll mark the season with suitable refreshment. It being Spring, and right around several holy feasts for a couple of traditions, as your JW I've settled on our meeting's meal: Eastern Mediterranean. Think "Passover lamb", maybe some mint jelly. It's going to be GOOD.

Last time, we had a couple of older F160 brothers come out, and we made sure they had transportation. We can do the same for YOU, brother (and family/friend) - just give me a call! (503) 349-6626.

For the Romans, Spring was the end of one year and the beginning of the next. The flip side of the Roman new year is what some of these religious feasts also mark - not only new life, but the ending of life.

We too, at F160, got a reminder of that when we received a call from Mizpah Lodge in Omaha NE. Apparently, a long-time (65 year!) brother of theirs - Cletus Mills - had retired to Portland. Alas, he passed in March. His family, being conscious of his final wishes, reached out to Mizpah Lodge for help with the funeral. Lo and behold, there is an F160 man - Kevin Miller-Conley - who is temporarily living in Omaha, and who attends Mizpah! Yes, you guessed it. Bro Miller reached out to us, and we kicked into action. Three brothers - myself, WBro

Chris Chase, and Bro FC Kyle Diesner - put on our best, white gloves, aprons, and acacia sprigs (aka Western Cedar), and went down to the Willamette National Cemetary (Bro Mills was a combat veteran). There, we met the family, proceeded to the memorial site, and held a service. Bro Chase read for us. Not a dry eye in the house. Bro Cletus was much loved by his family and friends. We were glad to be of service.

Stay in Temperance, Stay Well.

Fraternally,

WBro K R Smith  
JW - F160

FROM THE WEST:

Hello brothers, families, and friends.

It's been amazingly busy at Friendship Masonic Lodge lately. The trend is likely to continue. This month, we will visit another lodge (making four months of visits in a row), we'll have at least one proficiency, and we'll help out another lodge with yet another MM degree. Our quality degree work is getting noticed.

Three of our brothers (including WM Jaimes) recently completed a Fellows of the Craft training, and two of them (again, including WM!) also earned valid Proficiency cards. Both of those brothers will try for Intermediate this year, and maybe one of them will go for Advanced. Going forward, there is talking of requiring incoming JW's with securing Basic, SW's the Intermediate, and WM's the Advanced.

Tight ship!

We are also toying with the idea of supplementing our monthly Stated meeting (1<sup>st</sup> Wednesdays) with tyled special communications on 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays - every single month. At these latter meetings, we'd always do a degree, or a proficiency, or masonic education - or a combination. This will shorten Stated to a more traditional "business" meeting, with the more masonic-type work happening on 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays. It's up to WM Jaimes, but I happen to have his ear, and I think he's leaning towards trying it out.

Keep your eyes open for these 3rd-Wednesday opportunities. If you'd like to attend, but worry about transportation - your brothers will take care of it for you. Just reach out to any of us. Right now, Wbro JW Kent Smith is the go-to transportation czar - (503) 349-6626.

Fraternally,

Bro Patrick Reilly  
SW

From the Pocketbook,  
As of the March 2023 Stated Communication, the Lodge had \$1,864,097.38 invested with Edward Jones, and as of this writing, a week before the April Stated Communication, has expended 16.69% of the 2023 budget. The mortgage of the Kenton Masonic Temple is currently valued at \$195,164.37.  
As always, if you have any questions, or would like to see the Lodge's financial statements, please reach out to me at [friendship160.finance@gmail.com](mailto:friendship160.finance@gmail.com).  
Fraternally,  
Chris Chase  
Treasurer

## **April Masonic Birthdays**

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

24 Keith Moon (13)

## **April Natural Birthdays**

09 Paul Blackburn  
10 Tom Sawyer  
13 James Peyer-Nelson  
15 Eugene Nelson  
21 Cliff Jenne  
29 David Gould

**Sun                      Mon                      Tue                      Wed                      Thu                      Fri                      Sat**

**1**

**2                      3                      4                      5                      6                      7                      8**

Friendship Clubhouse  
Clean up and consolidation of property  
6:00 pm

Friendship  
Stated Meeting  
Dinner 6:30 pm  
Meeting 7:30 pm

**9                      10                      11                      12                      13                      14                      15**

Friendship No 160  
Official Visitation  
Columbia Lodge No 114  
Location Lents Masonic Center  
Dinner 6:00 am Stated Meeting 7:00 pm

**16                      17                      18                      19                      20                      21                      22**

Friendship No 160  
MM Degree for Multnomah No 1  
Location: Blue Lodge Scottish Rite Temple  
6:00 pm

**23                      24                      25                      26                      27                      28                      29**

Friendship Clubhouse  
Officers Meeting 6:00 pm  
Clubhouse

**30**

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

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