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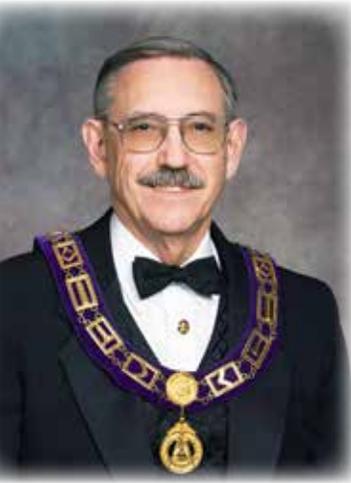


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Grand Master's Message: A run for the Gold

A message to the Masters:

Congratulations to the newly elected and appointed officers for a successful opening and closing of your respective Lodge in January.



**M.W.B. Hunt M. Compton,
Grand Master**

If this is your first time as Master you are now a "seasoned veteran" and should feel comfortable in your

position. We hope your planned calendar for the year comes to fruition and you actually complete your goals and have fun doing it.

What? Your dog ate your 2013 calendar and you have no backup copy? Fear not. For a meager donation to the Home Endowment Fund, help is readily available.

Why not take a run at the "Lodge of Excellence Achievement Award

(LEAA) formerly known as the Grand Master's Achievement Award (GMAA)? This is the "Gold Standard" for Lodge accomplishments, and was implemented and awarded for the first time in 1994 for 1993 Lodge accomplishments. 2013 will begin its 21st year of existence.

The LEAA comes in three standard colors – bronze, silver and gold. Details of the three levels of requirements can be found on the Grand Lodge website under the "For Members" tab, then "Educational Resources," then LEAA-GMAA 2013.

The Bronze Award consists of six mandatory requirements related to:

- 1) Annual Communication;
- 2) Blue Lodge Training or one of two options;
- 3) Proficiency Card;
- 4) Public Education;
- 5) Friendship or Youth Event; and,
- 6) Torchlight.

The Silver Award consists of the Bronze requirements plus three of the nine optional listings; and the Gold Award consists of the Silver requirements plus three of the nine optional listings.

As an alternate to the LEAA, you could have a run at the Blue Lodge Proficiency Award (BLPA). As in the LEAA, there are three different levels: 1) Basic; 2) Intermediate; and 3) Advanced. This is just the beginning of its second year, but it is patterned after the Proficiency Cardholder's Program. The requirements of the BLPA may also be found on the Grand Lodge website

Blue Lodge Training is completely revised

— by R.W.B. Don Stapleton,
Junior Grand Warden

Blue Lodge Training for 2013 will be held at six locations throughout the state: in Portland at Washington Lodge No. 46; in Salem at the Salem Scottish Rite; in Grants Pass at Grants Pass Lodge No. 84; in North Bend at Blanco Lodge No. 48; in Redmond at Redmond Lodge No. 154; and in La Grande at La Grande Lodge No. 41.

The program this year has been completely changed from previous years. We will discuss pertinent parts of the three Candidate's Lectures – the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason degrees.

We will ask those present to share their Lodge program success stories with the other Brethren, especially those that involve community outreach. How can your Lodge make a difference in your community and bring back those members who haven't been attending Lodge?

After lunch we all will head to the Lodge room for an afternoon of Etiquette and Protocol; Escorting, Conducting, receiving the Grand Master or the District Deputy; Signs (how given and when); and Balloting and Voting. These are just some of the topics we plan on discussing, so please send in your reservation before April 1st.

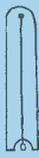
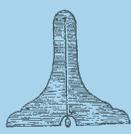
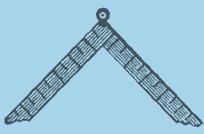
The cost this year is \$15, which takes care of lunch and some printed materials. Have your Lodge

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The Jennings Journal •

Grand Master's Message, continued from page 1

This article was excerpted from the January issue of Jennings Journal, a newsletter published for the Jennings McCall community.

Celebrating Successes of 2012 and Setting Goals for 2013

- Some of our accomplishments ...
- 1) Successfully navigated significant changes in operations and organizational structure.
 - 2) Consolidated former service areas to one central medication room improving efficiency and staff communication.
 - 3) Implemented an electronic assessment and service planning tool.
 - 4) Automated work orders and preventative maintenance schedules through the use of an online property management system.
 - 5) Completed nearly \$200,000 in capital improvements including a new fire panel, Honda Odyssey, JMC 2 entry air curtain, and roof preservation/repair.

Work still to be done ...

- 1) Renovate the Progressive Care Unit and offer a licensed memory care unit to enhance our continuum of care.
- 2) Implement an electronic medication administration system to improve accuracy and efficiency.
- 3) Prepare for state survey and relicensure of assisted living.
- 4) Formalize new employee orientation and training standards.
- 5) Continue to build on the progress we have made and fulfill our commitment to delivering the highest in quality care and services while being good stewards of our residents' resources.

— Aidan Health Services



on the home page under "New and Noteworthy."

A Message to the Brethren

Speaking of "proficiencies," in my travels to various Lodges within this Jurisdiction I have noticed many different customs and usages. This is great and it's what sets us apart as individuals and individual Lodges. However, while customs and usages may vary, there should be no variance between Lodges when it comes to the Ritual.

In fact, inside the front cover of the Ritual, preceding pages 1 and the Lodge room floor plan, you will see printed in bold letters "Intentional deviation from the Ritual is a Masonic offense and shall never be permitted."

I will share two points with you and they both pertain to the Flag Ceremony: 1. The Pledge of Allegiance is not part of the Ritual!

"What? The Pledge of Allegiance is not part of the Ritual?"

Many of the Lodges incorporate this into the Flag Ceremony, but hard as you might try to find it, it just isn't there. Want to include it? Here's how: After the Master says "... principles worthy the devotion of every Mason," the gavel is struck to seat the Lodge. After striking the gavel, the Master may say "Please remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance," after which the gavel is struck again to seat the Lodge. It works for me!

And 2. — The civilian salute is always used! A provision of the 2009 Defense Authorization Act changed the federal law to allow U.S. Veterans and military personnel not in uniform to render the military hand-salute when the national anthem is played. This

change adds to a provision which was passed in the 2008 Defense Bill, which authorized veterans and military personnel in civilian clothes to render the military salute during the raising, lowering or passing of the flag.

While these provisions authorized such military salutes in public, no such authorization has been permitted in the Masonic Ritual. In fact, the Masonic Ritual is specific about giving the "civilian salute," and defines the civilian salute. It consists of "... placing the open right hand over the heart, fingers together, facing the colors." It's in the book!

While making a tribute to the Flag of our Country may have been more appropriate in the June (Flag Day) edition of the OMN, our Flag is not only honored in various civic holidays throughout the year (Memorial Day, Veterans Day, Independence Day and Presidents Day) but also during each of our Stated Communications.

Let us all show the proper respect, etiquette and protocol for and to the Flag of our Country whether in public or in Lodge.



Respectfully and fraternally,
Hunt M. Compton,
Grand Master
2012-2013



A young patriot salutes heroes at the 2009 National Memorial Day Concert on the West Lawn of the United States Capitol.



GRAND MASTER'S TENTATIVE ITINERARY

February 2012

- 1-2 – Grand Lodge of Utah - U, T, L
- 5 – Holbrook No. 30, Forest Grove, Official Visit; dinner, 6:30 p.m.; Lodge, 7:30 p.m. - U, L
- 6 – Cottage Grove No. 51, Official Visit; dinner, 5 p.m.; Lodge, 7 p.m. - U
- 7 – Portland No. 55, Official Visit; 7:30 p.m. - U
- 9 – MESH, Forest Grove, Teleconference
DeMolay SMC; Reception/Dinner Program, Wilsonville Shrine - T, L
- 11 – Klamath No. 77, Klamath Falls, Official Visit; dinner, 5 p.m.; Lodge, 7:30 p.m. - U, L
- 12 – Myrtle No. 78, Myrtle Point, Official Visit; 6:30 p.m. - U
- 13 – Laurel No. 13, Roseburg, Official Visit; 7 p.m. - U
- 16 – Western Conference of Grand Masters, Kansas City, MO
- 17-19 – Conference of Grand Masters in North America, Kansas City, MO
- 21 – Scio Lodge No. 39, Official Visit; 7:30 p.m. - U
- 22 – Little Falls No. 176, White Sox & Wig Night; Vader, WA - U
- 23 – Occasional Grand Lodge Northwest; Holbrook No. 30, Forest Grove; 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. - U, L

March 2013

- 2 – DeMolay, Job's Daughters, Rainbow; Salem Youth Groups - U, L
- 5 – Union No. 3, McMinnville, Corned Beef & Cabbage; dinner, 6 p.m.; Lodge, 7:30 p.m. - U
- 6 – Rickreall No. 110 Past Masters, Official Visit; 7:30 p.m. - Bib Overalls, L
- 7-8 – Amaranth Grand Court, Canyonville - opening, March 7, 7 p.m. - T, L
- 8 – Leadership Meeting, 2 p.m., Forest Grove - SU
- 9 – MESH, Forest Grove
- 13 – Eugene No. 11, Official Visit; dinner, 5:30 p.m.; Lodge, 7:30 p.m. - U, L
- 14 – Lents Lodge No. 156, Portland, Official Visit; 7:30 p.m. - U, L
- 17 – Nydia Temple No. 4, Daughters of the Nile, Gerry Brown installation; 2:00 p.m. - T, U, L
- 20 – Jennings No. 9, Dallas, Official Visit; 7:30 p.m. - U, L
- 28 – Masonic Family Night, Salem Scottish Rite - U, L
- 30 – Zuleima Temple No. 13, Daughters of the Nile, Margaret Bentley installation - U, T, L

U = Uniform; L = Ladies; T = Tuxedo; S = Summer Uniform

Enlightenment Lodge is on drawing board

by Bro. John F. Porter

On Friday, Jan. 11, 40 Brothers gathered at Friendship Masonic Lodge in Portland to discuss the formation of Oregon's newest Lodge. The proposal having met with strong acclimation, a petition was signed by those present and the name Enlightenment was chosen.

The stated purpose for forming the Lodge is to increase Masonic presence in the public eye, exemplify Ritual work and form strong

Degree Teams to assist other Portland Lodges.

R.W.B. Richard R. Chase was chosen as chairman and M.W.B. Richard A. Martin, P.G.M., was elected as Master of the proposed Lodge. A petition will be presented to Esoterika Lodge No. 227 at the February Stated. Come watch as Brother Masons erect the newest Lodge in the Jurisdiction of Oregon!



Grand Lady

Patti Compton's COMMENTS



I bet all of you are wondering if there really is a Grand Lady to go with Grand Master Hunt M. Compton. Well there is, and at last she seems

almost ready to get back into life again. It's been a long haul since my first fall and surgery, Sept. 28, 2012; then my car accident and second surgery Nov. 17, 2012. I have been "all over the emotional map," but finally feel I am going to get better.

My surgeon still says "no walking" on my left leg until he sees me in mid-February and checks how the healing is doing. I have begun physical therapy to strengthen the muscles in the left leg and I am able to get out in the wheelchair.

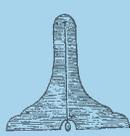
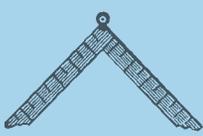
All of this is possible because of the help of the Grand Master and my daughters.

I wish to thank the many Lodges, Masons and the Masonic Family for all the cards, prayers, concern and love given me during this difficult time. I always knew the Masonic Family was wonderful, but when this all happened to me I really found out how important this family is.

Now, to remind you to continue with my two projects. The first one is P.G.L. Janet Martin's project of helping the women's shelters with items they need. People give during the holidays, but the shelters' needs are 365 days a year. So please see what you can do to help them.

My second project, which is very important and near and dear to my heart, is the planter boxes for the

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Blue Lodge training, *Continued from page 1*

make a group reservation and don't forget that after April 1st the cost jumps to \$20. Use the reservation form below or call the Grand Lodge Office if you would like to pay with a credit card.

Any updated information will be available on the Grand Lodge website at www.oregon-masonic.com.

*Fraternally, Don Stapleton,
Junior Grand Warden and Chairman,
Information & Education Committee*

Do you have your ring raffle tickets?

Grand Master Hunt M. Compton is still wearing that 14 karat gold Past Master's ring, given to the Oregon Masonic Charitable Foundation by Cathy O'Malley – assistant to the Director of the National Masonic Foundation for Children – and her family.



This generous gift will raise funds for the Masonic Model Student Assistance Program. Our Most Worshipful Grand Master agreed to add historical value to the gift by wearing it to all his official functions.

The ring will be raffled off and proceeds will help support MMSAP. Tickets are \$5 each and only 1,500 will be sold.

A bound book of photographs, documenting the journey of the ring and the Grand Master, will accompany the prize-winning ticket. Grand Lodge officers have the tickets and they are also available from the Grand Lodge Office.



- PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY -

BLUE LODGE TRAINING REGISTRATION For April 27, 2013

(Deadline April 1, 2013)

We are from Lodge Name & No. _____

We wish to attend: Portland ___ Salem Scottish Rite ___ Grants Pass ___
North Bend ___ Redmond ___ La Grande ___

NAME	OFFICE
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Cost is \$15.00 per person (\$20 per person for late registration). Please enclose a check payable to: The Grand Lodge of AF & AM of Oregon. Mail to Masonic Grand Lodge of Oregon, 2150 Masonic Way, Forest Grove, OR 97116. To pay by credit card, call the Grand Lodge at 503/357-3158 or 1-800-970-9920. Questions? Contact Don Stapleton, 503/669-0866 or cameraguy3410@msn.com.

Grand Lady Patti Compton, *continued from page 3*

Jennings McCall Center. A wonderful District Deputy, Darrell Maple, No. 17, has volunteered to spearhead this project and I am so thankful he stepped up. This will help me a great deal. I can't wait for his report in the April newsletter.

Do remember that any money not used for the planters will be given to Home Endowment.

Again, thanks to each of you

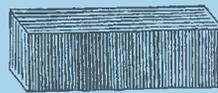
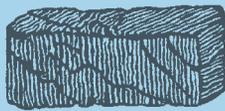
for your love and support. Please help me thank Grand Master Hunt for his help, love and encouragement.

Yes, dear Masons, the Grand Lady is getting out and will greet each of you with my thanks. I look forward to seeing you on the "Masonic trail."

Fraternal love, Grand Lady Patti



Imagine these planter boxes full of tomatoes, peas or beans. Working outside in the fresh air, with your hands busy in garden soil, keeps the mind engaged and gives purpose to your days.



February 2013 Contributions

December 5, 2012 – January 9, 2013

Masonic & Eastern Star Home



Fellowcraft Club

Eugene Lodge No. 11
James R. Belshe, PGM (15)

Apprentice Club

F. & M. Schoene Endowment Fund
Roy L. Henn (106)

Petitioner Club

James C. Sinclair (30) Richard H. Shettler (157) Connie Kombe
Eugene H. Siegel (157) Heath E. France (77) John C. Owings (77)
Cottage Grove Lodge No. 51 –
Donations gathered at Occasional Grand Lodge in Salem
Clatskanie Lodge No. 133 Evelyn Holce
Roland Kitching (158) John Maxwell(158)
George M. Kirkham (57) – in memory of Gordon N. Brittle
George M. Kirkham (57) – in memory of Robert D. Reynolds
Members of Mary's River Lodge No. 221
Mary's River Lodge No. 221 – in memory of Linda Kay Merickel
Mary's River Lodge No. 221 – in memory of Judith Ellen Thewes
George M. Kirkham (57) – in memory of Wallace Ummel
Donald Wright (30) Steven Jay Roberts (103) Crater Lake Lodge No. 211
Raean Johnston – in memory of Alma Waldien
Herold Moore (18) Don Griffith (18) William G. Southwell (181)
Colleen Spence – in memory of Delores Simpson
Donald G. Buss (157) John Roe (157) Glenn R. Munkres (157)
Frank R. Griffiths (77) – in memory of Charles Griffiths
William Ziebell (55) Beaverton Masonic Lodge No. 100
Clatskanie Lodge No. 133 – Pin Money Raymond Hoen (103)
Clatskanie Lodge No. 133 – for Raised Planter Box Project
Sandy Lodge No. 158 – Pin Money Redmond Lodge No. 154 – Pin Money
Crater Lake Lodge No. 211 – Pin Money Union Lodge No. 3 – Pin Money
Prineville Lodge No. 76 – in memory of Bailey Wiggs
Prineville Lodge No. 76 – in memory of Melvin O. Bilyeu

OutReach Services

Petitioner Club

Grand Lodge of Oregon Office Staff – Giving Tree Donation
Paul Temple (207) – Giving Tree Donation
Mike Wick (138) – Giving Tree Donation Heidi Burch – Giving Tree Donation
Robert H. Swenson (57) – Giving Tree Donation
W. Rex Stevens (103) – Giving Tree Donation
Valorie & Robert C. Landauer (30) – Giving Tree Donation
Doris Adams – Giving Tree Donation
Bay City-Wheeler Lodge No. 102 – Giving Tree Donation
C.K. Peck – Giving Tree Donation
Joan & James F. Hosmer – Giving Tree Donation in honor of:
James M. Hosmer, W.M. Washington No. 46
Leroy Parker (103) – Giving Tree Donation
Melvin Holst (55) – Giving Tree Donation
Sidney Croft Lodge No. 206 – Giving Tree Donation
Portland Lodge No. 55 – Giving Tree Donation

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2012 OutReach 'Giving Tree' is successful

Another Christmas season has passed and this year several Masonic and Eastern Star members in need received a special holiday gift from their Masonic Brothers and Sisters.

I can't express how thankful we are that so many of you generously



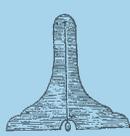
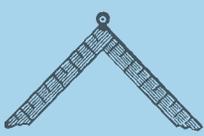
donated to this important event and made the holidays a little bit brighter for our Out-Reach family.* The total amount

of money and gift cards donated this year to the Giving Tree and general OutReach fund totaled over \$2,400!

We sincerely thank you for all your generosity and support and look forward to carrying on the tradition next year.

Kind Regards,
Danielle Christopherson,
OutReach Services

**Contributions are accepted year 'round for OutReach Services. We help Masonic and Eastern Star members in need to live safely and independently in their own homes and communities. We help them make connections with service providers and offer limited financial assistance for some services if community and natural supports are not available.*



McMenamins IRONWORK GRILL

3505 Pacific Ave. • Forest Grove • 503/992-9533

Friends & Family Night

'Masonic Excellence'
appreciated by public
K-12 schools

by W.B. John Smith, Chairman,
Grand Lodge Public School Committee

On Tuesday, February 5th, soon after you receive this newsletter in the mail, the **Masonic Model Student Assistance Program** will have a **Friends & Family Night** at McMenamins Grand Lodge, 3505 Pacific Ave., in Forest Grove.

All meals and beverages ordered in the Ironwork Grill restaurant - between 5-11 p.m. will earn our charitable program 50 percent of the proceeds.



The stairway landing at McMenamins Grand Lodge features a work of art in tile. Upstairs is the Compass Room, hotel rooms and sunrooms. The artwork is stunning and there's some almost everywhere you look.

This is very generous of the McMenamins' establishment and we hope you will plan on joining us to have a meal in the restaurant, since purchases in other areas of the facility won't give us a percentage, but a drink or meal in the Ironwork Grill ... will!

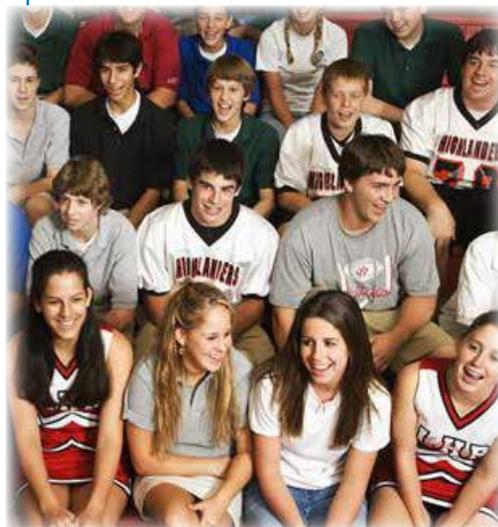
If you haven't been to our old Masonic & Eastern Star Home in a while, you will be fascinated to see the changes. Please also notice the many artistic references to Masonic symbols and to the Masons, their

wives or widows, and the Eastern Star members who used to live within the rooms of the building.

Remember to join us on Tuesday, February 5. Invite your family and friends to attend also. Our MMSAP seminar begins on February 6. What a great way to welcome our Oregon educators by attending this **Friends & Family Night!**



Help us help at-risk kids by educating teachers!



These words were recently received: "Dear Worshipful Master and Brethren of Waverly Lodge No. 174: Without your gift our students would not have been able to attend. Your gift allows staff to find ways to have our students experience activities that they would not otherwise have the ability to participate in."

This is what you, too, can do for your Lodge: A Laurel Lodge No. 13 Mason volunteered nine hours of his own time in support of his local public school and earned \$90 worth of Educational Achievement Award credits. He then donated those EAA credits to benefit his Lodge so it could earn a Lodge EAA award at Grand Lodge.

This year Most Worshipful Grand Master Hunt M. Compton urges "Excellence by Example." What better way for Masons to practice that than to emulate positive morality and support of Oregon's public K-12 schools and students.

Brethren, warm your hearts and give our children the chance for self-respect and learning by supporting a K-12 public school. You can then donate your earnings to your Lodge to help it win an EAA this year.

Secretaries, what more rewarding thought can you communicate to your Masons than to read a "thank-you" letter from a local school? Worshipful Masters, what could be more rewarding to your legacy than to lead your Lodge to "Masonic Excellence" in K-12 public schools?





Oregon DeMolay moves forward

by M.W.B. Michael L. Sanders, Past Grand Master, Washington F. & A.M.

Love of Family, Reverence for Sacred Things, Courtesy, Friendship, Integrity, Self-Respect and Patriotism – these are the Seven Precepts, or virtues, of a DeMolay and the traits we try to instill in every young man who walks through our chapter room doors.

The past two decades, the number of young men participating in Oregon DeMolay has steadily declined. Currently we have a mere 260 members, and about 50 actively participate in our chapters.

I know that sounds discouraging, but as I have visited chapters, observing both active DeMolay and their advisors, I see an enthusiasm that tells me DeMolay is ready to once again move forward.

To facilitate this zeal, we held a series of meetings with youth leaders, present and past advisors, and other interested people, such as the DeMolay Foundation, the Grand Lodge Elected Officers and a few Past Grand Masters. From these meetings a list of goals and objec-

tives were developed for Oregon DeMolay in 2013. DeMolay is our youth organization for young men, so each Oregon Brother should be familiar with what they are. As you read on, please think about how you and your Lodge, chapter, court, etc., can contribute to the success of our No. 1 goal, which is to instill the Seven Precepts into the hearts and minds of all young men.

I. Increase engaged members to 120

A. Focus on Activities

1. Plan first class events
2. Hold regional activities
3. Create a State Ritual Team

B. Increase Public Awareness

1. "Sell the Sizzle" – Promote activities to the public and to Lodges
2. Develop presentations for schools and other organizations.

II. Increase Support from Lodges

A. Create an Honorary Chapter

1. Invite Masonic leaders to join
2. Confer Initiatory and DeMolay Degrees
3. Register members with DeMolay International

B. Encourage Masonic Mentors from Lodges

1. Lodges appoint Masons to work with 16-20 year olds
2. Encourage Lodges to invite 16-20 year olds to participate in Lodge activities

C. Increase Presence in Masonic Publications

1. Contribute articles for state, regional, and local newsletters

D. Request Specific Assistance from Lodge

1. Examples: Help with Ritual practices, cook at breakfast fundraisers, assist with financial records

III. Develop Leaders

A. Send State Officers to regional leadership conferences

B. Conduct adult training days

1. Annual Retreats
2. Bring in experts from DeMolay International

C. Emphasize PMCMSA

D. Youth Leaders Plan state, regional and chapter activities

IV. Funding

A. Work with Masonic organization to hold annual fundraisers

1. Foundation
2. Grand Lodge
3. Legion of Honor
4. Concordant Bodies

B. Apply for Grants

C. Look for connections to local businesses for donations

The youth leaders and adults actively involved with our chapters are dedicated to moving DeMolay forward and want every young man to know what DeMolay is and have the opportunity to join. We invite you to develop a relationship with DeMolay and become part of our movement.

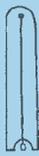
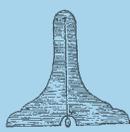
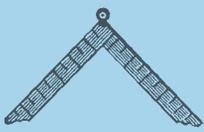
Fraternally, MWB Michael L. Sanders
Personal Representative, Oregon DeMolay

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••• NEWS FROM OUR LODGES •••

Oregon DeMolay State Master Councilor Bryan Chipman was initiated into Tigard-Orenomah Lodge No. 207 in November.

Three Oregon Past Grand Masters and one Washington Past Grand Master were in attendance. The three from Oregon – M.W.B. Ed Bousquet, M.W.B. Richard A. Martin and M.W.B. D. Arthur Bush



From left to right are M.W.B. Sanders, M.W.B. Bousquet, Bryan Chipman (E.A.) and his father Douglas Chipman, M.W.B. Martin and M.W.B. Bush.

took part in the degree.

M.W.B. Michael Sanders, from Washington, is a member of Tigard-Orenomah and the Personal Representative for Oregon DeMolay.

Please read M.W.B. Sanders' article on page 7 of this newsletter.

The Oregon Youth Groups can flourish and enrich Masonry with a little help from volunteers.



Thank you to the Lodges who sent word of their recent installations of officers.

We wish there was room in our newsletter to cover them all and print your pictures. In fairness, however, we can't print one Lodge installation without printing them all.

However, we do welcome photos and articles on Degree Work, special events, Public schools nights, etc. Thank you again.

Newtown Lodge responds to Masonic Family

THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF ANCIENT FREE & ACCEPTED MASONS OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT
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December 19, 2012

The Masonic Family, Wheresoever Dispersed;

The following letter is sent on behalf of Brother Joseph Porco, Worshipful Master of Hiram Lodge No. 18, in Newtown, Connecticut, in response to the many inquiries received.

Brethren,

On behalf of Hiram Lodge No. 18, A.F. & A.M. of Connecticut, and its officers I wish to communicate our deepest gratitude for the immediate outpouring of love that the Masonic Community is expressing. The heartfelt conveyance of condolences and the wish to express kindness to the families of the victims is flooding in from many jurisdictions in the United States and even beyond our shores.

Words cannot express the sadness that the entire community is feeling. Our love and prayers are lifted up daily for the families of these precious children, teachers and others who were slain.

We ask at this time, that any intended relief funds be directed to the Grand Lodge of Connecticut's 501(c)3 subsidiary, the Connecticut Freemasons Foundation, P.O. Box 69, Wallingford, CT 06492-0069, which is setting up a separate account called the "Newtown Family Relief Fund" for any donations.

Any monetary donations should be made payable to the "Connecticut Freemasons Foundation" with the notation "Newtown Family Relief Fund."

Hiram Lodge No. 18 is working directly with local Newtown officials to determine how best to assist the involved families.

Fraternally,

Joseph Porco, Worshipful Master

Hiram Lodge No. 18

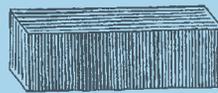
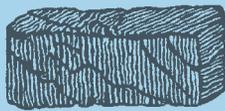
Newtown, Connecticut

The 2013 Masonic Directory of Lodges

will be mailed out this month. Included in the listings are Worshipful Masters, Senior Wardens, Junior Wardens, Senior Deacons and Secretaries. Also listed are District Deputies of the Grand Master and Grand Lodge Staff.

Please remember the Directory of Lodges is only for the use of our Lodge members. When submitted, telephone numbers and email addresses are also included.

Lodge Secretaries should submit any changes to the members' contact information to the Grand Lodge as soon as possible.



February 2013 Contributions OutReach Services

Petitioner Club *(continued from page 5)*

John F. Porter II (3) – Giving Tree Donation
Quentin Smith (112) – in memory of James Becker (213)

Fellowcraft Club

Bandon Lodge No. 130 – Giving Tree Donation

Oregon Masonic Charitable Foundation - MMSAP Petitioner Club

Heath E. France (77) – for MMSAP Richard D. Varner (195)

Members of Mary's River Lodge No. 221 – for MMSAP

Thomas S. Dixon (76) – for MMSAP

Richard A. Sewell (76) – for MMSAP

Crater Lake Lodge No. 211 – for MMSAP

Herold Moore (18) – for MMSAP Lawrence Wilson (57) – for MMSAP

James White (55) – for MMSAP William Ziebell (55) – for MMSAP

Craig Topham (55) – for MMSAP

Beaverton Masonic Lodge No. 100 – for MMSAP

Fellowcraft Club

Eugene Lodge No. 11 – for MMSAP

**Your donation, no matter what size, helps Oregon Masonry
achieve its goals and fulfill its mission.**

Grand Secretary is awarded Secretary's Pin

During M.W.B. Hunt M. Compton's November Official Visit to Parkrose Lodge No. 179 in Portland, R.W.B. Paul Temple, Grand Secretary, received his Secretary Quill Pin. It was awarded to him by one of his former Masonic mentors, M.W.B. Aaron W. Harvey, Past Grand Master of Oregon (1999-2000), and Past R.W. Grand Secretary (2004-2007).

R.W.B. Temple has served five years as secretary of Tigard-Ore-nomah Lodge No. 207.

He was most appreciative to have his Secretary's Quills presented to him by M.W.B. Harvey, the Brother who not only taught him how to be a Lodge secretary, but a Grand Secretary, indeed!



MWB Aaron W. Harvey, PGM (left), congratulates RWB Paul Temple, Grand Secretary, as MWB Hunt M. Compton, Grand Master, looks on at Parkrose Lodge No. 179.

It was "an evening, a memory," that R.W.B. Temple said he "will treasure forever."

Elegant instrument has immovable center

– by Thomas F. Burke,
Grand Orator

Most people recognize the Square and Compasses as Masonic. They've either seen their neighbor's ring or driven past a Masonic hall.

The square has entered the vernacular: The soldier is "squared" away; the buyer gets a "square" deal; or the father tells his son, "Your story doesn't 'square' with your sister's."

The lessons of the compasses are less well known, though, and perhaps we do not think of them often enough.

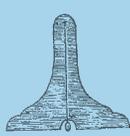
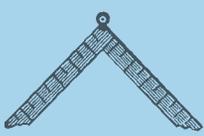
The compasses is a handsome, sometimes elegant instrument. Still, as we hold it in our hand, both of its legs free, it is incapable of work. In its use, one leg must be fixed in an immovable center. In its Masonic use, that center is the Supreme Being. Centered there, our compasses describe a perfect circle of Masonic duty and opportunity.

As we travel the circles of our Masonic lives, we will sometimes fail. If we never do, we have drawn our circle too timidly. We will err. But fail or err, so long as we recall that both



our duty and our opportunity are centered in the Supreme Being, our determination will be sustained and our journey eased.





Life Care Member donates flag, certificate to Grand Lodge Library & Museum

“It was the chance of a lifetime! I would never have been able to do that on my own.”

Zoella Hickmon, 93, a U.S. Army veteran, traveled to Washington, D.C., in June 2012 as an Oregon “Honor Flight” veteran. One plane of veterans left from Portland; another from Bend.

Since 2005, more than 81,000 veterans from across the country have journeyed from their homes to the nation’s capitol to reflect at the memorials built in honor of our nation’s veterans.

Each of the veterans had a volunteer guardian who traveled with them in case they needed help and two doctors traveled on the plane.

In January 2013, Hickmon recalled those days during the 1940s as the men and women of America struggled through the war years.

Her own father had served in World War I and was gassed by the enemy. He spent time in the hospital next to a British serviceman who received visits from his wife and daughter almost every day. The little girl’s name was Zoe, and the American soldier was so taken with her he later decided to use the name for his own daughter. The family also took the



The flag given to Zoella flew over the U.S. Capitol on May 19, 2012, Armed Forces Day.

Carved into the granite wall at the World War II memorial in Washington, D.C., are the words, “Women who stepped up were measured as citizens of the nation, not as women ... this was a people’s war, and everyone was in it.”

— Colonel Oveta Culp Hobby
First U.S. Secretary of Health,
Education and Welfare

name of her Aunt Ella, combining the two.

Hickmon was born in Portland, Ore., and after serving in the U.S. Army she spent 20 years working for the police department.

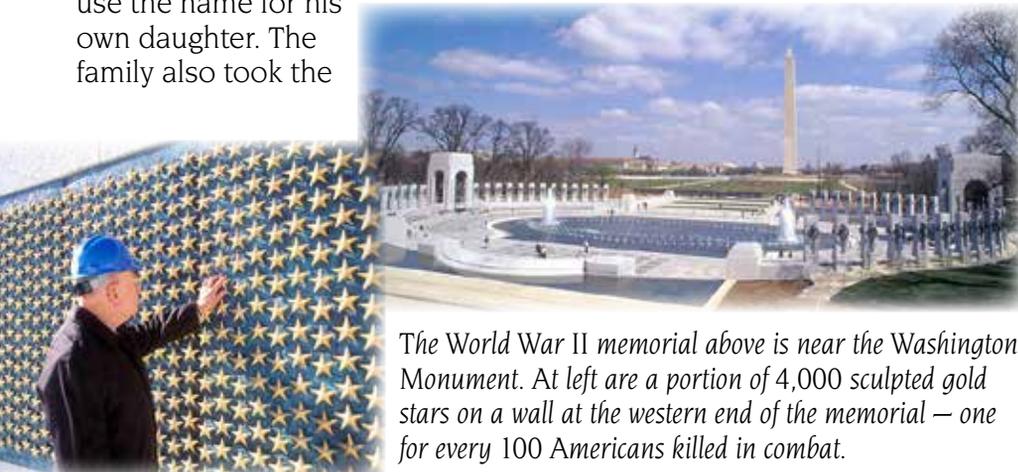


Tigard-Orenomah Lodge displays special flag

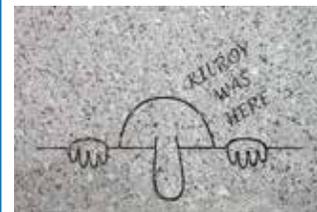
Tigard-Orenomah Lodge No. 207 received a flag flown over Camp Alamo, headquarters of TAG VIII, on the 14th day of June, 2009.

It was flown especially in honor of Tigard-Orenomah Lodge during Operation Enduring Freedom and was given to the Lodge by Sean C. Nikkila, who served in Kabul as Operations Officer of TAG VIII. He is a member of the Tigard Lodge.

The historic flag and certificate has been attractively framed and can be seen at the Lodge.

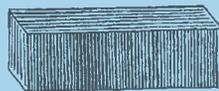


The World War II memorial above is near the Washington Monument. At left are a portion of 4,000 sculpted gold stars on a wall at the western end of the memorial — one for every 100 Americans killed in combat.



Did you know? The enormously popular “Kilroy

Was Here” graffiti of the Second World War likely originated with James J. Kilroy, a ship inspector at the Fore River shipyard in Quincy, Massachusetts, who would sign his completed work with his famous cartoon signature.



Masons bring holiday cheer to MESH members

by W.B. Warren Cole, P.M.

Holbrook Lodge No. 30 continued a long tradition by hosting a Head Start preschool class "Holiday Party" and sharing it with residents of the Masonic and Eastern Star Home at Jennings McCall Center.

The children arrived at the center on Dec. 20, anticipating a visit from Santa. They provided everyone with entertainment by singing some

songs while waiting for the Jolly Old Elf.

Santa Claus – somehow resembling W.B. Ken Mead, P.M. – ar-

rived and delivered gifts of blocks, books and craft items in colorful, handmade pillowcases to the 18 preschool children.

Assisted by the Holbrook members, their wives and the MESH staff, residents aided the children in opening their gifts and provided those important admiring "oohs"



and "aahs" while chatting and sharing cookies and punch.

The children provided an impromptu concert of songs under the direction of their teacher, Heather Potter, and the aides and volunteers with the class.



This is the 20th year Masons from the former Intrepid Lodge No. 224 (now merged with Holbrook) have supported this event. It is the second year of official Holbrook

sponsorship. This popular event is a "must-do" for the holiday season and many residents look forward each year to sharing the joy and energy of the children.

A staff member at the Masonic Grand Lodge said, "Every year it makes me feel that Christmas is really going to happen – and soon!"

Thanks to the organizational efforts of Rebekah Cormier, activities director at Jennings McCall, and to Holbrook members Ellis Mason, his wife Julie Mason, Ken Mead, Don Anderson and Warren Cole for another successful year of holiday joy shared with this group of young people and with the residents.



A photo from 1996 shows boys never change; any year is a good year for a toy with wheels.



And dolls were popular with girls. This was the year of Pocahontas. These three photos (above and below) were published in the February 1996 issue of the Oregon Masonic News.



Addie White, Chadwick Chapter No. 37, above left, celebrated her 94th Christmas in 1996. This picture shows the Masonic & Eastern Star members' Christmas party with Santa and his helper in the old building.



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In Loving Memory

Helen Worrall
Columbia Chapter
No. 23, O.E.S.
Born May 26, 1912
Salem, Oregon
Died December 31, 2012
A Member of the Masonic &
Eastern Star Home since
October 25, 1999

*The number of Life Care Members
now residing at the Home is 17.*



In Loving Memory

Manford E. "Mike" Carmickle
Crater Lake
Lodge No. 211
Born September 12, 1912
Grygla, Minnesota
Died January 8, 2013
A Member of the Masonic &
Eastern Star Home since
October 27, 1999

*The number of Life Care Members
now residing at the Home is 16.*

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