July and August were busy travel months for the Grand Master with visits to Daytona, Fla. for the Imperial Shrine, Washington D.C. for the Scottish Rite Supreme Council, Portland for the General Grand York Rite, and a dinner honoring the Supreme Queen, Daughters of the Nile. The summer also involved trips to the Malheur Cave Degree, Baker City for the East/West Shrine football game, plus other fun events such as the Pie in the Eye Masonic Youth Fun Day, the All Masonic Picnic, and a couple of outdoor degrees. These visits have been memorable events, and eye openers, no pun intended, for all who attended.

Except for a couple of these events, there has been one common thread amongst these organizations: Membership. Each group is dependent on Blue Lodge members. To join these organizations, one is required first to be a member of a Blue Lodge; he must already be a Mason. These groups are struggling for membership just like our Blue Lodges. If our Blue Lodges do not grow, neither can these other important organizations, and growth is necessary for health.

M.W.B. Mike Wick, P.G.M. (2014) put great emphasis on quality vs. quantity. This we must not forget. I urge the Worshipful Masters of all Lodges to direct their Investigation Committees to do their due diligence. Thoroughly investigate petitioners, and be confident they are the type and quality of men we need. None of our Masonic groups need just numbers, we all need men of integrity. A good resource, available through the Grand Lodge office, is a pamphlet, Duties of the Investigation Committee. The other suggestion I have heard from several Lodges is to require the continued on page three

Restoring Lodge History
Research Lodge No. 198

Research Lodge No. 198 in Portland would like to remind you that the history of your Lodge is what makes your Lodge unique, and what attracts new members. If we neglect to document Lodge history, then all Lodges become essentially robotic clones.

Some families have a treasured member who takes the time to do family genealogy, tracing the family tree back in time. It is not so much the genetics of the family that is important; it is discovering stories that highlight what makes the family unique and special. These family traits are what give family members pride, and pride without arrogance. Every Lodge should take care to document events, and therefore should have a designated historian.

Last year, Research Lodge noticed the Lodge Bible was in disrepair. Pages were falling out where it had been opened to the same place for over 80 years. There was quickly a motion on the floor to replace it continued on page five

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Two Occasional Grand Lodge meetings are planned for the North and South regions of Oregon. The first will be held on Dec. 2, 2017, at Laurel Lodge No. 13, in Roseburg. The second is set for Feb. 24, 2018, at Washington Lodge No. 46 in Portland. These regional gatherings are free to attend and will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The attire is uniform or business casual. Ladies are encouraged to attend as a program will be offered in the morning.

Check-in will open at 8 a.m., and a light breakfast will be provided. The first portion of these meetings will include a Grand Lodge opening, followed by a closed session of Masons, the Grand Lodge Trustees, and Lodge Officers. During this time, the attending Worshipful Master or representative of each Lodge will be expected to give a brief report of their Lodge status, happenings, problems, solutions, issues, etc. A discussion of the new Grand Lodge membership database, Grand View, will be given explaining some of the features and highlights. Lunch will be provided and available to all attendees.

The afternoon session, open to ladies and all attendees, from 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m., will include the introduction of attending Masonic Bodies followed by an overview of the Grand Lodge youth programs. The regional gathering will end with a keynote speech from one of the Grand Lodge Officers. Registration will be open until one week before the session. Space is limited so register early to reserve your place.

Register for the FREE Regional Gathering online, masonic-oregon.com/regional-gathering, mail this form to the Grand Lodge office, or call (503) 357-3158. For more information, contact W.B. Greg Jenkins, Senior Grand Deacon at (503) 474-7449.
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top line signer on a petition to be a mentor for the petitioner. No mentor, no signer. This signer should not be the coach, but a mentor. Each petitioner needs a mentor, and the top line signer must be this man. A mentor to answer his questions, GUIDE and work with him, and make him feel welcome, not just a number in the Lodge, but also an asset to the Lodge. He must feel some worth within the Lodge, and it starts with the mentor’s help and assistance.

In closing, seek membership, quality vs. quantity. Duties of the Investigation Committee, top line signers, and have fun.

Fraternally,
M.W.B. W. Myles McMillan, Grand Master
A.F. & A.M. of Oregon

Correction: Highlights from the 2017 Annual Communication

In the September issue of this publication, we shared a recap of some of the events that happened during the 167th Annual Communication in Bend. The Brother who sang “He Ain’t Heavy, He’s My Brother” during the Installation of the Grand Master, M.W.B. W. Myles McMillan was performed by W.B. Lance King and not W.B. Hank Dougherty as the story states. W.B. Dougherty was the installing musician and played the banjo throughout the installation ceremony.

W.B. Hank Dougherty playing the banjo during M.W.B. McMillan’s Installation.

W.B. Lance King performing “He Ain’t Heavy, He’s My Brother.”

GRAND MASTER’S TENTATIVE ITINERARY

October 2017

4 — Vale No. 142, Official Visit: dinner, 6 p.m.; Lodge, 7 p.m. - U, L
5 — Mt. Moriah No. 95, Condon, Official Visit: dinner, 6 p.m.; Lodge, 7 p.m. - U, L
7 — MESH/Trustee Meeting: Grand Lodge, Forest Grove, 8 a.m. - U
7 — Grand Worthy Advisor Reception, Salem Scottish Rite Center - T, L
11 — MMSAP, Jennings McCall Center, Forest Grove - U
11 — Tigard-Orenomah No. 207, Tigard, Official Visit: dinner, 6 p.m.; Lodge, 7 p.m. - U, L
12 — Lents No. 156, Portland, Official Visit: dinner, 6:30 p.m.; Lodge, 7:30 p.m. - U, L
13-15 Grand Lodge of California, San Francisco - U, T, L
16 — Santiam No. 25, Stayton, Official Visit: dinner, 6:30 p.m.; Lodge, 7:30 p.m. - U, L
19-21 Scottish Rite, Baker Valley Reunion, Baker City - U, T
21 — Al Kader Food Caravan: Baker City to Wilsonville, 8 a.m. - U
22 — DeMolay Pancake Breakfast, Al Kader Shrine, Wilsonville
24 — Tillamook No. 57, Official Visit: dinner, 6 p.m.; Lodge, 7 p.m. - U, L
29 — United Grand Lodge of England: Welcome Dinner (invitation only), 7 p.m.
30 — United Grand Lodge of England: Reception at Mansion House (invitation only), 6-9 p.m.
31 — United Grand Lodge of England: 300th Anniversary Celebration, Royal Albert Hall (official guests only), 2 p.m.; reception & dinner, 5:30 p.m.

November 2017

11 — MESH/Trustee Meeting: Grand Lodge, Forest Grove: 8 a.m. - U
12-14 Grand Lodge of Nevada, Las Vegas - U, T, L
16 — Aurora No. 59, Reedsport, Official Visit: dinner, 6:30 p.m.; Lodge, 7:30 p.m. - U, L
18 — Champoeg No. 27, Canby, Official Visit: breakfast, 9:30 a.m.; Lodge, 10:30 a.m. - U, L
18 — DeMolay Grand Master’s Class: Tigard-Orenomah Lodge No. 207, Tigard, 1-4 p.m. - U
18 — Chief Rabban Night: Al Kader Shrine, 6 p.m.

U = Uniform; L = Ladies; T = Tuxedo; S = Suit; BC = Business Casual

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Youth Day at Oaks Park — Fun with pie

Thank you to the members of DeMolay, Job’s Daughters, and Rainbow who participated in this year’s Youth Day at Oaks Park in Portland on Aug. 13. Pictured (right) is M.W.B. Myles McMillan giving the Grand Worthy Advisor, Allyssa Calhoun, I.O.R.G., a pie to the face when she was not expecting it. Pictured (above) is the Rainbow girls admiring their pie work with the Grand Master.

The Masonic Governors of Oregon Placemats

From its earliest days, Master Masons played a prominent part in Oregon history. Both Meriwether Lewis and William Clark, the first American explorers of the Oregon Country, were Masons. Since the formation of our first government in 1845, 22 of Oregon’s 43 Provisional, Territorial, and State Governors are known to have been Masons. Two, Stephen Chadwick and Earl Snell, were Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of Oregon. Oregon organized its first Provisional Government in 1845. One year later, at Oregon City in 1846, the first Lodge met and organized. Oregon’s Grand Lodge was organized in 1851.

Has your Lodge called the Grand Lodge office to receive 100 complimentary placemats which feature the Masonic governors of Oregon? These placemats make a great addition to monthly dinners or special occasions. Purchase additional placemats for 10 cents each, 100 for $10, or 250 for $25 (plus shipping and handling). Interested? Contact the Grand Lodge office, (503) 357-3158.

TIGARD-ORENOMAH LODGE NO. 207’s
FOURTH ANNUAL
German Festive Board
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COST: $35.00

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A LECTURE OF “The Illuminati and German Society” BY WB Erik L. Arneson

Cost: $35 — payable at door — Reservations Mandatory — Masons Only — Contact WB Thomas Pierce: tdpny61@gmail.com
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Research Lodge rededicated their repaired Lodge Bible in a special ceremony that involved the family of Past Master Leonard “Buzz” Wynkoop. Pictured (left to right): Michelle Wynkoop, Daughter; Joseph C. Lambert, Past Master; Blair Wynkoop, Son, and Daniel K. Gray, Lodge Master.

with a larger Bible, one of higher quality. Our Lodge Historian, R.W.B. Michael Robinson, with panic in his voice, reminded us that our Lodge Bible was unique and special. It was the original Bible of our Lodge, a gift from the Lodge’s first Secretary, Sidney Z. Bartley.

After considerable research, we found a craftsman who specializes in restoring heirloom Bibles. Our Great Light was rebound and the frayed pages repaired. The funds to do the restoration were part of a generous gift from the family of one of our members, W.B. Buzz Wynkoop, who had recently passed. The restoration also gave us an opportunity to remember our Brother, friend, and Past Master. The family of W.B. Buzz participated in the rededication of our restored Lodge Bible.

Take care to notify Grand Lodge or Research Lodge, before you dispose of pictures, documents, and items that will be treasured by future generations of Masons. It is important that we document our history with biographies and annual summaries. Label pictures with names, dates, and events, as they offer significance when teaching new members about the history of Masonry. Always remember that celebrating the Lodge history is what makes your Lodge special to your membership.

- by W.B. Daniel K. Gray

October 2017 Contributions
July 19, 2017 — August 30, 2017

Masonic & Eastern Star Home
Petitioner Club
James C. McNamara (154)
Dickson Memorial Foundation   AmazonSmile Foundation

Foundation Society
Jack & Dorothy Smalley Trust

Oregon Masonic Youth Education & Literacy Foundation
Petitioner Club
Judy and Ed Bousquet, P.G.M. (139)
Jennifer Brundidge – in honor of Tom Burke (130) and in memory of Forrest A. Steen

Oregon Masonic Charitable Foundation - MMSAP
Petitioner Club
Salem Area Lodges – Awesome 3000
AmazonSmile Foundation

Masonic OutReach Services
Apprentice Club
William C. Hamburg (157) – Ritual Competition Winner: Apron Lecture

Fellowcraft Club
Michael D. Robinson (227) – Ritual Competition Winner: MM Obligation

Educational Assistance
Petitioner Club
Linda & Richard Thornton (TX)

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Your donation, no matter what size, helps Oregon Masonry achieve its goals and fulfill its mission.
**NEWS FROM OUR LODGES —**

**Masonic Restoration Foundation Symposium**

Four Brothers from Oregon (W.B. Wayne Ford, Bro. Peter Grover, Bro. Eryk Miller, and W.B. Thomas Pierce) traveled north to attend the 8th Annual Masonic Restoration Foundation Symposium in Vancouver, B.C. The program began on the night of Aug. 18 with a Harmony (Festive Board), where a fine dinner was served, and the topics of Happiness and Joy were discussed. The event continued Saturday with lectures, panel discussions and the conferral of a Master Mason Degree using the Canadian ritual, a working very different from Oregon’s! New friendships were made as Brethren spent the evening on the town, exploring the vibrant city. On Sunday morning, the attendees were treated to an address on the “Future of Freemasonry” by R.W.B. Thomas Jackson, Past Grand Secretary of Pennsylvania and one of the most traveled Masons alive. It was a terrific and stimulating weekend where much light was shared. Consider attending the 2018 symposium to learn more about improving your Masonic experience. The location will be announced in late December.

- submitted by W.B. Thomas Pierce

**Crater Lake No. 211**

Crater Lake Lodge in Klamath Falls awarded two $1,000 scholarships to the 2017 graduating class at Mazama High School. The first scholarship recipient, awarded to Trevor Arino, will be attending Oregon State University. Pictured below (left to right) is Bro. Tommy Sims, Chairman of the Scholarship Committee; Trevor, receiving the award; and M.W.B. Lyle C. Logan, P.G.M., and Master of Crater Lake Lodge. Not pictured is the second scholarship recipient, Jazmin Hall, who will be attending Klamath Community College. We wish both winners the best of luck in college.

- submitted by Bro. Tommy Sims

**Aurora No. 59**

On Aug. 17, W.B. David Morgan received a comfort blanket from Aurora Lodge in Reedsport. Several years ago, the Lodge started giving blankets, embroidered with the Masonic history of the recipient, to Brothers that have been long-time productive Masons.

- submitted by W.B. Jack Dailey
Oregon DeMolay — Pin & Certificate Available to senior members

Oregon DeMolay would like to inform all senior DeMolay that if eligible, you can get a 10, 25, 50, 60, 65, and 70-year pin and certificate free of charge. All you need to do is contact the DeMolay office at office@oregondemolay.org, provide your current mailing address, which Chapter you belonged to, and the year you joined DeMolay. Please note: Your DeMolay Chapter did not have to be in Oregon for you to receive your pin and certificate.

You can have the pin and certificate sent to your home address, or have your District Deputy present them to you in Lodge. The pin and certificate can also be given to you at the annual Honors Day in October by the Executive Officer of DeMolay in Oregon or his representative. We would also like to take this time to urge you to visit your local Chapter on one of their meeting nights. The young men would love to have your support.

If you do not have a local DeMolay Chapter but know of young men and adults who would be interested in starting one, contact our Membership Development Director, Brian Allphin at ballphine@msn.com. He would be more than happy to discuss options with you.

We recently opened two Squire Manors in Oregon. Squires is an organization for boys, ages 9-11. Like DeMolay, it is a value-based organization. The goal of the Order of the Squires is for its members and their parents to have fun while learning three important life lessons: Wisdom (the importance of education), Truth (honesty), and Justice (equality and fairness). Contact the office for details.

Several events are planned in the coming months: Honors Day on Oct. 22, the Grand Master’s Class on Nov. 18, our third Annual Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner on Nov. 26, and our Annual Hockey Night at the Portland Winterhawks on Feb. 9. These events are a lot of fun so don’t miss out! We also invite you to attend the Oregon DeMolay Foundation’s Annual Crab Feed and Auction on Feb. 23. Keep up with DeMolay in Oregon by visiting our website, www.oregondemolay.org.

- submitted by W.B. James Van Anda

Upcoming DeMolay Events

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Eugene Lodge to Match OMYELF Funds

The Oregon Masonic Youth Education & Literacy Foundation (OMYLELF) was founded to improve the education and literacy opportunities, activities, and capabilities of youth in Oregon. Eugene Lodge No. 11 recognizes that OMYELF is a great service providing to those in need, and we are pleased to offer matching funds in support of OMYELF. Any Masonic Lodge in the Oregon Jurisdiction that donates money to the OMYELF fund from October 1, 2017, through the opening of Grand Lodge (June 2018) will see their funds matched up to $1,000 per Lodge. Eugene Lodge will match up to a total of $25,000. The matching funds will be delivered to the Grand Lodge session by the officers of Eugene Lodge No. 11. To learn more about OMYELF, please visit www.masonic-oregon.com/charity/omyelf.

- by W.B. Zachary Blalack, Grand Orator & Past Master of Eugene Lodge No. 11

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CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

If you have Lodge stories of community involvement, events, etc. you are invited to submit your articles and pictures to Erin Evans at eevans@masonic-oregon.com. Deadline: The 5th of the previous month (i.e., articles for June issue are due by May 5).
If ever there was a Mason of the Month or year, it is W.B. Jon Torbert, Hiram Award recipient and Past Master of Grants Pass Lodge No. 84 and Past Master of Rogue River Lodge No. 226. Jon starts the morning by putting on his Shrine bolo. You can usually find him down at the greasy spoon café (Gold Miner Restaurant on 7th Street) in Grants Pass, having his coffee and favorite salad, and of course, talking Masonry.

Recently, Jon was the ramrod during Grants Pass Lodge’s Past Masters’ sale that took place in August. The Brethren brought so many items to the event that Jon had to volunteer his lady to help. With the success of the sale, Jon designated the funds to repair a computer for Child ID, replaced chairs in the dining area, and replaced a vandal damaged door and wall. He also managed to clean everything up after the sale.

Jon’s contributions to Masonry are never-ending. He is also the head digger, secretary, and maintenance person at the Grants Pass Lodge No. 84 cemetery.

-nominated by Bro. Don Hurd

The Grand Lodge Trustees welcome you to nominate that Mason who, in your experience, exemplifies what it is to be a Mason. To do so, we ask that you submit a short bio on the Brother (500 words or less) and send it to our Grand Secretary, M.W.B. Ed Bousquet, P.G.M. by email to grandsecretary@masonic-oregon.com. Submission deadline is the fifth of the month to be considered for that month’s award. The Trustees will review all entries. One nominee will be selected each month through May 2018. One will be Mason of the Year and presented with a plaque. Countless Masons are working tirelessly for their Lodge. Please nominate a Brother today.

THANK YOU, W.B. JON TORBERT!