



# Oregon Masonic News



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## The Grand Master's Message: Lodge Attendance with Regards to COVID

As we try to work our way back to normality, or something close to it, after 16-plus months of COVID-19 in various forms of mandates and regulations set by the state and Centers for Disease Control, our Lodges are having problems obtaining a quorum for meetings. Some of our Lodges have older members who would



**M.W.B. Gregory A. Jenkins**  
Grand Master

like to attend Lodge but are not attending for fear of being exposed to the virus, even if they have had their full COVID-19 vaccination, opting to rather stay home. As some of these Brothers are involved in degree work, their lack of attendance has added to the problem of Lodges having a hard time finding Brothers to fill in the parts needed for the conferral of the degrees. Others are dependent on transportation to and from Lodge events from these same Brothers not attending. Our younger members have the same problems as the older, but for different reasons. Many don't want to get the vaccination or wear masks during their meetings

and a number of these Brothers are those who have become proficient in the conferral of the three degrees, lectures and charges. It is now the task of our Lodges to figure out how they are going to get back to work and involve these Brothers who feel endangered and have not been attending due to their fears.

The problem with some of our Lodges not having a quorum cannot be blamed solely on COVID-19, but also has to do with the age of the members of the Lodges and their ability to attend Lodge meetings. If your Lodge is one of these Lodges, and I hope it is not, you need to be looking at what can be done to keep your Lodge active. The best way would be by getting petitions for new-members, and if unable, look at having some younger Brothers of neighboring Lodges petition for a dual membership to help your Lodge. The last thing we would like to see is a Lodge fold due to the age of its membership.

We now have more of our Brothers traveling all over this Jurisdiction helping numerous Lodges and enabling them to catch up and complete their degree work than we have had in the past. To help with this situation, I have asked the District Deputies to

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## Masonry in Action

As the days start to get shorter, we look forward to the fellowship of our Lodge meetings starting back up after the normal summer break and last year's COVID-19 restrictions. Some Lodges do not go dark during the summer months and I applaud them for continuing our great Masonic work.

It is exciting to see the amount of degree work that is going on state-wide in our Lodges.

Brothers are brushing up on their memory work and learning new parts. I have enjoyed attending several Lodges recently and participating in degree work. It has been refreshing to see and hear the enthusiasm of the Lodges putting on degrees that reinforce the excellent tenets of our order that are inculcated in our degree work.

As we work through the backlog of degree work, let's get out in our communities to let them know that Masonry is alive and well. In my home Lodge of McEwen No. 125, we started our Bingo nights back up during the Sumpter flea market on La-

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**R.W.B. Craig A. Sipp**  
Senior Grand Warden

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## The Oregon Masonic News: Then and Now

In the early days of Oregon Masonry, the mail, newspapers and the Grand Lodge Circulars were generally the only tools for informing the membership. Starting with the first notice in the Oregon Spectator on Feb. 5, 1846, the newspapers were the main source for information concerning meetings and events, other than the mail sent by the Lodges themselves. The Grand Lodge Circulars, read in Lodge, remain much the same today as in the beginning, information on membership, edicts, charitable requests and the like.

After WWI there was a large influx in membership and it became apparent that a magazine to inform and enlighten the members would be a welcome addition. And so, a Masonic publication for the benefit of Oregon Masons was begun in June 1923 with the first addition of the "Masonic Analyst". The Analyst was a privately owned monthly magazine; some issues having as many as 80 pages, but generally running at 50 pages in length.

The first issue was published by Elijah Packs Ramsay, working out of suite 307, in the Guaranty Building at 84 Sixth St. in Portland. Ramsay, who was born in 1873, was a member of Roosevelt Lodge No. 500 in San Francisco. He had come to Oregon after 1920 and joined the Scottish Rite in June of 1924. Billed as "A monthly masonic magazine of the Pacific Northwest," it continued under Ramsay until May of 1928. After that Ramsay went to Los Angeles where he worked as a Newspaper editor.

The June 1928 issue was published by the Masonic Analyst Publishing Company, with Bros. Elmer Wendling as Editor and Sydney Z. Bartley as General Manager. Both men would later be Past Masters, earn the 33° and be Charter members of Research Lodge of Oregon No. 198. The magazine was still published out of the same address until they moved to the Woodlark Building, on the corner of 813 Alder St. and West Park St. between April and May 1931. It remained at the Woodlark Building for nearly 50 years, moving on to Park Street in about 1979.

By 1935 Brother Bartley was the Managing Editor, Wendling was Secretary and there was a half dozen contributing editors. Then in December of 1938,

Ill. Bro. Elbert Bede 33°, PM, of Cottage Grove Lodge No. 51, bought the Masonic Analyst and became the sole owner and publisher; he was the editor from 1938 to 1955 and coeditor until 1957. Brother Bede died in 1967, but his name remained associated with the magazine until it ended in 1982.

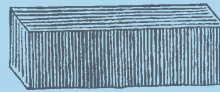
Despite numerous name and ownership changes the Masonic magazine ran from 1923 to 1983. The name remained the Masonic Analyst until the 1940s and was issued as a full-sized magazine. By the end of WWII this gave way to the "Oregon Mason" and in 1958 was renamed "The Freemason". Starting in the mid 1940s this magazine was offered in a smaller half size (appx. 9.5" x 6.5"), going from 60 pages to 30-40 by the 1950s. From 1958 to 1982 it averaged 32 pages an issue. Throughout its life this was an independent business, owned and operated by Masons, for Masons. They relied on advertisements and subscriptions, and content, in part, came from submissions from both Brethren and Lodges. In 1971, the name was changed again to "The Oregon Freemason". At that time, it had been "Recognized by the Grand Lodge of Oregon for over 47 years as a valuable Masonic magazine, privately owned and operated". It was known as the "The Oregon Freemason" from January 1971 until it was terminated by the end of 1982.

The magazine was resurrected in 1983, in a revised form, as "The Oregon Scottish Rite Freemason" and was published under the authority of the Orient of Oregon Scottish Rite for its members. By the time of the 133rd Grand Communication in June of 1983, the privately owned Masonic magazine was finished. Still, there was an obvious interest in maintaining a Masonic News. On June 9, 1983, a resolution was put forth to create the Oregon Masonic News. The resolution would empower the Trustees to get the magazine published and fees would come from the members. However, the resolution failed.

After the defeat there was a lengthy discussion from the floor regarding possible alternatives to a publication. There seemed to be a consensus that a Masonic news was desired. The Grand Master asked that anyone desiring to present a motion for a different format to do so the following day. On June 10, a motion was brought by W.B. James E. Richmond, W.M. of Whitewater Lodge No. 216, to undergo a trial publication period for the next year, with a new resolution to be entertained at the next Annual Communication. The motion

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## Malheur Cave Degree 2021



**W**e're Back! The tradition of raising a Master Mason in the Malheur Cave is alive and well. This year's attendance was just over 80 Brothers, which given the COVID-19 restrictions imposed in Oregon, was expected. However, on the bright side, those Brothers who attended were more diverse than what we have seen in recent years. In attendance were Brothers from the Grand Jurisdictions of Oregon, Idaho and Washington. Also, for the very first time, Brothers from the The Widow's Sons motorcycle group joined us, where they presented the Grand Master with an honorary Widow's Sons vest and a check for \$1000 for his favorite children's charity.

Probably the most enlightening point that was made is that approximately 40 percent of those who attended were attending for the very first time! Not only are we back, but we were back with a renewed interest in the event by the next generation of younger Masons. My Brothers, as we are want to say, "we are bright in the East".



W.M. Ryan Buys,  
Degree Team Captain  
Corvallis Lodge No. 14

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## GRAND MASTER'S TENTATIVE ITINERARY

### October 2021

- 1 — Leadership Meeting, Forest Grove, 1 p.m. - W, L
- 2 — MESH/Trustee Meeting, Forest Grove, 8 a.m. - W, L
- 2 — Fall Shrine Ceremonial, Al Kader Shrine, Wilsonville, 10 a.m. - S, L
- 3 — Miss Oregon Job's Daughters Pageant - S, L
- 4 — Sandy No. 158, Official Visit: dinner, 6:30 p.m.; Lodge, 7:30 p.m. - S, L
- 5 — Vista Masonic No. 215, Salem, Official Visit: dinner, 6:30 p.m.;  
Lodge, 7:30 p.m. - S, L
- 6 — Rickreall No. 110, Independence, Official Visit: dinner, 6:30 p.m.;  
Lodge, 7:30 p.m. - S, L
- 8-10 Grand Lodge of California, San Francisco - S, T, L
- 13 — Sheridan-Dayton No. 64, Sheridan, Official Visit: dinner, 6:30 p.m.;  
Lodge, 7:30 p.m. - S, L
- 14 — Fidelity No. 54, Salem, Official Visit: dinner, 6:30 p.m.;  
Lodge, 7:30 p.m. - S, L
- 16 — Research Lodge No. 198, Portland, Official Visit: Lodge, 11 a.m.;  
lunch, 12 p.m. - S, L
- 16 — Al Kader Food Caravan - W, L
- 18 — Santiam No. 25, Stayton, Official Visit: dinner, 6:30 p.m.;  
Lodge, 7:30 p.m. - S, L
- 19 — Hermiston No. 138, Official Visit: dinner, 6:30 p.m.;  
Lodge, 7:30 p.m. - S, L
- 20 — Grand Ronde Valley No. 56, Union, Official Visit: dinner, 6:30 p.m.;  
Lodge, 7:30 p.m. - S, L
- 21-23 Scottish Rite Baker Valley Reunion, Baker City - W, S, L

### November 2021

- 3 — Bandon No. 130, Official Visit; dinner, 6 p.m.; Lodge, 7 p.m. - S, L
- 4 — Medford No. 103, Official Visit; dinner, 6:30 p.m.;  
Lodge, 7:30 p.m. - S, L
- 6 — DeMolay Grand Master's Class - S
- 7 - 9 Grand Lodge of Nevada, Reno - S, T, L
- 11 — Bend No. 139, Official Visit; dinner, 6 p.m.; Lodge, 7 p.m. - S, L
- 13 — MESH/Trustee Meeting; Forest Grove, 8 a.m. - W, L
- 13 — Chief Rabban Night; Al Kader Shrine Ctr., Wilsonville, 5 p.m. - S, L
- 16 — St. Johns No. 17, Albany, Official Visit; dinner, 6:30 p.m.;  
Lodge, 7:30 p.m. - S, L
- 17 — Jennings No. 9, Dallas Official Visit; dinner, 6:30 p.m.;  
Lodge, 7:30 p.m. - S, L
- 18 — Scio No. 39, Official Visit; dinner, 6:30 p.m.; Lodge, 7:30 p.m. - S, L
- 20 — Grand Master's Reception: Salem Scottish Rite Center,  
3:30 p.m. - K, L
- 22 — East Gate No. 155, Portland, Official Visit and Oyster Stew, Dinner,  
6:30 p.m.; Lodge 7:30 p.m. - SU, L

L = Ladies; S = Suit; T = Tuxedo; K = Khakis; W = Wrangler Jeans

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on our website:  
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## Malheur Cave Degree

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As for the degree, it was as close to flawless as I have ever seen during my career in Masonry.

Corvallis Lodge No. 14, led by W.B. Ryan Buys in the East, conferred a beautiful in-costume Master Mason degree upon Bro. Tim Lanterman from Acacia Lodge No.118, located in Ontario, Ore. Our very own Grand Master, M.W.B. Greg Jenkins, played the 3rd Ruffin and sent Bro. Lanterman to the canvas. Then, at the grave-side, our Grand Master raised Bro. Lanterman by the strong grip of the Lion's paw proving once again that our Grand Master can "knock 'em down and raise 'em up". Good job Grand Master.

A very special thank you goes out to our Brothers in the cook shack who kept the coffee hot and the food coming. Led by W.B. Bill Quier, the kitchen crew ran like a well oiled machine. Dinners consisted of pork chops with all the trimmings on Friday night and T-bone steaks on Saturday night. A special thank you also goes out to W.B. Phil VanBuren who has been turning steaks at this event for years. My Brothers, if you go away from this event hungry, you have nobody to blame but yourself!

Mark this on your 2022 calendar, August 26-28 will be the dates for the next Malheur Cave degree. Also, if your Lodge would be interested in conferring the degree, please contact us as soon as possible so that we may discuss the details.

Finally, as I've said before "Ya gotta have fun." That, along with good fellowship, was had by all who attended the 2021 Malheur Cave degree. See ya next August.

*Fraternally,*

M.W.B. D. Arthur Bush, P.G.M.

*Worshipful Master of Robert Burns Lodge No. 97*



*Corvallis Lodge No. 14 Degree Team with M.W.B. Greg Jenkins (center)*

## Grand Master's Message, *continued from page one*

put together a list of those members who know the various degree parts and would be willing to travel and help with the degree work in their districts. This list would be made available to the Worshipful Master of Lodges.

I hope we are on the downhill side of the COVID-19 pandemic and won't have to issue any Edicts or letters directing mask wearing or social-distancing as directed by our Governor and elected officials. The Trustees do not like passing them on to you any more than some of you like receiving them. Let us work together and come out of this pandemic stronger and united.

*Fraternally,*

M.W.B. Gregory A. Jenkins,

*Grand Master, A.F. & A.M. of Oregon*



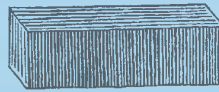
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AUGUST 26-28**





## Did You Know?

Have you heard of Grand View? It is a web-based platform with an encrypted portal where the Grand Lodge, individual Lodges, and Brothers can communicate online. It is more than a membership database, which is where it started only a few years ago. Simply put, it is for everyone who wants to navigate the latest Masonic news and information here in Oregon. Grand View has different access levels, depending on your role in the fraternity, but you access it the same way by logging in at the top of the Grand Lodge's homepage, [www.masonic-oregon.com](http://www.masonic-oregon.com), and click on "Member Login" at the top right. If you are not already registered, it is simple to create a profile and then search for what Grand View can offer you.



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This is a growing trend: dozens of Grand Jurisdictions, thousands of Lodges, and hundreds of thousands of individuals now use Grand View. Log on and take a tour.



Submitted by  
R.W.B. Mark Phillips  
Grand Secretary

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## From the Display Case of the Library and Masonic Museum

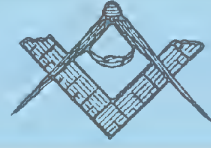
In 2017, Union No. 3, in McMinnville Oregon was honored to present to W.B. Earl Scott his 50-year Jewel from his Washington State Jurisdiction. He was very proud of two Masonic items, a canon vase and a shaving bowl that he decided at a later date to donate to the Masonic Library and Museum. He was ailing at the time, but sat for a recording to expand on the history of each item although at times, the recording may be hard to understand. Listen to W.M. Earl, M.W.B Hunt Compton, P.G.M. and W.B Johnny at <https://archive.org/details/earl-scott-7-10-17>.

Brother Earl is no longer with us and has passed onto the house not made with hands. He was such a proud Freemason as well as my dear friend and Brother.

I hope you enjoy his recording and the pictures as much as I do when I revisit them. These items are in one of the locked cabinets in the museum on permanent display.

~ submitted by W.M. Johnny J. Edwards  
Library and Museum Chairman

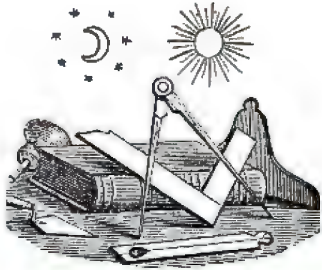




## Masonry in Action,

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bor Day weekend, which resulted in a young man asking about Masonry, wanting to join, and produced a petition to the Lodge. It is also important to have timely follow up on the GrandView inquiries. By doing these things, we will continue to stay active in degree work and promote the growth of Masonry.



I encourage the Brethren to rise up to the challenge provided by M.W.G.M. Greg A. Jenkins to step up, get engaged and stay active in our Lodges.

*Fraternally,*

R.W.B. Craig A. Sipp, Senior Grand Warden

## Leaving a Legacy for the Children Through Books



(1932-2019)

Paul Robert Kindsvater loved children. He was a teacher for over 34 years and spent many years on the local Masonic Lodge Scholarship Committee. Sometimes he would even provide an extra scholarship when he thought it was necessary. Without fail he supported our Dictionary giveaway, Child ID, student abroad programs, as well as our Masonic Model Student Assistance training for educators.

Bro. Kindsvater was a Mason for 63 years. In 1955, like his father in 1948, he joined Medford Lodge No. 77 and in 1994, after retiring, he moved to Florence and joined Florence Lodge No. 107. He was an active member up until his death. In 2002, he received the Hiram Award, an award given to older members for their long-time service to Freemasonry.

In his death, Paul continues to support our children by leaving most of his estate to the Children's Library in Florence. This will give the local library well over \$500,000 to help the children of Florence. He also set up a fund for the Lodge to draw on to help support the Florence Masonic Lodge Scholarship Fund. He believed our children are our future and we look forward to continuing his support for them.

*~ submitted by W.B. Dick Tooley  
(award presented by W.B. Hunt Ramsey, W.B. Dick Tooley, and M.W.B. Tom Velvin, P.G.M.)*

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**SEVENTH ANNUAL**

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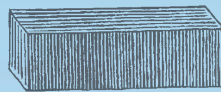
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## Mason of the Month

Brethren, there's no denying it is nice to be recognized for the good works we do, not only in Lodge but also in the community.

The Grand Lodge welcomes 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 the Grand Secretary, R.W.B. Mark Phillips by email to [grandsecretary@masonic-oregon.com](mailto:grandsecretary@masonic-oregon.com).

Submissions must be received by R.W.B. Phillips before the fifth of the month to be considered for that month's award. All entries will be reviewed by the Trustees and one nominee will be selected each month through May, 2022. Out of those, one might be selected as the Mason of the Year. That individual will be featured in the Oregon Masonic News and presented with a plaque and recognized for his contributions to Freemasonry.

There are countless Masons out there working tirelessly for their Lodge. Please nominate a Brother today.



## The Oregon Masonic News: Then and Now

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was accepted, issues were published, and the following year the resolution passed; thus, the Oregon Masonic News was born.

At the 169th Annual Communication, June 6-7, 2019, a resolution was put forward to change the publication of the Oregon Masonic News (OMN) from 10 to 6 times a year. The purpose was to have less issues, with more content. Ultimately that would mean an increase in the amount of information, but the Brethren just heard less issues and the resolution failed. As is, the OMN averages 8 pages, which allows only for the briefest of articles. In September of 2020 a special issue was published as an example of the expanded format and was twice the size of the usual issues (16 pages). This format allowed for longer articles encompassing the events around the jurisdiction and Masonic education and history. More of these expanded issues are being planned in the lead up to the 172nd Annual Communication in June 2022. At that time a new resolution will be submitted to reduce the frequency of the required publications in order to increase the content per issue. Details are still being discussed.

*~ submitted by W.M. Michael D. Robinson*



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## Distressed Masons of Oregon Relief Fund



With the continued effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, we know that many members may find themselves in need. In order to help Master Masons impacted by this, the Grand Lodge has created a special relief fund under the management of MasonicAid. Public programs may help with unemployment and some financial assistance, but we're here to help fill in the gaps!

### WE'RE HERE FOR YOU!

This relief is available for hardships caused by the pandemic and could include COVID-related medical needs, rent, groceries, and utility payments.



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