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The Grand Master's Message: Creating-A-Partnership Program

Your Lodge could be involved with the Creating-A-Partnership (CAP) program and making inroads with your local communities and schools. It requires some involvement and a little bit of money, but it is simple to understand and be involved in. The CAP program will match up to 50% of your Lodge's investment. Some Lodges have provided food for low-income families, incentive prizes for reading initiatives (i.e., *Bikes-for-Books*), scholarships, etc.



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

One way to start is to check with your local public school to see what they could use (perhaps food for children, special supplies for a classroom, or incentive rewards to encourage children). Items like bicycles or Kindle e-readers can really encourage kids with their educational advancement. The school might need computers or help acquiring supplies for their STEM program or even a 3D printer for a robotics class - don't be afraid to step out of the box and become involved. While gift cards and cash gifts do not qualify for CAP reimbursement (as they cannot be verified if it benefitted the qualifying project), the program affords a lot of flexibility in supporting how Lodges meet community needs.

With COVID and the reluctance of some schools and communities to become involved with the Masonic Lodges - don't give up when trying to partner with them. All it takes is time and effort to build a good rapport with all those involved. I would suggest you prepare by being well-versed as to *why* your Lodge is wanting to partner with the school or community, let them know why you care. Beyond a strong relationship, this could even be an inroad to a new member or two. The guidelines and application form for the CAP program are in the *Resources* listed on Grand View.

Give it some thought and
create a partnership today!

Fraternally, M.W.B. Gregory A. Jenkins,
Grand Master, A.F. & A.M. of Oregon

The Uniting Force of Fraternal Love

Written by W.B. Robert Stark, a Mason with over 60 years of reverence for Freemasonry.

Philosophers and scholars from time immemorial have agreed on one thing: *Love is the mightiest force in the world.*

The most respected man who ever walked the Earth believed this and shared it daily. We are inheritors of His love and His faithful practice of this doctrine.

Fraternal behavior and expression are realized in numerous ways: Each time we provide transportation, each time we visit a sick or injured member, each time we mentor an Initiate, or cook or serve a meal, we are saying, "I love you, My Brother."

Masons are men of character and purpose. The strong, confident, true believer in Masonic fraternalism is able to take his Brother's hand, look in his eyes, and announce proudly and sincerely, "I love you, My Brother."

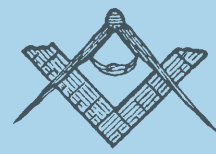
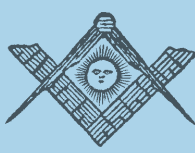
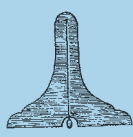
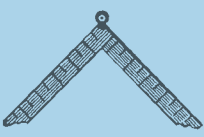
It is this fraternal affection that has been the uniting force among Masonic Lodges around the world for centuries. It is the strength of Fraternal Love that has made Freemasonry successful and assures its future. All the activities, programs, honors and awards, indeed, even our treasured

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Creating-A-Partnership Highlight: *Raising A Reader*



Acacia Lodge has diligently supported the *Raising A Reader* program, which sends a rotating collection of books to school children to encourage reading time with parents at home.

Do you remember, from years ago, the “Weekly Reader” we received in the summer while we were in grade school? Stories printed on inexpensive paper were taken home by the kids? *Raising A Reader* brings it fresh to my memory and Acacia Lodge is proud to continue support of this program each year.

We presented a \$1,500 gift to benefit the 100 kindergarten kids in Ontario. The principal, pictured above, not only thanked us for the gift, but invited us to visit the school. The last time 8 of us visited a kindergarten class, the children were so excited telling us about their favorite *Raising A Reader* book. When we left, four little boys lined up at the door and shook our hands and thanked us - what a great experience. The parents wrote their thanks to Acacia and Grand Lodge on a large poster and sent it to the Lodge, noting how they now appreciate the value of reading at home more.

Frequently, in our officers’ meetings we discuss, “Is *Raising A Reader* making a difference?” We believe the impact will be far-reaching as parents and children are encouraged to read and grow together. Each year this program has become more valuable.

Someday, someone may say, “The Masons –yes, they gave us the *Raising A Reader* books. I remember reading those with my parents!” making it worth all our effort.

We plan to repeat this program through 2022 and hopefully beyond.

***Masons live and die, but
the fruits of their labor lives on.***

~ submitted by W.B. Will Hasley,
Secretary of Acacia Lodge No. 118

Acacia No. 118

The officers of the Lodge, newly consolidated with Vale Lodge, opted to purchase a Life Membership for all Brothers who did not already have one. These were presented at a Stated Communication and passed with unanimous consent. 27 new Life Memberships were awarded at a special event on Nov. 11. Five Brothers who had not attended for many years also showed up and celebrated alongside their Brethren (pictured at left).

In Loving Memory of Kenneth A. Elliott P.G.M.

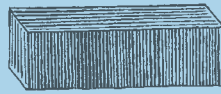
March 10, 1931 to December 18, 2021

M.W.B. Kenneth A. Elliott, who served this Grand Jurisdiction as Grand Master 1990-91, passed to the Celestial Lodge on Dec. 18, 2021.

Ken was a Life Member of Hermiton Lodge No. 138, Umatilla Lodge No. 40, Warren Lodge No. 10, and his home Lodge of Arlington No. 88, where he was raised to Master Mason in 1964. He served many positions at both the Lodge and Grand Lodge levels and was involved in many Appendant and Concordant bodies.

Ken is survived by his wife Margaret. A memorial service is pending and information will be shared as soon as the family has a chance to make the arrangements. Ken was a kind man and will be missed by many.





Happy Valentine's Day to all the Masonic Sweethearts



RICHMOND MEMORIAL LIBRARY and MASONIC MUSEUM



NEW HOURS:

FRIDAY 11-4PM

2ND SATURDAY 11-4PM

Schedule your Forest Grove visit
by emailing info@masonic-oregon.com

OCCASIONAL GRAND LODGE

An Occasional Grand Lodge is scheduled at La Grande Lodge No. 41 in La Grande, Ore. on March 5 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Check-in for this free training begins at 8:30 a.m., with the formal opening at 9 a.m. Attending District Deputies and Worshipful Masters or Lodge representatives will be asked to report on Lodge activities, issues, and solutions, as well as any community involvement.

The attire is uniform for the Grand Lodge Officers and business casual or suits for Lodge members. Ladies are invited as a program will be offered in the morning. Lunch will be provided for all attendees. The afternoon session, open to all attendees, from 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m., will include the introduction of attending Masonic bodies and youth groups. Registration will be open until one week before the session. Space is limited, so register early to reserve your place and allow for a proper headcount for food.

Register by mailing the form below to the Grand Lodge or visit www.masonic-oregon.com/regional-gathering.

For more information, contact
R.W.B. Tim Best, Junior Grand Warden, at (541) 571-0810.

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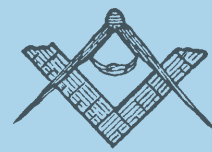
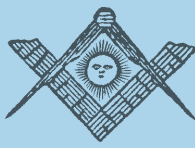
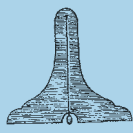
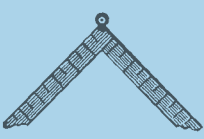
OFFICE HELD: _____

MY LADY WILL BE ATTENDING:

LADY'S NAME: _____

Register for this FREE event online by visiting
www.masonic-oregon.com/regional-gathering
or mail this form to: 2150 Masonic Way, Forest Grove, OR 97116





MasonicAid

Giving Tree

Words of Appreciation

The 2021 Giving Tree program has concluded, and words cannot express how grateful we are for the outpouring of support and generosity provided by so many members, Lodges, and Chapters. The donations were more than enough this year to help our members on the Giving Tree — we were even able to help a few additional Masonic & Eastern Star members in need!

Over the past month, several cards and phone calls have flooded in from MasonicAid clients, sharing their heartfelt words of appreciation to those who provided these donations. A few of these messages have been included below:

Member of Valliant-Sellwood Chapter 92: *This assistance came at a perfect time. It will help me purchase the medicine that I have needed. Thank you so very much! Blessings to everyone!*

Member of Friendship Rose Chapter 148: *Thank you for the wonderful gift that came at such a difficult time for me. I really need the help, and this just made my day. Thank you!*



Niece, widow Tigard-Orenomah 227: *Thank you to the MasonicAid Giving Tree for the most generous gift.*

I just ordered Raymell new pajamas, pants, and shoes with the money provided. The remaining donation will help pay for the lift chair that she needs so badly.

Again, thank you for thinking of our Masonic & Eastern Star family and lifting these members up this Christmas season. Wishing you all a wonderful and blessed New Year in 2022!

Danielle Christopherson
Director of MasonicAid



In Loving Memory of John D. Livie P.G.M.

May 14, 1935 to December 25, 2021

M.W.B. John D. Livie, who served this Grand Jurisdiction as Grand Master 2000-01, passed to the Celestial Lodge on Dec. 25, 2021.

John was raised to a Master Mason in 1957 in Gastineaux Lodge No. 124 in Alaska, before settling in Salem with his wife, Carol. John belonged to both Ainsworth Lodge No. 201 and Warren Lodge No. 10.

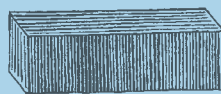
John's work with young people was a highlight of his life, having served the Boy Scouts of America, DeMolay, Job's Daughters, and Rainbow for Girls. He also served many positions at both the Lodge and Grand Lodge levels and was involved in many Appendant and Concordant bodies. John was a kind man and will be missed by many. Please remember Carol and the family in your thoughts and prayers.



MasonicAid

Wherever you are, we care

www.masonic-oregon.com/MasonicAid



Fraternal Love

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ritual, fade before the almighty strength and cementing force of Fraternal Love.

That millions of men from so varied backgrounds, interests, and ages have molded themselves under the guidance of the Fraternity's principles into the most respected and productive group of men in existence is ample testimony to our great commonality: Fraternal Love.

Let us pray that our Father, the Great Architect of Heaven and Earth, the Creator of Us All, will look into our hearts, teach us the lessons of love and tolerance and forgiveness, that our souls may be as innocent as children. Let us ask Him to anoint us with wisdom, empower us with courage, inspire us with peace, and grant our prayer that the Brotherhood of Man, by our example, becomes real and worthy of emulation for our fellows across this nation and around the world.

Let us share with our Brothers the pride and the feeling in our souls, by deed as well as word, tell him:

"I love you, My Brother."



Did You Know?

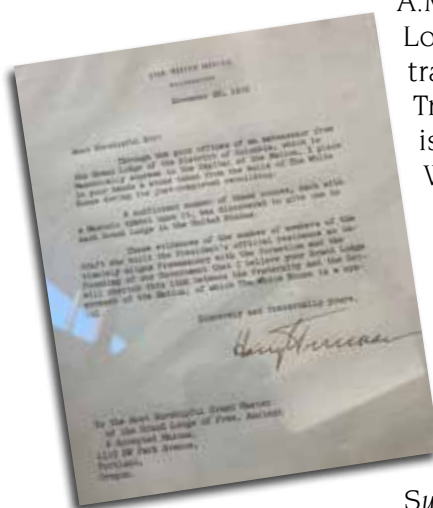
As our Grand Lodge group prepares to visit the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Arlington, Va. in April 2022, did you know that we have two priceless artifacts in our Grand Lodge Library/Museum that are both Masonic and Presidential?

M.W.B./President Harry Truman directed an extensive structural renovation of the White House during his administration. While touring the demolition site one day, he noticed that many of the interior stone blocks in the rubble bore a stonemason's mark. That mark, carved into the stone's face, is a stonemason's unique trademark that identifies a stone that he hewed and set, a tradition dating back centuries. Because the mark is normally engraved into either the top or bottom of the stone, typically it is hidden for posterity unless it is uncovered by a subsequent fellow stonemason who is performing restoration work on the stone.

Research confirmed that the stones that Brother Truman found in the White House rubble came from a Lodge of Journeymen Masons No. 8 in Edinburgh, Scotland. Lodge No. 8 was designated a Masonic Lodge in 1707. This story is further evidence of Masonic contributions to the construction of the Executive Mansion.

Brother Truman grasped the Masonic value of these stones, and he chose to share this value with his Brethren across the United States. He arranged in 1952 for one of these stones to be transmitted to every Masonic Grand Lodge in the United States. The stone that he caused to be sent to the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Oregon rests in our Grand Lodge Library/Museum along with a transmittal letter signed by Brother Truman. The letter's wooden frame is reputed to have come from the White House's original beams.

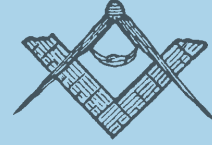
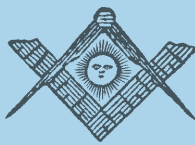
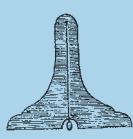
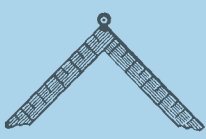
Come visit the Grand Lodge Library/Museum in Forest Grove and see them for yourself.



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

Have questions?
Email info@masonic-oregon.com





NEWS FROM OUR LODGES —



East Linn No. 44

Congratulations, to our newest Master Mason; Bro. Michael Fry. W.M. David Webster is shown presenting him with his Ritual, Standard Manual, Bible, and his lambskin apron. We're so pleased our Lodge is growing - we just initiated three Entered Apprentices on Jan. 8! Welcome Brothers George Sharp, C. Preston Martineau, and Joe Crockett.

Welcome to the fraternity!

Sidney Croft No. 206

A local business owner from Brookings gave eight bicycles to Sidney Croft Lodge and Chetco Shrine Club. I picked them up and took the bikes to the Lodge where I worked on assembling them, only to find some had missing or broken parts and even a few flat tires. I called the bike companies for the missing and broken parts, and both companies were very helpful, and they sent me replacements. I contacted Ms. Olivia Davis from Oregon Coast Community Action, a local community service organization, and asked her if they could use the bikes for Christmas presents. She responded with an enthusiastic YES! The organization came to the Lodge to collect the reassembled bikes. Olivia told me that one of the bikes was going to a single mother with a young daughter and the bike would be the only gift the child would receive. Another bike, on the taller side, was going to a young man who, having just gotten a new job, would really benefit for his commute.

This was very rewarding to help families, especially around the holiday season.

~ submitted by W.B. Steven Pomerleau, Treasurer



Vista Masonic No. 215

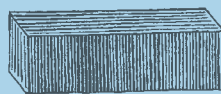
With all the Lodges getting back to work there is no better time to make the connection with your local schools. Many Lodges around the state of Oregon have done just that in a variety of ways. We have some wonderful examples of Lodges stepping up and building those partnerships, like Vista Masonic Lodge No. 215. They have an Annual Scholarship fund awarding two students \$1,500 each toward their post-High School education. They also support local school robotics teams and annually make a \$1,000 contribution to the Liberty House, which benefits children and families who have been victims of abuse.

Each year, Vista Lodge expands on their charitable effort through the matching funds they get back from the Creating-A-Partnership program. They have been very proud that nearly half their budget is spent on charitable causes throughout the year. By no means does a Lodge have to start out big. It could be something as simple as \$100 towards a reading program or technology supplies for a classroom in the community sponsored by the Lodge. No matter how big or small your Lodge, your partnership with your local schools and community are important.

If your Lodge has recently partnered up or plans to, download the application and guidelines for Creating-A-Partnership in Grand View today.

~ written by Tiffany Bell, CAP Program Manager





MMSAP

Virtual Training: SPRING 2022

Mark your calendars for the upcoming virtual Masonic Model Student Assistance Program (MMSAP), set for April 21-22, 2022. This 2-day workshop is available at no charge to Oregon educators, administrators, and school support staff (K-12). The purpose is to train school professionals to work as a team to identify and refer at-risk students who are having difficulty being successful in school.

Find more information on the Grand Lodge website, www.masonic-oregon.com/mmsap or contact Ms. Courtney Boyles, Program Coordinator at cboyles@masonic-oregon.com.

Find printable materials in Grand View



GRAND MASTER'S TENTATIVE ITINERARY

February 2022

- 3-6 Grand Lodge of Alaska *by proxy* - W, S, T, L
- 8 — Newport No. 85, Official Visit; dinner, 6 p.m.; Lodge, 7 p.m. - S, L
- 9 — Eugene No. 11, Official Visit; Lodge, 7:00 p.m. - S, L
- 10 — Silverton No. 45, Official Visit; dinner, 6:30 p.m.;
Lodge, 7:30 p.m. - S, L
- 12 — MESH/Trustee Meeting; Forest Grove, 8 a.m. - W, L
- 14 — Marys River No. 221, Corvallis, Official Visit; dinner, 6:30 p.m.;
Lodge, 7:30 p.m. - S, L
- 15 — Rainier No. 24, Official Visit; dinner, 6:30 p.m.;
Lodge, 7:30 p.m. - S, L
- 19~23 Conference of Grand Masters of North America,
Milwaukee, WI - K, S, L

March 2022

- 1 — Union No. 3, McMinnville, Official Visit; dinner, 6:30 p.m.;
Lodge, 7:30 p.m. - S, L
- 2 — Rickreall No. 110, Official Visit & Past Masters Night;
dinner, 6:30 p.m.; Lodge, 7:30 p.m. - Bib Overalls + old tie, L
- 3 — McEwen No. 125, Sumpter, Official Visit; dinner, 7 p.m.;
Lodge, 8 p.m. - S, L
- 5 — DJR Youth Activities Day - W, L
- 5 — Occasional Grand Lodge, La Grande No. 41; 9-3 p.m. - S, L
- 7 — Maple No. 127, Riddle, Official Visit; dinner, 6:30 p.m.;
Lodge, 7:30 p.m. - S, L
- 8 — Warren No. 10, Jacksonville, Official Visit; dinner, 6:30 p.m.;
Lodge, 7:30 p.m. - S, L
- 10 — East Linn No. 44, Official Visit; dinner, 6:30 p.m.;
Lodge, 7:30 p.m. - S, L
- 11 — Leadership Meeting; Forest Grove, 1 p.m. - K, L
- 12 — MESH/Trustee Meeting; Forest Grove, 8 a.m. - W, L
- 14 — Wasco No. 15, The Dalles, Official Visit; dinner, 6:30 p.m.;
Lodge, 7:30 p.m. - S, L
- 16 — Molalla No. 178, Official Visit; dinner, 6:30 p.m.;
Lodge, 7:30 p.m. - S, L
- 20 — Nydia Temple No. 4 Installation; Al Kader Shrine Center,
Wilsonville, 2 p.m. - T, L
- 25 — White Socks & Wigs Fundraiser, Centralia WA
- 26 — Virtual Officer - Masonic Education
- 26 — Masonic Family Night, Salem Scottish Rite Center,
6:30 p.m. - S, L

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

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Virtual Texas Hold'em Hosted by Beaverton Lodge No. 100

Third Wednesdays
7:00 p.m.
PokerStars.net



Join the Brethren of Beaverton Lodge No. 100 for an online poker tournament, hosted on the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. This tournament has a \$20 buy-in, with half of the proceeds going to the prize pool and the other half to the Lodge.

To play, you will need to be a member on PokerStars.net. It's free to sign-up and once you have your username/site ID, please email it along with your name and email to Beaverton100poker@gmail.com for each game you wish to join. Upon receipt, details to play will be sent by the Lodge.

To facilitate fellowship, the Lodge plans to use Zoom as well, so it's easy to interact with one another. Sign up today!

**Fellowship & fun
to benefit the Lodge!**