

From The West

Note: Our Senior Warden has moved to Idaho.



Greetings From the South

It seems that the cave event this year has turned out to be quite a success. Although an unkindly illness prematurely sent me packing, I was impressed with the turn out and had a good time none the less. I am looking forward to coming out of the dark so that we may, once again, join together in open Lodge and constructively face the issues before

us.

Beau Boyd, Junior Warden



From the Secretary's Pen

As the WM has informed you, our secretary has moved out of state. We all know that the secretary's job is a critical key to a lodge's functioning. One June 16th, I was asked and I accepted the position of secretary pro-temp. While I do have other commitments, I feel that for the remainder of the year I can devote the necessary time needed to the position.

Dick Tabor, Secretary Pro-Temp



From the Treasurer

It gives me great pleasure to announce that with the vote of the lodge brethren on May 4th to invest a significant portion of our lodge funds with the Oregon Community Foundation (OCF), it has been accomplished. After a few unforeseen hurdles, we are now on track to realize a possible return of 10 to 15% on our investment, while maintaining an adequate level of funds available for prudent operations of the Lodge.

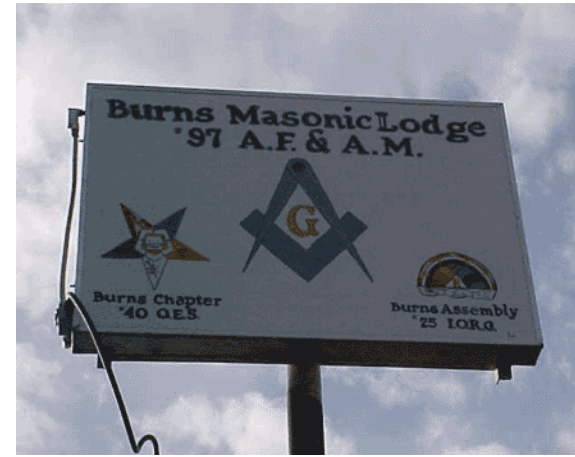
Bill Renwick, Treasurer

A Bit of Humor

A Brother on hunting trip in the wilds of Maine. Day after day of his vacation went by without bagging a deer. On the last day, as he was about to give up in desperation, he heard a crashing in the woods and saw a glimpse of brown and fired. Silence. Rushing over to where he fired, he found that he had killed a bull moose, which is protected from hunters to save it from extinction. As he stood there staring at the dead moose, a Game Warden stepped out into the clearing. Our brother found his hands involuntarily raised in a certain position. "What shall we do with the body?" "Cover it, you damn fool," said the Warden, "and make your escape!"

WB Dale Eggleston

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**Robert Burns
Masonic Lodge #97
AF&AM**

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Calendar of Events *September 2008*

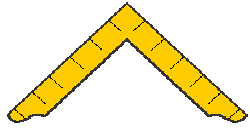
1 st	Labor Day – No Stated Meeting	
8 th	Burns OES #40	2:00pm
15 th	Officers Meeting	6:00pm
15 th	Stated Meeting	7:00pm
22 nd	Burns OES #40	2:00pm

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FROM THE EAST

Greetings Brethren,



September always brings with it the great feelings of another wonderful Malheur Cave Masonic event. This year is no different, yet it's a little more special by being the 70th year of raising a Mason to the 3rd Degree in the Malheur Cave. While there was a shortage of help, everything came together, with a little time to spare.

WB Fred Simmons of Molalla Lodge #178, again lead the charge by arriving on Monday with his motor home and mower in tow. His deft hand at mowing the meadow smooth for the onslaught of tents, RV trucks/trailers and motor homes proved its value. With about 100 Master Masons in attendance, the camaraderie and Masonic fellowship was in evidence everywhere. With the dedicated assistance in the cook shack and the Cave, from Central Oregon and the west, to the massive set-up effort put forth by the brothers from the east, added up to another great event.

This year, an outstanding team presented a terrific degree from Eugene Lodge #11, led by MWB Max Schumacher. The team raised their candidate, BFC Josh Eisele, who became our newest Oregon MM and the 70th principle brother to be raised in the Malheur Cave. Brother Josh is also the Oregon State Deputy Master Councilor of DeMolay

It goes without saying that the cuisine was again a hit. Many described the five full meals, from Friday night to Sunday morning, as over the top, and several others, as being, "Belt Busters".

The take down and wrap-up on Sunday morning was again no less than a major effort with critical help from almost everyone, especially our brothers to the east. This ownership of Robert Burns Masonic Lodge Annual Malheur Cave event by Oregon Masonry is a splendid reaffirmation of who and what, we as Masons, are. I congratulate everyone for this great effort.

On a very serious note: I must announce that the shortage of help I mentioned above is directly related to the fact that we have since June lost our Secretary and Senior Warden to relocation out of state and our Senior Deacon out of the area. Needless to say, this is a devastating blow to the lodge's leadership, structure, and operational viability.

Brethren, there are many very valid reasons why some of you can't make it to lodge. However, for those of you who don't really have one of those valid reasons, you need to know about, and must see, the fragile nature of our current situation. Please look at it as a brother, and find a way to step up and help your lodge through this time of severe struggle. Please come to your Lodge on September 15th and see how you can help. You may also call me if you have any suggestions or ideas.

Brethren, as we enter the last months of this Blue Lodge year, please continue to keep a keen eye for eligible prospective masons. Also, as fall approaches and we go back into the "light", with a number of unfinished business items to complete, I eagerly await a report of our Committee Chairmen at our September 15th meeting.

Fraternally, Perry Cooper, WM

Events & Activities



Harney County Shrine Club "Heads up!"

This is the big happening for early September

Sept 5th - Harney County Shrine Club BBQ, 5:00 pm, hosted by Noble Bill & Lady Sonja @ their place!

Sept 6th - Burns Parade, 10 am Shrine Brunch, 11 am, at the Old Casino, hosted by Central Oregon & Harney County Shrine Clubs (following Parade) FFA/4H BBQ, 4 pm at Fair Grounds and 4H Livestock Auction, 7 pm.

**Sept 7th - Central Oregon Rendezvous
For information, please call WB Bill Quier Cell 589-0950**

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TEMPLE BOARD

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Sickness & Distress:

Many of us who have attended the Malheur Cave event regularly, have become acquainted with WB Allen Gaynor, known affectionately as: the **brit** with the beard. We mourn his passing, and shall miss him.



Order of Eastern Star Chapter #40

Please attend our next stated meeting. We will need a quorum, as we need to elect a new Worthy Patron

Diane Denstedt, Worthy Matron



Chaplain's Corner

Words to Live By

The greatest Joy	Giving
The greatest loss	Loss of self-respect
The most satisfying work	Helping others
The ugliest personality trait	Selfishness
The most crippling failure	Excuses
The two most power-filled words	"I Can"
The most worthless emotion,	Self-pity
The deadliest weapon	The tongue

**The last thought of: "Words to Live By":
The most prized possession *Integrity***