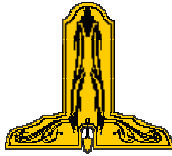


From The West



Greetings Brethren,

I've been thinking about all of the members that don't come to lodge. As a relatively new Master Mason, I'm excited about where I am and what I'm doing in our lodge as a Mason. But the more I see the low attendance, I wonder why our more tenured worshipful brothers and brothers (more tenured than myself) aren't in attendance.

Granted, there are a good number of our brethren who with age and/or a physical condition, which also applies to their spouse, can just no longer make it to lodge.

The lodge has withered down to where; it's the 8-12 brothers doing everything, including our unique Masonic Malheur Cave event in August.

I also think about all of the experience that so many of you, our brethren, have that is part of the past greatness of Robert Burns Masonic Lodge. Our lodge so much needs the benefit of that experience and visible support.

I could paraphrase our past President, John F. Kennedy, "Ask not what the 'Lodge' can do for you, but what you can do for the 'Lodge'." It helps me say, please think about your Masonic obligations. Recognize the tremendous need that the Robert Burns Lodge has for your help and presence. Having done this, and, "for whatever it is that keeps you away", look down inside and see where you can put a little bit of that effort and experience back into the Lodge.

Fraternally, Guy Holloway, SW

Committees

Finance

Chairman, Guy Holloway, Bill Renwick, WB Ken Mulenex, WB Dale Eggleston

Building/Grounds (Temple Board)

Chairman, WB Ray Breshears, Bill Renwick, Jeff Rohwer, Beau Boyd, WB Dick Tabor

Audit

Chairman, Beau Boyd, WB Dale Eggleston, WBBill Quier

Charity

Chairman, Beau Boyd, Jeff Rohwer, WB Ray Breshears

Grievance

Chairman, Beau Boyd, WB Dick Tabor, Jim Gardner

Widows

Chairman, WB Dick Tabor, Jeff Rohwer, Beau Boyd

Scholarship

Chairman, WB Dick Tabor, Scott Shaw, WB Ray Breshears

Cave

Chairman, WB Bill Quier, WB Ken Mulenex, Guy Holloway, Beau Boyd, Jeff Rohwer

A Bit of Humor:

What's the score? A man is walking through the recreation ground of his local park when he notices a huge fight in full fury on the football field he is passing. "What's going on?", he asks a spectator watching from the side-lines. The other replies "It's a match between the Masons and the Knights of St. Columbus." "What's the score?" asks the first man. "I don't know, it's a secret."

TRESTLEBOARD



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Calendar of Events April 2008

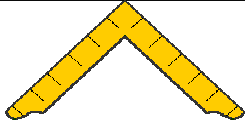
7 th	Officers Meeting	6:00pm
7 th	Stated Meeting	7:00pm
14 th	Burns OES #40	????
21 st	Officers Meeting	6:00pm
21 st	Stated Meeting	7:00pm
28 th	Burns OES #40	????

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Robert Burns Masonic Lodge
No. 97 AF&AM
P.O. Box 997
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April 2008

FROM THE EAST



Greetings Brethren,

As promised earlier this year change is occurring within Robert Burns Lodge. The lodge has retired the old Kohler cave generator. We now have a brand new 6500 watt Onan Cummings generator.

Which should give us years of trouble-free service! It's mounted in the trailer & ready to go!

As you all know, any organization must pay close attention to the proper management of it's income, expenses and savings. This is especially true for the Robert Burns Masonic Lodge. The Lodge's Credit Union CD has expired and since they are now paying only 2.53% for an annual CD, the Finance Committee has been researching methods of investment, that will bring the Lodge a better return on our investment at minimum risk.

At this writing, the Finance Committee has recommended UBS Investment Bank (An International Bank & Investment Brokerage Corp. – 6th largest in the world) and the Oregon Community Foundation (a statewide nonprofit organization that administers Oregon permanent charitable funds for grants & investments) as options for a primary investment strategy. I would like members to know I am advocating a minimum risk approach to this issue

At our Stated Meeting on 7th of April 2008, we should be able to select and vote for one of the investment firms that the Finance Committee recommends. I encourage all lodge members to attend this Lodge meeting and vote for the best interest of our Lodge.

I'd like to thank all the brethren for your hard work!

Fraternally, Perry Cooper, WM

From the South

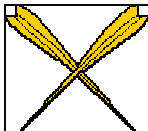


Greetings Brethren,

Our identity as Masons must include work on ourselves, both as individuals and, as a Brotherhood. Our decline in membership over the past 50 years is merely a symptom of the loss of Masonry's relevance to our lives and communities. We have individually and collectively allowed our lethargy to encrust the Jewels of Masonry, which has been bequeathed to us to pass on to the future. Our focus on the past has blinded us to the challenges of the present. And it is the present that we must address both as individuals and as a Fraternal Organization. Our reliance on former Brothers' success has weakened our commitment to achieving our own Masonic identities.

Fraternally and on the Square, Beau Boyd, JW

Secretary's Desk



As the new Secretary, I'm in the learning curve of my responsibilities. I know that you, "Past Secretaries," can vouch for the fact that there is a lot to do and it takes a lot of time and effort to carry through on this awesome responsibility. I wasn't able to attend the Annual Secretary's Seminar held in Pendleton on March 1st, which I know would have shortened my learning curve. However, I will be attending the "Blue Lodge Training" event in La Grande with four other brothers from our lodge. I believe that this training will not only help me as Secretary, but, since it is by Lodge, and our attendees will be working as a group, each attendee will benefit, as will the operations of our lodge.

Fraternally, WB Ray Breshears, Secretary

Events & Activities



Baker Valley Scottish Rite

The Baker Valley Scottish Rite held their Spring Reunion on March 27-29. WB Ray Breshears, in attendance, stated it was a great reunion. Six Master Masons were initiated into the Scottish Rite.

His further comments were that it was a great reunion, with good food, good camaraderie and an excellent presentation by the degree teams.



Order of Eastern Star Chapter #40

On March, Friday, 28th, the paperwork for our petition for a time change of our meetings was signed, sealed and sent to the Grand Chapter Office for approval of the Worthy Grand Matron.

Saturday morning March 29th, with a great deal of sadness, we held an Eastern Star funeral service in memory of Georgia Kahn, our long time secretary.

Our Grand Visitation was also on Saturday at 2 p.m. The Worthy Grand Matron, Sharon Baker, was ill and wasn't be able to be here. However, her Representative and the Worthy Grand Patron, Hunt Compton, were in attendance. We also had official visitors from around the state, and major participation from Baker City, Sumpter, Ontario, Nyssa, Vale and Burns. A number of others who planned to attend were not able to travel because of illness and/or the weather. We had a light meal which, along with the Visitation, was enjoyed by all

In April, we hope to begin our new time of meeting with a new secretary and it should be a more quiet month

Diane Denstedt, Worthy Matron

LODGE INFORMATION

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Secretary	Ray Breshears, PM <i>knightkadosh30@yahoo.com</i>	573-2639
Senior Deacon	Jeff Roher	573-1770
Junior Deacon	Scott Shaw	573-1730
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Marshal	Bill Quier, PM <i>quinws@hotmail.com</i>	573-2588
Senior Steward	Open	
Junior Steward	Open	
Tyler	Jim Gardner	573-7404
Historian	Dale Eggleston, PM	573-3833

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

President	Perry Cooper, PM	573-1619
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TEMPLE BOARD

President	Ray Breshears, PM	589-0832
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ORDER OF EASTERN STAR, Burns Chapter #40

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Worthy Patron	Ray Breshears <i>knightkadosh30@yahoo.com</i>	573-2639

Sickness & Distress

Our hearts go out to Bro. Howard Kahn, and the family, in the loss of his wife Georgia.

Bro. Howard Kahn is currently in an assisted care facility here in Burns. He could use a visit, especially at this time.

WB Garrett Cooke of the Madras Lodge suffered a burst appendix. However, Garrett is home now, and apparently is recovering OK.