

September 2020

Tigard-Orenomah #207

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GREETINGS FROM THE EAST

Greetings Brothers,



We are still under the orders of the Grand Master to minimize Masonic activities. Therefore, once again, I am asking those Brothers who are in leadership positions with our youth groups to advise them to refrain from Summer activities and use of the Lodge. In September, we plan to have our regular Stated meeting in formal dress code. If the Grand Master relaxes regulations on Lodge activities, we will have a Special Meeting as well. This is going to depend on the Grand Master's decision on Lodge visitation in October. I will call the Grand Master and confirm. We are doing as much as possible to keep the Lodge in good shape. During the last few weeks, our Chaplain Brother Matthew Douglass cleaned up the yard and cut back the bushes. Thank you, Brother Matthew. We are looking at painting and completing the interior works soon.

Here is a brief historical account of the founding of our Grand Lodge in Oregon. "August 16th, A.L., 5851. An assembly of Free and Accepted Masons convened in the Masonic Hall at Oregon City, Territory of Oregon, on the 16th day of August, A.D. 1851, A.L. 5851, and was organized at 2 P.M., by the appointment of Br. BERRYMAN JENNINGS, Of Oregon City, Chairman, and Br. BENJAMIN STARK, of Portland, Secretary. On motion, it was Resolved, First: That this Convention of F. and A. Masons deem it proper and expedient to organize a Worshipful Grand Lodge for the Territory of Oregon. Second: That the Secretary of this Convention be authorized to address to the W.M., W., and Brethren of the several Lodges in this Territory, a communication suggesting the propriety of organizing a Worshipful Grand Lodge for the Territory of Oregon; and that if deemed by them wise and expedient, the second Saturday in September next at 9 o'clock, A.M., be selected as the day, and Oregon City be selected as the place, for the assembly of delegates duly authorized to organize a Worshipful Grand Lodge. On motion, adjourned sine die. ATTEST, BENJ. STARK, Secretary. OREGON CITY, Sept. 13th, A.D. 1851, A.L. 5851. A Convention of Free and Accepted Masons assembled in the Masonic Hall at Oregon City, Oregon Territory, on the 13th day of September, A.L. 5851, and was duly organized at 4 o'clock P.M., by the appointment of Worshipful Br. John Elliot of Portland as Chairman, and Br. Wm. S. Caldwell of Portland as Secretary."(Source: PGM, Arthur L. Borland. The History of the Grand Lodge of AF&AM of Oregon: An Orators Perspective Of Published Orations . Kindle Edition). Finally, my Brothers remember your solemn obligation and may the G.A.O.U. be with you on your Masonic journey.

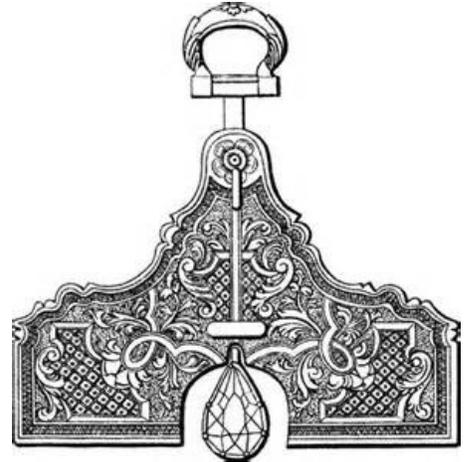
Fraternally,
Birol Yesilada, WM

Greetings from the West

Greetings Brethren,

Throughout the annals of human-kind we observe the variety of human nature: righteousness and treachery, industry and apathy. Written history may appear to be different chapters in context and human-progress, as the years seemingly fall from the calendar like autumn leaves. In reality, we have forgotten the lessons of the past and the allegory of the human saga continues like the cycle of the seasons.

The three ruffians of the Hiram legend illustrate a part of the allegory contained in the saga of our species. Indeed, our own history, the Holy Bible, and even our literature demonstrates that though times may change, many of the cyclical problems of the world remain the same. These days we may recollect a meme of similar flavor, as quoted from author G. Michael Hopf: "Hard times create strong men, strong men create good times, good times create weak men, and weak men create hard times."



What are we to do in these times? Chaos rules the streets. Greed governs the masses. And, misinformation divides good people. Even this simple cave is not spared the saber of ignorance, intolerance, and destruction.

We still have Masonry: the brotherhood of men from all walks of life and from every faith. That very Masonry which adopted the philosophy of the Enlightenment and put it into practice. Our beloved Craft that elevated our Great Nation from the bonds of tyranny to the salvation of liberty.

Today, we dedicate this gate to secure one of our temples from the profane world. This silent, steadfast Tyler is a symbol to rededicate ourselves to the Craft. Our cause is for humanity and to carry-out the work of the Great Architect of the Universe. Our storied history laid the foundation for constitutional, representative government. Our ancestors conducted themselves with civility. They worked for the good of our country and its people. They sought common ground, sacrificed, and persevered against impossible challenges.

Brethren, today we have many new and uncertain challenges. This cave is an allegory for our country; this gate will only do so much to hold back those that would rend the cave to destruction. It is time for us to step beyond the gate and demonstrate the leadership, civility, and courage that exemplified our great Masonic forefathers. Though we may not lift muskets to fend off a foreign invader, we must lift the veil of misinformation, division, and corruption. We must stand united as responsible citizens, work together for equitable solutions, and lead our Nation back to peace and prosperity. Our gate is only as strong as the character that is forged in the men within it.

All the Best,

Dan Bush
Senior Warden
Grand Orator

Greetings from the South

Brethren,

As Summer closes and Fall is knocking at our door I hope everyone is healthy and happy.

We have been meeting on the regular and have a few projects to complete before the weather turns.

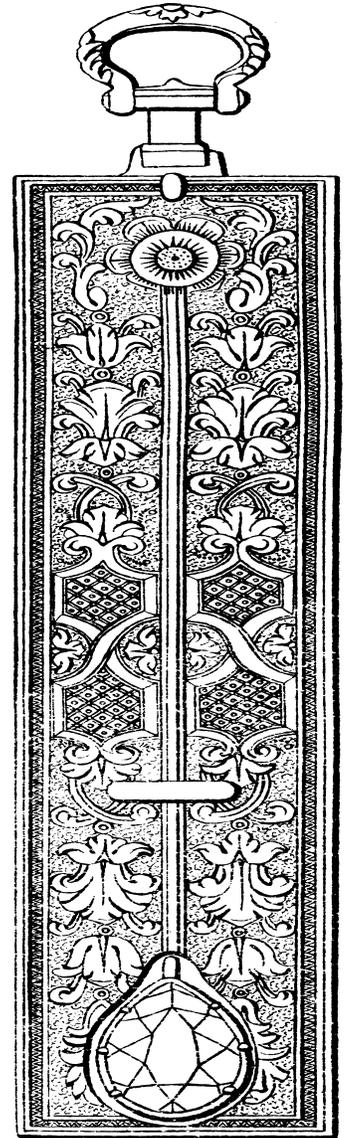
I hope when we are all able to meet again you will find the lodge in better shape than when we last met.

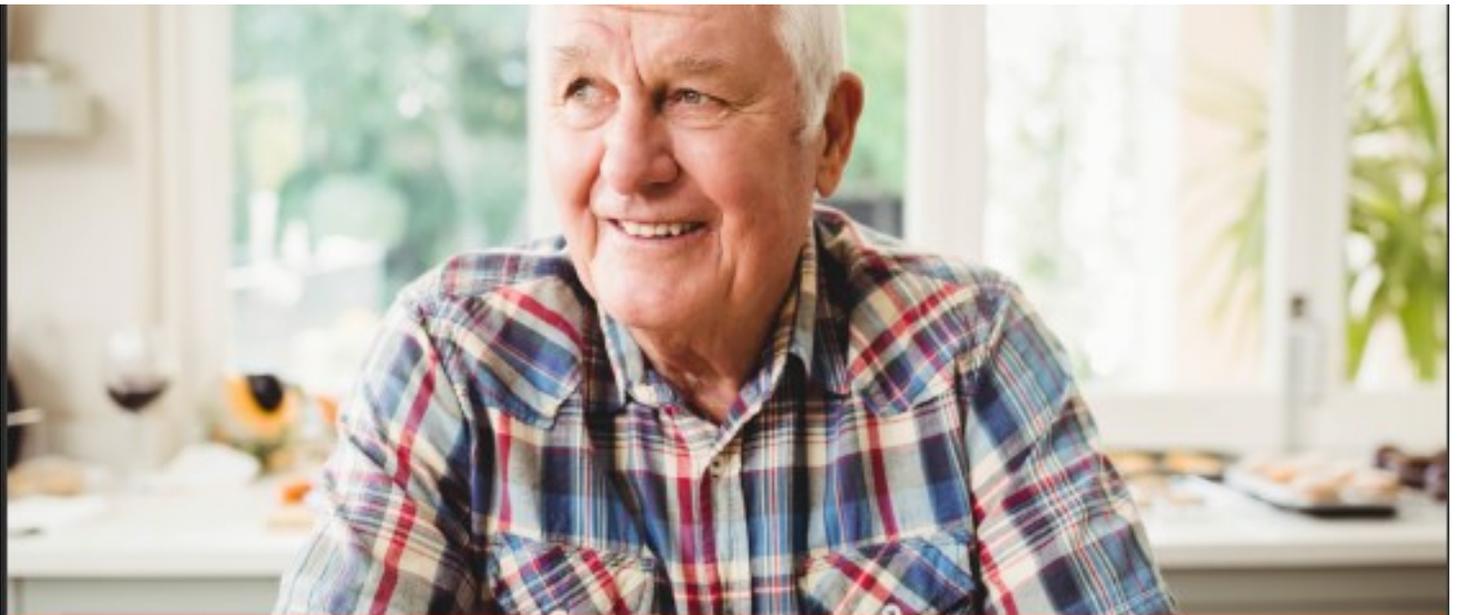
I hope everyone has a safe and relaxing labor day weekend.

Fraternally,

Mark Cook

Junior Warden





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Tigard-Orenomah
Chapter

Meets 1st and 3rd

Sunday

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Rainbow Row



Harmony Assembly

97

Meets 2nd

Sunday

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Meets 2nd and 4th

Monday

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Happy Birthday

Actual Birthdays

Elliott Alter September 12, 1985

Rodney Adams September 14, 1935

Richard Ling Jr. September 21, 1969

Jason Spence September 23, 1959

Robert Lamkin September 28, 1920

Kevin Gladysz September 30, 1950

Andrew Saultz September 30, 1982



Masonic Birthdays

Steven Fiddler September 9, 1999

Everett Penland September 15, 1962

Douglas Chipman September 16, 2002

John Anderson September 23, 1987

Eugene Snow September 26, 1961

John Arrowwood September 27, 2012



September Doings

September 9, 2020 Stated Meeting 7:00 p.m.

(NO DINNER)

September 23, 2020 NO Special Meeting

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