

**Tigard-Orenomah Masonic  
Lodge  
No. 207 AF & AM  
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Meetings 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday**



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***From the East***

Spring has sprung and here we are in a new season with many great things to report. First I would like to welcome our newest Master Mason **Travis Blackburn** - a hardy congrats. There is also the best of news; our Fellow Craft **Jeremy Willett** has come back to us safe. He came to our last stated meeting and had much to tell us. We are looking forward to seeing and hearing more about his duty in Iraq.

Our next big event is the Tigard Chamber of Commerce visitation on Thursday, April 21, 2005 at 7:30 AM. All our members are invited to attend. Our local community is well represented in this event. This is a great opportunity to invite them in to our Lodge and see that we are a family that cares. We hope to see you at the lodge that morning for networking, donuts, coffee and hot cakes.

The Shriner's Hospital for Children needs our help and support to qualify for the State of Oregon Charitable Checkoff Program. This program gives the Oregon taxpayer the opportunity to donate to charities through the Oregon tax form, using a portion of their year-end tax refund or by sending a check. The Shriner's need to collect 10,000 registered voters signatures by May 15, 2005. This is the number of signatures required by the State of Oregon Charitable Checkoff Commission before we can be included in the program. You can help by signing a petition form. Or you may request a petition form and instructions for collecting signatures by simply calling me at (503) 317-3334 requesting that I send a packet of information and petition to you. The Shriner's will use the money collected to deliver quality care at no cost to children who live in our community who need our help.

I have personally found that the most satisfaction I receive in my daily life is when, each day, I do my best to live in GOD'S world and do GOD'S work; to treat each person and situation that I encounter as being exactly how it is meant to be. On that note I am reminded of a story a personal mentor told me many years ago. It went something like this - One day the Devil was counseling a new trainee, when the trainee asked, "What is the best thing to do when trying to recruit a new candidate". The Devil promptly responded, "Be sure that the candidate is constantly reminded of the past". The trainee asked, "Why?" The Devil replied, "Because that is where shame and guilt are". The trainee asked, "What else should I

know?" The Devil responded, "Also be sure the candidate is reminded of what could happen in the future." On that note the trainee asked, "why the future?" The Devil replied, "Because that's where fear is". The trainee feeling he was catching on said, "What should I know about today?" The Devil angrily responded, "Never let your candidate live in today". The student coyly asked, "Why?" And the Devil replied, "Because that's where GOD is!"

Fraternally,  
WB Bill Phillips

***From the West***

Easter is behind us and we think if spring of being a time to clean house and spruce things up. Masonry is also sprucing up with change. What? There is that silly word again – change. We keep talking about change all the way through. Is it change for the better? We keep talking about declining membership. Is it one factor?

Our challenges are like a gemstone and have many facets and here are a few of them:

- People's lives are too busy to put the time in
- Are we teaching the youngest Masons well by pulling them to the appendant bodies "too" early?
- Shoulder the burden by one or two brothers

We, as a group, must think like the baseball player, who is at the bottom of the ninth and the ducks are on the pond and must "hit it out of the park." What does this mean as a Mason? First, and foremost, we need to go back to our Masonic Teachings. Second, we need to get creative, be like that of a Think Tank and put together ideas that work in brainstorming sessions. Third, we need to put together a plan, flowcharts, documents, research materials. Lastly, we need to execute and follow through.

Brother Kent Dyer, Senior Warden

***From the South***

The word "**Standards**" is an interesting word that in the past few weeks I have taken a closer view at. If we look up the definition of the word in Webster's dictionary we find it means: model, rule or guide. On the surface, this appears to be a pretty simple definition, or is it?

In our **Fellow Craft degree** we use two of the three words from Webster's definition when we tell the individual receiving that degree that, "virtue should be the rule & guide of your future conduct towards all mankind".


**Now** we have a new word "virtue". I wonder what Webster has to say about that word? Well Mr. Webster says that when we use the word "virtue" we must be talking about something that is of "moral excellence".

**Man oh man**, where is this going? Here's another new word "excellence" and where is Mr. Webster going to take us with the word "excellence"? Well, in Mr. Webster's mind, it seems that the word "excellence" means only one thing and that is "good".

**Beep, beep, beep**, and back the truck up! Something sounds very familiar here. Hasn't our fraternity always felt that "good" men will always seek out the company of other "good" men? Isn't this why we do not solicit membership? Isn't this why we ask the question "Is it of your own free will?"

**My Brothers**, as Masons, we have a long history of "moral excellence" which has made this beloved fraternity a beacon of light that attracts "good" men to our order. As we go through changes and change is inevitable, we must be ever vigilant to guard against that which will lower our "standards". While the obligations we take are what make us Masons, it is the "standards" of our fraternity that will bring new members to the body. Upholding our "standards" is everyone's responsibility not just our Lodge officers. If we are to keep the door to Freemasonry open for "good" men to enter, it will only be through the pursuit of "excellence" and the high "moral standards" we set for ourselves. Remember, as Masons we truly are a "walking" trestle board for our Fraternity and the plumb, the level and the square will always judge us.

WB Art Bush, Junior Warden

<h2>Bethel No. 66</h2> <h3>Jobs Daughters</h3> <p>Meetings 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday</p>		
<b>Honored Queen:</b>	Sarah Davis	
<b>Senior Princess:</b>	Audrey Douglas	
<b>Junior Princess:</b>	Katie Phelps	
<b>Guardian:</b>	Lois Ann Sharpe (503) 682-3657	
<b>Associate Guardian:</b>	Dan Douglas (503) 524-2470	

April showers bring May flowers. Thanks to all for their support of our plant sale this term. Good job girls!

Our Official Visit is on Sunday April 10th, at 1:00 PM. We will welcome Kay Greenlee, GG and Irv Emmons, AGG for the afternoon. We hope to see you there and visitors are always welcome.

April seems calm after such a busy March. Sarah, Audrey and Rachel did a great job at both Statewide Initiation and Grand Bethel Weekend. We are so very proud of you!

Here is our calendar for April,  
April 4th - Guardian Council Annual meeting, all parents are welcome to attend.

Dan Douglas's house, 7:00 PM

April 10th - Official Visitation by the Grand Guardian and Assoc. GG, SUNDAY at 1:00PM

We'd love to have a big turnout for this meeting.


April 11th - NO MEETING

April 16th - GG/AGG reception in Albany, 1:00PM

April 25th - Regular meeting

'till then,

Lois Ann Sharpe, Bethel Guardian

<h2>Tigard-Orenomah</h2> <h3>DeMolay</h3> <p>Meetings 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday</p>		
<b>Master Councilor:</b>	Gregg Douglas	
<b>Senior Councilor:</b>	Sean Powell	
<b>Junior Councilor:</b>	Joe Fleury	
<b>Dad Advisor:</b>	Dave Mason (503) 649-7547	

Congratulations to: Sean Powell – Master Councilor elect, Joe Fleury – Senior Councilor elect, and Richie Massie – Junior Councilor elect.

Over the past month with DeMolay, which by the way was DeMolay month, we have been busy fulfilling the virtues of a DeMolay: filial love, reverence for sacred things, courtesy, comradeship, fidelity, cleanness, and patriotism.

April is sure to be busy with:

Apr 2<sup>nd</sup> Congress in Medford Leave 4:30 PM, return late Saturday


Apr 5<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting 7:00 PM - formal

Apr 17<sup>th</sup> Advisory Council 7:00 PM

Apr 19<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting 7:00 PM - informal

The regular meetings are held on the first and third Tuesday of the month at 7pm. We look forward to seeing Masons and Eastern Star on the sidelines. It would be great if you could help us to include the young men (ages 12 to 21) in your family in the fun and learning to be found in DeMolay. If you would like more information

please contact the Chapter Dad Dave Mason or the Chapter Advisory Board Chairman Dan Douglas.

<b>Eastern Star</b> <b>Chapter No. 174</b> Meetings 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday		
<b>Worthy Matron:</b>	Teri Lynne Douglas (503) 524-2470	
<b>Worthy Patron:</b>	Tom Killion (503) 723-9811	
<b>Secretary:</b>	Iva Jean Bonar (503) 625-7095	

Our second meeting in March was our Friendship and Honor night. We celebrated St Patrick's and St Ergo's Day, as well as honoring Jean Lafayette, Bernie Stanfill, Dan Douglas, and Larry Trip. We had a great time with lots of fun Thank you Candi and committee you did great as always. I also want to thank these hard working members and let them know they are much appreciated.

It was a wonderful Lodge Easter Breakfast where we got to see old and new friends and eat a tremendous breakfast prepared by our very own Masons.

April will find us with quiet time. So please come see us and share some time with old friends and make some new ones. We will have post Easter party on our meeting on the 6th. The 20th will be a regular meeting. Hope to see all of you at a meeting in the near future.

**Don't forget to help with the following projects:**

We are still collecting school supplies for the children who are in need. The next "shipment" will be going to Lois Ann Sharpe for use at her school. So please bring pencils, notebooks, crayons, and anything you think of. This is an ongoing project for us and if you know of a school teacher please let us know so we can include their school in our project.

We are participating in Clipping Box Tops to earn cash for our schools; this is to be a special project to help us become more involved in our local community. The following is a list of the products that participate in the programs; so save the tops and we will have a collection spot set up at the lodge. Cheerios, Chex, Wheaties, Total, Lucky Charms, Golden Grahams, Pillsbury biscuits etc, Hamburger Helper, Tuna Helper, Old El Paso Taco Shells etc., Betty Crocker Fruit Roll-Ups, Betty Crocker baking stuff. This is just a brief listing; the full list can be found on the Eastern Star bulletin board at the lodge. Look for items when shopping that have the BOX TOPS for EDUCATION logo on them. Please help support our schools by clipping these boxtops and depositing them in the envelope on the board at the lodge.

We also are having another rummage sale this summer so save your items. The date will be July 29th & 30th. If you have items to donate and need to have them stored somewhere other than your home please contact either Larry Trip 503 357-1356 or Shirley Stanfill 503 244-5682.

**General Announcements**

We are looking for a few lost souls and need your help with address or any contact information. Please provide to the Secretary at (503) 620-3838:

- Harry O. trip
- George W. Coffman
- Norman W. Vorpahl
- James G. Manning
- Paul G. De Bruyn
- Robert Wheeler
- Thank you!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<b>1</b> DeMolay – Congress in Medford – Leave at 4:30 PM	<b>2</b> DeMolay – Congress in Medford, return late
<b>3</b> Daylight Savings Time	<b>4</b> Bethel – Council @Dan Douglas	<b>5</b> DeMolay - 7:00 PM - Formal	<b>6</b> OES - 7:30PM	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Bethel – No Meeting!	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Masons – Std Mtg 7:30 PM	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Bethel – Grand Guardian/Associate GG in Albany 1:00 PM
<b>17</b> DeMolay – Advisory Council 7:00 PM	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> DeMolay - 7:00 PM – Casual	<b>20</b> OES 7:30PM	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Bethel - Regular Meeting 7:00 PM	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Masons – Special Mtg 7:00 PM	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>

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