

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



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From the East

We are starting off this year with a lot of things happening - some of them great and other horrific tragedies happening in the world.

I would like to start with congratulating the Jobies with their installation. First, to the Honored Queen Sarah Davis and all her Officers. I know you will have a great time during your term and accomplish great things. I am very proud of you all.

Good work has already begun this year with the conferring of the EA degree for George Georgiadis. Hardy congratulations and welcome. Also coming up on January 26 the conferring of a Fellow Craft degree. As I previously stated in the last newsletter, we will work hard to bring men, who ASK, to join our fraternity in a timely manner.

There is a Fellow Craft in our Lodge, Jeremy Willett, United States Marine serving in Iraq. So, I am asking for your support either financially or by providing items for our Troops. A donation barrel and a list of needed items are available in our Lodge Lobby. I will be planning a packing party in March to ship the items collected. Please help me in this effort. Our young people need to know we support them. Contact me at 503-317-3334 any time.

Our Easter Breakfast will be on Sunday, March 27, which is rapidly approaching. And if you take one look at me you can see I really, really, really like ham and eggs! The Officer Charges are coming. I know this Officer really needs the training.

I have scheduled an open house with the Tigard Chamber of Commerce on April 21 at 7:30 AM. We will be asking the Eastern Star to join us in welcoming the business community to our Lodge. We will be serving coffee and donuts - plus - WB, Art Bush has volunteered to make pancakes for those who would like to stick around to find out

more about our Masonic Family and tour our Lodge.

Now on a tragic note, the unfathomable loss of life and destruction from the tsunamis in South Asia causes me considerable grief. It has put all humanitarian aid organizations to the test. Many, including our own Northwest Medical Teams, have responded immediately to this enormous tragedy. As I sit in the warm comfort of my Tualatin home, I cannot help but think how lucky I am and how easily this could happen to all of us. At the stated meeting January 12, the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Gareth J. Duggan, brought us the message that Grand Lodge has suggested donations be made to North West Medical Teams. Contact information: NW Medical Teams, Tsunami Relief, P.O. Box 10, Portland, OR 97207 or call 503-524-1000. I would encourage you to give all you can to help this cause.

On that note, I would like to share a recent conversation I had with one of our brothers and a personal mentor of mine. In sharing with him all my involvement and service to the community in Rotary, the VFW, and Chamber of Commerce's, he asked me, "Why are you so involved? Is it your need to serve for the true purpose of giving or is this an E.G.O. thing?" [He suggested that an acronym for E.G.O. is 'Edging God Out']. Being somewhat put off by the suggestion that wonderful me had an ego problem, I contemplated this for several weeks before I came back and admitted that I may suffer from a big ego problem. I asked him what he would suggest as a cure for this and without hesitation he said, "WM Bill, do something nice for someone and DO NOT TELL ANY BODY, keep it to yourself. This is a great exercise in practicing humility. It is also a principle with which you can build a strong spiritual foundation."

Respectfully, WM Bill

From the West

As I sit to write my first Trestleboard article, there is a new theme for the year called change that the Grand and our Worshipful Master have both talked about.

I think about one of my co-workers, who, is getting ready for her radial keratotomy surgery today. Fancy words aside, she is going in for eye surgery. Talking with her, she has worn glasses since the fifth grade and has disliked wearing contacts. I have had the fortune of not wearing or needing glasses. However, I do get my eyes checked once a year. What does this have to do with Free Masonry? Our vision in life is very precious as well as our vision in Masonry. As my co-worker is having her vision corrected, we should have our vision corrected as needed in Masonry. Many of us, do not take the time to help one another to see the light of Freemasonry. All of us need to be the supporting structure of the lodge, not just the supporting foundation.

Looking back over the past month and I have seen no less than seven inquiries to become members in our lodge as a result of our website. We need help!

Why can't we bring new brothers in? One thing I did hear that is appropriate is "there is no I in the word team." That makes a lot of sense. The officers cannot do the mentoring and/or training alone. We have a "core group" of folks that come to lodge on a regular basis, but this needs to be expanded. In the co-worker example, above, she is well versed in the business aspects of the company. I am versed in the Technical side. One is not more important than the other and one cannot survive without the other. We have to seek each other out in the time of need.

Respectfully submitted, Brother Kent Dyer,
Senior Warden

From the South

Change is GOOD and in December, instead of the usual "Past Master's Dinner", the Lodge changed, there's that word again and hosted a "Past Master's Breakfast". As I sat there and filled out the invitations I wondered to myself if I had screwed up by changing it from a dinner to a breakfast. Boy was I wrong!


The "Past Master's Breakfast" was attended by 21 individual, 16 of them Past Masters. We had Masters from both Tigard and Orenomah lodges before we consolidated and Masters who sat in the East after we consolidated. Of course ladies were invited and we had the pleasure of 3 lovely ladies, Jeannine Hill, Corrine Bush, Janet Martin along with Janet Martin's granddaughter Katrina.

No less than 50 invitations were mailed and was pleasantly surprised by our turn out. I may be mistaken here, but I believe Worshipful Brother Harry Auda was the oldest Worshipful Master in attendance with respect to when he sat as Master of Orenomah Lodge. The youngest would be our immediate past Master WB Dan Douglas. We also had the pleasure of two "father & son" combinations, WB Kelley Jennings and his father WB Bob Jennings and WB Bob Hevland and his father WB Elmer Hevland. We also had an "out of stater", our very own WB Bill Caullay who served as Worshipful Master of Pasadena Lodge in California in '89 & '90.

The biggest surprise I received was the presence of a "Past Grand Master" Most Worshipful Brother Kenneth Elliott. I personally had no idea that our lodge had on its rolls a Past Grand Master and it was a real pleasure to meet this good man as well as enjoy the company of our other Past Masters.

I need to pay some wages here and the first is my wife Corrine. Change is hard sometimes and I had my reservation about having a breakfast versus a dinner. However it was Corrine who suggested the idea and in fact guaranteed that the event would be a success. I also want to thank Jeannine Hill & Janet Martin for their assistance and a special "thank you" goes out to Miss Katrina Martin who served as "Cookie Girl". While the Past Masters were enjoying conversations about their year as Worshipful Master, Corrine baked fresh chocolate chip cookies for our guests and Miss Katrina, all of maybe 8 years old carried around a plate of fresh, hot chocolate chip cookies, earning the title of "Cookie Girl". A very good time was had by all and for those of you who missed it, we will be doing it again this year so please attend, it is opened to all.

Respectfully submitted, WB Art Bush, Junior Warden


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

Here are our activities for the month - join us if you can!

- February 5th Snow day at Gov't camp
- February 7th Guardian Council meeting at Davis's, 7PM
- February 11th Winterhawks Game with Bethel 81
- February 14th Initiation meeting - Happy Valentines Day!
- February 28th Regular meeting


Our Bethel plant sale is just around the corner. Start planning for your spring flowerbeds now! We will be taking orders this month, with delivery later in the spring. Feel free to contact me with any questions. Have a love-ly month,

Lois Ann Sharpe, BG

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| Tigard-Orenomah DeMolay Meetings 1 st and 3 rd Tuesday | |  |
| Master Councilor: | Gregg Douglas | |
| Senior Councilor: | Sean Powell | |
| Junior Councilor: | Joe Fleury | |
| Dad Advisor: | Dave Mason (503) 649-7547 | |

The boys have been busy with State Rush Party to get new members. Also, they have helped with the Bethel #66 Installation.

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.

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

Hope you were able to be with us in January when we initiated John Havery into our chapter. Welcome John, hope to see you often at our meetings.

The 19th was the evening where we had the chance to socialize with the leaders of the two youth groups that meet at our lodge. We also got a chance to honor those of us working with the Bethel and DeMolay and also working at the Grand (state) level of the Job's Daughters. Please don't forget to visit their meetings and helping when asked. The kids really enjoy seeing you and showing you what they can do. February bring a couple of speakers to visit us. On the 2nd we will hear about this years Special Project from Doris Bier and on the 16th our own member Dan will tell us about the OES Newsletter. Hope you can join us for the fellowship and also the great information these two will share with us. Projects: We are participating in Clipping Box Tops to earn cash for our schools; this is a special project to help be more involved in our local community. Yvonne Penniman's daughter is a teacher in a local school and is aware of many children that would go without supplies if none were provided for them. The following products participate in the program, 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, Hamburger Helper, Tuna Helper, Old El Paso, and Betty Crocker. As this is a brief listing, the full list can be found on the Eastern Star bulletin board at the lodge. Look for items when shopping: "BOX TOPS for EDUCATION" logo on them. Please 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 spring so save your items. If you need to have them stored elsewhere please contact either Larry Trip or Shirley Stanfill.

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
| | | 1 DeMolay - Formal | 2 OES 7:30PM | 3 | 4 | 5 Bethel - Snow Day @ Gov't Camp |
| 6 | 7 Bethel - Guardian Council @ Davis | 8 | 9 Masons Std Mtg 7:30 PM | 10 | 11 Bethel - Winterhawks Game | 12 |
| 13 | 14 Bethel - Initiation Meeting St. Valentine's Day | 15 DeMolay - Casual | 16 OES 7:30PM | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 Masons Special Mtg 7:30 PM | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27 | 28 Bethel - Regular Meeting | | | | | |

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