

**Tigard-Orenomah Masonic
Lodge
No. 207 AF & AM
March 2005
Meetings 2nd and 4th Wednesday**



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From the East

Greetings from the East. We are now well into the New Year and well on our way to getting our house in order. First, a hardy congrats and welcome to our newest Fellow Craft **Travis Blackburn**. We have already scheduled his MM degree for February 23, 2005 at 7:00 PM. Please join us for this great work. Also, be sure to mark your calendar for a visitation to **Waluga Lodge** on Saturday, March 05, 2005 at 8:00 AM for breakfast. And then join us at **Milwaukie Lodge** on Tuesday, March 08, 2005 where dinner starts at 6:30 PM. On Sunday, March 13, 2005 5:00 PM we will be going to the last **Winterhawks** Hockey game of the year. This will be a Masonic Family event. Call Rich Martin at 503-625-4084 for information on tickets. Those who have participated in this event in that past know that it will be lots and lots of fun. And finally in March our **Easter Breakfast** is arriving early this year on Sunday, March 27, 2005 from 7 AM to Noon. Cost is \$5.00. Our Junior Warden needs volunteers for this event. Please call WB Art Bush at 503-624-8665 to help out at this annual, well-attended event.

The Trustees have created a new position to help manage our aging building with its deferred maintenance. The position will initially address the necessary repairs and manage the calendar for rentals of the Lodge. I have temporarily appointed WB Rich Martin to this position. He has already rebuilt the fire escape stairs on the northeast side of the building. I envision this position to be of a much broader scope in the future. But currently the Lodge has passed a motion to pay \$150.00 per month for those outlined duties. If you have interest in filling this position please notify me at 503-317-3334.

On a sadder note, it has come to my attention that our Lodge membership lost ten members to death in 2004 and we have only added three Master Masons. This troubles me a great deal. I am mournful over the passing of our Brothers but also concerned for our future as a Lodge. I feel we must work harder to open our Lodge, letting

it be known that our Masonic Family is doing great work, not only to help each other but those in our community. This brings me to a request that has been made from the **American Cancer Society**. They are asking for our support on July 16 and 17, 2005 to put on a barbecue for the walkers by providing some of the food, volunteers and barbecues. This event will be held at the field at Fowler Middle School. All the proceeds will go to this worthy cause. Please call me and let me know if you feel our Masonic Family is willing to lend their support.

Cancer takes many of our Brothers, Sisters and other family members every day, as it did my Father, a 32 degree Mason, 17 years ago this month. Also, I recently lost my life long friend, Larry, to liver cancer. This came as a real surprise to me since I had spoken to him just a few days prior to his death. He was truly a great friend as well as the best man at our wedding. He was the kind of friend that you could go to first when you needed help. Larry was always there to lend a hand. One thing I admired about him was how simple he lived his life. He was a very complicated man with simple values and a big heart! WB Art Bush reminded me at the last stated meeting that it might be a good idea if I practiced **K.I.S.S.** the acronym for Keep It Simple Stupid (or as my wife would say 'Sweetheart') more often in my daily affairs. I have to agree with WB ART and I would also be safe in saying I miss my friend Larry.

Fraternally, WM Bill Phillips

From the West

Spring is just around the corner. In retrospect, we have had a pretty easy winter with little rain and even less snow. Does this mean that spring is coming early? The weather indicators tell us that it could be. With spring, we think of a time of renewal and the earth waking back up with the birds are chirping and wildlife becoming active again.

Listening. What does listening have to do with what we do? It is important to listen as everybody continues to learn. We learn from our parents, co-workers, friends, kids, siblings, and people we come into contact with.

Masonry teaches us that attentive ear learns from the instructive tongue. If you find yourself falling asleep when you are at a meeting, you should be more attentive and participatory.

Many of us have heard the ritual a hundred times and have also “served the time” however, it is still important to continue to listen and participate and you will still oddly enough hear and consequently learn new things about this and what each other have to say.

Brother Kent Dyer, Senior Warden

From the South

When you hear our National Anthem, does the hair on the back of your neck stand up? Mine does. When you say the pledge of allegiance do you just lip sic the words or do you actually reflex on what the words say? I do. Do you stand a little taller when the Stars and Strips pass in review? Do your eyes wield up with a tear when you see the field of blue and the strips of red and white folded into a symbolic triangle and then handed to a loved one as a token of appreciation for their sacrifice and loss? Mine do.

Last Tuesday, I spent the morning with our Grand Master and members the York & Scottish Rites visiting with our veterans at our beautiful Veterans Hospital here in Portland. I'd never done that before and I didn't really know what to expect. Having never served in the Armed Forces, I felt like an invader, an outsider. I felt like I hadn't earned the right to step where these fine men and women had walked. I had the same feeling when I walked across the battlefield at Gettysburg and again at our National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia.


After the cursory instructions of “do this” and “don't do that” our tour guide, took us to a ward and we began walking the hallways and going into the rooms for a visit. In one room I met a man who had been a prisoner of war for 3 years in North Korea. 3 years a prisoner of war in the most hostile country in the world! He was in to get a new knee and looking forward to walking again without pain. In the next room I met a lady veteran from Texas whose mother was a long time member of Eastern Star. She couldn't wait to tell her Mom that 6 Masons had come to visit her and when we left, she was crying. In

room after room, veterans stopped what they were doing and smiled at our approach, eager to shake our hands and talk. To those who weren't diabetic, we handed out heart shaped candy and everyone got a valentine made by local school children.

All too soon, the visit was over and we said our “good byes” promising to come back again, but something for me had changed. As I stood in the parking lot looking back I was not the same person who went in just an hour or so before. The tables had turned and I didn't know why. It wasn't until later at home, when I looked up at my bookshelf and pulled down a book on Gettysburg, that I realized what had happened. Before, when I walked the battlefield of Gettysburg and the hallowed ground of our National Cemetery at Arlington, I had dealt with the dead. On this day I was dealing with the living, men and women whose warm firm handshake told me they were glad to see me. When they spoke, their very breath carried the voice of freedom, freedom we have all come to accept as a birthright. It was my opportunity to give back something to those who had done so much for me. Today, I had made a difference! I had put a smile on their faces and it felt good.

However, isn't that the true calling of a Mason? For doesn't every human being have a claim upon your kind office? Are we not bound to “Do Good Unto All”?

WB Art Bush, Junior Warden

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	

Spring has sprung and March is here already! Our Bethel Plant sale is well under way and those who have not ordered these great plants can contact the chairman of the sale, Audrey Douglas (503-372-9159) to place their order. Thanks for your support.

Our March calendar is busy with Bethel and Grand Bethel activities.

Mar 5th Grand Bethel Statewide Initiation in Eugene. (Our own Zoe will be Initiated at this meeting.) DJR Dance too.

Mar 7th Council meeting at the Coulter's
Mar 14th Honoring our Founder, Ethel T Weed Mick


Mar 19th-20th Grand Bethel Weekend and GB Reception – Eugene

Mar 27th Easter breakfast at the Lodge

Mar 28th Regular meeting

Our Guardian Council Annual meeting will be held on April 4th at 7 PM at the Douglas's house.
Thanks!

Lois Ann Sharpe, BG


<h2 style="margin: 0;">Tigard-Orenomah</h2> <h3 style="margin: 0;">DeMolay</h3> <p style="margin: 0;">Meetings 1st and 3rd Tuesday</p>		
Master Councillor:	Gregg Douglas	
Senior Councillor:	Sean Powell	
Junior Councillor:	Joe Fleury	
Dad Advisor:	Dave Mason (503) 649-7547	

Over the past month with DeMolay, we have been to some very fun events including: A Flag talk, a Valentine's Dance, a Visitation, and a Rose Ceremony.

March brings us DeMolay Month. We are going to be doing quite a few activities for the month of March.

- Mar 1st Regular Meeting (formal) 7 PM
- Mar 2nd Flower Talk for Tigard OES 7:30 PM
- Mar 5th Statewide Initiation and DJR Dance – Eugene
- Mar 8th Practice for Ceremony of Lights on the 9th 7:00 PM
- Mar 9th Ceremony of Lights for Tigard Masons 7:30 PM
- Mar 13th Go to Church
- Mar 13th Advisory Council 7:00 PM
- Mar 15th Regular Meeting (informal) – Brian Eagleheart
Ewan Wallis to speak
- Mar 18th Game Night 7:30 PM
- Mar 19th Lodge Clean-up for Easter 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
- Mar 27th Easter Breakfast 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM

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.

<h2 style="margin: 0;">Eastern Star</h2> <h3 style="margin: 0;">Chapter No. 174</h3> <p style="margin: 0;">Meetings 1st and 3rd Wednesday</p>		
Worthy Matron:	Teri Lynne Douglas (503) 524-2470	
Worthy Patron:	Tom Killion (503) 723-9811	
Secretary:	Iva Jean Bonar (503) 625-7095	

February was our quiet month. Our meeting on the 16th gave us two speakers Thank you Doris and Dan.

Please join us at the first meeting in March to see the DeMolay present a ceremony for our enjoyment. This is part of their celebration of DeMolay Month. Hope you will come and support the youth within our lodge.

Our second meeting in March is our Friendship and Honor night. We will be celebrating St Patrick's and St Ergo's Day, as well as honoring Jean Lafayette, Bernie Stanfill, Dan Douglas, and Larry Trip. So come and join for a night of fun and help us thank these great workers in Eastern Star. Remember to wear green and/or purple.

The end of March will find us Celebrating Easter at a wonderful Lodge Easter Breakfast where we get to see old and new friends and eat a tremendous breakfast prepared by our very own Masons. Please come and support the lodge in this there one and only fundraiser of the year.

Hope to see all of you at a meeting in the near future.

Don't forget to help with the following projects:

An ongoing project for us is to collect 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. If you know of a schoolteacher please let us know so we can include their school in our project.

BOX TOPS for EDUCATION - 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 spring so save your items. The dates and times are still be ironed out. Stay tuned for more information, as it becomes available. 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.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 DeMolay - Formal	2 OES 7:30PM DeMolay to give Flower Talk	3	4	5 Masons visit to Waluga 7:30 AM DeMolay – Statewide Initiation and DJR Dance
6	7 Bethel - Council @Coulter's	8 Masons visit to Milwaukie 6:30 PM	9 Masons Std Mtg 7:30 PM DeMolay to do Ceremony of Lights	10	11	12
13 Masons Winterhawks Game DeMolay – Advisory Council 7:00 PM	14 Bethel - Regular Meeting 7:00 PM	15 DeMolay – Casual Brian Eagleheart, Ewan Wallis to speak about Iraq	16 OES 7:30PM	17	18	19 Bethel – Grand Bethel Weekend @ Eugene DeMolay – Lodge Clean-up 10-2
20 Bethel – Grand Bethel Weekend @ Eugene	21	22	23 Masons Special Mtg 7:30 PM	24	25	26
27 Masons Easter Breakfast 7:30 AM	28 Bethel - Regular Meeting 7:00 PM	29	30	31		

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