

September 2006						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4 Bethel – Council 7:00 PM	5	6 OES - 7:30PM	7	8	9
10	11 Bethel – Meeting 7:00 PM	12 DeMolay - 7:00 PM – Formal	13 Masons – Dinner 6PM Std Mtg 7:30	14	15	16 6:00 - 10:00 p.m. - Circle Speakers Meeting (7:30)
17	18	19 DeMolay – Advisory Council 7:00 PM	20 OES - 7:30PM	21	22	23
24	25 Bethel - Regular Meeting 7:00 PM	26 DeMolay - 7:00 PM – Casual	27 Masons – Special Mtg 7:30	28	29	30 Ladies Tea and Social. 11:00AM

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### Dated Material

## Tigard-Orenomah Masonic Lodge No. 207 AF & AM September 2006 Meetings 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday



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Welcome Back!

Summer is over and it is time to get back to school and back to work. First, I would like to extend congratulations to Brother Andy Saulz. He has recently completed his Master Mason Proficiency, but had to move to Michigan. Brother Brandt Shores is preparing to do his proficiency as well. It is nice we have many brothers progressing through the degrees at this time. We have several things on the calendar we need to get out in the open. First, we have a visit from the Grand Master, Bill Martin. We had the honor of watching MWB Bill confer the Master Mason Degree at Malheur Cave this summer for his 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a Mason. Be sure to come and welcome him and his entourage on September 13, 2006. For widows of our departed brethren, we have a Ladies Tea and Social scheduled for September 30, 2006 at 11:00 AM. The Past Master's Breakfast is also scheduled for October 14, 2006.

What is synergy? The dictionary defines synergy as two forces working together to be better. We have lost some of the synergy that makes this lodge go. We sponsored the Child ID Program in Tualatin Crawfish Festival and then to the cave. However, for either of these events, we are working with the same core group of people. It is important that expand this core group beyond all of the guys, who usually show. We must eliminate apathy and work together for the common good of Masonry as a fraternity. On the other side of this, it is good to

see some of our new Masons become active and help where needed.

Fraternally,

WB Kent Dyer

### From the West

Each summer for the last 7 years, I have looked forward to the outdoor degree put on by Robert Burns Lodge #97 of Burns, Oregon. For almost 70 years the Robert Burns lodge has been conferring the Master Mason degree on a Brother in a "lava tube" cave 58 miles out of Burns in the middle of the high desert. There is no cell phone service so those pesky calls from work are never a bother. There are no street lights so the night sky is filled with millions of stars and the "milky way" literally jumps right out at you. You'll get to hear the "yip" of coyotes out for their nightly romp and watch deer and antelope move about in the alfalfa fields.

This year's gathering was especially special! Our Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother William A. Martin and 21 other Grand Lodge trustees and officers were in attendance. MWB Martin is a member of Robert Burns Lodge #97 and was "raised" in the cave 25 years ago as a young Mason. It was also an auspicious occasion as the "Master Mason" degree was conferred in it's entirety by the Grand Lodge officers present. MWB Martin conferred the degree in the first section and was King

Solomon in the second section while RWB Dennis Johnson, DDGM gave the lecture which I personally have never heard him give and it was flawless.


While the accommodations are somewhat “Spartan” in nature for some, a sleeping bag on the ground, others who attend sleep very comfortably in tents, campers, trailers and HUGE motor homes. In years past, one brother flew in with his plane, landing on a dirt road to come to lodge. The Burns lodge is to be complimented on the manner in which this event is produced; they handle all the food for the entire weekend which includes steaks, pork chops, eggs, pancake, sausage, sweet corn, Hermiston watermelons and “rattle snake” cocktails. That’s right, a little rattle snake meat served with cocktail sauce and it tastes like what else, chicken. Go figure! There is a small cost for this event which is \$50.00 and if you go hungry it’s your own fault.

The “cave” as I said earlier is a “lava tube” which was used by Native Americans for hundreds and hundreds of years. If the word “cave” makes you think of small tight spaces, nothing could be further from the truth, it is huge inside; in fact you can drive a full size SUV inside which is remarkable. Lighting is provide through out the cave with a generator and bleacher type seating, enough to accommodate 200 men, is present so no one needs to pack in a chair. When the temperature outside is pushing 100 degrees, the “cave” stays a comfortable 60 degrees.

My Brothers, while being present during the “raising” of a Master Mason in a cave is a life experience seldom attained, the very best part of going to the “cave” is the fellowship which occurs. There were almost 100 Masons present this year and there was not a stranger among them, you visited with old acquaintances and met new Brothers. There were Brothers from every quadrant of our Grand Jurisdiction and the fun, food and fellowship flowed. This one


weekend in August, held in the middle of the high desert in central Oregon is the benchmark for fun, food and fellowship. Five members of our lodge attended, WM Kent Dyer, WB Norm Griffin, RWB Rich Martin, our newest Master Mason, Bro. Brandt Shores and I. We are already planning next year’s trip and hopefully we will have more Lodge Brothers attend, if you want to go, you need only ask one of those who went this year.

Your humble servant,  
RWB Art Bush, Senior Warden

<b>Bethel No. 66 Jobs Daughters</b> Meets 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Mon		
<b>Sr. Princess:</b>	Katie Phelps	
<b>Jr. Princess:</b>	Julie Asla	
<b>Guardian:</b>	Sue Coulter (503) 693-6499	
<b>Associate Guardian:</b>	Tom Killion (503) 655-1118	


Come join us the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month at 7 pm. We'd love to see you there.

February 13th Valentines Meeting 7 pm  
February 27th at 7 pm  
February 24th Dance Marathon

<b>Tigard- Orenomah DeMolay</b> Meets 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues		
<b>M.Councilor:</b>	Richard Massie	
<b>Sr. Councilor:</b>	Ryan Wilson	
<b>Jr. Councilor:</b>		
<b>Dad Advisor:</b>	Dave Mason (503) 649-7547	

February 3<sup>rd</sup> – Regular Meeting - Formal  
February 10<sup>th</sup> – Advisory Council 7:00 PM  
February 17<sup>th</sup> – Regular Meeting - 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 Chapter No. 174</b> Meet 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Weds		
<b>Worthy Matron:</b>	Candi Hampton (503)910-7955	
<b>Worthy Patron:</b>	Larry Tripp (503) 357-1356	
<b>Secretary:</b>	Iva Jean Bonar (503) 625-7095	

Welcome to this new year of Chapter activities! It's amazing how quickly the summer has gone by, however the evening Social Club gatherings have been busy and productive, focusing on preparations for the two Honor Nights and the Grand Reception for Sister Jean Lafayette, Grand Adah for this Lamplighter year. The last evening meeting will be Wednesday, August 30, at 5:30 pm. We will have a short work session, followed by practice for School of Instruction at 6:30.

Our first meeting on Wednesday, September 6, which is our School of Instruction, will begin with a potluck dinner at 5:30. The main meat entrees and beverages will be provided by your new Worthy Matron, and I am asking A-L to bring salads or vegetable dishes, and M-Z to bring desserts.

Sharon Baker, AGM, will be our Instructing Officer for the evening, and has asked that all officers be prepared to begin work in the Chapter by 6:30. Because this is the first SOI to be done for the year, I anticipate we will have guests visiting to observe on behalf of their own chapters, so any extra help setting up the Chapter room will be greatly appreciated.

Our second meeting on September 13 will be Installation of those officers who were unable to be present for the June Chapter Installation, and this busy pace continues throughout the entire year! We have several petitions circulating, so we can expect Initiation in early November.

I look forward to a wonderful year, working on behalf of our beautiful order. I thank all my Sisters and Brothers who have placed their trust in me to provide leadership during this year. My gratitude to you all for this honor, and especially to Brother Larry Tripp and Sister Kathy Tripp who have agreed to be my companions and guides.

Star Love,  
Candi Hampton, Worthy Matron