

## EAST #103

Now that the summer season has passed, members will be expected to wear coat and tie during stated communications. The District #17 all Masonic picnic is scheduled for Saturday September 22 11:00 to 3:00. Join your Masonic brothers and their families for fun, good food, and a game of horseshoes.

Fraternally,  
Kent Clinkinbeard

## WEST #103

### “THE 7 HANDS OF A MASON”

Perhaps the most significant part of the Masonic anatomy is the hand. Let us ponder some of its uses as applied to a Brother of the Order.

The first impression made is usually a lasting one and most often is typical of what one can expect in the future. A candidate should always be impressed with the warmth and friendly spirit engendered by one brother to another. The first thing he should see when he enters any Masonic group is the extended hand of welcome. The firm grip of a brother can bind one lastingly in a lifetime of friendship.

The hand is also able to comfort and uplift a saddened brother. When we place the hand of consolation on a brother's shoulder, he feels a strength that will enable him to cope with his sorrow. This hand tells him he is not alone and that someone cares.

It is the hand of encouragement which inspires a brother to hurdle all obstacles and to strive for success. When he is on the verge of defeat, the encouraging hand can be the one to fire his enthusiasm and point the way to victory.

The helping hand of assistance is so typically Masonic, for the Fraternity teaches the fundamental significance of service to others. A Mason's hand is always volunteered when laudable work is to be performed. Calloused in service to others, the Masonic hand is a gentle, though strong, reminder of the practice of Masonic virtue.

How beautiful is the hand when clasping its partner in the attitude of prayer. At no other time does it shine so brilliantly or inspire such confidence as when it calls upon its Creator for guidance and blessing. It is equally so when placed upon the Volume of the Sacred Law in taking an obligation, for then it is in contact with God, whose hand writes the promise or vow indelibly upon the Masonic conscience. And who can fail to feel undaunted pride when he places his hand over his heart in pledging his allegiance to the flag of his country. Each beat of his heart tells him again and again of the hands of sacrifice which have won for him the blessings of freedom.

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The final attribute of the Masonic hand we here present is the hand of courage, the hand so much needed in a society of slipping standards. It is the hand that will not be lifted in anger, the hand which is raised against intolerance and violence, and the hand that will build tomorrow instead of destroying today. The hand of courage must be a Masonic hand because it is Masonic hand that is trained in the way of virtue and right living.

Robert F. Stark  
Senior Warden

## SOUTH #103

Greetings from the South, I hope everyone had a great summer. It's now time to call the Craft back to labor. While catching up with Brothers at Lodge the other night, I was sharing my stories of summer travel. Almost everyone I know enjoys traveling. I consequently thought the subject of "travel" would be an appropriate topic to write about. Masons sure do talk a lot about traveling. Many Masons may have even been asked a time or two if they were "a traveling man". Why is that? Well, there are many reasons as our fraternity is often based on allegory, however, think back to your degree work and this may shed some light on the answer... Literally. It is written in our Mentor Manual that a Mason's journey is in search of light. One starts in the North where it is dark and subsequently proceeds to travel to the East which is the source of the light. Furthermore, the Plumb admonishes Masons to walk upright before God and Man because we are all traveling upon the level of time.

I interpret this to mean that our life (the level of time) is a journey in search of light. That light is different for every man. That light can be the quality of virtue based on morality. It can also be friendship, happiness, or love to another. Light can be having a purpose in life such as providing service to others or being at spiritual peace with one's faith in God. Or... it can simply be all of those things. What is your light? What are your journeys? Where are you traveling? Come to Lodge and share your stories of travel with your Brothers; because your stories of travel, may be another's light. Ever remember Bothers, the light of charity extends beyond the grave and through the boundless realms of time. So, be there for others.

By the Plumb,  
RWB John Lohrfink

## REAMES CHAPTER #66

No article Submitted

## ASHLAND #23

No article Submitted

## SECRETARY #103

At the Stated meeting September 6, 2018 the resolution to amend Article 3 (failed) Our Stated Meeting time will therefore stay at 7:30 PM.

If you haven't been to Lodge in a while, please put it on your calendar to attend and meet the new faces who are attending. Those who don't attend due to transportation or night time driving becomes difficult be sure to give the office a call and let us provide the transportation to and from Lodge.

Phone Howard at 541-890-5625 or leave a message on the Lodge phone: 541-772-2541. The earlier you call the better it is to get you picked up.



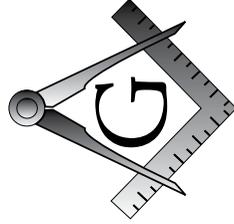
EVENT CALENDAR

October 2018

- 01 Medford Lodge Coffee 7:30 AM
- 02 GP 84 Stated 7:30 PM, Rainbow Assembly 7:30 PM
- 03 Rogue Valley Church 6:30 PM
- 04 Ashland Coffee 8 AM, Parkinson Resource 12 - 1 PM  
Medford Lodge Stated Dinner 6 PM, Stated 7:30 PM
- 05
- 06 Bahari 10 - 4 PM
- 07
- 08 Columbus Day, Medford Lodge Coffee 7:30 AM
- 09 Warren Lodge Stated 7:30 PM
- 10 Reames Chapter 7:30 PM
- 11 Ashland Coffee 8 AM, Parkinson Resource 12 - 1 PM  
Rogue River Lodge Stated 1 PM, Beta Sigma Phi 5 PM  
Ashland Stated Dinner 6 PM Stated 7:30 PM
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- 13
- 14
- 15 Medford Lodge Coffee 7:30 AM
- 16 Rainbow Assembly 7:30 PM
- 17 Reames Soc. Club 12 - 3 PM, Rogue Valley Church 6:30 PM
- 18 Ashland Coffee 8 AM, Parkinson Resource 12 - 1 PM  
Medford Family Dinner 6:30 PM
- 19
- 20 Community Breakfast 7:30 - 10 AM
- 21
- 22 Medford Lodge Coffee 7:30 AM, Robert Stark - Officers Mtg  
7 PM
- 23 Cascade Lodge Stated 7:30 PM
- 24
- 25 Ashland Coffee 8 AM, Parkinson Resource 12 - 1 PM
- 26
- 27 Reames Christmas Bazaar
- 28
- 29 Medford Lodge Coffee 7:30 AM
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- 31 Halloween, Rogue Valley Church 6:30 PM

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