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As Master it was my privilege to confer the Degree of Entered Apprentice upon Joshua Estes on April 7th. Welcome Brother Estes!

I want to personally thank the degree team for an EA degree well done. If you have not attended a degree at our Lodge recently please do. You won't be disappointed.

Speaking of degrees, it is my firm belief that quality ritual is the foundation of our order and the support of every Masonic endeavor. Quoting the Short Talk Bulletin, The Importance of Degrees, "A Lodge's degree work is a window into the soul of that Lodge. No Lodge can be healthy if its degrees are sloppy."

The Reames chapter Eastern Star will host a BBQ dinner for our Stated Communication on the 4th. This is the last opportunity during 2018 to enjoy a Stated Communication dinner prepared by our Star Sisters. Don't miss it!

Medford Lodge was well represented during our recent visit to Cascade Lodge which coincided with the official visitation of our Grand Master Myles McMillan. A hardy thanks to Master Dave Walden for an evening of Masonic craft and brotherhood.

Also, please note that Medford Lodge will be hosting a Lodge of Instruction on Saturday May 12. Your attendance is strongly encouraged.

Fraternally,
WB Kent Clinkinbeard

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"Freemasonry's Magic Door"

The most interesting and valuable equipment in a Lodge meeting room is the magic door. Located in the western end of the room, it is a door which transforms everyone who passes through it.

When we are outside it, we are rich, poor; intelligent, slow; popular, lonely; pro or con. When we pass under its lintel, we become united as one in a common bond. On the eastern side of our magic door there is no divisiveness or antipathy among our members, no caste or status to set one Brother above another, no subject or controversy which cannot be resolved in fraternal debate and decision

Upon entering our magic door, we are denuded of our private animosities and clothed in love; as we step through that portal, our personal goals and ambitions are elevated to the

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higher plane of group achievement; vainglory is stripped away and replaced by joyful common service.

As we face westwardly and retreat from our hallowed sanctum of brotherly affection, we again pass through our magic door, this time to be showered with a desire to extend the pristine beauty of fraternal behavior to all men who would work with us in building a better and happier community.

Yes, our magic door is truly our most valuable equipment, for it provides the route to unity; and if we are united, our fraternity must flourish.

Robert F. Stark
Senior Warden

FREEDOM ISN'T FREE. WE MUST SACRIFICE. WE MUST PAY THE PRICE.

TO OUR VETERAN BROTHERS: You have sacrificed. You have paid the price. Because of you WE ARE FREE. THANK YOU.

SOUTH #103

Greetings from the South, As I reflect on my position in the South, it is supposed to be a place where it is better to observe the time as the sun is at meridian height. Time... something we wish we all had more of. In Freemasonry, time is actually mentioned quite often. The twenty-four-inch gauge teaches us to divide our time equally. Time is representative of life, measured both by the hourglass and the scythe of time. We are also reminded that the temple of Solomon took time to construct and that we should use the time in our life wisely. Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 also speaks of "A Time for Everything". So, just as time in our life is important, time devoted to Freemasonry is also important.

Have you ever thought of learning a new part for a degree, reading for your basic proficiency or higher, becoming a candidate mentor, or completing the Torch Light program? Maybe you've simply thought to just show up more for Lodge meetings and activities or travel to more Lodges? Whatever your thoughts and motivations are, Freemasonry depends on you and our time is not slowing down. Someday, we will all travel to that undiscovered country whose bourn no traveler returns. With that said, Medford Lodge #103 has plenty of events for you to attend to include our meetings, family dinners, degrees, Monday morning coffee, Lodge visitations, and other special functions.

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Medford Lodge will be hosting a Blue Lodge Basic School of Instruction on Saturday May 12, 2018 from 8:00AM to 5:00PM (casual attire). Please take the time to consider coming, consider reading for your basic proficiency or higher and joining us in some Fellowship. We enjoy spending time with all of you!

By the Plumb,
RWB John Lohrfink

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Our Grand Visit was here and now gone. What a wonderful time we had with Adarel Chapter sharing in our Visit. Our Chapter did very well in their work. Our Worthy Grand Matron, Gloria Varner, Worthy Grand Patron, Jay Saatcamp and our Grand Treasurer, Dick Varner, PGP was very pleasant and answered any questions that came their way.

We also had our Friendship Night with our Corned Beef and Cabbage cooked by our own Sister Lyn France and Brother Fred France. Thank you for a great job and very tasty meal. Our helpers were so welcomed. In April Reames served dinner for Medford Lodge stated dinner. Sister Bev Walden and Brother Dave Walden, made to order a fine Turkey, and all the fixings for the Medford Members. Great job. Helpers thank you.

April will bring a Mexican dinner for the Family dinner the third Thursday at the Lodge at 6:00 pm. Cost \$10.00, come and have a spicy time. Reames will be cooking and serving this dinner also. Thanks to our Medford Lodge Master, Clint and their members for the opportunity to serve.

Our 50-year Tea is April 18 at 1:00 pm in the Lodge dining room. All 50-year members lunch is on us, \$5.00 for others to attend. 50-year members, thank you for your service and helping make our Order strong.

Join us for our 2nd and 4th Friday's, for our dining out dinners. For more information call Bev Walden, President.

Billy and I want to thank our Officers for their continued commitment to Reames Chapter and know we so appreciate you all.

Until next time,

Cindi Thompson
Worthy Matron

Billy Thompson
Worthy Patron

EVENT CALENDAR

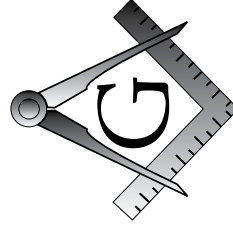
MAY 2018

- 01 Grants Pass Stated 7:30 @ GP
- 02
- 03 Ashland Coffee 8am, Parkinson resource Group 12 - 1pm
Medford Dinner 6pm, Medford Stated 7:30pm
- 04
- 05 Cinco de Mayo, Bahari 10 - 4pm
- 06
- 07 Medford Coffee 7:30 - 10 am
- 08 Warren Lodge Stated 7:30pm @ J'ville
- 09 Reames Stated 7:30pm
- 10 Ashland Coffee 8am, Parkinson Resource Group 12 - 1pm
Rogue River Lodge 1pm @ GP, Ashland, Grand Master's
Official Visit, Ashland Lodge Dinner 6pm, Ashland Lodge
Stated 7:30pm
- 11
- 12 Blue Lodge Training 8am @ Medford
- 13 Mother's Day
- 14 Medford Coffee 7:30 - 10 am
- 15
- 16 OATC 7:30
- 17 Ashland Coffee 8am, Parkinson Resource Group 12 - 1pm
Family Dinner 6:30
- 18 Scottish Rite Reunion
- 19 Scottish Rite Reunion, Community Breakfast 7:30am - 10am
- 20
- 21 Medford Coffee 7:30 - 10 am
- 22 Cascade Lodge Stated 7:30pm
- 23
- 24 Ashland Coffee 8am, Parkinson Resource Group 12 - 1pm
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- 28 Memorial Day
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- 30
- 31 Ashland Coffee 8am
Parkinson Resource Group 12 - 1pm

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