

MEDFORD #103

Greetings from the East,

Here are your announcements and reminders:

1. Medford Lodge Brothers... Please remember to complete a Medford Lodge #103 Mid-Year survey and turn it into Secretary Leachman. This survey provides important feedback and helps guide the Lodge in a direction voiced by our membership. Please do not assume the officers are mind readers... We really want to hear from you and there are great things yet to come this year!
2. Thursday July 16th will be the family dinner at 6:30 PM. The theme will be a Hawaiian theme, so wear your best Hawaiian shirt and feel free to wear shorts if you wish. The WM and his lady will be hosting Hawaiian food catered from a local business for all to enjoy. I'm still looking for Brothers to Hula dance and spin fire torches. Please RSVP to Secretary Leachman ASAP.
3. It's a go! Saturday July 25th will be an Apron Burning Ceremony at 7:00 PM. This event is open to all Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft and Master Masons in District #17. If you have an old American flag that you would like a proper disposal of, feel free to bring it along and we will fold it and pay it the respect it deserves as well.
4. Medford Lodge #103 will hold a rummage sale on Saturday August 8th 7:00 AM until the people stop coming. We will be looking to sell spaces for those in the Masonic Family to sell their "stuff" or otherwise items can be donated to the Lodge for their sale. Any belongings not sold at the sale will be donated to charity. Volunteers will be needed and this will be quite the task, but well worth it if we execute it right! Not only will we be able to clean out our storage, but can put the proceeds towards a new dining room floor!

Masonic Profile

This month's Masonic profile is another one of my most favorite historical figures, Theodore Roosevelt. This guy was not just a Master Mason... he was a straightforward go-getter who was as tough as nails! I know they named the "Teddy Bear" after him, but any guy who could get shot in the chest and deliver a 90 minute Presidential campaign speech is still my kind of guy! You thought your WM could talk... well there's no stopping Theodore Roosevelt.

Roosevelt was born in New York 1858 and suffered from asthma while growing up. He started to physically train and took up the sport boxing, which seemed to decrease his asthma. He entered Harvard in 1876 and later went to Columbia law school, but did not finish his studies. Roosevelt authored a book about the War of 1812 and then went to live in North Dakota for a bit where he became a Deputy Sheriff. Roosevelt returned to the east and from 1882 to 1886 Roosevelt was in the New York National Guard and was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant. Roosevelt resigned at the rank of Captain.

In 1888 Roosevelt was appointed to be the head of the Civil Service Commission by President Benjamin Harrison. In 1895 Roosevelt became a New York City Police Commissioner and led a major reform against the corrupt Tammany Hall and other New York City bosses. In 1897 Roosevelt was appointed Secretary of the Navy based on his prior Naval research. In 1898 he resigned his position to start up the first US volunteer Calvary Regiment to fight in the Spanish-American War. This group was known as the "Rough Riders" and Roosevelt quickly rose to the rank of Colonel based on his commanding leadership abilities. Roosevelt subsequently left the Army to return to New York to run for Governor. Roosevelt ran on his war record and won the election by a narrow margin of 1%.

As Governor of New York, Roosevelt was back to his reformation ways and dove into the heated issues of monopolies, labor relations and conservation. Roosevelt was then initiated an Entered Apprentice January 2, 1901 at Matinecock Lodge #806, Oyster Bay, NY. He was passed to the degree of Fellowcraft March 27th and raised to the degree of Master Mason on April 24, 1901. Not surprisingly while now Freemason and Governor of New York, Roosevelt coined the "Square Deal" which was, "Honesty in public affairs, an equitable sharing of privilege and responsibility and subordination of party and local concerns to the interests of the State at large."

When President McKinley's Vice President died of a heart attack, the New York bosses thought they could rid the square Governor by pressuring him to accept the VP nomination. President McKinley, who was also a Freemason, did not oppose this and Roosevelt accepted the nomination. Roosevelt was shortly into his VP term on September 6, 1901 when President McKinley was shot. President McKinley later died on September 14, 1901. Theodore Roosevelt was the sworn in as the 26th President of the United States.

Roosevelt won the 1904 Presidency by a landslide and went on to fight big business by filing 40 anti-trust suits. Roosevelt domestically fought for environmental conservation through the National Park System. He also endorsed the gold standard and lower taxes. One of Roosevelt's foreign projects was the construction of the Panama Canal. Roosevelt also renamed the "Executive Mansion" to what we know today to be called "The White House".

Roosevelt was made an honorary member of Pentalpha Lodge #23 in Washington D.C. and the Illinois Masonic Veterans Association. Roosevelt traveled to many Masonic Lodges during his Presidential travels and was present at the laying of cornerstone at the Army War College and House of Representatives Building in Washington D.C. where Roosevelt delivered an address.



Roosevelt left the Presidential Office in 1909, but after being dissatisfied with the direction of President Taft, Roosevelt attempted reelection in 1912. People questioned Roosevelt's abilities and he told them he was "as fit as a bull moose" and this led to reporters calling his party the "Bull Moose Party". On October 4, 1912 was when Roosevelt was shot as I mentioned above. What saved Roosevelt were his eyeglasses case and a 50-page speech that was in his chest pocket. Roosevelt died January 5, 1919.

Part on the square,

John Lohrfink, Worshipful Master

REAMES CHAPTER #66

Hello,
Greetings from the newly, soon to be, installed Worthy Matron and Patron of Reames Chapter #66 Order of Eastern Star. Grand Chapter was a wonderful experience. Congratulations on a job beautifully done, by our own Cindi Thompson, as Grand Marshal for the session. Congratulations are also in order for the newly elected Associate Grand Conductress, Lyn France. We are excited and honored to support you on your adventure up the Grand Line. We are all proud of you. We are so excited for the New Year to begin in September 9th 2015. During the summer we will be visiting other Chapters for their installations, and hope to see many of you, continuing to, supporting our other local chapters. Together we are stronger. We would like to remind all the memberships of the; All Masonic Picnic on Saturday, July 25th 2015, in Cottage Grove. It is always a great time. It is also an opportunity to see friends, catch up, and complete our proficiencies, in a beautiful setting. The Smiling Hearts are hoping to see many smiling faces. Ralph and I would like to take this time to thank all the Officers for agreeing to your positions. We look forward to this adventure.

Jamie Knecht, Worthy Matron elect
Ralph Conklin, Worthy Patron elect

OUR JOURNEY IS NEVER ENDING.

"Freemasonry embraces the highest moral laws and will bear the test of any system of ethics or philosophy ever promulgated for the uplift of man."

Douglas MacArthur
General of the Army

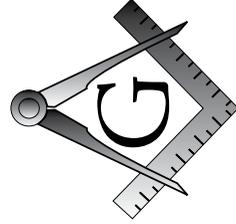
EVENT CALENDAR

August 2015

- 01
- 02 Morning Star Baptist Church 9:00 - 9:00PM
- 03 Lodge Coffee 8 - 10am
- 04 Morning Star Baptist Church 6:30 - 8:30PM
- 05
- 06 Ashland Lodge Coffee 8:00
- 07
- 08 Lodge Yard Sale @ Lodge
- 09 Morning Star Baptist Church 9:00 - 9:00PM
- 10 Lodge Coffee 8 - 10am
- 11 Morning Star 6:30 - 8:30pm
- 12
- 13 Ashland Lodge Coffee 8:00 am
- 14
- 15 Breakfast 7:30 - 10:00am
- 16 Morning Star Baptist Church 9:00 - 9:00PM
- 17 Lodge Coffee 8 - 10am
- 18 Morning Star 6:30 - 8:30pm
- 19 Reames Soc Club 12 Noon
- 20 Ashland Lodge Coffee 8:00 am / Medford Family Dinner 6:30pm
- 21
- 22
- 23 Morning Star Baptist Church 9:00 - 9:00PM
- 24 Lodge Coffee 8 - 10am
- 25 Morning Star 6:30 - 8:30pm
- 26 Officers & Bldg. Board Mtgs. 6:30pm
- 27 Ashland Lodge Coffee 8:00 am
- 28
- 29 District #17 Horseshoe Tournament 11:00
- 30 Morning Star Baptist Church 9:00 - 9:00PM
- 31 Lodge Coffee 8 - 10am

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