

MEDFORD #103

Greetings from the East, A few reminders and announcements:

1. Information is updated on the Medford Lodge web site at www.medfordlodge103.org. If you are unable to check the web site or have any questions, please contact one of the lodge officers who will assist you to the best of their ability. You can also sign up for text message alerts on the web site. Please do not ever hesitate to contact me with any questions, comments or concerns. I can be reached at jlohrfink@gmail.com or (541) 621-1115.
2. Medford Lodge is in the process of restructuring our dues, life membership and initiation fees. Please attend lodge if you wish to participate and/or provide input during the discussion and voting process.
3. Saturday April 25, 2015 Medford Lodge #103 will hold a district-wide basic school of instruction at 10:00 AM. You must attend a school of instruction if you plan to read for your proficiency. I personally ask that you strive to promote excellence in Southern Oregon and consider reading for your proficiency. I hope Medford Lodge is well represented and we can show, through proficiency, that our membership has the drive and dedication to do good work!
4. Saturday May 16, 2015 Medford Lodge #103 will host the Festival of Seven Toasts at 6:00 PM. If you are assisting with the event, please arrive at 5:00 PM. Guests are recommended to arrive at 5:30 PM to be seated.
5. Thank you to those who stepped up to be a part of the By-Laws Committee and Paraphernalia Committee. The By-Laws Committee will be conducting a much-needed review to ensure the by-laws are all up to date. They will make recommendations on any needed revisions. The Paraphernalia Committee will clean up the preparation room and go through our paraphernalia to make sure we have functional equipment. This committee will also make recommendations for new equipment/paraphernalia and will be in charge of ensuring items are correctly put away after use. We are also looking to have a "Masonic garage sale" sometime this summer and clean out our storage closets... there will be more to come as the weather gets nicer!
6. There will be an Official visit to Howard Lodge in Yreka, California on May 5, 2015. Please contact WB Bob Crum or WB Howard Leachman for details. This was a great time last year and Howard Lodge is an absolutely beautiful lodge!
7. Please contact me if you wish to purchase a Medford Lodge #103 Polo shirt for the summer months. The price is \$25.00 and orders are going out.
8. It is with great sadness that I announce the passing of Worshipful Brother James R. Smith. On April 4, 2015 our Heavenly Father smiled upon him and, taking him by the hand, gently led him to that house not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens. Jim was Worshipful Master of Medford Lodge #103 in 2012 and was both a good friend and mentor to many of us. Jim will be deeply missed.

Masonic Profile

The Masonic profile this month is none other than Most Worshipful Brother Paul Revere. I choose Revere because on April 18, 2015 we will be 240 years from the date of Revere's famous ride on the night of April 18, 1775. As one of our founding fathers, Revere never became a politician however his role was instrumental in the shaping of our country.

Revere was a silversmith by trade and his business started to suffer when the British imposed the Stamp Act of 1765. This hurt the Massachusetts economy so bad that Revere took up the practice of dentistry and was taught by Dr. Joseph Warren who was a close friend and brother Freemason in St. Andrews Lodge. St. Andrews Lodge met above the infamous Boston Green Dragon Tavern and was also the same meeting location for the Massachusetts Grand Lodge. Revere was initiated on September 4, 1760 (at age 25) and was raised January 27, 1761. Revere also later became active with the St. Andrews Royal Arch chapter and the Knights Templar.

My research revealed that Revere was Worshipful Master nine times with five of those times at St. Andrews Lodge and four of those times at Rising States Lodge. On December 16 1773, it is believed Samuel Adams, Joseph Warren and Revere met above the Green Dragon Tavern and later took place in a Boston Tea Party hosted by men dressed as Indians aboard the British man-of-war ship the "Dartmouth".

On April 18, 1775 Warren asked Revere and a second rider, William Dawes, to ride to Lexington and Concord to alert colonial minutemen if the British intended to come by land or sea. Revere was also to alert Samuel Adams and John Hancock because the British intended to capture them and seize their militia's hidden weapons. If the British were to arrive by land there was to be one lantern displayed in the tower of the Old North Church and if they arrived by sea there was to be two lanterns displayed. Upon seeing two lanterns displayed, Revere carried out his mission proclaiming, "The regulars are coming!" Revere never made it to Concord after being detained by the British. On June 17, 1775 Dr. Joseph Warren was killed at the Battle of Bunker Hill.

For an approximate period of ten years, during the American Revolution, Revere served in the Military. He was initially denied commission in 1773 and served only as a courier for the Continental Army. Upon review of his actions in 1776 he was commissioned as a Major and later promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

In 1784 Revere held the position of Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts and did so again in 1791-92. At the time, the Massachusetts Grand Lodge required a two-thirds vote for the election of the Grand Master and John Warren (brother to the late Dr. Joseph Warren) was selected for a second time, but declined causing a second vote. The second vote elected Revere who was not present, so a committee of three had to be formed to locate him and return with his answer, which he accepted. Revere died May 10, 1818 and his copper company was taken over by his oldest surviving son, Joseph Warren Revere.

It is apparent that Revere, like many Freemasons of today, was a busy man. He was clearly also a very hard working, dedicated and tenacious individual. I hope we can all harness some of the same passion that Revere had

and apply it to our lives. Whether it be to God, our family, our career or Freemasonry... we should all strive to set the up-right example for others to emulate.

By the Square,

John Lohrfink, Worshipful Master
Medford Lodge #103

REAMES CHAPTER #66

April Showers, brings Spring Flowers!

Sisters and Brothers it is going to be a great year. It has started off really well. I hope you all are healthy and happy. Our March meeting was our Friendship night. We had our Corned Beef and cabbage dinner and it was very well attended. Our April meeting gave us two new members, Beverly and David Walden, with an affiliation ceremony. Welcome, glad to have you here. We also welcome our member Dorothy Evans back. So glad to see her again.

We have our Warder and Sentinel back in Chapter. Sister Lyn and Brother Fred France and back doing great. Sister Lyn France has put her "Letter of Intent", to run for Associate Grand Conductress. Best wishes, Sister Lyn.

March also was my Grand Marshal reception. Oh what a night it was so exciting, and all the Grand Officers were here and 8 Past Grand Marshals. Reames Chapter members, friends, and family, thank you, so much for your support and love. Reames Chapter, Southern Oregon Association and the Bahari Court, Classy Chassis unit, that you for your addenda's. Very Cute. Sister Cookie Crum made a very special presentation that I will cherish always. Thank You.

In May we will drape our Altar, honoring those we have lost. May also will bring our Elections of new Officers. Please attend if you can.

We look forward to hearing news from our Sisters and Brothers so far away also. Drop us a note and smile for us. You never know who is watching!
Happy Birthday to all the April members, and Happy Anniversary to those celebrating this month.

Grand Chapter is coming up fast so make your reservations, and hope to see many there. It has been announced our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Bobbie White will be at our Grand Chapter this year. Yeah!!!

Cindi Thompson, Worthy Matron
Billy Thompson, Worthy Patron

EVENT CALENDAR

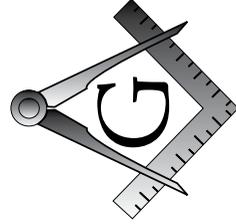
May 2015

- 01
- 02 Bahari 10 - 4 pm
- 03
- 04 Lodge Coffee Group 8 - 10am
- 05 Visitation to Howard Lodge No.37
- 06
- 07 Ashland Lodge Coffee 8 am
Medford Dinner & Stated 6pm & 7:30 pm
- 08
- 09 Esoteric Masonry
- 10 Mothers' Day
- 11 Lodge Coffee Group 8 - 10am
- 12
- 13 Reames 7:30pm / Warren Lodge 7:30pm @ Jville
- 14 Ashland Lodge Coffee 8 am
Rogue River Lodge Visitation 1 PM
Ashland Lodge Stated 7:30 pm
- 15
- 16 Breakfast 7:30 - 10am / Womens Festival of Seven Toasts
5:30 pm
- 17
- 18 Lodge Coffee Group 8 - 10am
- 19
- 20 Reames Soc Club 12 noon
- 21 Ashland Lodge Coffee 8 am / Medford Family Dinner 6:30pm
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- 23
- 24
- 25 Memorial Day / Lodge Coffee Group 8 - 10 am
- 26 Cascade Lodge 7:30 pm at Shady Cove
- 27 Building Board 6 pm
- 28 Ashland Lodge Coffee 8 am
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