



Ashland Lodge #23
Ancient Free & Accepted Masons

TRESTLEBOARD

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For the Month of April 2015

Serving our Fraternity Since June 13th, 1879

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April 2015

CALENDAR CLIPS

6th - Officers Mtg. 6 p.m.
9th - Dinner at 6 p.m.
9th - Stated Meeting at 7:30
27th - Master & Wardens Mtg

Coffee -Thursdays @ 8:30a.m.!

GREETINGS FROM THE EAST
BY WORSHIPFUL MASTER SKIP BESSONETTE



From the East:

Howdy Brethren. What a full month March was and how much can we stuff into April? I guess we will find out. We will start off with another step-up night at our stated meeting. Bob Smith will take over for me as Master, since I will be traveling with Sam Lupini up to the Grand Session for York Rite in North Bend/Coos Bay. You will be in good hands with Bob and I expect you to cover a lot of business during the meeting. Medford Lodge plans to visit that night, what a dinner they will get. Darrel Maple is planning to fix some Cornish Game Hens. Please help out Darrel to round out the fair for that night's dinner. We will have a sign-up on the blackboard. I am already missing that dinner; I imagine I will be dinning on a hamburger made by uncaring hands.

If all goes right we will have an EA degree on the 30th and practice on Tuesday the 28th, both at 7:00 PM. We may have some other practices at the coffees, so work on your parts. If all goes as suspected, we may need to do another EAD in a month or so.

We are coming to that time of year when we should do some Spring Cleaning. We need to get rid of unused and unneeded things we have collected through the years here at the Lodge. Maybe we could have a serious discussion as to what to do with the stuff. We also need to repoint some of the brickwork on the outside of the building. Our grounds will need some attention soon with the warm spring we have been experiencing.

I will be gone over the 4th of July to perform in Mammoth Lakes, CA. This brings up our plans to do our cotton candy stand in Central Point on the 4th. We need volunteers to man and set up the stand if we are going to sell candy and popcorn that day. This is one of our big events of the year and we usually make good money and lots of friends. Please help out if you can, for many hands make light work. I am so glad to see the brethren pitching in and making Ashland Lodge the best it can be.

Lodge Officers!!!

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APRIL 9TH DINNER AND STATED MEETING

BAKED MEDITERRANIAN HENS WITH SIDES OF FRESH VEGETABLES, POTATOES AND YAMS. A SPECIAL DESSERT AWAITS THOSE WHO ATTEND! TONIGHT YOUR JUNIOR WARDEN IS ON HIS GAME. "THE RAT IS BACK!"

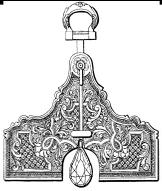
Rosslyn Chapel , Seven Miles From Edinburgh, Scotland

**Known for it's associations to the Knights Templar,
Freemasonry & The Holy Grail**

Rosslyn Chapel is the home of the famous **Apprentice Pillar**, (at right) , a decorated pillar that gets its name from a legend involving the Mason in charge of the stonework in the chapel and his young apprentice.

According to the **legend**, the Master Mason felt he needed to see the original inspiration for the design, located in Rome, before he could perform the complicated task of carving the column. But upon his return, he found that his up-start apprentice had completed the column. In a fit of jealous rage, the mason struck the apprentice on the head and killed him. The **head** of the unlucky apprentice is depicted in a corner opposite the organ loft, complete with a scar on his left temple. Both your Junior Warden, Darrell Maple and your Marshall, Mitch Klaich have visited this Chapel.





From the West. Senior Warden Robert Smith.

Ashland Lodge seems to be as busy as ever. The morning coffee has proven to be well worth attending on Thursday mornings. I believe we had close to 17 people one Thursday and WB Darrell Maple even surprised us with a morning breakfast one Thursday.

While most Brothers prefer to toil without recognition, I believe noting their efforts is deserved. Our Worshipful Master Skip Bessonette works tirelessly to promote our Lodge and its activities, WB Sam Lupini and his wife continue to update our Facebook page (please visit it as often as you can), WB Darrell Maple prepares our Trestleboard each month and WB Tom Towler insures the bills are paid and rental opportunities are addressed. I thank these folks on a daily basis for their work.

But lets also recognize some of our newer members. Sheldon Slomowitz was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. Dan Mireles was conferred with his EA degree and is working on his proficiency. Chase Gildea has petitioned the Lodge and he is only 19 years old. It appears another young man, Michael Jones, is also petitioning the Lodge and Jeff Levine is petitioning for affiliation. It is exciting to see the Lodge growing and we are looking forward to welcoming others to our family.

And let's not forget that Easter is almost upon us. With that, may a smile be your umbrella and may spring bring you rays of sunshine. Look well to the East



From the South by Junior Warden Darrell Maple

“Going to the dogs”. My first impression when I went to coffee at the lodge one morning, opened the front door into the Ante Room and there sat a homeless person. I know, they’re all around the Lodge building recently, given our renters “charge”. Charity, my obligation..., alright, I’m o.k. with it and entered. Where did this idiom, “Going to the Dogs”, come from? Internet... Google Search, yes, I’m a young Dinosaur... seems the saying came from ancient China when dogs weren’t allowed inside the walled cities. When the less fortunate were also not able to enter they had “gone to the dogs”. Now into the kitchen to cook “polish dogs” for the Brothers. They loved them! Breakfast even. Then in to do a prove up for a Master Mason with full stomachs. Short form. Everyone wanted to get back to the dining room for more sausage. Back to that Ante Room on our way thru. Egad! What lurked before us.... Two weiner dogs! Inside the Lodge! After several umm... “tasteful” comments we made our way back in to finish our refreshments. Happy, happy our Brothers all!

On The Lighter Side



RED SKELTON'S RECIPE FOR THE PERFECT MARRIAGE

Two times a week we go out to a nice restaurant, have a little beverage, good food and companionship. She goes on Tuesdays; I go on Fridays

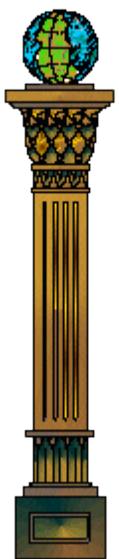
Caroline’s Corner

A smile is a sign of Joy
A hug is a sign of love
A laugh is a sign of happiness
A friend like you, well that is just a sign of good taste.

Short Clips - News You Can Use!

“Do not condemn the judgment of another, because it differs from your own: You may both be wrong”

PROFILE OF A BROTHER - Bill Saar



Born in western Pennsylvania, I spent my early pre-teen years on Eastern Long Island in a rural coast setting followed by a suburb near Albany, New York, for my high school years. Six days after my eighteenth birthday in August 1943, I raised my right hand and took allegiance with the U.S. Naval Service as a Midshipman. This was my portion until I retired in 1975. My service initiated in WWII, followed by Korea and, starting in 1966, three tours in Vietnam which included some rather unique missions for a sea -going sailor. I served in battleships, carriers, transports and in minesweepers (Atlantic and Pacific). I preferred the smaller ships in that it made more personal contact with the life-blood of the Navy: i.e. the sailors. I had several shore assignments, usually with major staffs. A graduate of both the Navy PG School and the Naval War College, I retired in 1975 as a captain. I thank the Great Architect of the Universe every night for the opportunity to have served my country and my Navy. Raised to a Master Mason in 1965, I'm a life member of Myrtle Lodge and Ashland Lodge and a Past Master. May the Blessings Be!

