



Ashland Lodge #23
Ancient Free & Accepted Masons

TRESTLEBOARD

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For the Month of February 2015

Serving our Fraternity Since June 13th, 1879

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February 2015

CALENDAR CLIPS

- 9th - Officers Mtg. 6 p.m.
- 12th - Dinner at 6 p.m.
- 12th - Stated Meeting at 7:30
- 23rd - Master & Wardens Mtg
- 29th - EA Degree 7 p.m.
- Coffee every Thursday a.m.!

GREETINGS FROM THE EAST
BY WORSHIPFUL MASTER SKIP BESSONETTE



I would like to thank you for your confidence in my ability to officiate the office of Master for one more year at Ashland Lodge. I feel honored to be selected to occupy the station that many have been called to before me.

Having been here before, I know that there are some wonderful and some weighty things coming my way. Your help will make my tenure better and benefit Ashland Lodge and the community it serves, each man to serve in his best capacity and strength.

Hopefully all of you received the Trestleboard for January, if not please notify Carl Levi. You will be receiving this Trestleboard also in January. This makes us able to synchronize with Medford Lodge's Trestleboard as a money saving procedure. Our Trestleboard will, as you have already found out, be an insert in Medford's posting. We should all thank Medford Lodge for including our Trestleboard in their mailing.

Don't forget about the EA Degree for Dan Moralis on the 29th of January at 7:00 PM. We will have a practice on the 22nd at coffee. I chose this time because most of the cast is usually at the coffee, we will probably start about 9:15 so please be there if you can.

I would like to thank all of you that came to the New Year's Eve party. What a hoot, we all joined in and made the evening special with games and food, friends and good times. Speaking of good times, I am, with the help of some wonderful ladies and brethren, getting ready for a Valentine's Day Party on February 14th. That's on a Saturday at 5:00 PM. Caroline and I will be contacting you to help make it a wonderful evening. I am planning to prepare my meatloaf dinner, unless there is a better offer. We will need help getting the dinning room decorated and a few special dishes to fill in around the planned dinner. Lets all get our thinking caps in position, turned on, and tuned in. Remember last year what a great time we had. Please invite friends and other Lodge's members, we are trying to open our Lodge for others to join in the friendship and brotherhood. Speaking of Brotherhood, Bill Saar will receive his 50-year pin very soon and Billy Joe Thompson's affiliation will hopefully be passed in the January meeting.

Many hands make light work, thanks Brothers for what you do!

Lodge Officers!!!

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Masonic Trivia

Umin and Thumin. Right and Wrong. Black and White. The high priest had a vest that contained a black and white stone. When he was asked to determine a question the answer depended upon his reaching into the pocket and with the guidance of the Great Architect, the randomness of the stone determined the answer. Thus we get our Mosaic tile floor and other allusionary symbols from.



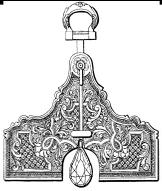
**FEBRUARY 12TH DINNER
AND STATED MEETING**

CHILI AND CORN BREAD!

Caroline's Corner!

We had 30 brave souls turn out in the freezing weather for a wonderful New Year's Party. We served Big Kahuna burgers cooked by the Master with all the trimmings and ate Moose munch and homemade cookies, Bill, Carole and Lynda's famous banana splits and ice cream sundaes. Three kinds of salads (Caroline and Florence.) Prizes by Russ, Anita, & Caroline.

The plunger horse races were a smash hit followed by Pictionary Game, Pin the stinger on the bee and ending with Bingo. We watched the ball drop in the golf game and brought the New Year in at 8:30 PM with confetti poppers and screaming horns followed by many voices singing Auld Lang Syne for the fun finale. Skip decided to play a few tunes more as we cleaned up the tables. We enjoyed a high level of involvement highlighted with a lodge Brothers return after being gone since 2000. Clearly, 2015 will be a positive and productive year!



From the West. Senior Warden Robert Smith.

Brethren,

We have an exciting change coming. Ashland Lodge will have a Facebook page thanks to Worshipful Brother Sam Lupini and his wife Lynelle. This will be an excellent way to update information between Trestleboards and keep us in contact with fellow Masons and Lodges. As with any new undertaking, the success will be based upon how relevant we can make it for our members. By the time this article is published the Facebook page should be available. I encourage you to look at it and make suggestions as to improvements or information you would like to see. We continue to add to our fraternity through petitions for affiliation and petitions for degrees. I am especially pleased that brother Masons like the good work that we are doing, that they want to be a part of it. The annex is rented through this year and the occupant is very pleased with the agreement. We have some critical decisions to make as the lease agreement ends at the end of the year. Having a stable rental income is critical to allow us to operate. We cannot become complacent. We must be diligent in promoting the viable rental opportunities of our building to the community, otherwise we could face hardship in the coming years. If anyone has any input, please let the Lodge officers know. So, as Valentine's Day approaches, don't forget your sweetie!



From the South.

Junior Warden Darrell Maple

A "Toast"... to the Brother who stands "plumb" to his principals and yet level with his Brethren. Being "on the level" is as important to each of us from our early Fraternal learning as it is to Past Masters and 50 year plus Master Masons. I have found that being respectful to each other, truly listening and learning from our conversations together, and capturing that essence of friendship that binds us in our work is what gives me light with each of you. Often we are too busy to give each other our due and it opens way for minor criticisms and disputes. I come to lodge to rest from the weary ways of the world. I come to lodge to block out the outside world and raise my spirits. I come to lodge to learn from each of you. We are all different. We each have our own strengths and weaknesses. Let's hold each other up my Brothers. Reach out and help one another even in the smallest of ways. Give an unexpected call of support. Touch the heart.

On The Lighter Side



Why do bagpipers always walk when they play? To get away from the noise! Sorry Roland!

When the X-ray specialist married one of his patients everybody wondered what he saw in her....

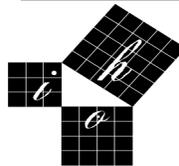
Valentine's Day Party!
February 14, 2015
Saturday @ 5:30 p.m.



Match That Symbol!



Euclid
Eastern Star
Jachin & Boaz
York Rite



\$10 Adults/\$3 Children
Skip's Meatloaf, potatoes,
carrots, salad, French
bread and dessert.

Games & Prizes!!!

Caught Doing Something Good! Our renter was caught doing something good by cleaning our outside garbage area so we could start the year right! What a pleasant surprise.

PROFILE OF A BROTHER - Morton Brookler



Born and raised in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. In high school, I met my one and only, Razy, and married her after the 2nd year medical school in 1955, (60yrs next August 21st). I always wanted to become a Mason since my dad and a number of my Uncles were also Masons, and the greatest Masonic event for me was the father and son dinner followed by the Shrine Circus. Since I was leaving for an Internal Medicine Residency at the Mayo Clinic in June 1959, I became a Master Mason in May 1959, going thru all 3 degrees using 3 different lodges but ending up in my Fathers lodge, Mount Sinai Lodge No.143, in Winnipeg. The degree was on Dec 28, 2014, at 11:03 AM, meaningful as I did it with my Uncle, (my dad's brother). I was writing my final medical exams at the same time and frankly to this day don't know which was the hardest! Even though I have been a Mason since 1959, I took a demit in 1981, so I am not eligible for my 50 year pin.

We spent 4 years in Minnesota, my last year on a Canadian Arthritis Fellowship. My son Rob was born in Rochester, my daughter, Ingrid Dawn, and my son, Morry, were born in Winnipeg. When we moved to LA, I had the honor to participate in the raising of my son Morry to the degree of Master Mason and then presenting him with my dad's masonic ring in California.

We then moved to Downey, California where I practiced in a multi specialty group until my retirement in June 1990. We settled in Ashland in 1993 and I became affiliated with Ashland lodge in 1995.

