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of the

**GRAND MASTER**

MARC L. STRONG

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of Oregon

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Reports received prior to the Grand Lodge Session, which are printed in this booklet, are all for your review. Those reports which do not require adoption by the delegates assembled will not be read and may be found on pages 23-77.

The Grand Master has ordered that all reports printed in this booklet be received.

Those reports requiring action by the Grand Lodge will be presented for discussion and adoption or rejection and can be found on pages 78-88.



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GRAND MASTER  
2025-2026

## **GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS - Thursday, June 4, 2026**

### **To the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Oregon**

To the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Oregon

Welcome to the 176th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Oregon. Among us are Grand Lodge Officers, District Deputies, Grand Lodge Committee Members, Past Grand Masters, Distinguished Guests, Lodge Masters and Wardens, other Delegates from our constituent lodges. I am delighted to see everyone here in Salem, Oregon. It is a pleasure to be here and to have the opportunity to welcome you all. Thank you for electing me and allowing me to represent and serve as your Grand Master of Oregon for the past Masonic Year. I will now report on my official acts taken, the general condition of Freemasonry within the Jurisdiction, and make recommendations I feel compelled to share with you.

#### **OFFICIAL ACTS**

A list of approved By-Law Amendments, Rulings, Dispensations, Proxies, and other decisions made are included in the following pages. I will not be reading those during my address.

#### **MILESTONES CELEBRATED**

Myself and many of the Grand Lodge Officers opened Grand Lodge in Occasional Communication to celebrate the several anniversary events from 50 to 175 years. I had the honor and privilege to attend the Oregon display of the Masonic Family at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial. During the year, I also had the pleasure of awarding emblems recognizing 50 and 60 years of service on several occasions.

#### **CONDITION OF FREEMASONRY IN THIS JURISDICTION**

My assessment of Freemasonry in our Jurisdiction is mixed. As I write this address, the weather outside is typical of Spring in Oregon. It is bright sunshine with a cold wind. Many lodges are experiencing growth of Freemasonry. They are gaining new members eager to enjoy and get on with their Masonic journey. Many lodges are struggling to fill chairs, some performing poor Ritual work, others doing really well. Some of the time, the Grand Master's Address hits home with their members but the numbers prevent execution of well-made plans. Unsurprisingly, there were

a couple of lodge consolidations this year. In an effort to support some of the struggling lodges, District Deputies and the Lodge Management Committee have assisted them in working up to receive the District Deputy and Grand Master. Some of the challenges local lodges face are a result of changing circumstances in different areas of the state. There is much to be proud of in our Jurisdiction. There are dedicated, hard charging, excited Masons throughout the state who are doing excellent work. They are helping their communities, improving their lodges, and bettering their Masonic Family lifestyle. The Grand Lodge is still on a positive financial path, and the Masonic & Eastern Star Home is operating as planned. There are good men searching and reaching out for something to make a difference in their lives and are submitting inquiries to many lodges across the state. Execution of the campaign on the internet by our Marketing Director with assistance from a marketing partner has increased the number of prospects. Many are approaching the Altar of Freemasonry for the first time very eager to learn about it. Sharing the load with our Brothers is essential. Improving our beloved Fraternity is our goal. I believe the Freemasons of Oregon are searching and reaching for more light in the Masonic Family in Oregon by “Sharing Their Passion” and are hitting the mark.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

I have a couple of recommendations this year –

One: Masonic training is essential to having and making a good lodge and good lodge officers. My theme and focus this year has been “Masonic Family, Share the Passion” and that is an integral part of why many Masons first join our fraternity. Many new and exciting opportunities bring to the forefront of our understanding several modern components of society for improving the experience for all Masons, development of a lodge identity, and increased Masonic education. We must reinstitute, continue, and evolve our lodge training so that we empower our new and tenured Brethren with knowledge and expertise on how to run and govern their lodges. Grand Lodge Officers, Deputy Instructors, District Deputies, and members at large are ready to assist their lodges and the Fraternity as a whole. Don't wait to educate your members, ask for help, get creative and choose to embark and begin immediately.

Two: let us all, young, old, newbie, and ones long in the tooth, embrace the opportunities to have technology help us. AI, or Artificial Intelligence, is a very real and powerful tool that can explode our knowledge and con-

sumption of educational material within our Fraternity. Let it help you, don't be afraid of it. We have had some lodges take some risks in openly utilizing tools such as this. They have done an exemplary job of providing governance and oversight to ensure a good experience with the tools they are working to develop. Research is one of the most powerful sources of knowledge that can be utilized to bring understanding to the forefront of any organization. Let us not steer away from AI as it is not cheating or violating the Code by using technology and toolsets the world has placed at our disposal to enhance our ability in seeking more light in the Masonic Family. Just remember that it's a tool not an interpreter and it's not always correct, you must verify. There is still nothing quite like reading the Code to enhance your knowledge of this jurisdiction's procedures, processes, and programs. The Code, Standard Manual, Masonic Etiquette Book, Masters Guide, and the Officers Manual are the guiding lights that many may not be referencing and gaining understanding as robustly as they perhaps should. Take a shot, become one who also looks to these for more light in our jurisdiction.

Three: learn all you can, but not just about the blue lodge, learn of other higher levels of light that are within all of our grasp. Seek further light in your journey by exploring and joining other Appendant and Concordant Bodies to also help them thrive within the Masonic Family of Oregon. Your journey is never complete in Freemasonry, keep asking, learning, and embracing your knowledge and Share the Passion with your Brethren.

### **TRAVEL AND VISITATION**

An essential part of a Grand Master's work is Masonic visitation, which requires extensive travel to accomplish. With the location of our home and the places that we visited and attended events we were in the travel mode quite often during this last year. There are a couple types of visitations – making official visits to Oregon lodges, attending other Masonic jurisdictions Annual Communications, and attending Oregon and International Masonic Family events. I made official visits to 69 Oregon lodges this year, which was one of the many highlights of my year. The generosity, hospitality and friendship extended to me by the Freemasons of Oregon were very heartwarming. I was treated with dignity and respect at all the lodges visited. I will always remember these visitations for the fun and fellowship we enjoyed at each of them.

I also attended events hosted by Appendant & Concordant Bodies, including the Order of the Eastern Star's Grand Chapter, the East West

Shrine Football Game and Parade, Order of Amaranth Grand Court, Grand York Rite, the Baker Valley Scottish Rite Spring Reunion, both Queens of the Nile organizations installations, Rainbow Grand Assembly, Job's Daughters International and the DeMolay Annual Conference. I personally attended the Annual Communications of the several Grand Lodges including Alaska, California, Nevada, Hawaii, and Idaho. Additionally, I attended Imperial Shrine, the Annual Western Conference of Masonic Grand Lodges, and the Conference of Grand Masters of North America. During many of these travels, I was accompanied by Grand Lodge Officers, District Deputies, and Past Grand Masters. The guidance and fellowship of these Brethren is always invaluable. They will always be in my thoughts, and I will always be grateful to them and their wives for their kindness shown to us along the way.

### **GRAND LODGE OFFICERS, COMMITTEE MEMBERS & DISTRICT DEPUTIES**

As Deputy Grand Master, one spends considerable time and effort to assemble a team of Grand Lodge Officers, committee members, and District Deputies for the ensuing Masonic year. I could not have been happier with the quality of your performance. These Masons performed their duties in an extremely professional manner, demonstrating their dedication to the Grand Lodge of Oregon at the highest levels. I am proud to have chosen them and to have worked with them this year. Their unique encounters, opportunities to learn from, while lending their support and encouragement throughout the year has enhanced the experience of guiding these groups of Freemasons.

Every Grand Master must find his place and work with the Trustees, and the Grand Lodge Officers down the line and ahead of him in the progressive line. I feel honored to boast of the quality of the group of Trustees I have shared this journey with. Each Brother is different, most all of us are type A personalities for sure, yet each one presents, carries, and practices the special qualities which set them each apart as men and very special Masons. They share an overriding desire to the better of our Fraternity and a willingness to collaborate for the benefit of the Masonic Family. These Brothers are my friends, confidants, counselors, and colleagues, and I cannot put any higher value on my relationships with them. I would not have been the same without them during my year as Grand Master without their guidance, support, wit, wisdom, humor, and counsel.

### **YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS**

The youth organizations are an essential part of the family of Freemasonry. Their work is vital to the future of the young adults who join them, and whether they continue to do this good work depends on our support. They are each growing at a different pace and will need more assistance as they do.

### **FAMILY OF FREEMASONRY**

The challenges we face are common to each of our Appendant and Concordant Bodies, and as we work together to deal with them, we will become stronger. I hope my attendance at many of the Masonic Family events has been as pleasant for you as it has been for myself. My sincere appreciation to the leaders of the Appendant and Concordant Bodies. It was a privilege and an honor to work with you this past year.

### **SPECIAL THANKS**

M.W.B. Greg Jenkins, thank you for appointing me as your Senior Grand Deacon. Thanks also for inviting me to fully participate in the deliberations of the Trustees from the beginning and for your continual good advice and counsel. We started with four Marks on the Board and Trustees meetings, and I became Marc with a "C". Now as I am completing my journey, with one year left as chairman of the MESH Board, there will again be four Marks in the room.

M.W.B. Jim Morgan, your vast knowledge of the internal workings of the things involved with being a Grand Master have been gems of gold that I will forever cherish and have within my grasp to share when needed. Your ability to advise, and soften sometimes harsh words, will always be remembered fondly and appreciated. Your hard work and dedication as Grand Secretary during my year in the Grand East will never be forgotten nor will I be able to thank you enough.

M.W.B. David Fryday, thank you seems a little thin for the wise counsel, wit, reflecting back options and providing on-call support in your role as Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee. As a Past Grand Master, your experience to fully understand the challenges and importance of the position let me lean on you during the challenges I sought counsel for this year.

W.B. Eric Headley and W.B. Andre Cvitanich, thank you for your continual support and enthusiasm. Your efforts to keep people engaged and working

with enthusiasm bring smiles and enjoyment to all of us.

R.W.B. Gary Ball, thank you for your many excursions of travel and for creating beautifully entertaining music across the state whether with your skills on the piano or the guitar were on display.

W.B. Dale Palileo, thank you for your hard work, dedication, and insight in furtherance of improving Masonic Education throughout the Jurisdiction. Your contributions will leave a legacy worthy of emulation.

I would like to thank all the Past Grand Masters for their support, guidance and mentoring over the last 27 years. I became a Master Mason in May 1999. Every Annual Communication I have attended has produced something of value and logged memories of challenges and successes across the jurisdiction for me. You all exemplify the best arts, parts, and points of Freemasonry, and I am honored to be in your presence.

Finally, I must thank the staff of the Grand Lodge Office. Tiffany, Marissa, Heidi, Savannah, Courtney, Danielle, Kyli, Victoria, Riplee, Molly, Holly, and Jeni, we would not be the success we are as a Grand Lodge in supporting the Craft without you. Your institutional knowledge, positive attitudes, and perseverance ensure the tasks needed to keep the Grand Lodge running smoothly are properly completed. Each of the programs you all manage and sustain provide stability, comfort, and good counsel to all of us within this jurisdiction regarding our business practices. Thanks so much to the entire group for all you do on behalf of Oregon Freemasonry.

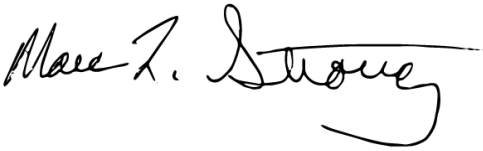
### **EXTRA SPECIAL THANKS**

It would have been utterly impossible for me to complete my journey to the Grand East and to preside, without the love, support, and sacrifice of my wife Lanni. We were on this journey together from the start as we were navigating uncharted waters of going through our Grand Journeys together. Our lives have been forever enriched with the sacrifices, experiences, challenges, and once in a lifetime opportunity we have experienced and enjoyed together. We still have a lot to do together, and we will always be able to figure it out. Thank you Lanni for joining me in this lifetime journey we are on, I love you. Thank you for your help in making our lives the successes that they are in the Oregon Masonic Family and world we live in.

### **CONCLUSION**

The journey as a Trustee and Grand Master was all so much more than I hoped it would be. I have learned a lot about Freemasonry and

the workings of the Grand Lodge. I have experienced a huge amount of Brotherly Love and affection, and developed a deep and abiding respect for the Masonic lodges and Brethren of Oregon. I have pondered over difficult decisions and found hope for our Fraternity in the abundance of promising Brothers. I know I have grown as a person during this process. I only hope I am blessed with the health and ability to contribute to the Fraternity in other ways as a Past Grand Master. My deepest thanks to the Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free & Accepted Masons of Oregon for the opportunity to represent you and preside for a year as your Grand Master.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marc L. Strong". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Marc L. Strong  
Grand Master of A.F. & A.M. of Oregon

**AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS APPROVED**

**2025**

- June 24 WILDHORSE LODGE NO. 65 — ARTICLE 10  
Added language to bring the by-laws into compliance.
- July 20 TIGARD ORENOMAH LODGE NO. 207 — ARTICLES 7  
Increased dues from \$25 to \$150 per year.
- July 20 TIGARD ORENOMAH LODGE NO. 207 — ARTICLES 7-A  
Increased Life Membership fees for each age bracket.
- Aug. 6 SIDNEY CROFT LODGE NO. 206 — ARTICLE 3  
The time of the Stated Communications was changed from 7 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- Aug. 27 OAKLAND LODGE NO. 16 — ARTICLE 3  
The location of the Stated Communications was changed from Riddle to Roseburg.
- Aug. 27 TUALITY LODGE NO. 6 — ARTICLE 7  
Increased dues from \$100 to \$125 per year.
- Sept. 15 TIGARD ORENOMAH LODGE NO. 207 — ARTICLE 6  
Increased fees for conferring Degrees from \$100 to \$300.
- Sept. 15 GRANDE RONDE VALLEY LODGE NO. 56 — ARTICLE 4  
Removed the first section of Article 4 to better reflect operations.
- Sept. 15 GRANDE RONDE VALLEY LODGE NO. 56 — ARTICLE 7-A  
Increased Life Membership fees for each age bracket.
- Sept. 15 GRANDE RONDE VALLEY LODGE NO. 56 — ARTICLE 11  
Added language that the Master of the Lodge will appoint a building board.
- Oct. 22 ROGUE RIVER LODGE NO. 226 — ARTICLE 3  
The date of the Stated Communications was changed from the second Saturday to the second Thursday.

- Oct. 31 GRANTS PASS LODGE NO. 84 — ARTICLE 6  
Increased fees for conferring Degrees from \$200 to \$350.
- Oct. 31 GRANTS PASS LODGE NO. 84 — ARTICLE 7  
Increased dues from \$62 to \$112 per year.
- Oct. 31 GRANTS PASS LODGE NO. 84 — ARTICLE 7-A  
Increased fees for Life Membership in each age bracket.
- Nov. 13 PACIFIC LODGE NO. 50 — 5-B  
Language was added to include a subsection to include a salary for the Lodge Secretary.
- Nov. 13 PACIFIC LODGE NO. 50 — 10  
Amended language to be in compliance with Code section 272.
- Nov. 25 WASHINGTON LODGE NO. 46 — ARTICLE 5-B  
The reference to the “Palestine Trust” was struck to eliminate ambiguity and conflict with the original trust.
- Nov. 25 WASHINGTON LODGE NO. 46 — ARTICLE 11  
Language was updated to modernize the governance of the building board.
- Nov. 25 JENNINGS LODGE NO. 9 — ARTICLE 5  
Lodge Treasurer duties were further defined.
- Nov. 25 JENNINGS LODGE NO. 9 — ARTICLE 11  
Junior Warden duties were further defined.

**2026**

- Jan. 21 ROGUE RIVER LODGE NO. 226 — ARTICLE 3  
The date and time of the Stated Communications was changed from the second Saturday to the second Thursday, and from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.
- Feb. 4 CASCADE LODGE NO. 208 — FULL SET  
All approved article Amendments have been conglomerated into one uniform set of Lodge By-Laws.

- Feb. 10    UNION LODGE NO. 3 — ARTICLE 4  
Removed the first section of Article 4 to better reflect operations.
- Feb. 10    UNION LODGE NO. 3 — ARTICLE 5-B  
Modified language regarding designating trustees and clarifying the role of the Lodge Secretary.
- Apr. 9     MCEWEN LODGE NO. 125 — FULL SET  
All approved article Amendments have been conglomerated into one uniform set of Lodge By-Laws.
- Apr. 21    FRIENDSHIP LODGE NO. 160 — FULL SET  
All approved article Amendments have been conglomerated into one uniform set of Lodge By-Laws.
- Apr. 22    KLAMATH LODGE NO. 77 — ARTICLE 3  
The time and location of the Stated Communications was changed from 7:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.; and from the Scottish Rite Temple to the Klamath Masonic Center.

**DISPENSATIONS GRANTED****2025**

- June 7 FAIRVIEW LODGE NO. 92 — to change the location of their September Stated Communication to the Washington Masonic Center.
- June 7 WARREN LODGE NO. 10 — to change the location of their July, August, September, and October Stated Communications to the Medford Lodge No. 103.
- June 27 VISTA MASONIC LODGE NO. 215 — to hold a Special Communication at the Turner Ranch in Fall City, Oregon on July 19, 2025.
- July 11 HERMISTON LODGE NO. 138 — to change the start time of their July 15 Stated Communication from 7 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- Aug. 8 JEFFERSON LODGE NO. 33 — to change the start time of their September Stated Communication from 7:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- Aug. 13 PEARL LODGE NO. 66 — to change the start time of their September Stated Communication from September 6 at 7:30 p.m. to September 13 at 5 p.m.
- Aug. 19 JEFFERSON LODGE NO. 33 — to change the start time of their September Stated Communication from 7:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- Sept. 15 BEND LODGE NO. 139 — to open a Special Communication at the White Leopard Lodge on October 20 in Oslo, Norway.
- Sept. 24 SILVERTON LODGE NO. 45 — to change the location of their October Stated Communication to Fidelity Lodge No. 54.
- Sept. 26 HIRAM LODGE NO. 67 — to change the date of their October Stated Communication to October 13.

- Sept. 30 BLUE MOUNTAIN LODGE NO. 34 — to change the date of their October Stated Communication to October 9.
- Nov. 11 NORTH BEND LODGE NO. 140 — to confer the Degrees of Masonry upon a Mr. French who requires a mobility device.
- Nov. 19 LYON LODGE NO. 29 — to change the date, time and location of their December Stated Communication to December 3 at 7 p.m. at Rickreall Lodge No. 110.
- Nov. 19 RICKREALL LODGE NO. 110 — to change the time of their December Stated Communication to 7 p.m.
- Nov. 20 JENNINGS LODGE NO. 9 — to change the date, time and location of their December Stated Communication to December 3 at 7 p.m. at Rickreall Lodge No. 110.
- Dec. 2 PRINEVILLE LODGE NO. 76 — to elect a Lodge Secretary at a later date.
- Dec. 8 SANDY LODGE NO. 158 — to hold a Special Communication on December 15.

**2026**

- Jan. 14 OREGON CONSISTORY OF MASTER OF THE ROYAL SECRET NO. 1, OF THE PORTLAND VALLEY, IN THE ORIENT OF OREGON — to host the 16th District Traveling Degree Team from Germania Lodge No. 46 of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of Louisiana, and for them to move their charter to our Scottish Rite Temple of Portland Oregon to open and close a Master Mason Lodge on Saturday, May 30, 2026.
- Jan. 15 CHAMPOEG LODGE NO. 27 — to change the time and location of their September Stated Communication to the Abernathy Center in Oregon City at 11 a.m.
- Jan. 15 CHAMPOEG LODGE NO. 27 — to change the time of their November Stated Communication to 6:30 p.m.

- Jan. 27 SALEM LODGE NO. 4 — to change the date of their March Stated Communication to March 18.
- Feb. 20 EAST LINN LODGE NO.44 — to change the location of their March Stated Communication to Eugene Lodge No. 11.
- Mar. 30 RESEARCH LODGE NO. 198 — to change the date of their April Stated Communication to April 12.
- Apr. 13 GRANTS PASS LODGE NO. 84 — to conduct an Outdoor Master Mason Degree at the residence of W.B. Steve Booth on July 28 at 7 p.m.
- Apr. 13 PORTLAND LODGE NO. 55 — to change the location of their June Stated Communication to Lents Lodge No. 156.
- Apr. 15 WASHINGTON LODGE NO. 46 — to change the time of their June, July, August, and September Stated Communications from 7:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- Apr. 22 HERMISTON LODGE NO. 138 — to change the date of their May Stated Communication to May 4.
- May 4 HERMISTON LODGE NO. 138 — to change the time of their May Stated Communication 7 p.m. to 6 p.m.

**PROXIES**

**2025**

- June 7 to R.W.B. Richard D. Varner, to represent the Grand Master on June 11-13, 2025, at the Grand Lodge of Washington Annual Communication at the Wenatchee Convention Center in Wenatchee, Washington.
- June 7 to R.W.B. Eric M. Young, to represent the Grand Master on June 23 & 24, 2025, at the M. W. Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Oregon, Idaho, and Montana Incorporated, in Boise, Idaho.
- June 7 to M.W.B. Thomas Valente Jr., P.G.M., to represent the Grand Master on June 24-26, 2025, at the Grand Lodge of Montana Annual Communication in Helena, Montana.
- June 10 to R.W.B. Richard D. Varner, to represent the Grand Master on June 19-21, 2025, at the British Columbia & Yukon Annual Communication in Kelowna, British Columbia.
- June 19 to R.W.B. Daniel De La Rosa, to represent the Grand Master on June 19, 2025, at the Job's Daughters Grand Session Opening in Newport, Oregon.
- Aug. 13 to M.W.B. Craig A. Sipp, P.G.M., to represent the Grand Master on October 10, 2025, at the I.O.R.G. 98th Oregon Grand Assembly Opening Session at the Spirit Mountain Event Center in Grand Ronde, Oregon.
- Aug. 18 to Brother Thomas Herres, to represent the Grand Master on October 4 & 5, 2025, at the Grand Lodge of Illinois Annual Communication in Springfield, Illinois.
- Sept. 15 to R.W.B. Eric M. Young, to represent the Grand Master on October 20, 2025, at a Special Communication held by Bend Lodge No. 139, hosted at the White Leopard Lodge in Oslo, Norway as a part of a cultural exchange with The Norwegian Order of Freemasons.

- Sept. 16 to R.W.B. Gregory A. Hinkelman, to represent the Grand Master on September 20, 2025, at the Order of the Amaranth Supreme Conductress Reception at the Sheraton Portland Airport Hotel.
- Sept. 17 to R.W.B. Richard D. Varner, to represent the Grand Master on September 21-22, 2025, at the Grand Lodge of Missouri Annual Communication at the Sheraton Kansas City Hotel at Crown Center.
- Sept. 19 to R.W.B. Eric M. Young, to represent the Grand Master on October 8, 2025, at the Daughters of the Nile Supreme Queen Visit at the Al Kader Shrine Center in Wilsonville, Oregon.
- Nov. 3 to M.W.B. James L. Morgan, P.G.M., to represent the Grand Master on November 7-8, 2025, at the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma's 117th Annual Communication, held at the Guthrie Scottish Rite Temple in Guthrie, Oklahoma.

**2026**

- Mar. 30 to M.W.B. William A. Martin, P.G.M., to represent the Grand Master on May 4-5, 2026, at the Grand Lodge of New York's 244th Annual Communication, held at the Grand Lodge of New York in New York, New York.

## REPRIMANDS

**2025**

December 10, 2025

W.B. Richard Hammel  
St. Johns Lodge No. 17

TO BE READ IN OPEN LODGE

RE: Reprimand

Section 207 - Quorum in a Lodge: “A quorum in a Lodge for the transaction of any business except voting on the formation of a new Lodge, or the conducting of funerals, shall consist of five or more Masters Masons, members of the Lodge, one of whom shall be the Master or a Warden, and a Tyler.”

On September 20, 2025, St. Johns Lodge No. 17 held a Special Communication to confer three Entered Apprentice Degrees. It has been reported to me that St. Johns Lodge No. 17 was opened on the Entered Apprentice Degree with less than five members of St. Johns Lodge being present. This is a violation of Section 207 of the Masonic Code of Oregon.

As the Worshipful Master of the lodge, it is your responsibility to search the Code and seek wise counsel if you are unsure of the number of members required to be present when opening a lodge for the transaction of any business. If you are unsure in the future call the Grand Master who can tell you how many are required to open a Communication of a Lodge. Do not rely on someone else to do what is your responsibility to do.

I, therefore, reprimand you for your actions and admonish you to follow the proper direction of the Masonic Code of Oregon when conferring degrees.

Furthermore, since Brothers Ron Mark Harris, Charles Alexander Johnson, Raymond Wahl, and Jeffery Clayton Wright in no way contributed to the irregularity of the action listed above in accordance with Code Section 20.17 – Powers of the Grand Master, I hereby declare Brothers Ron Mark Harris, Charles Alexander Johnson, Raymond Wahl, and Jeffery Clayton Wright to be healed and no black mark be shown on their records with regard to the conferral of the Entered Apprentice Degree.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,  
Marc L. Strong  
Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Oregon

December 10, 2025

R.W.B. Justin Guinan  
District Deputy No. 11

TO BE READ IN OPEN LODGE

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Sincerely and Fraternaly,  
Marc L. Strong  
Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Oregon

TO BE READ IN OPEN LODGE

March 23, 2026

To: Worshipful Master, Officers, and Brethren of Grants Pass Lodge No. 84

RE: Reprimand

Sec. 236. Petition for Advancement, Dropped From Roll —  
Section 236 States: “1. Dropped From Roll

An Entered Apprentice or Fellowcraft Mason who has been dropped from the roll of a Lodge for failure to present himself for advancement within two years from the date on which he received the last degree conferred, may petition such Lodge for advancement in and on the form prescribed by the Grand Lodge. Such Petition shall be presented to the Lodge at a Stated Communication and shall take the usual course of reference and ballot.”

On September 16, 2025, Grants Pass Lodge No. 84 held a Special Communication to confer the Fellowcraft Degree on EA. Jeffery Elliot Gill It has been reported to me that Grants Pass Lodge No. 84 had not verified that he had been dropped for failure to advance on July 15, 2025.

This is a violation of Section 242 of the Masonic Code of Oregon.

As the Worshipful Master of the lodge, it is your responsibility to search the Code and Records of the lodge to ensure the candidates for degrees are in good standing making them available for advancement in the degrees. While many circumstances can delay a candidate's journey forward, there is a definitive timeline for which adherence is required for them to advance appropriately.

There is no ability to stay a candidates' journey due to military active-duty deployment or medical conditions. The only provisions for such actions are related to Masonic Trials and criminal charges and appeals of such decisions and determinations.

If you are unsure in the future of the status of your candidates, call the Grand Lodge who can tell you the status of your candidates whom you are about to confer degrees upon. Do not rely on someone else to do what is your responsibility to do.

I, therefore, reprimand you for your actions for failing to require and accept a petition for advancement, assign an investigation committee, have a background check completed using the Grand Lodge approved procedure, vote on the petition, and then perform the Fellowcraft Degree. I admonish you to follow the proper direction of the Masonic Code of Oregon when conferring degrees upon candidates in good standing in the future.

Furthermore, since Brother Jeffery Elliot Gill in no way contributed to the irregularity of the action listed above in accordance with Section 20-17 of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge – Powers of the Grand Master – I hereby declare Brother Jeffery Elliot Gill to be healed and no black mark be shown on his record with regard to the conferral of the Fellowcraft Degree.

Fraternally,

M.W.B. Marc L. Strong,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Oregon

TO BE READ IN OPEN LODGE

March 23, 2026

To: Worshipful Master, Officers, and Brethren of Milwaukie Waluga Lodge No. 109

RE: Reprimand

Sec. 236. Petition for Advancement, Dropped From Roll —  
Section 236 States: “1. Dropped From Roll

An Entered Apprentice or Fellowcraft Mason who has been dropped from the roll of a Lodge for failure to present himself for advancement within two years from the date on which he received the last degree conferred, may petition such Lodge for advancement in and on the form prescribed by the Grand Lodge. Such Petition shall be presented to the Lodge at a Stated Communication and shall take the usual course of reference and ballot.”

On November 18, 2025, Milwaukie Waluga Lodge No. 109 held a Special Communication to confer the Fellowcraft Degree on EA. Aaron Michael Daugherty. It has been reported to me that Milwaukie Waluga Lodge No. 109 had not verified that he had been dropped for failure to advance on July 15, 2025.

This is a violation of Section 242 of the Masonic Code of Oregon.

As the Worshipful Master of the lodge, it is your responsibility to search the Code and Records of the lodge to ensure the candidates for degrees are in good standing making them available for advancement in the degrees. While many circumstances can delay a candidate’s journey forward, there is a definitive timeline for which adherence is required for them to advance appropriately.

There is no ability to stay a candidates’ journey due to military active-duty deployment or medical conditions. The only provisions for such actions are related to Masonic trials and criminal charges and appeals of such decisions and determinations.

If you are unsure in the future of the status of your candidates, call the Grand Lodge who can tell you the status of your candidates whom you are about to confer degrees upon. Do not rely on someone else to do what is your responsibility to do.

I, therefore, reprimand you for your actions for failing to require and accept a petition for advancement, assign an investigation committee, have a background check completed using the Grand Lodge approved procedure, vote on the petition, and then perform the Fellowcraft Degree. I admonish you to follow the proper direction of the Masonic Code of Oregon when conferring degrees upon candidates in good standing in the future.

Furthermore, since Brother Aaron Michael Daugherty in no way contributed to the irregularity of the action listed above in accordance with Section 20-17 of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge – Powers of the Grand Master – I hereby declare Brother Aaron Michael Daugherty to be healed and no black mark be shown on his record with regard to the conferral of the Fellowcraft Degree.

Fraternally,

M.W.B. Marc L. Strong,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Oregon

**GRAND ORATION**

of

The Grand Lodge of Ancient  
Free and Accepted Masons  
of Oregon

Daniel D. Bush  
GRAND ORATOR

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

**Address to the One Hundred and Seventy-Sixth  
Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge  
of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Oregon**

Where have you gone George Washington?

Grand Master, Most Worshipfuls, Right Worshipfuls, Worshipfuls, and Brethren All,

We stand today at a crossroads in the American experiment. To look at the landscape of modern American politics is to witness a theater of discord. We see a digital forum defined by incivility, a legislative process paralyzed by partisan entrenchment, and a public square where the volume of one's voice often supersedes the depth of one's conviction. In this climate of feverish polarization, we often find ourselves looking backward, searching for a compass. And invariably, our eyes rest upon the tall, stoic figure of a great American and Mason: our Brother George Washington.

We meet today in the shadow of this man who is not merely a historical figure to the world, but a Brother of our Order. When we speak of George Washington, we do not just speak of the General or the President; we speak of our Brother, the Inaugural Master of Alexandria Lodge No. 22. We speak of a man who wore the apron with as much pride as he wore the uniform, and who understood that the tools of Masonry were not just symbols for the lodge room, but blueprints and tools for building a new world.

To understand Washington is not merely to study a general or a president, but to study the art of civility as a power move. We often mistake civility for weakness or a lack of passion. In the life of Washington, civility was the ultimate expression of strength. It was the soft power that glued a fractured collection of colonies into a singular nation. If Washington were to walk into the halls of Congress today, or appear on our social media feeds, his primary contribution would not be a specific policy platform, but a dignified reintroduction of moderating influence — a leadership defined by what he didn't say as much as what he did.

To the outside world, Washington's leadership is often viewed as a miracle of history. But as Masons, we know the secret of his success. It was his commitment to civility as a sacred duty. In an age of digital vitriol and fractured loyalties, the example of Brother Washington offers us a masterclass in dignified statesmanship and servant leadership. If

he were to stand among us today, his influence would not be found in the noise of the partisan fray, but in the quiet, steady application of the trowel, spreading the cement of Brotherly Love and affection.

Washington's character was not an accident; it was a deliberate construction. His leadership was founded on a document he copied by hand as a teenager: *The Rules of Civility and Decent Behavior in Company and Conversation*. Rule number one states: "*Every Action done in Company, ought to be with Some Sign of Respect, to those that are Present.*"

This wasn't just etiquette; it was a philosophy of governance. Washington understood that in a republic, where men and women are bound to disagree, the only thing keeping the gears from grinding to a halt is the oil of mutual respect. He led by a principle we might call "The Dignity of the Dissenter." During the Constitutional Convention of 1787, Washington sat in the President's chair for nearly four months, rarely speaking. His influence was felt through his presence — a moderating, silent gravity that reminded the bickering delegates that they were engaged in something larger than their local interests. He didn't use his platform to dunk on his opponents; he used his silence to create a space where compromise could breathe.

To the uninitiated, these might seem like mere social graces. To a Mason, they are a pre-cursor to our own charges. Rule 110, his final entry, reads: "*Labor to keep alive in your Breast that Little Spark of Celestial fire Called Conscience.*" This celestial fire guided his hand at Valley Forge and his pen at the Constitutional Convention. If Washington were to enter the modern political arena, he would bring with him the geometry of moderation. He understood that for a structure to stand, it must be square. In modern politics, we have lost the square. We have replaced the objective truth of the moral square with the subjective angle of the moment.

Imagine, for a moment, George Washington with a smartphone. It is a jarring image. We live in an era of instant reaction. When a news cycle breaks, political leaders feel compelled to comment within minutes, often with inflammatory rhetoric designed to activate their base. If Washington were alive today, he would provide a moderating influence through deliberation. Washington was a man of the slow burn. He relied on his "Cabinet of Rivals" — Thomas Jefferson and Alexander Hamilton — two men who fundamentally loathed each other's visions for America. A modern leader might have fired one to ensure ideological purity. Washington, however, sought the tension. He believed that the best policy was forged in the heat of civil disagreement.

In today's politics, we suffer from echo-chamber leadership. We surround ourselves with voices that validate our biases. Washington would likely view our modern social media landscape as a firebrand's paradise and a statesman's nightmare. His moderating influence would be a call to unplug from the outrage. He would demonstrate that a leader's job is not to follow the whims of the mob, but to provide a sober second thought to the passions of the day.

Washington's leadership by civility was an exercise in subduing the passions. We are taught as Masons to keep our passions within due bounds. Today, the political world thrives on the release of passion — on anger, on resentment, and on tribalism. Washington would serve as a moderating influence by reminding us that a man who cannot govern his own temper is unfit to govern a nation.

Think of the “Cabinet of Rivals” Washington assembled: Hamilton and Jefferson. In the profane world, these men were bitter ideological enemies. Yet, under Washington's leadership, they were forced to labor on the same Temple. Washington treated his cabinet like a Lodge. He sat in the East, not as a tyrant, but as a Master guiding the vision of “best can work and best agree.”

In his Farewell Address, Washington warned against the “spirit of party” — what we now call hyper-partisanship. He saw it as a “frightful despotism” that opens the door to foreign influence and domestic corruption. Washington issued a chillingly accurate warning about this “spirit of party.” He cautioned that extreme partisanship “serves always to distract the public councils and enfeeble the public administration. It agitates the community with ill-founded jealousies and false alarms; kindles the animosity of one party against another.” Does this not describe our current moment perfectly? We are agitated by “false alarms” and “ill-founded jealousies.”

If Washington were alive today, he would look at our polarized discourse and see a failure of the Level. He would see a society where we no longer meet on the level, but look down upon those with whom we disagree. His moderating influence would be a call to return to the Plumb. He would remind us that the Constitution was not a weapon to be used to defeat one's neighbors, but a treaty intended to allow neighbors to live together in peace, and would demand that our leaders walk uprightly, with a rectitude of conduct that transcends party lines.

He would likely be appalled by the anti-civility of modern campaigning. To Washington, to insult an opponent was to insult the office itself. He

understood that when we destroy the dignity of our peers, we weaken the foundation of the entire building.

Today, that spirit has breached the gates. If Brother Washington were to speak to the nation today, he would speak as a Mason speaks to a Brother in error. He would use the language of the Trowel. He would remind us that our primary identity is not as Federalists, Republicans, Democrats, or Independents, but as Americans. He would emphasize that the ties that bind us are stronger than the issues that divide us.

His presence would be a calming influence to a troubled nation. He would not join the shouting match on cable news; he would likely refuse to participate in any forum that did not allow for dignified, long-form deliberation. His moderating influence would be found in his silence — a silence that demands the rest of the room lower its voice to hear the truth.

Perhaps Washington's most Masonic act was the relinquishing of the Oriental Chair. By refusing a third term, he demonstrated the internal strength to lay down the gavel. In an era where power is hoarded like gold, Washington's example of voluntary humility would be an exceptional moderating force. This most "Washingtonian" trait is the one most needed in modern politics — the ability to walk away. In a world where politicians cling to power for decades, Washington's decision to step down after two terms remains his most endearing act of civility. By giving up power, he proved that the office was greater than the man. This act moderated the ambitions of those who followed him.

Today, our politics is dominated by the cult of personality. We treat elected officials like celebrities or deities. Washington would be a cold shower to this trend. He would remind us that he was a servant of the public, not its master. His presence would moderate the modern tendency toward imperial presidency and legislative careerism. He would likely advocate for a return to the citizen-legislator model — where service is a temporary sacrifice, not a permanent career. He would challenge the career politicians of our day to remember that they are temporary stewards of a sacred trust.

If Washington were alive, he wouldn't be an influencer. He wouldn't have the most followers. He would likely be criticized by the far-left and far-right for being too cautious and too willing to compromise. And in that dual criticism lies his greatest strength. A moderating influence is often unpopular in the moment because it asks people to turn down their volume and open their ears. It asks us to admit that our opponents are also our countrymen.

Washington's civility was not about being nice. It was about virtue. He believed that a self-governing people must first be able to govern themselves — their tempers, their tongues, and their ambitions. If we cannot control our own impulses toward tribalism and rage, how can we expect to govern a continent-spanning superpower?

As we reflect on our Brother, we must ask ourselves: what can we do to channel his moderating influence? We do not need to wait for a new Washington to descend from Mount Vernon. We can adopt his rules ourselves.

- Prioritize the Union: Ask yourself if your political rhetoric builds the country up or tears it apart.
- Seek the Cabinet of Rivals: Actively listen to those you disagree with, not to find a win, but to find the truth.
- Practice the Silence of the Chair: Learn that not every provocation requires a response. There is power in a measured, deliberate pause.

George Washington's greatest victory was not at Yorktown; it was at the altar of the American character. He gave us a template for how to be a leader in a free society. He showed us that the most effective way to lead a diverse, boisterous, and often argumentative people is through the quiet, steady application of civility.

In the modern age, where the Spirit of Party threatens to consume the Spirit of '76, Washington's ghost stands as a sentinel. He reminds us that the American experiment is fragile. It requires more than just laws; it requires a certain kind of person to uphold those laws.

Brothers, the world today is in darkness — not a darkness of the mind, but a darkness of the heart. We have forgotten how to be civil because we have forgotten how to see our neighbors as fellow creations of the Great Architect.

If George Washington were to walk among us today, he would not bring a new policy; he would bring a renewed spirit. He would bring the spirit of the Lodge into the halls of government. He would remind us that:

- Truth is more important than a win.
- Relief of our common suffering is more important than partisan purity.
- Brotherly Love is the only cement that can hold a diverse republic together.

As Masons, we have a unique responsibility. We are the keepers of Washington's Rules. We are the ones trained to use the tools he loved.

Let us not wait for a new Washington to save the republic. Let us instead take the moderating influence we practice within these tiled doors and carry it out into the world. Let us be the Living Stones of a more civil society. Let us square our actions, plumb our convictions, and always, always meet on the level with our fellow citizens.

If Washington were here today, he would not offer us a new slogan or a new app. He would offer us his hand, point toward the horizon of our shared future, and quietly suggest that we stop shouting long enough to hear the heartbeat of the nation we all claim to love.

Brother Washington has completed his earthly labors and has been called to the Celestial Lodge above. But the trestleboard he helped designed remains. It is up to us to finish the work. Let us honor his memory not just with statues of marble, but with hearts of civility. Let us be the moderating influence our country so desperately needs.

Thank you, and may the Great Architect bless our Craft, our nation, and this world.

Respectfully submitted,  
Daniel D. Bush  
Grand Orator



ANNUAL REPORT

of

**THE MASONIC &  
EASTERN STAR  
HOME BOARD**

Timothy J. Best  
I.P.G.M., CHAIRMAN

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

## **REPORT OF THE MASONIC & EASTERN STAR HOME BOARD**

The Masonic and Eastern Star Home (MESH) Board meets monthly at the Grand Lodge offices in Forest Grove to oversee the operation of the Jennings-McCall Center (JMC) and our MasonicAid program. The Board is very proud of our Home, as it is recognized as one of the premier retirement communities in the Pacific Northwest.

The operation of the MESH Board is defined by Masonic Code Section 166.9: “The Board shall submit on or before June 4 of each year a detailed statement and report of its operation of the Home during the fiscal year ending April 30, together with its recommendations for the ensuing fiscal year.”

The 2025–2026 MESH Board consists of five elected members of the Grand Lodge of Oregon Trustees and three members of the Eastern Star of Oregon, as listed:

Timothy J. Best, Immediate Past Grand Master — A.F. & A.M. Chairman

Lanni Strong, Junior Past Grand Matron — O.E.S. Vice Chairman

Mark L. Strong, Grand Master — A.F. & A.M.

Nancy Pugsley, Worthy Grand Matron — O.E.S.

Richard D. Varner, Deputy Grand Master — A.F. & A.M.

Kim Avery, Associate Grand Matron — O.E.S.

Gregory A. Hinkelman, Senior Grand Warden — A.F. & A.M.

Eric M. Young, Junior Grand Warden — A.F. & A.M.

Mark R. Reed, Senior Grand Deacon (A.F. & A.M.), and Marie Chambers, Grand Conductress (O.E.S.), serve as non-voting members of the Board. Their participation helps prepare them for advancement to voting members next year. Grand Secretary James L. Morgan, P.G.M., along with Assistant Grand Secretary Mark L. Posler, P.G.M., and Gary L. Ball, Grand Treasurer, also attend in support of the board.

The management of “The Home,” the Jennings McCall Center (JMC), is provided by Aidan Health Services under the leadership of Mark Remley, along with on-site Administrator Crystale Harding. Due to the size and growth of the facility, the Board has directed the addition of an Assistant Administrator, and that process is currently underway.

I would like to thank all of our employees at JMC for their hard work and dedication—it truly starts from the top down. Recently, JMC received several prestigious awards in the greater Forest Grove area, a testament to the outstanding efforts of our staff.

The MasonicAid program continues to grow, thanks to the exceptional team managing it. Danielle Christopherson leads the program, working alongside Courtney Chun, Kyli LaMonica, and Victoria Howard. Together, they are currently assisting over 110 Masonic and Eastern Star members. Through their efforts, close to one million dollars in assistance has been provided so far this year—and I am confident that number has continued to grow since this report was prepared.

This year has presented some challenges, including water leaks at JMC that caused significant inconvenience. Our staff responded admirably, adjusting and relocating residents as needed so repairs could be completed in a timely manner. While situations like this can be frustrating, they are part of maintaining a facility of this size, and they were handled with professionalism.

We also completed a much-needed remodel of the Jefferson Room, a space that is regularly utilized for meetings and events. It was especially rewarding to see it used during this year's Secretary's Seminar hosted by the Grand Lodge.

The MESH Board has continued meeting with residents but has shifted to a more social format—sitting alongside them, getting to know them on a personal level, rather than what I used to refer to as the “firing squad” approach. This has proven to be far more interactive and enjoyable for everyone involved.

The Ambassador Program remains a valuable asset to both the Home and the MasonicAid program. Ambassadors are located throughout the state and are available to attend Lodge meetings or events. I encourage you to take advantage of this resource—they are eager to share information, promote the Home, and answer any questions.

My recommendation as chairman is simple: continue to support and invest in our Masonic and Eastern Star Home and MasonicAid program. Each of us has a role to play, and it is easier than ever to participate. By visiting the Grand Lodge website, you can set up a monthly donation with automatic payments. You will receive confirmation each month, knowing you are fulfilling a part of the obligation you undertook.

We can do this together—it takes all of us. And who knows, one day we may find ourselves as neighbors at JMC.

It has been both a pleasure and an honor to serve this year as your chairman of the MESH Board.

Fraternally,  
M.W.B. Timothy J. Best, Immediate Past Grand Master  
Chairman, Masonic and Eastern Star Home Board



ANNUAL REPORT

of

**THE JENNINGS  
McCALL CENTER**

Mark Remley  
Aidan Health Services

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

## **REPORT OF THE JENNINGS MCCALL CENTER**

Thank you for being here today as we gather for the Annual Communication. This is always an important moment for us to reflect on where we've been, recognize what we've achieved, and set our sights on where we're going next.

Over the past year, we have had a great deal to be proud of. One of our most significant accomplishments was a very successful Assisted Living survey. That result didn't happen by chance—it reflects the consistency, professionalism, and commitment brought to Jennings McCall every single day. It shows that the care we provide and the standards we uphold are not only meeting expectations, but exceeding them.

At the same time, we know that success is never a finish line. It's a checkpoint. We are always striving to be better, and that mindset will never change. Continuous improvement is part of who we are, and it's what ensures that we keep delivering the highest quality of care to those who depend on us.

Another major milestone this past year was the elimination of all temporary staff. This is something that has been a long time coming and required a tremendous amount of focus, coordination, and perseverance. It wasn't easy—but it was worth it. Building a stable, dedicated team strengthens not only our operations, but also the relationships we form with our residents and with each other.

This achievement is also a reflection of something deeper—our culture. The intentional focus we've placed on creating a supportive, engaged, and accountable environment has made a real difference. When people feel connected to their workplace and valued for what they do, strong outcomes follow. Reaching this point was not a matter of luck—it was the natural result of that cultural investment.

We also reached an incredible safety milestone this year: zero workers' compensation injuries. That speaks volumes about the level of care we show not only to our residents, but to one another. It shows awareness, teamwork, and a shared commitment to doing things the right way, every time. A safe workplace is a strong workplace, and this accomplishment deserves real recognition.

In addition, we made an important investment in the safety and well-being of our residents by upgrading the call system across the entire

community. This upgrade ensures better communication and an added layer of reassurance for those we serve and their families. It's a clear example of the commitment to reinvesting in what matters most—resident safety and quality of care.

And finally, I wanted to share that we were recognized by our broader community as well. We were named the 2025 Readers' Choice Award winner for Best Business of the Year in Forest Grove. This recognition reflects not only the quality of care we provide, but also the trust and respect we've built within the community we're proud to serve.

As we look ahead, we carry these successes with us—not as reasons to slow down, but as motivation to keep pushing forward. There is always more we can do, more we can improve, and more ways we can support each other and those we serve.

I would also like to thank the board of directors for their continued support in all that happens at Jennings McCall. This is a team effort and having an engaged board only makes us stronger.

Respectfully,  
Mark Remley  
Aidan Health Services, Inc.

LIFE CARE MEMBERS OF THE  
 MASONIC & EASTERN STAR HOME OF OREGON  
 April 30, 2026

GENDER	AFFILIATION	AGE	ADMIT DATE	YEARS OF RESIDENCE
Female	Esther Chapter No. 11	71	12/12/2003	22

MASONIC AND EASTERN STAR HOME OF OREGON  
 COMPOSITION OF LIFE CARE MEMBERS OF THE HOME

LODGES & CHAPTERS	MEN	WOMEN	TOTAL
1 Chapter sponsors one member	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>

RECAPITULATION	
Census April 30, 2025	1
Admitted during fiscal year	0
Released to Self	0
Released by Death	<u>0</u>
<b>Census April 30, 2026</b>	<b>1</b>

MASONICAID SUBSIDY  
 April 30, 2025

GENDER	AFFILIATION	AGE	APPROVED DATE	YEARS IN PROGRAM
Female	Tualatin Chapter No. 31	93	07/09/2016	9
Female	Wabanang Chapter No. 127	81	09/07/2024	2
Male	Cornerstone Lodge No. 157	82	01/10/2026	1
Male	Jefferson Lodge No. 133	92	03/14/2026	1

RECAPITULATION

Census April 30, 2025	5
Admitted during fiscal year	3
Released to Self	0
Released by Death	4
Census April 30, 2026	4



ANNUAL REPORTS  
of the  
**SENIOR & JUNIOR  
WARDENS**

The Grand Lodge of  
Ancient Free and  
Accepted Masons  
of Oregon

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

## **REPORT OF THE SENIOR GRAND WARDEN**

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brothers all,

It has been a great honor to serve as your Senior Grand Warden for this past Grand Lodge Masonic year. The duties of the Senior Grand Warden are outlined in the Constitution and By laws; aka "The Code"; in sections 109 and 166.3. The duties of the Senior Grand Warden shall be to serve as a member of the Grand Lodge Trustees; a member of the Masonic & Eastern Star Home Board (MESH); review and present to the Trustees the applications for Educational Assistance; participate in the annual budget formulation process; be a member of the Oregon Charitable Foundation Board (OMCF) and other duties as assigned by the Grand Master.

This year, I have fulfilled those duties by participating in, and attending, the monthly Trustee and MESH Board meetings. The MESH Board receives updates from our management team, Aidan Health Services, Inc. We follow through with that information to provide guidance on recommendations for projects that maintain the building and grounds of the facility. We also review the proposed budget and make recommendations and suggestions to Aidan prior to the board's adoption. We are briefed on the MasonicAid program which continues to flourish for the benefit of our Masonic Family.

During the Trustee Board meetings, it is the responsibility of the Senior Grand Warden to present the completed and vetted applications for the Educational Assistance program. This is a fantastic program that all eligible Brothers should take advantage of. Please see my report on Educational Assistance for further details.

One other board the Senior Grand Warden serves on is the Oregon Masonic Charitable Foundation. This board oversees giving associated with our Creating A Partnership (CAP) program and our charitable gift of \$50,000 to the SMART Reading program. As of the end of March, CAP has doled out \$121,371 in assistance to lodges with the charitable programs. This is approximately \$27,000 more than last year. The committee also plans and organizes the annual charitable golf tournament which raises funds for OMCF. I have had the honor to serve with some very dedicated and talented Brothers on the board such as Chairman W.B. Jim Munson, Golf Chair M.W.B. Dave Fryday, W.B. Andre Cvitanich, and R.W.B. Eric Young. We could not do it without the assistance of the Grand Treasurer, R.W.B. Gary Ball and the Grand Secretary, M.W.B. Jim Morgan. The

volunteers organizing the golf tournament included W.B. Adam Bayer, W.B. Rich Nowacki, and W.B. Anthony Chase. They did a fantastic job throughout the year.

I supported the Grand Master by attending several of his official visits around the state and participated in his two Occasional Grand Lodge events in Eugene and St. Helens. I also participated in celebrations for the 150th anniversary of Ashland Lodge No. 23 and McEwen Lodge No. 125 where the Grand Lodge Trustees conducted the Corn, Wine, and Oil Ceremony at each event. I was able to present on the Masonic Day of Training a PowerPoint on CAP to continue to educate the Brothers about this program. I also had opportunity to travel to other jurisdictions with a trip to the Annual Communication of California and attended the conference of Grand Masters in Chicago. I had a great educational experience by attending the annual Masonic Communities and Services Association conference in Arlington, Texas.

I conclude this report by thanking the Brothers for putting their trust in me by electing me Senior Grand Warden. I want to also express my sincere thanks and appreciation to the MESH Board including our OES sisters who serve on the board with the trustees. A big thank you to the awesome Grand Lodge staff for all they do for the Grand Lodge. Specific commendation to Ms. Courtney Chun and her assistance to me in processing the Educational Assistance applications. Also, to M.W.B. Jim Morgan for keeping a steady hand on the administration of the Grand Lodge. Finally, to M.W.B. Marc Strong for his leadership during the year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gregory A. Hinkelman  
Senior Grand Warden

## **REPORT OF THE JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN**

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Trustees, Past Grand Masters, Fellow Grand Lodge Officers, Distinguished Guests, and Brethren:

It is my honor to submit this report reviewing my year as Junior Grand Warden. I have endeavored to perform the duties of this office as outlined in Section 110 of the Code of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Oregon. I hope the Brethren have found my service acceptable, as I have sincerely attempted to serve them to the best of my ability throughout this Masonic year.

Among the duties of the Junior Grand Warden, as defined in the Code, is to act as prosecutor in any Grand Lodge trial. I am pleased to report that, as of the writing of this report, no Grand Lodge trials have been filed or prosecuted during the 2025–2026 Masonic year. There have been a few instances of Code violations that the Grand Master directed me to investigate; however, after reviewing the facts, the Grand Master elected not to proceed to trial and instead addressed these matters through reprimand and other appropriate means of rectification.

Another responsibility of the Junior Grand Warden, serving as a Grand Lodge Trustee, is the review of all invoices received and checks issued in connection with the operations of the Grand Lodge and the Jennings McCall Center, our adult care facility in Forest Grove. This process has been a valuable experience, providing insight into the significant financial resources required to operate both entities. Generally, bills are processed in a timely and efficient manner. Our accounts payable process continues to evolve, and we will soon transition to a fully electronic bill payment system that includes real-time authorization from both managers and administrators prior to payment. This advancement will further enhance security and efficiency in our financial management.

One of the most rewarding aspects of this year has been the opportunity to travel throughout our jurisdiction, building relationships and strengthening fraternal bonds with our Brothers. I have been fortunate to attend numerous lodge meetings and special events, including the Malheur Cave Degree, the Turner Outdoor Degree, a Day of Training at Washington Lodge No. 46, and table lodges at Milwaukie Waluga Lodge No. 109 and Jefferson Lodge No. 33.

Linda and I were also able to attend many Grand Master Official Visits across the state, as well as Occasional Grand Lodges in Eugene and St. Helens. We were always warmly received and truly enjoyed our travels.

I had the privilege of attending the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Oregon, Idaho, and Montana Annual Communication in Boise, Idaho, which was a meaningful opportunity to strengthen fraternal ties with Brothers who are, in many cases, our neighbors within this jurisdiction.

In addition, my wife Linda accompanied me to annual communications and visitations to other jurisdictions, including Idaho, Alaska, California, Nevada, Illinois, Hawaii, and even Norway. Our trip to Chicago, Illinois, for the Conference of Grand Masters was especially memorable, as it provided the opportunity to meet Brothers from across both North and South America. These connections allowed me to learn about Masonic programs in other jurisdictions that I hope to bring back to Oregon.

Finally, the upcoming trip to Washington, D.C., will serve as a capstone to this remarkable year. Participating in the opening of an Occasional Grand Lodge at the George Washington National Monument will undoubtedly be an experience I will cherish for the rest of my life.

It has been my honor to serve the Craft as your Junior Grand Warden during this Masonic year. The experiences, responsibilities, and, most importantly, the relationships formed along the way, have deepened my appreciation for our Fraternity and have exceeded my expectations. I am grateful for the trust placed in me and for the support of my Brethren, and I remain committed to continuing this work in service to the Grand Lodge of Oregon.

Respectfully and Fraternaly submitted,  
Eric M. Young  
Junior Grand Warden



ANNUAL REPORTS

of the

**GRAND LODGE  
COMMITTEES**

The Grand Lodge of  
Ancient Free and  
Accepted Masons  
of Oregon

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

## **APPEALS & GRIEVANCES**

To the One Hundred and Seventy-Sixth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Oregon:

Sec.129 defines the duties of the Committee on Appeals and Grievances, it shall be the duty of the Committee on Appeals and Grievances to consider all appeals to the Grand Lodge and all grievances which are required by law to be referred to it, or which in the judgement of the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master should be so referred. Also to make a separate and distinct report to the Grand Lodge upon each and every subject or case referred to it. The Committee on Appeals and Grievances submits the following report.

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances did not receive any referrals of appeals, grievances or any other cases or subjects to consider during this Masonic year.

This committee would like to congratulate the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Marc Strong for his continuing efforts to avoid issues that would require this committee's attention. It is through proper oversight that peace and harmony prevail.

Respectfully submitted,

Melvin L. Lambert

Darrell G. Maple

Kenneth L. Briggs

Robert L. Richardson

Michael J. McGuyer, P.G.M., Chairman

## **BUDGET**

Section 130(A) of the Oregon Masonic Code requires the Budget Committee to prepare and present an operating budget covering all proposed expenditures from the general fund for the next fiscal year. With the assistance of Molly Todd, Grand Lodge Financial Controller, the Budget Committee has reviewed the estimated revenues available for the 2026-2027 fiscal year. The projected revenues total \$3,583,867.02. The budgeted expenditures total \$3,512,145.19. The projected surplus is \$102,675.75. The remainder of the report is a summary of the projected income and expenditures of the Grand Lodge of Oregon for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

**INCOME**

Investment Income.....	\$551,009.10
Per Capita Dues.....	\$30,953.92
Sale of Supplies and Miscellaneous .....	\$22,000.00
Administrative Charges.....	\$1,420,000.00
JMC Lease Income .....	\$1,155,904.00
McMenamins Lease Income.....	\$404,000.00
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$3,583,867.02</b>

**EXPENSES**

Staff Salaries .....	\$547,659.11
Grand Secretary Salary.....	\$130,000.00
Grand Treasurer Salary .....	\$28,231.32
Benefits.....	\$216,696.94
Annual Communication.....	\$158,770.00
Committee Expenses.....	\$63,150.00
Grand Lodge Officer Expenses .....	\$168,500.00
Printing and Postage.....	\$33,000.00
Oregon Masonic News.....	\$68,000.00
Grand Lodge Programs/Grants .....	\$200,000.00
Building & Operational Expenses.....	\$401,064.64
Building Depreciation .....	\$776,150.00
Property Taxes.....	\$266,892.55
JMC Interest.....	\$59,376.71
Office and IT .....	\$111,000.00
Lodge Officer Training .....	\$10,000.00
Western & Conference of Grand Masters.....	\$40,000.00
Grand Master Pins and Gifts .....	\$15,000.00
Deputy Grand Master Gifts.....	\$3,000.00
Seminars and Other Conference Expenses.....	\$23,200.00
Marketing.....	\$125,000.00
Masonic Service Association.....	\$5,000.00
George Washington National Memorial .....	\$7,500.00
Masonic Relief .....	\$1,000.00
Fraternal Supplies .....	\$20,000.00
National Masonic Foundation for Children .....	\$2,000.00
Miscellaneous.....	\$1,000.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES .....</b>	<b>\$3,512,145.19</b>
<b>NET REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES.....</b>	<b>\$102,675.75</b>

Respectfully submitted,  
Gary L. Ball  
James L. Morgan, P.G.M.  
Richard D. Varner, Chairman

Timothy J. Best, I.P.G.M.  
Gregory A. Hinkelman

## **CLOTHING, JEWELS & FURNITURE**

To the Grand Lodge of A.F & A.M. of Oregon at our 176th Annual Communication: In compliance with Section 143 of the Masonic Code of Oregon, we hereby submit a report on the condition of the clothing, jewels, and furniture required for Grand Lodge ceremonies.

The Grand Lodge Officer aprons which were purchased in 2020, are beginning to show wear. All ten of the aprons that had exhibited a systemic flaw in the construction of the apron were replaced this year. This committee would very much like to thank our fraternal supply vendor for acknowledging the issue and standing behind their work – replacing all ten aprons free of charge. The District Deputy aprons appear to be holding up well with only the usual wear and tear noted on these.

We continue to clean and repair the Grand Lodge Officers' aprons and collars, as well as the District Deputies' aprons, on an ongoing basis when needs are identified and brought to our attention.

The Grand Lodge collars also appear to be in good condition and no issues were reported to this committee apart from minor repairs of the chains or links in the collars. This committee has started investigating new jewels for the Grand Lodge Officers as most of the current set are old, faded and worn. We also have three jewels in need of replacement as they are not Code compliant. Current offerings from our usual fraternal supply vendor do not comply with the Code so these will remain status quo for now. The Grand Lodge office staff have been very helpful in researching replacement jewels and we thank them for these efforts.

The apron cases and soft cases are also in good repair. We will continue to monitor these and repair or replace as necessary.

The Working Tools and Vessels of Consecration are in good repair and are in the possession of the Grand Marshal. The new wheeled case is in use as of this writing and was used three times in the last Masonic year; twice for the 150-year celebrations in Ashland Lodge No. 23 and Pearl Lodge No. 66 as well as the 50-year celebration for McEwen Lodge No. 125. The tools for the dedication of a new lodge are in the vault at the Grand Lodge in Forest Grove, Ore.

All other equipment necessary for the ceremonies of the Grand Lodge is in good condition and is in the possession of the Grand Marshal. An updated inventory of Grand Lodge Clothing, Jewels, and Furniture was completed in October 2025 by the Grand Marshal and is on file with the Grand Secretary as of this writing.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Arthur E. McGhehey, Jr.  
Eric Headley, Chairman

Andre J. Cvitanich

### **DISPENSATIONS AND CHARTERS**

To the Grand Lodge of A.F & A.M. of Oregon at our 176th Annual Communication. In compliance with Section 132 of the Masonic Code of Oregon, we hereby submit a report detailing the activities of this committee.

In October 2025, Lents Lodge No. 156 and Cornerstone Lodge No. 157 consolidated. The members decided to keep the name and number of Lents Lodge No. 156. Since this did not affect the original charter of Lents Lodge No. 156, no new charter was issued.

As of this writing, this committee is not aware of any other Lodge consolidations or requests for a new charter or dispensation.

All other dispensations issued by the Grand Master are automatically referred to the Jurisprudence Committee for review.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dennis R. Hanson  
W. Myles McMillan, P.G.M.  
Eric Headley, Chairman

Joseph W. Jarvis, P.G.M.  
Donald F. Stapleton, P.G.M.

### **EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE**

One of the longest standing programs of the Grand Lodge is the Educational Assistance program. This program was established to provide support to the children and grandchildren of an Oregon Master Mason who is in good standing, or who was in good standing at the time of their passing.

Funding for this program is derived from the irreducible Educational Fund, which exists to assist Master Masons, their children, and their

grandchildren within this jurisdiction who are experiencing financial need. It is important to note that this is not a scholarship program, but rather a form of financial assistance intended to support families by alleviating certain costs associated with raising and educating children. Through this program, the Grand Lodge seeks to ensure that the children and grandchildren of Masons receive meaningful support.

The program is authorized under the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge, specifically Section 128.7 (Powers and Duties of the Trustees of the Grand Lodge – Educational Assistance), Section 154.2 (Funds of the Grand Lodge – Educational Fund), and Section 217.14 (Powers and Duties of the Master – Education of Children).

Significant updates to the parameters of the Educational Assistance Program were implemented this year. Through diligent research, Educational Assistance Program Director Courtney Chun analyzed demographic and socio-economic data that informed revisions to the program's approval criteria. This research included data developed by the United Way of New Jersey, specifically the financial framework known as Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed (ALICE). By incorporating these parameters, the program has expanded its ability to provide meaningful financial assistance to a greater number of Masonic families.

This year, the Grand Lodge dispensed \$125,280.00 in Educational Assistance funds, assisting 38 students – 31 K-12 and seven post high school. Six of these students were first-time recipients.

The duty of the Senior Grand Warden is to oversee the administration of the program with the management and work being conducted by Courtney Chun of the Grand Lodge Office. It should be expressed my appreciation for the research she did on the ALICE information and coordinating all the paperwork needed from the families. The District Deputies did indispensable work by being the eyes and ears of the Grand Lodge in gathering and interviewing families for information. They should be commended for their work.

I would also like to express my appreciation to the Grand Lodge Trustees for their diligence in reviewing and approving the aid requests. This program is so valuable, and it is incumbent upon the Brothers to continue to promote it.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gregory A. Hinkelman  
Senior Grand Warden

<b>Kindergarten through 12th grade</b>		
Case No.	Lodge Name & No.	Total Award
828B	Hiram #67	\$2,520
828C	Hiram #67	\$2,520
828D	Hiram #67	\$2,520
840C	La Grande #41	\$2,520
840D	La Grande #41	\$2,520
840E	La Grande #41	\$2,520
842B	North Bend #140	\$3,780
842D	North Bend #40	\$3,780
846B	Grande Ronde Valley #56	\$3,780
855	Hiram #67	\$1,620
858A	Hiram #67	\$3,780
858B	Hiram #67	\$3,780
861	Union #3	\$1,620
866	Florence #107	\$3,780
867A	Redmond #154	\$3,780
867B	Redmond#154	\$3,780
870B	North Bend #140	\$3,780
872B	Florence #107	\$3,780
873	Washington #46	\$3,780
878C	North Bend #140	\$3,780
878D	North Bend #140	\$3,780
879	Multnomah #1	\$1,620
884B	Prineville #76	\$3,780
887	North Bend #140	\$3,780
888A	Cottage Grove #51	\$3,780
888B	Cottage Grove #51	\$3,780
889A	Joseph #81	\$3,780
889B	Joseph #81	\$3,780
890A	Eugene #11	\$1,620
890B	Eugene #11	\$1,620
891	Redmond #154	\$3,780
<b>K – 12 Subtotal</b>		<b>\$98,820</b>

<b>Post High School through age 22</b>		
Case No.	Lodge Name & No.	Total Award
849B	Florence #107	\$3,780
872A	Florence #107	\$3,780
876	St. Helens #32	\$3,780
878A	North Bend #140	\$3,780
878B	North Bend #140	\$3,780
884A	Prineville #76	\$3,780
892	Eugene #11	\$3,780
<b>Post Highschool Subtotal</b>		<b>\$26,460</b>
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENT</b>		<b>\$125,280</b>

## **ENDOWMENTS**

The Endowments Committee has worked this year to define what the mission of the committee should be. Code section 136 – Duties of the Committee on Endowments:

“It shall be the duty of the Committee on Endowments: To arrange among the Fraternity for endowments with which to perpetuate the charitable, education and fraternal activities of the Grand Lodge.”

M.W.B. Marc L. Strong asked that we focus on bolstering support for the Oregon Masonic Charitable Foundation and the Home Endowment Fund. We also wish to increase awareness surrounding the 1851 and Legacy Societies.

We have prepared articles to be included in the Oregon Masonic News on the use of life insurance as a tool to help fund the Grand Lodge Funds and how to plan your estate using wills and trusts to also accomplish these goals. We were able to establish a connection with a company who offers these estate planning services and they created a dedicated website page for the Masonic Family to use for initiating these services and they generously offered a discount to our members and a donation to the Home Endowment Fund for each completed estate plan.

Our next thought is to encourage every lodge in Oregon to operate one fundraiser a year, the proceeds of which will be donated to the OMCF or the HEF or both.

I would like to thank fellow members Zachary Steele, Donavon Davidge and Warren Burkholder for their service.

Respectfully submitted,  
Zachary Steele  
Warren Burkholder  
Stephen L. Barkley

Donavon Davidge

## **EXAMINATION OF VISITING BRETHREN**

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Esteemed Grand Lodge Officers, and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, A.F. & A.M.,

In accordance with Section 139 of the Oregon Masonic Code, the Examination of Visiting Brethren Committee is charged with verifying the credentials of all visiting Brethren who are not adequately vouched for, confirming their standing as members in good standing from a recognized lodge of Master Masons.

The 2025-2026 Masonic year was again largely one of stability and orderly conduct. The established verification processes across our lodges continued to function as intended, and the brethren of this jurisdiction have once again demonstrated a commendable commitment to upholding our standards of Fraternal integrity.

However, the committee did find it necessary to investigate one incident during the course of the year. During a March 2026 stated meeting of a particular lodge—notably coinciding with the official visit of the District Deputy and a scheduled presentation by a youth group—a visiting Brother attending in an official capacity for the first time was examined by a committee appointed by the Worshipful Master to verify his credentials. The Brother did not pass the examination. Upon investigation, the Worshipful Master indicated that the Brother appeared to be under the influence of an intoxicating substance, which was likely a contributing factor in his inability to satisfactorily answer the questions put to him.

The committee finds that the Worshipful Master acted with appropriate judgment under the circumstances, balancing the dignity of the occasion and the presence of guests with his obligation to safeguard the lodge. The matter was brought to the attention of the Grand Master, who commended the Worshipful Master for navigating the situation with grace and diplomacy. The committee concurs with that assessment and considers the matter resolved, subject to any further guidance the Grand Master may see fit to provide regarding the Brother's ongoing relationship with the lodge in question.

The committee extends its thanks to the lodges of this jurisdiction for their continued diligence in maintaining the propriety of our Fraternal engagements, and to the Worshipful Master and Brethren of the lodge in question for handling a sensitive situation with care and discretion.

Fraternally and respectfully submitted,

Joe "J.J." Fontana

John P. Ridenour

Dale B. Palileo, Chairman

John J. Lohrfink

Paul N. Temple, P.G.S.

## **FELLOWS OF THE CRAFT**

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Esteemed Grand Lodge Officers, and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, A.F. & A.M.,

It is my honor to present the annual report on the Fellows of the Craft program for Masonic Year 2025-2026.

Now entering its third decade, the Fellows of the Craft program remains one of this jurisdiction's most purposeful investments in the long-term development of our Brethren. What began as a resolution in 2005 has since grown into a meaningful expression of our belief that Masonic education does not end at the altar. It begins there.

No new certifications were issued during this Masonic year. As was the case with proficiency card issuance across the jurisdiction, this reflects a natural recalibration following a period of elevated activity in prior years and should not be read as a diminishment of interest in the program. On the contrary, renewed engagement is already on the horizon.

The Fellows of the Craft remains a requirement for the Grand Master's Achievement Award, and this continues to be a meaningful driver of participation. Several lodges have already reached out to inquire about certification as they work toward fulfilling the requirements of the GMAA, and it is expected that a number of certifications will follow in the coming year as those lodges complete their work.

The program also received well-deserved recognition this year as one of the highlighted topics during the Masonic Day of Training. This visibility serves the program well by broadening awareness among Brethren who may be encountering it for the first time and reinforcing its value among those already familiar with it.

However, the committee feels it necessary to address a matter of some concern. Unsubstantiated reports have emerged suggesting that certain lodges may be utilizing the Fellows of the Craft program to expedite candidates through the degrees; a use that is inconsistent with the program's intent and contrary to the spirit in which it was established. The Fellows of the Craft is designed to deepen the Masonic experience, not to compress or circumvent it. The Program Manager considers further investigation into these reports to be warranted and will pursue appropriate inquiry before the close of the next Masonic year.

The operational improvements introduced in previous years (digital distribution of materials, certification tracking through Grand View, and the streamlining of physical packets) continue to serve the program well and require no significant changes at this time.

I remain committed to the mission and value of the Fellows of the Craft program and am grateful to the Brethren and lodges who continue to engage with it in the spirit it was intended. I welcome inquiries from any lodge wishing to learn more or pursue certification.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dale B. Palileo, Program Manager

**FINANCE**

Brethren:

2025 was a year unlike any other for the US equity markets. Big gains for stocks echoed from prior years. US stocks added 17% on a price return basis, following a 24% gain in the S&P in 2024. A wide range of assets hit all-time highs during the year. The S&P nearly touched 7000, the Dow surpassed 48,000 and gold topped \$4,500 per ounce.

The U.S. stock market demonstrated resilience in 2025, overcoming policy shocks and geopolitical uncertainty to deliver another year of robust returns. AI-driven investment, improving economic fundamentals, and a more accommodative Federal Reserve created a constructive environment for equities. With broader participation and easing financial conditions, the market enters 2026 on a stronger and more balanced footing.

Looking at our account, Year to Date 12/31/2025:

Account Value December 31, 2024.....	\$80,199,814.99
Account Value December 31, 2025 .....	\$89,274,890.52
Total withdrawals by Lodge 2025 .....	\$860,564.09
Total Deposits 2025.....	\$400,000.00

Year to Date income through December 31, 2025.

Income from interest and dividends.....	\$1,591,363.13
Income from call writing activity.....	\$7,960,764.20

On behalf of the committee, I would like to offer our thanks to the Trustees for their support.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ed Bousquet, P.G.M.  
Gary L. Ball  
James L. Morgan, P.G.M.  
Bob M. Keller, Chairman

Dave H. Fryday, P.G.M.  
Peter Morrison

**GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS**

Section 142 of the Oregon Masonic Code requires this Committee to review the Address of the Grand Master and to report thereon, referring such portions of the Address as may be appropriate to the proper committees for their consideration and action.

After a complete review of the Special Acts of the Grand Master, as well

as the Grand Master's Address, this committee is pleased to report that no portion of the Special Acts requires referral to any other committee for further review or action. No discrepancies or errors were found in the report as presented.

This committee commends the Grand Master for his leadership and his efforts in advancing the Masonic Family during the 2025–2026 Masonic Year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Michael J. McGuyer, P.G.M.  
David H. Fryday, P.G.M.  
Timothy J. Best, I.P.G.M., Chairman

## **HISTORY**

On September 15, 2026, we as the Grand Lodge of Oregon A.F. & A. M. will be celebrating 175 years of Ancient Craft Freemasonry in our great state of Oregon.

There are other equally important meetings that occurred in the Oregon Territory a few years earlier. These dates are often forgotten when the topic of our creation as a Grand Lodge is discussed and written about.

In February and March of 1843 began the in-person talks during a “Wolf Meeting” at Champoeg. These public meetings began as the occasional meeting of fur trappers and landowners to discuss and develop a plan to deal with wolves and other predators that were threatening settlers’ livestock.

On May 2, 1843, a meeting took place at Champoeg for the express purpose of voting to create a provisional government of the Oregon Territory.

At these Wolf Meetings there were at least two men present who were Freemasons. Brothers Francis Xavier Matthieu and Robert Newell were there on the day that the vote was to create a provisional government of the Oregon Territory. Brother Newell would go on to become the first Worshipful Master of Champoeg Lodge No. 27.

On February 5, 1846, three Master Masons gathered and decided to place a notice in the first issue of the Oregon Spectator, at Oregon City. These three Brothers Joseph Hull, Peter G. Stewart, and William P. Dougherty decided it was time to gather all Freemasons together where, “They would keenly desire to form a regular lodge.”

The notice read:

“The members of the Masonic Fraternity, in Oregon Territory, are respectfully requested to meet at the City Hotel, in Oregon City, on the 21st

inst., to adopt some measures to obtain a charter for a lodge.”

The next important date occurred on February 21, 1846, when seven Freemasons met where they prepared and signed a petition directed to the Grand Lodge of Missouri, praying for a charter for a lodge at Oregon City, Oregon Territory, to be known as Multnomah.

This petition left Oregon City for Missouri in the trustworthy possession of Brother Joel Palmer and on September 11, 1848, the Charter for Multnomah No. 84 was returned to the Brothers of Oregon City.

Thus, two years, seven months, and six days elapsed between the notice in the Oregon Spectator and the arrival of the Charter at Oregon City.

The next important date to share was June 24th, 1850, when fifteen Master Masons met in a store in the small village south of Oregon City named Portland. These men met for the same reasons as the other Master Masons met four years earlier, to compose a petition for dispensation to meet and work as Freemasons which would be named Willamette. The return of the Charter from the Grand Lodge of California was returned on July 17, 1850.

The last lodge to be chartered before the Grand Lodge of Oregon Territory A. F. & A. M. was instituted was Lafayette Masonic Lodge in Lafayette, Oregon Territory. This group of Master Masons desired to form a lodge like Multnomah and Willamette did months earlier. The Charter was issued on May 9, 1851, just four months before these three lodges were called together to meet as Master Masons to officially form an Oregon Territorial Grand Lodge.

These three lodges must have known that they each existed. It is unfortunate that there is no detailed account of meetings or conversations between Multnomah No. 84, Willamette No. 11, and Lafayette No. 15.

On August 16, 1851, two prominent Master Masons called a meeting to consider the desirability of forming a Grand Lodge in the Oregon Territory. This called meeting was attended by eleven Master Masons with Berryman Jennings elected as President and Benjamin Stark elected as Secretary. It was at this time that a Resolution was made that the Convention of Free and Accepted Masons deem it proper and expedient to organize a Worshipful Grand Lodge for the Territory of Oregon and then to contact the three lodges in the territory informing them of the plan to meet to organize a Grand Lodge of Oregon Territory.

Notifications were sent to the three lodges in the territory that there would be a Convention called the second Saturday in September next at 9 o'clock.

September 13, 1851 is considered the first time that Brothers assembled for the purpose of creating the necessary Convention to verify that all who

were in attendance were Master Masons in “Good Standing”.

A Convention Committee was created, and a chairperson was assigned for the creation of the needed Constitution. The Convention was then adjourned until September 15, 1851, so the Committee on the Constitution could draft a constitution for adoption.

On September 15, 1851, the Report on the Constitution was received and adopted.

With the Constitution adopted, the Convention was in a proper position to elect the Grand Lodge of Oregon Territory Officers which occurred.

The Grand Lodge of Oregon Territory A. F. & A. M. was officially established on September 15, 1851.

In the eight months from the first day of the establishment of the Grand Lodge of Oregon Territory A. F. & A.M. we as a jurisdiction grew to a total of 183 Freemasons.

In closing a question must be asked.

Where are we today?

I believe a great Freemason and friend Past Grand Master Richard A. Martin said it best when he addressed the Grand Lodge of Oregon A. F. & A. M. at the 162nd Annual Communication in 2012.

“It is another beautiful day in the great Northwest, isn’t it? I believe every day is a beautiful day, and we are privileged to live in the best part of America.”

What did those Master Masons think and see when they all walked out of the City Hotel in Oregon City after creating what would become to be known as, the Grand Lodge of Oregon A. F. & A.M?

I believe on September 15, 1851, after hours of work, the first thing these Master Masons saw was the beautiful day and just how much it was a privilege to be a Master Mason.

It is indeed a gift to be a witness to 175 years of Oregon Freemasonry.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel K. Gray

William H. Sparks, III

Johnny J. Edwards, Chairman

Ryan R. Whittenburg

Michael D. Robinson

## **HOSPITAL VISITATION**

Dear Esteemed Members,

It is with sincere gratitude that I submit the 2026 year-end report for the Hospital Visitation Committee of the Grand Lodge of Oregon.

I deeply appreciate the honor of continuing to serve as Chairman. This

year, I again had the privilege of accompanying our Grand Master during several of his Official Visits. These travels provided meaningful opportunities to engage with Worshipful Masters and Secretaries, discussing the mission of the Hospital Visitation Committee and encouraging outreach to missing or ailing brethren within their lodges. These conversations continue to reinforce the importance of our work and the strength found in caring for one another.

In the spirit of grassroots engagement, I continued lodge visitations across the state, offering personal introductions and reinforcing the purpose and availability of the committee. These visits have strengthened relationships and encouraged more open lines of communication between lodges and the committee.

I am also pleased to report that our work has once again been featured in the Oregon Masonic News, allowing us to share our message more broadly and reach brethren throughout the jurisdiction.

While progress has been made, I remain mindful that communication within our committee can still be improved. In the coming year, I will place greater focus on strengthening those internal connections, improving coordination, and ensuring timely sharing of updates and resources among members.

Looking ahead, we will continue working to expand our network of volunteers, with a focus on identifying brethren who are committed to visiting, educating, and supporting others. Our goal remains to encourage every lodge to take a more active role in caring for its members, reflecting the compassion, charity, and Brotherly Love that define our Craft.

In closing, the Hospital Visitation Committee remains dedicated to serving the needs of our Brethren and their families. As we reflect on a year of continued growth and outreach, we look forward to building on this progress in the year ahead.

Fraternally,

Terry J. Harris

Darrin T. Ward

Anthony S. Chase, Chairman

David L. Miller

Billy J. Thompson

## **INFORMATION AND EDUCATION**

The Information and Education Committee was entrusted by the Grand Master with the logistics and training agendas at two Occasional Grand Lodges and a statewide Day of Masonic Training. The first Occasional Grand Lodge was opened on December 6, 2025, in Eugene Masonic

Lodge No. 11 and the second Occasional Grand Lodge was opened after a hearty Columbia County Shrine Club breakfast on March 7, 2026, in St. Helens Lodge No. 32.

During the morning sessions of the Occasional Grand Lodges, programs for the ladies were provided and attended.

The topics presented at the Occasional Grand Lodges in the morning during the tyled portion were the uses and benefits of the Grand View database, the programs of MasonicAid, an overview of the California Masters and Wardens Training program, comments from the Worshipful Masters and District Deputies present, an update on Prospect Managers and Inquiry Program, and Code scenarios reflecting the problems observed statewide.

After the provided lunch, the Occasional Grand Lodges were resumed with the ladies and public invited in. At the Eugene Occasional Grand Lodge, Eugene No. 11 member W.B. Michael D. Robinson did a historical talk on the Junction City Lodge and Grand Orator Daniel D. Bush did an oration on Pearl Harbor. Presentations were made at St. Helens No. 32 on the Masonic & Eastern Star Home Ambassador program, Educational Assistance program, The 1851 Society, and by the Widows Sons. Plus, Grand Orator Daniel D. Bush did an oration on what it truly means to be a Mason.

The Statewide Day of Training was on March 21, 2026, at eight locations across the state, with Grand Lodge Officers attending at the various locations. Experienced Worshipful Brothers and Custodial Deputy Instructors were utilized as the instructors. The locations and instructors are listed:

Rainier Lodge No. 24 – M.W.B. James L. Morgan, P.G.M.

North Bend Lodge No. 140 – W.B. Cary R. Pugh

Washington Lodge No. 46 – W.B. Eric Headley

Salem Scottish Rite – W.B. Justin Flemming,

assisted by M.W.B. David H. Fryday, P.G.M.

Corvallis Lodge No. 14 – W.B. Dale B. Palileo

Grants Pass Lodge No. 84 – W.B. John J. Lohrfink

Redmond Lodge No. 154 – W.B. John F. Ferguson

Blue Mountain Lodge No. 34 – W.B. Christopher C. Warren,

assisted by W.B. Darrin T. Ward and W.B. Kenneth L. Briggs

The first item on the agenda was a one hour Zoom meeting hosted by M.W. Grand Master Marc L. Strong with these presentations:

Creating a Partnership by R.W.B. Gregory A. Hinkelman

Fellows of the Craft by W.B. Dale B. Palileo

Torchlight by W.B. Adam M. Bayer

Custodial Deputy Instructors by W.B. Dale B. Palileo

Following the Zoom portion, the Basic School of Instruction commenced until the provided lunch and then was resumed after lunch.

M.W. Grand Master Marc L. Strong's stated goal of the Basic School of Instruction was to provide education for those attending with the hope of starting Brothers down the path to obtaining or renewing their Basic Proficiency Card.

The Information and Education Committee would like to thank M.W. Grand Master Marc L. Strong for our appointment to the committee. We would like to thank the District Deputies for getting the word out to their districts and helping to ensure attendance at the events. We would also like to thank the instructors, presenters, and Grand Lodge staff for making the meetings beneficial and the training possible.

Respectfully submitted,  
Adam M. Bayer  
Dale B. Palileo  
Mark R. Reed, Chairman

Roger H. Hodge II  
Cary R. Pugh

## **LIBRARY AND MUSEUM**

At the start of the 2025-2026 Masonic year, a new exhibit was created in honor of our Jurisdiction's 175th Anniversary. The new exhibit ended up being called "The Home". This exhibit follows our old Masonic Home from its cornerstone laying and how it evolved into the Jennings McCall Retirement Community.

The main administration office had an intern in the Fall, which caused me to think about creating an internship program for the library and museum in partnership with Pacific University. After some discussion with the university, they decided that creating an internship program with the M.W.B. Robert M. Richmond Memorial Library and Museum was a wonderful idea. I submitted an internship plan which was later approved. Within a couple of weeks, I had two students who volunteered as interns.

One intern, named Candle Riggs, is focused on becoming an archivist and working for a major museum, and the other intern, Adelyne Parr, is focusing on library studies. Both interns have been such a well-balanced gift to our library and museum.

Miss Riggs and I decided with the 175th Anniversary quickly approaching, the removal of all the items in our floor cabinets and replacing them with our very old Masonic aprons. After going through a selection process, 14 Masonic aprons were decided upon to display.

The Masonic aprons will be displayed beginning in September 2026, in time for our 175th Anniversary as a Masonic Jurisdiction and the event on September 12.

Miss Parr helped with the massive number of duplicate books that have been donated since 2015 when I became the Library and Museum Chairman. Our library has a zero throw away policy for all items received by donation. Multiple boxes full of duplicate book titles have found a new home either at the Forest Grove Public Library or with our Masonic lodges in this jurisdiction.

This partnership with Pacific University has been a huge success. It is my hope that we can continue having interns assist within our library and museum in the future.

The Czur Scanning Project, which loans two separate portable scanners, is still going strong. The importance of the digitization of all available physical records in our lodges should be a continued priority by our lodges.

Lastly, the grand total of scans since 2015 is 34,181 pages. With 2,589 documents being scanned this Masonic year.

The Library and Museum Committee will continue to receive, care for, and archive incoming Masonic items.

It is a huge honor to be a part of this committee.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kristopher L. Fahndrich  
David K. Moore  
Johnny J. Edwards, Chairman

Christopher L. Garza  
William H. Sparks, III

### **LODGE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY**

The Oregon Masonic Code Section 146B defines the duties of the Lodge Management and Advisory Committee as follows: "To endeavor to ensure effective leadership; to improve the knowledge, understanding and interest of the members, to ensure the financial integrity of the Lodge, and to enhance the community relations and public image of Masonry and to perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Grand Master".

The committee assisted with or monitored three situations involving lodges. In one instance, we assisted the Grand Master in investigating an issue with a lodge and monitored the results of the issue at a subsequent meeting. We also assisted a lodge in rewriting its by-laws

and revising its practices related to finances. In the third instance, we monitored an unusual situation involving a petition for advancement, transfer of lodge jurisdiction, and subsequent actions.

We would like to thank M.W.B. Marc L. Strong for the opportunity to serve the Craft in the role of Lodge assistance for the year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Matthew A. Alexander  
Curtis L. Knopp  
Richard D. Varner, Chairman

Michael A. Kreger  
James R. Westerfield

### **LONG RANGE PLANNING**

This report summarizes the work of the Long Range Planning Committee for the 2025-2026 Masonic year. The committee also acknowledges with appreciation the significant contributions of W.B. Dale Palileo who provided the base structure of the lodge assessment plan. This lodge assessment plan was an effort undertaken to provide the lodges of this jurisdiction with a practical and enduring framework to evaluate, strengthen, and sustain their operations, culture, and Masonic experience. The final lodge assessment and business plan has been made accessible to all Master Masons and constituent lodges within this jurisdiction through the resources tab in Grand View.

The Lodge Assessment and Business Plan establishes a structured and repeatable process by which lodges may objectively assess their current condition, identify strengths and deficiencies, and implement targeted plans for improvement. It is intended to function as a living document, to be reviewed and refined regularly to remain relevant to the evolving needs of the Craft.

The framework focuses on eight key areas of lodge health: membership attendance and growth, ritual proficiency, lodge cohesion, long-term planning, leadership, financial stability, lodge management, and member engagement. Using a standardized scorecard and assessment model, lodges are provided with a clear method to evaluate performance, establish priorities, and pursue deliberate, sustained improvement.

In addition to assessment, the plan offers practical guidance and best practices in each area, supporting improvements in ritual excellence, leadership development, financial stewardship, member engagement, and community impact. Emphasis is placed on the alignment of expectations, accountability, and communication as essential elements

of a healthy and harmonious lodge.

It is the intent of the committee that this work serve as a meaningful instrument for strengthening lodge culture, enhancing the quality of the Masonic experience, and reinforcing the role of our lodges within their communities. Its value will be realized through its consistent and thoughtful application across the jurisdiction, thereby contributing to the continued vitality and future of Freemasonry.

It has been my honor to work with the members of this committee: W.B. Earl Wilson, R.W.B. Blake Presswood, W.B. Dale Wiley, and W.B. Justin Fleming. Their intelligence and love for the Craft is second to none. Their dedication to this project has made my role as chairman easy. Thank you my Brothers.

Respectfully submitted,  
Blake G. Presswood  
Dale D. Wiley  
Eric M. Young, Chairman

Justin P. Fleming  
Earlie A. Wilson

## **MASONIC INSTRUCTION**

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Esteemed Grand Lodge Officers, and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, A.F. & A.M.,

In accordance with our traditions and the directives outlined in Section 131 of the Oregon Masonic Code, it is my honor to present the annual report of the Committee on Masonic Instruction for this Masonic year.

Masonic education continues to serve as the cornerstone of our Craft for Most Worshipful Brother Marc L. Strong's year in the Grand East. This year, the committee has remained steadfast in its mission to promote and sustain instruction in our ritual and its deeper meanings, with significant progress in both proficiency development and educational programming.

Over the course of the year, the committee oversaw the issuance of 25 proficiency cards:

- 22 Basic Proficiency Cards
- 1 Intermediate Proficiency Card
- 2 Advanced Proficiency Cards

This year's proficiency card issuance reflects a natural settling after several years of elevated numbers, and the committee views this as

an expected and healthy development. As the recent membership growth initiatives begin to mature and more candidates advance through the degrees toward the Master Mason chair, we anticipate a meaningful uptick in both renewals and new card issuances in the years ahead. The committee remains grateful to the many Brothers who gave freely of their time to support schools of instruction and conduct proficiency testing across the state. Their continued dedication makes this work possible.

The committee also extends its appreciation to the Brethren who answered the call to help confer degrees at lodges throughout Oregon this past year. Traveling to serve a lodge they may never have visited, sometimes with little advance notice, these Brothers embody a spirit of fraternal service that strengthens the whole of our Craft. Their efforts ensure that every candidate receives a degree experience worthy of the institution into which he is being received.

One of the highlights of this year's Masonic Day of Training was the renewed emphasis on the vital role of our Custodial Deputy Instructors. Brothers were encouraged to view their CDIs as mentors and trusted resources for deepening their understanding of the ritual and resolving passages that have long carried uncertain meaning. The response from the Craft has been encouraging, and the committee is grateful to our Custodial Deputy Instructors for their patience, knowledge, and dedication to this important work.

The Committee has undertaken and advanced three instructional programs this year:

1. Basic School of Instruction: In conjunction with this year's Masonic Day of Training, Basic Schools of Instruction were held simultaneously at various locations across the state. These schools further solidified foundational lodge ritual skills and provided practical, hands-on guidance for Brothers seeking greater proficiency in their respective lodge offices.

2. Intermediate School of Instruction: Building on earlier pilots, Intermediate Schools of Instruction were held this year, most notably in Bend and in Beaverton. These schools focus on the first section of all three degrees, emphasizing proper stage direction and clarification of floorwork and spoken ritual. Continued feedback from these locations will inform further refinement of the curriculum.

3. Advanced School of Instruction (Field Test) — The curriculum for the Advanced School of Instruction has been fully tested and is expected to be ready for formal submission later this year. This

course centers on the second section of the Master Mason Degree, with special attention to safety, stage direction, and adherence to the instructions in the Ritual book. This advanced instruction seeks to elevate both the understanding and the execution of our most dramatic ritual work.

The committee wishes to express its sincere gratitude to M.W.B. Marc L. Strong, Grand Master of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons in Oregon, and M.W.B. James L. Morgan, P.G.M. and Grand Secretary, for their continued leadership and support throughout the year. Their direction has helped the committee navigate both the practical and philosophical dimensions of our work, and their confidence in our mission is deeply appreciated.

As we close this Masonic year, the committee is heartened by the growing energy and commitment to education visible across the state. The groundwork laid through our schools of instruction, the advancement of our curriculum development, and the renewed engagement with our Custodial Deputy Instructors all point toward a stronger, more instructed Craft. We look forward with optimism to what the year ahead will bring.

Respectfully submitted,  
Adam M. Bayer  
Robert L. Fountain  
Dale B. Palileo, Chairman

W. Ryan Buys  
Michael D. Robinson

## NECROLOGY

Most Worshipful Grand Master Brethren all,

A while back, Most Worshipful Brother Myles McMillan, Past Grand Master, presented two Masonic Widow's Pins and confirmed that another had received hers. Our Eastern Star Chapters and lodges have taken quite a hit.

A couple of months before that I had been struggling for inspiration for this report. The presentation of those pins hit our Grand Master's theme to strengthen our Masonic Family bonds and sharing the passion of Freemasonry.

The Widow's Pin is the broken column. An Eastern Star Emblem for the Star Point of Martha.

In the measureless realm of time how brief is our earthly life; yet how momentous and eternal its issues! Life's experiences, coming thick and fast, are the soul's appointed means of growth. Today we build our castles, tomorrow fickle fortune snatches from hope the promised joy. Today prosperity or the presence of loved ones fills our cup with joy, tomorrow adversity or sore bereavement casts us into the valley of sorrow.

The broken column is an expressive emblem of the uncertainty of human life.

Let us pray.

Supreme Grand Master, we bless your name in thanks for all those who have entered their rest. We ask especially that you keep alive in us the memories of our Brothers, whom you have called out of this world. Lift our eyes beyond the shadows of earth and help us to see the light of eternity which rests with you.

Amen.

As we watch the listing of our Brothers who have passed, please stand for your lodge members and for Brothers who had an impact on your life. Thank you Brother Ian for your music during the slide show.

Most Worshipful Grand Master thank you for asking me to be Grand Chaplain and accompanying you on this journey to strengthen our Masonic Family bonds and sharing the passion of Freemasonry.

Respectively submitted,  
Dale D. Wiley  
Tracy M. Harris, Chairman

Brandt F. Shores



**Dalvin L. Hollaway**  
*Grand Master of Masons in Oregon*  
1989-1990



**Gareth J. Duggan**  
*Grand Master of Masons in Oregon*  
2004-2005



**Richard A. Martin**  
*Grand Master of Masons in Oregon*  
2011-2012

## **PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

Most Worshipful Grand Master,

As per Section 146A of the Code, this committee is called upon to consider, review, and comment upon the operation of public schools and to carry out activities that the trustees think will help perpetuate them.

This year's report is similar to last year and can also be labeled: difficult. The decisions of the current U.S. President and the majority political party have greatly impacted the public education system in Oregon, it is likely this will continue in the near future. Whether this is good or bad long term remains to be seen, but with a 48.6-million-dollar reduction in federal education and community funds to Oregon in 2025, the hurt is real. Together these two funds support rural schools which are especially hard hit and, in some cases, facing closure. The loss in federal funds is having a significant impact currently. With the downsizing and restructuring of the U.S. Department of Education, this is likely to last for some time ahead.

The need and the opportunity for Masons to provide public education assistance is greater than ever before in recent history. Programs are being scaled back or completely eliminated in our public schools. Some programs are attempting to remain viable while pushing more of the cost to parents that may wish their children to continue in a specific program. The need for assistance for the average working American family is great as economic inflation pressures are heavy and burdensome.

What can the lodges do for public education? This can look different in each community, however, giving our time and money working on the specific local needs is a great start. We cannot make these programs survive, but with some additional creativity and focused work, our lodges can help with these needs at least on a local level. Helping with one Brother, or with the lodge as a group, as much and as often as we can in this area, along with the other work we do, is a great way to give relevance and purpose to a lodge while providing reward and renewal for many. Remember that the students of today are the Masons of tomorrow. Opportunities we provide today will help strengthen the future leaders of our communities and our great state. Brothers, don't miss this opportunity to make a real difference in the lives of our students.

Respectfully submitted,  
Daniel C. Jenkins  
Jason J. Smith  
Jason Hamblen, Chairman

Eric S. Bradford  
Milan H. Haskell

## **TECHNICAL STANDARDS**

The Technical Standards Committee members attended the 2025 Annual Communication as usual and operated the cameras, overhead projection system, and e-voting system. As in years past, this was a very successful session.

The Committee has not spent any of their budget at the time of this report.

An audit of equipment will need to be conducted before the 2026 Annual Communication. At this time a replacement tripod and spider stand for the cameras will be needed.

Respectively submitted,  
Jade Woods, Chairman

## **TORCHLIGHT**

Since the 2025 Annual Communication, and as of the writing of this report, ten Brothers – either individually or in groups – have taken and successfully passed the Torchlight Exam. The consensus among those who have participated has been that the experience is both educational and gratifying. There is genuine excitement and pride in their voices upon hearing that they have completed the 250 test questions with the required 95% accuracy.

The digital format of the test – now in its fourth year – has proven to be popular and more appealing than its analog predecessor. The ability to search digital formats of the Grand Jurisdiction’s literature is seen as a big improvement, but success rates show that the test’s difficulty hasn’t been wholly lessened by the conveniences of technology.

If and when a Brother fails to meet the required grade, if he chooses to do so is allowed to retake the test until he succeeds. Upon passing, each participant is awarded in open lodge, by myself or his District Deputy when available, with a commemorative certificate and pin. The Brother or Brothers are then asked to share with the lodge their takeaways and thoughts on the experience.

The future of Torchlight is bright, as several groups across Oregon are currently making their way through the challenging program, with many more Brothers soon to begin their own journeys – learning much about the vital workings and infrastructure of our great Fraternity.

Respectfully submitted,  
Adam Bayer, Manager

## **TRUSTEES**

The Grand Lodge of Oregon By-Laws Section 108.2 requires the Deputy Grand Master, “to prepare and present annually to the Grand Lodge a summary of the transactions of the Trustees since the preceding Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.” According to the Oregon Masonic Code (Section 18.1), the Trustees of the Grand Lodge are the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden, Junior Grand Warden, and the Immediate Past Grand Master. There are three other regular attendees. The Grand Secretary records the proceedings, the Grand Treasurer provides financial updates, and the Senior Grand Deacon observes to prepare him for his role as the future Junior Grand Warden.

The Trustees meet monthly, usually at the Grand Lodge headquarters in Forest Grove, to conduct the business of the Grand Lodge. This year, the only absence was the Immediate Past Grand Master who was excused to fulfill his duties as a member of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Board of Directors. The normal business for the Trustees includes:

- approval of minutes from the previous meeting,
- review of the financial position of Grand Lodge,
- discussion of issues related to lodges,
- approval of expenditures,
- approval of Lodge Repair and Improvement grants,
- review of the activities of the Board of the Oregon Masonic Charitable Foundation (primarily Creating A Partnership disbursements),
- review and approval of Educational Assistance grants.

One of the more significant actions of the Trustees this past year was the selection of an Assistant Grand Secretary. With the impending retirement of the current Grand Secretary, it was important to have at least one person well-prepared to stand for election. The Trustees solicited applications from around the jurisdiction, reviewed the applications and conducted interviews, and selected Most Worshipful Brother Mark Posler for the position of Assistant Grand Secretary.

The Trustees also dealt with the issue of Brothers who were in good standing in one or more lodges but NPD in one or more other lodges. The Trustees approved a plan for a transition program to get all these

Brothers in compliance with the Code. Starting January 1, 2026, the Code Section 255-2 will be strictly enforced, and a member dropped from the roll pursuant to this section will no longer be considered a Mason subject to the provisions for reinstatement.

On the same day as the Trustees meeting, the Masonic and Eastern Star Home Board meets. The Trustees and representatives from the Order of Eastern Star make up the Masonic and Eastern Star Home (MESH) Board. The MESH Board governs the Jennings McCall Center and the MasonicAid program. This year, the Trustees and the MESH Board dealt with two future issues. First, they agreed on a procedure for disposition of proceeds if the former Masonic and Eastern Star Home property were ever to be sold. Second, with the payoff of the loans used to construct the Jennings McCall Center in the near future, the two groups agreed on how future lease payments for the Jennings McCall Center should be calculated.

The Trustees maintain relationships with the Grand Lodges making up the Conference of Grand Masters of North America (COGMNA) and the Western Conference of Masonic Grand Lodges. Through attendance at these two annual meetings and the visits to individual Grand Lodges, the Trustees share information on issues impacting our various jurisdictions and learn how other jurisdictions have dealt with issues as well as helping other jurisdictions based on our experience.

The members of your Board of Trustees have worked diligently for the Craft, and I thank everyone of them for their hard work and dedication to Freemasonry. As a group, we wish to thank the Craft for their trust and confidence in us to work in their best interests.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Richard D. Varner  
Deputy Grand Master

## **YOUTH ACTIVITIES**

Masonic Code Section 146C. directs the Committee on Youth Activities to “Promote an interest in Youth Activities in the constituent Lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction.” During this Masonic year, the Committee on Youth Activities of the Grand Lodge of Oregon consisted of D. Grant Mobley, Michael C. Legorreta, Zachary A. Keirseay, Casey W. Taylor and Arthur L. Borland, P.G.M.

Our most visible activity of the year was “A Youth Day at Oaks Park”,

in Portland on August 9, 2025. The day was planned for the members of DeMolay, Job's Daughters, Rainbow for Girls, and their families. The Grand Lodge of Oregon provided ride tickets for the youth group members, the venue, and the food for a wonderful barbeque for all. We need to give a big thanks to Al Kader Shrine for bringing their portable barbeque and stepping up to be our cooks for the day. In all, we were pleased to have 20 DeMolay, 14 Job's Daughters, and 20 Rainbow Girls in attendance along with their families and prospective members. In total we served more than 84 people that day.

In addition to Oaks Park, several of the committee members became involved with other activities for the youth groups during the year. We attended the DJR (DeMolay, Job's Daughters, Rainbow for Girls) Honor Day at Al Kader Shrine. We attended many of their local meetings, served as workers for fireworks booths, helped with beach cleanups, attended their annual meetings, and promoted them within our local lodges. I personally went to support Rainbow at their Annual Communications in Oregon, California, and Washington and served as the State Rainbow Dad in Oregon.

During this time, we also worked with local lodges to begin a new Rainbow Assembly in Joseph, Oregon. We have received approval from Medford Masonic Lodge No. 103 that they will support and host a new Rainbow Assembly in Southern Oregon.

I personally want to thank the Grand Lodge of Oregon and the members of the committee for their support. The youth of this country truly are the future of our Masonic organizations, and we need to place special emphasis on preparing them for leadership roles. Thank you for your support.

Respectfully submitted,  
D. Grant Mobley  
Zachary A. Keirse  
Arthur L. Borland, P.G.M., Chairman

Michael C. Legorreta  
Casey Taylor

## **REPORTS REQUIRING ADOPTION**

### **CODE**

In compliance with Section 24-3(c) and Section 140 of the Masonic Code of Oregon, the Committee on the Code reviewed proposed amendments to the Code submitted for consideration at the 176th Annual Communication. We have assisted our Brothers in preparing their proposed amendments. All proposals were altered in minor ways to correct typos and adjust formatting; those changes will not be mentioned further. We will now report to you regarding the proposed amendments.

#### **1. Section 24 Amendments to Constitution —, with Companion Legislation Amending Section 140, Duties of Committee on the Code — and Section 150, Resolutions, How Submitted —**

This proposal to amend the Constitution was submitted by M.W.B. Hunt M. Compton, P.G.M., W.B. Adam M. Bayer, past District Deputy and member of the Committee on the Code, and M.W.B. Mark L. Posler, P.G.M.

This proposal would change the wording which describes the condition of proposed amendments to the Masonic Code, to clarify wet signatures are required on the submitted documents. This requirement is in line with past rulings of the Jurisprudence Committee and will codify the rulings. Additionally, the proposed wording will direct the reader to Section 9 of the Code, which specifies who may sign such proposals and will also correct the improper tense of a word in the same section.

As originally submitted, the “Reason for Proposed Change” did not fully address the proposed changes. Additional descriptive language was added. After further review, the committee determined that companion legislation was needed to avoid creating conflicts within the code, and to maintain consistency. After adding the companion legislation to Amend Sections 140 and 150, the Committee on the Code found the proposed amendments to Section 24, Section 140, and Section 150 to be in proper form.

#### **2. Section 128-25 Powers and Duties of the Trustees of the Grand Lodge, Assistant Grand Secretary with Companion Legislation Amending Section 13 Grand Lodge Officers.**

This proposal to amend the Constitution and Grand Lodge By-Laws

was submitted by M.W.B. Gregory A. Jenkins, Past Grand Master, R.W.B. Brian S. Jenkins, District Deputy of the Grand Master for District No. 9, and M.W.B. Mark L. Posler, Past Grand Master.

The Masonic Code currently requires the Trustees of the Grand Lodge to appoint an Assistant Grand Secretary. This proposal would change the wording of Section 128-25 and Section 13 to allow the Trustees to appoint an Assistant Grand Secretary at their discretion when they wish to do so and would drop the requirement that they must appoint an Assistant Grand Secretary.

The Committee on the Code found the proposed amendment of Section 128-25 and Section 13 are in proper form.

### **3. Section 157 Fees, Dues, Assessments, Etc., to be Paid by Chartered Lodges and Lodges U.D. — with Companion Legislation Amending Section 155 Funds of Masonic and Eastern Star Home—**

This proposal to amend the Grand Lodge By-Laws was submitted by W.B. Andre J. Cvitanich, Grand Pursuivant, R.W.B. Richard D. Varner, Deputy Grand Master, and W.B. George Legoretta, Worshipful Master of Corvallis Lodge No. 14.

This proposal would reallocate money paid each year by Chartered Lodges and Lodges U.D. The amount paid would not change. Funds which are currently allocated to the Home Operating and Maintenance Fund would be allocated to the General Fund in the future.

The authors believe making this change would be of benefit to the Fraternity.

As originally submitted, the “Reason for Proposed Change” did not fully address the proposed changes. After additional descriptive language was added, The Committee on the Code found the proposed amendments to Section 157 and 155 are in proper form.

### **4. Section 213-9 Lodges — Powers, Duties and Limitations, Failure to File Annual Returns—**

This proposal to amend the By-Laws pertaining to Lodges was submitted by M.W.B. James L. Morgan, Past Grand Master, W.B. Eric Headley, Grand Marshal, and W.B. Andre Cvitanich, Grand Pursuivant.

This proposal would increase the penalty for lodges which fail to file their annual return with the Grand Secretary by April 10. The current penalty is one dollar per day; the proposed change would result in a penalty of ten dollars per day.

The authors believe the penalty has lost its impact due to inflation

over time and seek to make the penalty meaningful again.

The Committee on the Code found the proposed amendment to Section 213-9 is in proper form.

**5. Section 213-16 Lodges — Powers, Duties and Limitations, Roster of Officers to Grand Secretary — With Companion Legislation Amending Section Sec. 221-10 Duties of the Secretary —, Roster of Officers to Grand Secretary —**

This proposal to amend the By-Laws pertaining to Lodges was submitted by M.W.B. Mark L. Posler, Past Grand Master, W.B. Howard W. Haynes, Member of the Registration Committee, and W.B. Anthony Blosser, Worshipful Master of Rickreall Lodge No. 110.

This proposal would change the way lodge secretaries report new officer information each year to the Grand Secretary. Lodge secretaries would be required to submit the information through Grand View and would no longer mail or carry a paper document to the Grand Secretary.

The authors believe this change will lessen the workload for lodge secretaries and for the Grand Secretary's staff.

As originally submitted, the proposal was found to conflict with Code Section 221-10, Duties of the Secretary—, Roster of Officers to Grand Secretary —. The Committee on the Code created companion legislation amending Code Section 221-10 to eliminate the conflict. With the addition of the companion legislation, the Committee on the Code found the proposed amendments to Section 213-9 and 221-10 are in proper form.

**6. Section 256 Life Membership —**

This proposal to amend the By-Laws pertaining to Lodges was submitted by M.W.B. Greg Jenkins, Past Grand Master, R.W.B. Brian Jenkins, District Deputy of the Grand Master for District No. 9, and W.B. Daniel Jenkins, Worshipful Master of Rickreall Lodge No. 110.

This proposal would create a new subdivision in Section 256 numbered 15, which would allow a Master Mason who holds life membership in two lodges which choose to consolidate to transfer the life membership in the lodge being absorbed to a third lodge in which he is a dues paying member. The proposal would also modify the text of subdivision 11 in the same section to allow for this exception to the norm.

The authors intend this change to provide an additional option to Master Masons who find themselves in this situation and do not wish to combine the two Life Memberships into the successor lodge.

As originally presented, the wording of the proposed new Section #15 was found to be incompatible with the current structure of the code describing changes to lodge status and could have created conflict in the code. The Committee on the Code re-worded the proposed Section #15 with the approval of the authors. As now written, the Committee on the Code found the proposed amendment to Section 256 is in proper form.

### **7. Section 265-8 Charters, Grand Lodge May Restore Charter**

Carryover Legislation from the 2025 Annual Communication

This proposal to amend the By-Laws was submitted by W.B. Geoffrey Butler, Worshipful Master of Rogue River Lodge No. 226, W.B. Scott Smith, Worshipful Master of Belt Lodge No. 18, and W.B. Donald LeFave, Worshipful Master of Grants Pass Lodge No. 84.

This proposed amendment would allow a lodge whose charter has been revoked to be restored to a group of Masons who need not be former Members of the lodge. The group would be required to meet the same criteria as that of a new lodge and upon successful qualification would receive the previously revoked lodge Charter with the original lodge name and number, along with any documents, funds, or property of the lodge still in the possession of the Grand Lodge.

The Committee on the Code found the proposed change to Section 265-8, with the proposed addition of two new subsections 265-8(c) and 265-8(d), is in proper form.

### **8. Section 269-1 Jewels**

Carryover Legislation from the 2025 Annual Communication

This proposal to amend the By-Laws was submitted by M.W.B. Craig A. Sipp, Past Grand Master, W.B. Darrin Ward, Junior Warden of Grand Ronde Valley Lodge No. 56, and W.B. Richard Southard, Worshipful Master of Cove Lodge No. 91.

This proposed amendment would change the jewel of the Lodge Historian to the scroll with a quill.

The Committee on the Code found the proposed change to Section 269-1 is in proper form.

In closing, I wish to thank the members of the Committee on the Code for their hard work and hours spent reviewing the proposed amendments to the Code this year. I also wish to thank M.W.B. Marc Strong for providing me the opportunity to serve as chairman of this committee.

Respectfully submitted,  
Adam M. Bayer  
Jason D. Edmiston  
Mark L. Posler, P.G.M., Chairman

Hunt M. Compton, P.G.M.  
Mark R. Reed

## **JURISPRUDENCE**

### **Resolutions for 2026 Annual Communications**

The Committee on Jurisprudence met via Zoom March 6, 2026, for the purpose of reviewing resolutions for the 2026 Annual Communication.

The following are the results of that meeting.

**1. Resolution on the Lesser Lights** – proposes a change in the order of opening the lights.

This resolution was determined to be in proper form.

**2. Resolution to Confer Honorary Membership** – on distinguished visitors from other Grand Lodge jurisdictions.

This resolution was determined to be in proper form.

The Jurisprudence Committee would like to thank the Grand Master and Grand Lodge Trustees for the honor of working together this past year.

Sincerely,  
David H. Fryday, P.G.M.

### **Legislation for 2026 Annual Communications**

The Committee on Jurisprudence met via Zoom March 6, 2026, for the purpose of reviewing legislation for the 2026 Annual Communication.

The following are the results of that meeting.

#### **1. Section 24 Amendments to Constitution —, with Companion Legislation Amending Section 140, Duties of Committee on the Code — and Section 150, Resolutions, How Submitted —**

This proposal would change the wording which describes the condition of proposed amendments to the Masonic Code, to clarify wet signatures are required on the submitted documents. This requirement is in line with past rulings of the Jurisprudence Committee and will codify the rulings. Additionally, the proposed wording will direct the reader to Section 9 of the code, which specifies who may sign such proposals and will also correct the improper tense of a word in the same section.

As originally submitted, the “Reason for Proposed Change” did not fully address the proposed changes. Additional descriptive language was added. After further review, the committee determined that companion

legislation was needed to avoid creating conflicts within the code, and to maintain consistency.

With the companion legislation to amend Sections 140 and 150, the proposed amendments to Section 24, Section 140, and Section 150 are in proper form.

**2. Section 128-25 Powers and Duties of the Trustees of the Grand Lodge, Assistant Grand Secretary with Companion Legislation Amending Section 13 Grand Lodge Officers.**

The Masonic Code currently requires the Trustees of the Grand Lodge to appoint an Assistant Grand Secretary. This proposal would change the wording of Section 128-25 and Section 13 to allow the Trustees to appoint an Assistant Grand Secretary at their discretion when they wish to do so and would drop the requirement that they must appoint an Assistant Grand Secretary.

These proposed amendments are in proper form.

**3. Section 157 Fees, Dues, Assessments, Etc., to be Paid by Chartered Lodges and Lodges U.D. — with Companion Legislation Amending Section 155 Funds of Masonic and Eastern Star Home—**

This proposal would reallocate money paid each year by Chartered Lodges and Lodges U.D. The total amount paid would not change. Funds which are currently allocated to the Home Operating and Maintenance Fund would be allocated to the General Fund in the future.

The authors believe making this change would be of benefit to the Fraternity. As originally submitted, the “Reason for Proposed Change” did not fully address the proposed changes. Additional descriptive language was added.

These proposed amendments to Section 157 and 155 are in proper form.

**4. Section 213-9 Lodges — Powers, Duties and Limitations, Failure to File Annual Returns—**

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The proposed amendment to Section 213-9 is in proper form.

### **5. Section 213-16 Lodges - Powers, Duties and Limitations, Roster of Officers to Grand Secretary — With Companion Legislation Amending Section Sec. 221-10 Duties of the Secretary —, Roster of Officers to Grand Secretary —**

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As originally submitted, the proposal was found to conflict with Code Section 221-10, Duties of the Secretary—, Roster of Officers to Grand Secretary—. The Committee on the Code created companion legislation amending Code Section 221-10 to eliminate the conflict.

The proposed amendments to Section 213-9 and 221-10 are in proper form.

### **6. Section 256 Life Membership —**

This proposal would create a new subdivision in Section 256 numbered 15, which would allow a Master Mason who holds life membership in two lodges which choose to consolidate to transfer the life membership in the lodge being absorbed to a third lodge in which he is a dues paying member. The proposal would also modify the text of subdivision 11 in the same section to allow for this exception to the norm. The intent is to provide an additional option to Master Masons who find themselves in this situation and do not wish to combine the two Life Memberships into the successor lodge.

The Committee on the Code re-worded the proposed section 15 for consistency with the approval of the authors. As now written, these proposed amendments to Section 256 and section 15 is in proper form.

### **7. Section 265-8 Charters, Grand Lodge May Restore Charter**

Carryover Legislation from the 2025 Annual Communication

This proposed amendment would allow a lodge whose charter has been revoked to be restored to a group of Masons who need not be former Members of the lodge. The group would be required to meet the same criteria as that of a new lodge and upon successful qualification would receive the previously revoked lodge Charter with the original lodge name and number, along with any documents, funds, or property of the lodge still in the possession of the Grand Lodge.

The proposed change to Section 265-8, with the proposed addition of two new subsections 265-8(c) and 265-8(d), are in proper form.

**8. Section 269-1 Jewels**

Carryover Legislation from the 2025 Annual Communication

This proposed amendment would change the jewel of the Lodge Historian to the scroll with a quill.

The proposed change to Section 269-1 is in proper form.

The Jurisprudence Committee would like to pay special thanks to the Code Committee. There have been several issues to address and the Code Committee under the guidance of M.W.B. Mark Posler, Chairman, have provided assistance to the Jurisprudence Committee in resolving these issues. The Code Committee made the Jurisprudence Committee's job much easier.

Respectfully submitted,  
D. Arthur Bush, P.G.M.  
Ronald J. Eggers, P.G.M.  
David H. Fryday, P.G.M., Chairman

Craig A. Sipp, P.G.M.  
Richard E. Surroz, P.G.M.

## **RECOGNITION OF OTHER GRAND LODGES**

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Past Grand Masters, Grand Lodge Officers, Delegates, and Brethren all:

Your Committee on Recognition of Other Grand Lodges would like to report on three requests for recognition we have received since our last Grand Lodge session.

I would like to begin by reviewing the standards used when considering requests for recognition. These standards were adopted by the Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America in 1952 and have been used by most regular Grand Lodges since that time when considering whether Grand Lodges should be recognized. They are summarized as follows:

1. Legitimacy of origin.
2. Exclusive territorial jurisdiction, except by mutual consent and/or treaty.
3. Adherence to the ancient landmarks: specifically, a belief in God, the Volume of the Sacred Law as an indispensable part of the furniture of the lodge, and a prohibition of the discussion of politics and religion.

### **Grand Orient De Mato Grosso Do Sol**

We have received a request for recognition from the Grand Orient DeMato Grasso Do Sol. This Orient was founded on January 25, 1979, in Campo Grande, Brazil.

At the 2019 conference of Grand Masters in North America, the committee on Recognition submitted the following:

“The Grand Orient de Minas Gerais and the Grand Orient de Mato Grosso do Sol were each recognized by land treaties signed with their representative state Grand Lodges in 2018. Each of these bodies is also recognized by the CMI. It would be reasonable to assume that these Grand Orients are practicing regular Masonry, and recognition would be appropriate if you so desire.”

I move that this portion of our report be adopted, thereby granting recognition to the Grand Orient DeMato Grasso Do Sol.

### **The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Tennessee**

We have received a request for recognition from the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Tennessee. They state that on October 3, 2021, they signed a treaty of recognition with the Grand Lodge of F. & A.M. of Tennessee. Upon checking with the Grand Lodge of F. & A.M. of

Tennessee, we were able to confirm that this treaty does in fact exist.

I move that this portion of our report be adopted, thereby granting recognition to the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Tennessee.

**Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Lebanon**

We have received a request for recognition from the Grand Lodge of F. & A.M. of Lebanon. This Grand Lodge was formed through an amalgamation of Grand Lodges on May 20, 2023.

The Committee on Recognition for the North American Conference of Grand Lodges stated in their 2026 report that it appears the Grand Lodge of F. & A.M. of Lebanon meets the standards of recognition.

I move that this portion of our report be adopted, thereby granting recognition to the Grand Lodge of F. & A.M. of Lebanon.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, this completes our report. The members of this committee thank you for the opportunity to serve this Grand Lodge during the past year.

Respectfully submitted.

D. Arthur Bush, P.G.M.

Steven A. Macarelli

L.L. "Vern" Beito, P.G.M., Chairman

Craig A. Sipp, P.G.M.

Gary A. Faw

## RESOLUTIONS

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Distinguished Guests, Brethren all:

The Resolution Committee is charged with considering resolutions submitted and referred to them by the Grand Lodge. To prepare and introduce resolutions upon request of the Grand Lodge (except proposed amendments to the Code) and to prepare and introduce upon its own motion such resolutions as it may deem appropriate.

This year the committee has two resolutions in proper form and ready to submit for the Brethren's consideration:

### **1. Resolution on the Lesser Lights**

This resolution makes the case that when opening Lodge, the lesser lights/tapers should be lit before the Great Lights are displayed.

Respectfully submitted by W.B. Robert E. Merrill-Colberg, Current Worshipful Master of Bandon Lodge No. 130; W.B. Cary Pugh, Deputy Instructor - SW Oregon for the Grand Lodge of Oregon; W.B. George Seely, Past Master of Myrtle Lodge No. 78; R.W.B. Michael D. Sullivan, District Deputy for District 13 Grand Lodge of Oregon.

### **2. Resolution to Confer Honorary Membership**

This resolution is per Code 150.90 that during this 176th Annual Communication, the distinguished visitors from other Grand Lodge jurisdictions shall have honorary membership in this Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,  
Richard C. Southard  
Theodor "Ted" H. Crocker, III  
Richard S. Nowacki, Chairman

W. "Billy" T. Burns  
Brian K. Kaufman



