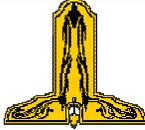


## From The West

### Greetings Brethren,

I was standing in lodge this afternoon



looking at pictures of our past masters, hanging on the wall. Thinking of how prestigious our lodge used to be. Then I noticed something else, we have quite a few past masters, that still reside in the area, but no longer attend lodge. That has me puzzled, but also has me thinking. What exactly are we missing, that we used to possess as a lodge? We can sit collectively as a group of men making excuses why we all have dwindling membership, and non-active membership, or we can do something about it. I think that we need to offer something to our brethren. Something more than just repetitive & sometimes boring ritualistic meetings. Instead of excusing ourselves for sports, television, and other forms of entertainment, we should be the entertainment. Camaraderie, fellowship and ways to build relationships amongst our brothers. We need to commit more than lip service and put action behind our thoughts and ideas. *Fraternally, Guy Holloway, SW*

## Good of the Order

### Freedom is Not Free

I watched the flag pass by one day, it fluttered in the breeze. A young Marine saluted it, and then, he stood at ease.

I looked at him in uniform, so young, so tall, so proud. With hair cut square and eyes alert. He'd stand out in any crowd.

I thought, how many men like him, had fallen through the years? How many died on foreign soil? How many mothers' tears?

I heard the sound of taps one night, when everything was still. I listened to the bugler play, and felt a sudden chill. I wondered just how many times, that taps had meant "Amen". When a flag had draped a coffin, of a brother or a friend.

I thought of all the children, of the mothers and the wives, of fathers, sons and husbands, with interrupted lives. I thought about a graveyard at the bottom of the sea. Of unmarked graves in Arlington, **No, Freedom isn't free.**

# TRESTLEBOARD



## Robert Burns Masonic Lodge

### *Special Events*

### Stated Meetings

March 3<sup>rd</sup> & March 17<sup>th</sup>

### *Birthdays*

We wish each and everyone



who has their Birthday in March  
"A Very Happy Birthday"

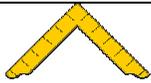
### Sickness & Distress

Bro. Howard Kahn is at home now and getting around pretty good on his walker. Georgia Kahn who has also recently been in the hospital has returned and is in good spirits. Bro. Pat Church has returned from Harmony House in Bend. He has lost a little weight and is a little weak, but both him and Doreen seem to be doing ok.

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February 2008



## From The East

### Greetings Brethren,

We; as lodge officers and committee's are hard at work. Trying to resolve the problems that have plagued this lodge for many years.

My Brethren I want to ensure you emphatically, that we, as an active lodge body are weighing every issue very closely. Progress will occur, though slowly, but it will occur! Because most issues are financially impacted you have my word we will consider all options before action and a vote

We have five officers signed up to attend the " lodge charge" on April 19th in La Grande. I would like to thank all members for their efforts.

I have heard rumors of 4 or 5 petitions that are out and waiting for return. Good job Guys!

I'm on an article for the Oregon Masonic News regarding our new Cave program, "Rope-A – Mason". *Fraternally,*  
*Perry Cooper, WM*

## Chaplin's Corner



### Words to Live By

The greatest Joy: giving  
The greatest loss: Loss of self-respect

The most satisfying work : Helping others  
The ugliest personality trait: Selfishness

The most crippling failure disease: Excuses  
The two most power-filled words: "I Can"  
The most worthless emotion: Self-pity

The deadliest weapon: The tongue  
The most contagious spirit: Enthusiasm!

The most prized possession: Integrity

# Calendar of Events

## March 2008

3 <sup>rd</sup>	Officers Meeting	6:00pm
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Stated Meeting	7:00pm
10 <sup>th</sup>	Burns OES #40	7:30pm
17 <sup>th</sup>	Stated Meeting	7:00pm
24 <sup>th</sup>	Burns OES #40	Pending



## February Holidays

**Monday March 17<sup>th</sup>**  
**St. Patrick's Day**  
**Sunday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
**Easter**



## Eastern Star

A change of the meeting time to 2:00 pm on Mondays, is in the works. The idea is that it will make it easier to attend (not to have to go out in the evening).

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