

TRESTLEBOARD

Story of Easter



Easter is a time of springtime festivals. In Christian countries Easter is celebrated as the religious holiday commemorating the resurrection of Jesus Christ, the son of God. But the celebrations of Easter have many customs and legends that are pagan in origin and have nothing to do with Christianity.

Traditions associated with the festival survive in the Easter rabbit, a symbol of fertility, and in colored Easter eggs, originally painted with bright colors to represent the sunlight of spring, and used in Easter-egg rolling contests or given as gifts.



Easter is observed by the churches of the West on the first Sunday following the full moon that occurs on or following the spring equinox (March 21). So Easter became a "movable" feast, which can occur as early as March 22 or as late as April 25.



The period before Easter is the Lenten season, capped by Holy Week. The Lenten season is a period of penitence in preparation for the highest festival of the church year, Easter. Holy Week is the last week of Lent. Holy week and the Lenten season end with Easter Sunday. But if you ask most young children, "What is Easter to You?" The 1st thing you will probably hear is that it is the "Day we hunt for Easter eggs".



Happy Easter



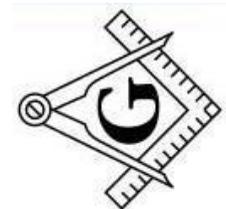
**Robert Burns
Masonic Lodge #97**
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Calendar of Events April 2009

6 th	Officers Meeting	6:00 pm
6 th	Stated Meeting	7:00 pm
20 th	Light Dinner Meat Lasagna	6:00 pm
20 th	Stated Meeting Committee Reports	7:00 pm

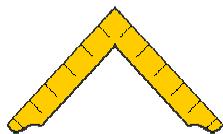
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FROM THE EAST



Greetings Brethren,

March has turned out to be a fruitful month for the Robert Burns Lodge. I informed you last month that there was an imminent resolution to the long lingering problem of a much needed, new heating system. I am pleased to announce that the new Heat Pump system has been installed and should, by the time you read this, be fully wired and purring with warmth.

Our official visit by the Grand Master of Masons in Oregon, MWB Bob Richmond and several other Grand Lodge Officers, and their ladies, was such an honor and an excellent event. The evening started with a fantastic Corned Beef Dinner, cooked and served up by Brother Jim Gardner. Numerous Brothers, & guests said it was the best they had ever had. "Well done Bro. Jim!!"

I can't go on without saying, what a wonderful contribution our Ladies of the Burns Eastern Star Club made in their very generous efforts in setting the dining room up for the evening, and then helping with the clean up.

The evening was capped off with the Grand Master cutting the cake for dessert followed by the Masonic movie "National Treasure" in the dining room while the Stated Meeting ensued.

Our meeting was highlighted with the Grand Master's oration and cowboy poetry. It was a wonderful experience for all. His message to remember our senior members and widows who can't be as active as they would like was so on target that I myself have a renewed focus on contacting and involving our Masonic widows & Brethren, plus, insuring that they know they are still part of the Masonic family and that help is there when they need it. The importance of this obligation was brought home by several stories the Grand Master shared with us on the subject. I know this has renewed the focus for all of the Brethren in attendance. I have no doubt that these, and the rest of the able-bodied members of this lodge will assist me in this endeavor.

Fraternally, WM Beau Boyd



Good of the Order

BLT Training Session

The "Basic Lodge Training" (BLT) session for District 19 will be hosted by Bend Lodge in Bend on Saturday April 18th, from 9 am till 4 pm. A \$5 (full) Breakfast will be held from 7:45 am til 9 am. Lunch is hosted by the Bend Jobbies, and is part of the \$10 per person training fee (*note: this fee is covered by the Lodge*). To participate fully we need 5 Brothers to attend. MWB Bob has allowed Burns to count this training session as an Official Lodge Visit for the Grand Masters Trophy. This requires that 2 of the 5 attending, must be Line Officers. Please call WB Beau if you plan on attending. Registration is due no later than April 4th.

Events & Activities



RECAP Of the



Grand Master's Official Visit

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Saint Patrick's Day Dinner

True to everyone's expectations, Bro. Jim Gardner's rendition of "Corned Beef & Cabbage", has in fact established his reputation as "CB&C, Cook of Renown". What a feast!!!

The ease of the effort was made a lot lighter with the help of the Ladies of the ES Club. Thank you Ladies!!

With 30+ members, guests & friends, it was a great turn out. For several others, who couldn't make it for health reasons, Bro. Jim fixed plates and delivered them the next day. The "popcorn, soda and a movie" was a nice distraction for some, but did not distract the others who filled the evening with good conversation & friendly visiting.

The highlight of the year for any Lodge is normally the Grand Master's visit. It's when, quite often, the only time that year, the members get to meet the Grand Master. For us it was well worth the wait!

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Chaplain's Corner

MIND OF GOD

by Brother Rob Morris

And can we know the mind of God,
A window to the will supreme?
And is His purpose all exposed
to human eye, so faint and dim?
Look! Open upward broadly lies
The Word of God -- the unerring Law,
Threatening and promising by turns,
As Masons yield to fear or love,
Oh, be it ours to walk therein,
And at the end have sure reward.