

Worshipful Master's May Message *(continued)*

It is my intent to word the resolution on consolidation to the effect that the Malheur Cave shall be maintained by an appointed board to be "managed" as a separate entity; with a perpetual fund set aside from Robert Burns Masonic Lodge assets to maintain and support it's continued operations as it currently is.

WB Jim Magoon has also stated the new By-laws could also establish that several "Special Communications" be held annually at the Roberts Burns Masonic Lodge building. He also agrees with me that the "Robert Woods Memorial Scholarship" program would need to be continued. We also feel that a very strong Masonic presence in Burns could be the outcome of a merger. We are all aware of the strong and direct support & friendship that Bend Masonic Lodge has shown to Robert Burns Lodge continuously over the last 10 or more years.

These decisions are ones that every member of Robert Burns Masonic Lodge should provide input, for. The resolution will have its **First reading** at the **May 3rd, 2010** Stated Meeting, then a **Second reading** at the **June 7th, 2010** Stated Meeting, at which a vote will be taken. This vote will consist of the approval or rejection of the proposal by two-thirds of the members present.

Fraternally, Scott Shaw, Worshipful Master

TRESTLEBOARD



Robert Burns Masonic Lodge #97 AF&AM

541-573-2220

Calendar of Events

May 2010

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| 3 rd | Pre-Lodge Dinner | 6:00 pm |
| 3 rd | Stated Meeting | 7:00 pm |

Note:
**Presentation and hanging of the
Robert Burns Memorial Plaque
(During the Stated Meeting)**

Mother's Day



In its present form, Mother's Day was established by Anna Marie Jarvis, following the death of her mother Ann Jarvis on May 9, 1905, with the help of a Philadelphia merchant called John Wanamaker.

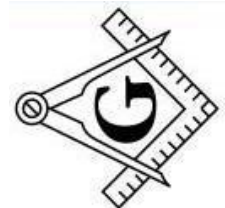
The holiday was declared officially by the state of West Virginia in 1910, and the rest of states followed quickly. On May 8, 1914, the U.S. Congress passed a law designating the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day and requesting a proclamation. On May 9, 1914, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation, declaring the first national Mother's Day, as a day for

American citizens to show the flag in honor of those mothers whose sons had died in war.

In 1934, U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt approved a stamp commemorating the holiday. In May 2008, the U.S. House of Representatives voted twice on a resolution commemorating: **Mother's Day.**



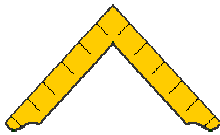
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May 2010

FROM THE EAST

Greetings Brethren,



Robert Burns Lodge #97, which we all hold dear to our hearts, is at a crossroads. We are unable to function and carry out, in any semblance of order, our responsibilities of a true and purposeful Masonic Lodge.

After many notices and other attempts to get your attention to these dire circumstances, without any significant response, we continue to have extremely low meeting attendance. As a result we are forced to operate with a very limited roster of officers and absolutely no programs, other than the annual Malheur Cave Event (which for the last several years has fallen on the shoulders of 3 to 5 of the same dedicated members). In these continuing condition, we can no longer properly carry out our charges and responsibilities as a Lodge of Masons.

It is with extreme sadness that I and the other 4 members, who regularly attend Robert Burns Lodge, are forced to bring this forward.

There is a proposal being considered by the Lodge, which was voted on at the last stated meeting to (1) surrender our charter or (2) merge with Bend Masonic Lodge #139. A decision and vote on which of the two proposals shall stand will be taken at our Stated Meeting on May 3, 2010. A resolution, on the "favored" proposal, as a result of the vote, will be read at our next Stated Meeting, May 3, 2010.

The effect of surrendering our charter is, the Grand Lodge will immediately take possession of all assets and properties of Robert Burns Masonic Lodge. That will be the end of the Lodge. Members will then be required to affiliate with another Lodge within the Grand jurisdiction.

Section 264, of the Oregon Masonic Code, Consolidation of Lodges states:

(a) When two or more Lodges shall desire to consolidate, the proposal to consolidate shall be presented by resolution in each Lodge at a Stated Communication thereof, record made in the minutes and further action deferred to the next Stated Communication.

The lodge has been approached by WB Jim Magoon, the Worshipful Master of Bend Masonic Lodge to merge with them.

Section 264, of the Oregon Masonic Code, further states

2. Final Action by Ballot —

At the Stated Communication of each Lodge at which final action is to be taken on the proposal to consolidate, the Master of each Lodge shall submit the question, "Shall the Lodges be consolidated as proposed?" The Lodge shall then vote by written ballot. A two-thirds favorable vote in each Lodge shall be required for consolidation.

The question, that should have the input of every member of this lodge is, do we wish to surrender our charter or consolidate? With surrendering our charter the Grand Lodge of Oregon would get everything. With consolidation, Robert Burns Masonic Lodge #97 would surrender its charter to The Grand Lodge, and all its members would become members of the Bend Masonic Lodge #139. Bend Masonic Lodge would assume ownership and control of all Robert Burns Masonic Lodge assets and properties

Note: for complete details on Consolidation, please refer to Section 264 of the Oregon Masonic Code.

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Events & Activities

Come "One" Come "All"

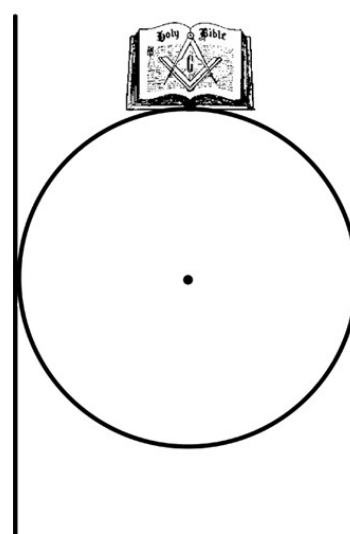
Pre-Lodge Lite Dinner

Monday, May 3rd, 6:00 pm

SOUP & SANDWICHES



Chaplain's Corner



A certain Point within a Circle –
The point represents an individual Brother;
the Circle is the boundary line, beyond which
he is never to suffer his passions, prejudices
or interests to betray him ---.

LODGE INFORMATION

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Junior Steward **OPEN**

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President	Bill Quier	573-6147

A Bit of Humor

A young Entered Apprentice was being tested on his proficiency. After going over the signs and passwords, he looked at his tester and asked, "I noticed several of the older members sticking their fingers in their ears and whistling. What does that sign mean?"
"That's not a sign," his tester said,
"Those are Past Masters adjusting their hearing aids."