

Trestle Board – Warren Lodge #51

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Worshipful Master Robert M. Oakliff's Message

"If you keep Masonry in front of you, it will lead you. If you place yourself in front of Masonry, it will never catch up."

Greetings Brothers,

Fall is almost upon us again. Hope everyone is enjoying there summer. For our first meeting when we return will be having the masters cook out starting at 6:30.

Our annual meet the masons golf challenge will be coming up on the September 16, 2017 and member participation would be greatly appreciated.

Our annual brewchilla on October 8th is also fast approaching were we will also need member participation.

This fall will find me returning to Singapore for five weeks and Brother Senior Warden Ryan T. Howard will be conducting lodge for those few meetings while I am gone.

I do look forward to visiting the various lodges in Singapore though. The blue lodge council dates are listed on the Calendar in this Trestle Board.

As always if the Brothers can remember to bring canned food items to lodge when attending for the Portland food bank. I look forward to seeing as many Brothers at lodge and also our lodge of instruction / Fellowcraft club.

Fraternally yours,

Robert Oakliff WM.

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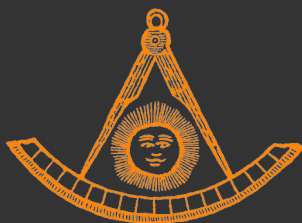
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Living Past Masters

John L. Gilbert 1969
Robert O. Anderson 1973
Roger W. Guild 1975
Keith G. Johnson 1976
John B. Sterry Sr. 1979"
Richard R. Washburn 1980*
Donald W. Goodrich 1982*
George H. Swanson Jr. 1984
John B. Sterry Jr. 1985
Paul H. Rasch Jr. 1986
Richard R. Washburn 1987*+, 1988+*
David W. Ives 1989*, 1990*
Paul H. Rasch Jr. 1991
Rodney A. Spooner 1992*, 1993*
David W. Ives 1995*, 1996*
Richard R. Washburn 2000*+
Robert W. Doak 2001*
James A. Tyler Jr. 2002*
Robert E. Godwin 2003*
Frederic W. Frost III 2004*
David A. Berndtson 2005*
James H. Landry 2006*, 2008*
Frederick W Frost III 2009*
James H. Landry 2010*
Ronald W. Kutz 2011, 2015
Thomas P. Keser 2012*
Thomas F. Mumford 2013*
James W. Hartzell, Jr. 2014
Robert M. Oakliff 2016, 2017

*" Past Associate Grand Marshal
+Past District Deputy
Mason-of-The-Year



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Calendar of Lodge Events

Sept 7

Stated Communications – Master's Dinner (7:30 PM)
RSVP roakliff@gmail.com

Sept 16

Meet the Masons Golf Tournament
Portland Golf West 8:30 Registration

Sept 29

Blue Lodge Council (7:30 PM)

Oct 5

Stated Communications - (7:30 PM)
Program by WB Richard Boardman – Dinner at 6:30

Oct 8 (2:00-5:00PM)

Brew Chila Portland Riverfront Park
Set-up at Noon

Oct 19

Stated Communications (7:30 PM)

Nov 2

Stated Communications (7:30 PM)

Nov 16

Stated Communications (7:30 PM)

Nov 29

Blue Lodge Council (7:30 PM)

Dec 7

Stated Communications (7:30 PM)
Annual Meeting

Dec 21

Stated Communications - (7:30 PM)
Step up Night

Fellowcraft Club every 2nd and 4th Thursday with Lodge of Instruction for
Brothers not yet Master Masons at 7:00PM
EA and FC must attend to advance!

Please see our web site for last minutes changes

www.warrenlodge51.org

Or

Warren Lodge #51 on Facebook

EMAIL NOTICE

Brothers if you would like to receive future issues of the Trestle Board by E-Mail please send your E-Mail address to me. My address is kesertom@gmail.com. I will add you to our list. You may also receive other important Lodge communications from time to time via E-Mail

FACETS OF THE DIAMOND

AT THE PRESENT DAY, WE FIND MUCH UNCERTAINTY AS TO WHAT FREEMASONRY IS OR MEANS.

SOME CALL IT A RELIGION; OTHERS, MERELY RELIGIOUS.

SOME SAY ITS FUNDAMENTAL DOGMA IS MONOTHEISM; OTHERS ADD IMMORTALITY OF THE SOUL OR EVEN RESURRECTION OF THE BODY; SOME CONSIDER IT CHRISTIAN; WHILE STILL OTHERS AVER THAT, FUNDAMENTALLY, IT HAS NO RELIGIOUS DOCTRINE AT ALL.

MANY THINK OF IT ALMOST AS A TEMPERANCE SOCIETY OR ONE OF PHARISAIC MORALITY; {SIC} (MEANING EXCESSIVELY OR HYPOCRITICALLY PIOUS); OTHERS AS A PATRIOTIC SOCIETY TO UPHOLD THE FLAG, THE CONSTITUTION, AND THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

NOT A FEW REGARD IT AS A CHARITABLE OR BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION, AT LEAST, EXPECTING IT TO CARE FOR THEM IN OLD AGE.

SOME LOOK UPON THE LODGE AS A HOLY PLACE; OTHERS AS MERELY A PRIVATE ROOM WHERE THE CEREMONIES MAY BE PERFORMED IN SECRECY.

SOME NEVER TIRE OF THE RITUAL AND HAVE MASTERED IT SO THOROUGHLY THAT THE LEAST SLIP OF A WORD OR PHRASE GIVES PAIN; OTHERS ARE SOON SURFEITED AND CARE LITTLE TO HEAR IT OFT REPEATED.

MANY TAKE THE RITUAL LITERALLY; OTHERS SYMBOLICALLY; WHILE A FEW, WITH NO THOUGHT ABOUT IT EITHER WAY, PERFECT THEMSELVES IN ITS RENDITION IN ORDER TO GAIN THAT EMINENCE WHICH COMES FROM PASSING THROUGH THE CHAIRS.

SOME SEE ALL SORTS OF MEANINGS IN THE SYMBOLS; OTHERS SEE ONLY THE SYMBOLS THEMSELVES.

SOME BECOME IMMERSSED IN THE HISTORY OF THE FRATERNITY; OTHERS IN ITS PHILOSOPHY OF LIFE; AND A FEW WORK OUT OF IT A FINE AND EXALTING SPIRITUALITY.

SOME SENSE A STRONG BOND OF BROTHERHOOD; OTHERS FIND ONLY A SOCIAL CLUB OR PLACE TO MEET FOR DIVERSION; SOME MERELY SCENT THE AROMA OF A DINNER; WHILE SOME FIND NOTHING WHATEVER IN THE ORDER AND SOON LOSE CONTACT WITH IT.

SURELY, IF FREEMASONRY IS A JEWEL, IT IS A DIAMOND WITH MANY FACETS.

SOURCE: CONVERSATIONS ON FREEMASONRY BY HENRY WILSON COIL, SR., 1976, TRANSACTIONS OF THE MISSOURI LODGE OF RESEARCH, VOLUME No. 32, PAGE 11.

FELLOWCRAFT CLUB

Fellowcraft Club meets on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. If we don't have a rehearsal scheduled we gather for fellowship and fun on the second Thursday, we grab a bite to eat, watch a movie, play cards, or just talk and relax with our Brothers. Your friends are welcome on these nights.

New brothers are strongly encouraged to attend for Lodge of Instruction while they are in process of receiving their Degrees.

At Lodge of Instruction night we take a deeper look at Degrees, Ritual work, Obligations and Lectures.

Drop in and say hello, stay a little, stay a while. Doors open at 7:00 PM. EA, FC, and MM candidates must attend Lodge of Instruction to advance.

Rusty Masons Welcome!



Community Projects

Food Bank Donations

A free will effort, Brothers are asked to bring a canned good or dry food good, each time we meet, for donation to the Portland Food Bank.

Town Wide Tag Sale

Now an Annual Tradition with the Portland Historical Society, the Brothers of Warren Lodge assist the Portland Historical Society logistical assistance in the Town Wide Tag Sale.

Kenneth Fletcher Scholarship Fundraiser

Warren Lodge supports the efforts of this Fundraiser by providing man power for parking and logistics.

PHS Scholarship

The Lodge provides a Scholarship Award for a deserving High School senior who plans to continue their education.

Girls State

The Lodge provides a Scholarship Award for a deserving High School student selected to participate in Girls State.

Meet the Masons

Charity Golf Challenge

A glorious half day of golf followed by a BBQ dinner at Lodge to benefit our Masonic Charities

Brew Chilla

An afternoon of Homebrew and Chili sampling where you get to vote for your favorite. Proceeds benefit the Food Bank and Warren Lodge.

New Ideas are always welcome!

Do you have something in mind?

Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons

2017 Dues Reminder

Brothers, please remember to keep your membership current.
Send in your dues if you have not done so already
Dues this year are \$80.00.

HAVING A DIFFICULT TIME? - - CONTACT THE LODGE.

We don't know if you don't tell us....

Brothers, if any of your contact information changes
please

Contact the lodge so our records stay current.
New address, Phone, E-Mail. - - Contact the Secretary

Don't Forget!!

On your way out of the house when heading to
Lodge don't forget that non-perishable food item
for the Portland Food Bank!

Bob and Bill were brother masons and great friends for most of their lives.
Each had agreed that when one of them passed on to that Grand Lodge above, he would attempt to make contact with the other and tell him all about what heaven was like.
As so happened, Bill went to heaven, first.
One night Bob was just drifting off to sleep when he heard Bill's voice calling to him.
"Is that you, Bill?"
"Yes, Bob. I am honoring our agreement."
"Oh, MY,... what's it like?" Bob asked with some anticipation.
"It's like nothing you could ever imagine. The lodge here is fantastic,... better than any lodge we ever saw on Earth. The meetings are always well attended, the ritual is letter perfect, the friendship nights always have tons of new people just itching to join, and the spirit of fellowship blankets the entire place."
Bob's eyes teared up.
"Oh, my, it's just like we'd hoped. I'm so happy for you. But I have to ask,... that sounds really great, but you didn't really seem all that excited. What's wrong?"
"Well, I have some good news and some bad. The good news is that we're raising a fellow to the third degree next Wednesday."
"That's fantastic. What's the bad news?"
"Your name is on the list to be the Senior Deacon."

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Sept. 2017 to Dec. 2017

STATED COMMUNICATIONS

FIRST AND THIRD THURSDAYS OF EACH MONTH

7:30 PM

12 FREESTONE AVENUE

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WARREN
LODGE No. 51

12 FREESTONE AVE.
PORTLAND, CT

CHARTERED IN 1811
WARREN LODGE
CONTINUES THE AGE OLD
TRADITION OF
FREEMASONRY AS WE
ENTER INTO OUR THIRD
CENTURY OF EXISTENCE.

