



# Trestle Board



W I L L A M E T T E L O D G E # 2  
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## MASTER'S MESSAGE

Greetings Brothers,

Time passes quickly and I find myself at the halfway mark of my year as Master of Willamette Lodge. The year to date has been good and is filled with fond memories of brotherhood and fellowship. A lodge is a living thing while the temple is just a structure. We build our lodge by focusing on establishing positive relationships and promoting each other's welfare. At Willamette we get along. That by itself is testimony to the dedication and commitment of our active brothers.

Being a Mason means taking time to go to lodge, learning things, and participating in events. And time is precious. I know because I am a busy person. Between work, family, and social

commitments, I feel like there is no time for anything else. Combine this with the information overload I ex-



WM Mike McLeron

perience via my high-tech gadgets and a perception develops that I am spending all of my energy merely keeping afloat amid a onslaught of demands for my attention.

Lodge is different. Being in lodge fills me with a sense of purpose and provides a feeling of belonging to something greater than myself. Lodge provides a connection to people I can count on for the long haul. It is worth the time because I leave lodge with a sense of community and a positive frame of mind. My brothers are a great support. The effort I put into attending lodge is repaid with *interest!* Being a Mason is worthwhile.

If you have been away from lodge I personally extend to you a heartfelt invitation to return. You will like what you see.

Fraternally,

Mike McLeron, Worshipful Master, Willamette Lodge # 2, A.F. & A.M. of Oregon

### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Master's Message
- Bylaws
- Grand Lodge
- Member Feature
- Lodge Picnic

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## BYLAWS REVISION UNDERWAY

A committee has formed to revise and rewrite the current bylaws governing Willamette Lodge #2.

Using the code as our guide we are simplifying and clarifying sections of Willamette's bylaws to respond to the challenges and opportunities

posed by our lodge's entrance into the 21st century.

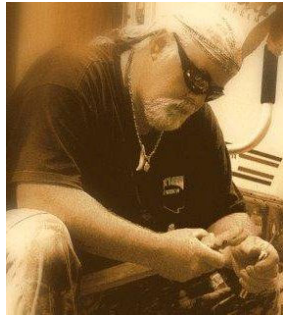
Additional notice will be given and discussion heard and considered before any resolution or vote will take place.

If you are interested in this process please contact WB

Steve, our secretary, and you will be kept updated on this important project.

Look for a vote on our bylaws some time in the fall.

WILLAMETTE MEMBER FEATURE



Brother Beers

Every lodge has brothers who regularly go above and beyond the call of duty. Of the

many brothers I might choose to feature from our lodge, for this edition I decided to focus on Willamette's Senior Warden, aka the "Social Director", Robert Beers.

Robert routinely assumes responsibility for tasks that always need attention, whether it is fixing something in the temple or cleaning up the kitchen. He is one of the first brothers to volunteer and is usually one of the last brothers to leave.

A talent that we all appreciate

is his cooking. A trained chef, Robert has put together many tasty and memorable meals for us and has renewed the lodge's focus on the refreshment table as a key element of our meetings.

Brother Robert is one of the most committed Masons that I have ever met. He maintains a positive attitude and encourages all of us to remember the commitments we all took in the East.

Thank you Brother Robert.

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SELLWOOD AMBASSADORS STUDENT RECOGNITION

We can once again log a great success in the archives of the Lodge! The School Appreciation Night for Sellwood Middle School was enjoyed by all and, in the words of our Worshipful Master, no one broke a sweat or suffered a hernia. Each year it seems to just get better! A huge thanks is owed to everyone who participated and I'd especially like to call out

one of our EAs, Matthew Soots who lent a hand. In his relatively short time as a Mason he has volunteered for multiple events and brought us some great ideas for other events and programs. We're all grateful to him for bringing his talents to our Lodge and look forward to the honor of conferring the further degrees of Masonry upon him. If you were unable to

attend this year you missed some great culinary works in the pasta and sauce and we hope to see you next year!

Nevada Westberg, WB

WILLAMETTE LODGE NEWS BRIEFS

Family Fun Night

Our 1st Annual Family Fun Night was a success. Fun was definitely had by everyone who attended. Games, drumming, food, bingo, and Wii gaming kept everyone involved. Winners in various categories won sweet pea starts and rhubarb starts

went as consolation prizes.

Three cheers for our social director, Brother Robert Beers.

Most Lodge Communications are Electronic

Let us know if that poses a problem for you.

Late Harvest Postpones Strawberry Feed

The cool wet spring worked against Willamette's annual Strawberry Feed. After input by WB John Doty, committee chair for the event, the lodge agreed to postpone the event until next June.



REFLECTION ON GRAND LODGE - 2011



Although we had some torrential rains and heavy hail on the way, the sun was shining on us in Bend for the 2011 Grand Lodge session. The opening and business sessions all were ahead of schedule which allowed us extra time to get to know

our brothers better as well as get in a little more sleep.

The main legislation to come before us involved adding a Treasurer back as a Grand Lodge Officer and increasing our per capita to give money to MAS and give additional funds to the George Washington Masonic Memorial. The resolution and therefore many companion legislation pieces on the

Treasurer position was voted down by a narrow margin. I would not be surprised if we see this revisited in the next few years.

The resolution to increase the per capita passed by a large margin and will be in effect for 2012. Grand

Lodge ended with the installation where Most Worshipful Grand Master Richard Martin took his office with a new slate of officers.

WB Steven Scott Heller

*“How good it is for brothers to dwell together in unity”.*

WILLAMETTE LODGE MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

<b>April</b>			Donald Hartvig	5/28/1956			
Leonard	Donin	4/2/1945	Robert Autry	5/20/1957			
William	Brunner	4/1/1955	Roy Cameron	5/22/1958			
David	Gilmore	4/17/1961	Mike Wright	5/21/1964			
John	Dotty	4/20/1964	Eugene Gamble	5/23/1968	George Jacobsen	6/21/1954	
Walter	Allen	4/13/1967	Orvin Drangstveit	5/26/1969	Ramon Crofts	6/27/1955	
John	Odgers	4/24/1978	Robert Baker	5/27/1976	David Harris	6/6/1963	
Ernest	Downing	4/20/1981	Scott Sanetel	5/27/1998	Jack Johnson	6/12/1967	
Gary	Mier	4/17/1984	Robert Worthington	5/25/2002	Jay Butler	6/13/1967	
Allen	Dotty	4/24/1991	Jeff Uncapher	5/12/2003	James Lamb	6/21/1972	
Nabeel	Shaaban	4/22/1993	Brady Prigg	5/10/2005	Clifford Wheeler	6/18/1979	
Dennis	Thonstad	4/11/1998	Nevada Westberg	5/10/2005	Howard Oliver Staigerwald	6/30/1983	
Ronald	Pfeifer	4/19/2000	Mike McLeron	5/5/2007	Dennis Frank	6/19/1985	
<b>May</b>			<b>June</b>		Lanny Phillips	6/23/1994	
Robert	Swartz	5/7/1943	Leon Grimer	6/27/1946			
William	Coulter	5/26/1947	John Leavitt	6/27/1949			
Haig	Dinihanian	5/16/1949	Dale Warnock	6/30/1952			
Meger	Dinihanian	5/16/1949	Richard Birkinshaw	6/30/1953			
James	Simpson	5/17/1954					

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**WILLAMETTE LODGE SUMMER PICNIC**

Willamette Lodge #2 is honored to join with Multnomah Lodge #1 for a Joint Lodge Summer Picnic at Sellwood Park on Saturday, August 20th.

We have an all day reservation for Section A in the park. Located to the right near the bluff we ought to have a great view of the river.

Sellwood Park has a swimming pool, baseball fields, tennis courts, and playground equipment for the kids. Located at SE 7th Avenue and

SE Sellwood Blvd., the park is also close to the Springwater Trail, the Willamette River, and Oaks Park.

Both lodges are still ironing out details for this event but no one will leave hungry. Feel free to bring salads, desserts, soft drinks, beer & wine (we have a permit), Frisbees, guitars, bikes, balls, bats, mitts, lawn chairs, towels, swimsuits, tennis rackets, etc.

Mark your calendar for this fabulous summer get together and bring a friend along too. If you have been away for a while this is a perfect opportunity to reconnect and join in the fun and fellowship that both lodges will provide. For more information:

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