



Grants Pass Masonic Lodge #84 A.F. & A.M.
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From the East

Tracy Morton Worshipful Master

My Brothers,

As the New Year starts, I look forward to the work we can complete this year. The new blood in the lodge's officer line has several ideas to help the lodge and they have shown their eagerness to assist the lodge in its endeavors. The ideas that have been brought forth will hopefully benefit the lodge. I would like to thank Brother Warriner for the work he has accomplished this last year to help with the updates to the lodge and I am looking at the work he started and hope to continue this work. Let us not forget that as we look at working on our lodge do not forget that we strive to continue working on ourselves.

I am looking at our social functions that we have here, and I would like to continue the dinners being on Saturdays throughout the year. These seem to have had a greater attendance for these functions on this day.

I ask that our brothers that have not been to lodge in a while to come in and see out newest members & offices. I hope to see everyone there.

And Part On The Square

Tracy Morton, WM



From the West

Greg Gilbert Senior Warden

My Brethren,

As we start a new Masonic year, one can only hope that the Lodge continues the improvements that our previous Masters have started. WM Tracy a few ideas, but I'll leave that for him to express. I'm looking forward to the upcoming degrees and social events scheduled, they should be good fellowship!

As SW part of my responsibilities are to chair the budget and audit committees, I will have a proposed budget for the January Stated meeting an audit will be done in January and sent to GrandLodge.

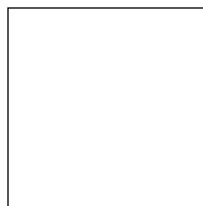
Generally speaking, a person's year as SW is spent preparing for his year as Master, fine tuning the officer line, dreaming of projects, scheduling Official Visits, planning social events and

learning the Masters lines. It is actually the responsibility of each person in the progressive officer line to learn the next position prior to getting there. A good rule of thumb is, at the halfway point of the year (July) start learning your next position. October is step up night, we don't do that so the Master can take a night off, it's done to prove to the Lodge that you're ready to move up! This is not just my challenge to those in the officer line, it's in the Code under each job description.

Let's have a fun year,

And Meet on the Level.

Greg Gilbert, SW, PM, HA



From the South
Chris Smith
Junior Warden

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During my eleven years as a Mason, the question has often been presented to me, "What is Freemasonry?" My answers have varied from freemasonry being a school of thought, a social club or a philanthropy. However, I have never been satisfied with my answers. This is because in my heart I have always known there is much more than what we see on the outside layer. I have studied and memorized the rituals, I just didn't have the words to explain what I felt in my heart about the purpose and true meaning of

freemasonry and its symbolism. I recently found a quote regarding what Freemasonry is in a California ritual book. This may not be all the answers because there is no one answer to the question. Perhaps for now, it will shed some light on the curious minds.

What is Freemasonry?

"It is a dome of many colored glass which stains the bright radiance of eternity. If the glass were not stained, the light would blind us. Still we seek cleaner lenses to look upon the reality which makes all other realities real. For masonry is the thin shadow of something great. The full meaning of which, we may not know until we pass beyond these shadows into the light."

-Joseph Fort Newton

To my brethren, I say study on because there is much to learn, with every lesson we pass through that allegorical door of knowledge which leads to that bright radiance of illumination.

And Act by the Plumb

Chris Smith, JW, PM, HA



My Brothers,

As the most recent has been (PastMaster) I couldn't resist the urge to write one more article for the Trestle Board.

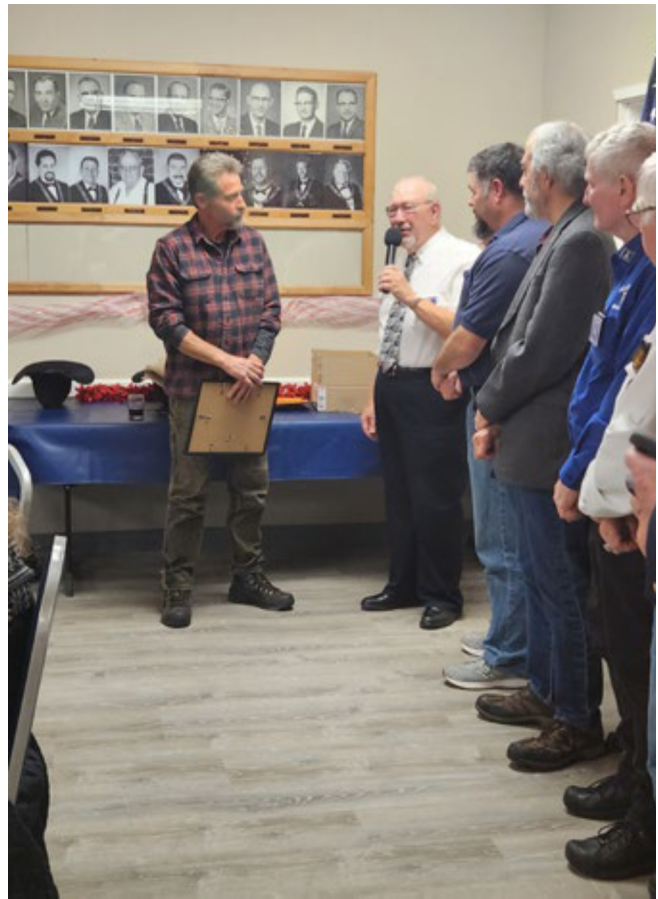
You will still see me in the ensuing year as your Tyler (they kicked me out of the lodge proper), so you will need to get past me to enter lodge.

However as my father (who raised me) always said "Better to be a has been than a never was"

James Warriner PM

Important Dates to remember this Month

- Jan 3rd - Stated meeting- GPLodge @7:30 pm
- Jan 10th - EADegree Practice - RRLodge @6:30 pm
- Jan 12th - Stated Meeting - RRLodge @ 1:00 pm
- Jan 17th - Officers Meeting @6:30pm
- Jan 24th - PossibleEA Degree @7:30pm
- Jan 31st - PastMasters Roast@7:30 pm



Congratulations on Brother Chris Smith for receiving the Hiram Award for 2022.

Pictured below Chris Smith with several Hiram awardees.



The Lodge Christmas Party and awards dinner

A visitation from Santa with gifts for all the kids that were there. along with story time for them.



GRANTS PASS MASONIC LODGE

January 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Jan 1	2 7:30 PM Eastern Star Meeting	3 7:30 PM - GPLodge Stated Meeting (S)	4	5 8:30 AM Weight W 4:30 PM Weight W 5:00 PM SCAN Club	6	7 8:00 AM Weight W
8 12:00 PM Chris Smith's fathers' Bday	9	10 6:30 PM EA Degree Practice	11	12 8:30 AM Weight W 12:00 PM Josephine CSC 1:00M RRLodge 4:30 PM Weight W	13 Oregon Tax Consultants	14 Oregon Tax Consultants 8:00 AM Weight W
15	16	17 6:30 PM Officers Meeting	18	19 8:30 AM Weight W 4:30 AM Weight W	20	21 8:00 AM Weight W
22	23	24 7:30 PM Degree Practice	25 Michelle Combs - Daughters of the Nile	26 8:30AM Weight W 4:30PM Weight W	27	28 8:00 AM Weight W 5:00 pm Shriner Dinner
29	30	31 7:30 PM Past Master's Roast	Feb 1	22 8:30 AM Weight W 4:30 PM Weight W 5:00 PM SCAN Club	3	4 8:00 AM Weight W

This Calendar is accurate as of Wednesday December 2, 2022. For updates, please visit: <https://gpmasons.org/calendar/>

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First Tuesday of the month at 7:30 PM
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Junior Warden
Treasurer
Secretary
Senior Deacon
Junior Deacon
Chaplain
Marshal
Senior Steward
Junior Steward
Tyler
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Tracy Morton
Greg Gilbert, PM
Chris Smith, PM
Garrett Wynn
Jon Torbert, PM
Chris Leach
Darrin Anslem
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Geoffrey Butler, PM
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Billy Ray Orme
James Warriner, PM
Steve Booth, PM

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