

## **CLATSKANIE #133 AF&AM**

**MEETS 3RD THURSDAY @ 7:30 PM**  
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## **RAINIER #24 AF&AM**

**MEETS 2ND TUESDAY @ 7:00 PM**  
**POTLUCK DINNER @6:00 PM**  
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## **CLATSKANIE LODGE HAPPENINGS**

### **3.5 GPA STUDENT LUNCHEON**

Clatskanie Lodge held the Spring 3.5 GPA Luncheon on April 25<sup>th</sup>. As in the past, all of the high school students receiving a 3.5 GPA and above were invited. Due to some scheduling problems at the school only 35 students were served a lunch that was prepared by WB Dale Prichard and his merry gang. This program continues to grow and hopefully we can get the school to better coordinate their events.

### **BIKES FOR BOOKS**

What a time we had on May 5, the lodge presented 115 “Certificates of Completion” to students at the Clatskanie Elementary School. Each student had to read 9 books to be eligible to receive a certificate and have their name in the bike drawing. WB Art Bush, our Grand Senior Deacon traveled from Portland to participate in the drawing. Brother Mike Corley, Superintendent of Schools discussed the importance of reading and thanked the lodge for supporting the school and its students. The teachers then presented certificates to their students, with some classes having a large number while others had none. The goal of the school for next year is to have all students registered and at least 250 receiving certificates. If they reach their goal, we might have to increase the number of bikes. RWB Tenison told the students that the program would also be in the Rainier School next year and challenged them to beat them in the percentage of students completing the program.

A very special thanks to WB Art Robare for developing and printing all those certificates.

Would you like to be part of this program?? We are looking for additional bike donors and if you would like to participate please send \$100 to the lodge. What a great program this is turning out to be.

### **BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS**

What a surprise we had the other day when we found the gutters on the rear of the building had come loose and fell to the ground. The Trustees contracted to have new gutters installed and our thanks to WB Dale Prichard and Brother Robert Keyser for donating the funds for the repairs. The Trustees also approved the installation of emergency lighting and ceiling fans/lights in the dining room. RWB Tenison with the help of WB Paul Giepel and WB Tomey Greer installed the new emergency lights and one fan. It was determined at the June Officer's Meeting that the fan was a great improvement and the Trustees approved the installation of two more. The fan installation is complete and we now have a much cooler and brighter dining room.

### **TELEPHONE SERVICE DISCONTINUED**

With all the cell phones in use today, it was decided by the lodge and the Eastern Star to discontinue the lodge telephone service. If you are unsure of lodge events call the Master or the Secretary or check the web site. This was a \$360 annual saving to the budget and the money can really be used elsewhere.

## **RAINIER LODGE HAPPENINGS**

### **“REVIVAL/SURVIVAL”**

At the Stated Meeting in June, WB Jim Robinson appointed a committee intitled “Revival/Survival” consisting of WB Dennis Short, WB George Hueth, WB George Roberts, WB Sid Roberts, Brother Bill Derby, WB Ralph Winters and Brother Glenn Keith to look at ways to revive the Lodge and keep it from folding. The Committee will meet with the elected officers once that they have a program to present to the Lodge. The Master asked that they meet immediately to begin their task.

### **BUILDING UPGRADE**

WB Jim Robinson and his merry band have completed the refinishing of the dining room floor. The floor looks very nice and should last for many years to come. Jim thanked a number of the brethren for their efforts, especially WB George Roberts, WB Sid Roberts, WB Dennis Short, and WB Ralph Winters.

### **NEW 50-YEAR MASONS HONORED**

The Lodge hosted a turkey dinner on April 15 honoring our latest 50-year jewel recipients. Brother Herb Williamson was honored at a dinner with RWB Tenison and WB Robinson presenting him with this honored jewel. RWB Tenison then discussed the role of the old master and thanked our brother for his service to the fraternity.

### **RUMMAGE SALE A SUCCESS**

The annual Masonic rummage sale was held on August 12 with the lodge netting \$290 from the items donated. WB Jim would like to thank all those who donated items and helped with the event.

### **FINANCES**

In response to our last article describing the seriousness of the lodge's financial condition, a brother stepped forward and contributed a large sum of money to help the situation. We currently have about \$3000 in the bank and hopefully with the rummage sale and the coffee stops this summer and fall we can help that along. The lodge will continue to have this problem until our membership grows or the return on the Life Membership Fund increases substantially. For our life members who were able to purchase memberships for \$125 or less, please consider sending in \$25 or more to help offset the return on interest.

We will get \$4.60/\$100 interest this year and the per capita to Grand Lodge alone is \$10.65 per member and this does not include the cost of operating the building.

### **BIKES FOR BOOKS**

The Lodge's "Bikes for Books" committee met with the Rainier School Administrators and elementary teachers in May with the school approving putting the program into their school. Rainier has about 650 students compared to Clatskanie's 325, so it was decided to give out 6 bikes instead of 4. The school was so supportive of the program that the teachers contributed 2 of the bikes for the program. We still must purchase 4 more bikes and we need your help. As this program is not funded by the Operating Fund, please consider sponsoring a bike, the cost is \$100, which includes the helmet. If we can not get enough brothers to sponsor a bike, then we will have to solicit the business community. A number of the Clatskanie brothers are helping in keeping our lodge going and they are already contributing to the their program.

### **AREA PICNICS**

District #2 was selected to host this year's Grand Master's Area Picnic for District 1,2, and 3. Our Grand Master Bill Martin selected the Clatskanie City Park to hold the meeting and WB Paul Giepel and his crew did an excellent job of putting on the event. Over 60 members of the Masonic family gathered on a very beautiful but hot evening to meet the Grand Master and hear his program for the year. Our special thanks to WB Sid Roberts for cooking the hamburgers and hot dogs, Heather Paradiso for fixing the salads. Rainier Lodge's Master, WB Jim Robinson won the Grand Master's door prize, a beautiful walnut cribbage board that the Grand Master made himself.

The District #2 Annual Masonic Family picnic was also held at the Clatskanie City Park on August 20. About 70 members of the Masonic Family and guests were treated to Hamburgers, Polish Hot Dogs, and a feast of salads and desserts. The coin in hay scramble for the kids was a great hit, as was the Bingo. Thanks again to WB Sid for cooking and WB Jim Robinson for calling the Bingo. Due to a problem at the Park we ended up at the Gazebo this year and most wanted to use the area next year.

### **DEGREES**

Both Lodges have a lot of degrees scheduled this fall. Clatskanie has been averaging two petitions a month for the past few months and Rainier has also received a petition. Please check the web site or call the Secretary for specific dates.

**NOTE: ALL DEGREE MEETINGS WILL START AT 7:00 PM**

### **CHANTELL SCOTT WEDDING**

Miss Chantell Scott daughter of WB Earl Scott and granddaughter of Bro. Bert Scott would like to invite everyone to her wedding at Ecola State Park in Cannon Beach Oregon on the 30th of September at 2 PM. A reception is to follow at the Legion Hall in Clatskanie. They are allotting an hour for pictures following the ceremony and then the hour plus drive back. She and her new husband plan to arrive at the reception site by 5 PM.

## **MASONIC FAMILY CALANDER**

- Sep 5 - 7:00 PM Clatskanie Fellowcraft Degree
- Sep 7 - 6:30 PM Visit St Helens #32 – Dinner @6:30pm
- Sep 12 - 6:00 PM Rainier Potluck (Widows and Wives)  
7:00 PM Stated Meeting
- Sep 14 - 7:30 PM Wabangang #127 OES Stated Meeting
- Sep 13 - 5:00 PM Visit Seaport Lodge in Astoria (Dinner @6PM)
- Sep 16 - 8:00 AM Clatskanie Friendship Breakfast
- Sep 18 - 7:00 AM Clatskanie Officers Meeting
- Sep 19 - 7:00 AM Clatskanie Fellowcraft Degree
- Sep 21 - 7:30 PM Clatskanie Stated Meeting
- Sep 23 - 6:30 PM Grand Master's Reception (Shrine Center, Wilsonville)
- Sep 26 - 7:00 PM Clatskanioe FC Degree
- Sep 28 - 7:00 PM Clatskanie EA Degrees
- Oct 3 - 7:00 PM Rainier EA Degree(Tentative)
- Oct 5 - 6:30 PM Visit St Helens #32 – Dinner @6:30pm (DD Official Visit)
- Oct 10- 6:00 PM Rainier Potluck (Widows and Wives)  
7:00 PM Stated Meeting (DD Official Visit)
- Oct 11 - 5:00 PM Visit Seaport Lodge in Astoria (Dinner @6PM)
- Oct 12 - 7:30 PM Wabangang #127 OES Stated Meeting
- Oct 16 - 7:00 AM Clatskanie Officers Meeting
- Oct 19 7:30 PM Clatskanie Stated Meeting
- Oct 21 - 6:00 PM Fall Masonic Family Dinner
- Oct 24 - 7:30 PM Visit Kelso Lodge #94
- Oct 26 - 7:00 PM Rainier or Clatskanie Tentative Degree
- Oct 31 - 7:00 PM Clatskanie Tentative Degree
- Nov 2 - 6:30 PM Visit St Helens #32 – Dinner @6:30pm
- Nov 7 - 7:00 PM Rainier or Clatskanie Tentative Degree
- Nov 8 - 5:00 PM Visit Seaport Lodge in Astoria (Dinner @6PM)
- Nov 9 - 7:30 PM Wabangang #127 OES Stated Meeting
- Nov 13 - 7:00 AM Clatskanie Officers Meeting
- Nov 14 - 6:00 PM Rainier Potluck (Widows and Wives)  
7:00 PM Stated Meeting
- Nov 16 - 6:30 PM Clatskanie Dinner honoring our District Deputy  
7:30 PM Clatskanie Stated Meeting (DD Official Visit)
- Nov 20 - 7:00 PM Tentative Degree
- Nov 28 - 7:00 PM Tentative Degree

## **GRAND LODGE AFGHAN PROJECT**

Enclosed is a flyer from Sylvia Martin, wife of our Grand Master explaining her project to furnish Afghans to the children at the Shriners Hospital in Portland. How about taking some time during the winter and put together an afghan. Some of the Brethren's wives are already working, but we need a lot more. It is not unusual for a brother to try his hand at knitting, so how about it. If you need some yarn contact the Secretary for assistance.