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THE TRESTLE BOARD

FALL 2008

CLATSKANIE LODGE HAPPENINGS

LODGE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

The 100-year celebration was a huge success, with MWB Bob Richmond and a number of his Grand Lodge Officers in attendance. Attached to this newsletter is an article on the celebration. It would take more room than we have to individually thank all the Brothers who helped make it a great day.

Special thanks should go to Phil Hazen and WB Robert Keyser for arranging the use of the Treager BBQ unit. The unit had the capacity to cook one hundred sides of chicken and was a godsend for preparing the luncheon. Also a special thanks to Foster Farms for donating most of the chickens and our local Safeway store for cutting up the meat.

CHAIRLIFT FUND RAISER

The project to install a chairlift in the lodge got a real boost from Wabanang Chapter OES. In June they put on a high tea for the ladies of the community and raised nearly half of the money needed for the project. The Lodge is currently selling tickets for a trailer built by Brother Mike Clark's Company. The cost of the tickets are \$3 each or \$5 for two. The trailer is 6 x 10 feet. It is a landscape trailer with a ramp for loading, has 36" walls and 15" tires. The trailer sells for about \$1800 and is a real bargain for the winning ticket holder.

WIDOW'S NIGHT

This year's Masonic Widow's night and dinner will be held on Saturday, September 27th, in the lodge dining room. The dinner will start at 6:00 pm with the program following. Mark your calendars and plan to be with us in honoring these wonderful ladies.

ROOF PROJECT

The replacement of the Lodge roof is getting closer to reality thanks to the donations of many of you. The Master has sent out two letters on the immediate need of its replacement. To the best of our memory the front half was an overlay over shakes and was installed over 35 years ago. The back half is also an overlay and we do not know when it was installed. With each storm we are losing more and more of the roofing.

WB Dale Prichard has volunteered to pay half of the estimated cost of \$15,000, if we Brethren pay the other half. At press time we were still about \$1500 short of our goal. The old roof is composition over cedar shingle and will have to be stripped, then plywood and roofing installed.

COFFEE HOUR

The Lodge has started a coffee hour each Tuesday morning from 6:30 – 9 a.m. WB Dennis Short is making the coffee and we have heard that there might even be a crumpet or two.

PAST MASTER'S RECOGNITION NIGHT

Our Worshipful Master has selected the Stated Meeting in November as the night that he plans to recognize our members who are Past Master of a Masonic Lodge. He is planning a

dinner prior to the meeting. The dinner will start at 6:30 p.m. followed by the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Both the Hi-School 4.0 GPA Luncheon and the Bike for Books Program were a great success this year. 131 Students at the Elementary School received certificates of completion for the Bikes for Books program, four students received bikes and the local Parent-Teachers group contributed additional gifts that were drawn during the bike award ceremony. Our thanks to the volunteers who cooked the food and put the bikes and certificates together, especially WB Art Robare for printing the certificates.

RAINIER LODGE HAPPENINGS

LODGE BUILDING UPGRADE CONTINUES

With monies available from the Wilbur Smith Trust we have been able to continue our restoration of the building. The new gutters were installed and the east porch roof has been replaced thanks to the hard work of our Master Tomey Greer, Paul Giepel and Vic Tenison.

The next project is the replacement of the electrical service and wiring. The current wiring is a mixture of very old knob and tube and more recent conduit type wiring. Due to fire danger the building insulation project cannot move forward until the old style wiring is replaced. The building electrical service and breaker panels are on the outside in the weather and must be updated before the inside wiring is replaced.

WILBUR SMITH TRUST

A number of years ago WB Wilbur Smith named the lodge as a beneficiary of a trust that he and his wife created. Mrs. Smith passed away last winter and the lodge began receiving interest from the trust. While the interest is not a large amount it will enable the lodge to keep the maintenance of the building up to date, help with the operating budget, contribute to our Masonic charities and ensures that we can meet our obligations we have made in supporting the Rainier area schools.

MASONIC FAMILY DINNERS

The Lodge Masonic family dinner has been very well attended and will continue to be held at Cornerstone Restaurant in Rainier starting @ 6:30 pm. Look at the calendar for the dates. Be sure to bring a friend, widow or family member!!! Normally it will be on the 2nd Friday of each month.

SCRAP METAL RECYCLE

With the price of scrap metal at an all time high, this is really a great project for the lodge. Contact WB Tomey if you have any items you would like us to pickup.

HI-SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM HONORED

Rainier Hi-school's sports program is not one of their issues. The Girl's Basketball team went undefeated and won the State Girls Basketball title. Our lodge decided to celebrate with the girls and invited them to a luncheon at the lodge in April. The coach and his daughter are the proud offspring of Brother Gordon Schwegler of Clatskanie.

BIKES FOR BOOKS

The rivalry continues between the Clatskanie and Rainier Elementary Schools. Both schools had 131 students completing the program. We were able to present bikes to six students and a number of students won gifts presented by the local Parent-Teachers chapter. Each student was presented a framed certificate of completion. Our special thanks to Brother Ron Carr and his staff for developing, printing and framing the certificates.

HOPE COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

The lodge will sponsor a breakfast on September 20 from 7-11 a.m. The proceeds from the event will be donated to the HOPE program here in Rainier. Price of the tickets is \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors and \$3.5 for children under 12.

THE DISTRICT

GRAND LODGE

RWB Jim Morgan was re-appointed as District Deputy of the Grand Master for our district. Along with his duties as Master of Clatskanie, the Grand Master's needs, his work and family he is truly a very busy person.

WB Tomey Greer was also re-appointed as Grand Marshall. This year his duties also include being Master of Rainier. Our Grand Masters over the past few years have been very thankful for all the hours that he has put in traveling with and assisting the Grand Line.

DISTRICT #1 PICNIC

It all started many years ago as a joint picnic between Clatskanie and Rainier Lodges, I am not certain what the actual year was but the picnic has been a area Masonic event ever since. A few years ago St Helens lodge joined in and it became a District wide picnic and now with the addition of the lodges in Clatsop county it has become a much larger event. Over sixty Masons, Eastern Star, widows, family and friends joined at this years gathering. WB Vic Tenison and WB Paul Giepel handled the cooking chores while Brother Jim Robinson was the caller for the Bingo.

This year the Clatskanie and Rainier lodges due to the travel distance of our more distant district family shared the cost of the food.

CHILD ID PROGRAM

The Child ID program that the lodges in our area jointly participate has also been very busy this year. St Helens Lodge in co-operation with Wal-Mart participated at the child safety day in their area. Clatskanie took the program to the pre-school program there and Rainier manned a booth at Rainier Days on the Beach. Both Rainier and Clatskanie Lodges members participated with New York Life at the Vernonia Town Safety Night Out. Last December this town was devastated during the historic storm and flooding. We were able to process 50 kids during the two hours of the event and were asked to come back next year.

We would like to thank all the volunteers for their help in bringing this program to the children and parents of our area.

MASONIC FAMILY CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

Sep 3 - 9:00 AM - Rainier Officers Meeting
Sep 9 - 6:00 PM - Rainier - Potluck Dinner
7:00 PM - Stated Meeting
Sep 11 - 7:30 PM - Clatskanie - Wabanang #127 OES Stated Meeting
Sep 12 - 6:30 PM - Rainier - Masonic Family Dinner @ Cornerstone Restaurant
Sep 15 - 7:00 PM - Clatskanie - Officers Meeting
Sep 18 - 7:30 PM - Clatskanie Stated Meeting
Sep 20 - 7- 11AM - Rainier - HOPE Breakfast
Sep 27 - 6:00 PM - Clatskanie - Widows Night Dinner
Sep 30 - 7:00 PM - Rainier - Tentative FC Degree

OCTOBER

Oct 8 - 9:00 AM - Rainier - Officer's Meeting
Oct 9 - 7:30 PM - Clatskanie - Wabanang #127 OES Stated Meeting
Oct 10 - 6:30 PM - Rainier - Masonic Family Dinner @ Cornerstone Restaurant
Oct 13 - 7:00 PM - Clatskanie - Officer's Meeting
Oct 14 - 6:00 PM - Rainier - Potluck Dinner
7:00 PM - Stated Meeting (RWB Morgan's Official Visit)
Oct 16 - 6:30 PM - Clatskanie Stated Meeting (RWB Morgan's Official Visit)

NOVEMBER

Nov 5 - 9:00 AM - Rainier - Officer's Meeting
Nov 11 - 6:00 PM - Rainier - Fall Family Dinner
7:00 PM - Stated Meeting (Election)
Nov 13 - 7:30 PM - Clatskanie - Wabanang #127 OES Stated Meeting
Nov 14 - 6:30 PM - Rainier - Masonic Family Dinner @ Cornerstone Restaurants
Nov 17 - 7:00 PM - Clatskanie Officers Meeting
Nov 20 - 6:30 PM - Clatskanie - Past Master's Dinner
7:30 PM - Stated Meeting (Election)

DECEMBER

TBA - RAINIER INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Dec 3 - 9:00 AM - Rainier - Officer's Meeting
Dec 6 - 2:00 PM - Clatskanie Installation of Officers
Dec 9 - 6:00 PM - Rainier - Potluck Dinner
7:00 PM - Stated Meeting
Dec 10 - 7:30 PM - Clatskanie - Wabanang #127 OES Stated Meeting
Dec 11 - 6:30 PM - Rainier - Masonic Family Dinner @ Cornerstone Restaurants
Dec 15 - 7:00 PM - Clatskanie Officers Meeting
Dec 18 - 7:30 PM - Clatskanie - Stated Meeting
Dec 27 - TBA - Clatskanie-Rainier Joint (St John's Day Service)

???? DO YOU HAVE E-MAIL ????

The cost of publishing and mailing this newsletter has dramatically increased over the past few years. It now costs about 75 cents for postage, printing and supplies. With the Clatskanie Celebration article included in this issue the cost will even be higher. We can send you this newsletter and all of our lodges' announcements free if you have a computer and email. Send us your address to vtenison@cni.net and help us save some of your dues money.