

KELSO LODGE #94 F&AM of WASHINTON

MEETS 2ND and 4TH TUESDAY @ 7:30 PM

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COFFEE KLATCHES

MONDAY AND SATURDAY

7:00 AM – 9:00 AM

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WINTER-SPRING 2012

5TH TUESDAY POTLUCK

We will hold our 5th Tuesday Potlucks on Tuesday, January 31st and May 29th at 6:30PM. The lodge will furnish the meat and potatoes. Please bring a salad, dessert or anything else you might choose.

MASTER'S MESSAGE

Greetings Brethren

As your newly installed Master I would like to invite you to our stated meetings.

Our stated meetings are the 2nd the 4th Tuesdays.

We will have our 5th Tuesday Potluck in January on the 28th. Hope to see you there. There will also be a 5th Tuesday Potluck on May 29th.

We will go dark after our June 12th meeting and resume meetings September 11th.

I hope everyone has a Happy and Prosperous 2012.

Dewey Rexford WM

MAPLE CHAPTER COMING TO KELSO CENTER

At their Stated meeting in December, Maple Chapter OES voted to move to the Kelso Center in February. We welcome Worthy Matron Alice Ashley and her Chapter and are looking forward to working with our Brothers and Sisters to make them comfortable in their new home.

MASONIC AREA CALENDAR IS COMPLETE

Over the past year the Masonic Groups in our area have been working to eliminate conflicts in meeting nights of the various bodies. Columbia River Shrine Club was first to move to the 4th Thursday for their meetings, The Scottish Rite moved to the 1st and 3rd Wednesday opening up the 2nd Wednesday for Maple Chapter, and Rainier Lodge moved to the 3rd Tuesday eliminating its conflict with Kelso Lodge.

By making these changes our Masonic Family members can now support the bodies of their interest

without having to give up their other interest. We will all need to support each other if we are to survive in the current culture.

LODGE UPGRADE

The Temple Board members and helpers have been busy redecorating the north wall of the lodge room. The area above to current heat registers is being redone and we will display the Scottish Rite and Eastern Star emblems on the dark blue area. WB Scotty Hopkins is making the emblems and as usual his artwork is beautiful. Also included in the project to continuing the Masonic symbols around the east wall.

NEW LODGE HEATING SYSTEM

The appeal for money to replace the lodge heating system is being well received and if you have not had a chance to donate, please do. The Temple Board presented the project to the lodge on December 22nd and it was approved by the Brethren in attendance. Due to taxes and some additional ducting the project came in at \$23700. This includes a state of the art furnace that recovers 95% of the flue gases and each of the main rooms are individually controlled. This will enable us to heat the coffee room on Saturdays and Mondays but not the rest of the building.

The cost of an annual maintenance contract is what we are now paying to have the old system checked out and started up. With the cost of natural gas falling and the cost of electricity going up steadily we should see a \$1000 drop in our over all energy cost from last year.

The project is scheduled to be done this summer while the lodge is dark. It will take the contractor about 2 weeks for the installation and then we will have to do some repainting where the plaster was replaced.

Currently it takes about 2 hours to heat up the lodge room and with the new system it will only take between 30 and 45 minutes to get to 72 degrees.

FROM THE SECRETARY

Do you have Email at home? We would like to publish this newsletter every quarter and if we can send it to you via the Internet we can save the cost of postage and material. Just send me an Email to Kelso94@cni.net and I can put your address in my computer.

JOB DAUGHTER'S NEWS

MEETS 2nd AND 4th SUNDAY @ 3pm

Olivia Nordquist of Bethel #65, continues to represent the Grand Bethel as Grand Bethel Honored Queen. She is required to visit Bethels all over the state and needs help with travel costs. A donation jar has been placed on the table in the coffee rooms room so that we can help her in her endeavors. Remember that our area Masonic Lodges' sponsor the Jobbies and we need to help all we can.

SCOTTISH RITE NEWS

MEETS THE 1ST AND 3RD WEDNESDAY @ 7:30pm

There is a change in the meeting nights for the lodge. To aid in making the Eastern Star move to the Kelso Center, the lodge voted to change its meeting nights so the 2nd Wednesday was available for the Star. This will enable some of our Brethren in both the Star and the Rite to be able to attend each other's meetings.

In December, the Valley continued its community charity by contributing four bicycles to students at Catlin Elementary School in Kelso. This program is modeled after the Grand Lodge of Washington's Bikes for Books Program.

Five graduating students from area high schools will also be awarded \$500 scholarships from the Davies Foundation.

VM Elton Strange has been reelected Venerable Master of the lodge is looking at ways for the lodge to make money and attract more members.

Our Sweetheart's Dinner will be on February 18th @ 6:30 PM. Come out, bring your spouse and have a good meal and great fellowship.

WEB PAGE

Wonder what is going on at lodge??? Visit our web page and check out what the current schedule is.

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CALENDAR OF UP COMING EVENTS

JANUARY

Jan 4 - 7:30 pm – Valley of Kelso Scottish Rite
Jan 5 - 8:00 pm – Longview Lodge #263
Jan 8 - 3:00 pm - Job's Daughters
Jan 10 - 7:30 pm – Kelso Lodge \$94
Jan 11 - 7:30 pm – Maple Chapter OES (Castle Rock)
Jan 18 - 7:30 pm – Valley of Kelso Scottish Rite
Jan 19 - 4:00 pm – Shrine Board Meeting (Eagles)
Jan 19 - 8:00 pm – Longview Lodge #263
Jan 22 - 3:00 pm – Job'S Daughters
Jan 24 - 7:30 pm – Kelso Lodge #94
Jan 26 - 6:00 pm – Shrine Club Meeting (Eagles)
Jan 31 - 6:00 pm – Kelso Lodge Potluck

FEBRUARY

Feb 1 - 7:30 pm – Valley of Kelso Scottish Rite
Feb 2 - 8:00 pm – Longview Lodge #263
Feb 8 - 7:30 pm – Maple Chapter OES (Kelso)
Feb 12 - 3:00 pm - Job's Daughters
Feb 14 - 7:30 pm – Kelso Lodge \$94
Feb 15 - 7:30 pm – Valley of Kelso Scottish Rite
Feb 16 - 4:00 pm – Shrine Board Meeting (Eagles)
Feb 16 - 8:00 pm – Longview Lodge #263
Feb 21 - 6:00 pm – Rainier Lodge #24 (Potluck)
Feb 26 - 3:00 pm - Job's Daughters
Feb 28 – 7:30 pm – Kelso Lodge #94
Feb 29 – 7:30pm – Maple Chapter OES (Kelso)

MARCH

Mar 1 - 8:00 pm – Longview Lodge #263
Mar 7 - 7:30 pm – Valley of Kelso Scottish Rite
Mar 11 - 3:00 pm - Job's Daughters
Mar 13 - 7:30 pm – Kelso Lodge \$94
Mar 14 - 7:30 pm – Maple Chapter OES (Kelso)
Mar 15 - 4:00 pm – Shrine Board Meeting (Eagles)
Mar 15 - 8:00 pm – Longview Lodge #263
Mar 20 - 6:00 pm – Rainier Lodge #24 (Potluck)
Mar 21 - 7:30 pm – Valley of Kelso Scottish Rite
Mar 22 - 6:00 pm – Shrine Club Meeting (Eagles)
Mar 25 - 3:00 pm – Job's Daughters
Mar 27 - 7:30 pm – Kelso Lodge #94
Mar 31 - 2:30pm – Maple Chapter Open Installation

MAPLE CHAPTER NEWS MEETS 2ND AND 5TH WEDNESDAYS

Maple Chapter has a Noah's Ark theme this year. Each meeting a different pair of animals joins the Ark.

Our February 8th meeting will be held in Kelso for the first time. We will be honoring our Secretary and Organist. These are hard working individuals in every chapter and lodge.

Our February 29th meeting will be our Leap Day meeting. Don't know who will show up for the Ark.

Our March 14 meeting will be Election of officers and the farewell meeting of the year. We will have a potluck at 6pm.

Our installation will be held on March 31st at 2:30pm. It is open to all who wish to attend. Hope to see you there.

Alice Ashley, Worthy Matron

COLUMBIA RIVER SHRINE CLUB

The Shrine Club meets on the 4th Thursday at 5:30 pm at the Kelso Eagles. Brother Bob Bagaason is our President this year and we are looking forward to an exciting year raising monies for the kids.

Last year we had a very successful year at the park selling car raffle tickets over the July 4th celebration. In the fall we had the privilege of escorting the R.A. Long High School football team to the Portland Hospital and sponsoring the annual Shrine Football game the next night. In November, we gathered at Fred Meyer and handed out over 1500 pamphlets describing the Shrine Hospitals and services that we provide free to the family.

This year we are looking forward to the annual Shrine-Eagles Crab and Oysters feed on April 14th @ 6:00 pm. We will be assisting the local Masonic Lodges with the Child ID program at the park during the July 4th Celebration and will also be selling car raffle tickets again this year. Also in July we plan to participate in the Fred Meyer Community Fair during the week after the 4th.

Like everyone else we are in need of new members, what a better way to a lot of fun, help the kids and show Masonry to our community.

FROM WB JOE ALVARADO

Brethren,
Did U Know?

The Acid Test

He traveled far, he traveled near - and was always on
The run to some Masonic gathering, to have a little
fun. He had no trouble getting in, - his answers were
The best, His passes, and the words he knew, were
Passing every test.
Yes, he was with them every trick, with vigor and
With vim; A thousand Tylers, more or less, were all
The same to him. At last his earthly time was passed,
The days fled one by one, The day came when he
Visited "Celestial, Number One".
They dressed him in his apron, on his finger put his
Ring. In his lapel was his emblem; they hadn't missed
A thing. He came up to the Tyler's door, - with
Confidence he knocked; He saw the door swing open
As the latches were unlocked. Saint Peter stood there
Smiling, and Gabriel was tiling When this Brother
Sauntered by with quite a grin; It really didn't matter,
For he thought a little chatter would turn the trick, and
He could go right in. He gave them all the grips and
Words, and all the passes too, And Old St. Pete and
Gabriel stood by till he was through. Then they told
Him they were sorry, and his grin began to fade
For with all the grips and passes, still he couldn't make
The grade. They told him that the signs and words were
Really not enough and that for many, many years he'd
Put up quite a bluff. They told him that he didn't know
The meaning of the square, The meaning of the letter
"G", or why it was put there. They told him of the Holy
Book, and of a Brother's love, the things that have to be
maintained in "Celestial", up above. His face grew
Blank, and then it filled with knowing consternation;
He realized, but all too late - he'd forgot his obligation.

From Ohio Grand Lodge Bulletin 1976
By Bro. Hal F. Foyer
Rocky River Lodge # 703
8/11/1944