

KELSO LODGE #94 F&AM of WASHINGTON

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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FALL 2017

125 YEARS **1893-2018**

A petition for a dispensation to start a new lodge at Kelso was signed by David Malone with eight others and Kalama #17 was our sponsoring lodge. Grand Master Augustus Plummer granted the dispensation on January 16, 1893 and Davis Malone served as the first Master.

The first Brother to be raised was E.S. Collins and as was the custom in those days a banquet was held following the degree. Kalama #17, Castle Rock #62 and Rainier #24 AF&AM of Oregon were invited to attend. The records show that 75 cigars at a cost of \$2.85 were enjoyed by all.

The First By-laws stated in the order of business “that charity shall always have preference” and so it has been over the years.

The early lodge was always strapped for funds and the Treasury was in the red most of the time. This required changing the meeting location many times and even moving the meetings to Catlin for a number of years for the better rental rates. The bridges we have now are sturdy and there is no problems in getting to lodge from the west side. But in the early 1900's the only way across the river was a rickety to say the least bridge that was death defying some of the time. In 1920 after Long-Bell moved to the area it was decided to construct our present building. The cornerstone was laid on December 22, 1923, by MWB Tom Holman, Grand Master. The Lodge's first meeting was April 4, 1924, and the Temple was dedicated on October 4, 1924, by MWB R.C. McCroskey and a number of Grand Lodge Officers.

A number of things have happened over the years to the Temple. The original building housed a Law Office, Dentist, Butcher Shop, and Drug Store in addition to the Lodge. The roof of the building was burned off in an arson fire and the lodge had to issue notes to pay for the repairs.

After WWII the lodge grew rapidly and at one time had over 500 members. Meeting at the building were also the Valley of Kelso Scottish Rite, Order of the Eastern Star, and Order of Rainbow. The Scottish Rite was large enough to confer most of their degrees.

The Temple has scene good and bad times over its long existence, the building sometimes got into disrepair until a group of Brethren would decide to rescue it. We are currently in one of those cycles and are bringing the Temple back to its grandeur. It has taken 5-7 years of work to accomplish this and the work continues.

The membership has declined over the past 50 years but we are still able confer our degrees. What is hard is getting the new generation to finish their journey and become Master Masons.

Our Senior Warden has begun looking at how we are going to celebrate next year and it should be a lot of fun.

For more historical information including murder go the Kelso's web page and select the History Bar and read the article that was put together.

TEMPLE BOARD HAPPENINGS

The Temple Board is continuing with improvements to the lodge building.

As the summer comes to an end and the Building resumes its normal activities it is time to reflect on the work that was done during the dark period. Thanks to Brother Duane Reamer for furnishing a 65 foot lift for the two week period in August. With the lift we were able to hopefully seal the southeast corner of the Lodge and eliminate the leak. When the Lodge was built they did not have the equipment we have and there are a lot of rock pockets and exposed rebar. We were also able to clean the front of the building and hang Scotty's new Masonic Sign on the north wall.

While all of this was going on another crew cleaned the roof and applied a new coat of sealer.

Many thanks to all that worked: Dale Ashley, Frank Harju, Vic Tenison, Maynard Brent, Mike Keck, Marvin Colburn, Jr, Billy Wolfe II, Ernie Halleck, and Scotty Hopkins.

We have continued to repair the back stairwell and should be able to complete the rebuild this fall and winter.

We have also replaced all of the old light bulbs in the building with new LED type bulbs. This will lower our operating cost and greatly lessen a fire danger.

SCOTTISH RITE KELSO VALLEY **LODGE OF PERFECTION**

MEETS THE 1st AND 3rd WEDNESDAY @7:30pm

This year's Bike for Books Program in conjunction with Kelso Lodge #94 was held at Catlin School in Kelso. This has been a very successful project in the past with a large number of students reading the required books for the chance to win one of four bikes.

Our Valley will be conferring the 4th Degree on two Brethren on October 4th @7:30 pm. All Scottish Rite Brethren are urged to come,

We will hold our Feast of Tishry on October 14th @6:30 pm at Yan's in Kelso.

MAPLE CHAPTER O.E.S. **MEETS 2ND & 5th WEDNESDAY @7:30PM**

Maple Chapter will resume meetings on Wednesday, September 13, 2017 with a potluck at 6:00pm. We will be honoring Liberty Chapter which was chartered in 1894 and was in Castle Rock. They merged with Kelso Chapter in 1989. In 2005, Kelso merged with Maple Chapter.

The chapter held a picnic on August 20 at the home of Cyndi and Jack Branch. It was well attended. Plenty of food and good fellowship.

October will be our School of Instruction. We will receive instruction from our new deputy, Jeanette Miller of Centralia. It will also be our Halloween meeting and we will be honoring Longview Chapter, which merged with Maple in 1994. The Official Visit of the Worthy Grand Matron, Jean Ballard, accompanied by the Worthy Grand Patron, Al Cramer will be held on November 29, our regular 5th Wednesday stated meeting.

Maple will be holding a coffee stop September 20, 21, and 22. Our No-Host Christmas Dinner will be at Parker's Restaurant on December 1. If you are interested in attending, please contact Alice Ashley.

Friendship night will be January 31, 2018.

NEW DISTRICT DEPUTY

Congratulations to our own VWB Doug Puckett on being appointed District Deputy of the Grand Master for District 18. WB Doug brings a wealth of experience to the position and our lodge looks forward to working with him,

COLUMBIA RIVER SHRINE CLUB **MEETS ON THE 4TH THURSDAY @ 5:30 PM** **AT MILL TOWN RESTURANT**

BETHEL #65 JOB'S DAUGHTER'S **STATED MEETING** **1st AND 3rd THURSDAY @ 7:30pm**

September-

7th Jobie Meeting 7p.m.
14th Kelso Burgerville Fundraiser 4 - 8p.m.
21st Jobie Meeting/ Initiation 7p.m.

October-

5th Mirror Meeting 7p.m.
21st Jobie OV/ Pumpkin Patch
26th Haunted Forest Trip
28th Halloween Party 6p.m.

November-

2nd Patriotic Meeting 7p.m.
5th Jobie Movie
16th Thanksgiving meeting joint w/o Bethel #38

5th TUESDAY POTLUCKS

Come one come all...

We will hold our 5th Tuesday Potlucks on

October 31st

January 30th

All dinner will be at 6:30pm

The lodge will furnish the meat and potatoes. Please bring a salad, dessert or anything else you might choose.

FACEBOOK

In addition to our web page Brother Billy Wolfe has created a Facebook page for the lodge. Just go the facebook.com and enter Kelso Lodge 94

MASONIC FAMILY CALENDAR

KELSO LODGE

Coffee Every Saturday and Monday Morning 7:00 - 9:00 am
Temple Board meets 1st Saturday of the month @8:30am

SEPTEMBER 2017

Sep 5 - 7:30 pm – Woodland- Kalama Stated Meeting
Sep 6 – 7:30 pm - AASR Kelso Valley Stated Meeting *
Sep 7 - 7:30 pm – Longview Lodge Stated Meeting
Sep 7 – 7:30 pm - Jobs Daughters Stated Meeting *
Sep 12 - 7:30 pm - Kelso 94 Stated Meeting *
Sep 13 - 7:30 pm – Maple Chapter OES Stated Meeting *
Sep 14 - 4:00 pm – Shrine Board Meeting (Kelso) *
Sep 18 - 7:30 pm – Castle Rock Stated Meeting
Sep 19 - 6:30 pm - Rainier 24 – Dinner
7:30 pm - Stated Meeting
Sep 20 - 7:30 pm - AASR Kelso Valley Stated Meeting * 4th
Degree
Sep 21 - 7:30 pm – Longview Lodge Stated Meeting
Sep 21 - 7:30 pm - Job Daughters Stated *
Sep 26 - 7:30 pm - Kelso 94 Stated Meeting *
Sep 28 - 5:30 pm – Shrine Club Meeting (Mill City Grill)

OCTOBER 2017

Oct 3 – 7:30 pm – Woodland Kalama Lodge Stated Meeting
Oct 4 – 7:30 pm - AASR Kelso Valley Stated Meeting *
Oct 5 – 7:30 pm – Longview Lodge Stated Meeting
Oct 5 – 7:30 pm – Job's Daughters Stated Meeting*
Oct 10 – 7:30 pm -Kelso 94 Stated Meeting *
Oct 11 – 7:30 pm – Maple Chapter OES Stated Meeting*
Oct 12 – 4:00 pm – CRSC Officers Meeting
Oct 16 - 7:30 pm – Castle Rock Stated Meeting
Oct 17 - 6:30 pm - Rainier 24 – Dinner
7:30 pm - Stated Meeting
Oct 18 - 7:30 pm - AASR Kelso Valley Stated Meeting * 4th
Degree
Oct 19 - 7:30 pm – Longview Lodge Stated Meeting
Oct 19 - 7:30 pm - Job Daughters Stated *
Oct 24 - 7:30 pm - Kelso 94 Stated Meeting *
Oct 26 – 5:30 pm – CRSC Stated Meeting (Mill City Grill)
Oct 31 – 6:30 pm – Kelso 5th Tuesday Masonic Family Potluck*
(*) Meets at Kelso Lodge

CHANGES TO THE SCHEDULE ARE ON THE **INTERNET @ KELSO LODGE #94**

HURRICANE RELIEF

The Masonic Services Association has relayed an appeal from the Grand Lodges of Florida and Texas asking assistance for the Brethren of these jurisdictions.

Hurricane Harvey and Irma caused massive destruction in these areas and any donation will be appreciated.

Send your donation to:
Masonic Serves Association
3905 National Drive
Ste 280
Burtonville, MD 20866

Make Checks payable to:
MSA Disaster Relief Fund
Designate:
Florida Relief Appeal or
Texas Relief Appeal or
Both

MSA does not deduct any amount for servicing the appeal and all amounts will be forwarded to the Grand Jurisdictions. MSA is a 501c3 organization and all donations are tax deductible.

MSA is the communication organization that is sponsored by all of the Grand Lodges in the USA. Part of our Grand Lodge Per Capita go to support its mission.

LAFAVORITES

Due to limited parking; please don't park in front of the building during their store hours.

They have a very large selection of fine wools, yarns, gifts and fresh brewed coffee. Please stop by