



Meridian Lodge # 47
Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Idaho



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Chaplain	Don LeFave
Tyler	Roger Muzzy, PM
Member-at-Large	Hal Ford

Upcoming Meridian Temple Schedule (for updates, see <http://www.meridianlodge47.org/calendar>)

July 2019

Meridian Lodge #47
6 Temple Board 9:00 am
9 Stated Communication 7:30
23 MM degree 7:00

OES Chapter #66
Dark

Job's Daughters Bethel 6
Dark

Meridian Gems Rainbow
8 & 22 Regular Meeting 7:00

Treasure Valley DeMolay
11 & 25 Stated Meeting 7:00

August 2019

Meridian Lodge #47
10 Temple Board 9:00 am
13 Stated Communication 7:30

OES Chapter #66
Dark

Job's Daughters Bethel 6
Dark

Meridian Gems Rainbow
12 & 26 Regular Meeting 7:00

Treasure Valley DeMolay
15 & 29 Stated Meeting 7:00

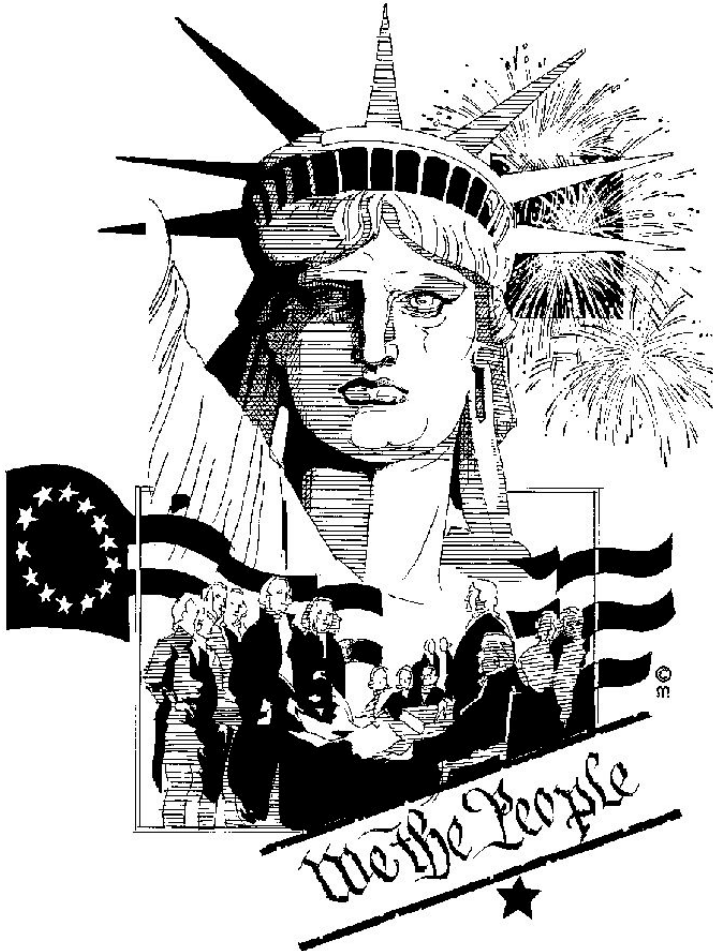
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Greetings from the Worshipful Master

Well, the year is really flying by and I think that Meridian #47 and members of the Lodge have been showing the meaning of charity and fellowship. At the last meeting we had the pleasure at dinner (which was prepared by Brother Jeff Henry; thank you, sir) to present Brother Rodger Hood his 50 year pin and certificate. The feast was well attended and several other 50 year members came as well!

During the dinner, three of the four recipients of the Charles Monger Memorial Masonic Scholarships attended and were appreciated with certificates as well. They told us briefly of their plans for the future and it was an honor to know that Meridian Lodge is doing great things in the community.

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Bro. Rodger Hood has his 50-year pin applied to his lapel by his Lady, Sheri.



Winner of the Meridian Lodge cash raffle to support the Charles Monger Memorial Masonic Scholarship was Bro Steve Siebers, pictured here receiving his prize with, L-R, WM Rob Mahar, raffle chairman Dave Lindsay, Steve, and scholarship chairman Bill Rogers. Bro Steve donated part of his winnings back to the scholarship fund with the stipulation that it be used to increase the value of the awarded scholarships.



Receiving scholarship certificates from scholarship chairman Bill Rogers (left) and WM Rob Mahar (right) are Ian Clifford, a graduate of Renaissance High School, who will attend College of Idaho with an interest in biological sciences; Kara Hunter, a graduate of Centennial High School, who will attend Brigham Young University with an interest in environmental biology; Kaya Baker, a graduate of Rocky Mountain High School, who will attend Brigham Young University with an eye to being an animation artist. Not pictured is Carlie Strolberg, a graduate of Renaissance High School, who will study political science at the University of Idaho.

The scholarships are made possible by donations from individual members of Meridian Lodge, a raffle fund raiser offered to the community, and a grant from the Idaho Freemason Foundation.

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Later that night, a Brother who happened to win the \$600 cash prize generously donated a portion back and asked us to add \$100 to each award, bringing their total to \$600 per student! Again, I was thrilled to see it.

Anyone that comes to Meridian Lodge has probably heard of the Masonic riding association called the Widows Sons! I am a member of the Grand Chapter and so are more than a hand full of other Meridian #47 Brothers. We recently had a fund raiser, headed up by our Past Senior Warden Mark Isserman, where he sold knives to raise money to give to a charity called JDRF. JDRF is a nonprofit organization that funds type 1 diabetes research and advocates for regulation favorable to medical research and that makes it easier to market new medical devices. It was formerly called the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. This organization is appreciated by a couple of us at this Lodge who have loved ones that suffer daily from this condition.

I'm not sure how many knives it took to raise about \$500 but he did a great job raising it, along with the help of other Brothers. (I don't have exact figures but...) We wanted to make the donation to the charity a nicely rounded \$1000 and pulled it from our own pockets to achieve that figure!

Thank you Bothers. I am in good company and I am reminded by these deeds that it is the internal and not the external by which we judge another Brother!

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We are (more than) half way through the year and I want to remind everyone that has proficiency to complete in the degrees. Please make sure you get with your mentors or let the Secretary know if you need a new one. We want you to succeed, but it takes effort and you'll get what you put into it.

Officers and members who are chasing the Wardens and Masters certificates, please come up with a plan to get the work done. We really want to see you Brothers moving through the chairs.

Have a fun but safe 4th of July!



Patriotic/Masonic flag gifted to Meridian Lodge.

A camo-style flag with patriotic/Masonic motif was gifted to Meridian Lodge by Bro. Els Barrington, currently deployed to Afghanistan. You may acquire one for yourself by contacting Bro Barrington directly.

If someone would like to step forward to frame the flag for display, please contact the Secretary.



Members of the Masonic motorcycle riding club Widows Sons present a donation to the charity JDRF, which funds research aimed at type 1 diabetes. Widows Sons includes a number of Meridian Lodge #47 members. At center is Scarlet Mahar, daughter of WM Rob Mahar.

Bethany Hodges
NAME
Bethel 8 Caldwell
BETHEL # & CITY
learning leadership
FAVORITE THING ABOUT JOB'S DAUGHTERS
Getting a rep. position
FAVORITE THING ABOUT GRAND SESSION 2019

Sierra
NAME
Twin Falls #56
BETHEL # & CITY
learning, teaching, growing
FAVORITE THING ABOUT JOB'S DAUGHTERS
dance competitions
FAVORITE THING ABOUT GRAND SESSION 2019

Post cards received by Meridian Lodge from Job's Daughters attending their annual Grand Session in Twin Falls this year. Meridian Lodge is proud to host Bethel 6 in Meridian.