



THEN: The Masonic Lodge, on the corner of Main and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street in Corvallis, was dedicated an official Masonic Lodge on March 31, 1936. It was built in order to replace the original lodge that that was lost to a fire on June 17, 1933. The new building was a large, two-story structure with a very decorative interior but only consisted of a couple large rooms. The main meeting room was located upstairs while the downstairs area consisted of a kitchen and dining hall. The construction of this building was a very important event within the both the community of Masons and the town of Corvallis. A large party was held when it was completed. Many important people spoke at this gathering including many Masonic Grand Masters in other towns such as John R. Loyde of Great Falls and Steward L. Buler of Missoula. Over 250 people attended the ceremony. Bv: Micah Gravatt-Biglev

NOW: This same building now houses a dance studio called Ballet Bitterroot. It is a non-profit business educating people of all ages in the art of Ballet, Tap, and Jazz. This business was established in 2000 when Char Pigman, a dance teacher looking to start her own business, found this building. It was recently a community center but needed a lot of work before becoming a functioning studio. With the help of her construction-worker husband, most of the buildings walls were moved and repainted and the old wooden floor was replaced. After a whole summer of work the building consisted of two bathrooms, a kitchen, and two dance rooms.

