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THE BEACON

The monthly Trestleboard of Union Lodge #3, A.F. & A.M



From the Secretary's Desk

This month The Beacon will be a little short – we went dark in July, so not a lot of direct Lodge business to speak of. The usual paperwork needs doing and we look forward to the fall when we elect new officers (November Stated) and renew dues. But, I'm piecing together some short thoughts to make a whole column.

We'll be having some work days up at the cemetery – either at McMinnville or Lafayette this summer and fall. There's plenty to do, without regard to physical condition; but you'll want to be able to walk around and keep your feet on fairly uneven ground. There's small scale cleaning, organizing, and weeding that needs to happen, as well as some documentation and recording. We had new main sign installed last year and need to set up the planting bed around it – pulling volunteer plants and weeds, creating an edge, getting landscaping fabric down, etc. We also need to do some painting and general maintenance on the shed and a number of other things. We're also looking for find a couple people who can commit to mowing an assigned section of the cemetery on a regular basis. When the grass is growing, this probably amounts to about 4-5 hrs of work every 3-4 weeks. Check the events calendar on the Lodge Facebook page and the Lodge website for more information. If you have some time available, let me know either in person, via email, or at the Lodge office phone number.

If you plan on traveling this summer – anytime, really – especially foreign travel, let your Secretary (i.e. me) know. I can help coordinate putting together documentation that will make visiting Lodges in other Grand Lodge jurisdictions easier. This involves the Grand Lodge and as much lead time as possible is always appreciated. Also, remember that some Grand Jurisdictions don't have a tradition of visitation – if you are not expected or invited, it's unlikely that you'll be able to participate as a drop in. That being said, throughout the United State it's pretty common and a lot of fun to sit in Lodge to Brethren in other jurisdictions.

Fraternally,
WB Frank Blair
Secretary

August 2016 Calendar

- Aug 2 - Union # 3 - Stated 7:30 pm
- Aug 2 - Holbrook # 30 - Stated 7:30 pm
- Aug 3 - Rickreall # 110 - Stated 7:30 pm
- Aug 4 - Newberg # 104 - Stated 7:30 pm
- Aug 6 - Tuality # 7 - Stated 10:00 am
- Aug 10 - Sheridan-Dayton # 64 - Stated 7:00 pm
- Aug 30 - Union # 3 Trustees meeting 6:30 pm
Officers meeting 7:30 pm

Please see Page 2 for an important request from your Lodge



The Brothers of Union Lodge are encouraged to submit articles for the The Beacon. Submissions should be in Microsoft Word documents. Please email your articles to Tom Gardner at gardner_t@onlinenw.com by the 15th of the month for inclusion in the following month's edition of The Beacon.

Be sure to keep up with Lodge activities between editions of the Beacon by checking our website <http://www.unionlodge3.com>

or



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My Brothers,

The above photo shows our Secretary, WB Frank Blair, **all by himself**, mowing the cemetery on a recent hot July afternoon. If you have read WB Frank's column on page 1 of this issue of the Beacon you know that the Lodge is in need of a number of Brothers to assist in the maintenance of our two cemeteries.

Please, please offer your assistance for these important tasks. A few hours of your time every few weeks is not a lot of commitment.

Beacon Editor



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