

Worshipful Master's Message

Brethren,

I am honored and proud to serve as Worshipful Master. There were several Past Masters and Brethren who helped me make it to the East and I sincerely thank them. I am looking forward to a very successful year.

The Worshipful Master is placed in the East that through him the Eternal Spirit of Wisdom may flow into every part of the Lodge, in the V.O.S.L. it is written:

"Wisdom hath built her house and hath hewn out her seven pillars." The stated offices of a lodge of Freemasons being seven in number.

The Lodge, this temporal house of Mysteries is built after the design of Wisdom. The Worshipful Master being distinguished by the square, turned downwards, signifying that being the representative of the Great Architect, the Master may shape all those below him entrusted to his care, to suffer no conflict or animosity to arise, and to assist in making perfect in all parts of the Body, Soul and Spirit.

We have many events already in the planning stages. Included in this Trestleboard is a tentative list of dates and events for 2019, so

mark your calendars now so you won't miss any of these great events. I will be working closely with my line officers to try and make meeting nights more exciting and to improve the fellowship in our Lodge. I am asking for your help and counting on you as Master Masons to make this a success. Come back to Union Lodge and see firsthand what I am trying to accomplish, with your help.

Sincerely & Fraternally
Scott Rassbach

Calendar:

January 7:

Getting the year started. Trustee election, appointing committees (Finance, Budget, Audit, Grievance), Past Masters Presentation, Hiram Award Vote, decide what awards we as a lodge want to accomplish.

February 4:

Auditing Committee report,
(Date TBD) Sweetheart's dinner

March 3:

Corned Beef and Cabbage, GM visit

May 16 :

Pancake Fundraiser at the UFO fundraiser
More to come as plans firm up. I'm certain we'll have at least one speaker from the Lewis and Clark Chapter of speakers.

Thank you!!

*W. B. Tom Gardner
for many years of
hard work and
dedication as Editor
of Union No. 3's
Trestle-Board*

*January
Birthday's*

Happy Birthday!!

*Lloyd Larson
James Martin
Thomas Miller
Ronald Nairn
Rodney Brown*



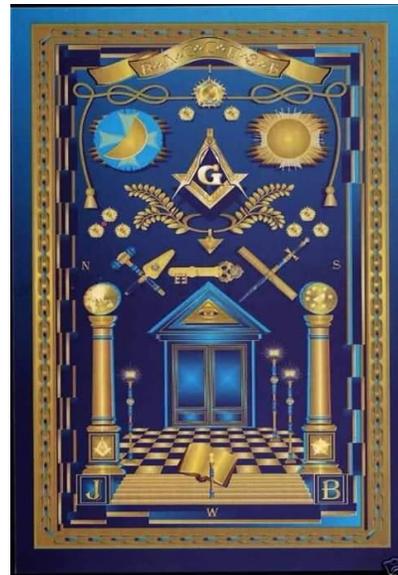
Masonic Art

This caught my eye on Facebook. I do not think I have ever seen this one before.
Artist Unknown.

Union No. 3

Installed Officers for 2020

Worshipful Master	Scott Rassbach
Senior Warden	Matt Coady
Junior Warden	Jared Brandon-Flande
Treasurer	Hunt M. Compton
Secretary	J. P. Porter
Senior Deacon	Chris Noble
Junior Deacon	Vincent Grove
Chaplain	Larry Lungler
Marshal	Matt Gerbrandt
Tyler	Johnny J. Edwards



Gavel Presentation

Below is the Explanation of the gavel that was read after Officer Installation.

*Presentation to WB Scott Rassbach from WB
Rodney Brown, Jr.
December 12, 2019*

The gavel which you have received this evening has symbolic significance at many levels. The gavel was crafted from the wood of a mertlewood tree grown the Willamette Valley. The gavel was designed and crafted by a Past Master of The Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Oregon Union Lodge #3.

While designing the gavel, the Master Mason considered the teachings of the Fellowcraft Degree. The gavel is based on the Divine Proportion or Golden Ratio in its dimensions and the divisions and diameter of its proportions. This ratio was originally described by Leonardo Fibonacci in the early 13th Century with the Fibonacci Sequence. Over time other mathematicians found this sequence could represent a ratio which many scientists have found in nature and architects have found its ratio to be pleasing to the eye.

In nature this ratio can be found at the microcellular level of the DNA molecule all the way up to the spiral shell of the Nautilus. The ratio is also found in the arms spiraling outward from the center of sunflowers and pinecones and the ratio of the length of the human body to that of the torso.

The ratio has been used in architecture by the Egyptians in constructing their Great Pyramids, the Greeks and the Parthenon, Notre Dame in Paris, and the Tal Mahal. Its

use continues today in modern architecture

with the United Nations Building and the CNN Tower in Toronto, the tallest free-standing structure in the world.

*It is hoped you will use this gavel to preside over your Lodge. The symmetry and harmony inculcated in the Divine Proportion of this gavel are a symbolic representation of the harmony provided by the Great Architect both in and out of the Lodge. May the blessings of Heaven be upon you as you perform your duties as Master of your Lodge. **End.***

Editor's Note:

There are a few changes starting in 2020 as some Brothers might have already noticed.

The largest addition that I would like to direct the Brothers to are the links at the very end of the Beacon.

You will find an updated Alpha List of burials for the McMinnville Masonic Cemetery along with maps.

You can also find the past issues of the Trestle Boards from 1997 – 2019. These are all searchable. They are a wonderful tool when learning what our previous Brothers did during their years.

Several other links for your use. Jje

Secret... Shhhh

There will sometimes be a hidden point within a circle ☉ in the Trestle Board for hidden Gnosis. See if you can locate it then click on it for a surprise.

The Adventures of a Country Master Mason Abroad



Fraternal Greetings
from afar!

As the year draws to a close, we finished it off with a bang at Cabot Lodge here in Bristol. Our December meeting had a couple ballots, elections, and a double-

MM conferral. Here, we don't elect the entire officer slate, only Master, Treasurer, and Tyler. The rest of the officer positions are appointed. It made for a long night, but all in good fellowship. I received my formal invitation to take the Sr. Warden's chair next year and will be installed in January. I have the majority of the SW work down for next year ... which means that after Christmas I'll start what will probably be a year-long process of learning the Master's parts. The expectation here is that each officer performs their roles in all instances from their elected or appointed chair – there is no “degree team” and the Master has a lot of material to cover.

Earlier in December, Kathleen and I were invited to the Czech Republic to attend a good friend and Brother's wedding in Zaječí. He is Brazilian and his fiancé is Czech. Just two days before that he handed in his doctoral dissertation on the symbolism of early 18th century Masonic aprons, leaning heavily on the holdings of the museum at Grand Lodge in London.

While we were there and coming back home by way of Vienna I indulged my habit of finding churches and going through them for historically interesting marks, funeral monuments, and art. I was not disappointed at St. Stephen's Cathedral in Vienna.

St. Stephen's sits on the foundations of at least two previous churches going back to the 12th century. Most of the superstructure fabric was

erected in the 14th century but it's had a couple major remodels including one in the early 16th century – 1504-1511. Of particular interest is the pulpit, carved during that time. For a long time it was thought that Anton Pilgram, the principle architect-mason, had carved or supervised the carving of the pulpit and might have left an early “selfie” in the process. There is a sculpture beneath the stairs leading to the preaching pulpit called the “fenstergucker.” It depicts a man leaning out of a window and staring at the viewer. In this case he is holding a compasses and a mason's mark is emblazoned above him. It's believed that the mark belongs to Pilgram. However, current scholarship suggests that, while Pilgram was involved in the overall works at the Cathedral, he wasn't involved in the pulpit. Documentary records and stylistic evidence suggest it as the work of Nicolaes Gerhaert van Leyden, a mentor, if not master, of Pilgram's at some point in Pilgram's his early career. The pulpit does have several mason's marks underneath the stairs. Not to be forgotten, Pilgram potentially shows up in another sculptural portrait, this time beneath a fan-vaulted buttress beneath part of the organ loft. In the second example, he is painted and holds both a square and compasses.

When I wrote last, it was just the day before the Province's Men's Health Day at Freemason's Hall. More than ninety Brethren came down and were tested for, amongst other things, prostate cancer. Of them, just over thirty have been referred for consultations based on the testing provided that day.

It being the festive season, I'll leave it short this month.

Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy, and Prosperous New Year to all the Brethren and their families at Union Lodge!

Fraternally,

Frank

(Note: See page 5 for photographs from his trip)



Images from our Traveling Worshipful Brother Frank's January article.

Writing

Does writing for your Trestle Board “The Beacon” have to be related to Freemasonry or your lodge? Absolutely not.

Writing to some is a burden. The ‘having to’ clouds the gift that we take for granted. There is no ‘have to’, it should be ‘I want to’. This gift is expressing our feelings to paper. Writing down our disappointments with our fellow human beings. Writing to use our God given Right as a Free American to express our views without reproussion from the rulers of our Country.

Writing about your daily walk or what I like to call ‘The Path’.

I truly enjoy writing. If I am not compiling notes for a future project, writing in my journal which I have been doing for over 30 years, putting finishing touches ‘AGAIN’ on my first fiction novel that I hope to publish some day I am writing just to write.

Or just enjoying my time in front of my computer like I am now, writing an article about writing at 4am on a Monday morning with a cup of coffee in my beloved den.

I just like to write.

I will never claim to be good at it. But I love to share what I enjoy in life. If someone doesn’t want to read what I am writing, well... turn the page.

I like dots after a word to emphasize my point ... I have been told that I shouldn’t use dots because it is poor grammar. Baloney...!

I remember when I took a speaking class in the U. S. Navy for Instructor School I had to write and present a short paper on a topic. The Instructor said it can be on anything. He said, “Pick something to write about that you enjoy. This way you will be confident on your topic in front of the class”. What did I write and present to the class? How to eat my favorite hamburger,

a Burger King Wopper with Cheese. Boom. I got an ‘A’. Ha. I have always been proud of that.

I have heard from many a person the following, “I don’t know what to write” or “I have nothing to share”. Hogwash!

I know farmers, priests, medical people and firemen. I know many intellectuals, authors, doctors... the list goes on. How can anyone say they have nothing to write about. Write about the most interesting character in your year and how it changed your life or perspective in the world. Something that happened that put you back on your correct Path.

I have shared with many a Brother to just write from your heart about something that makes you happy or sad. Observe, then write.

I like to expound on things that normally do not get talked about. How about our hardly used kitchen and dining hall. When I first joined Union No. 3 A. F. and A. M. there was always a dinner before lodge. The dinner wasn’t made for hundreds. Most times there were only 6-10 Brothers. Sometimes there were sandwiches or a casarole. Hot cup of joe, good conversation before lodge.

Fellowship.

Why don’t we have a dinner before lodge anymore? Just takes a little planning and a couple of dedicated Brothers to put it on every month. I am in. Who wants to help? Who is reading what I am writing? Anyone? [Bueler](#), [Bueler??](#) I am not a cook but I could do it with some help. RSVP before hand. Bam. Dinner for the Brothers.

How about our beautiful new Blue Awning in Front of our lodge building. It has been talked about in lodge. Have you taken the time to walk “in the day light” and look at this wonderful addition? This has been in the ‘in work’ stages for years. This year I asked the Trustees to make it a priority and the Trustees did that very thing. Boom. A new Blue Awning.

Did you know that the awning before the old one that was recently replaced was red? I saw that in a picture. Red? Wow. What were the Brothers thinking.

I like using the word boom and bang in a sentence sometimes. I bet you never have used it in a sentence. Try it. It is easy. Boom.

Have you ever walked up the stairs from 3rd Street and entered lodge through the 2nd floor doors? For over 50 years our founding fathers of this lodge did that very thing. No elevator. They would congregate at the base of the stairs hanging their slightly rained on jackets and hats on the hooks on the wall. "Hey Brother Mike how are you? Oh I am fine Brother Dave how is your wife? Oh she is doing good." Blah blah blah... As they walk side by side in fellowship to the third floor of Freemasonry.

I could go on and on... Boring? No it is writing.

Get a pen and paper and get to writing.

Write your life story. I have. It is a boring story but my kids will know every last bit of my boring life when I am gone.

I think we can all agree that we all wish our grandparents and ancestors did that very thing.

Just write.

Fraternally as always,

Johnny J. Edwards

Blast from the Past

From the News Register.



October 29, 1949. Kountry Hills and Jakes in colorful costumes were seen at the first fall party given by the OES and Masonic lodges last Wednesday night. Pictured here are a portion of the 200 persons from McMinnville and surrounding communities who "came to town" for a tip-roaring good time and apparently were well-satisfied.

If you notice behind the people in front the East is the same and the drapes are different than today.

Submitted by MWB Hunt M. Compton



I believe this picture to be in the Lafayette No. 3 lodge. Primarily because of the golden G hanging from ceiling. This G was in the Lafayette No. 3 History Collection in 2012.

Poem

" The low desire, the base design,
That makes another's virtues less,
The revel of the ruddy wine,
And all occasions of excess—;
The longing for ignoble things ;
The strife for triumph more than truth;
The hardening of the heart that brings
Irreverence for the dreams of youth—
All thoughts of ill, all evil deeds,
That have their root in thoughts of ill,
Whatever hinders, or impedes
The action of the nobler will ;—
All these must first be trampled down
Beneath our feet, if we would gain
In the bright fields of fair renown,
The right of eminent domain."

AMORY HOLBROOK,
Deputy Grand Master.
1858-1859

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**The Brothers of Union Lodge are encouraged to
submit articles for The Beacon.**

Please email your articles to Johnny J. Edwards
[johnny6 28 66@yahoo.com](mailto:johnny62866@yahoo.com) by the 15th of the month
for inclusion in the following month's edition of The
Beacon.

CALENDAR

JANUARY 7 STATED MEETING 730PM
FEBRUARY 4 STATED MEETING 730PM
MARCH 3 STATED MEETING 730PM
Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner
6:00PM
May 16 Pancake Fundraiser

Tuality No. 6

Meets every 1st Saturday at 9:00 AM

Holbrook No. 30

Meets every 1st Tuesday at 7:30 PM

Sheridan – Dayton No. 64

Meets every 2nd Wednesday at 7:30 PM

Newberg No. 104

Meets every 2nd Thursday at 7:30 PM

**Trustee Meeting will be the last Wednesday of
every Month at 10am at Lodge.**

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