

Worshipful Master's Message

Hello, Craftsmen and welcome to February! First off, I would like to remind everyone that we will be having a Fellowcraft degree for our Brother Nick Godfrey, on Friday, January 31st @ 7:30 P.M . If you have a part, please come to a practice either on Wednesdays 1/22 or 1/29 @ 7:30 pm, or Sunday 1/25. Thanks to all who have been coming to practice and are making this degree possible.

All committee members, we will be doing a bunch of committee work on Sunday after practice. please come if you're on a committee.

We have had a wonderful tradition of Breakfast with the Brothers at the Community Plate in McMinnville; one I would like to continue. Our next breakfast will be on February 21st at 9:30 A.M. If you are a member of Union Lodge who did not receive a mail invitation to this event, please let me know. I don't have contact information for everyone and want to make sure that everyone is made aware of these sorts of events and has the option to go. It's very important to me that all of our Brothers know they are welcome and included in all our events, so please give me your contact information if I don't already have it. I'm going to try to make these breakfasts a monthly event.

I look forward to seeing you at all our events, and I am happy that our lodge is having so many get-togethers. Our coming together is what keeps Union a healthy and successful lodge.

Consecration to the Sacred Episcopate

Congratulations to our Worshipful Master Scott on the honor of being elected Bishop to the Weaver were elected to the Episcopacy of the Apostolic Johannite Church.

By a unanimous vote of the Apostolic Council, Scott Rassbach and Jeremiah 'Bray' Weaver were elected to the Episcopacy of the Apostolic Johannite Church on November 12th, 2019.

In 12 years of active ministry with the Apostolic Johannite Church, Bishop-Elect Rassbach has served as the Prefect for Liturgical Rites, the pastor of two parishes and a member of the Apostolic Council. Bishop-Elect Scott Rassbach will take the title, name and jurisdiction of Mar Iacomus, Auxiliary Bishop of the United States.

Read entire article here. [**ARTICLE.**](#)

February Birthday's

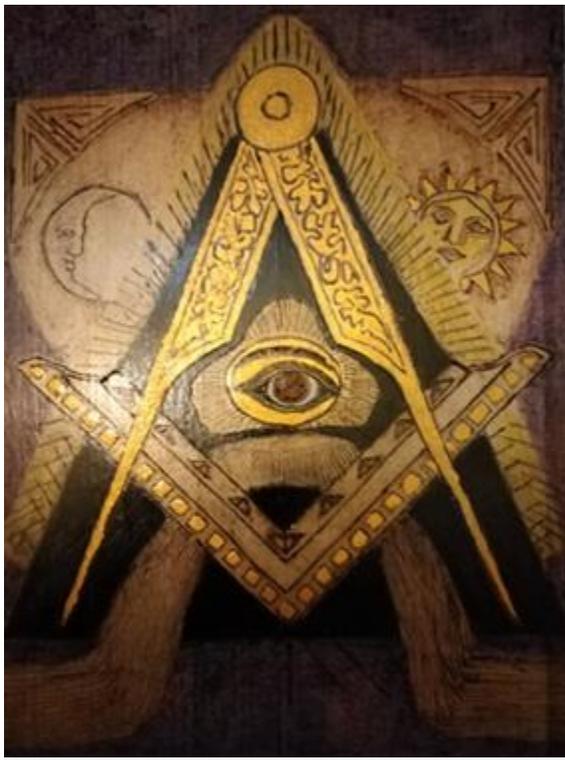
Happy Birthday!!

*Wayne Stovall
Richard Baker
Benell Price
Andrew Rees
Alexander Bogetti
Charles Phillips*

Masonic Art

Milosh Krstic
Serbian Artist 2019

I came across this fine artist on Facebook. He is not a Freemason but I thought his talents should be recognized.



Permission Granted from Artist.

The Adventures of a Country Master Mason Abroad

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Fraternal Greetings,
Brethren!

Here in Bristol, we're easing into the New Year post-Installation. In a couple weeks, we'll be having our first full meeting of the year (the January meeting is always installation.) The first two meetings will each include a First-Degree conferral and then a double-Second in April. I'm working on cementing the Sr. Warden work for the Second and Third Degree and both working on ritual and planning for next year when I should be installed into the Chair. That means once or twice a week Skype and in-person sessions with one of several past-Masters who have volunteered to help me work on ritual – there's a lot to work on. In addition, I'll be (as I always am) a regular attendee at the monthly Lodges of Instruction. The expectation is that at the first LOI after installation all officers jump up a chair – so, last week I was in the Master's chair for LOI, even though I haven't been through a full meeting as Sr. Warden yet. We don't have "degree teams" here, so the further expectation is that you do the job of your chair for all ceremonies.

A lot of what we do, both under the English Constitution and here in Bristol, would be familiar to Oregon Brethren. Sometimes things are done or said by different officers or roles, but the gist is the same and the same content is delivered. However, one thing that would be very different is the way that propositions are handled, debated, and voted on. This also relates to the way that officers are elected and installed.

Typically, in American Lodges, motions and propositions are put on the floor in a regular meeting where debate and discussion are encouraged. After that, they are voted on and either pass or fail by that vote. A very democratic process. Here, although the ritual asks for it in certain places – the acceptance of the previous meetings minutes, for example – there is no discussion and no real expectation that amendments will be offered in Lodge. All discussion and decision-making takes place before Lodge, usually in the Finance and General Purposes Committee (F&GP) meeting. This meeting is scheduled monthly one week before the regular meeting and is chaired by the Worshipful Master. It is attended by officers and any Past Master wanting to attend. The Order of Business and any “business” that needs discussion is attended to there, decisions are made, and they are announced and acted on in the regular meeting.

With the exception of balloting on petitions and very specific motions, like a motion to “exclude” or drop one or more members for non-payment of dues, there’s no active participation from the Brethren on the sidelines – even on electing officers. The only elected positions are the WM, Treasurer, and Tyler. For each of those roles it’s typical that only one person stands for election and they are elected by statute – if only one candidate is running, there’s not vote; they are accepted in the role. For WM, that would be the SW; for the other two roles, the incumbent continues unless they are retiring. All of the other officer roles are appointed, including the principal officers. It’s assumed that if you’re in a progressive chair (Inner Guard or above) that you will advance a chair each year until you are IPM (Immediate Past Master.)

This process and set of expectations are reflected at the Provincial Grand Lodge and Grand Lodge levels, perhaps even more so. The Grand Master of UGLE is HRH the Duke of Kent and he has been Grand Master for 52 years. He appoints all of his other officers and the Provincial Grand

Masters who generally hold positions for lengthy periods. The Provincial Grand Master of Bristol, on average, serves for 10 years in office, some longer. Provincial Grand Lodge does not feature debate on propositions and voting – any changes that are to be made have already been decided and they are announced. The great majority of Provincial Grand Lodge proceedings are appointing officers and the required formal ceremonies surrounding that. It’s usually over in about an hour and a half.

In other news, I was looking through the Provincial yearbook and noticed that in Bristol we have a Lodge comprised of operative masons who meet at Freemason’s Hall but are representatives of the Livery company of operative rough masons, wallers, slaters, paviors, plaisterers, and bricklayers. More on them in coming months.

Fraternally, as always

-Frank

Biographical Essay

Worshipful Brother Dale Burkett



Worshipful Brother Dale Burkett was one of a kind. Soft spoken but not afraid to speak his mind. Intelligent but reserved.

Just a wonderful Man and Freemason.

When I first started on my Path as an Ancient Craftsman WB Dale was one of the first Brothers that approached me after a meeting and took my hand as only a Freemason could and said, “Welcome Brother”. With the kindest and most pleasant smile a person could muster.

WB Dale was the Chaplain at my Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft Degrees.

WB Dale was well known throughout local Masonic Lodges as the poet laureate for Union No. 3.

Studiously writing in his seat during a Degree or Meeting on a half-torn piece of paper. A poem. A gift to the lodge before a degree or meeting would be closed. He would rise before the Worshipful Master applied his gavel signifying the end of the meeting saying, "Worshipful Master I have a poem!" He would stand among his Brothers reading his poem with his soft crackled voice to everyone in attendance. After the lodge was closed, he would give the poem to the candidate or possibly the Worshipful Master if it was appropriate. Or just place the poem in his coat pocket quietly taken his seat.

These presentations were such a part of my early experiences as a new Mason.

I was shaped by this Man and others like him into the Mason I became. Not perfect in any way but I believe that some of their soul was left inside me as a Man and Mason.

In 2007 after I was installed as Worshipful Master for Sheridan Dayton No. 64 WB Dale was at this time using a walker. If I recall correctly, he had a small license plate which was written 'Dale'. He also walked around with a horn attached to his walker which would usually adorn a child's bicycle. He approached me after the installation and gave me the best advice that any Past Master could give a new Worshipful Master. "You are the Worshipful Master. What you say stands. Don't let anyone make you think different." In so many words.

Powerful words that I have carried with me to this day, many years later.

I am honored to be able to say that I knew this man. Proud that I was able to sit in lodge with this Brother. I am also grateful to share that I have in my possession several of his poems that

he gifted to me. Some of these poems have been added to the Lodge's History Book which all can find as a link at the end of each Beacon.

I am always going through my family heirlooms each winter. I will hopefully someday get to the last box of my Mothers and Fathers papers and pictures. This weekend my project was to go through and place in storage 40 years of letters and cards that were sent to me and my wife over the years.

In one of these boxes were two poems of WB Dale's that I do not recall ever seeing.

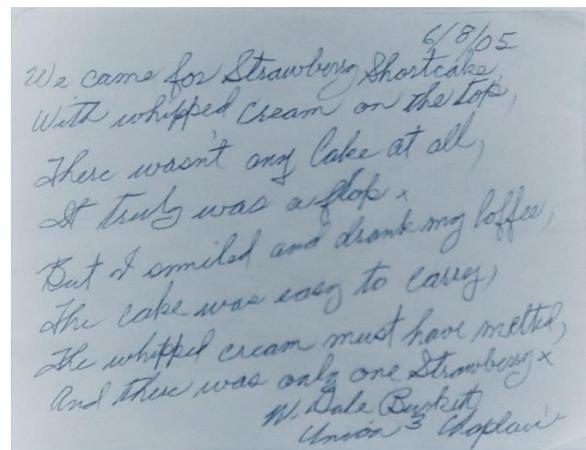
My Brother Dale blessed me with his presence once again.

I share these with you the reader.

I can only hope that you have met a Man and Brother of this caliber in your Path as a Man and Freemason.

Fraternally as always,

Johnny J. Edwards



6/8/05
We came for Strawberry Shortcake,
With whipped cream on the top,
There wasn't any cake at all,
It truly was a flop,
But I smiled and drank my coffee,
The cake was easy to carry,
The whipped cream must have melted,
And there was only one Strawberry x
W. Dale Bunker
Union 3 Chaplain

9/14/05
Here it is September,
~~and~~ we look forward to the fall,
as
Shovdan Lodge has a new coat,
A Blue Coat for one and all,
The Brothers have labored hard
to make this lodge a special place,
Being aware of their duty,
that truly is a Beauty +
W. Dale Bunker
Aaron's 3
Chaplain.

Grand Lodge of England. This lodge is special as my 9th Great Grandfather (Mark Morris) was initiated into it in 1809 and was a longtime member. We were also able to obtain a copy of his signature and information on his occupation due to it being in the Lodge register.

Freemasonry goes much farther in my family than the recent 80 years that we had tracked and it is great to be a part of continuing the lineage.



**Sojourning Worshipful Brother
Aaron Codiga is in Nottingham,
United Kingdom.**

I have been Fraternally blessed to know many Brothers who travel internationally. My passion for future travel causes me to live through them while they are on their walk about.

WB Aaron Codiga Past Master of Newberg 104 A. F. & A. M. is one of those Brothers.

WB Aaron recently posted a public post on Facebook which I found so very interesting. He is indeed a multi generational Freemason in his family.

Enjoy his account of visiting his historical family lodge in the U. K.

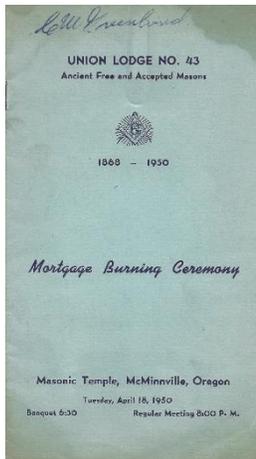
Permission was granted to share his post.

During this trip to Great Britain I got to visit Fortitude Lodge No. 105 in Plymouth under the Provincial Grand Lodge of Devonshire, United



Blast from the Past

Did you know our lodge had a mortgage at one time? We also had a Mortgage Burning Ceremony in 1950. Thank you to MWB Hunt Compton for sharing this important and historical document. [Read Document](#)



I took the liberty of doing a minimal search on the three participants who conducted the ceremony:

Milt McGuire was Master in 1920;

Calvin Weaver was Master in 1926;

C.L. Williams is a Mystery to me. I could not find him on my list of Union Lodge Past Masters.

Albert Knopf was Master of the Lodge at the time of the Ceremony in 1950.

Added information:

Dr. Charles L. Williams Born 20th April 1874 in Bartle, Indiana. Died 9th September 1958.

He was made a Mason 20th August 1910, and transferred into Union from Junction City Lodge. His first dues were paid 1st January 1921 (\$6) and remained a paying member until he died (his dues had gone up a shocking 25% -- to \$8).

Email from MWB Hunt M. Compton

Dec 27, 2018

Brethren:

Happy St. John's Day!

Yesterday in the mail I received an original pamphlet of a "Union Lodge No 43 Mortgage Burning Ceremony"

provided by Susan, the daughter of Brother Clarence Greenlund.

I did not search for a current version of an actual Ceremony, but "back in the day", paying off a Mortgage was

celebrated with such a Ceremony. I don't think we hear much about this these days.

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 by the 15th of the month for inclusion in the following month's edition of The Beacon.

Poem

'Higher, higher, ever higher
Let thy watchword be 'Aspire'
Noble, godlike youth ;
Whatsoe'er be God's behest'
Try to do that duty best
In the strength of truth.
Let a just ambition fire
Every motive and desire
God and man to serve;
Man with zeal and honor due,
God with gratitude most true,
And all the spirit's nerve.
Let not doubt thine efforts tire,
God will give what all require--
Raiment, home and food;
And with these contented well,
Let thine aspirations swell
To the highest good.

From the perils deep and dire
Of temptation's sensual mire
Keep thy chastened feet;
Dread and hate and turn away
From the lure that leads astray
Satan's pleasure-cheat.
And while thus a self-denier
Stands the stalwart self-denier
Bravely battling on,
Though alone—no soul alive,
Ever stoutly dared to thrive,
But saw the battle won.
Higher then, and always highet
Let man's motto be 'Aspire'
Whosoe'er he be;
Holy live:, happy dier !
Eath's poor best and heaven's choice,
Are reserved for thee."

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CALENDAR

JANUARY 31 Fellow Craft Degree @ 7:30 P.M.
FEBRUARY 4 STATED MEETING 730PM
FEBRUARY 21 Brothers Breakfast 930AM
MARCH 3 Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner
6:00 PM
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 Sunday of
every Month at 10am at Lodge.

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