

Worshipful Master's Message

Hello Craftsmen, and welcome to March!

I'd like to remind everyone that our March Stated will host the Grand Master of Oregon M.W.B. Ronald J. Eggers for our annual Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner! Please make it a point to attend, see the Grand Master and his entourage, and enjoy the delicious meal and fellowship for which our fraternity is so renowned.

I hope that as many of you as possible can come to lodge on 3/1, because we'll be cooking, cleaning, and hopefully practicing for the Grandmaster's reception.

I'd like to say Thank you to Brothers John Porter and Matt Gerbrandt, for their volunteering to do the shopping. And thank you in advance to all of you planning on volunteering to make our CB&C dinner a success! Our lodge counts on all of our efforts, and it's the members who make this a great lodge.

My wife Paddy will be running the ladies' program again this year, and she'll be giving a presentation on Shamrocks, Clovers, and why St. Patrick's Day is green.

See you all March 3rd!

23rd Annual Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner

**Corned
Beef &
Cabbage
Dinner**



On March 3, 2020 Union No. 3 in McMinnville Oregon will be having their 23rd Annual Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner. The Grand Master and Grand Lodge Officers will be in attendance.

The dinner will start at 6:00PM. The cost for the dinner is \$10.00 per person.

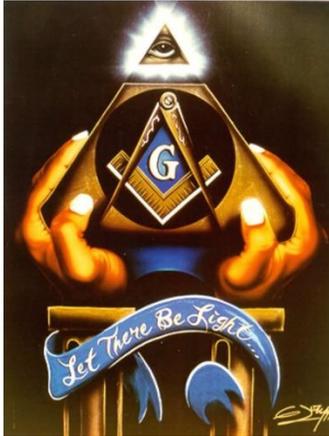
Lodge starts promptly at 7:30PM.

Questions: Johnny J. Edwards. 971-241-5355

March Birthday's

Happy Birthday!!

Gary Warrington
Patrick Fugere
Richard Harris
Thomas Gardner
Heath Branson
Steven Vierboom



CONGRATULATIONS !

To
Brother Fellowcraft
Nick Godfrey
on being Passed to the Degree
of Fellowcraft!!

The Adventures of a Country Master Mason Abroad



Fraternal Greetings,
Brethren!

As I sit here of a
Sunday morning, ritual
in hand working on
learning the Master's
parts for next year, I
am thinking fondly of
WB Doyle MacAninch.

WB Doyle was a fixture of Lodge when I joined. A lifelong educator, both as a teacher and administrator, he was always a pleasure to greet in Lodge. Always happy, smiling, and Fraternal; engaged and ready to fill any necessary role. He told me once that he would revisit some part of the ritual every night before he went to bed, epitomizing daily advancement in Masonic knowledge and keeping it fresh in his mind. He played many parts and performed many roles in Lodge but I remember him most clearly as the conferring Master for the Entered Apprentice degree, a duty that he performed many times during my early Masonic career. That's probably what reminded me of him while I work on the First Degree ceremony.

The best ritual acknowledges that ritual has several goals and ends in Lodge. It speaks in allegory and metaphor to the recesses of our brains, inculcating the principles of the Fraternity. This is especially true of the degrees. I have argued that one of the many layers of engagement in the degrees are that they are rites of passage, especially useful at a time and in a culture that has shed or lost them. From profane to Brother as an Apprentice. From Brother Apprentice to journeyman in the Fellowcraft – advanced enough to practice a trade, but not so far as to be independent in it yet. From Fellowcraft to Master – fully trained, if not fully expressed or explored. The structure of a regular meeting imposes a certain amount of

order and preserves the governing structure and duties of the ancient Craft.

Beyond allegory and metaphor, though, ritual speaks in two other languages that are less often engaged by Brethren learning and performing roles. First, the ritual is poetry. It has a rhythm, a cadence, a tempo, certainly a rhyme sometimes, that makes it powerful. I've often counselled Brethren going through their proficiencies to think of it as poetry, not prose. Break a paragraph down into component lines. It's naturally aligned that way and it makes it easier to learn and to deliver when called upon. Second, ritual is theatre. There is a visual component that, when coupled to the aural or spoken word, communicates on that level. Taken together, ritual is truly intended to be PERFORMED to be communicated, not just spoken. If it's helpful, think of ritual as Shakespearean theatre. Go see some or find some on the Tube of Youse – Branagh's "Henry V", for example – and think about the similarities between how the two are written, how it seems to break down, and how it's performed.

WB Doyle understood these things and sought to impact the soon to be minted Entered Apprentice with the power of each of these aspects – the subtlety of the metaphor and allegory delivered by being wrapped around the hammer of poetic language and performance. I still remember his delivery of the lecture to the candidate in the EA as they stand ready to take the obligation. It inspired parts of my own understanding and delivery. It will continue to inspire my engagement with the Bristol Workings.

Fraternally, as always

-Frank

Blast from the Past

Cornerstone Contents of the Masonic Building built on Front Street in Portland Oregon in 1871.

(Notice that there was an ingot of Oregon silver and gold placed within this cornerstone. The other contents were of written items.)

25. Oregon "Beaver" coin, dated 1849; 810; deposited by Ladd & Tilton.
 26. [Ingot of Oregon silver and gold](#); deposited by Mark A. King.
 27. Silver coin, 25 cts., dated 1773, (the year of the destruction of tea in Boston Harbor) ; deposited by S. M. Lyon.
 28. Copper cent, U. S., dated 1828; deposited by A. Dodge.
 29. Continental currency issued by the State of Pennsylvania, A. D. 1772,
 - value 18 pence ; deposited by C. E. DuBois.
 30. Currency of the Confederate States of America, .50, and \$1 ; deposited by George W. Pittock.
 31. Currency of the Confederate States of America, 50 cts., picked up on the battlefield at Appomattox Court House, on the morning of the surrender of Gen. Lee, and deposited by F. J. Babcock.
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32. Fractional currency of the United States, 15 cts.
 33. Silver coin, 25 cts., dated 1770; deposited by L. Shoenberg.
 34. Japanese silver coin ; deposited by W. Gallick.

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Memories

Laying in bed and for some reason it came to me in a thought, "when was the first time that I walked through the doors of Union No. 3"? After thinking about it for awhile my first memory of visiting Union No. 3 was most likely soon after I became an EA. I believe it was on a Corned Beef and Cabbage night in March. I didn't receive my degrees in Union No. 3. My original Blue Lodge where I received all three degrees was Sheridan #64 in Sheridan Oregon. My very first recollection is entering the small elevator on the first floor. I can remember as if it was today smelling the corned beef and trimmings once the door to the elevator closed. The smell of the cooked food getting stronger with each floor that passed by the small elevator window.

This experience was amazing for a newly initiated Freemason. Coming into the entry way just outside of the dining hall was multiple dozens of men mingling and talking. Once I took my seat the Toast Master introduced himself with the loud ringing of the Blarney Bell. He welcomed everyone to the annual dinner and afterwards a fine Brother WB Bill Bach talked in the best Irish accent he could muster and shared memories about our fine traditional dinner.

In those days the Grand Master and his Masonic Family sat over by the front of the dining hall next to the windows.

It was an awesome experience to know that 'over there' sat the Grand Master. I can remember thinking how impressed I was at the tradition that was unfolding in front of me.

It was a fun night. Fellowship and Brotherly Love.

I'm getting old I guess if I am able to share a story of my first recollections 20 years ago and to be able to say, "wow that was a long time ago".

Good memories.

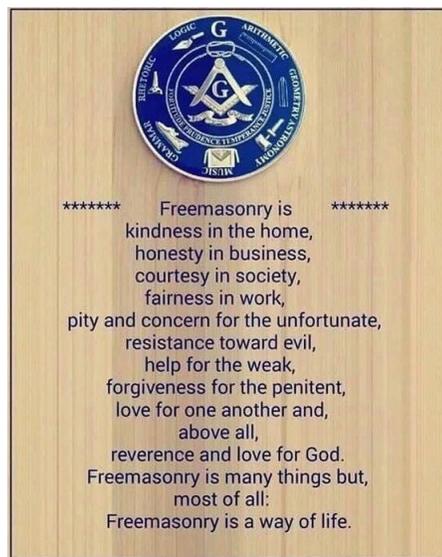
Today many of these Brothers have passed WB Bill Bach and WB Bob Orr. WB Bill Bishop and WB Dale Burkett and his poems. MWB Bill Oldham and Brother Keith Swim.

I have been blessed with knowing these Brothers. I am sad they are no longer with us. Today we are making our own memories and traditions.

It's all so surreal.

Fraternally,

Johnny J. Edwards
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Are you a bored Freemason?

It is up to the individual Freemason to seek out that Masonic Light. Today's generation of Freemason's are part of the technological generation. Everything is online for them. My generation we do are best to keep up with this ongoing silliness of changing social platforms or new ways to read documents etc.

I have written about the Masonic online magazines that are strewn about on the internet. I have shared how to access free books out of print and documents and papers that Brothers write and submit from one year to another.

Have you every just been bored?

Go to WWW.Ebay.com and type in 'masonic', or 'freemasonry' or possibly one of the appendent or concordent bodies into the search engine provided on the ebay website.

You will be amazed at the things that are being offered. Play around with the filter on these searches by selecting highest price. This will show the items on ebay from the most expensive to the least expensive.

Very interesting if you are every just a Bored Freemason.

time around we decided that it was time to take a different approach to our school program. We allowed each school to choose a department in need and we would help get supplies for those departments. Also we allocated half of the funds at each school to be used strictly for the Special Needs department. We are happy that we were able to do something that helped so many kids and look forward to doing it again in the future. Between the two schools, we were able to make over \$1,200 in supply donations. It was great to see how excited all the children and staff were to receive the supplies.

Sheridan Dayton No. 64 School Donation

The Brothers of Sheridan Dayton No. 64 gave a large donation of school supplies recently to local schools. Great job Brothers of #64!



Worshipful Master Matt Nolen

We are happy to announce that our local schools have received our donations for this year. This

Poem

Corn, wine and oil we've poured upon
Our brethren's hope—the corner-stone--
The work is well begun ;
May wisdom, strength and beauty now
Each with its attributes endow
That which is to be done.
And, when our Temple is complete,
Once more may all the brethren meet
Its halls to dedicate
To Friendship, Virtue, Truth and Love,
To Charity, and all above,
To God, the Good, the Great.

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Powder Horn Ebay for sale starting bid
\$1500.00



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.

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CALENDAR

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.