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Tidings from the East!

"As the light of a torch illumines the objects in a dark room, even so the light of wisdom illumines all men, whosoever they may be; if they turn towards it." -
Fo shu-hing-tsan-king

Good day Ancient Craftsmen!

A new year is upon us, and there is much to do around Union Lodge. As I am writing this, I know of two upcoming degrees on the horizon, a Brother who is in the process of reinstating with the Lodge, and potentially two more candidates. It is a good time to be one with the Craft, and an even better time to take that first step.

The January stated meeting will be one of finishing any previous business left from last year, but also to outline and discuss what is to come this year. I encourage any Mason reading this to attend, and I also issue you a challenge. Many of us know Brothers who have not attended Lodge in some time. For whatever the reason may be, these Brothers are missing out on the living and breathing environment at Union Lodge. My challenge to you - seek out these Brothers as they come to your mind, and engage them in conversation. Invite them back to the Lodge, and let them know, they will not be disappointed.

I will only touch upon this briefly, as I have something special planned for the Stated Meeting, however I want to share with you all the theme of my year - **Enlightenment**. Enlightenment is defined by Merriam-Webster not only as the 18th century philosophical movement, but also the state of having knowledge or understanding: the act of giving someone knowledge or understanding.

For me personally, one of the several reasons I joined the Craft was to gain education and a better understanding of the world around me. Many of you have worked with me on, attended,

or viewed the work of the esoteric research society Lucis Conquistores. To this day, I continue to get emails and correspondence with not only Brothers around the world, but scholars, researchers, and just generally interested individuals. My goal and theme for this year is to bring some of this education from a Masonic standpoint back into the Lodge. Presentations and guest speakers will be one of many new and exciting things to expect at Union Lodge.

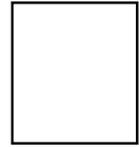
As we journey into the new Masonic year together, I encourage all of you, my brethren, to participate and enter into discussions during Lodge. Ask questions, offer your thoughts and ideas. Let's not forget that Freemasonry is a progressive science - and as we journey throughout our lives we should continuously strive for progress and bettering ourselves, and those around us. Together we are strong, and together our Light shines brightly.

Lastly, I have a personal statement that I want to make. For the past five years, Freemasonry has been a life changing experience for me. It has forever changed the direction of my life and set me out on a course that each day I am thankful to be taking. I could not have made it here alone however. I want all the Brothers to know that I appreciate you all, and for the ones who have had direct input in my Masonic career, a special thank you to you. To be called to serve our special Lodge as Master is a great honor and privilege to me. I have been looking forward to this year, and I am excited to see what it brings for all of us!

Officer meetings will continue to be the last Tuesday of each month, following the Trustee meeting, beginning promptly at 7:30pm. Any Brothers who have comments or concerns are encouraged to attend and let their voice be heard. The next meeting will be held on January 26th, 2016.

Remember, if you need a ride to Lodge for a special or stated communication, please contact the Lodge office and we will make the appropriate accommodations.

Fraternally,
WB William D. MacRae
Worshipful Master
Union Lodge #3 A.F. & A.M.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- Jan 2** Tuality # 6 Stated 10:00 am
- Jan 5** Union Lodge # 3 Stated 7:30 pm
- Jan 5** Holbrook #30 Stated 7:30 pm
- Jan 6** Rickreall # 110 Stated 7:30 pm
- Jan 7** Newberg # 104 Stated, 7:30 pm
- Jan 13** Sheridan-Dayton # 64 Dinner 6:00 pm
Lodge 7:00 pm
- Jan 26** Union Lodge Trustees 6:30 pm - Officers 7:30pm

Installation of Officers for 2016

Be sure to see the photo gallery of ceremony of installation from Sunday, December 13th, on our website, www.unionlodge3.com.

For the first time in a number of years, all of the officers were present for installation.



Keep up with current happenings in Union Lodge # 3 on Facebook, and be sure to Like us.

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Upcoming Events

- We will be conferring the Master Mason Degree in January. No date is set. We need several Brothers to fill craftsmen rolls. Please contact WB Will MacRae if you can help.
- WB Rod Brown will be preparing his annual Sweethearts Dinner in February.

In the meantime, please watch our website and follow Union Lodge on Facebook for specific information regarding dates for these events

As we begin the new Lodge Year we encourage all of the Brothers of Union Lodge and visiting Brethren to join us on the first Tuesday of each month for a wonderful evening of Masonic fellowship.

WB MacRae has some great programs planned for 2016. You won't want to miss them.

Happy New Year.

P.S. If you haven't paid your dues, now is the time to do so.