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Tidings from the East

Brethren;

Greetings from the East! March is almost upon us, and we are gearing up for the annual Corn Beef and Cabbage dinner. This is also the official visit of our Grand Master, so please join us in welcoming our MWB and his team this coming Tuesday. WB Frank Blair is already deep into the planning, and our volunteers are setting up another fabulous gathering. If you are feeling kind as well as hungry, please give WB Frank a call so he has a head-count before the festivities.

Now I would like to share a few thoughts about a friend and Brother.

A few years back I was brand new to McMinnville, and hadn't been to a Lodge for some time. I missed the easy sense of friendship I had shared in Walla Walla #7, so I started going around and visiting the local Lodges with an eye to becoming active again. When I traveled to Union Lodge #3 I knew I had found a great bunch of Masons, and a large part of that was Worshipful Brother Lorie Harrell. I think when I first saw Worshipful Brother Lorie he was sitting in the Chaplain's seat, and his easy humor and impish grin made the North a place of mirth and amusement.

When I applied, it was at Lorie's house that I was interviewed. He was the first Brother in McMinnville to make me feel welcome, and over the time I have known him he has been a true pillar of the Lodge. He always has time for a friend, and has worked diligently at any task that came his way. When I was recovering from open-heart surgery, it was Lorie that drove me to

and from Annual Communications, even though he himself was not always feeling well. His friendship has been one of life's unexpected blessings.

As you may know, Lorie has been sick for a while now. Recently, they stopped giving him the treatments he was receiving and he is now resting at home under Hospice care. His family has gathered around, and asks that anyone who should like to visit please call first. If you don't know their home number, please contact either myself or our Secretary WB Frank Blair and we will be happy to pass that number along.

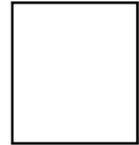
Over the years Worshipful Brother Lorie has always been happy to share fellowship and stories, and his present situation has not dampened that in the least. But he does tire easily, so please call before dropping by.

I know that Lorie has made many friends over the years, probably far more than I can count. I also know that my Masonic Journey has been richer for knowing him, and I suspect that is the case for many of us.

Please keep Lorie and his family in your thoughts and prayers, and drop by if you can. I can almost promise he still has an impish grin or two to share.

WM JP

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- Mar 3** Union Lodge # 3 **Corned Beef & Cabbage**
Dinner 6:00 pm - Stated Meeting 7:30 pm
- Mar 3** Holbrook #30 Stated 7:30 pm
- Mar 4** Rickreall # 110 Stated 7:30 pm
- Mar 5** Newberg # 104 Stated, 7:30 pm
- Mar 7** Tuality # 6 Stated 10:00 am
- Mar 11** Sheridan-Dayton # 64 Dinner 6:00 pm
Lodge 7:00 pm
- Mar 31** Union Lodge Trustees 6:30 pm - Officers 7:30pm

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Mark Your Calendars



Tuesday, March 3rd - Union Lodge 3 will be hosting it's annual Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner preceding our Stated Communication for March. This is also an official visit from the Grand Master and his Grand Lodge Officers.

There will be a ladies program following the dinner.

Dinner starts at 6:00 pm. Lodge opens promptly at 7:30 pm

The Ladies' Program will begin once we are settled into the Lodge Room.

This year we are suggesting a donation of \$7.00 per diner to offset expenses.

Dinner Menu

- Traditional corned beef and cabbage
- Carrots
- Potatoes
- Dinner rolls
- Irish soda bread
- Bairnbrack
- Potato leek soup
- Spice cake
- Various drinks will be available.

Please RSVP to help us plan. Please phone WB Johnny J. Edwards at 971-237-4250 or email him at johnny6_28_66@yahoo.com