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There's a world where all are equal, we are hurrying toward it fast,
 We shall meet upon the level there when the
 gates of death are past;

We shall stand before the Orient, and our Master will be there,
 To try the blocks we offer by His own unerring square.

We shall meet upon the level there, but never thence depart;
 There's a Mansion, 'tis all ready for each zealous, faithful heart;
 There's a Mansion and a welcome, and a multitude is there,
 Who have met upon the level and been tried upon the square.

TIDINGS FROM THE EAST

Hello brothers

I wish for you a wonderful holiday season and the very best for a new year. As the weather turns colder and the nights longer, I ask that each of you not forget our less fortunate brothers or their widows. Take a moment and call them and see if there is anything you can do to make this time easier for them.

If you look to our website (www.unionlodge3.com) you will find a story that took place during World War 1 in which during a battle a group of adversaries took some time to remember what Christmas was all about. I ask each of you to look at it and remember the true meaning of this time of year. We are blessed to have each other and the country we live in. These are not things we should take for granted but should relish and celebrate. Take a moment and thank a veteran because freedom is not always free.

God bless you all in the New Year.

Scott Magers
 Worshipful Master

Some Masonic Trivia from the web site of Normal Heights Lodge # 632 of California

The Level and the Square
 By Robert Morris

We meet upon the level, and we part upon the square,
 What words of precious meaning those words Masonic are!
 Come, let us contemplate them; they are worthy of a thought,
 With the highest and the lowest and the rarest they are fraught.

We meet upon the level, though from every station come
 The King from out his palace and the poor man from his home;
 For the one must leave his diadem without the Mason's door,
 And the other finds his true respect upon the checkered floor.

We part upon the square, for the world must have its due;
 We mingle with its multitude, a cold, unfriendly crew;
 But the influence of our gatherings in memory is green,
 And we long, upon the level, to renew the happy scene.

Let us meet upon the level, then, while laboring patient here,
 Let us meet and let us labor, tho' the labor seem severe.
 Already in the western sky the signs bid us prepare
 To gather up our working tools and part upon the square!

Hands round, ye faithful Ghiblimes, the bright, fraternal chain;
 We part upon the square below to meet in Heaven again.
 O what words of precious meaning those words Masonic are,
 We meet upon the level, and we part upon the square.

The Masonic Ring
 Author Unknown

Those men who help my dad each day,
 They wear those Mason rings.
 A Square and Compass set in gold,
 The praise of which I sing.

My dad, he hurt his back you know,
 One cold and wintery day.
 He slipped and fell upon the ice,
 The insurance would not pay.

And since that time those rings I see,
 On hands that help us much.
 With mowing lawns and hauling trash,
 Each day my heart they touch.

They even built a house for me,
 Amid our backyard tree.
 Where all the neighbor kids,
 Would play with laughter full of glee.

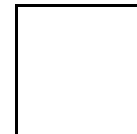
My Mom she cried from happiness,
 The time the Masons came.
 To aid our family in distress,
 Without a thought of gain.

And when I'm big, just like my dad,
 Of this it must be told.
 I want to wear a ring like his,
 A Square and Compass gold.

Long years have passed since when
 My dad was in that plaster cast.
 And since I swore that Solemn Oath,
 Which unites us to the last.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- JAN 3** Tuality #6 Stated. 10:00 am
- JAN 6** Union Lodge #3 Stated; Dinner 6:30 pm;
Lodge 7:30 pm
- JAN 6** Holbrook #30 Stated. 7:30 pm
- JAN 7** Rickreall #110 Stated. 7:30 pm
- JAN 8** Newberg #104 Stated. 7:30 pm
- JAN 12** Intrepid #224 Stated. 6:30 pm
- JAN 14** Sheridan-Dayton #64 Stated. 7:30 pm
- JAN 27** Union Lodge Trustee's Meeting—6:30 pm;
Officer's Meeting 7:30 pm

But more than that I'm proud to say,
I wear his Mason ring.
The one dad wore for many years,
Until his death this spring.

And one last time his comrades came,
To aid my weeping mother.
They praised and bid a fond farewell,
To our fallen Brother.

And after which MY son did ask,
About their Aprons white.
And of the rings upon their hands.
Of gold so shiny bright.

With tearful eyes I said with pride,
They're men of spirit pure.
Those men who wear those Mason rings,
Of that you can be sure.

And before he went to bed that night,
The family he foretold.
Someday I'll wear a ring like dad's,
A Square and Compass gold.

\$7.00

Dinner Menu



\$7.00

January 6

**Lasagna, Tossed Salad
Carrot and Celery Sticks
Garlic Bread
Ice Cream and Cookies
Coffee, Tea, or Milk**

Prepared by Knowles Chapter #12, O.E.S.

**Brothers, your ladies are most welcome to attend
our dinners.**



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Jan 12 Stated Meeting - HAPPY NEW YEAR
Gayle Lee, Speaker on Special Projects

Jan 26 Stated Meeting - Exemplification of Degrees

Jan 31 Reception for Grand Marshal,
Salem Scottish Rite Center

**YOUR SUPPORT AND ATTENDANCE AT OUR MEETINGS
IS GREATLY APPRECIATED**