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TIDINGS FROM THE EAST

Greetings Brethren and welcome to a new Masonic Year!

I'd like to start my year in the East and contributions to this forum by again thanking the members of Union Lodge for the support that I've received in my brief Masonic career. I've spent most of that time performing a role as an officer of the Lodge and could not have done so without many Union Lodge members generosity. I'm looking forward to 2010 and serving the Lodge from the East.

As I mentioned in my remarks at installation, my goals for 2010 are modest and conform, as best as I can shape them, to my theme for the year: "Challenging Yet Attainable."

I'd like to continue to leverage technology in service of the Lodge by assisting WB Gardner in automating and digitizing the Lodge records, making them easier to maintain and use. This includes membership and dues record maintenance as well as the cemetery records. This will not only make the Secretary's job easier but also allow for ensuring that these records are more accurate and better protected.

I will be continuing the Corned Beef & Cabbage Feed in March. Kathleen and I enjoyed being a part of it last year and helping WB Bach to preserve that tradition. We will do so again this year. Some things will remain the same and a few new things will be introduced that I hope will make it an even more successful expression of Union Lodge's hospitality and fellowship.

I'd like to leverage our technology to expand our Child ID program. In the past we have only really attempted one planned event – Turkey-Rama (or its equivalent on Third Street.) With the updated technology owned by the Lodge, I'd like to expand that to 3 planned events for 2010. There are many small challenges inherent in this goal – vol-

unteer staffing, ensuring that multiple people are trained on the technology and how to support it, booth setup, and crafting our message at these events so that everyone involved can maximize the benefit from our work there. I believe that these are surmountable.

I'd like to implement one other community-oriented activity that we can build on in the future. The current front-runners in this regard are the very successful "Bikes for Books" program and the suggestion from last year of a school supplies drive. I like both of these ideas and officers and I will be discussing them and bringing some plans before the Lodge very early in the year so we can get a start on one.

These last few items combine to support an overall goal of increasing our visibility in the community. We have a long, honorable tradition in McMinnville. We should ensure that, as a Lodge, we produce as much Light as we can generate. As the old saying goes: "Many hands make short work". Let us, as a Lodge, be a beacon for good men to join with us and us with them to make short work of our common labor of improvement.

Finally, I'd like to improve the channels of communication in and around Lodge. We have many members that for various reasons cannot or do not attend Lodge. I would like to ensure that we are doing everything we can to reach out to them. Let them know that they are, and will always be, our Brothers. There is a poorly camouflaged ulterior motive in play -- I would love to see them back in Lodge if they are able. But more than that, I want to challenge us, as a Lodge, to ensure that we are staying connected. Making and maintaining those connections are a big part of what we are called to do.

These are the goals that I would like to accomplish in 2010. With your help, we'll make short work of these and many more in the upcoming year. I'm looking forward to it.

Fraternally,
Frank Blair

Have you paid you 2010 Dues?

If not, mail that check today!!!

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- JAN 2** Tuality #6 Stated. 10:00 am
- JAN 5** Union Lodge #3 Stated; Dinner 6:30 pm;
Lodge 7:30 pm
- JAN 5** Holbrook #30 Stated. 7:30 pm
- JAN 6** Rickreall #110 Stated. 7:30 pm
- JAN 11** Intrepid #224 Stated. 6:30 pm
- JAN 13** Sheridan-Dayton #64 Stated. 7:30 pm
- JAN 14** Newberg #104 Stated. 7:30 pm
- JAN 26** Union Lodge Trustee's Meeting; 6:30 pm;
Officers Meeting 7:00 pm

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Dinner Menu		Jan 5
Vegetable Beef Stew Tossed Salad Corn Bread with Honey Whipped Butter Bread Pudding with Topping Coffee, Tea or Milk		
Prepared by Knowles Chapter #12, O.E.S.		
Bring your Lady to dinner with you		

Union Lodge Officers for 2010


Elected

Worshipful Master	B Frank Blair
Senior Warden	B John Hatch
Junior Warden	B Rodney A. Brown, Jr.
Treasurer	WB Richard Magers
Secretary	WB Thomas F. Gardner

Appointed

Senior Deacon	WB Scott Magers
Junior Deacon	Loris Harrell
Chaplain	WB Doyle McAninch
Marshal	WB Hunt Compton
Tyler	WB Bob Orr

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Jan. 11 Stated Meeting, **7:30 pm**, Exemplification of Degrees

Jan. 25 Stated Meeting, **7:30 pm**, speaker will be Shirley Moore, a member of the General Fund Raising Committee

YOUR SUPPORT AND ATTENDANCE AT OUR MEETINGS
IS GREATLY APPRECIATED.
WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT IN OUR ACTIVITIES.