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Here is some Masonic Trivia from the website of Reagan Lodge # 1037 in Houston, Texas.

**When and where did Masonry originate?** It was not the work of any single man or group of men. Its beginning is not recorded, although there were certain organizations from which Masonry has borrowed extensively through the centuries in its evolutionary process.

**When was King Solomon's Temple Erected?** It was started about 972 B.C.

**Who was Hiram of Tyre?** He was King of Tyre, a friend and ally of King David. At Solomon's request he furnished assistance in the construction of the Temple.

**Who was Hiram Abif?** He was a talented workman, skilled in metals, wood, stone and linen. He was sent by King Hiram to help in the erection and adornment of King Solomon's Temple.

**What were the Guilds?** Organizations composed of workers such as tailors, dyers, builders, potters.

**Of What interest are Guilds to Masons?** The prevalent theory of the origin of Freemasonry suggests that eventually Guilds of the building trade developed into lodges of operative masons from which, it is supposed, present-day Freemasonry evolved.

**Who were Masons prior to 1600?** Operative masons who made their living by working at one of the building trades.

**How did Operative Masonry develop into Speculative Masonry?** Beginning about 1600, men of prominence who were interested in learning about all types of sciences, particularly architecture and building, became members of some of the lodges of operative masons and finally assumed leadership therein. They used the tools, language and principles of operative masonry to teach the rules of life.

**What is the symbolism of Freemasonry?** The use of the tools and terms of the builder's trade to express invisible or spiritual ideas and thereby illustrate moral concepts and basic truths in the life of mankind.

**What is the oldest existing Lodge record?** That of Edinburgh Lodge No. 1 dated July 30, 1599.

**When and where was the first Grand Lodge established?** On June 24, 1717, in London

### **TIDINGS FROM THE EAST**

WB Scott Magers has been very much under the weather. We hope it isn't the swine flu. His work duties have kept him extremely busy in recent weeks. With some luck we will hear from him again in November.

### **The Lost Symbol**

The Masonic Society, the Masonic Service Association and the George Washington Masonic Memorial have collaborated on a new website that will address the references to Freemasonry found in Dan Brown's new novel, *The Lost Symbol*.

The website is being provided for the use of Lodges and Grand Lodges to provide factual information to the public and the press, and as a central location for common questions and answers that arise since the book's release on September 15th. The desire of TMS, MSA and the GWMM is to inform the public and Freemasons themselves about the references to the fraternity in the book, and to keep us all from reinventing the wheel for hundreds of websites. The site also contains a link to a recommended reading list, as well as to a master list of Grand Lodge websites.

<http://www.freemasonlostsymbol.com>

Please spread the word.

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS:**

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


<b>\$7.00</b>		<b>\$7.00</b>
<b>Dinner Menu</b>		<b>Oct 6</b>
<p><b>Spaghetti with meatballs</b>  <b>Tossed Salad</b>  <b>Garlic Bread</b>  <b>Spumoni Ice Cream with cookies</b>  <b>Coffee, Tea or Milk</b></p>		
<p><b>Prepared by Knowles Chapter #12, O.E.S.</b></p>		
<p><b>Brothers, your ladies are most welcome to attend our dinners.</b></p>		

**Eastern Star Gains**

The Eastern Star held a seminar about getting new members. During a break a brother happened to overhear one Worthy Matron say to another, "Ours is up ten." The second Worthy Matron responded, "We've got you beat. Our gain is twenty-five."

The brother said, "Pardon me, sisters. I don't mean to interrupt, but I couldn't help hearing. That's wonderful news! Between your chapters we've got thirty-five new members!"

"New members?" said the first, "We were talking about how many pounds our Worthy Patrons have gained this year."

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- Oct. 10** Reception for Associate Grand Conductress, Wilsonville
- Oct. 11** Reception for Grand Conductress & Grand Sentinel, Salem
- Oct. 12** LF, Stated Meeting **7:30 pm**, Speaker - Deanna Webber, Yearbook Committee
- Oct. 17** Reception for Grand Martha, Klamath Falls
- Oct. 26** LF, Stated Meeting **7:30 pm**, Speakers - Phyllis Hutchens, Special Projects and Carol Currie, Cancer Research
- Oct. 31** HAPPY HALLOWEEN BEWARE OF THE GOBLINS!

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