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TIDINGS FROM THE EAST

WB Scott Magers has been more than busy for the past few weeks. Hopefully, his Tidings from the East will return in the October Trestleboard.

September is upon us and that means that Union Lodge will be returning to "formal" attire. By formal we mean ties and suits or sport coats.

Starting with our September 1st meeting, we will again be treated to dinner as prepared by the ladies of Knowles Chapter # 12, O.E.S. The menu is on the other side of this page.

Dinner is a 6:30 and Lodge opens at 7:30. We hope to see you all there.

How about some Masonic Humor to start the Fall off on a light note?

While visiting a newly initiated brother at home one day, the new brother's wife took me to one side and said her husband had started behaving very strangely since joining. I asked in what way? She said that he locks himself in the toilet for hours on end mumbling to himself with his little blue book. Later that evening I turned the talk to lodge, and asked him how he was getting on. Oh fine was his reply. I asked him about his behavior and if there was anything wrong. No, was his reply. So why read the book there?

(Are you ready for this?)

Well he said "It's the only TYLED room in the house"....

A postman, on his route, picked up a letter from a mailbox that was addressed to God. The postman seeing that the letter was not sealed, and there being no postage on it, opened and read it.

It was from a man who was down on his luck and was asking God for help. The letter asked for \$50 to get his family through the next week.

The postman, being a Mason, took the letter to Lodge that evening, read it, and asked for donations for the unfortunate fellow. The Masons, wanting to help, took up a collection, and received twenty five dollars from the brethren. The Secretary placed the cash in a Lodge envelope, and gave it to the postman to deliver the following day, which he did.

Another day passed, and the postman again found an unsealed letter in the mailbox addressed to God. Again he opened and read the letter, which thanked God for the money, but instructed him to send it through the Knights of Columbus next time as the Masons kept half.

It seems that another Mason, Master of his Lodge, went to Heaven and met with St. Peter.

He identified himself as a member of the Craft and St. Peter asked, "What Lodge?"

Proudly the Master replied, "Old Adage Lodge #1."

St. Peter immediately took him to the Masonic Clock Room. The Master, in puzzlement, looked around the room which was filled with clocks. Each clock had a Lodge's name on a brass plate and, strangely enough, each clock was at a different time.

He asked why and St. Peter informed him that the hands only moved when someone in that Lodge made a mistake in the Ritual.

The Master then asked where his Lodge's clock was as he couldn't see it.

St. Peter replied, "Why, it's in the kitchen, of course."

"The kitchen," said the Master?

"Yes, you see, we needed a new fan."

Q: How many Masons does it take to unscrew a light bulb?

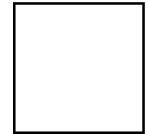
A: It's a secret!

Q: How many Masons does it take to screw in a light bulb?

A: Three. One to screw it in, one to read the minutes of the previous light bulb replacement, and one to sit on the sidelines and complain that this wasn't the way they USED to screw in light bulbs.

Enough nonsense for this month. See you in Lodge on September 1st.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- SEPT 1** Union Lodge #3 Stated; Dinner 6:30 pm;
Lodge 7:30 pm
- SEPT 1** Holbrook #30 Stated. 7:30 pm
- SEPT 2** Rickreall #110 Stated. 7:30 pm
- SEPT 5** Tuality #6 Stated. 10:00 am
- SEPT 9** Sheridan-Dayton #64 Stated. 7:30 pm
- SEPT 10** Newberg #104 Stated. 7:30 pm
- SEPT 14** Intrepid #224 Stated. 6:30 pm
- SEPT 29** Union Lodge Trustee's Meeting; 6:30 pm;
Officers Meeting 7:00 pm

Hello Bretheren,

On behalf of WM Don Denton I would like to announce that there will be a play performed by MWB Vern Wertz at our Stated Meeting on Wednesday, September 9 at 7:30 pm.

This play will be put on during the tyled meeting. All Brethren are invited

Fraternally,

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Sept. 14 7:30 pm Stated Communication, Installation of Remaining Officers, Grand Chapter Report, acknowledging June thru September birthdays.

Sept. 19 Reception for WGM, WGP, Grand Marshal, Grand Ruth, and Grand Electa at Richland, Oregon east of Baker City

Sept. 26 Reception for Grand Master, Wilsonville

Sept. 28 5:30 pm Potluck Dinner with Associate Grand Matron. **6:30 pm Preliminary School of Instruction, all officers should be in their stations by 6:20 pm** .
7:30 pm Stated Communication

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

\$7.00		\$7.00
Dinner Menu		Sept 1
<p>Build your own hamburgers Mary's Baked Beans Jo's Potato Salad Corn on the Cob Watermelon wedges Coffee, Tea or Milk</p>		
<p>Prepared by Knowles Chapter #12, O.E.S.</p>		
<p>Brothers, your ladies are most welcome to attend our dinners.</p>		