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### Origin of Oregon Freemasonry

Ongoing article of how  
Freemasonry came to  
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Interesting articles that  
3.5.7 finds beneficial to  
the reader

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### Grand Lodge of Oregon - Library and Museum

An item or two that has  
come across the desk of  
the GLO Library and  
Museum that is of great  
importance.

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### Observed

An item that has caught

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## Sharing of the Light – We Begin

- By Johnny J. Edwards

The idea for creating a newsletter for Oregon has been in the beginning stages within my mind for about ten years.

In 2012 when I was Worshipful Master for my Lodge of Union No.3 I was hungry for Masonic Light which was not being provided for within the Willamette Valley. Several Masonic Lodges in the Portland area were focusing on the Sharing of Light but for us in the Willamette Valley that was a long drive with traffic etc. So I created an Esoteric Study Group that met every month. The speakers and the shared information was quality but I just couldn't get the other Brothers within the surrounding counties to get involved. This group dissolved after about a year.

My feelings got a bit bunched up but I moved on with my own research and participation with several online programs that surfaced from month to month. Then I had an idea to stop sniveling about the apathy that ran through the Masonic veins of this jurisdiction and create something that would be a valuable resource for all who wanted it. This is where 3.5.7 came from.

3.5.7 was a creation in my mind. A place that a Brother of the Ancient Craft could visit to find 'quality' 'free' information that was without opinion just Masonic Fact. Masonic documented history and Masonic Issues that was not filtered by Masonic Etiquette that must be followed within lodge and social media.

I decided to make 3.5.7 into what I wanted it to be without any other person's influence. Just things that I wanted to share that I think is important for Masonic Growth and for searching for Masonic Light.

I do not believe in opinion articles. Everyone has an opinion. I have many and many of them concerning Freemasonry. Some good and many that are off color for our Masonic Etiquette restriction. 3.5.7 is not a place for opinion articles. Those websites are everywhere and I will let the reader find them for their use.

3.5.7 is focused on the topics that I think build a better Freemason that most Brothers unfortunately do not receive during their three degree lessons.

1. Origin of Freemasonry
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3. Quality and informative Masonic Education that is free on the internet
4. "Most Important" - Learning and understanding the history of our Jurisdiction.

This brings me to share this Bi - Annual Newsletter called, "Sharing the Light". It will not be a place for opinions. It will be a place for shared articles and links that have surfaced within a 6 month period that in my opinion will create Masonic Growth for all of us if time is spent to read the articles.

This is, Masonic Light.

This will be the most you will probably hear from me when these newsletters are shared. Like I said this isn't a place for opinions just facts.

Enjoy.

Fraternally,

Johnny J. Edwards  
Past Master Union NO. 3 / GLO Library and Museum Chairman

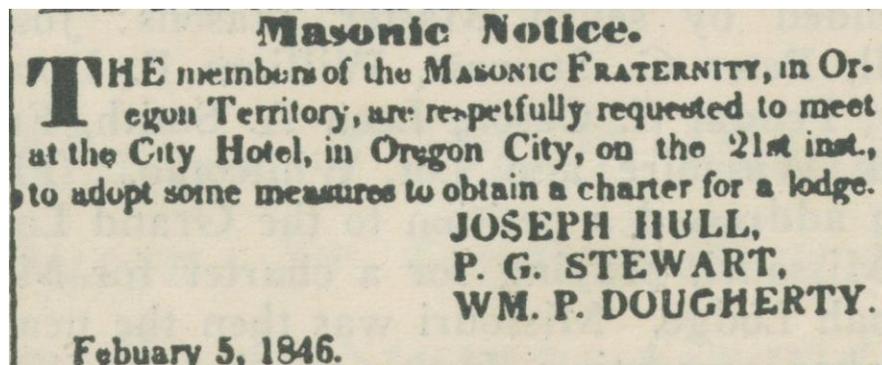


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## Timeline of the Beginning of Freemasonry in Oregon

Many Brothers who study about the original origins of Oregon Freemasonry have been taught that the first documented source of Freemasonry was a notice printed in the Oregon Spectator; Oregon City, Oregon Territory February 5, 1846.



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This is actually not the first known mention of Freemasonry coming to the Oregon Territory. In the Archives of the Grand Lodge of Oregon lay (Continued Page 3)



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buried in boxes a December 29<sup>th</sup>, 1845 letter concerning a Brother who was coming to the Oregon Territory in the author of the letter's own words, "desires to carry Masonry with him".

You can access this little-known letter in the Grand Lodge of Oregon Digital Archives at the below link.

[St. Louis Letter December 29, 1845](#)

## Masonic Magazine Articles

The link below is to scans of pages of the Scottish Rite Journal and other very respected Online Masonic Magazines. These full copies are copyrighted by the owners of the individual magazines. 3.5.7 is not making any money on anything provided for the reader. We are just Sharing the Light.

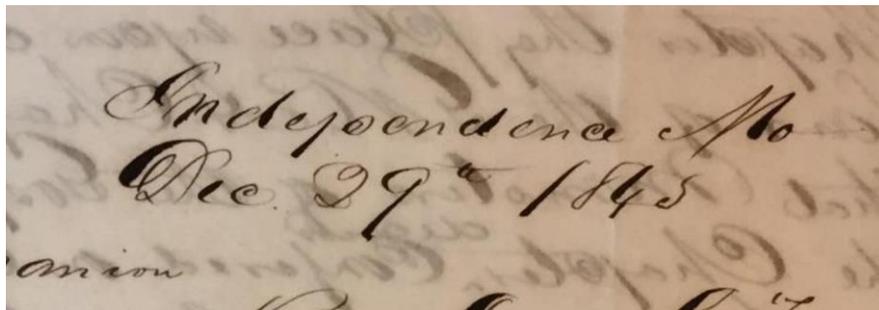
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- [Letter dated 1845 which mentions first documented interest of bringing Freemasonry to Oregon. Written by Richard R. Rees to GS Richard B. Dallam St. Louis MO](#)



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