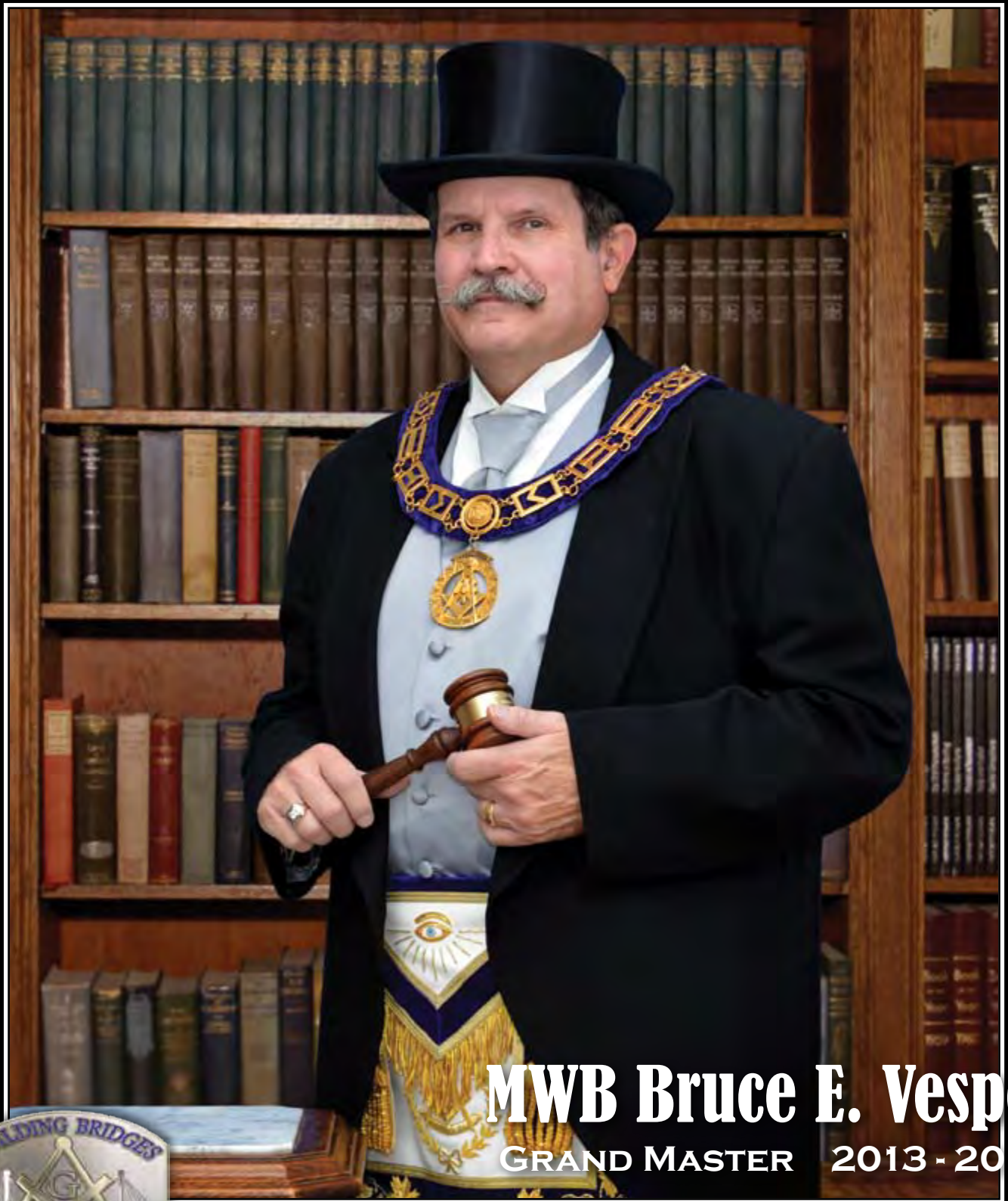




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## Editorial Note:

First, we extend to you our greetings and a heartfelt “Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!” As this holiday season unfolds and we perhaps travel to be with family and friends please be safe and enjoy the warm feelings that especially surround this time of year.

With this issue we mark the half-way point in the Grand Lodge Year, and with it the half-way point in our publication schedule. We (the PR Committee) are ramping up to post to the Grand Lodge Website and will use some of the material submitted for that purpose.

We know that many Lodges have a special event every year, such as the “Christmas Angels” distribution in Bremerton, or the Masonic Symphony, or the various Loggers Degrees, or the annual Open Air Degrees, or the annual Unity March in DuPont. All of these are grist for the mill and you should be sending us information on your special events. Many of our Lodges and Districts are looking for ideas on new events to try. Share them here and we will see some very fruitful results from our planting of seeds.

Masons are not known for being particularly reticent, and here is a perfect platform to chat up your Brothers with your tales of derring do and wild adventures. Plain old shop talk is always welcome!

Our production schedule is fairly tight, so please do your best to meet our published deadlines. Spring Issue - February 10, and the Summer Issue - May 10. Late submissions will not be accepted due to the production schedule.

Faternally,

VWB Jim Kendall, Chairman



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## Charity

Brethren of this Jurisdiction, I have some good news about fund raising for my charity for this year. Early in November, I got a message from the head of the fund raising firm that we had a donor who made a gift to the GL Scholarship Endowment fund of \$10,000. By a review of the lists from previous years, this is the largest single gift any Brother in the Jurisdiction has ever given. I'm not ashamed to tell you that I was so touched by this Brother's kindness that your GM broke down and cried I was so happy. The check came with a note that the Brother didn't want the Ornament that was being given to donors who exceeded the \$50 threshold, and that he didn't want any fuss made about his donation. I have sent him a very kind letter to thank him for his generosity, and have made plans to recognize his donation in other ways.

A week later, I got another message from the fund raising firm, summarizing the donations thus far, and letting me know where we were as far as the total money received. While we were in the black after the cost of the mailings and such, I took a much closer look at the numbers. Most of our donors gave about \$25 to the GL Scholarship Endowment fund, but what I was most surprised at was the level of participation by the Masons of our Grand Lodge. Only 4% bothered to donate. I was thunderstruck by the extremely low level of participation. While I expected a lot of our older members would not be able to donate much, I hoped that they would at least donate a dollar or two to this charity.

I have had the opportunity to review the fund raising efforts of several other Grand Lodges over the last few weeks, and not only is our total donation much less than many of the adjacent Jurisdictions, but the percentage of those donating is much lower than these same Jurisdictions. But when I attend meetings, I see Brothers willing to spend money from their Treasuries for various events, dinners, and such. But I guess it is different when we are asking Masons to donate for something outside their Lodges? Or have our Brothers forgotten that if we want to practice Masonic charity, it requires us to give money to be able to donate it to others.

As I have said often during the District meetings, this money will go into an endowment fund, and only the interest from the endowment will be used for scholarships. The money you give will leave a lasting legacy, so that it will continue to give each and every year, so that our Masonic scholarship program will continue to have money for this generation of students, and succeeding generations of students. So the

money you donate will continue to be a legacy, long after we are no longer here. Our dollars will continue to serve deserving students, to provide a legacy of our actions, long after we are no longer on this earth.

Brethren, I know times are tight, and that money is always a difficult subject. I know there are many that cannot donate, but only 4%? That is only 1 in every 25 Masons contributing. I somehow think that is an unbelievably low percentage. I would ask each of you, could you give up a cup of coffee when go out to eat? Could you give up a couple of dollars so that someone else can have a chance to go on to a better education? Could you donate even one dollar to helping someone else who needs the chance to show what they can do?

I'm not trying to set any records for how much is donated, but I would like to show the fraternity that we are indeed willing to practice charity, as is so frequently talked about in our ritual, and is so much a mark of the good Mason. Brother, can you just spare some extra change? I'm just hoping that every Mason in this Jurisdiction will see fit to send something to help this underfunded Grand Lodge charity.

Fraternally Submitted,

MWB *Bruce E. Vesper*  
Grand Master



(Note: To pause, stop or seek the video, Roll the mouse cursor over the video image for the controls to appear.)

GRAND MASTER  
MOST WORSHIPFUL Brother  
Bruce E. Vesper







## Plan Ahead

**I**t's never too early to plan, especially if what you are planning can have a huge effect on your future. So already, set aside March 14th, 15th and 16th of 2014 for the Lodge Leadership Retreat.

This expansion of what was the Wardens' Conference will be held at the Red Lion Conference Center in Pasco, WA. The conference will include work sessions, study groups and knowledge sharing opportunities for all up and coming Lodge movers and shakers to include the Deacons, Wardens, Masters (that have not had the opportunity to attend the Wardens' Conference) and their Ladies.

Expanding your knowledge, resources and networking begins at the informal dinner Friday night. Training and knowledge exchange for both the ladies and the men occurs Saturday, ending with a Fellowship Dinner and very special guest speaker that evening. An opportunity for socializing and hospitality will close the day. Sunday morning closes the conference with co-ed or optional educational sessions. Registration information will be made available in the next few months, but plan NOW!

Now, you have the when and what, now the WHY. Ask yourself the question how important is it to your Lodge of having capable and trained officers and leaders? What is the difference to Lodge membership, attendance and progress if the Lodge Leader is skilled, prepared and qualified? How difficult is it to differentiate that Lodge that have Leaders that are enthusiastic, energetic and motivated and a Lodge whose officers are not? The Lodge Leader Conference is offered to develop the potential for a Lodge to have Leaders that are a team, a Lodge whose Leaders have been provided with the tools and resources to be effective; a Lodge where the Leaders are confident, competent and capable. Past conferences for the Senior Deacons and Lodge Wardens have given them the ability to, if given the chance, turn a Lodge completely around. With the support of the Lodge, Lodge Leaders coming back from these conferences have taken Lodges from fail to flourish, from stale and stagnate to Busy. Brethren, when the chance comes send your Lodge Leader to the conference, consider it an investment in your Lodge's future. The three days of training, materials and tools will return years of better leaders, where the real beneficiary is your Lodge.

Fraternally,

RWB Sam Roberts  
Deputy Grand Master



## We Are All Part of Public Relations

**A** few months ago I was driving North on I-5 in the early afternoon and was travelling at about the speed limit, as was the rest of the local traffic, when I noticed in my rear view mirror a car making some erratic lane changes at a fairly high rate of speed. He didn't appear to be following anyone and no one was attempting to keep up with him so I thought it must not be road rage, rather a careless driver. As the car got closer it continued to move from lane to lane dangerously close to the cars it was passing. I started to think, this person is a real jerk and a menace to the people lawfully travelling on the freeway. The nearer it came the more aggravated I became. When I saw the driver directly behind me I signaled and moved over a lane to let him pass. As the car went by I noticed the Square and Compass on the license plate. Immediately my thoughts shifted. It couldn't be a Brother driving in such an irresponsible manner! Someone must have borrowed his car, or perhaps it was his son, or worse, perhaps it was stolen! Should I call the WSP? The S&C on the license plate branded the operator a Mason.

Branding is an interesting phenomenon. In marketing a product, any product, it is identified by a brand name, logo, symbol, package, shape size or other identifying impression. When a person sees the purple and gold or Husky logo they are reminded of the University of Washington, crimson and gray or Cougar logo engender thoughts of WSU (Go Cougs), VFW and American Legion decals on our vehicles identify us as veterans. To the discerning eye when a person sees my Dodge truck they can identify me as an Air Force veteran of the Vietnam War, and a Mason. Most of us carry with us identifying marks of some kind that personalizes us to our values, interests, beliefs, and history. When others see us they may place certain judgements toward us based on their experiences with others who also identify themselves with similar interests. If their experiences have been positive their response to us may very likely be positive, if they were not, we could be unfairly judged.

To put all of this in perspective let's look at the positive power of the image and symbols representing us. When we perform our community support activities such as Bikes For Books and Literacy Outreach, when we present scholarship awards, when we contribute to charity and relief, remember, even the anonymous Mason who may not be known by name will be remembered by the emblems and symbols we present to others. We are all part of Public Relations.

VWB Steven L. Pennington  
Public Relations Committee



**Donald G. Munks**

## Are we BUILDING GOOD BRIDGES

**A**s 2013 comes to an end and the Grand Master's year is half over it's time to reflect on what has been happening within our fraternity and what needs to happen as we build into the future. There are some Lodges that are gaining in members and funds, some that are showing no gains or improvements, and others that are losing members and are in financial trouble. As I travel to Lodges I hear a lot about the past and how "we" used to do things and if only "we" would get back to those basics everything would turn around and there wouldn't be the problems we are facing today. But the men of today are different than those of the past and so are our families, communities, country, and world. What was successful in the past will not/may not work today. So what is the answer?

The answer to the above question is that there is no one answer, but several. The one common theme in all of the possible answers is CHANGE. We cannot sit on our hands and complain about whose fault it is because it is all of our faults. But the Lodges that are advancing and growing have found a way to incorporate change and have fun doing so. Will we be willing to copy these changes that these growing Lodges are making? That isn't illegal nor immoral, just smart business. What is required is a change of attitude. Don't forget our history and what was accomplished by our predecessors, but focus on what we can do to bridge the gap going into the future. Ask the youngest Masons what they think and want from Masonry and your Lodge. Create a Table Lodge and exchange the ideas of these new Masons with your past masters and find that commonality that satisfies the majority of Lodge members. Find the Lodges that are excelling and identify what they are doing and incorporate that which will work for your Lodge and its members. Do not forget about the families and create a way to include them in what you will be trying. And lastly, don't be afraid of failing, because failure only occurs when you don't resolve the problems that created the failure. What may have failed in the past just might be what is needed to be done now.

Most importantly, look with yourself, embrace the concept of change, be inclusive, and don't be afraid to try!

Till next time,

RWB Donald G. Munks  
 Senior Grand Warden



## A Quick and Easy Guide for the Bikes for Books Program

**T**he Bikes for Books program is one of the most successful public service programs the Masonic Fraternity has ever had and it is simple and easy to start.

Most Worshipful Brother Bill Woods first brought the program to Brewster, Washington and with his support, it has spread throughout the Grand Jurisdiction.

The program can be used in the elementary school or your local library, as a incentive to encourage young people to read. This program has provided many heartwarming stories in our communities.

This is how it works:

- 1) Contact your local school or library and inform them that the local Lodge would like to supply two bikes, a boy and girls bike to encourage reading.
- 2) Explain that they are in charge of selecting the recipient, by developing a lottery or a point system to determine the winners. That they are responsible for determining the length of time the contest will run and when the bikes will be awarded.
- 3) Although the Award of the bikes may be presented in several ways, the program should be worked out ahead of the presentation with our local partners. Discuss refreshments, to ensure it is clear who will provide them, the time and place when the event is to occur. In addition to the local school or Libraries, you have the option to request the involvement of the local fire department, who are often willing to provide bicycle helmets, local and/or county police who will discuss bicycle safety and the local paper, which often wants to cover the presentations.
- 4) Another point to be aware of is several of the large department stores provide grants and discount prices on bicycles. Watch the AD's

Examples of this in practice are:

- 1) Skykomish awards three bikes (one to grade 1 and 2, one to grade 3 and 4 and one to grade 5 and 6) presented at the end of the school year assembly at Skykomish.
- 2) Sultan Monroe Masonic Lodge has provided two bikes to their local library for their summer reading program.
- 3) Brother Jack Houston, Sultan-Monroe, took on the task of providing 44 bikes for the Sno-Isle Library System for their summer reading program, where two bikes were given to 21 libraries and one book mobile. This program was supported by several of the Lodges and the Brothers in the Snohomish and Island County that make up the Sno-Isle Library system.

If additional assistance is needed for a Bikes for Books Program in your community, please don't hesitate to contact me.

WB John Mathers, Chairman  
 Public Schools Committee



## Put Me in Coach, I'm Ready to Play.

The memorial service for legendary UW football coach Don James got me thinking a lot about the importance of coaching. One of the most important appointments that you will receive in your Lodge is that of candidate coach. In your position as coach, you will act as your charge's educator and companion, assuring that he is properly instructed in the fundamentals and working of the fraternity. In addition to informing the candidate about his Lodge and Masonry in general, you will instruct your candidate on memory work and ceremonies.

On those occasions when I was asked to be a coach, I followed a three step process:

- Step One, the obligation. It was the freshest thing in his mind, and I wanted it to become part of his DNA. This meant not merely rote memory work, but me providing him with an explanation to what those words actually meant. Think of it this way: What good is it to learn the words if you don't really know what you're saying?
- Step Two, the New Candidate Education Program. Often referred to as the Alternate Proficiency, this program provides an additional method that a Lodge may use to properly educate candidates about Freemasonry. Remember, Freemasonry is more than just the catechisms.
- Step Three, visitation – taking my new Brother to another Lodge so that he could witness the degree that he just experienced. Learning is enhanced if you can come up with more ways to get your point across.

Each step along the way, I would engage him in conversation. I wanted to know of his observations. Did he learn something new or different? I wanted to know if he was developing an appreciation for the progressive nature of our teachings. It was my "policy" that I would not recommend his advancement until he completed these steps.

One evening while relaying this process to another Brother, a third Brother who was listening in stated "I'm glad that you weren't my coach." Normally, in situations like that, a filter goes up that prevents me from saying something that might be regrettable. Let's just say that the filter did not engage as my response to this Brother was something along the lines of "Why would you say something like that? Don't you want to know more about the fraternity that you joined? Don't you want to have a better understanding as to why Freemasonry is the experience that it is to many of us?"



My Brothers, as we look for ways to address the issue of membership retention, one thing that we must do is to impart to our new members the fact that our ceremonies and associated obligations are not mere empty forms. There are very important lessons being taught in the degree process, lessons that go beyond simply learning what words to say and in what order. Lessons of wisdom, truth, Brotherly love, charity, fraternity, and strength; lessons that will be lost if all we care about is advancing someone through the degrees before he has a basic understanding of what happened in the previous degree; and a Brother who will be lost because we failed him in the process.

So here is your homework assignment: Take a strict look at your candidate coaching process. Is the goal to have the new Brother develop an understanding of each of the degrees, or is the goal to move him from one degree to the next as quickly as possible? If your answer is the former, then congratulations on having an actively participating Brother. If your answer is the latter, it might be time to consider a change.

Fraternally,

RWB Jim V. Mendoza  
Junior Grand Warden

JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN  
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL Brother

Jim V. Mendoza





## Grand Lodge – A New Home

The Grand Lodge of Washington has a new building. On October 19, 2013 the Grand Master and Brethren performed for the first time in our history, the Cornerstone Ceremony for OUR new building. For over 156 years we have been homeless (no pun intended). To see so many Masons turnout for the ceremony was a joy. I estimate we had over 250 possibly 300. The local legislator, Representative Dick Muir was in attendance and offered his remarks. We are located at 4970 Bridgeport Way West, University Place, WA 98467.

It is a relatively new building built in 2002. There are two floors which makeup 10,700 square feet. Washington Masonic Charities, to include the Library & Museum and Outreach Services account for about 60% of the space. The Library & Museum occupies the entire basement. Brethren, WB Todd Johnstone and WB Harold Hobbs did Yeoman's work in setting up both the Library and Museum. Thank You. Brethren this dream has become a reality because of what others did. In my short time as Grand Secretary there have been two other times when a new location for the Grand Lodge office was considered. When you get the right people doing the right thing you get results. You can go to the Grand Lodge website and view the pictures of the new building and the Cornerstone Ceremony. Included are several photos from the album.

Fraternally,

RWB David P. Owen  
 Grand Secretary



To view more images/photos taken during the ceremony and other property details, visit the Grand Lodge Photo Archive website. Go to the Link below:

<http://mwglfwa.phanfare.com/6278560>

GRAND SECRETARY  
 RIGHT WORSHIPFUL Brother

David P. Owen



## Grand Lecturer's Message

**B**y now the 2014 Senior Warden Competition has been scheduled on the District level throughout our Grand Jurisdiction. Competition on the District level is scheduled from January 15 through February 19, followed by the Regional Competition, being completed by March 31. Winners of the Regional Competition will then advance to the Jurisdictional Competition which will be held at the Wenatchee Masonic Center on Saturday April 26, 2014. The winning Senior Warden and his Lady will receive an invitation to attend and be recognized at the Grand Master's Banquet preceding our 2014 Annual Communication in June in Wenatchee, WA. This is an excellent opportunity for Senior Wardens to sharpen their skills and preparedness as they make their journey to the East. In the absence of the Master, he will succeed to higher duties. With this requirement in mind, it is the responsibility of the Craft to insure that our Senior Wardens are duly and truly prepared for the Station, in which they will be ultimately elected to.

As with other fraternities, our Craft has suffered from a loss of membership in the past years. Also recognized between a vast number of our Lodges is the difficulty of bringing candidates into our Lodges and maintaining their interest and involvement long enough to have the privilege of Raising them to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. So many of our Lodges have no choice other than to continue the rotation and recycling of their officers to fill the chairs in Lodge. Though caution is reminded against installing newly made Master Masons immediately into the officers line, many Lodges feel compelled to do so, with few choices or options available. In some Lodges this practice becomes common place, year after year installing new Brothers, providing them with little instruction as to the obligations of their positions and the true meanings of our Craft. Our Fraternity continues to make progress in supporting education through our public schools, providing scholarships through our Junior Achievement Program, and promoting our youth reading programs through the schools and libraries with the Bikes for Books Program. Attention must now be directed to providing our Craft with the tools and education to secure the future of our GREAT Fraternity. We must make available the time to offer our members light and instruction, which they in turn can pass on to their successors. In operative Masonry, the first stone of the building was usually placed in the Northeast corner; as workman of the Craft, we have each received our first instructions upon what to build our future moral and Masonic edifice. Now is the time and here is the place to make use of the Working Tools that have been passed down to us. The future and strength of our Temple will only be as solid as our foundation. By making Coaching, Mentoring and paying due observance to our Standard Work (and its meanings) a priority in our Lodges, the Masonic Trowel will be duly utilized.

Fraternally,

VWB Warren R. Schoeben  
Grand Lecturer



## "Planting Seeds"

**M**ore years ago than we care to remember, when our children were quite young, the Sainted Miss Alta experienced the results of "planting seeds" with our youngest daughter. It is a fun anecdote, as well as a lesson to contemplate carefully.

One particular day, while listening to an especially irritating radio advertisement, she burst out with a louder-than-she-intended "Oh, Shut UP!!!" Upon which, coming from the far back of the house came the little voice of our then very young daughter exclaiming "Mommy! We don't say the shut up word in our house!" Ah yes, a seed well planted was bearing fruit.

VWB Steve Pennington in a nearby article for the PR Committee details a different planting of seeds, and not one that redounds to our credit. All unawares, we daily plant seeds with our words, with our conduct, and with actions. If we identify ourselves as members of the fraternity by the wearing of a pin, or the display of a sticker or license plate, or the wearing of a ring, then any fruit from those seeds will at least in small part, reflect upon all in the fraternity. Whether that is a positive reflection or a negative reflection is entirely up to each of us individually. Are we careful in our actions with each other and before the world? Are we diligent? Prudent? Temperate? Discrete?

One of my favorite movie series is the Jessie Stone series starring and produced by Tom Selleck. In the first movie a scene is set where he (the Police Chief) is counseling a young girl playing hooky and smoking pot. He seeks her out and in the scene she asks him why it is okay for him to drink alcohol and it's not okay for her to smoke pot. His response is profound and in a way speaks to us.

"I am not in the business of right and wrong, I am in the business of legal and illegal. You see, most people know what the right thing is to do, but sometimes it is really hard to do the right thing. But most people know what the right thing is. 'If you are not going to arrest me, why are you talking to me?' she said. 'I'm trying to do the right thing' was his response.

I'm trying to do the right thing. Isn't that the heart of what we do and teach as Masons, to ourselves as well as to others? Aren't we asked to model good behavior, to "do the right thing"?

What makes us so sure that what we do is the right thing? Because we are to keep ourselves in due bounds, and that the volume of the sacred law is to be our rule and guide, and we are to consider it as the unerring standard of truth. "Every human being has a claim on your kind offices."

We are doing our duty to God, our Country, our neighbors and ourselves if we can truthfully say "I am planting seeds of virtue. I am trying to do what's right."

In closing, I wish you each and every one a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Fraternally,

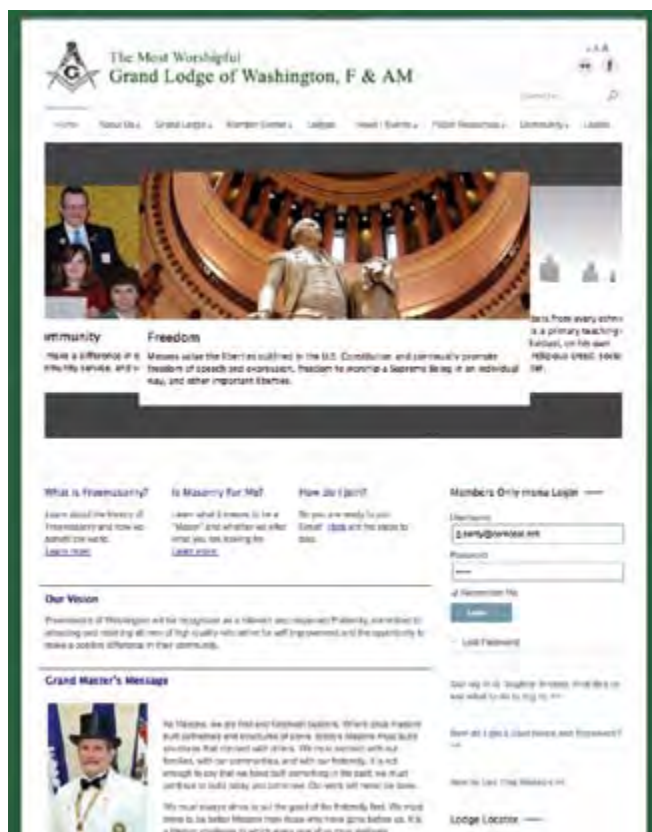
VWB Jim Kendall  
Grand Chaplain





## Committee Reports

### Technology Committee



(Interactive version, click on the image to go to the website.)

Hopefully, by the time you read this our new website will be up and running. It has taken a lot of work and time to make it the way we wanted it. The goal of the new website is to make finding what you need easier and to utilize the latest technologies to improve the experience. From the attached picture you can see it looks much different than the previous website. The trend in websites today is for cleaner, easier to navigate sites. The top half of the home page is dedicated to prospective members and those curious about FreeMasonry. The bottom half of the home page shows our Vision, Grand Master's message, and the latest news items. At the top of the page are pull downs that help you navigate the website. Most are self explanatory with a few exceptions I'll explain here. Under the About Us pull down is a link to how to use this website. It contains videos that will teach you how to use the website better. The Lodge pull down takes you to the Lodge locator which will help you find Lodges within the state of Washington. Under the Member Center is a link to the Members Only section. You can only access the pages under that section if you are a Washington Mason and have established a login. If you had an e-mail address on file with the GL Office at the time the new website was activated you should have been contacted on how to log in. If you did not receive that information or do not have an e-mail address you can contact me (rayzimmerman2@comcast.net) to get a login. Also under the Member Center is the Mens Corner which is a blog that we can use to discuss sensitive topics viewable only by Brothers within this Jurisdiction. Under the News / Events pull down is the calendar. We have the ability to link Google calendars into this calendar so if your District has a Google calendar we can link it to this calendar. Use

the Categories pull down to filter the calendar for what you're looking for. That's it. Feel free to explore the site and get familiar with it. Hope you like it.

We are now working on the Washington Masonic Charities website and using our audio/video equipment to make instructional videos for our website. We hope to have the E-store component of the website up and running in time for the Leadership Retreat registration.

VWB Ray Zimmerman, Chairman  
 Technology Committee

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### LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

I will take you where I left you... Sounds familiar? Where are we from and where are we going? Over the last few months the Long Range Planning (LRP) Committee has been working with the Elected Grand Lodge Officers (EXCOM) to assess where we are and where we are going, as a fraternity. Many learned Brothers worked many long hours to develop our present long range plan and for that we, as a fraternity, are forever grateful. We are a fraternity steeped in tradition. In the geometry lecture we are told the Architect began to design and the plans which he laid down, having been improved with time and experience, have produced works which have been the admiration of every age. Time and experience represents our tradition. In order to move our fraternity forward it is time for the Architect to again lay down plans based on our traditions with an eye to the future in order to advance our beloved fraternity.

Our current long range plan represents a traditional approach to the growth of the fraternity in the Grand Lodge of Washington. The LRP committee has been tasked to take this current Long Range Plan and use it as a cornerstone to improve on the plans which have been laid down by our predecessors in the effort to advance the Long Range Plan into the twenty-first century and thereby shape the future of the Grand Lodge of Washington for the century to come. The LRP draft contemplates the creation of new building blocks which the Lodges and the Fraternity can employ to move forward and thrive. In order to move forward we need to respect our traditions and, at the same time, embrace our future. The LRP draft being prepared is based on a building block strategy to delineate Identity, Purpose and Vision with a five year horizon. The building blocks will be a series of one year plans to attain the goals proposed with a means to review progress each year thereby improving the plans which were laid down to improve the work. Rather than being a year to year approach by individuals the LRP is being embraced by the Elected Grand Lodge Officers to ensure continuity by each succeeding Grand Master for several years to come and thus ensure the success of the implementation of the LRP over a five year period.

The Long Range Planning Committee is currently working with EXCOM and a group of well known and respected Brothers in the effort of vetting assumptions and goals of the draft version of the LRP. The goal for the committee is to roll out the updated Long Range Plan during the first part of 2014. If you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact the Long Range Planning Committee or one of your Elected Grand Lodge Officers.

VWB A. Gary O'Leary  
 Chairman  
 Long Range Planning Committee

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## Reports

I have had a number of Deputies and Committee Chairman that seem to think that submitting the reports that I (and the rest of the GL Elected Officers) have requested is either optional, or unnecessary. Let me assure that neither of these are correct.

I have asked for the reports so that the whole EXCOM can assess where we are, the 'younger members' (experience-wise) can get a feel for what is (and is not) happening in the Jurisdiction, and to allow them to assess for themselves who they will be continuing on the GL team as their time comes. For all these reasons, we have determined that reports are necessary, and will need to be submitted on a monthly basis.

For those who are not disposed to providing these reports, I will have to assess whether or not you will be continued on the GL Team. As I said during my orientation sessions and in the packets that all were to have signed before becoming members of this year's GL Team, these are commitments that you made to me personally, and indirectly to the rest of the Brethren of this Jurisdiction. This requirement is a part of the duties that you assumed and needs the attention that you would expect if you were on the other side of the coin.

Fraternally,

MWB Bruce E. Vesper  
Grand Master

## District No. 6 News

### Happenings in District 6

I have been asked to share some news about the happenings in District 6. First off, our District is alive and well. Since becoming Deputy, I have attended both stated and special communications for every Lodge in the District and am happy with what I am seeing. We are bringing in new members and performing the ritual well. Every Lodge is embracing the fraternal aspect of what we do with visitations, fellowship and special events. I have had several requests to test individuals for the Proficiency in Lodge Management (PILM) exam and am blown away by the level of effort that has been demonstrated so far. So what's next?

District 6 will be holding a District Warden's Competition for all first time Senior Wardens on Wednesday, January 22, 2014 at 7:00Pm at Alki Masonic Center. The Warden's Competition is an opportunity for all first time Senior Wardens to demonstrate their proficiency of the standard work in a structured competition, similar to the PILM practical exam. Junior Wardens are encouraged to attend and either participate in a non-competing role or assist for the experience, before their opportunity to officially compete next year. After the District Wardens Competition is complete, those who have completed their written PILM, may perform the practical portion. All

planning on attending should RSVP by January 21st with me via email [Commissioner.Riley@Gmail.com](mailto:Commissioner.Riley@Gmail.com) or phone (206) 380-0520.

The South King County Past Master's Association will be holding a Secrets of the Chair Degree on January 27, 2014 at 7:30Pm at Delta Masonic Hall for all new and elected Worshipful Masters. Dinner will precede the event at 6:30Pm. Please contact the WB Scott Marshall at [MarshallS06@hotmail.com](mailto:MarshallS06@hotmail.com) or (206) 816-9596 to RSVP for additional details and to RSVP.

District 6 will be holding their District Meeting on Friday, March 21, 2014 at 6:30Pm at South Gate Masonic Hall. South Gate Lodge has agreed to be the host Lodge and will provide refreshments. The District annual report will be presented by the Deputy and District awards will be presented.

I am honored to have been given the opportunity to serve District 6, as its District Deputy. I look forward to continuing my visits with each of the Lodges and its members over the next term. I expect to develop many more lasting friendships.



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## District No. 8 News

### District No. 8 Report

All nine Lodges in the District No.8 have a Bikes for Books program that is operated through either the local schools or through the Library systems. This last summer, a Bikes for Books program was sponsored through the Sno-Isle Library system that included all 21 libraries and the Book Mobile. Forty four bikes were awarded at the end of the program. For many of our communities in District No.8, a bicycle was a tantalizing incentive and according to the Library officials the Bikes for Books program showed an increase in Summer reading sign ups from 10,447 in 2012 to 11,443 in 2013 (a 9.5% increase). The number of children who reached their goal of reading 10 books or 1,000 pages in 2013 was 3,706. The number of children who reached that goal in 2012 was only 2,501, which shows there was a 48% increase in the number of finishers! Again, 44 children received the coveted prize and created memories to last a lifetime. Most importantly, thousands of children earned the reward of challenging themselves to read and learn beyond their own expectations. This effort was organized by Brother Jack Houston through Sultan-Monroe Lodge No.160 and again, all nine of the Lodges in District No.8 were involved along with several other Lodges on either side of District No.8 that supported the effort by adopting one of the Sno-Isle libraries nearest them. In addition to that, most of the Lodges in District No.8 also have a Bikes for Books program through their local schools. I don't have an exact figure, but District No.8 probably donated somewhere around 70 bikes to their communities over the last year through the B4B program.

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I've got to say that the Bikes for Books program is one of the best ways for Lodges and Masons to connect to the communities that we live in and serve.



Skykomish Lodge No.259 sponsored a Road Trip in August to the little town of Elbe, WA. Where 60 Masons and friends took a ride on the historic "Scenic Mt. Rainier Railroad." The Authentic Steam Train runs from Elbe to Mineral where the whole group had a great BBQ chicken dinner and explored the large collection of old Steam engines that are in the process of being restored and on static display. We then climbed aboard the steam train and travelled back to Elbe. All of us had a great experience, with good weather, and of course great fellowship. On a sad note, This was "Blackie" Moser's (our Sr. Grand Deacon at the time) last ride on a train and he was fortunate to ride along with his son, Roy, who was our Engineer for the trip. VW Blackie passed away on Nov. 11th and he will be greatly missed by all of the brethren whose life he touched.



The month of August ended with the second annual "Jerry Lingle Memorial Motorcycle Ride". It started with breakfast at the Everett Masonic Center hosted by Peninsular Lodge No.95. The group of about 30 motorcycles then rode to Skykomish Lodge No.259 for a snack and lots of fellowship before riding on to Zarthan Lodge No.148 in Leavenworth. The Brethren enjoyed a prime rib dinner and more fellowship before heading home. The Grand Master followed the group in his Mazda Miata with the top off and his hair blowing in the wind.

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**District No. 12 News**

**District No.12 makes a "Concerted" effort in the Bremerton Community.**

Lodges in District 12 combined fraternally, financially and logistically to provide a night of entertainment and public exposure as they sponsored the 2nd annual "Mostly Masonic Composers" concert performed by the Bremerton Symphony at the Bremerton Performing Arts Center on November 16th.

Masonic and public patrons were treated to a full night of entertainment beginning with a top shelf dinner, prepared by professional caterer WB Matt Parham of Bremerton Lodge No.117. After which, a short drive to the Bremerton Performing Arts Center to enjoy a venue of Classical Music from Masonic Composers such as Mozart, Susa, and Sibelius.

As sponsors of the concert event, we were proud to stand and be noted as a Masonic family as our Grand Master, MWB Bruce E. Vesper was presented the Sponsorship Plaque by VWB James Kendall, Grand Chaplain and Past President of the Bremerton Symphony Association.

In addition to recognition of our Masonic attendance and sponsorship, VWB Kendall was allowed time which he gave a brief explanation of our Craft as well as striking examples of our Masonic tenets during periods of war and strife.

During intermission, patrons retired to the lobby where various Masonic and Concordant Bodies had set up information booths and displays. Scottish Rite, York Rite, Shrine, Order of Eastern Star, Rainbow and Jobs Daughters are to be commended for their efforts as well as WB Phillip Rice of Franklin Lodge No.5 who not only mingled with the crowd dressed in period portrayal of RWB Ben Franklin but for his creation and construction of the beautiful Masonic display board.

After the musical festivities, the evening was crowned with a trip back to the Bremerton Masonic Center for a complimentary Reception and Social gathering where members of the Masonic Community could meet and mingle with the musicians, Music director, Symphony Board and Association members featuring a "Wine and Chocolate" pairing, light refreshments and tours of our beautiful Masonic Lodge where many questions were asked and answers returned.

This event could not have been successful without the hard work of the Brothers and Sisters of our Masonic family. A special mention to: WB Phil Rice, Franklin No.5; WB Chris Huntley, William Renton No.29; VWB Lance Otis, William H. Upton Naval & Military Lodge No.206; WB Robert Dela

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Pena; William. H. Upton Naval & Military Lodge No.206; Bro. Scot Sageser, Franklin No.5; WB. Harry Boyd, Steadfast Lodge No.206 and Bro. Ed Harris, Warren G. Harding Lodge No.260 for all their work on the Concert Committee.

A special thanks to VWB James Kendall, Grand Chaplain and PM of William H. Upton Naval & Military Lodge for laying the foundation for this successful event by spearheading the first Masonic Concert sponsorship last year and again this year.



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## District No. 16 News

### District No. 16 Report

I recall the day when VWB John Shull asked if I had ever considered being a District Deputy. A couple of thoughts raced through my mind as I considered what he was asking. I thought, wow what an honor and privilege and while I knew it was a big job I thought how difficult it could be. Then periodically and up and until just before installation whenever I ran into VWB John he would greet me with that friendly smile he always had, a shake and a nod. Not the nod that you associate with affirmation, the other one. The one that says, "yeah buddy, it's gonna be your baby now". Needless to say while it did not inspire confidence it did make me wonder, "Just what exactly had I gotten myself into?"

Well I can tell you that in the last several months I have been asked by many Brothers, "So how are things going?" And to be quite honest I can say that for the most part things are going well. I have been enjoying my time as District Deputy. In my travels to the Lodges in my District, while there has been the occasional issue here or there, I have learned several things. One was that VWB John left me with some big shoes to fill. That the Brothers of District 16 unequivocally love Masonry, a love that has been demonstrated to me in a number of ways and that what many of our Brothers really want is to be listened to and heard.

The love of Masonry can be seen in all of the Lodges in District 16. Whether it's the Bikes for Books programs that are thriving and doing well at Yelm Lodge No. 244 and Harmony Lodge No.18. The outpouring of support the youth groups receive from Olympia Lodge No. 1. The recognition to our Brothers demonstrated in thoughtful and creative ways at Grays Harbor Lodge No. 52 and Wynoochee Lodge No. 43. Then there is the community involvement and efforts to give Masonry a face in their community by Tenino Lodge No. 86.

The love for Masonry is seen everywhere in District 16 by all that the Brothers do to promote and foster the principles of our great fraternity.

Being heard is huge. I am learning as a Deputy that one of the best things that can be done is to have an attentive ear. To listen to the concerns and challenges of both our Lodges and the Brothers who make them up. Not throwing out solutions or trying to solve problems but being willing to really listen. To assist once they have realized that they have found their own solution and let me assure you they will arrive at that solution especially when given that time to be heard. Interestingly when they realize someone is listening to them they start listening to themselves.

We all want our Fraternity to grow. Growing involves bringing young men into our Lodges and allowing them to bring forth new ideas into the Lodge. This may even mean allowing in some old ideas and to not be "nay say'ed" or told "it's always been that way" by a cadre of Past Masters. We not only need to keep these new young Brothers engaged, we need to allow some latitude and provide support to include allowing them to making their own mistakes. After all this is how we all learn. Moving past those very human parts of us, ensures Masonry will have a very bright future.

District 16 is fortunate to have the Brothers in the District that we have. There is a wealth of knowledge and experience that will definitely and always be the supporting pillars to our fraternity. We have also been fortunate to have those Brothers who have passed on to the celestial Lodge on high in our midst, whose legacies we should preserve by carrying on what they can no longer do at our side.

As installations have begun in District 16, I ask that each of you to support our newly installed Worshipful Masters in continuing the work of our forefathers that they may complete the designs on the trestle board and continue to move our fraternity well into the future. You can do this by visiting the Lodges in your District, listening to each other, mentoring our new members and most of all participating.



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*The Editor*



## District No. 18 News

### Community Involvement Within District No.18

District No.18 is made up of five Lodges in Southwest Washington. They are: Woodland/Kalama No.17, Castle Rock No.62, Kelso No.94, Occident No.99, and Longview No.263. Although we are a smaller District, all the Lodges contribute to their communities in one way or another.

Woodland Kalama Lodge No.17 is very active in the Bikes for Books program, giving away both bikes and helmets to the Elementary School's top readers. They are also collecting for their 2nd annual Thanksgiving / Christmas dinner donations. This is where four families that might not have the resources for holiday meals are provided with everything needed by the members of the Lodge. They recently donated to a road race put on by the Longview Pioneer Lions Club which benefits the Juveniles with Diabetes Camp Leo.

Castle Rock Lodge No.62 is involved with the Bikes for Books program with Castle Rock Elementary school. They also deliver food baskets to needy families in the area during the holiday season.

Kelso Lodge No.94 has been concentrating on refurbishing their building and is currently the largest and one of the nicest buildings in District 18. On November 1st, they were kind enough to host the District's Annual meeting and were able to show off all their hard work. They participated in The Masonic Child ID project last summer and have plans to start a Bikes for Books program in the near future.

Occident Lodge No.49 hosts a weekly lunch at their building for all members and visitors. Their Bikes for Books Program is entirely funded by the lawn furniture made and sold by WB Dick Rodland. This program supports four schools in two Districts. They have a Lodge's "Excellence in Citizenship" award, where they recognize outstanding students in their community.

Longview Lodge No.263 recently dedicated their new building. All the work on the remodeling of the building was done by members of the Lodge. Longview Lodge recently delivered Thanksgiving dinners to 10 families in their community. They participated in the Masonic Child ID Project last summer and continue to host a weekly breakfast for members and visitors.

The Lodges in Cowlitz County are involved in a Junior Achievement program which honors students in eight different High Schools. These above-mentioned programs are only a handful of the ways District 18 continues to give back to the community. The members in District 18 are hard working and passionate about their communities and even if their funds are limited they find a way to give back. It is a true honor for me to serve as the Deputy for District 18 and the fine men who are a part of it.

Respectfully submitted,

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## District No. 20 News

### District No. 20 Report

Everything seems to be going real good in my District. Mt. Adams has moved into another building in Yakima. They meet the same nights, 1st and 3rd Tuesday's. They are getting up for their installation of officers. At this time I hadn't heard when that will be.

Goldendale has a few degrees coming up real soon One first and two seconds. They will install WB Steve Heinz as WM. On December 14th at 1:00 pm. He was in the Wardens Conference and there is no doubt that he will do his Lodge well.

Ellensburg installed their officers on Nov. 9th. WB Ron Grahame will be the WM. A very good Mason and already did a good job in the East. They just conferred 4 fellowcraft degrees this fall. I was there when two of the Brothers gave their proficiency's, picture perfect, good coaches.

Toppenish had a Master Mason proficiency and conferred a second degree. Their steak feed went well in August. They're in the progress of doing work on their Lodge.

Naches Lodge No. 211 is doing well. They have had an affiliation, read another, and will vote on a candidate at their next meeting. The music department from the high school used the dining hall to assemble two thousand apple pies that the members sold over the summer.

The rest of the Lodges will be installing officers over the next month.

Take Care and Have a Wonderful Holiday.

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## District No. 22 News

### District No. 22 Report

For Brethren not familiar with District No. 22, it consists of the following Lodges: Okanogan Lodge No. 169, Okanogan, Aurora Lodge No. 201, Oroville, Palestine Lodge No. 214, Omak, and Methow Valley Lodge No. 240, Twisp. This District is located east of the Northern Cascade Mountains of the State, comprised of the Methow and Okanogan Valleys.

Okanogan Lodge No. 169, Okanogan

On Wednesday, September 11th, the Hiram Award was presented to WB Bryon Goetz, Secretary/Treasurer of Okanogan Lodge No. 169. WB Bryon was recognized for his hard work and dedication to the Craft.

At a Special Communication on Monday, September 16th, Okanogan Lodge conferred the First Degree on Br. James Alton Phillips. Conferring Worshipful Master was VWB John MacDonald, and Conferring Senior Deacon was WB Birens Pillow.

Okanogan Lodge had an open Installation of Officers on Saturday, November 2nd, at 2:00 p.m. Brethren from all four Lodges of this District made up the Installation Team.

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WB Buster Carter, Jr., was the Installing Officer, VWB John MacDonald, Installing Marshal, WB Roy Goss, Installing Chaplain, and VWB Donald McNett, Installing Secretary. Also assisting: VWB Rick Kelly, who Installed the Wardens, VWB Rudy Schade, who Installed the Secretary/Treasurer, Deacons, Stewards, and Tyler, Br. Mark Webster, who Installed the Marshal, and Br. Frank Grunert, who Installed the Chaplain. WB Bob Hill gave the Charge to the Master, VWB Rick Kelly gave the Charge to the Wardens, and VWB Rudy Schade gave the Charge to the Lodge.

The following Officers were Installed: VWB Fred Noyes-Worshipful Master, Br. Ralph Criss-Senior Warden, Br. Derek Groomes-Junior Warden, WB Bryon Goetz-Secretary/Treasurer, WB Allen Fisher-Senior Deacon, Br. Gene Fritts-Junior Deacon, Br. Gary Reams-Chaplain, WB Buster Carter, Jr.-Marshal, WB Bud Vest-Senior Steward, Br. Bill Harris-Junior Steward, and WB Lawrence Weitman-Tyler. The Installation was well attended, and Fellowship enjoyed by all.

The Okanogan Lodge No. 169/District No. 22 Table Lodge took place on Saturday, November 9th, at 6:00 p.m. A delicious pork-loin dinner, and a very enjoyable Table Lodge was enjoyed by 19 Masons from all over District No. 22 and British Columbia. WB Tom Christie, Worshipful Master of Mark P. Waterman Lodge No. 177, was the guest speaker.

Aurora Lodge No. 201, Oroville

The Annual Pie Shoot at the Oroville Gun Club on Sunday, October 20th had a good community turn-out. Money raised from this event went to the Lodge's Scholarship and Bikes 4 Books Programs.

Aurora Lodge had an open Installation of Officers on Saturday, November 23rd, at 2:00 p.m. VWB John MacDonald was the Installing Officer, VWB Dennis Wilder, Installing Marshal, VWB Fred Noyes, Installing Chaplain, and VWB Guy Fisher, Installing Secretary. The following Officers were Installed: WB Frank Grunert-Worshipful Master, Br. Brick Wall-Senior Warden, Br. Dan Lepley-Junior Warden, WB Gary Bull-Secretary/Treasurer, Br. Rocky DeVon-Senior Deacon, Br. Scott Thompson-Junior Deacon, Br. Chuck Gallup-Chaplain, Br. Andy Baskin-Marshal, Br. Preston Ray-Senior Steward, Br. Garland Smith-Junior Steward, and WB Blaine Sullivan-Tyler. The Installation was very well attended, and the Masons with their family and friends enjoyed the delicious sandwiches and cake afterwards.

Tentatively planned for Saturday, March 29th, 2014, Aurora Lodge will host District No. 22's District Meeting at 11:00 a.m. Following the District Meeting, Aurora Lodge will then celebrate 100 years of Masonry with a Reconstituting Ceremony.

Palestine Lodge No. 214, Omak

Palestine Lodge raised over \$1,800 from September's Lodge yard sale. Proceeds went to Bikes 4 Books and the Scholarship Fund.

At the X-treme Motocross event held in September, Palestine Lodge raised over \$1,200 from the snow-cone booth! Again, money raised from this event went to Bikes 4 Books, and the Lodge's Scholarship Fund.

Palestine Lodge had a very successful raffle this fall. Over \$4,000 was raised from the Lodge's multi-prize Raffle, which benefited their Scholarship and Bikes 4 Books programs. Raffle tickets were \$5.00 each, and the following

prizes were raffled off: Savage Axis Rifle Multiple Caliber, Husqvarna Chain Saw, Steroix Rod with Pfluger Reel, Nikon 10 x 50 Binoculars, and a Leatherman Rebar.

On Tuesday, October 22nd, Palestine Lodge had their annual Apple Pie Night. 19 Masons from all four Lodges of the District enjoyed many mouth-watering apple pies and desserts, and fine Fellowship, right after Palestine Lodge's Stated Communication that evening.

On Saturday, October 26th, at 2:00 p.m., Palestine Lodge had an open Installation of Officers. VWB John MacDonald was the Installing Officer, VWB Rudy Schade, Installing Marshal, and WB Shorty Bledsoe, Installing Chaplain. The following Officers were Installed: WB Terry Pasley - Worshipful Master, WB Dan Christensen-Senior Warden, Br. Mark Webster-Junior Warden, WB Sonny Wilson-Treasurer, VWB John MacDonald-Secretary, WB Carl Christensen-Senior Deacon, WB Buster Carter, Jr.-Junior Deacon, Br. Gary Reams-Chaplain, WB Birens Pillow-Marshal, WB Bud Vest-Senior Steward, and WB Lawrence Weitman-Tyler. The Installation was well attended, and a delicious carrot cake and Fellowship, was enjoyed right after the Installation.

Then, on Tuesday, November 12th, Palestine Lodge conferred the Fellowcraft Degree on Br. Josh Crowfoot, at 7:30 p.m. Br. Josh is the grandson of WB Lawrence Weitman.

Methow Valley Lodge No. 240, Twisp

Methow Valley Lodge had another successful Rifle Raffle, thanks to the hard work and dedication of WB Don Wilson, Chairman of the Youth Enhancement Committee, and the efforts of the Brethren. Over \$3,000 was raised to benefit the Youth Enhancement Fund, which goes to Bikes 4 Books and Scholarship programs. A very expensive Italian made .30-06 was raffled off as the main prize. Tickets were \$2.00 each, and an alternate prize was offered as well: a \$500.00 Gift Certificate, for gas and/or groceries at Hank's Harvest Foods and Hank's Mini Market. Laurie Lizelle of Twisp, Washington, won the Italian made .30-06 rifle.

On Thursday, November 14th, at 6:00 p.m., Methow Valley Lodge had their annual VWB Lucky Jones Kick 'A' Chili Feed/Grand Master Visit. 26 Masons and their Ladies enjoyed the Grand Master's Chili, Aurora 201 Chili (made by WB Frank Grunert), and an assortment of chilis prepared by the Brethren of Methow Valley Lodge No. 240, with our Grand Master MWB Bruce Vesper, and his Lady Janice. A great time and Fellowship, was enjoyed by all. This was the first chili feed where all four sitting Masters of District No. 22 were in attendance!

The following Officers have been Elected for the upcoming year: WB Clayton King-Worshipful Master, Br. Bob Ulrich-Senior Warden, Br. Jason Ramos-Junior Warden, and VWB Rudy Schade-Secretary/Treasurer.

As you can see, the Brethren of District No. 22 have been busy in their Labors, and there will be more work to be done in the upcoming months!

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## District No. 23 News

### District No. 23 Report

There are currently seven Lodges that make up District No.23. These seven Lodges encompass three counties, Yakima, Benton and Franklin in approximately a 70 mile radius. Starting with Sunnyside Lodge No.138 in the heart of the Yakima Valley, rich in farming and agriculture. Over 77% of the hops consumed in the United States are grown right here in the Yakima Valley. Ending with Pasco Lodge No.173 at the other end in Franklin County. Along the shores of the Columbia River, known for its outstanding salmon/sports fishing and the Great Columbia Cup Hydro boat race. Grandview No.191, Euclid No. 125, Benton No.277, Richland No.283 & Kennewick No.153 dotting the landscape in between, in both Yakima and Benton Counties. Here is a brief description of District No.23's Lodges, in numerical order.

1. Euclid No.125, Prosser- They meet on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays of the month at 1900 hrs. This Lodge is located in the second smallest community in the District. Prosser population 5,800 known as the birth place of Washington wines. Euclid Lodge has struggled with attendance and the increase of membership as many small Lodges have. Euclid is active in the Masonic Bikes of Books program and it is currently doing a canned food drive, during the Holidays, for local families in need.

2. Sunnyside No.138 - Meets on the 4th Thursday of the month, dinner at 1830 hrs. with meeting to follow. This Lodge is located in a community with a population of over 16,000. No.138 has had a few new members candidates over the past year and is showing promise for the future. They are currently working together with Grandview Lodge No.191 on entering a Masonic float in the Sunnyside lighted implement Christmas parade. To help remind both communities that Freemasonry is still alive and active in the Yakima Valley. Sunnyside No.138 is very active in the Masonic Bikes for Books program; they have taken up the slack for many communities and Lodges up the valley that do not participate in this program. They have purchased over 20 bicycles this year alone to see that elementary students in the Valley have a chance participate to win a new bicycle.

3. Kennewick No. 153- Meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month at 1930 hrs. This Lodge is located in the largest community in District No.23 with a population of 75,000. No.153 is the most active Lodge in the District when it comes to new candidates and initiates several new candidates annually. Over the past couple years No.153 has been undergoing an extensive revitalization, beautification project of their Lodge, headed by a few dedicated and talented Brethren. I would highly suggest that if you are in the area on the 1st or 3rd Wednesdays, you stop in to see the wonderful improvements these Brothers have made to their Lodge.

4. Pasco No. 173 - Meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 1930 hrs. Pasco No.173 is located in one of the larger communities in the District with a population of 63,000. No.173 was originally chartered by several Brothers working for the railroad. Pasco has been a large hub for the Burlington Santa Fe railroad and other railroad before it. No.153

participated in this year's Beggars Banquet, an annual dinner banquet fund raiser for Safe Harbors foster children. W.B Russ Campbell entered his Pasta Fazool soup in the competition and won 2nd place out of 22 entries consisting of many well-known and established restaurants.

5. Grandview No.191 - Meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month at 1900hrs, 3rd Thursday being a dinner meeting, dinner at 1800 hrs with meeting to follow. This Lodge is located in a smaller community in the District, population of 11,000.

Grandview is a very family welcomed and oriented Lodge. Their dinner meetings are often attended by many wives, children and grandchildren of the Brethren. No.191 is currently working with Sunnyside Lodge No.138 on a Masonic float for the Sunnyside light implement Christmas parade, in hopes of building relationships with in the community as well as with other Lodges in the District and to help bring awareness of Freemasonry in the community. In November a few of the Brothers of No.191 traveled over to De Moines for the 3rd annual Masonic brew fest, competing against 14 brewers and 22 home brews, bring home with them the 1st place people's choice award.

Grandview Lodge No.191

B. B.J. Long, W.B. Dave Wickline, V.W.B. Garry Randles, W.B. John Booth, W.B. Tom Ardamica

6. Benton No.277- Meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 1900hrs. This Lodge is located in the smallest community in the District, Benton City, with a population of just a little over 3,000. Benton No.277 is located at the base of Red Mountain along the Yakima River

7. Richland No.283- Meets on the 1st and 3rd Mondays at 1930 hrs. This Lodge is located in the third largest community in the District, population 49,500. No.283 was chartered in 1945 in the boom days of Richland during the highly secretive work on the Manhattan project. Many Brothers of No.283 worked at Hanford to help develop the technology that put an end to WW II, saving many lives. Brother and President Harry S. Truman once visited No.283 and help relocate the Lodge to higher ground, saving it from rising flood waters. No.283 has a collection of Brothers that are very dedicated to their Lodge and always willing to help other Lodges when in need.

So if you find yourself along your travels in the Yakima Valley or down along the Columbia River in District No.23 stop in to one of these great Lodges and you are sure to find Brotherly love and friendship.

Thank You and I hope to see you in District No.23 sometime soon.

Fraternally yours

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## District No. 24 News

### Grand Master visits Waitsburg Rainbows

What do you do when you're "traveling" from here to there to perform the duties of office? If you're our Most Worshipful Grand Master, you stop in on the Rainbow Girls in Waitsburg along the way, heading for a Lodge official visit.

That's just what Most Worshipful Brother Bruce Vesper took time out to do while heading for Pomeroy to visit Evening Star Lodge No.30 on Oct. 2. While waiting for his carpool to rally at the Masonic Temple in Waitsburg, the Grand Master entertained a request for an impromptu visit with Rainbow Assembly #68, which wouldn't be opening right away. Even before the Assembly was open, with the girls not yet in official attire, MW Bruce said it would be a privilege and headed upstairs to visit with the girls and their adult representatives.

The GM took the opportunity to share his Masonic vision and theme, and explained to the Rainbows how they were an important part of his intent behind "Building Bridges." After taking time to congratulate the girls on their choice to be part of something so special, and then responding to questions from them and their leaders, he stayed for a "photo-op" and a few words with Rainbow Dad, Bro. Bret Mosier, a member of Waitsburg Lodge #16. Waitsburg Rainbow Assembly #68 meets first and third Wednesdays at 7 p.m. at the Waitsburg Masonic Temple. To reach them, send an email to: [waitsburg@nwrainbow.org](mailto:waitsburg@nwrainbow.org)



From left: Meredith Huwe (Rainbow board), Jesse Brown, Stephanie Nerf, Kaitlyn Martin (Worthy Advisor), Karen Mohney (Mother Advisor), MWGM Bruce Vesper, Devon Harshman, Iris Turnipseed, Kendra Roberts, Marisa Hulce.

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## District No. 26 News

### District No.26 Report

In Pullman Washington at 165 N.E. Kamiaken is the Pullman Professional Building. The street level is occupied by some retail stores. As you enter the building you see mostly attorney's offices. On the top floor, however, is a most beautiful Lodge room, kitchen, dining room and preparation room with all necessary storage for conducting Masonic Lodge meetings. This is the home of Whitman Lodge No.49



Whitman Lodge was chartered in 1886 by seven Brothers. In the mid-fifties there were over 900 members. By the 1920's a group of attorneys decided to build the professional building. As they were all members of Whitman Lodge, they designed into the plans for the building this beautiful facility for the Lodge.



Those Brothers are gone now and although the building is still mostly occupied by attorneys, none of them are members of the Lodge. The Lodge still enjoy the facility as originally built, but, now it does pay a nominal rent.

VWB William Musgrove  
 District Deputy of the Grand Master  
 District No.26

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## District No. 27 News

### District No.27 Report

**D**istrict 27 encompasses the greater Spokane area, it consists of ten Lodges, one in Cheney, one in Medical Lake, six in Spokane and two in Spokane Valley. The Lodges in this District are involved in a variety of good works for example; Concordia No. 249 in the Spokane Valley contributes scholarship money to the Hutton Settlement for Children which cares for children from age 5 through 18 who need an alternative place to live due to various family challenges. Temple No. 42 in Cheney is a supporter of the Spokane Guilds' School and Neuromuscular Center which provides physical, speech, and occupational therapies to their students. Students must graduate on their 3rd birthday and proceed on to other programs. One of the schools annual fund raising activities is a "Kids for Kids Day" which is an area wide Penny Drive in April, don't let the name fool you they accept checks, and cash as well. Last year Temple 42 got quite a boost when RWB Sam Roberts dropped off a 45 pound jar of pennies he had laying around, Thanks Again Sam!, It couldn't have gone to a better cause!

This year as they have for the past 11 years, the Brothers of this District donated nearly \$800.00 to "Tom's Turkey Drive" a program that works with the 2nd Harvest Food Bank to provide Thanksgiving meal packages to those who are unable to afford a nice holiday meal for their family. This year this program helped over 11,000 area families.

There are several Lodges who are experiencing some growth in membership, most notably Concordia 249, and Manito 246, these Lodges are conferring Degrees two and three in an evening.

As we finish up the installation season of the year it is exciting to hear the goals and plans of the incoming Officers. Please take the time to stop by and visit the Lodges of District 27 when you have a chance.

Fraternally,

VWB Rob Steiner  
District Deputy of the Grand Master  
District No. 27

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## Committee Reports

### Masonic Research and Education Committee

The New Year has started and most of the Lodges have held their installations. The new officers are excited and motivated to begin a new Masonic year. The Masonic Research and Education committee is prepared to help them have a very productive and successful year. The committee has several new programs to offer one of which is the new automated Proficiency in Lodge Management PiLM.

I joined Steadfast Lodge No. 216 in 1974. At that time our Lodge was using the old standard Masonic training method "Mouth to Ear." The Past Masters talked, I listened and

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## An appeal to all the members of this

### Grand Jurisdiction - We need your help!!

As you may notice, the number of pages for this publication had increased by four pages, a very good sign. We will continue to deliver the publication in the same digital format that we have now. We will pursue the struggle in gathering materials the way we have done in the past. The condition on how you will receive the publication reflects on you, the leaders and members of the sub-teams of this organization. Your contribution to the health of its content is expected and will afford best proof of your accomplishments and your attachment to the fraternity. This publication represents you, the individual Brother. We need to invoke your creative mind to express the goodness of our craft. We need your help.

There is only one answer to the option of having the Masonic Tribune delivered as a hardcopy publication, which is "The support of the brethren of this Jurisdiction." Like aforementioned, this is not only for us to provide it to our less capable members but also to allow for the publication to be distributed to other Jurisdictions to let them know that we exist. If each Grand Lodge officer elected and appointed, all District Deputies and committeemen would subscribe for a printed copy of the Tribune, its half the battle already. We need your help.

There is no limit as to what we can do to be creative in presenting the materials provided to us. Repeatedly it is said, that there is an extreme shortage of materials and quality articles submitted to us. The more materials we can work with the more we can apply a variety of creative ways to enhance its appearance to the reading community. We need your help.

#### Moving Forward:

Much to our knowledge that the fast growing technological innovations had taken over the way we live our daily lives, and although there are those that we still have to support being reliant to the benefit of having a hard copy news material delivered to their front doors, we have to move forward and stay abreast with technology. Our target audiences are the prospective leaders of our fraternity and they are the younger members who have joined in our ranks but find nothing to assist them in gaining knowledge of the challenges we face as a Masonic Jurisdiction. They have to be aware of what to build upon in erecting the future of the craft and our only publication, the Masonic Tribune, should be their guiding light. Therefore, the material will have to be delivered to them in a medium where they can expect to find the information they need in the most convenient and up-to-date manner that they are now accustomed to receiving them.

We have somewhat delivered the digital version of our newsletters successfully and the popularity of the format had reached a high level of acceptance from our reading community. Our next step is to get started with Tablet Apps. The raw files of our newsletter publication are made from application software that is capable of converting them into a format that can be viewed on a Tablet App. The future is now and we need to get on the bandwagon to move forward with the masses. We need to communicate the message to our members so we can encourage them to support our organization in trying to promote the endeavor. We need your help.

Fraternally submitted,  
G. Santy Lascano

Past Grand Master, GLWA 2010-2011

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## Community Involvement

### The Backpack Brigade

The Backpack Brigade was started at Renaissance Alternative High School approximately five years ago. The Backpack Brigade is there to help homeless and disadvantaged students by providing food, clothing, toiletries, feminine hygiene products etc. To sustain them over weekends and holidays when they aren't at school. During the week students can eat at the school, but on the weekends many of these homeless students often find shelter out of doors or "couch surf," at a friend's house often sleeping on a new couch every few days.

When these students are hungry education is not a priority as it simply takes time away from looking for a place to stay or finding food. The Backpack Brigade supports students by offering some basic nutritional and hygiene needs thus allowing them to concentrate on more on their education instead of worrying where they will find a meal over the weekend. In addition since many of the homes these students crash at don't have a lot to offer themselves the brigade helps by giving the students something to share with their hosts and there by extending the time they can stay in one location. Providing a little more stability to a precarious situation may be the difference between a student dropping out or obtaining their high school diploma.

Bremerton Lodge No.117 has played an important role in sustaining this program. Not only have they provided non-perishable foods for the students but they have also collected monetary donations, and volunteered their valuable time to purchase and deliver the appropriate foods, hats, gloves and socks these students so desperately need. The Lodge has also encouraged other groups such as Manette No.94 Rainbow Girls and GFWC Kitsap Peninsula to support Backpack Brigade as well.

However, there are some requirements around the type of foods that are appropriate. These requirements allow students to eat whether they are sleeping on the street or staying on a couch. Although these requirements prevent the purchase of fresh food, we have found a way to provide healthier options for the students. Foods that they can be opened and eaten with or without a source of electricity or heat are best. Our donations have meant that these students are more likely to meet their nutritional needs and to stay in school.

In addition monetary donations for the purchase of white tube socks hygiene products and even sleeping bags or coats are greatly appreciated. Every school District is confronted with the same problem. The program has been established in a few but more needs to be done. If you think this is a program you can get behind, check with your local high school and middle school staff, or the District staff, to see if such a program is in place, and if not, if they will work with you to establish one. In either case, here is program that is easy and does an enormous amount of good. "Do Good unto All."

WB Mike Schiano  
 Worshipful Master  
 Bremerton Lodge No.117

## Library & Museum

### Washington Masonic Library and Museum has a new home

In the Beginning .... There were a few books. The library and museum for Washington territory began on September 24, 1859 as noted by the Grand Secretary, Bro (at that time) Thomas M. Reed in the second annual communications for MW Thornton F. McElroy. In 1879 MWB T. M. Reed presented a motion at the Annual Communications to establish a Library committee for the Grand Lodge to be appointed annually by the Grand Master, and funded by the Grand Lodge. Over the Century and a half that has passed since its inception the Masonic Library and Museum has wandered, been buried then rose again and resided for the last 20 years or so in the old band room at 47 St. Helens.



With the purchase by Grand Lodge of a new Building, the Library and Museum now has an excellent new home that looks, feels, and performs like a real Library and Museum. With one of the largest collections in North America the visitor is provided with an endless supply of interesting Masonic reading material in the Library.

The Museum has a dedicated space, with 12 display cases and a secure storage area for artifacts which are not currently on display. The Museum is represented on the Internet with an expanding Virtual Museum, allowing virtual visitors to view the contents of the display cases and delve into the stored artifacts which have been documented and photographed. The Grand Lodge Photo Archive is part of the Library and Museum and currently contains 92,000 photos.

The Library and Museum can be visited on the ground floor of the New Grand Lodge Building; M, T, W from 9am to noon or via the internet at: [wamasonicgllm.org](http://wamasonicgllm.org). If there are questions, the staff can be contacted at [wamasonicgllm@gmail.com](mailto:wamasonicgllm@gmail.com) or by phone at: 253-625-7895 It is recommended one call before visiting to verify the staff is present. Our new address is: 4970 Bridgeport Way W, University Place, WA 98467.

Photo and Article by:  
 WB Todd Johnstone, Chairman  
 Library and Museum Committee.





Whenever I am asked to give a presentation, I always take a few minutes to talk about the importance of visiting elderly members of our Lodges, Chapters and Courts. James A. Froude said, "We enter the world alone, we leave the world alone." There is no feeling more horrible than the loneliness one feels in the unsettling quiet of an empty house. For many elderly, it seems that aging accompanies loneliness as children leave and spouses pass on.

A French article translates to read, "Elderly people who are deprived of the warmth of human contact are at the risk of turning inward. For the very old, an atmosphere such as this can become psychologically catastrophic and lead to depressive syndromes such as extreme sadness, a desire to do nothing, sleep problems and even dementia."

Just as a teenager becomes preoccupied with high school social life and can often forget about the family dinner or activity, adults can become preoccupied with their jobs and families of their own and neglect the elderly people in their lives.

Even if your elderly members are healthy, they may not remain so when subject to consistent loneliness. Ask yourself: How many times have I given this elderly Brother or Sister a call this past month? How often have I visited them this past year? How long did I stay? Long enough to have a real conversation, enjoy a dinner, or take a walk through the park?

The problem of loneliness in aging does not always fall on the younger members of the Masonic family; sometimes the elderly bring loneliness upon themselves. They've spent their lives looking after others as well as themselves. While they appreciate help, they still want to feel they are capable of taking care of themselves and running their own lives. Neighbors and others seeking to reach out are sometimes turned away for this very reason. The elderly have just as much right to keep their pride as the younger population does. Sometimes, though, the elderly can be a bit more stubborn. They've seen more of life, they've been more weathered by pains and hardships, and now they're facing their last years alone.

It's true that some of the elderly may isolate themselves, but it does not mean that inside they are not reaching out for comfort and companionship. Many times actions do speak louder than words. If you are live nearby to an elderly member, you could mow their lawn, shovel their walk, or bring over a warm, home-cooked meal. If nothing else you could simply pick up the phone and give an elderly relative or friend a call.

Don't leave those you care about confined to the empty loneliness of their own home. Make it a point to visit these elderly members of the Fraternal family or give them a call. After everything so many of the older members of your Lodges Chapters and Courts have contributed to our nation, our communities, and our families, we should at the very least give them the courtesy of friendship. There is no cure for loneliness but companionship and love. No one should

have to leave this world alone.

If you are not sure how to go about visiting with an aging family member or perhaps someone you don't know very well, there is a document on our website with some good sense information about visiting with the elderly <http://Masonicoutreachservices.org/volunteer.html>



If you have questions or comments about this article, please feel free to contact Mary Craves-Hollands at Masonic Outreach Services at 206-878-8434/1-800-820-4630 Ext. 101 or [mcraves-hollands@mrcwa.org](mailto:mcraves-hollands@mrcwa.org).

Mary Craves-Hollands  
 Program Director

**O**utreach Services can help open doors for those who are growing older, are alone, or find themselves in circumstances which could be improved if they had help from within their own communities. Visit our website for articles of interest. More information are available just by following the link below:  
<http://Masonicoutreachservices.org/articles.html>

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obeyed. If there was ever a question we were to ask one of the old timers who wore a blue or purple aprons and always resided on the north side of the Lodge room. Woe to the one who failed to follow this sage advice. This system worked well for many years. Then the times began to change and so did the Washington Masonic Code. Many of our members were not able to keep up with the changes and the old system began to break down. The Masonic Research and Education Committee came to our rescue and a little later the Leadership Training Committee was also formed. I began to accumulate books of Masonic instruction and helped to train the new members and officers.

I took the PiLM for the first time in 2001. It was a long and tedious course and it required the use of the old 5" by 8" WMC with no index pages. It took forever to complete and as I remember it was almost two years before I obtained the results. I later discovered that my exam resided on someone's bulletin board for most of that time. The New PiLM is fully automated and is located on the Grand Lodge Web site under training. It is a new format and can be completed in about two hours. It can also be broken down into smaller segments and taken in several sessions. When it is completed the applicant will select submit and the graded results will be available in about 60 seconds. Upon completion the appropriate persons are automatically notified. A certificate will be sent to the applicant's DDGM for presentation when the ritual proficiency is completed. It has been suggested that a lapel pin to signify the completion of the course would be a great idea and we are currently working on this.

Some of the other projects currently in process are an update of Deacons Training, New Candidate Education Programs and Mentoring/ Past Master Training. I will provide more information on these and other programs as they develop. Our committee looks forward to working with all of the members to help improve Masonic training and understanding within our Jurisdiction. Please feel free to contact me or any member of the committee with any ideas or suggestions.

Fraternally,

VWB Charles Compton, Jr.  
 Chairman

## Junior Grand Warden Candidate

### VWB Charles R. Davis

I am the best candidate for Junior Grand Warden because I have the leadership and administrative skills that are needed in the Grand Line. I have these skills because of my experience in Masonry, the Army and in my civilian work life.

I am a Past Master of my Lodge (Richland Lodge No.283) and am the current secretary, starting my fourth year. I have had committee appointments in Grand Lodge for more than twenty years, am a Past Deputy of the Grand Master in District #23 and have been appointed Grand Orator, Grand Historian, Grand Bible Bearer (twice) and Grand Standard Bearer. I have been on the By-Laws Committee for three years (plus serving as Chairman of the committee for MW Preston Stedman), so I have a good working knowledge of the basics of Lodge operation and a good knowledge of the Washington Masonic Code. I was the secretary of the Richland Masonic Temple Corporation for more than ten years and am currently the secretary of the District 23 Masters, Wardens and Secretaries Club and the Lower Yakima Valley Past Master's Association (and I confer the Past Master's degree). I have been the chairman of the Grand Lodge resolution committee for my Lodge for twenty years (this committee reviews the resolutions submitted for consideration at Grand Lodge and recommends to the Lodge on how we should vote on them). I am also a good ritualist; I give the Entered Apprentice and Master Mason lectures and have taken most parts in all of the degrees. I have competed the Proficiency in Lodge Management twice, the first time when I was Senior Warden and the second time after the 2003 revision of the Washington Masonic Code.

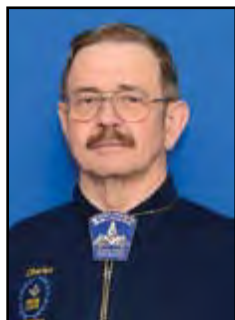
In the Army Reserve I have been a detachment sergeant, drill sergeant, instructor and the First Sergeant of a company; all of which require both leadership and administrative skills.

I worked at Hanford for twenty-five years and worked in security, operations, administration and for five years was the building administrator for the oldest active nuclear facility in the world.

I have worked for the Washington State Patrol since 2005 as a Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Officer and am currently the lead worker and assistant supervisor for a ten officer interior detachment with responsibility for all of the southern part of the state from Yakima County to Clarkston. I have also worked in Compliance Review (investigating trucking companies) which is extremely heavy in paperwork.

Overall, my experience in leadership roles and in administration makes me the best candidate for Junior Grand Warden.

Charles R. Davis



## Junior Grand Warden Candidate

### VWB James H. Kendall

It will be up to the brethren voting at the Annual Communication to determine which of the candidates is best equipped to serve as Junior Grand Warden, and eventually, Grand Master.

Perhaps it would be better to rephrase the question: "What skills and experience do you have that qualifies you to successfully perform the duties of Junior Grand Warden, and eventually Grand Master?"

The position of Grand Master requires executive skills and experience beyond simple "management" or long service. I bring strong, successful experience in management and leadership that are quite broad and span the gamut from military, to civil government, to private business, to non-profit, to community, and to fraternal organizations. As I have progressed from young enlisted man to junior officer, to command authority in the military, and later to executive positions in business, civil government, fraternal, business ownership and non-profit boards of directors, I have developed the deep conviction that protecting and encouraging your fellows and coworkers is the single most important task a successful leader must accomplish.

As Officer in Charge (OIC) at the Atlantic Undersea Test and Evaluation Center (AUTC) I was specifically charged with the oversight and management of the safe operations of submarine, surface, and air elements during complex operations on the underwater range. Range Safety is of paramount importance when modern nuclear submarines are operating on a simulated war footing against surface and air assets honing their Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) skills. Part of my duties included briefing high ranking dignitaries on the operations of the Range in support of fleet, scientific, and national security interest operations (including anti-drug interdiction operations with the USAF, DEA and US Coast Guard). These visitors included the Secretary of the Navy, Commandant of the Marine Corp, ABC News Pentagon Correspondent, Congressional Staff and the US Ambassador to the Bahamas. Each of them was unfailingly polite with their juniors, and concerned with their welfare. "What you have seen praiseworthy in others you should carefully emulate; and what in them may have appeared defective, you should in yourselves amend." Following the example of those I interacted with has been a positive influence in my dealings with my co-workers and brethren. (AUTC was awarded the Navy Unit Commendation for outstanding performance during this time.)

As a Better Business Bureau Arbitrator, I am required to set aside, as much as possible, any personal leanings and to base my decisions solely on the evidence presented in the issue being arbitrated. I am specifically not allowed to use any personal experiences similar to the matter in dispute to color my decision. I have been conducting BBB Arbitrations for nearly twenty years without a single complaint that I failed to maintain impartiality, or failed to give full hearing to each party in the dispute.

It is my intent to treat everyone I meet with respect (all joshing aside) and with the assumption that they are on the level. I will continue to treat each as being honest and well intentioned until proven otherwise. There are always two sides to every story and if I only listen to one side I am not upholding my duty to myself or to them, to be as fair and honest as possible.

Respectfully submitted:

VWB James H. Kendall





## Junior Grand Warden Candidate

### VWB Charles Tupper

**W**hy do you believe you are the best candidate for the position.

For the past several years I have traveled extensively throughout our Grand Jurisdiction visiting Lodges and listening to the Brothers in these Lodges. I believe that I have a good understanding of what our members expect and want from our Grand Lodge. I don't think it is the job of the elected officers to tell the craft what to do. Rather I believe that it is the job of these elected officers to listen to and help the Lodges in any way they can. Whatever it is that is needed is what should be supplied. It is the job of our elected officers to serve and to lead. The two are not mutually exclusive.

Many Lodges have special events that they do year after year and many of these prefer to have a Grand Lodge elected officer present at them. This does not happen nearly as much as it could or should. I would work to change this not just for a year but for the entire time it takes to advance through the elected chairs. There is time during four years to visit every Lodge in Washington and to regularly attend events.

Behind the scenes business issues have to be dealt with and I have a background in business. As a business manager I have dealt with issues such as personnel, property, deadlines, societal changes, regular reports, and budgets. I would prefer to let the Grand Secretary deal with these issues as he is the Chief Operating Officer of our Jurisdiction. I would ask for regular reports on what is happening at his desk and offer help when necessary. I would then provide information on the state of our business affairs to the Lodges as I believe that an educated electorate will make better decisions when Grand Lodge comes. An abbreviated précis on issues is not, in my opinion, as good as ongoing knowledge of issues and problems.

The business of Grand Lodge is what it is. Some of it depends on the Lodges doing what they are required to do by the laws of our land. I do not expect that the Grand Lodge will have to deal with these issues nearly as much as they have in the past few years. I would be very pleased if I do not have to deal with them but if it becomes necessary I will if I become Grand Master. They are time consuming and detract from what we all came to do. Ready compliance without being prodded will make it so the elected officers can get on with the business of being happy and spreading happiness.

I would enforce the code of the Grand Lodge with discretion should I become Grand Master. It is the book of rules that we have all agreed to follow and it is the province of the Grand Master to see that it is so. I would always remember that common sense is important in these issues.

I prefer to get my feet wet and my hands dirty when there is work to be done. I do not ask people to do things I would not do myself. I believe that we are all in this together. We all took the same obligation and owe it to one another to be good unto all. This includes every member of our fraternity, no matter the rank or station. If I am elected I will work each and every day to warrant your trust and to help our Craft.



VWB Charles Tupper

## Junior Grand Warden Candidate

### VWB Warren R. Schoeben

**W**hy I believe I am the best candidate for the position of Junior Grand Warden?

As we meet on the level, I'm sure that my fellow candidates and I have several similar qualifications for the position of Junior Grand Warden. Two of which, having a love for Masonry and the desire to progress our Grand Fraternity forward.

I'm an extremely dedicated Mason, with an immense passion for Masonry. I have the enthusiasm and motivation to do the diligent work needed to successfully lead our Grand Fraternity into the future.

Prior to my appointed positions as Grand Standard Bearer, District Deputy of the Grand Master and now Grand Lecturer, I agreed to fulfill required expectations. I have worked meticulously to insure the requirements were completed and in excellent order. All reports and communications were performed in timely and orderly manner. I have rigorously attempted to attend all Grand Lodge Communications and events throughout my years in Masonry. I was appointed to the CHIPS, Credentials and Membership Development Committees where I gained perspective of their responsibilities and what they provide to our membership. During my two year term as District Deputy, I regularly conducted Lodge Officer workshops, Coordinated multi-District Secretarial and Temple Board workshops. Continuing and improving our Masonic education, to insure skilled and well informed membership, is a genuine ambition of mine.

I served as a Temple Board member for 10 years, where I held the Secretary and Treasurer's positions at separate times. I held the office of Lodge Secretary for four years and currently fill the office of Lodge Treasurer, an office I have held for the past 7 years. I have expanded my knowledge and understanding of the "business aspects" of each. I recognize the responsibilities and significance of being educated in the proficiency needed to perform these offices with thoroughness.

I am currently retired from my profession of 43 years in the metal and building trades, where I often fulfilled the position as supervisor and instructor. I frequently requested to work with apprentices, contributing to their knowledge and understanding of the trade. Assisting in teaching apprentices the skills needed to become qualified future craftsmen was very rewarding.

One of my visions, for the future of the Fraternity relies upon "Communicate to Educate". We are a Craft that takes good men and makes them better. We need to supply all our Brothers with the tools and knowledge needed to succeed as passionate, involved and proud Masons. Through Masonic Education, together with leadership and compassionate mentoring, we can make the difference between making members and creating Masons. Membership cannot be measured by quantity, membership must be measured by quality. In closing, throughout my travels in Masonry and life, I have strived to do my best at whatever the position I have occupied. If given the honor of being selected as your next Junior Grand Warden, I will do my utmost to exceed my Brothers expectations.



Fraternally,  
VWB Warren R. Schoeben

## Events and Activities

### Concert Version 2.0



The 2nd Annual Masonic Concert performed November 16, 2013 by the Bremerton Symphony, and sponsored by the Fraternal Bodies of Kitsap County,

was an unmitigated success. The music was sprightly, the Orchestra in top form, and the "presence" of the fraternity permeated the entire evening.

Starting with the dinner at the Masonic Temple at 5:30 pm of baked salmon or steak, accompanied by a nice wine, and followed by a reception back at the temple with a complimentary Wine and Cheese Pairing and a no host Scotch Tasting, the performance started and finished with conviviality and relaxation.

MWB Bruce E. Vesper, Grand Master of Free & Accepted Masons of Washington was on hand to accept the Sponsor Plaque from VWB Jim Kendall, acting as Past President of the Bremerton Symphony Association and MC. After expressing gratitude to the Season and Concert Sponsors, VWB Kendall asked the past and present fraternal members present to stand and receive a round of applause which was enthusiastically given by an appreciative audience. The various fraternal bodies had displays and tables in the lobby of the theater during intermission, which gave each an opportunity to "tell their story".



RWB Benjamin Franklin, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania (WB Phill Rice, Franklin Lodge No.5)



was again present this year, and provided an outstanding example of the roots of our Fraternity in America. It was so successful that the Music Director has requested that RWB Ben be presented on stage next year, perhaps with MWB George Washington and other Masonic notables.



As part of the performance, VWB Kendall was asked by the Music Director to give a brief account of the fraternity from the stage. Specifically, in view of the proximity to Veterans Day, patriotic music was included as part of the program. VWB Kendall gave a brief description of how the fraternity even crossed the boundaries of battlefields in the American Civil War. His brief oration was

well received and brought out a family history from two of the audience that was truly moving, astounding, and perfectly consistent with our Fraternal Heritage.

Plans are already afoot for Masonic Concert 3.0 in November of 2014. If you missed the first two, you really, really do not want to miss number 3!

Fraternally,

VWB Jim Kendall

## Press Release:

### 2013 3rd annual Masonic Brewfest



If three years makes a tradition it would appear the annual Masonic Brewfest has slid into the tradition category with the third annual event at the Landmark Event Center being a solid success. There was a packed house and 22 brews competing on a blustery day, the power failure 20 minutes into the event seemed to have no effect on the festivities. Competition was stiff as new brew-masters competed against seasoned veterans who have had up to three years to perfect their offerings.

First place went to Grandview Lodge No. 191 who also picked up Best Service. Grand View was the 2011 winner. Second place went to Western Cascade No. 61 and Third went to F.S. Land No. 313, last year's first place winner. No word yet on the date and location of next years event.

Photo and story submitted by  
 WB Todd Johnstone



## Lodge Directions File for Your

### Navigation Device

Many of us have had the unhappy experience of being out of town, wanting to visit the local Lodge in an unfamiliar area, and not being able to find it. Even if we look up the address on Google maps and get directions it isn't always easy to find the building. Sometimes those directions will even take us to the wrong end of the town in which the Lodge resides. Those days are over!



VWB Charles Tupper and WB Todd Johnstone have developed a "Points of Interest" or "POI" file of all of our Lodges in Washington for Garmin and for Android phones. This covers 75% of all the Smart Phones. (iPhone - 15.6%, Blackberry - 4.3%, Windows 2.1%, All Others - 3%) and 47% of the GPS units (Tom Tom - 19%, Magellan - 17%, All Others - 17%) (Stats through 1st quarter 2013). The link to this is found on the "Lodges" page of the new and improved Grand Lodge website. The files come complete with directions for installation with the best selected applications for navigation on Android and what you need for Garmin systems as well. This file will take you right to the front door of any Masonic Lodge building or regular meeting place in Washington State.

VWB Tupper is working on making this file work on the iPhone, Tom Tom, Magellan, and Blackberry. As these tasks are accomplished he will upload the necessary files and directions to the site for your use. If you use one of these keep looking for them. They will be there soon.

### A Visual Look at our Lodges

For the past two years we have had a Grand Lodge Photography website and all pictures taken at Grand Lodge events have been taken and included by our Photography Committee. This year they have added members and now have four excellent photographers around the state to help where needed. We had five but we unfortunately lost Fred "Blackie" Moser in the middle of November.

The Committee is taking head shot photos of everyone at the events that are covered and these are posted in the archive in the section of photos of the event under the heading "Faces." These photos have many uses - not the least of which is putting a picture of a Brother (and of those ladies that attend a function) into your cell phone instead of an avatar or nothing at all for the entries in your phone directory. If you do not wish to have your picture included please tell the photographer and he will pass you by.

If you need a special picture you need, and there is a Grand Lodge Photographer present, ask him to take it for you. He will be happy to assist.

We now have a place for all the photos taken by members of all of our Lodges so that these will be available many years down the road. If your Lodge photographer takes pictures

of your event please have him upload them to the website. There is a small icon in the upper right hand corner of the archive index page that will open a self explanatory upload link. We are especially asking you for both your installation photos and your special event photos.

In addition, if you wish to have a Grand Lodge photographer come to your Lodge to photograph and event or installation please contact VWB Darrel Womack, Committee Chairman,



to get it on our schedule. If we have an opening on that date a committee photographer will be there.

As time passes your Photography Committee becomes more responsive to your needs and your Grand Lodge provides more and more resources and services to help our Fraternity prosper and grow. Working together the future is bright. Please help us all to realize a bright tomorrow.

VWB Charles H Tupper  
 Photography Committee

### Dear Brethren,

The knives you see pictured were purchased on E-bay, for the purpose of a raffle, to benefit the Grand Master's Scholarship Fund. I also wanted to show the Lodges that I have visited, how easy it was to create a fundraiser. The drawing will be at Grand Lodge in June, and the winner will get both Masonic knives. These are perfect knives for those who collect Masonic items. So far, I have received great support from all the Lodges that I have visited. The tickets are \$5 each, and limited to 100 tickets.



Moreover, I ask all the Lodges to support the Grand Master's Scholarship Fund-Raiser. The Grand Master sent out nice Masonic address labels to all the Brethren, asking for donations for our Youth, and we should support this Fund-Raiser as best we can. The Grand Master has a fund-raising goal to reach this year for our Youth, so let us help him "Build a Bridge" of financial support for the education of our Youth, by building them a Scholarship Fund for the future.

Fraternally,  
 WB Nick Pemberton  
 Methow Valley Lodge No. 240



## Directory Listing of Services

The listing below is a Directory Service to provide the brethren with listings of Masons practitioners and service providers for different line of work and disciplines. This is in keeping with the Masonic tradition of promoting each others welfare and together be able to rejoice in each other's prosperity. This publication will continue to build-up this listing until we can establish a better and well organized format to advertise the ad placements. For now the following directory is arranged by order that the placements have been received.

### Directory Listing - December 2013

#### **M & M ENGRAVERS**

Awards & Recognitions

**Badges \* Plaques \* Signs\* Trophies**

**Sublimation: Tiles \* Signs \* Mugs \***

5140 Phillips Rd SE Port Orchard, WA. 98367

Email: mandmengravers@wavecable.com

Telephone: 360. 871. 3372

#### **Ultimate Health For Dogs**

**Liquid Dog Vitamins Formula**

"Protect Your Dog Naturally..."

Order Directly Online at:

[www.UltimateHealthForDogs.com](http://www.UltimateHealthForDogs.com)

360.264.7526

[John@UltimateHealthForDogs.com](mailto:John@UltimateHealthForDogs.com)

#### **Estate Planning and Charitable Giving**

**Frank Selden Law, PS**

Bellevue, WA \* 425.990.1021

[frank@frankseldenlaw.com](mailto:frank@frankseldenlaw.com)

[www.frankseldenlaw.com](http://www.frankseldenlaw.com)

#### **Visual Communication & Graphics Design**

G. Santy Lascano Graphics, LLC

123 Alder Street, Everett WA 98303

Tel. 425.259.8065 or 425.350.5371

Email - [g.santy@comcast.net](mailto:g.santy@comcast.net)

#### **Internet Access, Domain Hosting, Website hosting**

**Telebyte NW Internet Services**

PO Box 3162, Silverdale WA 98383

Tel. 360-613-5220

Email - [info@telebyte.com](mailto:info@telebyte.com)

#### **Adamson and Associates**

**Planning and Management Solutions**

Local Government management studies

Strategic Planning, land use planning

John R. Adamson, President

Phone 253-848-0977

#### **Ashlar Realty**

**A full service real estate company**

1805 Hewitt Ave. Everett, WA 98201

Broker: Boe Lindgren

Tel. 206-391-6224

E-mail: [boe@AshlarRealty.com](mailto:boe@AshlarRealty.com)

#### **1805 Limousine**

**Affordable limousine service for friends**

1805 Hewitt Ave. Everett, WA 98201

Tel. 206-391-6224

Facebook: 1805 LIMO

E-mail: [boe@1805Hewitt.com](mailto:boe@1805Hewitt.com)

#### **www.BoeDeal.com**

**Find savings on cell phones (& service)**

Television, ADT, Gas, & Electric.

1805 Hewitt Ave, Everett, WA 98201

Tel. 206-391-6224

E-mail: [boe@lindgren.com](mailto:boe@lindgren.com)

#### **General Contracting,**

**Renovation and Property Maintenance**

PCS Services WA.

LicNo. PCSSES\*891QA Licensed, Bonded, and Insured

Tel. 360.867.3830 or 360.329.2555

Email - [darrell.masterMason@gmail.com](mailto:darrell.masterMason@gmail.com)

#### **Gentry Custom Remodel**

**Aging in Place Construction**

Kevin E. Gent, Sr. Partner

5001 S. I st, Tacoma 98408

253-921-0834

[Gentry@nventure.com](mailto:Gentry@nventure.com)

[www.GentryCustomRemodel.com](http://www.GentryCustomRemodel.com)

#### **Hardwood flooring installation and refinishing**

**Lane Hardwood Floors / Showroom**

14700 Aurora Ave. N.

Shoreline, WA 98133

206-622-9669

Email: [jeff@lanehardwoodfloors.com](mailto:jeff@lanehardwoodfloors.com)

Website: [www.lanehardwoodfloors.com](http://www.lanehardwoodfloors.com)



#### **Everett Masonic Center**

Space for Rent for Business Office

120 People capacity Party Room w/ Kitchen

234 Olympic Blvd, Everett WA 98201

Email - Pat Marlatt - [patrickmarlatt@comcast.net](mailto:patrickmarlatt@comcast.net)