



# MASONIC TRIBUNE

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**Our sincere  
thanks to all**



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# In this Issue

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## Editorial Note:

Thanks to all the positive remarks that were sent to me about the last issue of this newsletter. I still say I owe it all to the contributors that wrote diligently to provide us with news, information and current events in and around our Masonic Jurisdiction. The online interactive PDF version was well received and a lot of good and positive commentaries were heard, especially from the younger members of the fraternity. The printed copies also received commendable remarks from the brethren. The print quality was excellent and the photographs turned out to be very crisp and clear. Altogether it was a publication that we can be proud of.

I would like to take this opportunity to announce my search for Masonic Artists who would be generous enough to contribute their artwork to our publication. If you have paintings, artwork, sculpture, photographic images or even video files, you can submit to publish them in the Masonic Tribune. Please send the appropriate captions for all your submissions.

I would like to encourage everyone to try to submit articles to make our publication worth receiving, reading and archiving. The more you write, the more we will have good documentation of our Masonic experiences through the years. It is our responsibility to build the archives and put in the records the accomplishments we made to support our fraternity. We want the future generation to have materials to use as basis for their future endeavors.

After this issue, we will be faced with a new Masonic Year, a new beginning. Let us make this system of communication be more effective and efficient. Start writing your articles now, and send them in as soon as they are ready. This is your first notice to send your materials in and the deadlines for submissions are on the 10th of each quarter which will be in the months of September (Fall Issue,) December (Winter Issue,) February (Spring Issue) and May (Summer Issue.) The Masonic Tribune Committee looks forward to working with you during the course of the ensuing Masonic Year.

Faternally,

**G. Santy Lascano, PGM**

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Thank you from the Grand Masters Lady.

Our four year journey is quickly coming to an end. It's been a very exciting and challenging time. I've gained knowledge about the fraternity and have grown with the challenges of balancing my life with family, work, and support of my spouse with his role as Grand Master.

The greatest reward of this adventure is the friendships we've developed. Thank you for being there for us, providing us this wonderful opportunity, and reinforcing my theme. "You've got a friend".

*Patty Sanders*

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# GRAND MASTER MOST WORSHIPFUL BROTHER Michael L. Sanders

## The Reality of a Dream

**A**s my term as Grand Master rapidly comes to a close, I want to thank you, my brothers, for the opportunity you have given me to serve you this past year, for the confidence you had in me, and for the support I consistently received. Words cannot say how wonderful this experience has been. Although there have been far too many negative issues to deal with, frustrations and tears, the good I have seen in my brethren and the warm reception I have enjoyed at each lodge visit and event more than makes up for it. I leave this office with the knowledge that Freemasonry in this great Jurisdiction of Washington is alive and well, and with every confidence that the future is bright.

Our theme this year has been "Believe in the Power of Your Dreams." I am pleased to say that as I have traveled the Jurisdiction I have seen many lodges taking that theme to heart and looking toward the future with hopes and visions, and confidence in their ability to see their dreams come true.

As I have reviewed the Grand Masters Messages from previous years, there are two recurring themes that stand out to me

The first is that our focus must be on the future. The fact is that the Fraternity is going to experience changes, whether we want them or not. We can be like a ship without a rudder, and allow the changes to push us in any direction they want, or we can take charge and create changes that are by design.

As a Fraternity we have been talking about our Long Range Plan for years, but have not placed an emphasis on accomplishing any of the goals that it included. They were just not real to most of us. The priorities of the Fraternity, or Pillars of Progress, were still valid and accepted by all the brethren, but the goals we set never took hold. So, as I progressed through the elected line, I decided to scrap those goals and implement objectives that could be accomplished in two to three years. I went to the other Elected Officers and got their feedback and suggestions on those objectives, so that when they were assigned to our Grand Lodge Committees and published for the Fraternity as a whole, they were not my personal objectives, but our objectives. Before doing this, I had to accept the fact that

although work on these objectives would start during my year as Grand Master, they would not come to fruition until one, two, or even three years after my term has come to an end, and that it was more than likely that when they were completed, others would get the credit. RW Brothers Dean and Bruce understand this concept also, and we have all been willing to work for the good of Freemasonry rather than for individual recognition. In so doing, we have been able to break the mental bonds of 12 month increments of time, and think in terms of the Office of Grand Master, rather than the individual holding that office at a specific point in our ongoing history.

Obviously time will tell if I was successful, but I consider that my greatest accomplishment as Grand Master.

The second theme expressed by our Past Grand Masters is that if we are to increase our membership we must become involved in our communities. Although our actions will tell our neighbors who we are, what we do, and what we stand for, we need to advertise to tell the world where we are.

As part of our objectives, the Membership Development Committee was asked to focus their energies on marketing our Fraternity, and our Public Relations Committee was asked to focus on our name recognition, or branding. For both committees, their emphasis must be on communicating effectively with a new generation of potential Masons. The resignation of the Public Relations Chairman early in the year, and my inability to find a replacement for him, hurt our efforts significantly, but fortunately VW Michael Cuadra and the Membership Development Committee have stepped up to the plate, and we are moving forward in our marketing efforts.

During the year, it was necessary for me to take disciplinary action against some brethren. Making a decision that affects a brother Mason's membership in the Fraternity is the most difficult thing a Grand Master can do, but it is an important part of the office you elected me to. In each case, the decision was not made lightly, but after many hours of reviewing actions, seeking the council of trusted advisors, and asking guidance from the Great Architect of the Universe. All of my decisions were made with the good of the Fraternity as my one and only objective.



## A BRIGHT FUTURE

DEPUTY GRAND MASTER  
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL BROTHER  
Dean W. Heinemann

**T**he future of Freemasonry is bright. Our sun is rising again and we have something of value to offer the next generation. We must stay involved, look to the future and make a positive difference in our communities. An important part of that future is Lodge finances. Another important aspect is a long-term plan. Past generations have given us a great gift whether it is in the form of an endowment, a life insurance policy, a cash gift, property or a building. We need to develop a plan for the future financial health of our Lodges and a plan for where we want to be three years from now. A plan for where we could be five years from now.

Excellence in all that we do whether in Lodge or in ourselves or in our communities; that must be our goal and another one of the gifts we give to the future of our Fraternity. Remember RWB Jerry's words, we must have the "Courage to be Excellent."

Some Lodges have an additional hurdle to overcome and this one bothers me greatly. Too many times we cannot put aside our differences and work together for the common good of the Fraternity. We are caught in an endless circle of bickering and accusations. We are not able to examine a situation without making it personal. It's not about you; it is supposed to be about all of us, the entire membership of our lodge. What is best for them will be best for you. I would ask that we listen to others and value their contribution. There is a reason why we were given two ears and only one mouth; listen twice as much as you talk and it will get better. We must find a way to effectively communicate with all of our Brothers. This is the key to all that we are trying to accomplish.

Our future is bright but sometimes we need to get out of our own way. If we concentrate on our differences, on disputes, on conflict resolution, we leave little time to make a difference. We leave little time to be excellent.

It is time for each of us to make a commitment to our Lodge and to our Brothers; A commitment to become more active in Lodge meetings; A commitment to become more involved in the activities of our Lodges. We still have too many on the membership rolls who are not active members and we need to find out why.

Thank you for your time.

RWB Dean W. Heinemann  
Deputy Grand Master



## Jerry K. Lingle Memorial Ride 2012

August 25, 2012

Greetings to All!

Welcome to [jerryride.org](http://jerryride.org), an open, non sponsored ride, in honor of our departed Senior Grand Warden, Right Worshipful Brother Jerry K. Lingle.

Right Worshipful Brother Jerry's column is broken, and his sudden passing shocked and saddened all who knew him.

Yet, his passion for his beloved Craft, fellowship, charity and motorcycles remains with us. I have been regaled with stories of those who rode with him, to all parts of the jurisdiction. I was looking forward to riding with him myself. While that is no longer possible, I believe that the most honorable thing we can do, as fellow motorcycle enthusiasts and Masons is to embark on an annual ride in his honor.

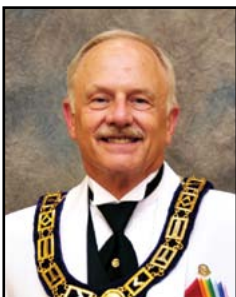
Riding the route is free, with the proceeds from the meals benefiting the Lodges chosen Charities. The proceeds from the merchandise offered will be donated, at the request of the Lingle Family, to the Shriner's Children's Hospitals.

We are asking that you pre-purchase for both the meals at the various stops and the merchandise you would like to have. In this way, the funds can be sent to the lodges for the meals, and we will have a count of how many are expected and where. We all know how helpful that is to the brother doing the meal preparation. We are also asking all those interested in purchasing merchandise, to do so prior to July 31st, 2012, so that we may order, and have delivered to your selected stop, your merchandise. There is also a link to pre purchase tickets for the Ferry Sailing.

Most of all, I look forward to the fellowship of all who attend and Fellowship, above all, is what made our Right Worshipful Brother such a beautiful Man and Mason.

Respectfully and Fraternally,

[Jerrysride.org](http://Jerrysride.org)





## Changes

Over the last year, I have been going through a great number of changes in my life, with getting elected as Junior Grand Warden, then moved up to Senior Grand Warden with RWB Jerry's passing. I've tried through all of them not to allow me to change the basic person that I was, though I understand that there are some changes that come without wanting them. One of the hardest for me is changing how I do some things in my interpersonal actions.

For those who have known me for a while, you know that I prefer to be places well ahead of the start time, and have in a few instances arrived at the meeting place while the stewards are still cooking and setting up for refreshments before a meeting. I always love this opportunity, as I get to talk with some of the younger Masons (at least experience-wise) in the fraternity, and the comments are always enlightening. I also just enjoy helping out, even if it is just helping set the tables, as it feels to me what Masonry is all about on at least one level. I'm also working hard to get over feeling guilty about being forced to be the first in line for meals, as my old military training made me a big believer that you don't get to eat until the troops are taken care of. But as I said earlier, sometime you have to make changes.

Change is inherent in living. As much as it is something we all want to resist, the world around us is changing, and we can either learn to accept the changes that must come, or get ready to be buried under a world that will eventually sweep us away with the changes. So often I have talked with brethren in the craft who want to return the world to what it was back when they entered the craft. And the people who don't understand why we need to keep our books so that if something happens, someone else can pick them up and understand where we were. Brothers who think that we can just turn the clock back to a simpler time, when we didn't have to do all the things that are now requirements. Or the worst of the lot, those who insist because their fathers or grandfathers didn't need to do thing the way they are now, that they don't have to either.

One of my old Past Masters from my lodge



talked about when he first started driving, he took an RCMP Mountie out in his father's Model T truck while he did his milk deliveries, and after watching this brother perform for several hours, decided that he was sufficiently conversant with driving so that he got his license in the Yukon. This brother often talked about how the Mountie wasn't able to drive, but evaluated him doing so, and after watching for a while, was convinced he was good to go. Within a few more years, there was a more formal program for licensing established, and it grew and became even more formalized as time went on. And this brother knew why it was necessary, with vehicles getting more powerful and faster, and more drivers out on the road, it was necessary to ensure that all could drive safely and efficiently.

Yet even with all this, we so often have those who either reject necessary change, or deny that change has taken place, or worst of all, insist that we can just roll the clock back by ignoring change. Change is going to be with us, all through our lives. We can learn to look at the changes that we are being asked to make, and accept the necessary changes, or figure out how to avoid them. Often this last point means that we either drop out of something, or we can just pass on, and the changes won't affect us anymore. But change is something that is here, something that we have to learn to live with, accommodate, or get run over by.

My question to each of you out there is, how are you going to deal with necessary changes?

RWB Bruce E. Vesper  
 Senior Grand Warden (pro tem)

## 2011 Twain Award Recipient

Congratulations to Daylight Lodge #232 for being a 2011 Recipient of the Twain Award. This annual award is presented by the Masonic Service Association of North America to recognize outstanding performance and Masonic Awareness both within the lodge and through the greater community.

Lodges that want to apply for the 2012 Twain Awards can download the entry form from the MSA website: [www.msana.com](http://www.msana.com)





# GRAND SECRETARY RIGHT WORSHIPFUL BROTHER

**David P. Owen**



## Why RULES????

**B**rothers how many of you believe that as Masons there is a set of rules we follow? Yes, most of you do and agree with the laws and principles of Masonry. The sad part is that some Masons do not.

This year there have been four, yes four, lawsuits filed against the Grand Lodge or officers of the Grand Lodge serving in their official capacity. Three deal with compliance of Masonic Law and the fourth is not really a noncompliance violation.

The rule of law in Masonry is no different than society. What is really sad is that as a Mason we all volunteer to comply with the rule but do not. Recently in Seattle a group of anarchists destroyed private and public property. Anarchy is a state of lawlessness. We do not live in Plato's Utopia, Magnesia. Lawless societies do not exist. So if you do not like the rule(s) or are unwilling to take time to familiarize yourself with Masonic Rules, find another thing to belong to.

Masonry has rules and we are obligated to follow them. It may be I do not like a specific rule, but sorry about that. There are many rules I do not like in society but ... Why is it that Masons break the rules? I think much of it has to do with ignorance about the law(s).

Another function of our Great Craft is a degree of respect for men in positions of authority. In the military the old cliché was "I salute the rank not the man." It is out of respect we recognize authority and in some cases law governs the relationship. The Grand Master or the Deputy of the Grand Master is owed the respect of their office as are the other officers in Masonry. In fact do we not have an obligation to treat each other in some higher regard than just another person? Yes. To disrespect our Grand Master does in a way lead to a degree of lawlessness. It cannot be tolerated and so if you find yourself in conflict with the law or the man, take time to be circumspect and not on the outside looking back in. Masonic discipline is a necessity and cannot be underutilized when dealing with lawlessness.

I find myself writing this article as a result of the various lawsuits and Masons who believe we do not have a standard or code of conduct that governs Masonry. So Why Rules? Simple, it is a civil process of applying standards amongst a society or group of people in an attempt to create the greatest good. In some cases it may seem unfair but in the long run we all benefit from the rule(s).

RWB David P. Owen  
 Grand Secretary

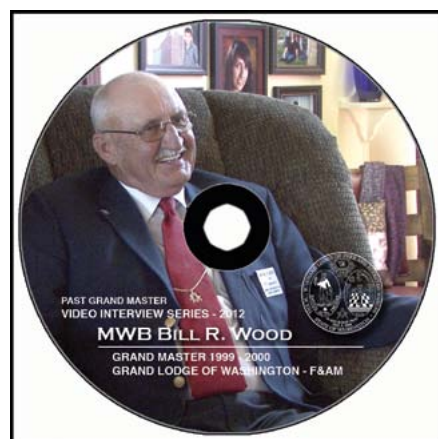
## Past Grand Master's

### Video Interview Series

Mid term of Masonic year 2011 a project was launched to create video interviews of all the living Past Grand Masters. It was conceived so we can capture from their own words the legacy that occur during their terms of office. These video footage are edited, enhanced, titled and archived and will be made available to the craft for viewing and for use as presentations in lodge meetings and other events. Streaming media versions will be available for downloading in the Grand Lodge Web Site. DVD copies will also be available for purchase from the Grand Lodge office.



*Click on the Filmstrip to  
 play the Streaming Video.*



VWB Bud Cook is in charged of the project together with MWB G. Santy Lascano, who is behind the camera and is responsible for editing the final product for release to the fraternity. VWB Bud does the organization of the questions to be asked and performs a behind the scenes preparation to make the Past Grand Masters comfortable to answer the questions during the interview process. There is a lot to capture in this 25 to 30 minute interview which sometimes ends up to be extended to be able to accommodate relevant information conveyed by the interviewee.

Since the project was initialized, there have been 7 interviews accomplished. These video recordings will be available for viewing at the Annual Communication. We hope you enjoy watching these videos and that you can study and profit from the experiences our Past Grand Masters had gone in their journey to the Grand East. They will relate you with their vision, which will serve as your guidance in your future endeavors in promoting the success of this, our beloved fraternity.

Grand Lodge of Washington  
 PGM History Project Committee



## The Reality of a Dream

Our Jurisdiction was hit with a particularly hard blow on August 19, 2011 when we learned that our Senior Grand Warden, RW Jerald K. Lingle, had completed his mission here on earth and was called home to serve in the Celestial Lodge. Many tributes have and are yet to be paid to this gentle giant, so I will simply say this: Jerry was a good friend, and I miss him.

Jerry's passing not only left a hole in our hearts, but also in the Fraternity. As much as I wanted to grieve the loss of my friend, in the days and weeks following his death, my most pressing concern was how to fill that hole. The Washington Masonic Code does not address the loss of an elected officer other than the Grand Master, and certainly not one who is in his second or third year in the line. I researched our history for a precedent, spoke at length with the other elected officers, and sought the council of our Past Grand Masters. I heard many different ideas on how we could proceed, some solicited and some not, but at the end of the day the decision had to be mine. I made the decision to leave the Senior Grand Warden position vacant, but to allow our Junior Grand Warden, RW Bruce Vesper, to appear on the ballot at the next Annual Communication for the office of Deputy Grand Master, and to elect both a Junior and Senior Grand Warden. Because the deadline for filing for Junior Grand Warden is September 1, and is specified in the WMC, I did not feel it would be appropriate to leave that open for a longer period, but did allow brethren who wanted to be considered for Senior Grand Warden to have until November 1, 2011, to file their statement of availability.

It was assumed by many that I would immediately advance our Junior Grand Warden to the vacant Senior Grand Warden position. I did not feel that would be fair to RW Bruce to suddenly have additional responsibilities thrust upon him while he was still getting accustomed to the new world an elected officer finds himself in. Going through the elected line is more than just a process; it is a journey that should be experienced by progressing through each of the four offices. RW Bruce cheerfully remained in the Junior Grand Warden's chair until March 3, 2012 when I appointed him Senior Grand Warden pro tem. On May 1, 2012 I appointed our good friend and brother VW John R. Sleeth, Junior Grand Warden pro tem for the remainder of this Masonic year.

One of the great joys I have had this year has been spending time with the young people in our three youth organizations. I am a firm believer in the good that DeMolay, Job's Daughters, and Rainbow Girls do for the youth of our communities. Unfortunately, it costs money to operate these organizations and I am concerned that many young men and women are not able to fully par-

ticipate because their families cannot afford the cost. For reasons I can only speculate on, the annual appeal for donations made by the Grand Master did not produce enough money to cover our costs, so The Grand Master's Fundraiser for the Youth became my top fundraising effort during the year. Many of you opened up your wallets and made donations or purchased the ties, tie tacks, and clocks we offered for sale. The final numbers are not in at the time of this writing, and although we probably will not hit my goal of donating \$10,000 dollars to each youth organization, we will be able to give them each a very substantial gift. You each have my sincere gratitude for your generosity.

At the beginning of this article, I spoke of the recurring messages of our previous Grand Masters. I would like to repeat the admonitions of three that each had a profound effect on my Masonic career. I served as a Deputy of the Grand Master for two of them and as Grand Lecturer for the third.

MW Richard Mecartea instructed us to take charge of our destiny and Shape the Future.

MW Robert Van Zee inspired us to have a vision and Focus on the Future.

MW James N. Reid encouraged us to Live the Vision

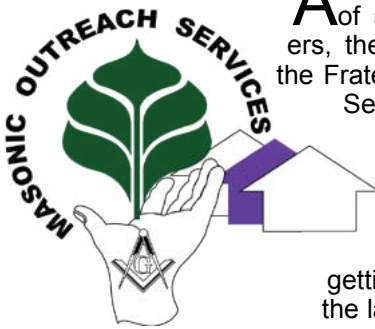
The message I have had for you all year, and that I want to leave with you is that it all begins with a dream.

I am asking you to allow yourself to dream of what could be. I am asking you to go to work to make your dreams become a reality. And most importantly; I am asking you to Believe in the Power of Your Dreams.

Fraternally Submitted,

MWB *Michael L. Sanders*  
Grand Master





As they begin the third year of serving the older Brothers, their wives and widows in the Fraternity, Masonic Outreach Services is excited to present a program they feel is of great importance to our widows. The new Widow Support Program is focused on getting the word out to all of the ladies who have been left to continue their work after their

husbands have gone on to their assignment with the Great Architect of the Universe. Outreach Services wants to be sure that all widows know how to reach them in their times of need.

Mary has asked the Masonic Outreach Services Ambassadors to try and obtain the list of widows in each Lodge along with their addresses and phone numbers (emails would be great as well). Outreach Services is gathering this information in an attempt to reach out to the widows who have not heard about their services. As Outreach Services is growing and developing more and more programs, we want to be sure that word gets out to everyone – not just those who attend a presentation about Outreach Services.

The Outreach Services staff recognizes that many times widows are left with half the income they are used to and even less support. They want to find out what would be helpful to the Ladies besides being treated to a lovely dinner on those special occasions the Lodge holds to honor them. But that information can only be gathered from those that are impacted by the loss of their husband. We need to know who the widows are and how Outreach Services can reach out to them. In developing this new program, Outreach Services is beginning to partner with other Masonic groups who feel the same way about serving widows and they are challenging other groups to join in as well.

One group that has come to the table is the Widows Sons, a Masonic motorcycle group, who would like to pitch in and assist widows across the jurisdiction with some of those chores Brothers used to perform before their passing. This assistance would include cleaning, yard work and other types of deferred maintenance. The Widows Sons has endorsed and is financially supporting the Masonic Outreach Services (MOS) newly established Widows Support Program. Other motorcycle groups are welcome to join in by contacting Mary Craves-Hollands, Director of Masonic Outreach Services, to express their interest. Mary is setting up a designated fund just for widows so that the various projects can be supported financially as well.

Mary would really like to hear from other groups who are formed around recreational or other activities who would enjoy working on this new program with her. Use your imagination – get a group of brothers together and let her know what you would like to do. Once Outreach Services receives the list of the widow's names, the Out-

reach Services staff will be sending out an informational packet to the Ladies who are widows to introduce the programs and see if they would like to participate. Staff will then begin contacting any of the ladies who express interest in having some type of work done and set up a schedule for the volunteers to follow.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Mary at 206-878-8434 Ext. 101 or [mcraves-hollands@mrcwa.org](mailto:mcraves-hollands@mrcwa.org).



Mary Craves-Hollands  
 Program Director

## Leaving a Legacy

Our fraternity is timeless. We expect it to be here long after our brief time on earth is over. However, our current giving programs too often focus solely on the here and now, not on tomorrow. Think for a moment about the brethren who preceded you in the Craft. If not for their vision and commitment to the future, where would we be today? Now think for a moment about the brethren who will come after you. What will we do in the current generation to ensure that Freemasonry will be here for future generations?

One answer is the Planned Giving Program that has been presented at the Regional Communications.

With a Planned Giving Program, we send the optimistic message that we will be here tomorrow to reach new brethren; we will be here tomorrow to encourage those brethren to put their gifts to work; we will be here tomorrow to put our words into action; we will be here tomorrow to do our part to benefit humanity. Gifts to such programs literally do "keep on giving," leaving a legacy to our family, our friends, our fraternity.

Planned gifts can also offer very tangible benefits such as:

- Providing lifetime income for you and, if you wish, another beneficiary, giving you immediate tax relief
- Enabling you to turn low-yielding assets into a higher income stream
- Reducing estate taxes

Once established, the Planned Giving will open up avenues of participation previously unavailable to the Craft such as electronic funds transfer and payroll deduction. Additionally, as the Planned Giving Program will be part of the proposed new 501c3, we open up the possibility of receiving matching gifts from employers throughout the state. You will also be able to remember the work of our Grand Lodge in your will or living trust.



Moving from the initial charter of developing the framework of a program, the Planned Giving Task Force is already working on presentations and webinars on topics such as "Gifting of Appreciated Stock," "Including the work of your Lodge or the Grand Lodge in your Estate," "Gifting of Real Estate," and "Establishing a Trust;" as well as taking the initial steps to become part of charitable giving campaigns offered by employers throughout our jurisdiction.

As stated, Planned Giving is about leaving a legacy. A legacy whereby you can continue to make a difference in the lives that follows, even if you & your love for the craft can only be fondly remembered in the hearts of your brethren.



VWB Jim Mendoza  
Chairman  
Planned Giving Committee

## Dreams of My Old Masonic Home

**H**ave you visited the Masonic Home in Zenith? It's a beautiful building with a beautiful view. Near Seattle and visible from Tacoma, it's been there for a long time, thanks to the vision and care of our Washington Masonic ancestors. But it won't always be there, not if we don't continue to care for it like those who have done so before us.

On the outside this magnificent structure has a majestic castle-like appearance surrounded by landscaped gardens and picnic hide-a-ways. On the inside you'll find a lobby or sitting room that holds memories of forgotten years. There's a library just filled with treasures. A dining hall, not so romantic, but filled with memories of our long-gone but not forgotten brothers and sisters who shared their final years with one another and with their families (if they had families) who would occasionally visit as did brothers from distant or not-so-distant Lodges.

Upstairs, up a winding rise, you'll discover a giant Lodge room or entertainment room that one of our Lodges still calls home. Corridors of rooms, once filled with seniors in their closing years, now stand empty with only their



memories.

What a magnificent structure. It's ours, but how long will it remain as a member of our fraternity only time will tell. But probably not much time. Still, we make use of it in a variety of ways - our Outreach Services program still calls this home. Hospitals in the area refer a few of their rehabilitating and transitioning patients here to heal and prepare for their return to their own homes in their own communities. Businesses hold regional meetings or seminars. We in the fraternity hold occasional celebrations.

We still have a responsibility to care for our Home and for this beautiful building. Your contributions to the Masonic Home Endowment Fund helps us keep its doors open and its roof repaired and its lights on as well as to support the programs of Outreach Services that replaced the retirement living in this old and beloved Home.

The Masonic Home Endowment Fund, originally designed to provide monies for the residents of our Masonic Home, now raises money for the broader purpose of providing for our elderly in the Outreach Services program. Residents no longer have put down roots at the Masonic Home, but have spread throughout our Washington jurisdiction. Support of the Masonic Home Endowment Fund helps continue our commitment to provide our eligible brethren access to services and resources they need to stay healthy and safe in their own homes or retirement community.

You can help our brothers and keep our beautiful Masonic Home alive by including the Masonic Home Endowment Fund in your estate planning. Talk to your family and your planning advisor today.

The Masonic Home of Washington was originally built in Puyallup in 1911. The Zenith (Des Moines) site was chosen in 1924 because of its picturesque view and proximity to Seattle. It was completed in June 1927. The majestic castle-like design made the building a landmark in Zenith, and visible even from Tacoma.



VWB Jim Russell  
Chairman  
Masonic Home Endowment Fund



Cordially invite you  
 to our  
**ANNUAL PICNIC**  
 to be held  
 on July 28, 2012, Noon to 3 P.M.  
 at the  
**Olympia Masonic Center**  
 521 North St. SE  
 Tumwater, WA

On the Menu:  
 Hamburgers, Chips, Hot Dogs  
 Ice Cream, Potato Salad, Soft Drinks

Cost: \$7.00 per person  
 Children 12 and under free.

Come join your Brethren, Families and Friends  
 in some good old fashioned fellowship.

The Grand Master, MWB Dean W. Heinemann,  
 promises to be in attendance.

## Does Your Lodge's Insurance Cover Crisis Management Expenses?

Today's realities suggest that unusual and unexpected events can lead to a financial crisis for any Masonic Lodge. The costs associated with managing these crisis are typically *not insured* by standard insurance policies.

### Examples of Unusual and Unexpected Events are:

- The Identity Theft Expenses for Directors and Officers
- Terrorism Travel Expenses
- Emergency Real Estate Consulting Fees
- Temporary Meeting Space Reimbursement
- Workplace Violence Counseling
- Kidnap Expense
- Key Individual Replacement Expenses
- Image Restoration and Counseling
- Donation Assurance
- Business Travel
- Conference Cancellation expenses
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Region 5 Communication in Federal Way

On Saturday May 5, 2012 the Region 5 Communication was held in at Thornton F. McElroy Lodge, No. 302, in Federal Way, WA. District Deputies, Lodge Officers, and Masons from Districts 13, 14, and 15 were in attendance. The day started with a strong showing as the gathering nearly packed the lodge.

MW Michael L. Sanders and other Grand Lodge officers and committeemen hosted discussion sessions with each District and side meetings presenting information on Planned Giving, Leadership and Education, the Library and Museum, the Photography Archive and Lodge Financial Management. Some of the proposed resolutions were also discussed and Candidates for the Grand South and West were introduced.

Visitors feasted throughout the day on a variety of mini sandwiches, fruits, and snacks. The day concluded with a final gathering on the level forming a panorama two people deep in many places.

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## District No. 4

### Holiday Celebration

**M**emorial Day, an American holiday observed on the last Monday of May, honors men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. The traditional observance, however, has somewhat diminished over the years. Many people have forgotten the meaning and traditions of Memorial Day. In some cemeteries, the graves of the fallen are increasingly ignored and sometimes neglected. While there are towns and cities that still hold Memorial Day parades, many have not had one in decades. Some people think the day is for honoring all dead, not just those who had fallen in service to our country.

Many citizens mistakenly believe that this special holiday is the same as Veterans Day which honor all American veterans, both living and dead. Veterans Day which is celebrated on November 11th of each year is largely intended to thank LIVING veterans for dedicated and loyal service to their country. It is a day that we ensure veterans know that we deeply appreciate the sacrifices they have made to keep our country free.

For decades, Memorial Day continued to be observed on May 30th. But in 1968 Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act, which established Memorial Day as the last Monday in May in order to create a three-day weekend for federal employees: the change went into effect in 1971.

It is unclear where exactly this tradition originated; numerous different communities may have independently initiated the memorial gatherings. However, the declaration of the federal government in 1966 of Waterloo, New York as the birthplace of Memorial Day has validated their tradition of celebrating this event since May 5, 1866. This city has been playing host to this annual community-wide event, during which businesses closed and residents decorated the graves of soldiers with flowers and flags.



Masons across our country are steadfast in their tradition to honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice to serve and ensure our freedom. Cities and towns in the United States host Memorial Day parades each year,

often incorporating military personnel and members of veterans administration. Some of the largest parades take place in Chicago, New York and Washington D.C.

On a less somber note, many feel that when congress made the change into a three-day weekend, it made it all the easier for people to be distracted from the spirit and meaning of the day. No doubt, this has contributed greatly to the general public's nonchalant observance of Memorial Day as people tend to gear up for their summer time activities, e.g., picnic, camping and traveling.

As I write this article, I am trying to collect my thoughts and thinking on how to say "Thanks" to my Dad, an Army veteran, when I visit his grave this Memorial Day weekend.



Fraternally,  
 VWB Neil Quinn  
 DDGM in District No.4



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## District News & Reports

### District No. 8

During the past two months, District No.8 Lodges have conferred numerous EA Degrees and I would like to once again extend a warm welcome to each of our new Brothers to the Fraternity. Our Concordant Bodies were also busy with their Installation of Officers and we congratulate each of the groups and extend to their officers our best wishes for a joyous year. On May 5th Sul-Monroe Lodge No.160 hosted their Annual Grand Master's Roast that was held at Centennial Lodge, No.25, in Snohomish.



It was a very enjoyable evening for Roasting (gag gifts included: see picture), toasting, fellowship and a meal fit for a king (or Grand Master).



As the school year is approaching its end; Lodges have been busy acknowledging students that have excelled, with their Jr.-Sr. Achievement Scholarship Awards. A teacher from the Arlington High School District was selected by the Public Schools Outreach Committee as the recipient of the Educator of the Year Award. On May 8th, Arlington High School held their Annual Scholarship Awards Night during which time Mr. Jim Basset was presented with the Outstanding Educator of the Year Award from Arlington Lodge, No.129. Mr. Basset (see picture: included

are Br. Larry Foley, chairman of the Arlington Scholarship Committee and WB George Fischer of the Public Schools Outreach Committee) was also presented with the Grand Lodge Educator of the Year Award that was accompanied with a check for \$1,000.00. Teacher Jim Basset was honored for his contribution to the Robotics Club, teaching of Robotic at Weston High School and providing technical support in areas such as creating the Basmati software for teachers to use in grading students. Mr. Basset also teaches mathematics and video game programming and is the Network Manager/Developer for the Technology Department for the Arlington School District.

Upcoming events include the Arlington Lodge, No.129 4th of July Parade beginning in downtown Arlington at 4:00 PM. August 4th will begin with a pancake breakfast served from 7:00-10:00 AM at Damascus Lodge, No.199, in Granite Falls. Following breakfast, at 10:00 AM, the Open Air Degree (MM Degree) will begin at the Masonic Park in Granite Falls for which Robert Burns Lodge No. 243 will be the host Lodge for this year's event. The park consists of 245 acres of beautifully wooded land on Canyon Creek and is located in the foothills of the Cascade Mountains. I encourage everyone to visit us on this special day and observe what the park has to offer. On August 18th, Skykomish Lodge, No. 259, will have their Railroad Degree beginning with a 12:00 lunch. A non-sponsored motorcycle run in honor of RW Jerry K. Lingle will take place on August 25th and will be open to all riders. The event will begin at Union City Lodge, No.27, in Shelton, WA and conclude at Nooksack Lodge, No.105, in Nooksack, WA. All information in regards to this event including times, route, meals, merchandise etc: can be found on ([jerrysride.org](http://jerrysride.org)). August 23rd will be the start of the Evergreen State Fair in Monroe which will run through Labor Day on September 3rd. Lodges of District No. 8 and District No. 9 join together to promote a Masonic Information Booth. If you're taking in the fair, be sure to come and see us at the booth. I ask the Brethren to help support these events during our summer break. For those Lodges that go dark, encourage your members to visit Lodges that continue to meet throughout the summer. In closing, I would like to thank each of the Lodges and all of the Brethren of District No. 8 for their support during my first year as your Deputy of the Grand Master. I look forward to being the representative of the Grand Master in the upcoming year and serving and assisting each of you as much as your necessities require and my ability permits. Have a safe and enjoyable summer and I hope to see each of you in Lodge and at the upcoming events.



Fraternally,  
 VWB Warren Schoeben  
 DDGM in District No.8



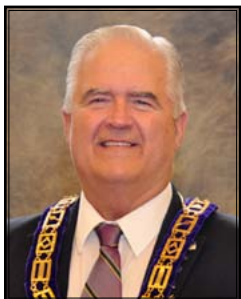
## District No. 9

The year is almost over and it has been a real pleasure and honor to be the Deputy of the Grand Master in District #9. I thank all of the 7 Lodges for the courtesy and respect that you have shown me this year. Grand Lodge is coming up very quickly, June 8 & 9, 2012, and should be fun and exciting. I hope to see many of you there, whether you are Past Masters, Masters, Wardens, Secretaries, Master Masons, or just Brothers. If you have never attended you should try it, you will like it!

The message from my OV's is the same as I am hearing everywhere that I travel and visit. All of the Lodges in this Grand jurisdiction are talking about how they should start acting as a District, as far as attendance, at any Lodge function within their District that is out within the community. Instead of an individual Lodge having 3 Masons walking in their communities parade or activity have 30, or 50 Masons participating. If every Lodge can have this kind of turnout the community's WILL notice and you will have men of all ages asking questions about this large and active fraternity. Not only do we need to take care fraternalism and Brotherhood within our Lodges, but we MUST become involved and active within each of our communities. How many of us put on some kind of fundraiser to pay for a community service that we provide? Now I am not talking about scholarships, or Bikes for Books, or CHIPS, or Veterans Day, or Memorial Day celebrations. I am talking about Senior Services, or children's disabilities, or cancer events, or other debilitating disease fundraisers, or providing our services to our widows to thank them for giving us their husband's time. How many of our Lodges provide volunteer time in our schools and/or hospitals?

Lodges should join and be involved with their Chambers of Commerce. This will take money so here is my next point; The District should join together to hold a District wide fundraiser. I'm not talking about a garage sale, or a bake sale. I'm talking about inviting 300 to 500 influential members of our District to a Social & Dinner that also has both a silent auction and then a live auction. Smaller and less expensive items for the silent auction and larger and more expensive items for a live auction after dinner. As a County Commissioner I was invited to hundreds of these by every fundraising nonprofit in my county. These events would net \$50,000 to \$125,000. But they require a lot of organization and volunteer help.

Let's start thinking outside the box. Now I'm not talking about giving up our traditional Masonic values, but the days of old are gone and we are declining rapidly as a fraternity and MUST get regenerated before it is too late. We still have time!



Fraternally,  
 VWB Donald E. Munks  
 DDGM in District No. 9

## District No. 12

May 11, 2012 – Report on District No. 12 Activities

District No.12 continues to work a busy schedule of special events, degrees, and meetings. The Tricounty Lodge Officers Association (Districts 3 and 12) has had well attended monthly meetings with the candidates for JGW and SGW visiting to answer questions from the brethren present.

Franklin Lodge, No.5 has been busy with projects, and on the 9th of May at the regular stated meeting moved to the Pavilion at Port Gamble for an Armed Forces Military Appreciation night. Sojourners provided flag presentations as a reminder of what the emblem of our nation truly means, and guest speakers gave presentations on "life after active duty", specifically starting a second career.

As the Worshipful Master so eloquently put it, Franklin Lodge, No.5, is a small lodge in a "ghost town", considering that Port Gamble is a historic town with very few actual residents. The members of the Lodge are enthusiastically undertaking public projects to raise their profile in the surrounding communities.

Bremerton Lodge, No.117 continues to stay active, as with their very successful Shamrock Dinner in March. With the presence of members of Lodge Alba in their full regalia (kilts, knee socks, buckled shoes and hairy knees and all), this was clearly an event celebrating Celtic heritage. It did not hurt that there was a fine selection of the amber fluid named after the country of origin. The young Irish Dance troupe performed for the attendees and an outstanding meal completed the day.

William H. Upton Naval & Military Lodge, No.206, With the arrival of two Aircraft Carriers in the past few months has come a surge in petitions for the degrees, and in one case, a request for courtesy work for a brother who received his initiation while stationed in Fallon, Nevada, and was almost immediately transferred before he could progress. Between the March and April Stated Communications, six petitions for the degrees were read, and the brothers are very busy indeed with investigations and preparing for a plethora of degrees.

The month of May brings the Armed Forces Day parade in Bremerton (see photo) and once more the chefs of the lodge will step forward with their annual pancake breakfast on the 19th of May. Doors open at 7:00 am and breakfast will be served until 11:00 am, or until the food runs out. Enjoy a hot meal and then watch or participate in the parade. Well situated within easy walking distance of the parade route, you can enjoy your meal indoors then venture out for the day. Access by vehicle has been a problem in the past few years, but the lodge has assurance from the parade sponsors that the access issue will be resolved this year. Proceeds of the breakfast go to the youth bodies: Rainbow for Girls, Job's Daughters, and DeMolay.

The Lodge is busy planning the first Symphony Concert to be hosted by the Lodge. November 17, the Bremerton Symphony and Chorale (<http://bremertonsymphony.com/>) will perform for the "Music of the Masonic Masters." The evening starts with a dinner (Prime Rib or Baked Salmon), then the performance of music by renowned composers Mozart, Sebelius, Grofe (Grand Canyon Suite) and John Philip Sousa (Nobles of the Mystic Shrine). Following the performance we will retire to a reception for the guest art-





## District No. 12 (continued)

ist, musicians and seasons sponsors. It is going to be a great event.

Steadfast Lodge, No.216 keeps moving along with the business of the lodge and participation in the community. The Lodge, in conjunction with Bremerton Lodge, No.117, has adopted a part of the highway to clean. The lodge is active in the community and Steadfast is working on putting together a Salmon Feed, along with a Beer and Wine Tasting. The Lodge is looking at 18 or 19 August for the event. The lodge is still working on the details. This will be a fund raiser to replace the wiring in the temple building to correct a grounding problem and some lights just don't work right.

Warren G Harding Lodge, No.260 continued to advance the project of building a new "home" to the end of the year but are still active with their usual business.

Silverdale Lodge, No.311 - On 14 April, 2012, traveled to Port Angeles for the Region 6 Special Communication. WB Richard Masch received the Pillars of Progress Award for Fraternalism on behalf of the Lodge. This was a great

At the end of April, Silverdale Lodge, No.311 had a fundraiser where more than 180 people attended. With the community in mind, the Lodge traveled to Green Mountain Elementary School to present two bikes to 2 happy students, in their Books for Bikes program. They will go to Jackson Park Elementary School nextmonth.



May 5th was a good day for our Highway Clean-up Program (see photos). Eighteen Brothers turned out to help make Silverdale better.

May 12 the Lodge will be helping the Central Kitsap Food Bank with the Post Office food Collection. The brethren will be helping to move and sort the food. In June the Lodge will go to Central Kitsap High School to present the lodges Scholarship to one deserving student.

At May's stated meeting, there were read 4 petitions. They will be having an Entered Apprentice Degree in May. The meeting was also a Mother's Day celebration.

Genesis Lodge, No.305 visited from Edmonds. Finally, on May 10, Silverdale Lodge traveled to Union City Lodge, No.27, to bring back the Traveling Gavel (to it's rightful home – District, No.12).

"The fabled Traveling Gavel has been returned to its Natural Home District (District, No.12.) WB Richard Masch reports that the brave Warriors of Silverdale Lodge, No.311, snatched the gavel from the grasp of the dastardly "Gavel Nappers" out there in the hinterlands of District, No.3.

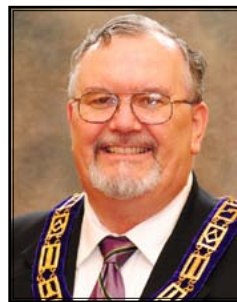


Now WB BJ Quance of William H. Upton Naval & Military Lodge, No.206, can start plotting once again to retrieve "his" gavel and return it to it's "true home" (as he would have it). Of course Steadfast Lodge, No.216, will have something to say about that, and I am sure the "Gavel Greedy Gavel-Nappers" of Port Orchard, No.98, will again attempt to whisk it away to the darkest environs of Port Orchard. Perhaps Warren G Harding Lodge, No.260 is quietly preparing a commando raid. Who will take the Fabulous Traveling Gavel from the clutches of Silverdale Lodge, No.311? Stay tuned! Better yet, come see for yourself at the June Stated which will be the 4th of June, the Monday Prior to the Grand Lodge Annual Communication!

WB Richard Masch, Chief Gavel-Retriever of Silverdale, No.311 reports as follows:

"VWB Jim, it is good to say the Traveling Gavel has returned to Silverdale Lodge, No.311. The B-B-Q meal was great and the fellowship was better."F/WB Richard Masch

Silverdale Lodge, No.311 - On a final note, the Region 6 Special Communication went very well, was well attended by the three districts (3, 11, 12), and the day was well spent. As noted, Silverdale Lodge, No.311, was awarded the Pillar of Progress for Fraternalism, and VWB Tom Dangelo received the well-deserved recognition of being the recipient of the Grand Masters Achievement Award.



Respectfully and Fraternally,

VWB Jim Kendall  
DDGM in District, No.12

## Puyallup Masonic Community

*Puyallup Herald Article*

*Editor's Desk column, March 14*

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### Masonic Lodge supports HS juniors with scholarship

**T**hese days, continuing education beyond obtaining a high-school diploma is darn near a requirement. Even then, there isn't a job guarantee. But emerging technology and high-demand fields such as health care, energy and engineering, particularly when it comes to infrastructure, will continue to drive our economic recovery.



Corinthian Lodge, No.38, Puyallup

So will our students. And there are scholarships out there, like the Corinthian Mason Lodge's Junior Achievement program, that help drive high-schoolers in the right direction.

The Puyallup lodge has put on Junior Achievement since the 1960s, and it has grown as the area has expanded. First an award for Puyallup High School students, it now includes Rogers, which opened in the 1970s, and Emer-

ald Ridge, the newest high school in the Puyallup School District at 12 years old. The program also does something most others don't: It honors juniors. The lodge distributes applications to all three schools and asks that administrators grade them and narrow them down to seven at each location. Those 21 students are considered winners, and they all receive a small monetary award. From there, lodge members select first-, second- and third-place winners from each school, and those nine get a little extra — maybe a semester's worth in books. All 21 of them are invited to a community awards ceremony, which will be held at 7 p.m. April 26 this year at the lodge, 1005 W. Pioneer Ave. A guest speaker often talks about the importance of education. State Rep. Hans Zeiger, R-Puyallup — a former Junior Achievement honoree — will deliver this year's topic.

Lodge members started the program because of what they perceived to be a void of others like it.

Now it's become something our juniors covet, because it often helps them earn additional scholarship help when they're seniors.

Past winners include local dentist Greg Wetterhus, 2005 Daffodil Queen Melanie Stambaugh, who went on to win the highest Washington state Masonic scholarship, plus Olympic gold medalist Megan Quann (swimming) and two Puyallup School District teachers, Annie Boulet, who died in 2010, and Michelle Adamson Heeb.

Of course, programs like these need support from the business community. After all, they are the ones who put the dollars behind the recognition.

The Stock Management LLC, Puyallup Valley Bank and Family Dentistry have sponsored students in the past, and others — Hill Funeral Home, Ginny's Playce, Powers Funeral Home, McCutcheon's Studios, L&L Printing and Ratlestone Productions, to name a few — have donated time, money and services.

The public can attend the Junior Achievement program. Just call committee co-chair John R. Adamson at 253-848-0977 or email [john2601@aol.com](mailto:john2601@aol.com).

I tip my hat to the lodge for hosting this program, and congratulate this year's winners, as well as those who have been honored before them.

I've been blessed to be part of a similar scholarship program in Gig Harbor for the past decade — we call it Students of Distinction, as we honor 30-plus Peninsula School District graduating seniors each year — and I continue to be amazed with students' stories and drive to achieve.

They could all use a little help along the way.

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Submitted By:  
VWB John R. Adamson  
Corinthian Lodge, No.38

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## Des Moines Masonic Community

### Payback time for Jobies

On May 2, 2012, MW Michael L. Sanders, Grand Master, paid a visit to Thornton F. McElroy Lodge, No. 302, in Federal Way, home to Bethel No 67. WB Todd Johnstone, the present Worshipful Master is also the Associate-Guardian of Bethel No. 67 and is ending his three year term as Associate-Guardian in June. At his request, Job's Daughters from Bethels 5, 8, 61 and 67, under the leadership of Miss. Kharysa Watt, (Guardian Director of Epochs Bethel #67, Miss Washington Job's Daughter 2010-2011) the Daughters performed a very memorable "Living Cross" for the Grand Master and those present. The position and significance of each daughter in the cross was given during the performance. The girls presented the Grand Master with a copy of the Living Cross Script signed by each Daughter as a memento of his year.

This year Jobies of Bethel No. 67 in Federal Way have had fun with the Grand Master. The Grand Master's term began with his yard covered in pink flamingos as a result of a Bethel fundraiser allowing (un-named) individuals to purchase a "flamingo'ing" for a fee. The Grand Master had not purchased Flamingo insurance, therefore was at risk. In some strange and mysterious manner the Bethel 67 room got flocked at Grand Session shortly thereafter.



At Jobie weekend this spring, an un-named (though photographed) group of "ninja Jobies" lovingly wrapped the Grand Master's car in Saran-wrap. At the Thornton F. McElroy 302 meeting, following the Living Cross, Miss Amber Galaz (Past Grand Bethel Honored Queen) the suspected ring leader, was symbolically Saran Wrapped by Bethel 67 Jobies under the direction of the Grand Master.

Youth Groups take note: at the conclusion of the meeting RW Dean Heinemann, Deputy Grand Master, in his closing remarks indicated how much he was looking forward to his year. The DGM has indicated he will carry on the tradition of strong support for the Youth Groups by the Grand Masters.



Photo of Jobies at T.F. McElroy by VW Darrel Womack  
 Photo of Ninja Jobies by WB Todd Johnstone



Submitted by:  
 WB Todd Johnstone  
 Worshipful Master  
 Thornton F. McElroy Lodge, No. 302







## Edmonds Masonic Community

### Robert Burns Lodge, No.243

#### Bikes for Books Program

Here are the pictures of our last drawing of the three elementary schools we sponsor in the Bikes for Books program. The bikes are drawn lottery style at the end of the trimester. There are usually 6 to 8 brothers from our lodge present at these presentations from our present master to past masters. The program is very well received by the school staff and especially all of those who are about to be chosen. The one youngster from Olivia Park who is wheel chair bound said she is giving her bike to her sister.

This is a great program to get more young people reading. One of the girls won a bike and was drawn again twice and won \$25 gift certificate from Barnes and Noble. We also give each winner a framed 5x7 picture and 8 1/2 x 11 framed picture for the school library. I've enjoyed doing my small part with the pictures and with the brothers involved with Bikes for Books.



From top left to right: Winners Jasmin and Dale from Olivia Park Elementary School, Mykal from Disc Elementary School. From bottom left to right: Winner Brianna from Disc. Elementary School and Angel and Leann from Odyssey Elementary School.

Submitted by:

Bro. Lester Reed  
Robert Burns Lodge, No.243  
Edmonds, Washington

## Questions for the Candidates

Often times a candidate for the office of Grand Warden is limited by any number of valid reasons in his ability to travel around and visit every, or even most, of the Lodges in the Jurisdiction. They may not be able to make a particular forum or invitational on a particular date or specific time. This is not news, but a reality facing every candidate for a position as Grand Warden.

In our travels this year, we note that there are some 'standard' or typical questions that are repeated at each Lodge/Forum visited. The same issues are brought up, the same complaints are aired and the same concerns are expressed. This has the result that from September to June, not every candidate has the same opportunity to address those same questions, issues and complaints. And we might mention that, as a general rule, the attendance at the meetings is limited, or could be described as 'sparse.' And those that are not at Lodge for that particular meeting may not have an opportunity to get to know the candidate at all.

Now, we realize that candidate biographies are included in a number of Grand Lodge publications, but are sent for general information to the Lodges (only). While this provides ample evidence of an individual's Masonic background and experience, it lacks for a candidate's philosophy, attitude and vision. Missing from the current process is an equitable and broadly distributed vehicle for the introduction of all the candidates to all the Brethren of the jurisdiction.

As we have all this spare time while driving around to think of all the comments and suggestions given us by the Brethren, here is one that we think has merit to address some of the flaws in the current candidate practice.

Under the leadership of the GL Membership Committee, relevant questions could be collected, collated and organized. A particular number of questions would be selected and provided to each of the candidates, soon after the filing deadline. The questions would be numbered and the one specific question would be answered each month. Every candidate would have a window of opportunity to respond to that particular question (in 500 words or less). Candidate responses could then be posted to the GL Web site and (perhaps) selected questions might be included in a Grand Lodge Mailing or published in the Masonic Tribune.

The obvious benefit to the Brethren would be the opportunity to directly compare the responses... to the same question! A secondary benefit would be to provide relevant information to more of the Brethren than attend the meeting or event. And it has all of the candidates on equal footing. We suggest that you talk this proposal over among your selves and with your deputy. Offer your improvements to the committee.

Thanks to the Brothers for the idea.

*A couple of traveling candidates...*

## Seattle Masonic Community

### FILMAGS performs the MM Degree Opening & Closing in Filipino Language

The exemplification of the Opening & Closing in the Master Mason Degree of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines ritual work was presented in the Filipino Language translated version by the Filipino Masons of Greater Seattle (FILMAGS.) It was held last May 12, 2012, at Greenwood Masonic Center. A catered Filipino Cuisine Dinner highlighted the evening. The ladies and other Non-Masons enjoyed a Filipino Musical entertainment at the Dining Hall while the exemplification was held in the Lodge room. The event was attended with a volume supporters enough to meet the capacity of the Greenwood Masonic Center Dining Hall. This event was made possible with a permission granted by MWB Michael L. Sanders, Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Washington, F&AM.

MWB Gale H. Kenney, PGM, expressed his appreciation during the good of the order by first saying "Salamat Po" (thank you in Filipino.) He thanked the Filipino Masons of Greater Seattle for the presentation and allowing our local Masons to witness a well rehearse ritual performance. He also mentioned that he acknowledges the hard work that was put in to the memorization part of the presentation and commended the performers for a job well done.

The Master of Ceremonies was MWB G. Santy Lascano, PGM. VWB Neil Quinn, DDGM in District No.4, presented a rendition of a brief history of Freemasonry in the Philippines during the intermission. The performers of the exemplification were as follows:

George Franco .....	Marangal na Guro (Worshipful Master)
Paul Santos .....	Unang Bantay (Senior Warden)
Neil Quinn .....	Pangalawang Bantay (Junior Warden)
Rolando Herrera .....	Ingat Yaman (Treasurer)
Manny Navarro .....	Kalhim (Secretary)
G. Santy Lascano .....	Unang Kagawad (Senior Deacon)
Ray Lavadia .....	Pangalawang Kagawad (Junior Deacon)
Nestor Martija .....	Kapelyan (Chaplain)
Joe Sta. Cruz .....	Mariskal (Marshal)
Mike Marave .....	Unang Katiwala (Senior Steward)
Tom Aquino .....	Pangalawang Katiwala (Junior Steward)
Junn Lagnada .....	Musiko (Musician)
Dan Gatcheco .....	Tanod Pinto (Tyler)

Augusto Yutoc - Close Captioning Computer Operator.

The event had a very successful turn out. MWB Richard Mecartea, PGM also had some very positive commentary about the whole concept and expressed his encouragement for the Filipino Masons of Greater Seattle to continue their efforts and dedication in promoting the goodness of Freemasonry. To bring the presentation to your Lodge, please make the proper arrangements with any member of the Filipino Masons of Greater Seattle.

**Filipino Masons of Greater Seattle**  
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 at their exemplification of the  
**Master Mason Degree**  
**Lodge Opening & Closing**  
 in Filipino Language (Tagalog)  
**on May 12, 2012 – 6:30 Dinner – 7:30 Presentation**  
 immediately followed by Dessert & Entertainment.  
**Location: Greenwood Masonic Center**  
 7910 Greenwood Ave. North Seattle, Washington




The Ritual Work is the standard work practiced in the Grand Lodge of the Philippines with all speaking parts translated in Tagalog. The members of FILMAGS, wearing their Traditional Filipino Dress Shirt – Barong Tagalog, will perform the presentation. The exemplification will be subtitled in English using a projector. Subtitled will be synchronized with the lines spoken by the performers. Ladies are invited to join in the Dinner & Entertainment part of the event. "Marami pong salamat sa inyong pagtanggap!" (Thank you so much for your support.)

For Information:  
 MWB G. Santy Lascano - 425.353.5371  
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 Tickets can be obtained from the members of:  
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## The Brethren of the Mystic Tie

Why men join the Fraternity of Freemasonry is in itself a mystery to many, including those to whom that reason was known from the very inception of the thought itself. Whatever the reason is of no particular significance or importance. More importantly is the reason men of like mind remain in the Fraternity of Men, enjoying the brotherly love, friendship, and the social tie that binds them together. That mystic tie has been written about for centuries. Robert Burns wrote about it in the "Farewell to the Brethren of Saint James Lodge" in Tarbolton, Scotland, and several Short Talk Bulletins published articles on The Mystic Tie. The following is a compilation of thoughts on the subject.

We speak of the Trowel as spreading the cement of brotherly love and affection that unites us into one common band or society of friends and brothers, which provides for us one common language, one common ideal, one common like-mindedness, regardless of our religion or philosophical belief. The mysterious influences, which that camaraderie exerts upon us, is often referred to as the mystic tie. Freemasons, because we enjoy that influence and the intrinsic value it brings, are sometimes referred to as "Brethren of the Mystic Tie." Brother Robert Burns called the Brethren of Saint James Lodge, "Dear Brothers of the mystic tie, Ye favored, Ye enlightened few, Companions of my social joy."

In the June 1920 edition of *The Builder*, Brother Joseph Fort Newton of New York quotes Rudolph Eucken, who in 1912, wrote of "The moral solidarity of mankind being dissolved. Further, he tells that even voluntary associations, that form of unity peculiar to modern times, unite more in accomplishments than disposition, which brings them together outwardly rather than in reality." Eucken seems to be implying that the intrinsic reasons for common associations are no longer of value, that a materialistic ideal – i.e. extrinsic reasoning – is the common bond of the association.

Newton reminds us that the ideal made plain by history is that the mystic tie that holds humanity together in ordered and advancing life is moral and spiritual, and that when that thread is cut anything can happen. One prominent example is the fall of the Roman Empire. While writers and researchers claim multiple causes over 500 years as contributing to the decline and eventual fall of the Empire, the foundational ideal contributing to its demise was a decline in morals, political corruption and the Praetorian Guard, and a decline of ethics and values. Newton further states that there are times in history when societies pass from a period of luxury and extravagance followed by a short craving for the old social and religious orders. However, he states, that craving subsides as new ideas and demands arise.

Although Newton's article and Eucken's insights were written before World War I, many of the same societal instances where the Mystic Tie of spiritual faith and fellowship are cut and behaviors become regulated by the zoological principle in which lives are ruled by materialism and a denial of the divine and its importance to the existence and progress of life. Faith in the Divine declines or disappears; moral sanctions are relaxed or replaced with amoral and unethical behaviors. Man lives solely in the materialistic present, refusing to remember the history and understand the human nature of man. Newton states that "The practical denial of the Divine dehumanizes humanity" and societal decadence follows as night follows day.

As Masons we seem to forget the relationship of the Lodge Altar upon which rests the Great Lights of Masonry and the intrinsic reason men of the Craft continue to share the Brotherly Love and Friendship upon entry into the Lodge. The spirit of circumambulation focuses more on being duly and truly prepared and less on the Mystic Tie that binds us to the Fraternity. The attitude of prayer becomes a ritualistic behavior without significance. Sacred Geometry becomes but words in the Fellowcraft Degree with no intrinsic value to our growth and existence.

There was a spiritual tie that bound the Founding Fathers, many of whom were our Masonic Brothers. Their patriotic zeal, "the cause" as Brother Washington called it, was also a part of their religious zeal. Newton says, "...it should be part of our religion to be patriotic, it must be a part of our patriotism to keep the light of spiritual faith aflame on the altars build by our Fathers." Freemasonry is said to be a system of morality. Every degree teaches the moral basis of our Masonic Society, as does our Degree and Installation Charges. Every Lodge meeting is opened with a reminder of the Divine Principle upon which the Flag of our Country stands – a Divine Principle outlined in the Great Light of Masonry.

In many Church Hymnals is the song Blest Be the Tie that Binds our hearts in Christian love. It could easily sung in Lodge as Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Masonic love, or even Brotherly love. That tie – The Mystic Tie – is an integral part of Freemasonry. In an address given at the 10th Annual Conference of Western Canadian Grand Lodges, RWB Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia entitled A Masonic Lodge is not a Service Club says, "Freemasonry is unique amongst human institutions, for it is evident that its pattern was drawn under divine inspiration from the accumulated spiritual wisdom of the ages. Its lessons are derived from the powerful drama of life and death as portrayed in its allegories, where the ultimate meaning of life is interpreted in terms of moral and spiritual values which fortify the soul against the trials and vicissitudes of life." WB Steve Osborn, who wrote in *Meditations on Hermetic Philosophy, Alchemy, Astrology and Infinity* stated, "Without the Mystic Tie, we are nothing more than a service club, of which there are many, with a funny ritual to pass the time between charitable works."

Masons are indeed "Brethren of the Mystic Tie" bound by a common bond whose cement is spread with the Trowel of brotherly love and truth, with but one aim – to please each other, and to unite in the grand design of being happy and communicating happiness. We must keep the quest alive to maintain and keep strong the tie that binds us as Masons and Brothers.

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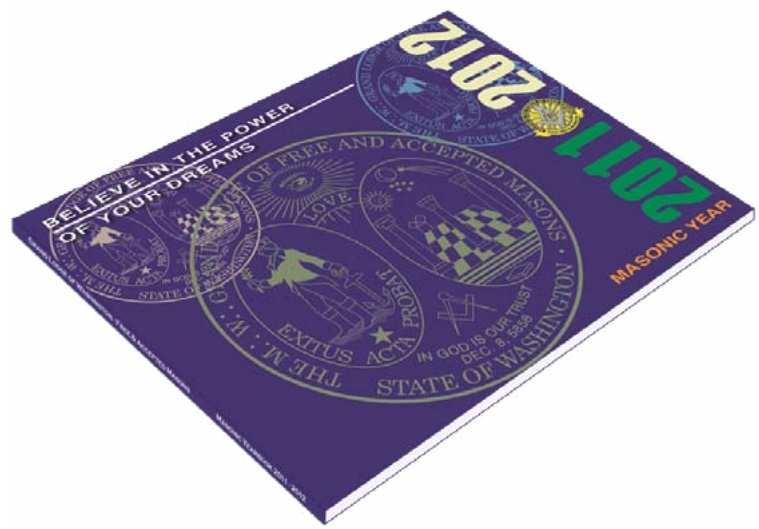
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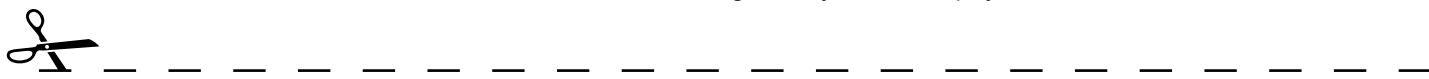
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The print order for the Grand Lodge of Washington Annual Yearbook has just been placed. They will be ready for purchase at our Grand Lodge Annual Communication. The book contains messages from the Grand Lodge officers, pictures of each Regional Communication, Lodges, concordant bodies, pictorials of major events that transpired during the year and a listing of Districts and respective lodges shown on a county map of the state of Washington. There is also in the book a listing of all the lodges in our jurisdiction with their addresses and telephone numbers.

The Yearbook will be sold to recoup printing cost for \$15.00. There are some leftover books from last year (2010-2011 Yearbook) and will be sold for \$5.00 to those buying this year's book (while supplies last.) To enjoy the benefits of this offer a paid presale has to be received by Grand Lodge postmarked June 1, 2012. I suggest the person who will be picking up the order at the 155th Annual Communication place these orders.

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