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Believe in the Power of Your Dreams

Brethren, I'd like to express my gratitude for this opportunity to serve our great fraternity.

I have mentioned in many previous articles and speeches that as a boy I loved to play football. Even though I'm not physically big as an adult, I did most of my growing early, so when I was in Junior High School, I was bigger than most of the other boys where I lived, and faster than all of them. There was one particular game when I was in the seventh grade that I remember. I, of course, played for the beloved La Center Wildcats, and we were playing our arch rivals: the evil Woodland Beavers.

It was getting late in a very close game, and we were driving towards the goal line. We were having success running one play over and over again. It was a slant right with me carrying the ball. We were picking up yardage every time we ran it, and had advanced all the way to the one yard line. The coach sent in instructions to run the same play, knowing that we could get that one yard and take the lead in the game. But as we were in the huddle, it occurred to my twelve year old mind that everyone knew we were going to run that play. We knew it, the other team knew it, and everyone watching the game knew it.

As soon as the ball was snapped, everyone on both teams would converge on that spot on the right side of the line where I would be attempting to run with the ball. So...if I got the ball and went left, I could practically walk across the goal line.

It was a brilliant plan.

We lined up and the ball was snapped. The quarterback handed me the ball and everyone went to the right. But I turned and went left. Right into the entire opposing team who were all headed to the right. Needless to say, I found myself at the bottom of a very large pile, looking foolish, and wondering how I was going to explain my way out of it.

I learned a valuable lesson that day: When you have momentum going in your favor, the best way to keep moving is not to change your direction.

As a fraternity, we have momentum going for us right now. The leadership of our Past Grand Masters has put us in a position to capitalize on the growing interest in our fraternity from an entire generation that is looking for the good that we have to offer. I, and the other Elected Officers, have no desire to alter the direction we are going, but to build on the success of our predecessors.



In the Entered Apprentice Degree, we learn that men who live the principles of Freemasonry are better husbands, fathers, and citizens. They make wiser decisions, and are more at peace with themselves. They are happier. People see that, especially if we are active in our Communities, and some join and also learn to be Better, Wiser, and consequently Happier. The cycle repeats and the world becomes a better place.

However, despite our best intentions, we cannot keep time in a bottle, and society evolves. We must also evolve or we cease to be relevant, which mean we cease to attract new members and continue making the world a better place.

This leads to my motto: Believe in the Power of Your



Dreams. There is no limit to the great things we, as Freemasons, can do for our communities. But despite all the goals we set at the Grand Lodge level; our success begins and ends with the individual lodges and members. And it 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.

MWB Michael L. Sanders
Grand Master
Grand Lodge of Washington
Free & Accepted Masons

GRAND MASTER
MOST WORSHIPFUL BROTHER

Michael L. Sanders





FINANCIAL HEALTH

Now that I have your attention, please keep reading. This is not an easy subject to discuss but it is essential for the future of our Fraternity. 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. It is time for us to develop a plan for the future financial health of our Lodges.

Several finance related resolutions were proposed in the last Grand Lodge Annual Communication. We heard from several Brothers that any increase in per capita would spell the eventual demise of their Lodge. The per capita increase was passed but will be spread out over the next five years (\$2.00 increase for each enrolled Master Mason per year for 5 years). It is time for each of us to make a further 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 your Lodge and A commitment to the financial future of our Lodges.

Lodges are addressing this issue in different ways. Some are taking a critical look at their income sources and asking their members for innovative ways to increase income. They are also taking a critical look at their expenses. Multi-year budgeting is essential for the financial health of our Lodges.

Applying per capita to all members, even life members, is one potential solution. Some Lodges are assessing their members a building rental assessment. Some Lodges are tying their annual dues increases to the cost of living index. Some Lodges are tying their annual dues increases to a percent of the minimum wage. These are all good and viable solutions to the problem of Lodge income. Just increasing income is not the total solution for financial health; creating investment opportunities for our membership in crucial. To that end, Grand Lodge now has a Planned Giving Committee and they are hard at work creating a plan that will work to ensure the future financial health of our Fraternity. Their plan will be ready later this year and will be presented at the Regional Communications starting in February.

Life membership in the Fraternity is yet another issue that needs a second look. Relying on the distribution from the life member fund as a replacement for Lodge dues is no longer viable. Some feel that when they paid their \$200 or \$300 dollars that they had no further financial obligation to their Lodge. This may have been acceptable when the return exceeded the dues. This is no longer reality. A quick look at the financial report will tell you that. Be creative and remember that "A Lodge shall adopt a scale of prices which, at its option, may be larger than the minimum specified above" (referring to the chart of purchase price for Endowed Life Memberships) rev. 1988; WMC Sec. 17.12 B.L.

Now is the time for all of us to start to work on this issue. Begin the conversation with the members of your Lodge. Ask for innovative solutions to expenses and income. Create a long-term budget for your Lodge. Talk about the budget and give updates on a regular basis at your stated meetings. The future financial health of our Lodges and our Fraternity is our responsibility. It is our gift to the next generations of Freemasons of Washington.

RWB Dean W. Heinemann
 Deputy Grand Master
 Grand Lodge of Washington
 Free & Accepted Masons



DEPUTY GRAND MASTER
 RIGHT WORSHIPFUL BROTHER
 Dean W. Heinemann



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HAVE YOU GONE TOO FAR?

Brethren,

On a recent trip to assist in the re-constitution of North Bank Lodge #182 in Washougal, I began the week prior by identifying the task at hand. I followed the normal steps of preparing for the event. I prepared my "uniform of the day", filled my car with gasoline that was nearly four dollars a gallon, set my Garmin for the destination and off I went to fulfill my obligation to the Grand Line and the brethren of North Bank.

All the time during the two plus hour drive, I reviewed my part, prepared for those parts I could be called upon to recite and hoped that I didn't mess up.

The first part of the trip was pretty simple. I started off in familiar territory, leaving my home and driving the roads that I have driven for over forty years. As I traveled, I paid very little attention to the Garmin on my dash because I already knew the roads. As I began to get closer to my destination and getting out of my comfort zone, I started to pay closer attention to the voice coming from the Garmin, not recognizing any of the landmarks that I saw. The longer I traveled, the less familiar the area. So I REALLY started listening to directions and hoping that more would come as I got farther and farther into my mission.

That annoying voice emanating from the Garmin that I have always verbally degraded with tongue in cheek, suddenly became my light in the darkness of the tunnel. Those things that were being told to me became increasingly important even though I really didn't understand why or where I was going. I just continued to follow blindly, going through the motions, hoping for a successful outcome. I had blind faith that all would be fine.

When I came to the destination that was laid out before me, I got the message, "YOU HAVE ARRIVED AT YOUR DESTINATION ON YOUR LEFT." I cannot tell you the relief I felt. I had planned, I had prepared, I had followed the directions and I had arrived. I looked to my left and there it was, in all of its glory.....a solid rock cliff. I had done all of the right things, I had done as I was told, I had never questionedbut suddenly, I realized that I had failed. There before me was not what I was promised, there was no lodge where I could perform my duties, there were no cheering brethren to tell me that I was successful in my quest, there were no accolades of accomplishment, there was just a blank rock cliff. How could this be?

I drove on, hoping that it would be just a little farther down the road, but I found that it wasn't there. I turned around and reset my Garmin and retraced my steps. Within minutes, I had "arrived" again at my destination, to find the solid rock cliff!!! I pulled off the roadway and stared in disappointment of my failure.

As I pondered my shortcomings, it dawned on me to do what I had been taught from my training in Masonry, just ASK. I got on my phone and immediately text a message to the Deputy Grand Master, "HELP." Within

a few seconds, I received a text back from the Deputy Grand Master...."The Grand Master said you went too far, you need to come back." Simple, succinct, to the point, "you went too far". I went back to the basics and followed my training.

Not more than a mile of back tracking and there it was, North Bank Lodge #182 on my left, my REAL final destination. I cannot describe the feeling that I felt when I finally arrived at the place I needed to be. I had put my own shortfall behind me, returned to my training and asked a brother for help in my time of need, who unbeknownst to me, had the answer all along. When I was lost, all I had to do was ASK and I received the direction I needed.

This story, though admittedly long parallels my journey in Masonry. It represents the importance of training that has led me over my paths in Masonry. All the preparing, training and applying all that I know to be true and right was nothing when I acted on my own. I needed my brothers to keep me in line and successful.

As I have followed my desire to be Mason, I thought that I knew the goal I wanted to attain in Masonry. I knew that I had a mission and I planned, prepared and began performing those basic tasks that were expected of me. After my degrees were conferred, I studied and trained to be proficient in our works, devoted hours of dedication to attain the ability to parrot my lessons to the brethren in open lodge I was eventually accepted.

The moral to this story is that training is perpetual. Never forget it and always return to the basics when in doubt. So many of our brothers possess the knowledge we all seek. Everyone can prosper from training, young and old alike. Knowledge is not limited to age or tenure, it is only hampered by ignorance. Training is afforded to us through our Warden's Seminars, various committees and our historical values. Do not limit yourself by your own opinion of yourself. Look to your brothers for help, your opportunities to attend any and all training sessions for knowledge are limitless if you just ASK.

No matter what knowledge you acquire, no matter the level of training you think you have attained, do not forget that you are not alone, you always have a brother close to you. And if you return to from whence you came, you will find good counsel, a clear and concise answer which simply reminds you that "you've gone too far, you need to come back."

See you at the next training that is available.

Fraternally,
Jerry



SENIOR GRAND WARDEN
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL BROTHER

Jerald K. Lingle

Editorial note: This article was submitted by RWB Jerry K. Lingle August 4, 2011, 15 days before his passing to the Celestial Lodge above.





Honors

JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL BROTHER

Bruce E. Vesper



Over the years, I have frequently had to deal with those who have been accorded honors by their superiors, both in the military, and in civilian life. In fact, for a number of years, I chaired the committee for my professional organization which sought to recognize those that had achieved superior performance or constituted the "Best of the Best." I found it interesting to see just exactly what things were considered significant achievements, and even more enlightening, knowing those who were the honorees.

The most striking honorees often came in two distinct, but similar, groups, those that were shy and reticent about what they had done, and those that almost painfully concerned about their accomplishments, and very much projected the air that anyone could have done what they did. Both groups seemed to want to stay out of the limelight, and frequently pointed out that much of their 'glory' was due to the efforts of others, who may not have been recognized as such. Their demeanor was frequently a projection of the thought that while they had been honored, they still felt it necessary to continually demonstrate their contributions, that they felt that the honor they had been given was something that needed to make them strive even harder to prove that they were worthy of the honor they had been given.

Frequently in the fraternity, brethren are given honors, either as a reception, or as an honorific, such as a title. In the main, these honors recognize long years of dedication to the fraternity, and countless hours of time, freely given, to advance our aims. However, at times, I have seen a few that think their honors are reasons that they are to be held in high esteem, without any further contribution to the fraternity. Signs that they have done all that they need to, without any need to contribute more to the health and welfare of our numbers. For example, the committeeman who readily agrees to take an assignment, but then seems to be absent from any work on the committee, except to stand up and be acknowledged as a member of the Grand Lodge team. Or that individual who becomes a Deputy to the Grand Master, and then seems to think that all he needs to do is show up at the district lodge meetings and be received as a representative of the Grand Master. Both of these individuals readily accept the honors, but then shy away when they realize that there is a good deal of work involved

On the other hand, I have had the very great pleasure to work with individuals who seem to work tirelessly on working with the craft, teaching and working with individuals, so that the body of Masonry will continue to grow and flourish over the next generation. Those individuals who always seem to be the ones that you can go to, to get something accomplished or for that information that is necessary to make your work so much easier. These are the brethren who need to be honored by the fraternity, who not only accept their honors, but also seem to proclaim by their actions that they feel they need to continually 'earn' the right to their honors. They feel that anyone can do what they have done,

just by taking the time and effort to exert themselves toward the same aims.

My question to the brethren in this jurisdiction is, which kind of honoree are you going to be?

RWB Bruce E. Vesper
Junior Grand Warden
Grand Lodge of Washington
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Lecture Charts Restoration Project

MW G. Santy Lascano is in the process of restoring the images of the 3 degree lecture charts. They are being restored, printed and mounted on foamboards for ease of use and storage. The restored charts will be available for purchase from Grand Lodge as soon as available.



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RWB David P. Owen
Grand Secretary
Grand Lodge of Washington
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"The General"

Editorial Note:

"A Day in the life of a Grand Secretary" – I attempted to write about this topic, but charge to experience, I do not think it would be possible to end the story. Yes, their work is never done. It was quite a relief when the Grand Secretary ceases making daily (at times multiple daily) phone calls to the Grand Master. All the issues, matters of concern and other administrative details which he had to first deal with personally himself, before he communicates them to the parties involved are overwhelming. In an organization with approximately 17,000 members, how much would one think he has to attend to in his daily routine? It is indeed very admirable the way he juggles all the responsibilities of his office, yet he remains very respected by his superiors and revered by his subordinates.

RW David is a paragon of virtue so to say, a very efficient manager and a remarkable human being. His great sense of humor sometimes becomes annoying to others but if they would only realize, that it is RW David's way to uphold his soundness, they then will always enjoy his company better. I hope everybody read his article and understood it to be full of goodness in his heart, written in such a way that its content would be a serious undertaking to match.

Lets just keep our fingers crossed that he will get a chance to write an article for next issue in the language you and I speaks.

Santy



GRAND SECRETARY
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL BROTHER
David P. Owen



SEPTEMBER

Date Day Activity Time Location Dress Ladies

- 1 Thur Washington Lodge #4 Past Masters Night 6:30 a.m. Vancouver TU
- 3 Sat Ridgefield Daylight Lodge #237 10:00 a.m. Vancouver TU
- 6 Tues Woodland Kalama Lodge #17 6:30 p.m. Woodland TU
- 7 Wed Washington Lodge #46 6:30 p.m. Portland, OR TU
- 10 Sat Kettle Falls Lodge #130 Mellon Feed 6:00 p.m. Kettle Falls TU L
- 12 Mon Lakeside Lodge #258 BBQ 6:00 p.m. Bellevue TU L
- 14 Wed Grand Lodge of Idaho Sand Point, ID TU/Tux L
- 15 Thur Grand Lodge of Idaho Sand Point, ID TU/Tux L
- 16 Fri Grand Lodge of Idaho Sand Point, ID TU/Tux L
- 17 Sat Grand Lodge of Idaho Sand Point, ID TU/Tux L
- 17 Sat Tigard-Orenomah Lodge Reception of Grand Master 5:00 p.m. Wilsonville, OR TU L
- 22 Thur Grand Lodge of California San Francisco, CA TU/Tux L
- 23 Fri Grand Lodge of California San Francisco, CA TU/Tux L
- 24 Sat Grand Lodge of California San Francisco, CA TU/Tux L
- 25 Sun Grand Lodge of California San Francisco, CA TU/Tux L
- 26 Mon GL Finance/MRC 11:00 a.m. MRC CTU
- 27 Tues Langly Lodge #218 6:30 p.m. Langley TU L
- 29 Thur Finance Committee 11:00 a.m. GL Office CTU
- 29 Thur EXCOM 1:00 p.m. GL Office CTU

OCTOBER

Date Day Activity Time Location Dress Ladies

- 1 Sat Colville No. 50 SowBelly & Bean Feed, 6:30 PM - Lodge 7:63:03P0Mp.m. Colville TU
- 6 Thur Goldendale Lodge #31 7:30 p.m. Goldendale TU
- 8 Sat Masonic Brewer Festival 12:00 p.m. MRC CTU L
- 8 Sat Hands Across the Boarder 6:00 p.m. Lynden TU
- 10 Mon Jobs Daughters Bethel #38 7:00 p.m. Vancouver TU L
- 11 Tues Grays Harbor Lodge #52 7:00 p.m. Hoquiam TU
- 15 Sat Washington Lodge #4 Installation 2:00 p.m. Vancouver Tux
- 20 Thur Dayton Lodge #26 6:30 p.m. Dayton TU
- 22 Sat Newport Lodge #144 Lumberjack Feed 5:00 p.m. Newport Lumberjack
- 24 Mon GL Finance/MRC 11:00 a.m. MRC CTU
- 24 Mon Renaissance Lodge 6:30 p.m. Redmond TU
- 27 Thur EXCOM 1:00 p.m. MRC CTU
- 27 Thur MRC Board of Trustees 4:00 p.m. MRC CTU
- 28 Fri SR 33° Dinner 6:00 p.m. Hoquiam TU L
- 29 Sat SR 33° Coronation 2:00 p.m. Shelton Tux

NOVEMBER

Date Day Activity Time Location Dress Ladies

- 1 Tues Twin Falls #180 8:00 p.m. Amboy TU
- 4 Fri Olympia Lodge #1 6:30 p.m. Tumwater TU
- 5 Sat DeMolay Grand Masters Class 10:00 a.m. TBD TU L
- 5 Sat Lafayette Lodge #241 International Night 6:00 p.m. Seattle TU/Tux L
- 7 Mon Vancouver Chapter DeMolay 7:00 p.m. Vancouver TU
- 10 Thur Lucky Jones Memorial Kick "A" Chili Feed 7:30 p.m. Twisp TU
- 11 Fri Grand Lodge of Oklahoma Guthrie, OK TU/Tux L
- 12 Sat Grand Lodge of Oklahoma Guthrie, OK TU/Tux L
- 13 Sun Grand Lodge of Oklahoma Guthrie, OK TU/Tux L
- 14 Mon White Salmon Lodge #163 8:00 p.m. White Salmon TU
- 17 Thur EXCOM 11:00 a.m. GL Office CTU
- 24 Thur Thanksgiving Day
- 26 Sat Fern Hill Lodge #80 Installation 7:00 p.m. Tacoma TU/Tux L
- 28 Mon GL Finance/MRC 11:00 a.m. MRC CTU

Note: Days that are not filled were not posted in this calendar. Please check for the most current itinerary in the Grand Lodge web site at the link below:

<http://www.freemason-wa.org>

TU = Team Uniform, Tux = Tuxedo, CTU = Casual Team Uniform, L= Ladies Invited

Masonic License Plates



The Masonic License Plates are available as of November 1, 2004, at all regular Washington State licensing agencies. They are not available through the Grand Lodge Office or any other Masonic outlet

These plates are referred to as the "Help Kids Speak" license plates; Department of Licensing personnel may not know what you are asking for if you refer to Masonic License plates. You cannot request a specific number for your plates; you will receive the next number in the stockpile. You cannot "exchange" numbers with somebody who has a number you want.

Please inquire about the handicap option availability. The cost is \$40 in addition to your regular licensing fees; The renewal cost is \$30 in the second year and beyond.

License plates are also available for one-plate vehicles such as trailers and motorcycles.

Revenue generated will go to the Rite Care of Washington Language Disorder Program.



THE 2011-2012 GRAND MASTER'S LADIES PIN IS A PRICELESS JEWEL TO INCLUDE IN YOUR COLLECTIONS AND A WONDERFUL GIFT TO YOUR LADY. ASK THE FIRST LADY OF MASONS IN WASHINGTON, PATTY SANDERS, HOW YOU CAN ACQUIRE ONE.



Masonic Outreach Services

A Program of the Grand Lodge of Washington

Masonic Outreach Services provides a tangible link to the Masonic Family - a link bridging years of experience in the past with the future. Please see the services we offer in our web site at the link below:

<http://masonicoutreachservices.org/>

Outreach 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.



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The growth of Masonic Outreach Services needs the Fraternities Involvement and Support

Just fourteen months ago the Grand Lodge of Washington approved the Masonic Outreach Services program. Since that time the Director of Outreach Services, Mary Craves-Hollands has been traveling the jurisdiction discussing the program's activities and future programs and goals.

Our Grand Master, Most Worshipful Michael L. Sanders is deeply committed to Outreach Services and because of that has appointed myself as a Special Deputy to assist in promoting and developing the program. I am writing this article at the request of Mary Craves-Hollands to discuss specific ideas that are being developed at this time.

First is the Ambassador program. Mary sees this group as the backbone for communicating ideas and needs to the fraternity. In addition this position will be an avenue by which individuals can get help and assistance from Mary. We have asked the District Deputies to assist in locating an individual in their district. If you have any interest in serving in such a position please contact your District Deputy so that he can let Mary know.

Next: Outreach Services is in need of facilities (Lodges) that are ADA assessable. If your Lodge is ADA assessable and the Lodge is willing to have it used by Outreach Services please let your District Deputy know.

It will always be the task of Mary and myself to communicate with the fraternity at large on new plans and ideas that are being considered. That is, would the program make sense in your district. To that end we would like to speak to monthly groups that meet in your district. If you have such groups please advise the District Deputies.

As you can see your District Deputy is one of the great assets of Outreach Services. With the Ambassador program in place they will be able to step back. Mary and I want to thank all of the Deputies for their assistance and help in this initial development.

Fraternally,

VW Douglas Haughton
Special Deputy – Outreach Services



Masonic Outreach Services

by Mary Craves-Hollands

In an attempt to bring you relevant services that make your life a little easier, your Masonic Outreach Services is now prepared to assist Veterans in finding funding for many long term care services. One payment source for Veterans is called Aid and Attendance.

The Veterans Administration offers Aid and Attendance as part of an "Improved Pension" Benefit that is largely unknown. This benefit provides additional monetary benefits to Veterans and surviving spouses who require the regular attendance of another person to assist with certain activities of daily living. It also includes individuals who are blind or a patient in a nursing home because of mental or physical incapacity. Assisted care in an Assisted Living facility or adult Family Home also qualifies.

This benefit is often overlooked by many families with Veterans or surviving spouses who need additional monies to help care for ailing parents or loved ones. This benefit IS NOT dependent upon service-related injuries for compensation. A Veteran is eligible for up to \$1,632 per month, while a surviving spouse is eligible for up to \$1,055 per month. A couple is eligible for up to \$1,949 per month.

Any War-Time Veteran with 90 days of active duty, 1 day beginning or ending during a period of War, is eligible to apply for the Aid & Attendance Improved Pension. A surviving spouse (marriage must have ended due to death of veteran) of a War-Time Veteran may also apply. The individual applying must qualify both medically and financially

The following are the periods of wartime designated by Congress for pension purposes. To be considered by the VA to have served during wartime, a veteran need not have served in a combat zone, but simply been serving during one of these designated periods: Indian Wars, Spanish-American War, Mexican Border War, World War I, World War II, Korean Conflict, Vietnam Era (August 5, 1964, through May 7, 1975 - however, February 28, 1961, through May 7, 1975, for a veteran who served in the Republic of Vietnam during that period) and the Persian Gulf War (August 2, 1990, through a date to be prescribed by Presidential proclamation or law). Congress has not enacted legislation that would make the periods covering the 1983-1984 Lebanon crisis or the invasions of Grenada and Panama wartime service.

To qualify medically, a War-Time Veteran or surviving spouse must need the assistance of another person to perform daily tasks, such as eating, dressing, undressing, taking care of the needs of nature, etc. Being blind or in a nursing home for mental or physical incapacity, or residing in an assisted living facility also qualifies.

Eligibility must be proven by filing the proper Veterans Application for Pension or Compensation. This application will require a copy of DD-214 or separation papers (WWII), Medical Evaluation from a physician, current medical issues, net worth limitations, and net income, along with out-of-pocket Medical Expenses.

To qualify financially, an applicant must have on average less

than \$80,000 in assets, EXCLUDING their home and vehicles. If you have assets in excess of this limit, please contact your Masonic Outreach Services for information about reducing your countable assets.

If you are a Veteran, Veteran's Spouse or Surviving spouse who qualifies for this benefit and you need assistance with the proper procedure to include yourself in this valuable pension program, please contact Masonic Outreach Services at 206-878-8434/1-800-820-4630 Ext 101 or mcraves-hollands@mrcwa.org and let us assist you. If you are a family member of a veteran or their spouse, please contact us for further information as well.

Master Mason - Open Air Degree



On August 6, The Master Masons Club of Snohomish and Island Counties held their 47th Annual Open Air Degree at the Masonic Family Park in Granite Falls. Everett Lodge #137 was this year's host for opening lodge and conferring the 3rd Degree. All of the members who were able to be involved did so along with Brethren from several other lodges. After the introductions of our Grand Lodge Team and elected RW Officers, MW Michael L. Sanders (Grand Master of the MW Grand Lodge of F&AM of Washington) was introduced. MW Michael Sanders introduced visiting Grand Masters, MW William R. Cave, Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of AF&AM of British Columbia and Yukon and MW Gardner M. Torrence Sr., Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of F&AM of Washington and Jurisdiction. The degree was in full costume and was very well performed and received. WB Gregory Outman (WM of Everett #137) did an outstanding job on organizing his Line Officers and his Degree Team. Brother Fred Turner (Park Manager) reported there were approximately 225 that passed through the gates with about 25 ladies attending the program at the Rainbow Dream Camp. Brother Turner also mentioned that there were 100 meal tickets sold and that there were no leftovers from the BBQ'd pig. He wishes to thank all the Brethren that came and supported the program and the park. Park info: <http://masonicparkwa.org>

From the Local

LODGES

Sixty Years of Richland Masonry

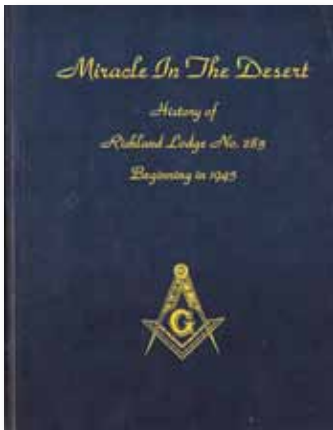
Miracle in the Desert Chronicles Lodge's History

WB Joe Davis felt his wages had been overpaid during his year as Worshipful Master of Richland Lodge 283. He spent the ensuing year as Tyler wondering what he could do to give back to the lodge. "The lodge has been wonderful to me and I wanted to give something back," he said.

Davis wanted to know the history of the lodge where he had been raised in 2002. There had been previous efforts at writing a history of the Richland Lodge, but most died after about a year of activity. Past Master VWB Ron Brodzinski told Davis that the idea was, "Outstanding if you follow through."

Davis took home lodge minutes dating back to the mid-1940s before the lodge was chartered and under dispensation. The early minutes had been hand-written, which provided him a challenge as he keyed them in on his computer.

"When I started, I had no idea how it would turn out," Davis said, "but the more I got involved with the project, the better I liked it."



Title for the book, *Miracle in the Desert*, came from a paper that had been presented by 1973 WM Ken West. The article is reprinted in the book.

As far as Davis is concerned, a quote from Goethe says it all: "Happy the man who fondly thinks of his forebears, who likes to tell the willing listener the tale of their achievements and greatness and is glad to see himself a link in the beautiful chain."

Davis became quite aware of the various changes in lodge secretaries. Each had his own individual style. Early scribes were difficult to interpret until the mid-1950s when typewriters became the vogue. "Some were like doctor's writing," Davis laughs, but after serving in the East himself, he could pretty well figure out what was meant. The book is a word for word transcription from the minutes. Spelling corrections were made, but not grammar.

The project took Davis 19 months. He was about half way through the transcription when he started contacting printers. He didn't know how many pages he was going to end up with, but no printer in the Tri-Cities could bind more than 400 pages. That pushed his search to Spokane. The lodge also started advertising the forthcoming books in the Trestleboard.

The finished volumes cost \$59.70 each and 40 brothers in the Richland Lodge quickly signed up for copies. "It never entered my mind for this to be a money-making project," smiles Davis. Individual copies were given later to the Ma-

sonic Grand Lodge Library in Tacoma, and to the Scottish Rite Grand Archivist in Washington, DC.

"When the books came in, I called VWB Vern Fichter to go with me to pick them up in Kennewick," said Davis who made sure that Fichter, Richland's senior Past Master, received the first book.

When the books were distributed after the next Richland 283 meeting, the event turned into an autograph party of past masters. Davis would like to supplement the original book every 10 years, which means there will be more autograph parties in the lodge's future.

VWB Connie Eckard
 Richland Lodge No. 283

Trip to Skagway revised...

We're a Traveling Band, and We've Made a Lot of Stops... More often than not, Worshipful Masters of Frank S Land No. 313 have included a trip as part of the term plan. In years past, the brethren, their families, and guests have gone to Las Vegas (twice), Disneyland, New York City, San Francisco, Victoria BC, and even cruised the Mexican Riviera. This year, the lodge trip was a cruise aboard the Royal Caribbean MV *Rhapsody of the Seas* to Alaska. One of the great highlights of the trip was a stop in Skagway that included lunch with MW Ron Ackerman, Grand Master of the MW Grand Lodge of F&AM of Alaska, his lady, Debbie; and their son, Richard, who is also the Worshipful Master of White Pass Lodge No. 1.

Following lunch, the brethren of Frank S Land No. 313, WM Chuck Kent, MWB Alvin Jorgensen, VWB Jim Mendoza, WB Frank Rinehart, WB Rick Watt Jr., WB Gerald Murphy and their ladies and WB Calvin Morgan of Des Moines Lodge No. 245, were treated to a tour of White Pass Lodge No. 1. (By the way, the physical address of White Pass Lodge is 357 4th S. Coincidence? The building is also distinguished by a large square & compasses that adorns the façade.) Formerly known as White Pass Lodge No. 113 under the Grand Lodge of Washington, White Pass Lodge is proud of its historical standing as being the oldest active Masonic lodge in the state of Alaska. The lodge Bible that is used dates



back to 1898, and the lesser lights are gas preamble bulbs. With a population of only 900, White Pass is a small lodge, but they are attracting newer and younger members. The lodge also shares great relations with White Horse Lodge No. 46 from the Yukon Territory of BC – some 114 miles away!

After the stop in Skagway, MWB Ron – who just happens to a longshoreman – supervised the departure of the *Rhapsody of the Seas*, while the brethren and ladies of Frank S Land No. 313 waived farewell. To be sure, the Frank S Land group left Skagway not only with tangible souvenirs, but also fond fraternal memories to be cherished.

Where will Frank S Land No. 313 travel next?

VWB Jim Mendoza
 Frank S. Land Lodge No. 313

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Operations Stand Down

Stand Down refers to a grass-roots, community-based intervention program designed to help the nation's estimated 200,000 homeless veterans "combat" life on the streets. Homeless and at risk veterans are brought together and are provided access to the community resources needed to begin addressing their individual problems and rebuilding their lives. In the military, Stand Down afforded battle-weary soldiers the opportunity to renew their spirit, health and overall sense of well-being. Today's Stand Down affords the same opportunity to homeless and at risk veterans.



Stand Downs are one part of the Department of Veterans Affairs' efforts to provide services to homeless and at risk veterans. Stand Downs are typically one to three day events



providing services to homeless veterans such as food, shelter, clothing, health screenings, VA and Social Security benefits counseling, and referrals to a variety of other necessary services, such as housing, employment and substance abuse treatment. Stand Downs are collaborative events, coordinated between local VAs, other government agencies, & community agencies who serve the homeless. The first Stand Down was organized

in 1988 by a group of Vietnam veterans in San Diego.

Operation Stand Down Wenatchee was started in 2010 by Thad Lawson Jr. After he contacted John Davis of the VA Outreach Program he and his wife started planning the first Stand Down for Wenatchee. Thad's military background; He was discharged out of the military as an E-5/Sgt. Thad joined just after high school in 1984. He served in the 2/61 ADA in South Korea, 3/1 Inf Ft Lewis, G Co 3rd Avn and 23rd Task Force in Germany. He is a Gulf War Veteran. He started the veterans group at the Wenatchee Valley College, STAVE,

in 2007. Currently he is the Commander of the East Wenatchee Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 3617.

This year William H. Jett Lodge #285 was involved and even though the Worshipful Master Rick Reid had just lost everything in a house fire that burnt his home to the ground, he was there helping others. Jett supplied



coolers and ice as well as bodies. VWB Steve Guffy and wife Lana, Bro. Greg Van Stralen and wife Anita, Bro. Lewis Leininger, Bro. Mert Hiatt, Charter Member Everett and son Bro. Cal Melton, and Bro. Bob McLandress were also there and took photos in between his time at his station. This year over 919 Veterans and families were served and over 1,100 overall. There were many local organizations involved including the local Knights of Columbus who did the majority of cooking, the North Central Washington Quilt Guild, Boy Scout Troop #1, Cub Scouts, VFW Posts and many others. VWB Steve Guffy is serving on its board and looks

for more participation from the Masonic Family for next year's event scheduled for the middle of August 2012. For more information on how your Lodge could be involved in your town contact: <http://www.nchv.org/standdown.cfm>



Masons Give Bikes for Books

The Quincy Masonic Lodge, with the assistance of Quincy merchants, raffled away two bicycles/helmets for children who participated in the Quincy Public Library's Summer Reading Program.



Students who completed reading requirements were able to enter their names into a drawing for the bikes. The winners of the drawing, held on August 3 were Francisco Ramirez and Brianna Melburn. Masons from Quincy Lodge doing the presentation were Roy Sharp,

Pete Whyte, Gene Fish and Jim Patterson. These are just 2 of the 10 bicycles and helmets Quincy has given to deserving young people this year.

Support for the Lodge

Allow me to relate a common lament that I hear throughout my travels around the jurisdiction. Lodge Worshipful Masters and officers are at a loss. They listen to the member's state that the meetings are boring. The members wonder why the lodge doesn't do anything. Members ask why all the old fellows don't come to lodge anymore and why don't the younger members step up to the duties and chores like they did.

While some Lodges may be content sitting in idle, watching time pass, there are some Lodges where the Officers and some members are earnestly trying to make a difference. They are practicing the standard work, offering programs and education, trying all manner of new/old innovative ideas to raise awareness and gain exposure for the Lodge.

Let me give you an example of a recent occurrence at a Lodge, that for the sake of anonymity we will call OffTheDime Lodge. Now the officers of this lodge all got together and determined that the Lodge needed all the usual things: money, membership and attendance. And that by holding a dinner and white elephant auction with a semi-comic auctioneer, they could raise money for the Scholarship Fund, have a little fun to get the members reacquainted and introduce the community to the Lodge. They planned and scheduled. They collected and stored the auction items. They developed a menu and booked the auctioneer. They hung flyers on the bulletin boards in the surrounding Lodges, emailed the communication to all the members and distribution lists in the district.

For all their work, here is the measure of their success. They got no response from the members to contribute items for the auction. They got no offers of help or assistance to setup, work or clean up. They got only complaints that they had picked the wrong day or time. They got 15 tickets sold, 10 of which were their friends that had some interest in Masonry.

Here is the short of this. With all the care, concern and effort, the Lodge did not raise any money for the scholarship fund. The 3 members that attended the dinner/auction were the same 3 members that attend and support the Lodge anyway, and the visitors (the potential candidates) went away wondering if this was the Masonry that they had all heard such great things about. Worse yet, the OffTheDime officers are discouraged and disillusioned. They may be asking themselves, why bother. The Brethren don't support an event so there no reason to plan anything, and there is no good reason for me to consider advancing or even holding an office.

I see too many events poorly attended, annual events where attendance from year to year continues to decline. There are too many activities where the return is not worth the effort. Brethren, if your Lodge is sponsoring an activity: a CHIPS event, a fair booth, a fund raiser, a rummage sale, a ladies night, an educational program, ... remind yourself that this is your lodge trying to get OffTheDime. The officers and active members are not doing all this for the experience, but attempting to make the Lodge a viable and desirable place for the brethren to dwell.... in unity. Support your Lodge.

VWB Sam Roberts
Grand Lecturer
Grand Lodge of Washington
Free & Accepted Masons

Masonic Community

In General

Opening and Closing a Lodge of Master Masons in the Filipino Language.

MW Michael L. Sanders, Grand Master recently gave the Filipino Masons of Greater Seattle a permission to perform an exemplification of the Opening and Closing of a Lodge of Master Masons in the Filipino native language. This performance is merely a show that will be conducted as a fundraising event, which the proceeds will be expended for the upcoming "Masonic Reach-Out at the Peace Arch – Tagpuan 2011," a project that will be hosted by the Filipino Masons of the Pacific Northwest to promote joint fellowship with the Masonic brethren residing North of the border to Canada. The Filipino Masons of the Pacific Northwest is a non-structured group consisting of Masons that resides in the Pacific Northwest.

The Filipino Masons of the Pacific Northwest will perform the exemplification. Several teams have been organized to practice the Masonic work and a selection process will be held to establish the the final group that will perform the exemplification at the various fundraising events. The shows will be closed-captioned by projecting the translations in English on a screen while the performers recites their lines.

The fundraising event will be open to all Masons. Tickets to the event will be available through the members of the FilMAGS (Filipino Masons of Greater Seattle). For more detailed information about the event, Please contact MW G. Santy Lascano – g.santy@comcast.net or VWB Neil Quinn - neilquinn@comcast.net.

This is a project that will promote the awareness of the universality of Freemasonry. An event that will display the true meaning of diversity that we practice in our fraternity.

Posted by:



The FilMAGS
A social matrix of Freemasons, inspired by the Filipino Masons of Greater Seattle.

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District No.5

Freemasonry in Seattle is alive and well! In many places it is growing again and we are seeing a lot of much younger men at our activities. District 5 is in the thick of this. We have begun a new District Association after our LOMA disbanded. The new association has held meetings every other month for the past six months and our attendance is growing. We hold our meetings at a pizza parlor and have the entire back room to ourselves. We are now at the point where we will have to separate the tables in order to be able to seat all that come. This Association has begun by working to put together a listing of all Brothers in the District who do parts in Degrees and are willing to go to other Lodges and help out. This list will be sent to all the Lodge Secretaries in the District when it is ready for publishing. The Association is also working with the Lodges in the District to put together a Statement of Purpose to be used by the Lodges to help find the right fit for those who come to join our fraternity. We want all new Masons to be in a Lodge where they will find what they are looking for and we think we will have better retention of active members by so doing. Finally, the Association putting on a picnic in September and it is hoped that this will attract our members and their families to come to an event that will help the members of all our Lodges to get to know one another.

The District has had a Traveling Gavel in the past but it has gotten lost somewhere over time. We do know where the Traveling Trowel is that District 5 inherited from District 31. This Traveling Trowel was retrieved from a Lodge locker in July of 2010 where it had resided for over five years and, with the help of our District Association, is now making the rounds of Lodges in the District. This, once again, is becoming a fun thing for the Lodges to try to get from one another. It now seems to change hands at least once a month and this held true during the summer. Queen Anne Lodge No. 242 took an elected officer and at least four other members and got it at the beginning of the summer break. St. John's Lodge No. 9 went to Queen Anne and took it away from them and University Lodge No. 141 came calling at St. John's Lodge No. 9 and took it home with them. It will be interesting to see how many Lodges go to University Lodge No. 141 to try to take it home from there. We know that most Districts have something like this and we are very pleased to have ours busy traveling throughout our District as all those others are pleased to watch their traveling booster move about. This is just a little (or big in some cases) thing that gives us a reason to go visit another Lodge and is something to boast that we have in our Lodge when we get it.

Lafayette Lodge No. 242 has International Night all planned out for this year and it will take place on Saturday, November 5th. They are expecting Grand Masters from all over the Western United States and Canada to this affair and they hope you will make it a priority to join them. The event will be held at the Seattle Scottish Rite Center at 152nd and Aurora

Ave. N. in Shoreline. The dinner will be prime rib, and music for ballroom dancing will be featured.

Greenwood Temple, where St. John's Lodge No. 9 meets, now has a 55 inch flat screen television and Masons and their friends will begin watching games, movies, and other events at the Lodge in high definition. What a wonderful way to attract new members. The building also has high speed internet so those who have a little extra work to do on Lodge night can get it done and not miss a minute of their Lodge's Stated Communications.



VWB Charles Tupper
Deputy of the Grand Master in District No.5
Grand Lodge of Washington - F&AM

District No.7

The Lodges in District 7 are dark during the summer, except for Myrtle 108 & Renaissance 312. Myrtle has casual meetings during the summer; I went to their meeting in August; they had a nice cookout before Lodge. Their "Shrink the Lodge" educational/discussion program this time was very relevant and practically applicable to Blue Lodge Masonry. This time, rather than having a philosophical discourse reminiscent of the Scottish Rite or Walter F. Meier Lodge of Research, the Brother who led the session took us through one of the leadership/communication style tests & learning sessions like Boeing & Microsoft do for their teams. This was particularly relevant and timely because it delivered something that the Lodge & members could use to improve themselves - and the Lodge right away.

Renaissance 312's meeting was my Official Visit - it was a most enjoyable time, with that special Renaissance Lodge flavor at the Festive Board, along with an interesting discussion of Antient & Moderns. Looking to Sept., Thurs. The 1st was my OV to Mercer Island 297 - where they had a fascinating presentation of a serious analysis into their finances, with a look to stabilizing & growing for the future. A week later is Kirkland Lodge's Stated Meeting, with an early fall election of Officers. Later in the Month, will be a visit by our Grand Master, MW Michael Sanders to Lakeside Lodge #258 on Monday the 12th; and an OV to West Gate the following week. Finally, Unity Lodge #198 has been busy encouraging local school children to read - and gave away 8 bikes in their Books for Bikes program!



VWB Jim Scardelis
Deputy of the Grand Master in District No.5
Grand Lodge of Washington - F&AM

District No.8

ARLINGTON JULY 4TH PARADE

Arlington held their annual downtown 4th of July Parade this year under BRIGHT skies. Arlington Lodge #129 was joined by Brothers from throughout the district along with members from the Henry M. Jackson Chapter (Order of DeMolay) and Evergreen Rainbow Assembly #9 (Order of the Rainbow Girls). A warm Thank You goes out to Fidalgo Lodge #77 in Anacortes for providing us use of their Masonic Float. Arlington #129 thanks everyone for their continued support and participation including WB Walt Moody and WB Farlan DuBarry for providing their convertibles in our parade.



CHIPS is alive and well in District No.8

The SLOC in District #8 sponsored a wonderful CHIPS event at the annual "Festival of the River" hosted by the Stillaguamish Tribe. This event took place in River Meadow Park in Arlington, WA. The SLOC in Dist#8 has sponsored a CHIPS booth at this event for the last three years and each year the number of kids that we have processed with vital data, fingerprints, and DNA has grown. This year we provided 172 parents with a completed kit. The two day event held on August 13th and the 14th was attended by over 9000 people. The Stillaguamish Tribe has already thanked us for our participation in this years' event and invited us back again in 2012. Festival of the River: www.stillaguamish.nsn.us/festival.htm

WB Steven Wandel
 CHIPS Committee
 Region 7 Coordinator



VWB Warren Schoeben
 Deputy of the Grand Master in District No.8
 Grand Lodge of Washington - F&AM

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District No.10

One noteworthy item to pass to you:

On August 5th, several of the lodges came together on short notice to assist Fairhaven #73 to confer the entered apprentice degree on Garrett Heath, a Senior DeMolay from Chuckanut Chapter. Garrett had petitioned over a year ago and was deployed to Pakistan with one day notice. To honor his service, the brethren of 3 lodges came together when he was granted two weeks of leave to assist him in starting his journey in Masonry.



Three days later, he returned to service in his new assignment at the US Embassy in Paris, France. Three days in to that assignment, he met up with another brother who was on tour to support the troops—Brad Paisley.

Thanks to all the brothers from Bellingham Bay #44, Fairhaven #73 and Lynden #56 who helped make this happen for Garrett and keep all those who serve in your thoughts and prayers.

I thought you might also want a picture of our newest EA, Garrett Heath. He does get around and will have memories for a lifetime.



He is to the immediate right of President Obama.



VWB Troy Nutter
 Deputy of the Grand Master in District No.10
 Grand Lodge of Washington - F&AM

District No.12

The Lodges in District 12 have kicked off the new Masonic Year in fine style, with Bremerton Lodge #117 setting the standard. On St. John's day, the Grand Master and Grand Lodge Team members attended the dinner and entertainment and were well fed (grilled steaks with all the fixin's) and were entertained by the Irish Dance troupe who use the Masonic Temple as a practice and meeting site. The youngsters ranged in age from about eight or nine years old up to high school age teenagers, including three who are participating in competitions. If you have seen "Lord of the Dance" you will have a sense of what the dance troupe performs and have an idea of the very colorful hand-made custom costumes each competitive dancer wears.

The "Traveling Gavel" is awarded to the Lodge in the District with the most visitors at the Stated Communication of the current holder of the Gavel. It has changed hands several times in the past three months, with Silverdale Lodge, Steadfast Lodge, and William H. Upton Naval & Military Lodge doing the most "claiming of the prize". At the Past Masters night at Silverdale Lodge, more than 35 visiting Masons were in attendance, with more than 20 from William H. Upton Naval & Military Lodge #206 and 12 from Steadfast Lodge #216 in attendance. Because of the way meeting dates fall, the Traveling Gavel can change hands as many as three times a month or more, and has done so since the Grand Lodge Annual Communication. This is a great tool to encourage fraternal visits, and has taken on a renewed level of activity in recent months.

The Lodges in the District are reviewing their programs and needs, and are meeting with the District Deputy to address each Lodge's individual issues. Issues of training are on each Lodge's list and will be addressed with frequent training sessions for all the Lodges in the District as well as individual Lodges as needed. The Grand Lodge Committees will be tasked with assisting with many of these training sessions.

The Secretary and members of William H. Upton Naval & Military Lodge #206 have developed a membership questionnaire to solicit information from each member, including biographical information not otherwise available. The purpose is three fold: 1) to update the member's masonic record held by the lodge, 2) to encourage the individual members to consider what services the Lodge can provide in the event of illness or death, and 3) to encourage more active participation in the business of the Lodge. The questionnaire will be made available to any Lodge or Brother requesting it, and can be modified/personalized to meet the requirements of the recipient. For more information or for a copy of the questionnaire, contact the Lodge Secretary at secty@whupton206.org or call VWB Jim Kendall at 360-731-4235.

Elections for the ensuing year are being conducted and installations are being scheduled. The next several months will see accelerated activity in the District and it will not slow down until next summer.

The passing of RWB Jerry Lingle was a blow to the Lodges and Brothers of the District as RWB Jerry was well regarded by all who shared fellowship with him. He attended several Lodge meetings and district functions during the past two months and was ever ready to share a joke, share a story,

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and take a good ribbing (and dish them out as well.) Jerry attended the Monthly Lodge Officers Meeting in July and attended several Lodge Meetings in August. I last saw him the morning of the Unity March in DuPont, as we met in my office to discuss the programs he wanted to bring to the Grand Lodge in his year in the Grand East. I then of course saw him in the afternoon at the Unity March. Sadly, the plans we discussed will now not bear fruit, and we mourn for our Beloved Brother and feel the loss of this wonderful Mason and friend.



VWB Jim Kendall
 Deputy of the Grand Master in District No.12
 Grand Lodge of Washington - F&AM

District No.17

As the District comes fully back to life in the fall, a great many things happened during the summer months since the Annual Communication. Here's a small sampling:

- WB Ken Keesler was named Masonic Outreach Services Ambassador for the District. He will coordinate the program in the District as it is developed by Grand Lodge. He has plenty of experience organizing work parties for Brothers in need as well as their widows.
- Centralia Lodge #68 had elections in June and installation in August. The new WM is Brian Johnson with Bros. Ray Berrian & Lou Oliver in the West & South respectively.
- There were many visits by the Grand Lodge team to our District this summer. Robert Morris Lodge #97 in Silver Creek had a visit by the Grand Master & the late Senior Grand Warden. Now memorable for many reasons. The Grand Master also visited Harmony Lodge #18 in August for the "Crazy Shirt BBQ". The Junior Grand Warden was in attendance for that and made a solo visit to Centralia Lodge #68 in August.
- The District LOMA meeting in July at Tenino Lodge #86 was lively as the discussion turned to the impact the new Grand Lodge Fees will have on the various Lodges within the District. Many of the WMs will create committees this fall to help decide how their Lodge will handle it.
- Many Degrees were held with the Brethren from all the District's Lodges helping out where needed. Tenino Lodge #86 seemed particularly busy with seven new petitions from the Oregon Trail Days event in July where they took first prize in the parade.
- Olympia Lodge #1 hosted a "Room Naming" ceremony for their Events Center. The Prince Hall Grand Master announced the name of the first room, The Logan Room, after their first Grand Master.



VWB John Shull
 Deputy of the Grand Master in District No.17
 Grand Lodge of Washington - F&AM

District No.18

Although all our lodges here in District 18 have been dark, some of our members have busy. Castle Rock #62 has again run a successful fund raiser. For the past several years Castle Rock has run a fair booth at the Cowlitz County Fair. What started out as a fund raiser for the lodge has ended up being a fund raiser several of the groups in our Masonic Family.



The brethren of the lodge found out very early the first year is that there is not enough people from the lodge itself to man all the shifts required to run the booth. A call for help went out to all the local Masonic family groups including Eastern Star, Amaranth, Jobs Daughters, and several of the Lodges. In true Masonic fashion, many of them responded by their members filling many of the work shifts. After the fair, it was decided to share the profits on a per-shift basis, making this a fund raiser for everyone. Although the Lodge won't keep all the money, they are very grateful to our brothers, sisters and daughters.



Woodland Kalama #17 will celebrate their return from the dark with a visit from our Most Worshipful Michael L. Sanders. Along with the Grand Masters visit they honored their past masters.

Although no one in attendance could remember the last time the Grand Master visited Woodland-Kalama Lodge, but all agreed it was very good to have him here now.

Much more to come in the future, our lodges are planning many activities in their communities, family dinners, visitations with other Lodges and much more.



VWB William Mellon
 Deputy of the Grand Master in District No.18
 Grand Lodge of Washington - F&AM

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District No.19

Greetings from District 19 in South West Washington. Even though for the most part, the Lodges of District 19 have been "Dark" during the summer months, the Masons themselves have been keeping busy. To start the Summer off all of the Lodges in S.W. Washington including Prince Hall Lodge No 46 joined forces with the Cystic Fibroses Foundation to participate in their 2011 GREAT STRIDES Fund-raiser. It was truly good to see so many masons wearing white tee shirts proclaiming to be S.W. Washington Masons printed over the left breast and the words "Levi's Uncles" printed on the back walking the route and manning the information Booth.

A great big thank you from "Levi's Team".

Next came the parade season: For the Hazeldell Parade the Masonic Float Was sponsored by Washington Lodge. At the 4th of July parade in Ridgefield the float was sponsored appropriately enough by Ridgefield Daylight Lodge. And at the Battle Ground Harvest Days Parade it was sponsored by Silver Star Lodge. If there are Lodges out there that would like to have use of this beautiful float contact VWB Ray Zimmerman at: The Vancouver Masonic Center (360) 574-9972



In between all of that, Washington Lodge and Ridgefield Daylight joined forces to end the Masonic year with a B.B.Q. and an Entered Apprentice Lodge of Table Instruction. Washington Lodge also hosted the first Annual "Hands Across the River" Reception Honoring both the Grand Masters from Washington and Oregon. All this was accomplished while we were "Dark" just think brothers what we can do while we are "Light". See you all in Lodge soon.



VWB Jim Thompson
 Deputy of the Grand Master in District No.19
 Grand Lodge of Washington - F&AM

Our Fraternity

In General

Evergreen State Fair

Masonic Fair Booth

My name is Greg Outman, and in addition to my duties as the Worshipful Master for Everett Lodge #137, I also had the honor of Chairing the Masonic Information Booth at this years Evergreen State Fair, in Monroe.

So this years participation in the booth by both the Brethren, Concordant Bodies, and interested fair goers alike, was very exciting. I was in the area of the booth multiple times and overheard the brethren speaking eloquently and passionately about their beloved Fraternity to all who inquired. They where speaking from the heart, and this resulted in our receiving 112 contact cards through the duration of the fair! This was truly inspiring to me, and I would like to express my appreciation to my valued brethren, who answered the call, sacrificed their time, and extended the hand of friendship to those who seek to know us better.



Wages also go out to VW Warren Schoeben, DDGM District 8, VW Bill Buterbaugh, DDGM District 2, W John Mathers and Andre Dewald, Past Masters, Sultan Monroe 160, for the multiple and immediate responses to the " we are out of pamphlets and information!" calls. We sent out three times the information as last year, and I actually saw people at the fair reading the pamphlets! This is good stuff. (Note to self; get a whole bunch of information for next year!)

No doubt by the time this article is published, we will be very busy contacting all who filled out those cards and I am confident that the Lodges and Bodies that receive them will approach all those interested that they may join and travel with us in this beautiful and meaningful journey that is Freemasonry.

WB Greg Outman

Worshipful Master, Everett Lodge No.137
Free & Accepted Masons of Washington

Not Just for Today, but for Years to Come

The Mission of the Grand Lodge of Washington

- To provide a strong and viable leadership to the Masons of Washington
- To develop and implement programs to assist the member lodges in becoming more visible, value-added, and active in their communities
- To assist member lodges in the Masonic education of individual members
- To facilitate the charitable outreach of the Grand Lodge of Washington
- To enhance public awareness of the Craft and its core principles throughout the state

Following his installation as Grand Master, MW Michael Sanders announced the formation of Task Force on Planned Giving. A planned gift is simply the process of making a charitable donation in a manner that can financially benefit both the donor and the institution receiving the gift.

Once established, The Grand Lodge of Washington Planned Giving Program will provide donors a tax-favored avenue to help the Grand Lodge achieve its mission stated above – not just for today, but for years to come. The Planned Giving Program will also allow donors a similar means to direct gifts to individual lodges, concordant & appendant bodies, and the youth groups. Comprised of brethren with extensive financial and legal backgrounds, this task force is charged with creating such a program.

Everyone has their own reasons for giving. Whether your incentive stems from tax-related benefits, your strong belief in the work of the fraternity, or your personal philanthropic vision, the benefits of planned giving are plentiful:

- Fulfillment - knowing that you are contributing to a cause you believe in or which holds special significance to you;
- Financial - acquiring tax benefits now, and decreasing the amount of tax your estate will be required to pay;
- Control - ensuring your wishes are followed and your charitable legacy continues after your death;
- Comfort - ensuring your financial and family affairs are in order prior to your death;
- Convenience - by having professionals manage your assets, you can be assured that your assets are protected, without worrying about ongoing management decisions; and
- Protection - attaining peace of mind by determining your charitable legacies in advance instead of postponing or never creating a plan

The Task Force on Planned Giving has already developed the infrastructure for The Grand Lodge of Washington Planned Giving Program. There is still work to do with respect to establishing policies. You can look forward to finding out all the details at the upcoming Regional Communications.

Fraternally,

VWB Jim Mendoza

Task Force on Planned Giving, Chairman
Grand Lodge of Washington

Wisdom - From our Departed Brother

The Courage of Excellence



In this time of uncertainty and turmoil, within the Nation and the World, there arises a strong need to belong, to seek out persons of like mind and like beliefs to associate with. Today the need to bolster our self-confidence and reinforce the values with which we build our lives becomes ever stronger. Moral and Spiritual excellence, our moral compass, must be boxed, much the same as a navigator boxes the navigator's compass.

There are untold numbers of men of all ages who have not discovered Masonry. Our rituals, our belief in The Supreme Architect, and the self-fulfilling spiritual reinforcements associated with that belief.

Our brothers have passed the tenets and precepts of Free Masonry to each of us upon being initiated, passed and raised. Finally being brought to further light in Masonry we have filled that void that so many young men yearn for, and subconsciously seek, without knowing where to look.

WE MUST HAVE COURAGE

It is our calling, each and every one of us, to let that Beacon of Light, that flame of passion that wells up from within our souls to shine as never before. That courage, for being morally and spiritually excellent, will attract men like a moth to a light.

Young men of like mind and like beliefs will notice us. They will seek that which sets us apart from today's norm.

What we see and read in the media assails our senses. The senseless plots, mind numbing dribble, lewd and immoral conduct are tearing at the very fiber and core beliefs of this Great Nation.

The belief in God, church, country, and family, along with moral rectitude, are being assailed relentlessly and with great fervor, by those who seek to destabilize and eventually destroy the value system that we, as Masons, pattern our lives after.

It is incumbent upon us to stand up even straighter, walk with even more confidence, and profess our beliefs in the 3 tenets

Our Fraternity

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and 4 cardinal virtues even more vigorously.

The way that we treat each, and the way that we act in the community must be so vivid an example of what we are, and what we believe, that we light the entire community with our beacons.

My brothers, we are Masons!

We have "the courage of excellence". The WORLD Needs TO KNOW IT!

RWB Jerald K. Lingle
 Senior Grand Warden 2011-2012
 Grand Lodge of Washington
 Free & Accepted Masons

Editorial Note: In deep sadness that we impart to those that are not aware that RWB Jerry K. Lingle passed away August 19, 2011.

Brethren:

I am honored to serve you this year as the chairman of the By-Laws Committee which consists of the very capable VWB Charles Davis, WB Gary O'Leary, and VWB Alden Sarmiento. Our mission statement for this year is:

To work with the constituent Lodges to ensure each By-Laws change proposed is consistent with Washington Masonic Code; to recommend the approval/disapproval of the same; and to examine the present standard form and propose changes, if necessary.

We have received 15 sets of proposed bylaw changes and recommended approval of 9 and we are working with the other 6 Lodges. One major area of concern among the Lodges has been the matter of Grand Lodge fees per Section 7.03 B.L. of the Washington Masonic Code. Some Lodges have indicated a desire to pass these fees on to its members. Your Bylaws Committee worked with the Grand Secretary and the Jurisprudence Committee and developed language that a Lodge can use to accomplish this. It is now included in the form Bylaws as an optional Article III, section 5.

The Bylaws Committee strongly believes in working with the constituent Lodges. If you are considering a Lodge bylaw change, please contact me or one of the other members of the committee. Our contact information is available on the Grand Lodge website.

Fraternally,

VWB Chris Coffman
 Chairman, Bylaws Committee
 Grand Lodge of Washington

Articles

OBSERVATIONS AND SPECULATIONS

Open the door to Freemasonry. Observe the boxes of tools by which a person might improve his personal worth and speculate on how one might place them in use.

The purpose of this paper is to open up to view some of my thoughts and philosophies as I view the beauties and benefits of our gentle craft, to explore the importance of adhering to the commitments and responsibilities we assumed as we progressed through the several degrees. Of no less importance are the symbolic lessons and elements of the various charges delivered to us at the end of each degree, the charge to the candidate prior to his first entrance into a Lodge and the closing charge delivered as we prepare to depart into the world of the profane. The charges, obligations, admonitions and lessons portrayed by symbols and various illustrations are the vehicles, the tools, by which we are given the opportunity "To Improve Ourselves In Masonry".

I have heard it expressed that Freemasonry can, and should be, a means of self evaluation, that by reflecting on the lessons portrayed by illustrations and symbols, by striving to live in accord with the obligations and various charges we have agreed to, one cannot help but improve his stature as a man, a brother, husband, father, citizen and neighbor.

Space will not allow a broad discussion of all the implementations to be found in the toolbox of Freemasonry. In the interest of brevity and to hopefully plant a seed of encouragement to review lessons taught in our rituals, I will express some thoughts on a few.

For now, let us review some of the elements of the first degree. The lessons brought forth in this degree form a design, a foundation from which to build our moral edifice as Masons.

Prior to the first entrance into a Lodge, the preparatory lecture is recited to us. We are informed that "Freemasonry consists of a course of moral and philosophical instructions, illustrated by hieroglyphics and taught, according to ancient usage by type, emblems and allegorical figures". This is intended to excite the imagination of the initiate and to open his mind to receive the important lessons that follow.

The Working Tools of an Entered Apprentice, the 24 inch gage, should make one stop to reflect on how to manage time each day of our lives, to not be wasteful of that which is not replaceable and to symbolically use the Gavel to cleanse our minds and hearts of any contaminated thoughts, words or deeds.

Lessons to be garnered from the three great tenets, Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth are important in how we conduct our relations with mankind. By Brotherly Love we are taught to treat all mankind equally and with respect. To soothe the unhappy, to compassionate their miseries and restore peace to the troubled mind should be our constant aim. To exercise an attentive ear, encourage and support those who may need comfort is a form of rendering Relief. And Truth, explained to be a divine attribute, is the foundation of every virtue. For a man to be other than truthful in our relationships breeds suspicion and leads to loss of respect and support from others.

Of equal, if not greater importance are the lessons explained by the Four Cardinal Virtues, Temperance, Fortitude

Prudence and Justice. If we would strive to exercise these Virtues in our daily intercourse with family, friends and our Brothers as well as the profane with which we have contact, everyone would benefit. I will attempt to explain these Virtues as I view them.

Temperance: To place a restraint on vicious thoughts and actions, those things we might do and say that could be harmful to others and might destroy reputations respect and personal relations.

Fortitude: To be steady and constant in productive thoughts, words and deeds. A person should be consistent in beliefs, obligations and commitments.

Prudence: Teaches us to regulate our private and personal actions as well as those we exercise in public.

Justice: Is the very cement of civil society. It is the practice which enables to render unto all individuals that kindness and consideration which every person is due.

Point Within a Circle: An ever present reminder to be cautious and prudent in our activities and behavior in order to prevent offense toward God and man. Remember that you represent Freemasonry and how you are viewed by the profane is the impressions formed of our Fraternity.

Of equal if not greater significance in outlining specifications for our actions is the symbolism represented by the Lambskin or White Leather Apron which is explained as being the Badge of a Mason and that its pure spotless surface is to remind us of a purity of life and a rectitude of conduct, inspiring us to nobler deeds, for higher thoughts and greater achievements. A practice of these elements is essential to assure a rich and fruitful life of respect and honor.

These are but a few of the lessons from our ritual to follow if we are to present ourselves before god and man as respectable citizens, It is important that we use these lessons, as well as others, to pattern our actions and that we might respond to our obligations in a positive manner. The vows and obligations we agree to as we pass through the degrees are serious commitments and not mere words to be discounted or forgotten once taken. A person's honor and reputation is measured by his adherence to his word.

Have you ever given pause to consider Freemasonry's place in the corporate world? Reflect for a moment on some similarities: As a member of the Society of Freemasons, we are stockholders in an entity that promotes the greatest product known to man, "Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth," To this we might add "Tolerance."

The Prospectus for the Corporation is to be found in the Volume of the Sacred Law and is reinforced through the rituals and ceremonies contained within the covers of the Washington Monitor and Freemasons Guide. (The Standard Work)

The number of shares credited to one's account is proportional to how a person lives his life in accordance with the tenets and principals of the Corporation.

Interest and dividends are paid in the form of self respect, satisfaction with one's deeds, a good name and lasting friendships.

A side benefit is that interest and dividends are not taxable.

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So, consider increasing your holdings in the Corporation by exercising daily the art of Friendship, Morality and Brotherly Love with all whom you are privileged to engage. Remember, "Every Human Being Has a Claim Upon Your Kind Offices."



In conclusion, remember these admonitions from the closing Charge. "You have promised to relieve those who may need your assistance, to defend a Brother's character in his absence, to remind a Brother in the most friendly manner of his faults and endeavor to aid in his reformation". And above all "To do Good unto all."

To live a life as a Freemason is a simple and attainable goal, a goal we should each endeavor to achieve as we go about this business of living a responsible, respected life.

So mote it be.

MWB James R. Vannice
 Past Grand Master
 Grand Lodge of Washington
 Free and Accepted Masons



Reconstitution of Northbank Lodge No. 182



Master Mason - Open Air Degree - Granite Falls



Masonic Jamboree - Monitor, Washington



Unity March & Joint Church Service - Dupont Washington



Special

Interest

Photography Committee

The Grand Lodge Photography Committee exists to take photographs of every event of the Grand Lodge and to assist Constituent Lodges in learning how to use photos to enhance the image of the Lodge. VWB Darrel Womack has a lifetime of experience doing photography as he began at the age of 9. He was a photographer for the US Army and worked for Tall's Camera Supply and then became part owner of his own shop where he worked for his entire working career. After retirement he accepted the job of Grand Lodge Photographer and has been the leader of that group since the term of MWB Robert Van Zee.



Since he began taking pictures of the Grand Master's events the committee has grown and the things that the Committee

accomplishes have become more varied. Today the active photographers are VWB Womack, VWB Charlie Tupper, Bro Todd Johnstone, Bro. Todd Dow, and WB Baltazar Gatan (who is helping MWB G Santy Lascano with his projects). We still need more active photographers who are willing to travel up to 150 miles from home just to photograph an event. If you live on the East side of the State and are willing to do this please contact VWB Darrel Womack and let him know. He would very much like to hear from you.

In addition to photographing all Grand Lodge events the committee posts these photos on the Grand Lodge website by the year and past year's photos will soon be available from the Grand Lodge Library. It is also making plans to photograph all the buildings that house Masonic Lodges in Washington during the next two years. If your building needs a paint job this would be a good time to get it done.

If you need someone to come to your Lodge to speak about photography of Lodge functions and to give pointers on which photos are most apt to garner interest in what your Lodge is doing, please contact the Photography Committee and one of us will be glad to come to your Lodge and speak to your membership. We will even try to be entertaining.

Submitted by:
 VWB Darrel Jr. (Charlie Tupper)

The Code Commission has been busy reviewing both the Washington Masonic Code and several other publications that MW Sanders has requested we review. The WMC work is nearly done with all of the updates that were enacted this past year at Grand Lodge. In our review we have found several "oversights" from past years that were not changed when previous years resolutions that passed were incorporated and these will be incorporated into the 2011 version. Nothing "earth-shaking" but we are just trying to make the WMC as correct as possible. Currently we are in the process of reviewing the Index to the Code and expect to have that completed in the next week or so. However, it will take Grand Lodge a little time to make all of the updates so it can be published. You all are aware of what passed in 2011 so you can act accordingly.

We have also reviewed the Lodge Officers Handbook which was published in 1999. There are several items that need to be updated and the Code Commission is working with the Research and Education Committee as they work on updating the handbook for publication. We have also reviewed the portions of the Standard Work and Free Mason's Guide where references to the WMC are and forwarded our recommendations to the Grand Lecturer for his use when updating.

I would like to call everyone's attention to Resolution 2011-17 which passed at Grand Lodge in 2011 and sets forth additional requirements as to format of proposed resolutions. The Code Commission is committed to helping, in a timely manner, if necessary to ensure that all of the proposed resolutions to be presented to the delegate body in 2012 are in compliance so everyone's ideas and suggestions can be considered, debated, and brought to a vote.

MW Wayne I. Smith, PGM
 Chairman, Code Commission
 Grand Lodge of Washington
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York Rite News

The York Rite Sovereign College of North America, Detroit, Michigan announces that 123 men from across the United States and Canada and the Philippines were honored in Nashville, Tennessee on July 30, 2011 with the Order of the Purple Cross. The Order of the Purple Cross of York, the highest



Photo by MWB William R. Miller

honor of the College, is conferred upon those members of the College who have distinguished themselves by their service to humanity or to the Rite. The recipients are designated Associate Regents of the Sovereign College, and from their ranks are chosen the Regents or active members of that body. These men must first be active Freemasons and members of the York Rite as well as the College. Washington State had three men honored Steven Guffy, Wenatchee; Anthony Schwab, Everett; and Robert Yingling from Pasco.



Notices, Ads & etc. etc. + Editorials

Brethren,

This is the initial issue of the digital version of the Masonic Tribune. This issue is initially sent to the Lodge Secretaries so they can distribute copies to their members either by email or by printing copies for those that do not have the capability of receiving the digital format. At this time, the publication will only be available in one format, the PDF format with an option to view imbedded videos. There are two available links to download the files, one for the video enabled document and one without the video option.

We have plans to make the publication delivered to the members through smart phone apps. This will enable us to publish worldwide our newsletter and make it readily available to the reading public. We are trying our best to keep up with technology while we provide convenient service to the brethren of our jurisdiction.

Despite our efforts to find ways to keep the brethren informed by publishing the Masonic Tribune effectively, we are still facing a serious dilemma of not having enough articles to publish coming from the local lodges, districts and regions. Besides articles that can be submitted, ideas on what the brethren would like to read about can also be requested by communicating with the members of the Masonic Tribune Committee. We ask the Deputy of the Grand Master in each district for support. This is their chance to make it known that their respective districts are alive and well.

The deadline for submission of articles for the next issue will be the end of November with possible publication distribution of the 15th of December. We hope to have more articles published and build more pages for the publication. Please send us some suggestions on what you want to read about and what type information you expect to find in the future. The success of this project relies heavily on your input. Please help us to help you, assist us in improving the quality of information you receive from this publication, the Grand Lodge of Washington Masonic Tribune.

Fraternally,
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Saturday, October 8, 2011
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