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In early 1934, soon after Hitler's rise to power, it became evident that Freemasonry was in danger. In that same year, the "Grand Lodge of the Sun" (one of the pre-war German Grand Lodges, located in Bayreuth) realizing the grave dangers involved, adopted the little blue Forget-Me-Not flower as a substitute for the traditional square and compasses. It was felt the flower would provide brethren with an outward means of identification while lessening the risk of possible recognition in public by the Nazis, who were engaged in wholesale confiscation of all Masonic Lodge properties. Freemasonry went undercover, and this delicate flower assumed its role as a symbol of Masonry surviving throughout the reign of darkness.

Editorial Note:

Endlessly repeated, time and time again is that communication is the key to success. It seems much needed effort is required for us to promote this practice effectively. The one big problem that contributes to its failure is the fact that it is mistaken for having been performed effectively whereas it never was accomplished. Having some form of a publication distributed well is one of the most effective tools for communication in an organization. Better yet, if the publication is some type of a printed material, it affords best proof that the communication was physically delivered and successfully received.

The Grand Lodge of Washington Masonic Tribune is normally delivered both ways, online and sometimes we manage to print copies to allow those that still do not want to embrace technology to read the publication on their computer screen. The reason for the printing also is to provide sojourners to distribute copies of the publication to other Masons outside Grand Lodge of Washington jurisdiction. Despite our efforts to try to afford to deliver printed copies, we cannot justify having to spend the funds for printing while there is very little demand for subscriptions of the material. For this reason we do not see a physical copy of the publication, and we are not able to show proof that we did in fact successfully communicate to the masses our progress and our most current successes. We need the assistance, participation and support of the brethren of this jurisdiction to enable us to make this method of communication effective.

This issue is delivered in both formats, printed and online. A very limited number of copies will be available upon request. A request form is included in this publication to avail everybody the chance to order copies while supplies last.

Thank you so much for your on-going support and for patronizing the growth and goodness of our institution.
Fraternally,

G. Santy Lascano, PGM

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GRAND MASTER MOST WORSHIPFUL BROTHER

Dean W. Heinemann



Districts 4&5 Reception of the Grand Master and Regional Meeting

A New Idea

At the orientation session for the candidates for the office of Junior Grand Warden, I introduced this new idea.

"I am giving you the opportunity to put some thoughts in writing and have them distributed to the Brethren of the Jurisdiction to provide them with a better understanding of your positions or opinions on certain topics/issues and who you are. The papers will be published in the Masonic Monitor, Masonic Tribune, regional newsletters, the GL Facebook page and will be distributed in the delegate package at the Annual Communication.

The parameters of the exercise are these:

1. You will each respond to the same question. The GL Elected Officers will prepare the questions.
2. You will be given 10 days to respond with your paper; there will be three (3) papers.
3. The papers will be limited to 500 words or less.
4. You will submit your responses to me. Late submissions will not be accepted. (E-mail suggested)
5. I will establish a timetable for submission of the papers (January 15, March 15, May 15, 2013)."

The first paper addresses two questions. "What is the most pressing issue facing Washington Lodges today? What would you suggest for correcting or minimizing the problem?"



Fraternally Submitted,

MWB *Dean W. Heinemann*
 Grand Master



DEPUTY GRAND MASTER RIGHT WORSHIPFUL BROTHER Bruce E. Vesper

The Office of Past Master

I'm certain that some of you are already asking the question, what is the Office of Past Master? It is certainly something that we recognize in the fraternity as an exalted position that one gains by virtue of having ruled and governed a lodge for a period of time, but is it really an office? Is this something that Past Masters are actually installed in? The answer is NO, but in fact I wish it were something that was a real office in our lodges.

The reason that it isn't an office is that it doesn't have specific duties and responsibilities as do the other officers, but in a sense it is as real and as necessary as we may think. Each Master of a lodge takes on certain duties and responsibilities when he ascends to the Office of Master of a Lodge. And nowhere does it say that those duties and responsibilities are confined to that one year that he serves as Master. Rather he signifies his assent to those Ancient Charges and Regulations which point out the duty of the Master of a Lodge.

He agrees to be a good man and true, and to strictly obey the moral law, to work diligently, live creditably, and act honorably toward all men, to avoid private piques and quarrels and to guard against intemperance and excess, to agree to be cautious in (his) behavior, courteous toward (his) brethren, and faithful to (his) lodge. He agrees to promote the general good of society, and to cultivate the social virtues. He also promises a regular attendance on the committees and communications of the Grand Lodge, and to pay attention to all the duties of Masonry.

After submitting to these charges and promising to support these regulations, he is further admonished to preserve that moral deportment among the members of his lodge, and to exert his authority to prevent ill-feeling or angry discussion arising to impair the harmony of the meetings. Lastly, he is presented with the gavel and charged to wield it with prudence and discretion, firmly, but never arbitrarily, to the end that good order and harmony may be preserved. Finally, he is directed to charge the brethren to practice out of the lodge, those duties which they have been taught in it, to convince mankind of the goodness of the Institution. All this is what he has been charged with as a Master of the Lodge, and never does it say that these charges are to end when he steps down from that office.



I'm tempted at the end of the ceremony to remind the Master and all the Past Masters of a lodge that they have taken all these obligations not just for one year. They are, rather, charges that are to be taken for a lifetime, and as a Past Master he is to work actively with the current Master to see that they become a reality in that lodge. This means working cooperatively with the Master and other officers, doing those things so that the lodge will best grow, and best succeed. I think sometimes that so many of the difficulties our lodges face are things that come from failing to remember to help the current Master do his job, quietly and without waves, so that the whole lodge is benefitted by their efforts. Remember, as Past Masters once guided you and set you on the path of enlightenment and knowledge, you now need to train the current and upcoming officers so that they will have the wisdom of your experience and judgment so they will make wise and serious decisions, just as you once did.

As a Past Master, are you living up to the obligations of your office? As you hear these obligations again pronounced in your lodge, remember that you once took them as Master-elect, and you have never laid down those obligations. They are still binding on you, until that day when you finally lay down your working tools and meet with the Supreme Grand Master.

Fraternally,

RWB Bruce E. Vesper
Deputy Grand Master





SENIOR GRAND WARDEN RIGHT WORSHIPFUL BROTHER Sam Roberts



Those Special MASONIC occasions

There are times when being a Mason has an extra SPECIAL meaning, and I would like to share just the latest. Lady Vickie and I spent some holiday time with family. This included in-laws (and out-laws), siblings, nieces and nephews, children, grandchildren and... my dad, with whom we celebrated his ninetieth birthday.

At the celebration, surrounded by most all those mentioned above, we reminisced, re-connected and regretted lost opportunities. We laughed, poked fun and told "stories" until we cried. Pictures, through the ages, reminded how much and how little we all have changed.



After the Birthday song, after the cake and the congratulations I took the opportunity to share an example Masonic Brotherly Fellowship with all assembled. Donning my apron and collar, and assisting my Brother Dad to stand, I conveyed the personal greetings and best wishes for his special day from our Grand Master M.: W.: Brother Dean Heine-mann. I then presented him with the Grand Master's Pin. This made my dad very happy. I then tied on him an apron gifted by his Lodge Brethren of Skykomish Lodge No.259, and extended the fraternal greetings, of his Brothers, most of whom have neither met or talked to him (Dad lives in Florida). The fact that he was being recognized and congratulated by men who have no other connection other than being Masons was more than a little humbling and is best expressed, "His tears of gratitude freely flowed."

Father – Son as Brothers is one of those rare connections that should not be missed if at all possible. If your father (or your brother or friend) is not; and more especially if your

son is not a Mason, you should do all that you can to see that he does not miss our fraternal beauty and you don't miss that extra special connection. Happy 90th Birthday, my Brother – Dad.

And it is not true that he must address me as 'Right Worshipful Brother Son,' otherwise, I'd still be standing in the corner.

Fraternally,

RWB Sam Roberts
Senior Grand Warden

Grace Hospital - Cornerstone



Fans of the Grey's Anatomy TV Show will recognize Grace Hospital. Friends and relatives have asked me if I knew where Seattle Grace Hospital was, my usual answer was "there isn't one." However, that is not entirely true. While researching cornerstones laid by the Masons in the Seattle area, I turned up a reference to the contents of the Cornerstone for Grace Hospital being returned to the Masons on June 11, 1901, following closure of the hospital. Further research using early Seattle maps, the 1898 Seattle city book, and back issues of the Seattle Times, have revealed that Grace Hospital was on the NW Corner of Summit and E. Union. According to an article in the Seattle Times on occasion of the 80th anniversary of the founding of Trinity Church, the cornerstone for Grace Hospital was laid on October 17, 1885 "... by the Masonic Fraternity, Col. G. O. Haller acting as Master of Ceremonies." Some of the participants in the founding of the hospital were Dr. H. B. Bagley, A. A. Denny and Dr. Minor. Therefore it is a reasonable assumption that this Master of Ceremonies was MW Granville O. Haller, PGM (1872). The Grace Hospital building became Summit School and is now the NW School of Arts and Environment. The Cornerstone is currently resting on the grounds of Trinity Episcopal Church at 8th and James. If you have any information on wandering cornerstones to contribute to this research, please contact me (toddj68@gmail.com).

Article and Photo
By WB Todd Johnstone



JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN RIGHT WORKSHIPFUL BROTHER Donald G. Munks

CHANGE

Now that we are past the holidays March is just around the corner. March 8-10, 2013 is the Wardens Conference in Pasco. As we sit in our Stated meetings and discuss who to send and how much it will cost what are we each really thinking; is it worth what the Lodge will spend? Will they learn enough to help the Lodge? Will they come back with ideas I know won't work? Am I just paying for their party time! We vote to send both Wardens (and maybe the Senior Deacon if we can afford to) and quickly forget our thoughts and move on to other more important business. At our Stated Meeting after the Conference we ask those that have attended for a report on what they have learned and listen attentively at their excitement about their experience. New ideas, fun activities, fund raising, community involvement and/or services, ways to increase membership, all things that require....CHANGE! What are our first thoughts Always been done the way we do it; outside my comfort zone; tried that way back when and it didn't work, won't work now; won't get anyone to help and I'll have to do a lot of the work; this will cost more than we can ever make. We thank them for their report and quickly forget what they said.

How can we ever expect to attract new candidates if we can't accept the CHANGES we need to make to keep our newer and younger Brothers? How can we excite our existing membership if we are not willing to embrace CHANGE? That 6 letter word keeps coming up all the time. Everyone talks about it, knows it has to happen, but in the end we shy away from it. We are not the same Fraternity as 25 years ago, or 50, or 100 years ago. If we continue to bury our heads in the sand and not listen to and embrace the excitement of these future leaders then we are only mentoring them to be as afraid of CHANGE as much as we are ourselves.

When these leaders of the future come back from the Wardens Conference, take the time to listen and talk to them about what they have learned and what they are excited to try to enhance their, and your, Lodge. Without their CHANGES our Fraternity will continue to struggle and dwindle in membership. Remember why you joined, and relive that excitement you felt with the CHANGES they will make.

Fraternally,

RWB Donald G. Munks
Junior Grand Warden



Memorial Bench



On May 2, 2012, RWB David Owen, Sanna Lundquist and Maryann Matthews, along with MWB Gale Kenney traveled to Alexandria, Virginia to dedicate a Memorial Bench to the memory of Charlene Bevis Leigh who served for Fifty years in the

Grand Lodge Office as Secretary and Office Manager.

The Memorial Bench rests beneath a large oak tree on the top of Shooters Hill overlooking the George Washington Masonic Memorial



and Old Town Alexandria. The ground was christened with Charlene's favorite drink from Starbucks; a Non-Fat, Sugar-Free, No-Foam, Venti Decaf Latte!

The inscription on the Bench reads:



In Memory of Charlene Bevis Leigh
By Friends and Family
The Grand Lodge F&AM of Washington

A heartfelt "Thank You" to everyone who donated to this worthy cause in memory of our beloved Charlene.

MWB Gale H. Kenney, PGM
Grand Lodge of Washington



GRAND SECRETARY
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL BROTHER

David P. Owen



MASONIC BUSINESS

I know there are some who think that Masonry and Business are not compatible. Brothers I'm here to tell you not only are both compatible but required by both civil and Masonic law.

This year 14 Lodges failed to comply with the federal governments requirement to file some type of a form 990 (business tax form). The Grand Lodge, to protect the Grand Lodge and all of the Constituent Lodges from potential tax liability and other adverse actions, employed an attorney to fix the problem. It cost over \$45,000.00 to fix the problem. Those Lodges failing to comply with the Washington Masonic Code and civil law will get a bill for the failure to follow the rules.

The Washington Masonic Code requires each Lodge and Masonic Corporation (Temple Boards) to file their annual 990 with the Grand Lodge office. This has been worse than pulling five compacted teeth from a ragging wild lion or a pissed off Army Ranger who has not eaten in 30 days.

This year the Grand Master will recommend legislation to direct who in the Lodge is responsible. It is the Treasurer. If a Lodge does not want to follow the rule it needs to surrender the Charter under which the Lodge said it will follow the rules of Masonry. WE as an organization cannot pretend ignorance, nor can we be complacent in how we administer our Lodges and Temple Boards. It is the duty of Grand Lodge to protect all the Constituent Lodges even at the expense of losing a few. For the past five years this has been a point of discussion throughout the Jurisdiction. Again we are approaching the completion of another fiscal year, and again Lodges will fail to comply, and again Grand Lodge will fix the problem but again it will not be "Free."

Brothers, being part of an elite membership requires a strict conformity to the rules under which we profess and obligate our membership. Never believe for a minute we control all the regulatory agencies of government. If we did the conspiracy would be true and

RWB David P. Owen
 Grand Secretary

Does Your Temple Board Carry Directors & Officers Liability Insurance?

Unfortunately, in our modern society, even directors and officers of not-for-profit organizations, such as Masonic Temple Boards, are not immune from being sued. Virtually, on any given day, one only needs to read a newspaper or watch the news on TV to learn of directors or officers of a not-for-profit organization being sued.

The important issue to remember is these lawsuits are looking for payment from the *personal assets of the accused directors and officers!* (Note: Most corporations indemnify their directors and officers by agreeing to pay for claims made against them. Keep in mind, the corporation itself might be judged liable and need all its assets to pay its own losses. Or, the assets of the corporation may simply be too small to satisfy a large judgment.)

Directors & Officers (D&O) Policies are designed to protect them from "wrongful acts" they commit in their role as directors and officers. While the definition of "wrongful act" varies from one policy to another, the term is usually defined to include: "any breach of duty, neglect, error, misstatement, misleading statement, omission, or other act done or wrongfully attempted by the directors and officers."

One must also realize that there is No "Standard" Directors & Officers Liability Policy. As a result, competent insurance advice is essential to making certain Temple Board directors and officers are correctly and adequately protected. Such expertise is available through the Grand Lodge Insurance Program.

What are some examples of "wrongful acts" that might lead to a law suit against the directors & officers of a Masonic Lodge?

- Failure to properly purchase and/or maintain adequate and appropriate insurance.
- Allowing a Temple Board volunteer to continue as a volunteer after allegations of sexual abuse.
- Failing to supervise the management and expenditure of Temple Board funds.
- Failure to repair or correct a "known or should have known" defect in the building or parking lot which could cause an injury or property damage.

** This policy was specifically designed for the benefit of our Grand Lodge Temple Boards and Masonic Lodges in Washington. It is offered on a Group Basis at lower cost than would be available from other programs. *Coverage limits available from \$500,000.00 up to \$1,000,000.00 with a deductible of \$1,000.00.*

A program developed for Temple Board's Directors and Officers is available from the Grand Lodge Broker!

To find out more about the Grand Lodge Insurance Program for Masonic Temple Boards call:

Payne Financial Group
 Eddie Eugenio (877) 455-6767



therefore would not be a conspiracy. If you are proud of being a Mason, be proud of the rules we follow. GET IT DONE!

RWB David P. Owen
 Grand Secretary





Grand Mound Historic Lodge No. 3 - Installation of 2013 Officers

MW William R. Miller was installed Worshipful Master of Grand Mound Historic Lodge No. 3. MW Miller was installed, along with his officers, in ample form by MW Dean W. Heinemann our Grand Master. Grand Mound Historic Lodge commemorates the original Grand Mound Lodge, one of the three founding lodges of the Grand Lodge of Washington territory in 1858. The original Grand Mound Lodge surrendered its charter in 1868, but was reconstituted as an historic lodge to celebrate 150 years of Masonry in Washington. Life membership in this historic lodge can be obtained using the form available on the Grand Lodge Website, under forms.

WB Todd Johnstone
Chairman
Photography/Grand Lodge Library & Museum

Brewmaster Festival

The Grand Master, MW Dean W. Heinemann and members of the Grand Lodge Team had an excellent time at the Second Annual Masonic Brewmaster Festival held at the Landmark Event Center in Des Moines. The Grand Master shown here with WB Bill White presented the coveted "Brewmaster's cup" to VWB Jeff Brunson accepting for Frank S. Land 313. The Lodge won first place with "Fear of the Lord," a Belgian style Abbey Ale. Fairweather 82 came in second with an excellent blackberry ale and Shoreline 248 third with "The Drunken Monkey." There were nine participating lodges this year offering a selection of eighteen different brews. Attendance was also up so it looks like this is headed toward becoming an interesting and successful annual event.



Photo and Caption
WB Todd Johnstone



On several occasions people have asked me to write about success stories involving people your Masonic Outreach Services has assisted throughout the last two and a half years we have been in business. I thought for our December article, it would be nice to share some of these stories.

One of the first gentlemen the program assisted was struggling to pay for in-home caregivers. His wife had passed away but before she did, he took out a reverse mortgage on his home to try and keep up on her medical bills. After her death he could no longer live at home alone and had to pay for round the clock care. This cost him a great deal of money. There was no Outreach Services when he was going through this to advise him about COPEs and Aid and Attendance. By the time we heard about him he was pretty much destitute. We assisted him with short term financial aid to pay privately in an Adult Family Home while we worked on getting his Medicaid/COPEs application put through. We also helped him get his home ready to sell and found an agent to sell it for him at a reasonable rate. Needless to say, he was very happy to know that his "family" was looking out for him when he needed it most.

Another family member that benefitted from your Outreach Services program is a sister of a client who was given a very short window of time in which to find her sister a decent skilled nursing facility to be admitted to from the hospital. In case you don't know you usually only have a few hours to decide where you want your loved one "placed". We were able to put together a list of the best options in the sister's preferred area. It turned out that the facility she chose was the best setting they could have wished for, simply because of the staff's ability to screen for the most appropriate setting.

Then there was the Brother who was at risk of losing his housing because he was unable to keep his apartment to the appropriate level of cleanliness. It seems he was hospitalized for pneumonia, leaving his two service dogs home alone in his apartment for a week. He had just purchased a large bag of dog food, so they did not starve, but there was no one to let them outdoors. As soon as he came home it was time for his yearly inspection which he knew he wouldn't pass. Your Outreach Services came to the rescue by finding some cleaning "angels" and paying for the cleaning supplies and carpet shampooer rental. Eviction was averted.

These are just a few of the wonderful stories that demonstrate how your Masonic Outreach Services has intervened in the lives of members of the Masonic family. Without your assistance and support, we could not offer these

services that no one really knows they need until they need it. We have so many other examples of how important this program is to the aging members of the Fraternity.

If you or someone else you know is in need of our services, please give Mary Craves-Hollands a call at 206-878-8434/1-800-820-4630 Ext. 101 or mcraves-hollands@mrcwa.org.



Mary Craves-Hollands
 Program Director

Stop and listen to the history around you

Have you been to a library lately? Well, let me tell you that you have, every day you walk among those who have stories about life and history. They are not hard to find, they sit with you in lodges, buses, and perhaps even next door. These walking pieces of life and history can be fascinating to spend time with, if you are willing to take the time to listen. Sometimes their stories come in pieces; sometimes given the opportunity they can overwhelm you with information. In a lot of cultures they are put on pedestals or often sought for good council about their thoughts on a specific issue or they sometimes can give advice on the path of life. How did we get to the point where these walking libraries are now put aside in some cultures? I recently had reviewed a book about WW II; the book was interesting but left me with lots of questions. While sitting in a senior center where I volunteer several days a week, the subject of the war came up with an older gentlemen I was sitting with, it turned out that he had been in the Battle of the Bulge! Sitting next to me was not a page of words, but a piece of living history. Although he was slow to talk to me, the stories started to flow; all the bits and pieces that were left blank from the pages of the book were now given to me. Because of this I had a much better understanding of what I had read. This does not even scratch the surface. Think of the things we can learn from one another, a vast world of information, just by taking the time to talk and listen. Perhaps they can tell you about, flying, Alaska, the great depression; perhaps they have just left school and can talk to you about subjects they have studied, giving you a new view on the world around you. So I say this, Stop running through life. Occasionally sit on a rock alongside a slow moving creek and listen to the water.



VWB David Hockaday
 Member, Masonic Tribune Committee

Cornerstone Ceremony

Most Worshipful Grand Master Dean Heinemann and an entourage of Grand Lodge officers were in Sunnyside on August 18 to lay the cornerstone for the newly constructed Sunnyside Senior High School. They were joined in the ceremony by Grand Lodge officers of the M.W. Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Washington and Jurisdiction.

Grand Lodge was opened at Sunnyside Lodge, No.138 and recessed for the ceremony at the high school. The entourage was marshaled to the ceremonial site by Sunnyside Junior Deacon Joey Castilleja, drumming a cadence reminiscent of Mardi Gras parades. The ceremonial working tools were presented by Sunnyside Senior Deacon John Chumley. Grand Master Heinemann conducted the ceremony in due and ancient form.

The cornerstone was ceremonially consecrated according to Masonic rites and set in place by an operative mason.

All in attendance were then marshaled from the site, again with a jaunty drum cadence, and retired for luncheon at Sunnyside Lodge, No.138. The members of Sunnyside Lodge felt honored to have hosted this joint cornerstone laying at the high school.



Masonic Family Park Caretakers Needed



Looking for some peace, quiet, and fresh air away from the hustle and bustle of the busy city lifestyles? Then the

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General duties include but not limited to:

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Servicing guest bathrooms (cleaning, re-stocking supplies, emptying trash)

Upkeep of camping areas (cleaning out fire pits, general maintenance of camping sites)

Gate Duties (registering guests, answering phone calls, taking reservations, running credit card transactions, selling and delivering firewood)

Weekly and monthly potable water testing

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Applicant Qualifications:

We require applicants to be a husband and wife team, with no large pets. Applicants should be in good health capable of physical work. Applicants must be willing to learn new skills. General computer skills, electrical and mechanical skills, are a plus. People skills are required. You will be interacting with camping guests on a regular basis. A driver's license and your own transportation are required. We do have on-site vehicles that are used for Park business only. Heavy equipment operation and maintenance is a plus, but not a requirement.

We offer:

Comfortable housing with all utilities provided. Applicants must be somewhat self sustaining with some other income to supplement the small salary that we offer.

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Masonic Family Park
 PO Box 1379
 Granite Falls, WA 98252

Also see: <http://www.masonicfamilypark.com/>

BIKES-for-BOOKS

Nearly Three Dozen Bikes Presented by Kennewick Lodge, No.153.

The Kennewick Lodge, No.53 153 Bikes-for-Books program completed another successful year when two more bicycles were presented at the Kennewick Library Branch on Union Avenue. During the past year, the Kennewick Lodge presented 32 bicycles to seven elementary schools in the Kennewick School District. This was in addition to the Mid-Columbia Library for its Summer Reading Program.

In April 2012, Kennewick153's Bikes-for-Books program was recognized by the Mid-Columbia Reading Foundation as its "Literacy Champion of the Year." Each year this award is given to a program for its effectiveness in improving literacy rates among school-age children. Bikes-for-Books was chosen from a list of 10 finalists for the award.

Plans are well underway for another successful year, with two fundraisers scheduled and other activities in the planning stages. Leaders in this District 23 lodge are looking forward again to doing their part to help improve literacy rates in the Kennewick schools.



Kennewick School bike winners

Brother Gary Key is shown at the Edison Elementary School awards ceremony in Kennewick. Winners at Edison were (left to right) Jasmin Morin, Lupe Padilla, Jose Guizar and Daniel Arzola-Flores.

VWB Connie Eckard
 PM, Kennewick Lodge, No.153





FREEMASONRY WHERE FROM?

At one time or another all of us have wondered – just where did Freemasonry come from? Who do we give credit to for starting this organization? Our libraries are filled with hundreds of volumes written by Masonic scholars speculating on the origins of the Craft.

The renowned mason, Reverend George Oliver, claimed that Freemasonry originated before the world was created. William Preston, in his famous “illustrations of Freemasonry,” stated that “from the commencement of the world we can trace the foundation of Freemasonry.”

John Fellows, in the “Mysteries of Freemasonry,” sought to prove that Freemasonry originated with the ancient mysteries of Egypt. Thomas Holland, in “Freemasonry from the Great Pyramids of Ancient Times,” took the view that the Craft originated with the building of the pyramids. The Reverend James Anderson, in his famous “Book of Constitutions,” offered up a short history of Freemasonry by tracing it from Adam & Eve in the Garden of Eden. This theory was based on the fact that Adam wore a fig-leaf apron, so he must have been a Mason. The list goes on and on and surly there's a little truth in all of it but not much truth in any of it.

Anthropologists have determined that from the beginning of time, man's inherent social instincts have manifested in his urge to fraternize, the desire to be social, the feeling of charity towards one's fellows, the desire to lean on God. These reasons plus more have caused closed groups to spring forth worldwide.

All these associations (tribes) were very similarly structured. The life and survival of the tribe revolved around the Men's House. Elder men would make all the decisions regarding the fate of the tribe. The meetings were held in secret and could be only attended by those who had been successful in the tests of initiation. They would perform sacred ceremonies to receive young men into manhood. Always the tests were physical and moral. The candidate had to prove his worth, valor and virtue. These tests taught the men of the tribe to live in harmony, to live in the spirit of mutual aid and assistance. They used symbolism and religion when appealing to the spirits that were supposed to be the gods of the community.

As the Tribes progressed through history the men's house expanded in scope and influence. They became the center of education, where laws were made and justice administered. Here then is the fore runner of harmony and cooperation in a community, of a better life for all through mutual aid and assistance in time of need.

In the early march of western civilization there appeared in Egypt, Greece and Rome many organizations, religious in character that we now refer to as the “Ancient Mysteries.” Many of these organizations had elaborate initiation ceremonies with many degrees, and in many the candidates had to live apart from the communities, cloistered in monasteries for long periods of time.

All these ancient mysteries lost their popularity and failed in due time because their teaching for eternal life was focused on elaborate ceremonies within the cult and not placing any credence on a moral upright life within the community.

In short the similarities between these mysteries and Freemasonry are very minor and probably have little or no connection with the Craft.

The ancient organization that appears to have many similarities with Freemasonry is the Roman Collegia.

About 715 B.C., Numa Pompilius, the second Emperor of Rome sent artisans with the military to plant the art of Rome wherever a Roman garrison was located.

To accomplish this, he organized the workmen into various crafts and trades. Laws and regulations were passed to maintain the right of the workers and to protect their skills. Under these laws, a college (trade) was required to have at least three members. Each group had the authority to pass rules that did not op-

pose the public law. Each college elected its own officers. New members were received by vote of the members, and each applicant was required to be a freeman. Each college had a common chest for dues and the presiding officer was titled Master.

The colleges preached and practiced mutual aid and they used the tools of their trades as symbols, and the most favored of these colleges was the stone-cutters or masons. This Roman action precipitated the spread of operative Masonry throughout Europe and the British Isles.

The coming of the Renaissance, the Reformation and the discovery of the New World made a great change in the building industry. Prior to this period operative Masons were employed by the King, the Nobles and the Church and were paid wages.

The discovery of the New World brought new wealth and a redistribution of the property on the continent. The newly rich used the contract system instead of wages and these changes had a great effect on the operative Masons of the day, because it changed the practice of hiring the local stonecutters off the street into a system of negotiations for the work with a spokesman or manager representing a group of workmen.

During this period, Guilds of skilled workmen were established and the wages of laborers was regulated. In London a Guild was established in 1389 and a Freemasons Company in 1376. The first building constructed at every building site was a place to store the tools and protect the work. This building was called a Lodge and evolved as a place for workmen to eat, rest and hold social gatherings. The earliest mention of a lodge was recorded in Vale Royal Abby in 1278.

The Guilds and Lodges were for the operative workmen, but somehow, in slow degrees, non-operative members began mingling with these groups and this period of Masonic history is hazy at best.

The first written evidence of someone joining the group that wasn't an operative Mason is the noted scholar Elias Ashmole in 1646. In the year 1688 Randle Holme wrote an “Academic of Armory,” in which he states his admiration for the fellowship of the masons and that he belonged to the society called “Freemasons.” These and other facts indicated that non-operative members were “accepted into the association.”

With the decline of the stone-building industry these operative Lodges continued to exist as social clubs and the rules of the operative Craft were preserved as a means of keeping their identity. With the decline in numbers of the operative Masons, the obvious question is, what led non-operative Masons to fill the ranks? H.L. Haywood, in the “Builders,” states, “that most were well-to-do,” and many, like Elias Ashmole, were learned and were attracted to the fraternity by its wealth of ancient lore, its marvelous system of symbolism, its fine traditions of brotherhood, its inherent democracy, its morality and noble spirit.

In conclusion, the transition from the operative Craft to the symbolical Craft covered approximately 400 years. We can be reasonably sure that modern Freemasonry developed from this operative Craft as indicated by ancient manuscripts, lodge minutes and other records that have survived over the years.

It is not known where Freemasonry originated. The year 1717 is important only as a starting point of the modern Masonic organization with the birth of the Grand Lodge system which brought lodges together in a formal manner.

Our immediate ancestors were the operative lodges of Freemasons of England and to credit those “accepted” members of these operative lodges for the birth of modern Freemasonry is pure guesswork.

Most likely Freemasonry exists today because of the inherent social instinct of man, his quest for higher knowledge, his urge to fraternize, his impulse of charity towards his fellow man and his unremitting sense of the Divine.

For the good of Masonry
VW Jerry Gendreau, DDGM
District 30



Membership Retention – Our Biggest Challenge

Visiting lodges throughout the state, I have enjoyed listening to the reading of and balloting on Petitions for Membership, as well as the privilege of participating in the conferral of degrees. These new brothers come to us with great excitement and, despite whatever they have been able to cull from outside sources, a great curiosity what Masonry is. They want to belong and be part of our fraternity.

However, welcoming new brothers into our fold does little good when we are losing them out the back door. Whether it is through disinterest, not getting what they were promised, never feeling like one of the guys, non-payment of dues, or if we didn't do a good enough job in the investigative process, this problem becomes magnified when we consider the current demographics of our membership.

Not long ago, our Grand Master penned an article pointing out that two-thirds of our membership is age 62 or older (of that, 75% are 75 or older). This represents more than a potential loss of numbers, rather a loss of knowledge that will be gone forever if we do not take seriously the responsibility we have to take care of our members.

Masonic education and involvement of our new charges (and all our members) must become part of the solution. We need to realize that Masonic education extends beyond the three degrees and obligations. Those of us who have gone before must lead the way. At the very least, this education must include making sure that every new man gets to know his brethren; that we develop within him an appreciation of the beauty of our ritual; that he knows the joy of visiting other Lodges; that he learns about the many and varied sources of Masonic Knowledge; that he learns something about the other bodies; and that he acquires some of the institutional knowledge of the Lodge and our Grand Lodge.

Additionally, if we want our brothers to come to our lodge meetings and events, then such activities need to promote an environment that encourages the brother to want to not only come back for more, but to be part of the success for our future. Consider the workplace: Studies show that the happiest and most productive employees are those who are valued, enjoy being there, are recognized for work well done, and are made to feel useful and needed. We must meet this standard in our lodges.

Finally, we should not be confined to the four walls of the lodge room. Part of the solution must include reclaiming our rightful place in our respective communities. When installed, the Master is charged to encourage the brethren to translate that which is learned in the lodge into service to our fellows outside of the lodge. A cursory observation indicates that the Lodges that take this charge to heart are reaping the rewards of those efforts.

I look forward to expanding upon these thoughts when we meet.

Fraternally,
VWB Jim Mendoza



What is the most pressing issue facing Washington Lodges today? What would you suggest for correcting or minimizing the problem?

Problem:

The single most pressing problem is "Lodge Survivability."

We have indexed initiation fees and annual lodge dues to an antiquated formula based on a monthly wage, from the earlier times; with modest increases in fees and dues as the earning power of the male population of the nation rose.

This tied to a transition from a post war climate wherein there were more requests for membership into the Craft than there was time to make them Masons, to modern times where Masonry is no longer that attractive and we arrived at the current state of affairs.



To wit:

Too many struggling Lodges who, out of the instinct to survive, initiate men into the Craft, who in better times would have been turned away; this in turn has led to a not so favorable impression of what the Craft has to offer.

We have fewer members and therefore less money to operate. The smaller Lodges have no solutions and continue to flounder. Our larger more affluent Lodges have, in some cases, become sedentary and content to exist because they have the money to do so.

A fresh approach:

The Grand Lodge should form a "task force" whose sole purpose would be to study the "State Of The Craft." Their mission would be to study the composition of the Lodges: their membership make up; property assets; investments: disposable income and current programs. They would then compile a set of recommendations, to be made to the Grand Line, concerning steps that may be helpful in getting the struggling Lodges back on more solid footing. This process may take as long as a (3) year period before more stringent steps would be taken in the form of combining Lodges into larger more stable Lodges.

In my opinion the most palatable approach would be to ensure that there be no Past Grand Masters or other seekers of election to the Grand Line involved in the make-up of the "task force."

Instead select "solid Blue Lodge Masons" from throughout the Grand Jurisdiction who are looked to for their leadership skills; men of quality, whose only desire is to serve the Craft and not be self-serving. By doing so the program "would merit the esteem and applause of the brethren and the testimony of a good conscience."

Fraternally,
VWB Darell Maxfield



What is the most pressing issue facing Washington Lodges today?

Dwindling membership and attendance

What would you suggest for correcting or minimizing the problem?

Just a few thoughts on the subject of building membership and keeping members active.

1. Create or maintain a Lodge identity. It is no longer good enough to just be a Masonic Lodge. This will define what is special about a particular Lodge.
2. Make sure your meeting place is presentable. Shabby halls and torn furniture do not speak well of any group and are not conducive to gaining membership.
3. Visit other Lodges, especially those that are successfully bringing in and holding new members. Find out what they are doing that might work in your own Lodge and bring it back to your membership. The wheel has already been invented so just go out and find the plans and then use them.
4. Formulate a statement of purpose for the Lodge and work to make it true. A Lodge without a stated purpose fumbles in the darkness and goes nowhere.
5. Formulate and follow a Long Range plan. If you don't know where you are going you probably won't get anywhere.
6. Cultivate good men and let them know that you think Freemasonry would be something that they should investigate. Too many good men don't join because there is little or no encouragement. Asking if someone might consider asking to join is not actively asking someone.
7. Let prospective members know what they are joining and what they can expect from the Fraternity and the membership as well as what the Fraternity and the membership expect from them. We will lose less of those who join if we diligently do this.
8. Always be friendly and show others that you are happy to be at Lodge. Happiness is catching.
9. Do not ignore the new Master Mason. He has been the focus of attention while he took the degrees and deserves better than to be put on the sideline and ignored when these are finished. This extends to the refreshment area also. Too often the members arrive for dinner and sit with the same men each month leaving no space for the new members. This must change.
10. Immediately include the new brothers in the active working of the Lodge. Put them to work at something they will enjoy and get personal satisfaction from doing.
11. Work 'hands on' with the community in endeavors that will put the Lodge in front of those we would like to attract.
12. Make it fun to attend Lodge.
13. Find out what the members look for in the Lodge and then make sure they get it.
14. Offer interesting Masonic education at the meetings. Try not to read papers to the brothers. They can read those at home.



Fraternally,
VWB Charles Tupper

I am sure there is a wide range of opinions as to what is the most pressing issue facing Washington Lodges.

One of the issues I have noticed is the large number of new and younger lodge officers throughout the jurisdiction. This would seem to be an asset; however in the rush to build the fraternity and grow the lodges, sometime their Masonic education is not complete. They are working with their coach to learn the ritual and take a position in the lodge as soon as possible. And they don't have the time to fully understand the true meaning of Masonry.



The coach will teach the procedural skills needed to be successful but not the spiritual knowledge to truly understand the truths of Masonry. It is like the old saying, "Coaching is learning to do the thing right, and mentoring in learning to do the right thing."

We need to help provide not only the coaching needed but also the mentoring necessary to help them to be successful. "Freemasonry consists of a course of moral and philosophical instruction illustrated by hieroglyphics, and taught, according to ancient usage, by types, emblems and allegorical figures." [Washington Monitor page 1-9]

We have all the tools necessary to complete this education. These tools consist of the Washington Monitor/Cipher, The Alternative Proficiency Program, The Lodge Officers Proficiency Program, The mentoring program, and several others. We need to reemphasize the importance of these programs to the success of the lodge and Masonry and then do all that we can to maintain and support these programs.

Fraternally,
VWB Charles Compton, Jr.

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The Editor



Grand Lodge Regional Meeting - Region 3

The first of 12 series of Grand Lodge Regional Meetings scheduled for 2013 was held at Greenwood Masonic Temple on Saturday, January 12, 2013. What a wonderful and exciting time to start the new year for all Masons in Region 3 as they set the tone and standard how to host the Grand Master at a Regional meeting..

Region 3 which consist of Districts 4 & 5, has seven Lodges in each District. Over 1100, or almost 7% of Masons in our Grand Jurisdiction, are members of one of the 14 Lodges in Region 3.

In the past, each District scheduled a special event to host the Grand Master, at which time awards were given such as the Grand Master's Achievement Award to a deserving Mason, and several if not one Pillars of Progress Award were given, depending on which of the eight Pillars of Progress a Lodge had actually made a conscious effort to work on.

In an effort to give special recognition to the members of the Lodge who strived to attain their goal, today, as recommended by your District Deputy, two Pillars of Progress Awards will be awarded to deserving Lodges in each District. And one Grand Master Achievement Award will be presented to one outstanding Mason in each District as well. This is in recognition of their unselfish and dedicated service not only to their Lodge and their District, but to the whole Jurisdiction.

Those who were unable to attend the Region 3 Meeting hosted by Districts 4 & 5 have missed a fantastic event. All 14 Lodges were well represented and the Grand Lodge team provided true inspiration.

The meeting was called to order by VWB Neil Quinn, Deputy of the Grand Master in District No. 4, and was followed by introduction of VWB Tom Eastman, Deputy of the Grand Master in District No. 5. Six visiting district Deputies were introduced and accorded the "Public Grand Honor of Masonry." Following the introductions, RWB Sam Roberts delivered Grand Lodge's response. The Grand Master, MWB Dean Heine-mann, introduced two Junior Grand Warden Candidates and urged all present to get to know them better so that each one will have an informed decision when it comes time to cast their ballot. The first session concluded with the Deputy Grand Master, RWB Bruce Vesper, presenting the "Pillars of Progress Award".

Congratulation to the following Lodges that receive this award:

- Doric Lodge 92 of Dist.No. 4 - Community Involvement
- Maritime Lodge 239 of District 4 - Fraternalism
- St. John's Lodge 9 of District No. 5 - Public Relations
- Lafayette Lodge 241 of District 5 - Fraternalism

While the regular District meeting was being held in the Lodge Room, two concurrent Educational Sessions were conducted in the dining room and the library. VWB Dave Compton, Chairman of the Leadership Training Committee, conducted a session on "Developing Effective Lodge Teams, while WB Mathew Appel, member of the Research and Education Committee, conducted a session on "Responsibility of the Lodge to the Candidate."

The day's event concluded with the Grand Master holding a

discussion on the proposed Resolutions and Grand Master's Recommendations that are going to be submitted for inclusion in the upcoming Annual Communication's program in Spokane. In addition, the Grand Master also presented one of the most prestigious award given to a deserving Mason who has serve his Lodge, District, and the whole jurisdiction in an exemplary manner.

Congratulation to the following Brothers who were the recipients of the "Grand Master Achievement Award:"

- WB Carl Christenson - Occidental 72
- VWB Michael Cuadra - University Lodge 141

It was a great event, enjoyed by all attendees. Our special thanks to the Grand Master, Elected Officers, and the Grand Lodge Photographer, WB Todd Johnstone, for their Leadership and support.



Submitted by,



VWB Neil Quinn
DDGM, District No.4



VWB Tom Eastman
DDGM, District No.5



Cover Story

An Application of the Working Tools

This year, our Grand Master Dean Heinemann, has given this Grand Jurisdiction a different kind of Grand Master's coin. Instead of the usual image of the current Grand Master represented on the coin, our Grand Master has the Working Tools of the Three Degrees of Masonry displayed.

Our Grand Master has therefore, given us a challenge: What do the Working Tools mean to each of us, and how can we apply them to our daily lives?

It is in our Ritual, that we have learned the proper application of the Working Tools; the challenge is to emulate this proper application, 'day-in, and day-out.'

To me, that proper application includes using my time wisely, not procrastinating, doing what I can do today, and never putting it off until tomorrow. It includes 'fitting my mind, as a living stone...' thus breaking away all that stands in the way of being 'squared-away.'

Further, it means to me to be 'tried and true,' to give a Brother your word, and ultimately follow up on it. When I tell a Brother Mason, or anybody else for that matter, that I will take care of something, they can be rest assured that it will get done.

Furthermore, it has made me aware of my strengths and weaknesses. I am really good at a lot of things, but not at everything. I know that my Brothers also have strengths and weaknesses, but when we work together and decide upon a plan, all those weaknesses are cancelled out by the synergy of our strengths, and we can therefore accomplish almost anything!

Seeing the Working Tools on the Grand Master's coin, also takes me back to the time when I was advancing through the Three Degrees. This is the time when I was taught the lessons of each Degree, and this was also a time of great learning and challenges. After being Raised a Master Mason, I took great pleasure in learning the Ritual that the predecessors of my Lodge had learned before. In time, I had the privilege of conferring Degrees as the Senior Deacon, then as time went further on, I eventually gained the privilege of being the Conferring Worshipful Master for the Degrees conferred in our Lodge.

But it did not end there! At the same time, I was advancing through the chairs, being appointed as Junior Deacon, the next year, Senior Deacon, then through the elected chairs, all the way to the great honor of being Installed as the Worshipful Master.

I wish I had kept a journal of all the Degrees that I have had the privilege of participating in, either as Conferring

Senior Deacon, or as Conferring Worshipful Master. Each Candidate represented another start of a Masonic journey to me; each one being a 'Rough Ashler,' that eventually became 'Perfected,' and then ultimately becoming eligible to be used in the designs of the Supreme Architect of the Universe.

Moreover, being on the conferring side of Degrees was very neat to me. Just like my mentor VW Clarence Weitman had said, "It is just like going through the Three Degrees all over again, but you get to see it, from a different angle."



This is what the Working Tools of our Ritual mean to me: Shaping and Forming Men into Masons, who can then come together as a whole for the common good. To be able to see one another progress further on in the Masonic journey, from being Initiated as an Entered Apprentice, to eventually being Installed as the Worshipful Master, is a great joy!

To work with your Brethren, together as a Lodge, and as a group of Lodges for the common good, on projects that benefit the community, and the Lodges is a rewarding and enjoyable experience.

And, to learn the Ritual from your Mentors, and then to have the privilege of teaching others the same, is also a great joy.

We therefore, have a duty to our Fraternity as well. We are all 'carrying the torch' of this fine Fraternity, but we need to learn all that we can from our predecessors and older Brothers, so we can pass all this wisdom and knowledge of experiences to the next generation of Masons. As our Grand Master has said, "The future of Freemasonry is bright. Our sun is rising (again); we have something of value to offer the next generation...Our challenge is to Communicate effectively, Educate our membership and Plan for Success."

Not to long ago, after a Third Degree conferred in Okanogan Lodge No. 169, Okanogan, Washington, one of the Past Deputies in attendance, VW John MacDonald, was talking to a group of young Masons, all 'bright-eyed, and bushy-tailed.' All had taken pride in learning their parts well for this Degree, and all were happy to see the Degree done well for their newly Raised Brother. We both agreed, that the Craft is in 'good-hands!'



VWB Rudy N. Schade
District Deputy of the Grand Master
District No. 22



District News

District No.8, Snohomish, WA

We have once again concluded our year with the Installation of Officers in the nine Lodges of District #8. I would like to thank and congratulate each of the Elected and Appointed Officers for their willingness to serve in a leadership role. At times, as a necessity to the Lodge, Brothers except positions within the Stations and Places of their Lodge because of their willingness to assist and serve. It is up to each of us to assist our Brethren to insure that their year is enjoyable and memorable. "Remember at this altar you have promised to befriend and relieve every Brother who shall need your assistance". Whether it is a Brother that is delinquent on his dues (and has been asked if he has financial issues) or the Brother that has problems with his Floor or Ritual Work, sometimes Brethren will not extend their hand for help. We as Masons should extend our hands and offer assistance and support to our Brethren in need. Our Fraternity will only continue to grow if within all of our Lodges, each of us as active members, use the resources we have available to insure our Lodge has improved and benefited during our year as officers and members. On September 22nd, the Temple Board & Lodge Workshop was held at the Everett Masonic Center with approximately 100 in attendance. The program lasted about 3 hours and I would like to extend my appreciation to all the Brethren throughout the jurisdiction that attended and participated to make this a successful event. Henry M.

Jackson Chapter of DeMolay holds their meetings on the 2nd and 4th Friday each month at Crystal Lodge #122 in Marysville. On the evening of September 28th, the International Supreme Council of DeMolay presented two youths, (Jacob Whippo & Nicolai Whippo) with the Chevaliers Awards. Their Advisor, Brother Vance Whippo, was presented with the Cross of Honor Award for his exceptional service, leadership and accomplishments (see pic). There were approximately 60 guests in attendance to extend their gratitude to each of the award recipients for their achievements and acknowledgements. Arlington Lodge #129 hosted their annual Past Master's Night on October 24th with honored guest, MW Dean Heinemann in attendance (see pic). With an attendance of around 40, it was an enjoyable evening supported by Brethren from throughout the jurisdiction. On November 3rd Sul-Monroe #160 hosted their 1st Turkey Bash event. The guests included members, families and friends which were asked to bring their favorite dish. The Lodge provided the turkeys and the

extras to a well attended gathering. Thank you WB Steve Martin (Worshipful Master) and Sul-Monroe #160 for extending your hand to the community on this 1st of your future planned Turkey Bashes. On November 20th, Crystal Lodge #122 invited Rev. Anthony Bawyn to be their guest speaker as a subject matter expert for the Seattle Archdiocese on the relationship between the Catholic Church and Freemasonry. The very informative program was well attended by Brethren within and outside of the district. Degree work continues throughout the district and continues to keep the Degree Teams busy. Congratulations to each of our new Masons and welcome to our Fraternity. We have two Worshipful Masters in District #8 that extended their cable tows for a second year. To each of our 2013 Worshipful Masters and their Line Officers, I would like to thank you and offer my assistance to each of you to make your upcoming year pleasurable and memorable. I would like to thank each of the 2012 Worshipful Masters and their Officers for their work and dedication this past year. The future of our Lodges will benefit from your commitment during your years and we are very appreciative for your devotion to the Craft. In closing I would like to extend wishes to all for a Wonderful Holiday season and give thanks for all we have, and remember, "should you ever meet a friend, more especially a Brother Mason, you should contribute as liberally to his relief as his necessities require and your ability permits".



Fraternally,
VWB Warren Schoeben
DDGM in District #8



Recent Activities of District No. 22

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

Okanogan Lodge No. 169

Every year, Okanogan Lodge donates around 300 boxes of apples, Red and Golden Delicious, to Okanogan County Community Action. The apples come from the generous donation of the current sitting Master, WB Buster Carter, Jr., who owns an orchard in this area. Apples are also given to the Brethren of other Lodges, who may use them as fund-raisers or gifts. The apples become available during the harvest, September through October.

On October 10th, 2012, VW Don McNett was presented the Hiram Award, in recognition of VW Don's total dedication to Okanogan Lodge, and many years of service. VW Don is also the Lodge's Treasurer/Secretary for the 2012 year, and has been for the past few years.

The Lodge has presented 'Bikes for Books' to Paschal Sherman Indian School, and Virginia Grainger Grade School. It is also the benefactor of a very generous scholarship program, awarding \$13,200 in scholarships this last spring.

Okanogan Lodge hosted the annual Okanogan Lodge No. 169/District No. 22 Table Lodge on November 10th, 2012. Distinguished guests that evening included MW Dean Heinemann, Grand Master, Brethren from all around District No. 22, and Brethren from Canada. VW Fred Noyes was guest speaker that evening. The Table Lodge had a great turnout, with fine Fellowship.

On November 14th, 2012, the following Officers were Duly Installed: WB Buster Carter, Jr., Worshipful Master, VW Fred Noyes, Senior Warden, Br. Ralph Criss, Junior Warden, WB Bryon Goetz, Treasurer/Secretary, Br. Gary Reams, Chaplain, Br. Jordan Verstegen, Marshal, Br. Derrick Groomes, Senior Deacon, WB Alan Fisher, Junior Deacon, Br. Chad Andreas, Senior Steward, and Br. Tim Andrist, Junior Steward. Installing Officer: VW Fred Noyes, Installing Secretary: VW Don McNett, and Installing Marshal: VW Rudy Schade.

Then on December 8th, 2012, the Lodge had their annual Christmas Party. Over thirty people attended the party, with representation from every Lodge in this District. Every child 12 and under received a present, for a total of 17 presents being handed out. Pizza from Pizza Hut, ice-cream, candy, cookies, and refreshments were enjoyed by all!

Aurora Lodge No. 201

On December 5th, 2012, the following Officers were Duly Installed: WB Blaine Sullivan, Worshipful Master, Br. Frank Grunert, Senior Warden, Br. Brick Wall, Junior Warden, WB Gary Bull, Treasurer/Secretary, Br. Andy Baskin, Marshal, Br. Chuck Gallop, Chaplain, Br. Preston Ray, Senior Deacon, Br. Rocky Devon, Junior Deacon, Br. Dan Lepley, Senior Steward, Br. Scott Thompson, Junior Steward, and WB Tim Boyer, Tyler. VW Dennis Wilder was the Installing Officer, and VW Rick Kelly was the Installing Marshal.

This coming April 3rd, 2013, Aurora Lodge will have their Annual Past Masters' Night, and Grand Master's visit. A delicious seafood dinner will be at 6:30 p.m., with their Stated Communication to follow, at 7:30 p.m.

Palestine Lodge No. 214

On September 11th, 2012, Senior Warden Terry Pasley was presented the Hiram Award. Worshipful Master Dan Christensen wanted to recognize Br. Terry's hard work and dedication

to Palestine Lodge. Br. Terry was responsible for raising over several thousand dollars to benefit Palestine's Lodge Fund and Scholarship Fund.

The 23rd of October was Palestine Lodge's Annual Apple Pie Night. Right after their Stated Communication, a wide variety of delicious and mouth-watering apple pies and desserts were enjoyed by the members and guests. The event was well attended, and Fellowship enjoyed by all.

On November 13th, 2012, the following Officers were Duly Installed: WB Birens Pillow, Worshipful Master, Br. Terry Pasley, Senior Warden, Br. Mike Merrick, Junior Warden, WB Dan Christensen, Treasurer, VW John MacDonald, Secretary, WB Sonny Wilson, Chaplain, Br. Todd Fletcher, Marshal, Br. Gary Reams, Senior Deacon, Br. Tom Ryan, Junior Deacon, Br. Ron Merrick, Senior Steward, and WB Bud Vest, Junior Steward. Installing Officers were WB Tom Christie and VW John MacDonald, Installing Chaplain was VW Clarence Weitman, and Installing Marshal was VW Rudy Schade.

In December the Lodge gave away 12 Christmas Baskets (turkey and all the trimmings) to needy families in the Omak area. Money for the Christmas Baskets was raised from their 'Big R' Gift Certificate Christmas Raffle.

Methow Valley Lodge No. 240

Methow Valley Lodge had the pleasure and honor of having MW Dean Heinemann, Grand Master, and other distinguished guests, at their September Lodge Dinner and Stated Communication, September 13th, 2012.

Grand Master Dean presented the Hiram Award to VW Fred Noyes, for his many years of dedicated service to Methow Valley Lodge No. 240, and the Proficiency in Lodge Management Certificate to Worshipful Master Nick Pemberton.

Then, in honor of WB Robert M. Hill's dedicated service to the Craft, MW Bill Wood of Hermanos del Arte Lodge No. 314, presented a check in the amount of \$5,000 to Methow Valley Lodge No. 240!

Our Grand Master Dean then delivered his message regarding the 'Business of Freemasonry,' and the 'Formal Part' of Freemasonry, its Rituals and Teachings. Our Grand Master wants each of us to ask the question: What does our Ritual say to us (to our hearts and consciences)? Therefore, if we take this personal approach, we will know how to apply it to our everyday lives.

On November 8th, 2012, Methow Valley Lodge hosted their Annual VW Lucky Jones Kick 'A' Chili Feed. Distinguished guests for the evening: MW Dean Heinemann, Grand Master, RW Bruce Vesper, Deputy Grand Master, VW Jerry Gendreau, Deputy of the Grand Master in District No. 30 and his wife Ninna, and Brethren from all the Lodges of District No. 22. Several different varieties of chili prepared by the Brethren of Methow Valley Lodge, and a pot of chili brought in by Br. Frank Grunert of Aurora Lodge No. 201, were enjoyed by all!

On December 13th, 2012, the following Officers were Duly Installed: WB Clayton King, Worshipful Master, WB Don Wilson, Senior Warden, Br. Bob Ulrich, Junior Warden, VW Rudy Schade, Treasurer/Secretary, WB Robert Hill, Marshal, WB Tom White, Chaplain, Br. Jason Ramos, Senior Deacon, WB Dan Smith, Junior Deacon, and WB Bub Gaston, Tyler. VW Fred Noyes was the Installing Officer, and VW Rudy Schade was Installing Marshal.

As you can see Brethren, the Lodges of District No. 22 have been busy with their Lodge events and programs, and we all look forward to more to come!

VWB Rudy N. Schade

District Deputy of the Grand Master

District No. 22

International Night

Lafayette Lodge, No.241

Since 1929, Lafayette Lodge, No.241 in Seattle has hosted a spectacular event to foster Masonic friendship among the Jurisdictions in the western United States and British Columbia and Yukon. It is known as International Night, and this year's event truly lived up to its name. Seven Grand Masters attended the December 1st, 2012, banquet and reception held at the Alki Masonic Center in Seattle, as well as many of their respective Grand Lodge Officers, and numerous Brethren and their guests, about seventy five in all.



Photo by VWB Darrel Womack, Grand Lodge Photographer
Shown in the picture with the bust of the Lafayette Lodge's namesake-the Marquis de Lafayette- are:

- Grand Masters, from left to right:
 - MWB G. Murray Webster- MW Grand Lodge, AF&AM of British Columbia and Yukon
 - MWB Hunt Compton- MW Grand Lodge, AF&AM of Oregon
 - MWB Clarence Vranish- MW Grand Lodge, AF&AM of Wyoming
 - MWB Keith Brooks-MW Grand Lodge, AF&AM of Idaho
 - MWB Dean Heinemann- MW Grand Lodge, F&AM of Washington
 - MWB Gardner M Torrence, Sr.- MW Prince Hall Grand Lodge, F&AM of Washington and Jurisdiction
 - MWB Jerry Pinion- MW Grand Lodge, F&AM of Alaska
- WB Aaron Krebs, Worshipful Master, Lafayette Lodge #241
- The ladies of Bethel #5, International Order of Job's Daughters, Edmonds, Washington

This was Lafayette Lodge's 84th Annual International night and it began with hearty welcome, introductions, reception of the Grand Masters and a pleasant social gathering with great Hors d'oeuvres.

Everyone soon moved upstairs to the Lodge room for a unique Masonic Bible signing ceremony. Lafayette Lodge No. 241's, Bible has been used since they were constituted on September 6, 1921, and, as is their custom at International Night, visiting Grand Masters and other dignitaries sign the Bible. MWB Dean Heinemann led off the signing. This Bible has also been signed by actors, astronauts, key military officers, and U.S. Presidents, including Warren Harding, Franklin Roosevelt, Harry Truman, Dwight Eisenhower, Lyndon Johnson, Gerald Ford, and Ronald Reagan. Other notable signers include Charles Lindberg, Neil Armstrong, Frank S. Land- the founder of the Order of DeMolay, General Douglas MacArthur, King Carl Gustaf of Sweden, Bob Hope and Red Skelton. Each Grand Master was then presented with copies of Lafayette's minutes from all past meetings, and copies of signatures of all signers of Lafayette's Bible.

A special ceremony followed-the presenting of the Lewis jewels by Lafayette's Secretary-WB Roger Pankey-to Lafayette's Tyler Don Krebs, as Brother Don's father was a Mason, and to Don's sons-Worshipful Master Aaron Krebs and his brother Chaplain Michael Ellsworth. The Masonic Lewis Jewel is a pin that is worn by the Masonic son of a Masonic father. The upper bar has the father's name & year of joining the organization, with the lower bar of the son. There is a chain down to the Lewis device, which is a simple, but ingenious device employed by operative Masons to raise heavy blocks of stone into place during construction of stone buildings of the time. Everyone then progressed downstairs to enjoy a sumptuous buffet feast of salmon and steak. Jobies and their Guardians from Bethel #5, International Order of Job's Daughters in Edmonds really made the night even more special with all of their hard work in helping with the meal service. As dinner ended, each Grand Master delivered inspirational messages and most informative presentations regarding their respective Grand Lodge activities and areas of emphasis. MWB Dean Heinemann was the final presenter, providing his philosophy, personal message, and a look to the future. He also introduced Deputy Grand Master Bruce Vesper.

Masons then moved upstairs to the Lodge room and, as the Lodge was previously opened and went to refreshment earlier in the day, resumed labor with Lafayette's Officers in their respective stations and places. Worshipful Master Aaron Krebs then invited MWB Dean Heinemann to honor the Brethren by closing the Lodge. The Grand Master subsequently announced that he had selected MWB Jerry Pinion of Alaska to sit in the West, and MWB Hunt Compton of Oregon to sit in the South. This was reflective of the fact that the MW Grand Lodge of F&AM of Washington evolved from the MW Grand Lodge of AF&AM of Oregon, and the MW Grand Lodge of F&AM of Alaska evolved from our own Grand Lodge.

After the Lodge was closed in Ample Form, many adjourned to the Hospitality room of the Best Western Loyal Inn in Seattle where out-of-town attendees were staying. It was the perfect end to another splendid International Night, one that will be remembered by fellowship, friendship, and fraternity.



Directory Listing of Services

The listing below is a Directory Service to provide the brethren with listings of Masons practitioners and service providers for different line of work and disciplines. This is in keeping with the Masonic tradition of promoting each others welfare and together be able to rejoice in each other's prosperity. This publication will continue to build-up this listing until we can establish a better and well organized format to advertise the ad placements. For now the following directory is arranged by order that the placements have been received. No additional entry was added to this listing from the last issue. Please spread the word around so we can have more members to advertise in this column.

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