



SEATTLE'S MASONIC LODGE OF THE MUSIC, THEATRE AND THE ARTS

April 15, 2006 – WE ARE # 1

**DAYLIGHT LODGE #232**

*Trestleboard*

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## THREE FELLOWCRAFT DEGREES THIS MONTH

For April 15 Stated meeting all business will be done on the Fellowcraft Degree starting at the usual hour of 10:00 a.m. Our three Entered Apprentice brothers Jon Alcantara, David Daw and Brandon Long will be passed to the Fellowcraft by Senior Warden Monaco. That conferral will be the first order of business. The Fremont Fair planning will be done too. Of course the Festiveboard lunch will follow the meeting. Come, enjoy the fellowship of your lodge.

## BREAKDOWN OF DAYLIGHT FACTS

Total members counted [includes all EA, FC & MM] **74**

Ages	total
18-20	1
21-30	10
31-40	18
41-50	8
51-60	7
61-70	12
71-80	9
81-90	7
91 and over	2

**TOTAL 74**

Average age of all members: 52.5  
Average age of all Officers: 41.0  
[only 12 officers counted because Cleo can't attend meetings]  
Average age of three Principal Officers 34.3  
Average age of officers 35.5  
[excluding treasurer, secretary, musician and tiler]  
Average age of petitioners for degrees, for plural membership and/or degrees completed since January 2005: 34.8

Petition/Degree status as of April 2006

3 candidates waiting for FC degree

Jon Alcantara, David Daw, Brandon Long

4 candidates waiting for MM degree

Sean Cook, Eric Hill, David Liber, Matthew Wenz,

The 2005 End of Year Grand Lodge Report showed:

67 MM on rolls

23 degree conferrals

and ALL offices filled by a Daylight member.

Average attendance at meetings - 25.4

lowest attendance - 16

highest attendance - 45



# MORE DAYLIGHT LODGE HISTORY

## FORTY AND TWENTY YEARS AGO

LIKE EVERYTHING IN THE COUNTY, **THE GREAT DEPRESSION** HAD A PROFOUND, BUT SUBTLE EFFECT ON THE DAYLIGHT AND ITS MEMBERS, NEVERTHELESS THE LODGE CONTINUED TO FUNCTION QUITE SUCCESSFULLY DURING THOSE YEARS AND ON INTO THE EARLY 1940'S; IN PART BECAUSE THE MEMBERS GENERALLY SHARED A COMMON HERITAGE, THE HERITAGE OF BOTH MASONRY AND OF BRINGING JOY TO THE LIVES OF OTHERS. FOR THE MOST PART NEW MEMBERS CONTINUED TO BE FROM PROFESSIONS SUCH AS MUSICIANS, STAGEHANDS, TICKET SELLERS, STAGE MANAGERS, COMICS, SINGERS, SUNDRY THEATER CRAFTS, NIGHT WORKERS. FROM EVERY EXPERTISE OF THE ENTERTAINMENT WORLD THEY CAME TO LODGE. BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY FROM THOSE PROFESSIONS, FOR THERE WERE BROTHERS FROM NEWSPAPER TRADES, PRESSMEN, MAILERS, STEREOTYPERS, TELEGRAPHERS EMPLOYED BY MORNING PAPERS LIKE THE SEATTLE POST INTELLIGENCER BUT IT REMAINED THE **SHOW BUSINESS** MASONS WHO CONSTITUTED SEVENTY TO EIGHTY PERCENT OF THE MEMBERSHIP AND THEIR SPIRIT OF ADVENTURE AND INTIMACY FILLED THE LODGE.

THE CHRONICLE OF DAYLIGHT MASONRY IN SEATTLE ITS FOURTH AND FIFTH DECADES IN THE 20<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY MUST BE BASED ON THE PERSONAL REMEMBRANCES OF THE FEW OFFICERS AND MEMBERS WHO WROTE OR REMEMBERED THE YEARS AND A FEW WRITTEN RECORDS SUCH AS MINUTES AND GRAND LODGE REPORTS. NEARLY ALL CORRESPONDENCE FROM 1940 UNTIL 1960 WAS LOST, SEARCHES TO LOCATE IT PROVED FRUITLESS. THEREFORE THE LODGE HISTORY OF THE 1940'S, 1950'S AND EVEN A PART OF THE 1960'S IS VERY LACKING IN PERSONAL ANECDOTES AND TALES OF INTEREST.

THE GRAND LODGE ANNUAL REPORTS DO TELL THAT BETWEEN JANUARY 1940 AND DECEMBER 1959, ONE HUNDRED AND TWO PETITIONS WERE RECEIVED FOR THE DEGREES AND THIRTY-FOUR FOR AFFILIATION. THE PETITIONS RECORDS SHOW THAT THIRTY-TWO OF THESE WERE FROM THE ENTERTAINMENT WORLD WHILE TWENTY-SEVEN WERE MACHINIST. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE LODGE LIKE MOST LODGES REACHED ITS MAXIMUM SIZE OF JUST OVER 170 MEMBERS IN 1956 THROUGH 1958. THERE WAS A GREAT INFLUX OF MEN INTO MASONRY FOLLOWING WORLD WAR II AND DAYLIGHT BENEFITED AS DID ALL LODGES.

**1946 - Charles Elliot Meredith** Arville Belstad was elected to succeed Presley Gill on December 12, 1945, the installation planned for January 9, 1946 with Past Grand Master Poole in charge. But it was necessary to postpone the ceremony because the Master-elect was seriously ill. In the late 1970's Gunner Korsgaard remembered it to be either a serious heart problem or a stroke. The February 13, 1946 minutes read,

*A communication was received from Brother Arville Belstad, Worshipful Master-elect, stating that due to the condition of his health, he would be unable to assume the duties of that office and asked to be relieved. The following motion,*

*duly seconded, was then offered: 'That the secretary write immediately to the Grand Master, asking for a special dispensation for the purpose of electing a Worshipful Master, Senior Warden and Junior Warden for the year 1946, to be followed immediately by their installation, the same to be tiled.' Carried unanimously (sic) by the 16 brethren present.*

On Wednesday, February 27, 1946 a special communication was held to elect and install the officers. Charles Meredith was elected to fill the East, Past Master Beach Taylor stepped into fill the void as Senior Warden and Alvin Paulson was elected Junior Warden. It was a rare tiled installation ceremony. Meredith, the new Master, able but not quite expecting to sit in the East so soon had ample qualifications to fill the Oriental Chair. He was secretary of the Bakers' and Confectionery Workers Union when he petitioned for the degrees in 1941 and continued to hold that office for many years.

A native of Fort Dodge, Iowa, he was born October 10, 1888. He was raised three days after Pearl Harbor and was appointed to his first office as Senior Steward in 1943. His year as Master was again quite busy with twenty-five degrees. After his shortened year in the East, Meredith continued to be active in the lodge. On December 10, 1947 he was elected Treasurer. He died approximately ten years later on November 25, 1957.

Again, it is interesting to read the monthly lodge bills for that year, which generally were between \$110.00 and \$135.00. September for example had June rental of the Rainier Masonic Temple \$22.00, secretary R. Tudor Thomas received \$34.00 which included salary, lunch and office expenses, \$5.15 to the Ballard News to print the Trestleboard, \$5.00 to both the tyler and organist. The total bills for that month were \$167.40 and included \$40.00 in Masonic Home degree contributions.

Among the brothers raised during 1946 was musician Howard Morgan Berry. A rather unique member of the lodge and the entertainment world, like so many musicians he found little work performing full time. But he found a job and a love at Seattle's Woodland Park Zoo initially working with primates. Later he became a menagerie owner and supplied circuses from his ranch in the hills overlooking the Columbia River between Woodland and Kalama. A frequent visitor to lodges in the area he was referred to as *The Elephant Man*. A most appropriate appellation for a person who for many years until his death claimed ownership of a bull elephant, loaned to the Portland, Oregon zoo that at that time was believed to have sired more offspring than any other elephant in the Western world.

In 1973 when Grand Master Bill P. Horn visited Daylight, members reported on an "elephant hunt," visit to Brother Berry's ranch and their tale was greeted with looks and skepticism. Another brother added to the tale telling that for a while he had been Berry's neighbor in Seattle. Berry asked him to "baby sit for a month," a small, young elephant he was keeping in his garage. He was gone longer than expected and by the time he returned, the elephant had grown and it was necessary to remove a part of the wall to get the beast out.

THE 1980'S STARTED AS THE 1970'S HAD ENDED WITH INEXPERIENCED OFFICERS, VACANT OFFICER STATIONS, PAST MASTERS FILLING OTHERS. DAYLIGHT, NOW THE SECOND SMALLEST LODGE IN THE SEATTLE AREA STILL RETAINED GREAT FAITH IN ITS PURPOSE AND DEDICATION TO SERVE A SPECIAL SEGMENT OF THE MASONIC FRATERNITY. SMALLNESS

OF NUMBERS WAS BUT A MERE IRRITANT IN FINDING NEW OFFICERS, NOT A CAUSE FOR SACKCLOTH AND ASHES. A SMALL BUT DEDICATED CADRE OF PAST MASTER KEPT THE LODGE GOING. UNFORTUNATELY OFFICERS WERE ADVANCED AT AN INORDINATELY RAPID RATE BECAUSE PETITIONS WERE FEW AND THERE WAS A DESIRE TO FILL THE VARIOUS STATIONS. THE RESULT WAS SOME POORLY PREPARED MASTERS RITUALLY AND IN LODGE GOVERNANCE.

THOUGH FEW MEMBERS WERE ENTERTAINERS NOW, THE LODGE TRIED TO REMAIN TRUE TO ENTERTAINMENT HERITAGE CREATED BY THE OLDER MEMBERS WHO ASSURED THEM THAT EVERY SHOW PLAYS TO A FEW BAD HOUSES. EVERYONE WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO THE CURTAIN GOING UP ON ANOTHER DECADE OF DAYTIME SERVICE TO MASONRY, OF MEETING THE CHALLENGE OF A NEW PRODUCTION WITH A NEW WORSHIPFUL MASTER AND STAGING A FAMILIAR SHOW WITH A NEW DIRECTOR AND SOME NEW CAST MEMBERS.

**1986 - Daniel Thomas Northup** November 1985 saw a Daylight first, when son Daniel followed father to the East. Though Beach Taylor rode Indians in his earlier years, the Northups Tom and Dan, without doubt were the first Masters to proudly ride Hogs, the popular name for Harley Davidson Motorcycles. More than once they arrived at lodge in their motorcycle leathers. The other officers advanced in the normal manner setting the 1986 year off to an auspicious start that continued with degree work at the second meeting. Dan, a Seattle native born October 15, 1954, followed in his father's footsteps as a machinist, and as might well be expected his petition was signed by three machinists, his father, Past Master Dick Merritt and secretary Morgan. He was raised on July 11, 1981. He demitted from the lodge November 17, 2003.

The minutes of the May 1986 meeting, refers to information given the lodge, that Sherwood Lodge No. 164 in Sherwood, Oregon, a short distance southwest of Portland,

***... had finally held a meeting, elected and installed officers averting their charter being pulled and that in addition they had (changed) meeting day to the fourth Saturday ... at 9:00 a.m. thereby adding a new daytime lodge to the northwest lodges.***

The June meeting marked the first visit to Daylight, from Ernest Hazelwood, Past Master of Zia Daylight Lodge No. 77 in Albuquerque, New Mexico who at the time was Junior Grand Warden and he presented to the lodge, a Petition for Plural Membership, which was granted at the next meeting. It is interesting to note, that this meeting shows how the lodge continued to shepherd its limited funds, to the point of being a Silas Mariner, when it wrote District Deputy Richard Kramer, a very pointed letter objecting to part of the proposed district meeting expenses. A letter voted by the lodge, signed by all the officers read in part:

***We firmly believe that under no circumstances should we be expected to pay for wives, that other than elected officers and the deputy, others should pay their own way. They chose to accept the honor of ... their ... positions. These Grand Lodge members are most welcome to attend Daylight meetings and the festiveboard following, ... but they appear***

***only at receptions where the Grand Master may be, seldom if ever in our several lodges.***

***We feel that for others to obligate our limited funds in such amounts and for such purposes is not proper nor in the end beneficial. We may place ourselves in ... a minority position (but) today's financial realities in Daylight and other lodges dictates our opposition to feeding brethren who other otherwise never attend our lodge meetings. We must speak in opposition to expenses for which we see little or no return, which have increased yearly and which we feel must be brought under realistic control.***

The district accepted the lodge's suggestion.

One of the most exciting events of 1986 took place in Vancouver, B.C. at the time of the Vancouver World's Fair, EXPO86. Meridian Lodge No. 108, Daylight's sister daytime lodge in Vancouver, was called upon by the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, to hold a meeting during the Fair, but in the evening. The lodge's Master, Ben Robinson instead, and in face of much opposition from many quarters, insisted on, and planned a daytime meeting. With the help of Daylight's secretary, invitations were sent to daytime lodges across the United States, telling them about this meeting, and EXPO86.

It was an unqualified success, the most successful of the scheduled meetings. Over two hundred Masons attended from far and wide, the farthest coming from South Africa. Nine different daylight Lodges, from as many Grand Lodges, were represented from as far east as Delaware. British Columbia Grand Lodge officers, plus other visiting Grand Officers including the New Mexico Grand Secretary Ron Brinkman and Junior Grand Warden Ernest Hazelwood, both members of Zia Daylight Lodge No. 77 in Albuquerque. At the meeting, Robinson expressed the regret, that such a meeting of Daylight Masons could not be a more common event.

Time would answer his hope, because in 1989 when Ernest Hazelwood became Grand Master of New Mexico, Zia Daylight No. 77, his home lodge in Albuquerque, hosted a second and equally successful meeting of Daylight Masons where he was honored. At that meeting, an informal North American Conference of Daylight Lodges was created with Hazelwood as President and Coe Tug Morgan as General Secretary. The Conference met again in 1992, hosted by High Noon Lodge No. 38 at Newark, Delaware. Robinson, host Master of the first gathering of daytime Masons was elected vice president and recognized for his daring, in planning the first gathering in 1986.

***From your secretary: I hope you enjoy these pages from the lodge history? It was started at the request of W.. Brother Andy Carnahan when the lodge celebrated its 80<sup>th</sup> year. He asked me to put together a history from the information I had collected and it has been without question, a labor of love. All the pages will be made into a small book ready for the July Installation and will be available for every member. Of course it is not complete because we hope to see Daylight continue to be a vital part of Seattle Masonry for many years to come. Someone else can write about what happens after this year.***



Musical people always want one to be perfectly dumb at the very moment when one is longing to be absolutely deaf.

--- Brother Oscar Wilde

## DISTRICT G.M RECEPTION, ETC.

At the District 4/5 Reception for the Grand Master on February 29<sup>th</sup>, Daylight received a Pillar of Progress Award for Family Involvement. The entertainment for the evening was all Daylight with one minor qualification. Brother Monaco and his band partner Greg Schwartz played, Brother Ken Wehl entertained as Elvis and also presented some of his magic. Carla Hilderbrand, wife of our Senior Deacon Andy Anderson sang several arias from *Carmen* by Bizet and *Orpheus* by Cluck. Three young ladies from the SYSO played a Haydn flute and cello trio. These three left any nay-sayers about supporting the SYSO without any instrument on which to play their off-key song.



L to R Greg Schwartz with Brother Ken Wehl a.k.a. *The King* and Senior Warden Anthony Monaco



The Seattle Youth Symphony Orchestra Players – Lavena Johanson, cello – Angela Potter and Rhinnon Bronstine, flute

New York City Opera 1960 – A terrified tenor, first time doing Don Ottavio in Mozart's *Don Giovanni* reversed the order of arias, walked onto the stage and started singing "*Il mio tesoro*" instead of the first aria '*Dalla sua pace*.' Supposedly the orchestra under the leadership of Julius Rudel knew the score so well they at once cut to the correct bar some 100 pages later. Many in the audience assumed it was done on purpose.



Carla Hilderbrand performing



Greg Schwartz and Anthony Monaco ready to perform

**THE REPLACEMENT for V.:W.: Mike Davis who ends his two years as Deputy of the Grand Master in District No. 5 as of June 9<sup>th</sup> we have been told by a Masonic bird will be Daylight's Treasurer, W.: Brother JAMES R. MAHER. Congratulations to Brother Jim. He will be the fifth Daylighter to hold the office since 1980. You might say that it is a pretty good record for Seattle's smallest lodge.**

We also have an Honorary Past Master, V.:W.: Gale Kenney who has his hat in the ring for Junior Grand Warden. We wish him lots of luck and of course will be there to give him our support and votes. As W.: Jim Maher said, "It's time we got a 'rock n' roller' in the Grand Lodge line."

Grand Lodge is coming up in June starting the 8<sup>th</sup>. This year it will be held in the new convention center at Ocean Shores. Daylight has once again submitted a resolution, this one pertaining to making an addition to the Senior Warden's responses in the Entered Apprentice Degree opening.

At the March 18<sup>th</sup> meeting the lodge added two more Entered Apprentices to the rolls. Worshipful Master Rob was in the East to obligate Jon Alcantara and David Daw. They will be advanced to the Fellowcraft along with Brandon Long this month. Worshipful Master Rob informed everyone that this month would be the last degree conferral during his two years in the East. The seven brothers that will be waiting for their Master Mason degrees will be Brother Monaco's task after his installation on July 15<sup>th</sup>.



Our newest Entered Apprentices – l to r David Daw and Jon Alcantara and sort of seated, Senior Deacon Andy Anderson who was in charge of the degree team.

DAYLIGHT MEMBERS WHO HAVE WORN A PURPLE COLLAR  
OR  
SERVED AS DEPUTY SINCE THE LODGE'S START IN 1920

Carbon L. Weber – Junior Grand Deacon – 1935-1936  
 James S. Andrews – Junior Grand Deacon – 1954-1955  
 James S. Andrews – Deputy of the Grand Master in District No. 6 – 1956-1958  
 Thomas W. Kingsbury – Deputy of the Grand Master in District No. 4 – 1961- 1962  
 CoeTug Morgan – Deputy of the Grand Master in District No. 5 – 1980-1982  
 John F. Losey, Sr. – Grand Organist – 1981-1982  
 David P. Barney – Deputy of the Grand Master in District No. 5 – 1988-1990  
 CoeTug Morgan – Grand Historian – 1990-1991  
 David S. Julian – Grand Organist – 1991-1992  
 David P. Barney – Grand Chaplain – 1992-1993  
 CoeTug Morgan – Grand Orator – 1992-1993  
 Allen D. Carter – Grand Chaplain – 1994-1995  
 Don E. Ward – Deputy of the Grand Master in District No. 5 – 1994-1996  
 David S. Julian – Grand Organist – 1996-1997  
 Allen D. Carter – Grand Chaplain – 1996-1997  
 David S. Julian – Grand Bible Bearer – 1997-1998  
 David S. Julian – Deputy of the Grand Master in District No. 5 – 1998-2000  
 Cleo B. McCord – Junior Grand Steward -- 2001-2002  
 David S. Julian – Grand Organist – 2004-2005  
 David S. Julian – Grand Musician -- 2005-2006 \*\*  
 James R. Maher – Deputy of the Grand Master District No. 5 – 2006

\*\* title Grand Organist changed to Grand Musician June 2005

## FROM AN 1861 EDITION OF A THOMAS WEBB RITUAL

### CHARGE ON THE BEHAVIOR OF MASONS OUT OF THE LODGE

When the lodge is closed, you may enjoy yourselves with innocent mirth; but you are carefully to avoid excess. You are not to compel any brother to act contrary to his inclination, or give offence by word or deed, but enjoy a free and easy conversation. You are to use no immoral or obscene discourse, but at all times support with propriety the dignity of your character.

You are to be cautious in your words and carriage, that the most penetrating stranger may not discover, or find out, what is not proper to be intimated; and, if necessary, you are to wave a discourse, and manage it prudently for the honor of the fraternity.

At home, and in your several neighborhoods, you are to behave as wise and moral men. You are never to communicate to your families, friends or acquaintance, the private transactions of our different assemblies; but upon every occasion to consult your honor, and the reputation of the fraternity at large.

You are to study the preservation of health, by avoiding irregularity and intemperance that your families may not be neglected and injured, or yourselves disabled from attending to your necessary employments in life.

If a stranger apply in the character of a Mason, you are to cautiously to examine him in such a method as prudence may direct, and agreeably to the forms established among Masons; that you may not be imposed upon by an ignorant, false pretender, whom you are to reject with contempt; beware of giving him any secret hints of knowledge. But if you discover him to be a true and genuine brother, you are to respect him; if he be in want, you are to relieve him, or direct him how he may be relived; you are to employ him, or recommend him for employment; however you are never charged to do beyond your ability; only to prefer a poor brother, who is a good man and true, before any other person in the same circumstances.

Finally: These rules you are always to observe and enforce, and also the duties which have been communicated in the lectures; cultivating brotherly love, foundation and capstone, the cement and glory, of this ancient and honorable fraternity; avoiding, upon every occasion, wrangling and quarrelling, slandering and backbiting; not permitting others to slander honest brethren, but defending their characters, and doing them good offices, as far as may be consistent with your honor and safety, but no further. Hence all may see the benign influence of Masonry, as all true Masons have done from the beginning of the world, and will do to the end of time. Amen.