

Seattle's Masonic Lodge of the Arts

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Daylight Lodge #232

FELLOWCRAFT DEGREE CONFERRAL

TRESTLEBOARD

Our new Web Site - www.daylightmasons.org

STATED MEETING AND FELLOWCRAFT DEGREE OCTOBER 20 – 10:00 A.M.

As was mentioned in last month's Trestleboard, Daylight will be conferring four Fellowcraft degrees after lodge is opened on OCTOBER 20. Worshipful Master David Julian will open lodge at the 10:00 a.m. Business probably will be conducted before the degree conferral to give the brothers from North Hill ample time to arrive from Spokane as well as a little breather space.

Our Entered Apprentice Brother David Cooper and also Brother Brian Burns from North Hill #210 in Spokane will be passed to Fellowcraft Masons. North Hill past master Chuck Burns will be in the East to obligate his son Brian who now lives in Edmonds and also brother Cooper. Daylight and North Hill members will fill the different stations. Eureka Lodge No. 20 will have two brothers present, the sons of our late W\ Brother Captain Jesse Eastman. The degree will two candidates at the same time so if you have not seen how a multiple candidate degree conferral is conducted this is a good chance to see it done right.

Daylight often jokingly refers to North Hill #210 as our *Eastern Washington Outpost* because we have three plural members, Worshipful Brothers Andy Carnahan, Cleo McCord and Phil Ostendorf shared with that lodge. Worshipful Master Julian and the officers are very pleased to welcome the brothers with the red bow ties to share this degree work, even if their taste in bow ties is questionable.

So mark the date, come to lodge and greet our North Hill brothers and our new Fellowcrafts. And don't forget lunch afterwards. See you October 20.

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STATED MEETINGS: 2001-2002

October 20	January 19	March 16	May 18
November 17	February 16	April 20	June 22

Once a Congressman was talking at length to a Texas delegation about the high price of fertilizer. After listening for a time fellow Congressman Barbara Jordan, got tired of his long-windedness. "Congressman," she finally said, "it's refreshing to hear you talking about something you're really deep into."

A REMINDER

Those living outside the greater Seattle area or not attending lodge on a regular basis will continue to receive the TRESTLEBOARD via US mail every second or third month. You will find two or three months in one envelop so that we can save money on postage.

But if you don't have Email and still want it monthly just ask, and it will be sent regularly. Nearly half the members do have an email address and receive their TRESTLEBOARD monthly plus the minutes of the meeting.

If you do get Email, send your address to your secretary at notpgm@home.com because it makes the job a lot easier.

Whoever battles with monsters had better see that it does not turn him into a monster. And if you gaze long into an abyss, the abyss will gaze back into you.

Friedrich Nietzsche

Your secretary was recently humbled and honored to receive the DeMolay Legion of Honor award. It is given by the Supreme Council of DeMolay to senior DeMolays for "outstanding leadership and service to humanity," country and general support of DeMolay and of course Masonry.

ANOTHER REMINDER

Dues are due again. Look for your bill soon if it is not already arrived.

Well, this is what we must overcome first of all. Our poisoned hearts must be cured. And the most difficult battle to be won against the enemy in the future must be fought within ourselves, with an exceptional effort that will transform our appetite for hatred into a desire for justice.

Albert Camus

DEGREE WORK COMING UP

Worshipful Master Julian has scheduled the Master Mason degree conferral for our next meeting on November 17. Senior Warden Ostendorf will be in charge but hopes and expects to pass the big parts off to our new young officers. Learn by doing is his philosophy.

ABOUT MEMBERS - ETC.

Our Senior Warden will be installed at this month's meeting because he was not able to attend in September when M\ W\ Milton Benson installed the other officers. W\ Brother Ostendorf was sitting at home waiting for his wife. She had been in Italy, scheduled to fly home on September 11. She made her way to London and was on standby to fly to the U.S. but of course Brother Phil didn't know when she might arrive so he waited. She was able to get on a flight that took her to Vancouver B.C. and brother Phil finally found her on the front doorstep. Being a very ingenious and resourceful lady she was able to find a driver of a town car that take her to Seattle at a reasonable rate and faster than bus or train. So she rounded up five others and they were off to Seattle. Of course Brother Phil wasn't sure what was happening so he waited at home.

Our good Treasurer W\ Brother James Maher now has a new title. For the past several years he has been working and studying to become a Chartered Financial Analyst and late in September he informed the lodge and other friends that he has been a success and can put CFA after his name. Lodge members do speculate what CFA really stands for but have decided to take him at his word. Certainly the lodge's finances would appear to be in the best of hands and all the officers and members congratulate him on his accomplishment.

Your secretary is honored that the lodge members have deemed his work in that station as adequate and have chosen to re-elect him to the office for a 27th year.

W\ Brother John Losey, Sr. had a new knee job the end of September and reports that his is doing well. Perhaps when he gets all healed up we will see him more often at lodge, both Daylight and Tyee No. 115, the Wayfarer's Daylight Lodge.

While driving south to attend the Oregon Shakespeare Festival in Ashland, your secretary stopped in Bend, Oregon and made contact with W\ Brother Don Johnston. Brother Don says that he has problem with a detached retina in one eye. He is being treated and expects everything will be back to pretty normal by the end of the year. "It just takes time," he said. He also says that his wife Colleen had been hit with a stroke and also a small heart problem. She too, is doing pretty well.

The tombstone is about the only thing that can stand upright and lie on its face at the same time.

... Mary Wilson Little

THIS MONTH'S DEGREE

Our Junior Warden, Uly Ruiz has put together a pretty good looking degree team to help support the degree conferral on October 20., mostly young faces. In addition to W\ Brother Burns from North Hill in the East, our Junior Deacon Ral Wilson will shift to the West, Brother Anthony Monaco will present the working tools and W\ Brother George Loftus from Occidental No. 72 will give the lecture. Stewards will be from North Hill and Eureka.

In the theatre, a hero is one who believes that all women are ladies, a villain one who believes that all ladies are women.

... George Jean Nathan

October is National Arts
and Humanities Month

WHAT W.: GEORGE WASHINGTON WROTE ABOUT BIGOTRY

At a recent meeting of another lodge, a comment was made about the recent horrors on the East Coast and that hopefully America as a nation had learned something from the treatment given our Japanese citizens sixty years ago. Unbelievably two brothers spoke up and insisted that the Japanese had been put in the American internment camps "for their own safety." When asked why our government also took away their property and other rights, they continued to insist that it was for their own protection.

Since September 11 we have seen Sikhs and Arab looking Americans attacked and even murdered, mosques and even Jewish synagogues torched and bombed because of race, etc. We often talk of the holocaust of WW War II but history tells us that the Jews of Spain suffered a holocaust in 1492 when the Catholic monarchs Ferdinand and Isabella captured all of Spain and drove out or burned at the stake non-Catholics. The first Jewish people in what is now the United States were part of this Sephardim Jewish exodus from Spain and arrived first in New Amsterdam as free people. They were active in their support of the American Revolution. A Sephardim was General Washington's personal aide, Jewish businessmen carried the story of the Treaty of Paris across Europe.

Few realize it but the poem at the base of the Statue of Liberty that starts with the lines, "Give me your tired, you poor, young hungry masses yearning to be free . . . was written by one of America's Sephardim.

As Masons we always point with pride to the influence that Masonry and our first President set on this nation. Washington like Franklin, Jefferson, Adams, Madison, Monroe, Masons and non-Masons alike exemplified all things that are great about men, about the ideals of Masonry. We like to believe that our first president practiced the lessons taught mankind by all great religious faiths, the same precepts that as Masons we teach; namely the goodness of all men and their equality before the Supreme Architect of the Universe and hence all men.

When we became a nation a Jewish congregation in Newport, Rhode Island wrote our new president, George Washington asking if the new American nation would truly live by eloquent words written in the Declaration of Independence and Constitution?

His answer is well worth considering in these days of trial and sadness. He wrote to the Jews of Newport and everywhere words that any Mason would recognize:

Gentlemen,

While I receive with much satisfaction your address replete with expressions of esteem, I rejoice in the opportunity to assure you that I shall always retain grateful remembrance of the cordial welcome I experience on my visit to Newport from all classes of citizens.

The reflections on the days of difficulty and danger which are passed is rendered the more sweet from a consciousness that they are succeed by days of uncommon prosperity and security.

If we have the wisdom to make the best use of the advantages with which we are now favored, we cannot fail, under the just administration of a good government to become and great and happy people.

The citizen of the United States of America have a right to applaud themselves for having given to mankind examples of an enlarged and liberal policy worthy of imitation. All possess alike liberty of conscience and immunities of citizenship.

It is now no more, that toleration is spoken of as if it were by the indulgence of one class of people, that another enjoyed the exercise of there inherent natural rights, for, the Government of the United States, which give bigotry no sanction, to persecution on assistance, requires only that they who live under its protection shall demand themselves as good citizens in giving it on all occasions, their effective support.

It would be inconsistent with the frankness of my character not avow that I am please with your favorable opinion of my administration and fervent wishes for my felicity.

May the children of the stock of Abraham who dwell in this land continue to merit and enjoy the good will of the other inhabitant, while everyone shall sit in safety under his own vine and fig tree, and there shall be none to make him afraid.

May the father of all Mercies scatter light, and not darkness in our paths, and make us all in our several vocations useful here, and in His own due time and way, everlastingly happy.

G. Washington

A N O T H E R S H O R T T A L K B U L L E T I N

FOR YOUR MASONIC EDUCATION, ETC.

MOZART

The Short Talk Bulletin Vol. 62, January 1984 No. 1

Adapted from a paper, "The Sixth Liberal Art," prepared by Worshipful Brother Fred M. Mindermann, Past Master of Granite No. 119 of Haddam, Connecticut, for the Masonic Research Lodge No. 104, F. & A. M. of Atlanta, Georgia in 1970.

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart was born in Salzburg in 1756 and died in Vienna in 1791 at the age of thirty-five. As a child he was known as a prodigy and genius for among his accomplishments he played piano at three, composed a concerto at five, made his first concert tour of Europe at six, had his first four violin sonatas published at eight, had his first symphonies played in London at eight, and at fourteen he had written two comic operas and one opera seria. Mozart is recognized as the greatest melodic genius of his time and was composer whose wide works included symphonies, sonatas . . . He is remembered as a composer whose music culminated much of what had gone on before and led the way to what was to follow. In addition, he was a genius in all areas of music composition . . .

When only thirteen years of age, he was made concertmaster to the Archbishop Schwatenbach of Salzburg, who recognized his genius and encouraged his triumphal tour of Europe, where honors were heaped upon him. The churches and theaters where he performed were filled to overflowing.

The Archbishop's successor, von Collorodo, was a man of a different stripe. Unartistic, unappreciative, disapproved of those tours, and even refused permission to leave Salzburg, Mozart resigned in 1772, returned to the service of the Archbishop von Collorodo in 1778 and in 1779 was made Court Organist. However, his relations with the Archbishop increasing worsened, and finally left Salzburg for good and settled in Vienna.

A possible reference to his break with Roman Catholicism and his belief that the highest human happiness could be obtained in a society governed by brotherly love, friendship, beauty and wisdom is expressed in the following excerpt from his "Little German Cantata:

*Oh break the fetters of this folly,
Oh tear this binding prejudicial veil,
Take off the former robe, which long had
Rendered mankind sectarian."*

and another excerpt from the "Little Masonic Cantata:"

*Loudly herald our great gladness,
joyous instrument sound,
Let the echoes of these pillar in
each Brother's heart abound!
For we dedicate this station by our*

*golden chain of Brothers,
And the truest bond of hearts,*

In 1784 Mozart joined the Lodge "True Harmony of Spirits," and later the Lodge "Charity" and finally the Lodge "New Crowned Hope." The impressions he received were so profound and significant that on the 6th of April 1785, his father Leopold Mozart when on a visit to Vienna, became a member of his son's Lodge "New Crowned Hope." The song called "Gesellenreise" [Fellowcraft's Journey] was composed on the occasion of his father being passed to the Fellowcraft Degree. . .

Off all Masonic composers, Mozart appears to be the one who has written the most on all types of Masonic subjects. Included here is music for the actual ritual ceremony, music dedicated to the establishment of Lodges, music depicting personal feelings of the Brotherhood and it's meaning . . .

One of Mozart's noteworthy Masonic compositions what his Masonic Funeral Music written on the death of the distinguished Freemason, Duke Georg August of Mecjlenburg-Strelitz and Count Franz Esterhazy, and played for the first time in 17th November, 1785, in the Lodge 'Zur neugekroenten Hoffnung" [New Crowned Hope]. . . .

No doubt the greatest Masonic works ever written is Mozart's "The Magic Flute." It was first performed in Vienna in 1791. Written at age 35 shortly before his death, it is a combination of simple German folk tunes and classic operatic writing. The plot is one of political satire set against an Egyptian background. It is said that this is the swan song of Austrian Freemasonry, for in 1791 Kaiser Leopold prohibited Freemasonry in Austria. Thus the opera is written as an apology and a confessional of fidelity for Freemasonry, as a last farewell to the Mason's ideals of freedom and forbearance. . . .

Masons in Europe, and especially in Austria, hold the memory of Brother Mozart in greatest reverence. The foremost Masonic Research Lodge in Vienna is the "Soroastro Club," taking the name for the principal character in "The Magic Flute" the High Priest of Isis.