

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

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The Lodge of the Arts



TRESTLEBOARD

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JUNE 28 – STATED MEETING & ELECTIONS

It is time for a change of officers and June 28th is the Stated Meeting when new officers will be elected for the next Masonic year. After two good and exciting years in the East Worshipful Master Monaco will open his final meeting at the usual hour of 10:00 a.m. He has stated that it has been an awesome two plus years and he plans to end his term with two EA^o conferrals as the first order of business at this meeting. He says he looks with real pride at the success the lodge has had. Not just in these two years but since he was first elect Junior Warden and how with the help of a great line of officers and sideliners, he was able to build on the foundation that was laid by W.:Jay Losey and W.:Rob Pitre. It is now time for a new leader to take the East and continue that success and growth. {See below for important item}



In the two years W.: Brother Anthony has filled the East the lodge will have held thirty-eight degree conferrals plus assisted a number of other lodges with candidates. Including the two candidates waiting for their Entered Apprentice, this Masonic year will end with ten brothers waiting for the Fellowcraft Degree, plus one for the Master Mason Degree. In a great measure this has been because of the Lodge's different looking and interesting Masonic web site. Every one of the brothers made a Mason on May 3rd first made contact with the lodge because of the web site.

Under W.: Brother Anthony's guidance ritual work of the lodge has become excellent. The lodge's Master Mason degree team has been as far East as Yakima Valley. The lodge has stepped forward with new ideas on the level of technology. In addition to its over thirty year support of the Seattle Youth Symphony Orchestras musicians, the Lodge has continued its support of Solid Ground's (Fremont Public Assn.) Fremont Solstice Festival with a Fair Bandstand and Masonic Information booth, in April it gave support to First Place program. Members have lent special support to University Lodge and their U. District Street Fair. More recently the young brothers under the leadership of Worshipful Master Anthony and several of his officers have reached out to the U of W fraternity council, met with fraternity members and petitions have resulted from that unique effort.

Brotherly love, relief and truth have been a pass word for the lodge, community activity support and fellowship its hallmark. Visitors often comment on the relaxed yet good degree work, the total involvement of the members and the friendly chatter that happens around the festiveboard. Perhaps Deputy Grand Master R.:W.:Doug Tucker's selecting Brother Anthony to be his Grand Sword Bearer is recognition of the outstanding Masonry being found at Daylight represented not just by him but all the officers and members.

📢 FREMONT FAIR FUN TIME 📢

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, JUNE 21ST AND 22ND IS THE ANNUAL FREMONT SOLSTICE FESTIVAL STREET FAIR EVENT. SEATTLE'S LARGEST COMMUNITY EVENT OF THE TYPE AND AGAIN AS WE HAVE SINCE 1999 DAYLIGHT WILL HAVE A BAND STAND AND WILL HOST A MASONIC INFORMATION BOOTH. OTHER AREA LODGES WILL BE ALSO SUPPORTING THE INFORMATION BOOTH AND THEIR MEMBERS WILL HELP OUT MANNING THE BOOTH. DAYLIGHTERS WILL BE SETTING UP THE BOOTH FRIDAY NITE AFTER ABOUT 7:00 P.M AND WHEN THAT IS DONE MAKE A STOP AT A LOCAL PUB.

ACCORDING TO DAYLIGHT'S OPERATING PROCEDURES "THE BEACH B" OUR SENIOR WARDEN IS IN CHARGE OF THE EVENT SO ANDY ANDERSON WILL BE THERE TO SUPERVISE ALONG WITH OUR WORSHIPFUL MASTER AND JUNIOR WARDEN WHO WILL OF COURSE BE LENDING THEIR SAGE ADVICE.

BROTHER RICHARD RODGERS HAS OFFERED TO BE THE NUMBER ONE EMCEE FOR THE BANDSTAND AND OTHER MEMBERS WILL BACK HIM UP. THE LOCATION OF THE "WATERFRONT BANDSTAND" AND THE MASONIC INFORMATION BOOTH WILL BE IN THE SAME APPROXIMATE LOCATION AS FOR THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS AT THE WEST END OF THE FAIR ON 35TH. COME AND PASS OUT BALLOONS. THE FAMOUS SOLSTICE PARADE WILL BE ON SATURDAY. DORIC AND MARITIME LODGES WILL HOLD OPEN HOUSE AT THE MASONIC HALL DURING THE FAIR WITH SOME FOOD FOR VISITORS.



**BALLOON PICTURES FROM PAST FAIRS, ETC.
COME AND HELP.**

REMEMBER THAT THIS LONG RUNNING PROGRAM IS IN SUPPORT OF SOLID GROUND, ONE OF KING COUNTY'S LARGEST CHARITIES. EACH YEAR NOW THEY ASK "THE MASONS" TO BE PART OF THE EVENT. DAYLIGHT'S SPONSORSHIP REPRESENTING DISTRICT 4 & 5 MASONS IS RECOGNIZED AND CAN BE FOUND ON THE FAIR WEBSITE: WWW.FREMONTFAIR.COM/SPONSORS.PHP. THERE IS A LINK FROM THERE TO OUR OWN WEB SITE.

NEW PETITIONERS VOTED

Petitions for the Degrees of Masonry from Mr. Jonathan Henry Cats, and Mr. Zachary Andrew Meissner received a favorable ballot at the May meeting and they will take their EA° at this month's stated meeting. Now Senior Warden Anderson is trying to figure out a how many FC° degrees to schedule for August.

We also have a petition for Plural Membership from Brother Gerard Anthony Philpotts, a member of Mount Jackson Lodge No. 295 in Guerneville, California. However we are still awaiting a certificate of good standing from California for Brother Philpotts before we can ballot.

The Petitions of Mr. Cats and Mr. Meissner were the direct result of an effort headed up by Sam Ali, Franklin Donahoe, Richard Rodgers and Worshipful Master Anthony to have Masonry reach out to members of the U of W fraternities. When they met with the Daylighters in local pub last April to discuss the idea, Zach Meissner knew that his late grandfather, a PhD professor in Leadville Colorado had been a Mason. Jonathan Cats learned that evening after tech messaging his mother that he too had a Masonic heritage. They decided to petition and also set up a May meeting for interested men on Greek Row. The idea is to show them how they can to continue their fraternal activities after leaving school. The meeting was a trial run so to speak and plans include visits to the different fraternity houses this fall.

SERIOUS CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE

In 1885 when the U. S. House of Representatives was considering a rivers and harbors bill which provided among others things, for the improvement of the Skagit, Steilaguamish, Nooksack, Snohomish, and Snoqualmie rivers, Michigan Congressman Byron M. Cutcheon offered an amendment: "Mr. Speaker, I move an amendment in the nature of a proviso, that at least one thousand dollars of the money be hereby appropriated shall be used to straighten out the names of said rivers."

- IMPORTANT ELECTION DECISION -

COMMENTS FROM YOUR SECRETARY

For a number of years now the senior members have been strongly suggesting that your secretary should have a replacement, an additional brother who would know the important office and how it operates. More than twice this idea has fallen apart. More recently Senor Warden Anderson said he'd consider the office when he finished as Master next year but now is planning for his PhD which will keep him busy for several years.

The good news is that W.: Brother Monaco has agreed to accept the job of secretary should the brethren agree to his election. He is certainly more tech orientated than I am and will bring to the job some needed youth. If after getting his doctorate Brother Anderson should decide he still would like to step into the office, there is every reason to have two young brothers know the office.

My brothers, it is not that I don't enjoy the job; in fact it has been a wonderful nearly 40 years as a Lodge officer, 33 of them as your secretary. However there are too many horror tales of a lodge secretary having health problems, a stroke or even dying and not a single brother knows the job. I have no plans of kicking off in the immediate future. But at the same time I have reached the seasoned age of 74. I do not want to have anything like it happen again to Daylight. It did; the result is that we have few records from 1942 to about 1965.

I urge you to think favorably on Anthony's offer. Daylight has become a young Lodge; a wonderful and exciting young lodge. Anthony's leadership has been praiseworthy and terrific; recognized as such by Grand Lodge. I do believe his age can really benefit the Lodge and grant continued youthful leadership in the office of secretary.

I will remain around; in fact I will keep my boot handy for proper placement to make sure that he doesn't screw up. He has asked me to continue to do this Trestleboard. I hope to continue to be Anthony's mentor; to serve both Daylight and the Grand Lodge when ever asked or needed in training a secretary.

IN THE END IT IS YOUR DECISION WHO IS ELECTED

MORE LODGE HISTORY

1974 - Phillip Wayne Morgan In December 1973 a second Morgan, Phillip Wayne advanced to the East to serve as 1974's Master, again in tiled installation ceremonies. As different as night and day from his predecessor, he was a tall, cool character with Montana roots. Born in the same year and the same month, other than sharing last names and a love for their lodge, the Morgans were unrelated. 1974's Master spent his youth in Deer Lodge, but was born in a small Montana community with a big name, Manhattan, on November 9, 1934. His friend Arthur Loomis raised him in Daylight Lodge October 4, 1969. Professionally the Washington State Highway Department employed him as an engineer. He took a demit from Daylight on June 20, 1992 when he retired and returned to Montana.

After three years as Treasurer, Bud Jiencke decided that holding two jobs, one as a mail carrier and another as a projectionist, at same time trying to be a father to two children, made it impossible for him to continue as treasurer and he decline to stand for re-election. The retiring Master CoeTug Morgan was selected by the brethren to assume the office for 1974 and that same year he was appointed to serve on the Grand Lodge Bicentennial Committee, the first such lodge appointment since 1965 when George Peckham served as Chairman of the Committee on Obituaries.

During the year the lodge received a most unusual request from the sister of one of the lodge's older members. The lodge was surprised to learn that the brother had lived in the American Lake Veteran's Hospital for many years. Unknown to the lodge his sister had paid his dues. She was informed that because of a new state law, examiners had determined that he would be released to live on his own. She was very concerned because his commitment had been because if he drank alcohol again she was fearful that he could become a pyromaniac. Fortunately he had never harmed anyone, but she was certain that the examiners had not understood the situation nor considered his age in their recommendation. She lived in California and because of her own age could not visit the hospital or care for him. She asked if Daylight could meet with hospital staff and perhaps solve the issue. Treasurer Morgan undertook the task, and was able to have the brother stay in the Veterans Hospital until he died and at his death the lodge took full responsibility for his funeral arrangements, etc.

The financial audit for 1974 found the lodge with modest total assets of \$12,935.53. The September 9th committee report stated in part,

The committee feels that by exercising fiscal restraint from now thru the end of the year, it may not be necessary to levy an assessment this year, however it should be the duty of the new Finance Committee to put this item as one of the first orders of business in the new year.

The middle 1970's saw Daylight facing the problem of could it continue to exist? Could it with fewer members, officer problems and reduced income, continue its service to the small but important part of Masonry that it had served since 1919? Only meeting during the day made it any different from many other smaller city lodges who found the answer by consolidating into a larger and sometimes stronger lodge, but by so doing losing their identity and reason for having been formed.

Daylight never seriously considered consolidation as an option. However the laissez-faire attitude of the past twenty years could not continue. Officers felt that a serious study must be made, a fresh approach given to the lodge's operations and

financial structure and that a committee should be appointed to furnish the lodge with suggestions. It was recognized that in order to continue to exist, the lodge must become inventive, creative, economize and perhaps ad-lib. To this end expenses were reduced, a \$50.00 assessment was placed on all members when it was determined that none of the fees received in years past had ever been invested, in fact for much of the time the lodge had 'lived' off those fees to the benefit of all. So it was determined that 75% of the petition fee was to be placed in an investment fund, and a concerted effort was started to encourage the members to make donations to this fund. It was a seemingly simple and small effort but one which paved the way to future financial stability.

Dues, always among the highest in the city were increased several times, until at last a formula was reached which set both dues and petition fees according to a figure based on the minimum wage laws. In addition, the bylaws were worded in such a manner that in every case the Grand Lodge fees, assessments, etc., were added on top of the lodge dues assuring that the lodge could have a more predictable income regardless of what Grand Lodge might collect. Fred Jiencke, Sr., now affectionately called *Grampa Jiencke*, member of the committee was very insistent that all members including Life Members should pay what was owed Grand Lodge. ***"We can control our own expenses but we have little say in what Grand Lodge collects,"*** was his sage observation.

A man had been convicted of murder and was about to be hanged. Just before the sentence was executed, the hangman asked the man if he had any last words.

"Yes," came his reply, "I hate Masons!"

"Why do you hate Masons?" asked the hangman.

"The man I killed was a Mason," explained the murderer, "the sheriff who hunted me down was a Mason, the Prosecutor who tried my case was a Mason, the Judge who presided at the trial was a Mason, and all of the men on the jury who found me guilty and said I should be hanged were Masons!"

"Is that all?" asked the hangman. "Yes," replied the convicted murder.

"Then you will step off with your left foot . . ."



After the May meeting, a number of Daylighters traveled over to the University District to help University Lodge No. 141 with their U. District Street Fair Masonic Booth. Worshipful Master Monaco asked as many Daylighters as could to spend a little time helping at the event. University Lodge has been a major supporter of the Fremont Fair but does not have many younger members so the help was welcomed. It was a scorcher on Saturday and the water and pop the Lodge sold for \$1.00 to benefit charity went so fast that there was hardly time to fill the ice bucket container before it was emptied again. All of the dollar was donated to First Place, a program that provides schooling and help for homeless children. They collected around \$1500.00 this year.

This was another example of two lodges working together to make community PR a success. Like the Fremont Fair booth it is putting a face on Masonry outside the closed doors of a lodge building. Daylight members when asked have been helping University Lodge by taking part in their degree conferrals.

DAYLIGHTERS AT THE U. DISTRICT



University Lodge allows the U. District Street Fair organizers to use their dining room as Fair headquarters. Their Masonic booth is right in front of the Masonic Hall. In this foto the two figures on the right under the sign are your Daylight secretary and treasurer.



l to r – Franklin Donahoe, CoeTug Morgan, Mike Cuadra, James Maher and Anthony Monaco. Cuadra is Past Master of University Lodge and the next Deputy of the Grand Master in District No. 5.



Worshipful Master Monaco passing out balloons and of course also checking the scenery.



Franklin Donahoe getting ready to fill balloons with helium. Regardless of what might be thought, they were not filled with **MASONIC HOT AIR**.

Missing from these pictures were Mitch Anderson, Richard Rodgers and of course David Y. Choe who was behind the camera.

On May 31st the Daylight Master Mason Degree Team traveled to Naches in the Yakima Valley at the request of Yakima Compass Lodge No. 24 and Naches Lodge No. 211 to assist them in conferring the third degree. Worshipful Master Monaco was in the East to obligate three new Master Masons, Larry Joe Buchanan of Naches Lodge No. 211, Jonathan Eaglestar from Yakima Compass Lodge No. 24. At the request of University Lodge No. 141 their Brother Srinivas Chokokula also made the trip from Seattle and was raised. Brother Srinivas, a native of Southeast India was made a Mason about a month previous when Worshipful Master Monaco helped University. Srinivas has been a U of Washington student and completed his studies there on June 2. He plans to return to India very soon so Wor. Brother Monaco and his degree team were happy to complete the brother's Masonic journey before he headed home.

Our Senior Grand Warden, R.:W.: Gale Kenney made the trip with the Daylighters too. He gave the lecture proving that Grand Lodge officers do know ritual.

It was a long three hour trip to the other side of the mountains but all concerned considered it a great day for Masonry and a fun trip. After the meeting Daylighters and brothers from Naches joined across the street in a local pub to lift a few toasts of celebration and fellowship.



The degree team in Naches. Kneeling in the front are the three candidates l to r – Larry Joe Buchanan, Jonathan Eaglestar and Srinivas Chokokla.



R.:W.: Gale Kenney giving the lecture in his usual outstanding manner



The two Grand Lodge officers who were there, R.:W.: Gale Kenney and V.:W.: CoeTug Morgan were watching and checking to see that the excellent degree conferral was going as it should. It did of course and they did not really worry about much.

