

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

November 21, 2009 ∴

DAYLIGHT  
Masons



DAYLIGHT LODGE No. 232

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Our vision - Daylight Lodge will be recognized as a leader in the future of Masonry; it will support and espouse the Arts, a keystone to our structure; leverage our dynamic community presence in this passion. It will set an unparalleled standard of excellence in ritual work.

## STATED MEETING - NOVEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup>

Grand Master Gale H. Kenney to visit  
It's Daylight Performance Day

The last Stated Meeting of 2009 is Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at the usual hour of 10:00 a.m. Our own, though we claim and share him with University Lodge No. 141, M.:W.: Gale H. Kenney, Grand Master of Masons in Washington has announced he will attend the meeting. It's sort of an official visit. Plan your day to attend and honor our Grand Master. Worshipful Master Choe has also planned that it will be Daylight Performance Day. Any brother with a talent, be it no more than poetry reading is welcome to provide the entertainment for the day. Junior Warden Erik Hill is the coordinator for this now yearly event. W.: Brother Andy Anderson first planned the event last year and everyone had such a good time that the officers decided to make it a Daylight tradition. Our Grand Master will not be asked to perform. He needs to maintain his official dignity such as it is when he is at Daylight. But even without his input, it is sure to be another fun and entertaining day followed by the usual good food and fellowship.

## Installations Upcoming

This is the time of year many of the lodges hold their yearly installations. Here are some of the known dates for District #5 and #4

November 9 - Eureka #20 at 7:30 p.m.

November 21 - Doric #92 at 7:30 p.m.

December 5 - University #141 at 2:00 p.m.

December 5 - St. John's #9 at 10:00 a.m.

### REMEMBER, REMEMBER, THE 5<sup>TH</sup> OF NOVEMBER!

This was once a famous cry in England, it went with the night when they had parades, lit bon fires and some fireworks. Not so much today. What were they celebrating? Why Guy Fawkes Day. The day when Fawkes and his Catholic conspirators were caught trying to blow up Parliament and the King of England. They were caught, tired and convicted and sentenced to be . . . *strangled, being hanged by the neck between heaven and earth, as deemed unworthy of both or either: as likewise, the eyes of men may behold and their hearts condemn him. Then he is to be cut down alive, and have his privy parts cut off and burnt to ashes before his face as being unworthily begotten, and unfit to leave any generation after him. His bowels and inlaid parts taken out and burnt, who inwardly had conceived and harboured in his heart such horrible treason. After, to have his head cut off, which had imagined the mischief. And lastly his body be quartered, the quarters set up in some high and eminent place, to the view and detestation of men, and to become the prey for the fowls of the air.*

Do parts of this penalty sound vaguely familiar?

Down in their hearts, wise men know this truth: the only way to help your self is to help others.

-Elbert Hubbard

## 2010 DUES NOTICE

AS EVERYONE IS AWARE, LODGE DUES ARE BASED ON THE STATE MINIMUM WAGE PLUS THE GRAND LODGE PER CAPITA. THERE IS NO CHANGE IN THE MINIMUM WAGE; THERE IS IN THE PER CAPITA. SO 2010 DUES WHICH ARE NOW PAYABLE WILL BE:

#### FULL DUES PAYING MEMBERS

\$171.00 + GL @ \$15.00 = \$186.00

#### SENIOR MEMBERS OVER 65

\$69 + GL @ \$15.00 = \$84.00

#### LIFE MEMBERS

GL @ \$15.00 = \$15.00

USE THE PAY/PAL CONNECTION ON THE LODGE WEBSITE OR MAIL YOUR CHECK TO:

SECRETARY ANTHONY MONACO

P.O. Box 2024

SEATTLE, WA 98111-2024

THE MASONIC CODE SAYS THAT DUES FOR 2010 ARE PAYABLE ON DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup> FOR THE COMING YEAR. A FEW MEMBERS HAVE NOT PAID 2009 DUES. CHECK YOUR DUES CARD AND PAY UP.

## International Nite

Lafayette Lodge No. 241 will hold its annual International Nite on Thursday, November 5. This year it will be held at The Landmark on the Sound. It is a Lafayette custom to host Grand Masters from many different Grand Lodges. When the Lodge is closed, it is tradition that our Grand Master, M.:W.: Brother Gale Kenney will ask each of the visiting Grand Masters to take a different station or place in the Lodge. We then see what happens with the ritual.

If you are interested in attending contact Secretary Anthony for more information and how to make dinner reservations.

The follies which a man regrets most in his life are those which he didn't commit when he had the opportunity.

- H. Rowland



## A CIVIC REMINDER

Remember that November 3<sup>rd</sup> is the last day you can vote if you have not already mailed in your ballot. There are many important candidate positions to be filled and as a Mason you are or should be expected to participate. Local elections are just as important, perhaps more so than national because it is local. Your Ballot should have been mailed to you about the 15<sup>th</sup> of October. Be sure to find it and vote.

Of course we don't not discuss political matters in the Lodge meetings but here is a delightful comment by humorist Lewis Black: *"If you are going to vote for somebody because they have a great faith in God, you'd better be sure God has faith in them."*

It is nice to know that more than one Daylighter is participating in local election campaigns and things of that importance. While they do not speak for Masonry, they do carry the Masonic ideals of community activities with them.

Your past Secretary, the current Grand Historian or as he has been so lovingly dubbed by the Daylighters, the Grand Hysterical is off to Reno, Nevada on November 8<sup>th</sup> to attend the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Nevada. He will be joining Grand Master Kenney and other Grand Lodge officers at the meeting.

Masonry is a small world and in large world. The Brother expected to be installed as the new Grand Master of Nevada, Carl "Bud" Banks graduated from Highline High School in Burien, was a member of Highline Chapter DeMolay, was Raised in South Gate Lodge No. 247 (now No. 100) two years before he was.

As Grand Master Kenney will tell, Bates is the last of a group of Brothers to be installed who are members of Lodges in Washington and serving as Grand Masters of their respective Grand Lodges, Alaska, Oregon, Nevada, California and Washington.

Here's the list:

Alaska:

MWB John R. "Bo" Kline – Thornton F. McElroy #302

California:

MWB Kenneth G. Nagel – Whidbey Island #15

Nevada:

MWB Carl "Bud" Banks – South Gate #100

Oregon:

MWB D. Arthur Bush – Mount Moriah #11

& of course our own Honorary PM, MWB Gale Kenney.

## FROM THE MASONIC CODE

### Sec. 13.01 Const.

**Authority to Hold Lodge.** Every Lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction is and shall be held by virtue of a charter from the Grand Lodge or under a dispensation issue by the Grand Master.

### Sec. 13.02 B.L.

**Lodge Membership:** A Lodge shall be composed of those who retain membership after having been:

1. Names in the warrant of dispensation
2. Raised and enrolled as a member
3. Admitted to the Lodge by affiliation; or
4. A member of a Lodge which consolidates with another.

### Sec. 13.03 B. L.

**Sunday Labor.** No Lodge shall meet on the first day of the week, commonly called Sunday, for Masonic Labor other than The burial of an Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft of Master Mason.

### Sec. 13.04 B.L.

**Proper Time for Business.** A Lodge may transact its business and conduct its balloting when at labor of any Degree at a State Communication.

### Sec. 13.10 B.L.

**Objection to Visitor.** The privilege of a Mason to visit a Lodge other than his own is subject to the right of any member thereof to object to his admittance. Such member shall not be required to state his reason for the objection. The objection shall hold good only during the communication at which it is made and while the objector is present.

## ANOTHER DAYLIGHT LODGE

It has been reported that Kulshan International Lodge No. 186 in is considering changing its meeting times to day to meet the needs of the large number of senior citizens in the area. The lodge is in Blaine. If it happens it will mean daytime lodges at the state's borders north and south and three plus in the middle of the state.

The past month saw the passing of two of our Past Grand Masters. M.:M.: Al Bradford who served as Grand Master in 1963-64. He was elected Master of Blue Mountain Lodge No. 13 in Walla Walla in 1958. He served many years on the Jurisprudence Committee and also was a Walla Walla court judge. He died October 14<sup>th</sup>.

Also M.:W.: John McNab who was Grand Master in 2003-04 He was elected Master of United Lodge No. 93 in Sedro Woolley in 1991 and 1993. He died October 9<sup>th</sup>.

Your retired Secretary has fond of both, especially Bradford for help he gave on resolutions in the 1970s and McNab for helping on more recent Daylight resolutions

## DAYLIGHT LIFE MEMBERSHIP

### Daylight Life Membership Fees per the By Laws

Article III, Section 5: The fee for Life Membership shall be approximately \$150.00 more than those established by the Washington Masonic Code but not less than:

Age 18 thru 25	- \$900.00
Age 26 thru 35	- 800.00
Age 36 thru 45	- 700.00
Age 46 thru 55	- 650.00
Age 56 thru 65	- 600.00
Age 65 plus	- 550.00

“These funds shall be held in trust as provided in Article VII. Daylight Life Members shall be required to pay yearly, any Grand Lodge and/or Washington Masonic Retirement Center per capita fees, dues and/or assessment. No Lodge funds shall be used to purchase any for of Life Membership for any active, honorary or deceased member.”

Article VII, Section 1 There shall be a Permanent Fund for the Lodge to which all donations, gifts and bequests given or made to the Lodge by any individual shall be deposited. In addition to the aforementioned gifts, donations and bequests, there shall be paid regularly in to said fund, seventy-five percent (75%) of each Initiation Fee received by the Lodge and all (100%0 of the Life Membership fees paid the Lodge.



If you consider that dues are based on the Minimum Wage with the Grand Lodge assessment added and that they are most likely will continue to increase, you over a period of five or six years a Life Membership can be a savings to. Plus the money is invested and gives the Lodge an income for the future



## MORE LODGE HISTORY

**1980- Richard Roland Merritt** The new Master who would raise the curtain on the new decade was Dick Merritt who joined the lodge for the unabashed goal of becoming a Shriner, but his interest in Blue Lodge work soon became so

important a part of his life that he instead became a Lodge officer. It was unfortunate that in attempting to fill the chairs and obtain officers, Daylight chose the same expediency, adopted by many lodges advancing members like Merritt through the chairs at an inordinately fast pace. The consequence of imitating these other lodges was soon apparent; ritual and Masonic practice suffered from the inadequacy of years; traditions were forgotten and attendance declined due to lack of proper overall planning and for the senior members the to frequent poor ritual performances. As dedicated as these young new officers were, they simply lacked the background, the training that years of Masonic experience gave, and the lodge suffered because of it.

Merritt was part of a large Merritt clan in the Puget Sound region in business and several lodges. A Seattle native, he was born October 26, 1927 and took his Entered Apprentice Degree in Vancouver B.C. May 10, 1975 when Daylight Lodge was allowed to confer the degree during its annual visit to Meridian Lodge No. 108 and he finished his degrees on September 13 that same year. He was first appointed Senior Steward in 1976, then Junior Deacon by-passing the important training of Senior Deacon to be elected Junior Warden. Voted to the East, October 20, 1979, he was installed on November 17, in the Main Masonic Temple because, the regular meeting place had been rented to another organization and an installation dinner could not be held.

In fact to meet the Masonic Code requirements, on the morning of November 17, just three brothers opened lodge at the Scottish Rite Temple where bylaws changes were submitted to move the lodge to a different location. Lodge immediately closed and all hurried up Broadway to the Main Masonic Temple so that retiring Master Carnahan could open a special communication to install Merritt and his officers. Merritt had the honor of being installed Daylight's sixtieth Master by his cousin, William H. Merritt, a Past Master of Theodore Roosevelt Lodge No. 229 who was then serving as Senior Grand Steward. Merritt's assuming the East just four short years after being raised, clearly attested to the officer shortage problem.

Richard Merritt was employed as a ship repair superintendent at the Foss Launch and Tug Shipyard where Secretary Morgan was working. One morning as Morgan was leaving a vessel, Merritt challenged him demanding to know where he was going. When Morgan told him that he was going to conduct a Masonic funeral, Merritt stated that he wanted to join the Masons because, ***it is part of the Shrine and I want to be a Shriner.*** Because of the manner in which the request was made, it was not received with any great enthusiasm nor did the knowledge that he was an excessive drinker make it any more popular. Not withstanding the manner of the request, after discussing the matter, the lodge officers decided that a petition and the ballot box would answer the question of his admission.

Charity was practiced and Merritt subsequently became one of the lodge's most dedicated officers. Unfortunately because of his rapid advancement he was never to be too proficient in the ritual. Nevertheless, the lessons he heeded well and learning true temperance, he set an example for many members of both his lodge and the machinist union of which he remained an active member. True to his obligations he never hesitated to go out of his way to assist a brother, in particular one who faced the same problems he himself had faced and conquered. He was appointed to the Grand Lodge Drug Foundation 1986-88 but because of ill health was unable to actively participate. Always an active and energetic person, over the years he served as an organizer for the Teamsters, as a delegate to numerous labor bodies such as the King County Labor Council where he was remembered for putting Governor Albert Rosellini on Labor's *Unfair List*. Sadly the lodge was not able to continue to benefit from his advice, for he was diagnosed with leukemia and died July 26, 1988, all too soon after serving as Master.



One of the first problems which faced the new Master was the proposal to move the lodge's meeting place because unlike most evening lodges, now more than ever, a major part of Daylight's monthly gathering was feasting at the High Twelve Festiveboard which the Junior Warden presided over with knife, fork and a Silver Trowel used to spread the fellowship.

It had become so much a part of Daylight's style that it was at these hours of fellowship that members frequently spent as much, or more time discussing Masonry and other lodge related matters, as they did during the actual stated meeting. No meeting passed without such fellowship and following a Master Mason degree the practice was started of heading for a pizza parlor where the new member could be saluted with wine. At Daylight the Junior Warden continued to **superintend the Craft during the hours of refreshments**, and it really remained **the province of the Stewards to see that the tables are well furnished...**

This traditional luncheon, seemingly a minor issue, became a source of increasing friction and rental problems at the lodge's Scottish Rite home, for without prior notice and with seeming increasing regularity, the members would arrive for a stated meeting, only to find the dining facilities had been turned over to other organizations, meaning the festiveboard would be served in the lobby of the building, or could not be prepared and would be cancelled. At long last a number of the brethren became rather exercised over the continuing problem and demanded that the lodge find a new home, but after meeting with building management, Merritt received assurances that in the future the lodge could be guaranteed their monthly festiveboard would not be affected, the problem was past. He was promised that in the future there would be no conflicts, so the push to move elsewhere was sidetracked.

As related earlier, starting in 1973, as a scholarship program, Daylight had contributed funds to the Seattle Youth Symphony Orchestra. Many times, there had been discussions as to what more might be done; a dinner had been considered, but quickly put aside as being impractical for such a small lodge to try to support. Realistically, the task of staging a dinner for the over one hundred and twenty-five members of the orchestra seemed financially and practically impossible. But in 1980, Merritt and Secretary Morgan presented to the lodge a dinner proposal to instead honor the principal or first chair players of the orchestra along with their parents. By doing this, indirect recognition would be given to the whole orchestra and special recognition to the hard working orchestra leaders. The plan was accepted and the first dinner on February 2, 1980 was a smashing success, with over one hundred and thirty in attendance. Twenty young musicians were recognized, honored and presented a special Masonic Scholarship Medal.

Afterwards the lodge received a letter from Vilem Sokol, conductor of the orchestra that read in part:

***It was extremely thoughtful of you to think of honoring the first chair players of the orchestra, who have been associated with our organization for many years... {we} have been witness to their determination and their leadership.***

One parent expressed her pleasure by stating that every time someone wants to honor a musician, they expect them to play and

***... all you did was say thank you for being good students. I thank you for doing something different.***

Yet another wrote regarding these dinners:

***I was fortunate to attend your dinner... I am sure I speak for all the musicians and their parents when I say that we were touched and moved by your gracious gesture to share an evening of warmth, hospitality and above all appreciation of the young talent. You are one of the few organizations that recognizes these young people of our community as symbols of excellence.***

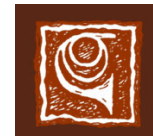
These dinners continued until the early 1990's, when the lodge's reduced membership did make it difficult hold but were restarted in 2000 to more success.

June 1980, the lodge celebrated its sixtieth anniversary with a number of Grand Lodge officers in attendance including newly elected Grand Master Wayne Sparger, Deputy Grand Master Herbert Edman and the new Deputy of the Grand Master in District No. 5, Daylight's own secretary, who after nearly thirty years became the second Daylight Past Master to be a Deputy.

It was a day of mixed joy and sadness, because just one week earlier the final curtain was rung down on the Lodge's beginning years. The last living charter member Beach Bassett Taylor, 1931's Master posted his final bill and had his admission ticket to the Celestial Lodge torn by the Supreme Grand Master. Over the years, lodge Masters had turned to him in search of advice, tradition and at ninety plus he continued to represent the independent spirit of the lodge by answering,

***"We didn't do it that way in 1930, but we won't know if we don't try and we can't make a mistake to correct, by always staying the same. We can always change back if we don't like it."***

Taylor was one of those who attended the very first November 28, 1919 organizational meeting.



There is a SYSO Concert at the Benaroya Concert Hall on Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. You can order tickets on-line at [www.syso.org](http://www.syso.org) or by fone at 206-362-2300. It is an excellent way to support these young students and at very inexpensive price. The tickets on the main floor are going to be General Admission this year. It is a way to save time and money because it has been noted that many, many of the patrons shift to different seat.

Junior Warden Erik Hill announced that the date for Daylight's Annual SYSO Honor Dinner will be Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup>. Senior Warden Donahoe is stepping up to the plate to help with the project because Brother Erik and his wife Irene are expecting an additional to the Hill family about that same day.