



Seattle's Masonic Lodge of the Arts

September 21, 2002 Stated Meeting

DAYLIGHT LODGE #232

TRESTLEBOARD

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Fellowcraft Degree 9/7 & Installation 9/21

The September Stated Meeting will be Saturday, September 21 for the election and installation of officers. If it is the will of the brethren, Worshipful Master Julian will continue in the East to will allow the other officers to make a slower and better transition to the Chair of King Solomon. Our Senior Warden Worshipful Brother Phil Ostendorf was happy to fill Warden's stations for the past two years but has said he has no desire to serve again as a Master, once at North Hill in Spokane was enough.

Lodge will open at the usual hour of 10:00 a.m. and will get down the election of officers as soon as possible. M\W\ Milton R. Benson will be on hand to install the officers in his usual manner.

On July 13 two more brothers were made Masons when the lodge conferred the Entered Apprentice Degree on Roy Pollock, Jeffrey Kelley and a courtesy candidate for Frank S. Land Lodge No. 313, Matthew Morgan Luedke, the DeMolay State Senior Councilor. Brothers Roy and Jeffrey will be passed to the Fellowcraft on September 7. The Worshipful Master has called a special meeting that date starting at 10:00 a.m.

Brothers Andrew Edward Anderson and David Lee Johnson completed their Masonic journey on July 27. They received their Fellowcraft Degrees on May 17 at Queen Anne Lodge. We will sort of lose Brother Andy for a while He was raised by his father-in-law but because Andy's wife is a voice major and they have moved to Urbana, Illinois so she can further her studies in voice and opera.

Those who deny freedom to others deserve it not for themselves and under a just God cannot long retain it.

Abraham Lincoln

Again this year Daylight is represented on the Grand Lodge team. Our Grand Master M.: W.: James Reid, Jr. has named our Treasurer Jim Maher to be a member of the Masonic Home Board and your secretary to the Credential Committee. Brother Jim's committee does something; your secretary won't do anything until Grand Lodge next June when it meets in Tacoma.

One of the major pieces of legislation passed at the June Grand Lodge will lower the Grand Lodge per capita over half to \$8.00. That is what Daylight Life members will pay next year. And that brings up an important issue and that is, **five of you have not paid dues for this year.** Now in a big lodge that isn't many but for Daylight it amounts to about 9% of you. Send them in today.

FREMONT FAIR REPORT

For a second year the lodge was a sponsor of the Fremont Solstice Festival Street Fair. The lodge hosted the Evanston Avenue Bandstand the also had an information booth about 100 feet from the bandstand. A big sign hung over the bandstand that said Daylight Masonic Lodge No. 232 - The lodge of music, theatre and the arts.

The information booth also had two Masonic banners, the principal one said Seattle Freemasons - Information and gave Daylight's and St. John's web sites.

The booth was very busy. Well over 1000 Masonic brochures were given away and members of the two lodges talked to hundreds of people about Masonry. At times things were so busy that it took three brothers to answer questions. The booth also provided a table for the various bands to sell their musical, CDs, etc. and this brought many younger men to the booth.

Even though it is an expensive item in the lodge's budget, it is an investment in the future of Masonry, Daylight Lodge and brings Masonry into the public view in Seattle largest street fair where an estimated 165,000 visited this year. The Fair has already said they want us back next year and hopefully St. John's Lodge will be with us again next year.

There will be an after the installation party at the Morgan house in Fremont Sept. 21st -

Have a place for everything and keep the thing somewhere else. This is not advice, it is merely custom.

---Mark Twain

A new stair elevator-lift system has been installed at Greenlake making it easy for those having trouble climbing stairs getting into the lodge room, etc.

Eureka Lodge No. 20, the other District No. 5 lodge that meets at Green Lake has taken on the project of sponsoring free admission to the Museum of History and Industry on Veteran's Day Weekend. They will welcome anyone who would like to come and help them provide Masonic information that weekend. They did it last year and the museum said that it was the biggest attendance weekend that they had on record. Last year a large banner announcing the free days and Masonic sponsorship was hung from the museum and could be seen from the 520 bridge route. If you have some time and want to help, get in touch with V\ W\ Tom Rutledge at 206-364-5820

A lawyer with a briefcase can steal more than a thousand men with guns.

--- Mario Puzo

Our new District #5 Deputy of the Grand Master is V\ W\ Gail Kenney. He is a Past Master of George Washington Lodge No. 251.

I was recently asked if I was going to Ashland Shakespeare Festival this year and said "No," and I mentioned going last year and seeing a Chekhov play, The Three Sisters. I was bored having forgotten how long, breast beating, weeping and wailing these Russian masterpieces can be. But it reminded me of reading a short story by Tolstoy. Don't ask why I read it, now I can't think why. I can't even remember the name of the story. The recent scandals at Enron, WorldCom, etc., and the money accumulated by the CEO's, etc., remind me of this Tolstoy story. Some have say Tolstoy was a Mason.

In the story a peasant wants to own his own land and makes a deal with the devil and is granted about 40 acres. But this isn't enough and he then bargains for more and more. At last he strikes a deal that for just 1,000 rubles he can have as much fertile land as he can walk around in one day. He sets off to walk around his land, but when sun sets in the west at the close of the day he drops dead. Tolstoy ends the story saying all he needed was six feet from his head to his heels.

Greed certainly isn't one of the attributes of Masons. "Relief of the distress is a duty incumbent upon all men, but more particularly upon Masons who are linked together by an indissoluble chain of sincere affection. To sooth the unhappy, to compassionate their miseries, and restore peace to the troubled mind, is the grand aim we have in view. On this basis we form our friendships and establish our connections." If you haven't heard those lines in some time it may be you haven't been to lodge lately for an EA degree.

John Pucek will be installed as the Master of our sister daylight lodge in Renton, Tyee No. 115, the Wayfarer's Daylight Lodge on

Saturday, September 27 - Lodge opens at 10:00 a.m.

grand lodge report in brief

To no one's surprise the Daylight Lodge Resolution that would have allowed the election and installation of officers at any meeting following the close of Grand Lodge was defeated. We know it took several years to move the elections into October, less time to advance it into September. It takes several tries to get through some of the old skulls, mostly Past Masters who hold the controlling votes at Grand Lodge the advantages of such a change. The lodge will be back with the idea again.

There were 789 official delegates according to the Grand Secretary's brief report. Wardens and Masters totaled 260 and Past Masters 277, there were 191 proxy votes and he doesn't say how many Past Masters held those proxies. Small wonder Daylight's idea was shot down, after all we've always done it the other way.

Most of the legislation passed was cleaning up procedures and corrective business. The biggest legislation effecting the lodge is the new per capita mentioned in the earlier article.

Al Jorgensen, a Past Master of King Solomon Lodge No. 60 is the new Junior Grand Warden. Al is retired Air Force and also a Past State Master Councilor of Washington DeMolay Chapter. James {Jimmy} Reid was elected Grand Master.

Next year Grand Lodge will be held at the Sheraton Hotel in Tacoma, June 12 - 14. We can commute and save money. To bad Souder runs the wrong way in the morning and evening.

DUES CARDS HAVE BEEN ORDERED FROM THE GRAND SECRETARY SO LOOK FOR YOUR DUES BILL SOON. YOUR EARLY AND PROMPT PAYMENT WILL OF COURSE BE GREATLY

APPRECIATED BY BOTH YOUR SECRETARY AND TREASURER.

Summer Left Overs

Past Master Rudi Walter showed up at the July 27stated meeting and watched the young member take on the major parts in the degree work. Young officer face have taken over the principal parts in booth sections of the MM degree. In the EA degree W.: Brother Jay Losey and Junior Deacon Raleigh Wilson split up the lecture and did a great job. Senior Deacon Rob Pitre and Marshal Anthony Monaco took the parts of the two kings doing outstanding work. With possible petitions being worked on to be read at the September 21 meeting and both Fellowcraft and Master Mason degrees in the future for Roy Pollock and Jeffrey Kelley the lodge is going to have ample chances to watch these young[sters] brothers work.

Brother Bruce Black has prepared an interesting paper for one of the genealogical organizations he participates in. It explains how to use Masonic sources to help trace ancestors. He tells very briefly where to get the information through Grand Lodges, etc. It is a rather well written and informative paper.

Could not help but notice in the June Trestleboard received from St. Cecile Lodge No. 568 in New York City this information: that on June 16th, "Sunday at 6:00 p.m. Damrosch Park next to Lincoln Center. [It's along side the Metropolitan Opera House] The Lodge will make its Annual Public Presentation of its Student Music Scholarship at a performance of the Goldman Memorial Bands' Concert. Free and open to the public. Please join us as this year we will be wearing our Masonic Aprons, (R.:W's and W.:s please bring your "formal apron.)" Sounds like great PR for Masonry and the original "Lodge of the Arts," in New York City. Bet the public was surprised and interested.

The District 5 Officers and Members Association will meet at the Scottish Rite Center on August 29 at 7:00 p.m. Any officer or member can attend. Important items will be discussed in particular the October 26 Halloween Party for Kids sponsored by the District. Our new Deputy will likely have an English copy of the ritual for members to look at and read.

ATTEND LODGE SEPT. 7TH & 21ST