



Seattle's Masonic Lodge of the Music, Theatre and
the Arts

May 17, 2003

DAYLIGHT LODGE #232

Trestleboard

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PAST MASTERS AND OTHER MEMBERS TO BE HONORED

Worshipful Master Julian will open lodge for the May 17 Stated Meeting at the usual hour of 10:00 a.m. As usual the formal business part of the meeting will be kept short and sweet in typical Daylight style because the Master plans to salute the Past Masters and honor other brothers who have contributed to the lodge during the past few years.

Junior Warden Monaco promises an ample and good meal, something like ham hocks and beans for the Festiveboard and Fellowship table. Join your brothers on May 17 for fellowship, a little Masonry and a good meal.

Grand Lodge will be held Thursday, Friday and Saturday, June 12, 13 and 13 at the Sheridon Hotel in Tacoma. M\W\ James Reid, Jr. will be in the Grand East. It is a chance to get more Puget Sound brothers to attend. Parking will be a problem but it is suggested that you can park at the Sound Transit Tacoma Dome Parking Lot and catch the bus to downtown Tacoma from there. Or for that matter catch a Sound Transit Bus #590 in downtown Seattle at 2nd and Union. They leave every thirty minutes starting about 7:22 in the morning, and for \$2.50 you are in downtown Tacoma within a block of the hotel in about one hour.

The most important item of business for this meeting will be putting together the final plans for the Fremont Fair on Saturday and Sunday, June 21 and 22. St. John's Lodge #9 will be part of the Masonic Information Booth again this year and has contributed to its cost. Daylight will be emceeing the Band Stand and we have also been asked to be the official stage managers. The booth and bandstand will be in the same location as last year on Evanston Avenue just west of Fremont. Working with St. John's last year was great fun and is sure to be again this year

The work is easy, the questions are varied but it does take three or four people to man the booth and also emcee. It needs to be manned from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on both days, set up and take down takes about thirty minutes. Doric Lodge has allowed us to store things over night in their building a

couple blocks away. Plan to work the booth for a few hours. The Fremont Fair director Al Parisi has said he and his staff are very pleased the Masons, i.e. Daylight are part of the event.

DID WE START SOMETHING

Several different lodges have now found the SYSO. Queen Anne, St. John's and Frank S. Land and also Scottish Rite have had programs during their dinners, etc., that have featured musicians from the orchestra. St. John's Lodge made a major donation to the orchestra in June that to their credit is more than what is given by the Washington State Arts Commission.

The District #5 LOMA hosted a back stage pizza party for the orchestra during the break at their final dress rehearsal at The Benaroya Hall on May 3rd. Arcana Lodge covered the cost of this venture. Twenty-eight pizzas vanished like a vacuum cleaner had been through back stage.

GRANDCHILDREN DON'T MAKE A MAN
FEEL OLD; IT'S KNOWLEDGE THAT HE'S
MARRIED TO A GRANDMOTHER

C. Norman Collie

District No. 5 will host the Masonic March to St. Mark's Cathedral on Sunday, May 25. Brethren and their ladies, etc., will gather at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center starting at 9:30 a.m. for coffee, muffins and fellowship and then at 10:00 a.m. for a procession and proceed to St. Mark's "piped" by the St. Mark's Piper. Grand Master M\ W\ James N. Reid, Jr. and his wife Diane will lead off the march.

'Tain't what a man don't know that hurts him; it's
what he knows that ain't so.

Frank McKinney Hubbard

Many people's tombstones should read, "Died at 30. Buried at 60."

-----Nicholas Murray Butler

CREDIT CARD ACCOUNT

The lodge has voted to stop the credit card account because charges required by the bank, etc., were starting to be far more than the convenience offered. Our good treasurer James Maher recommended that we consider ending the program to save money. Sorry for the future inconvenience it may cause for some members but such are the facts and realities of life; the account has not been used by enough members to justify the expense. For a number of years when the Grand Lodge had a Retirement Center fund raising auction, Daylight made its donation to the cause allowing charges to be made through our account. There is no longer such a program.

Our Deputy of the Grand Master V\ W\ Gale Kenney has been reappointed to that office for a second year and at the April LOMA meeting he announced the names of the District 5 brothers whom R\ W\ John McNab, Deputy Grand Master has appointed to various committees for his year starting in June. Our own Treasurer W\ James Maher has been appointed to the Finance Committee and will continue as a Trustee of the Masonic Retirement Center. Brother Jim was first appointed an ad hoc member of the MRC Board by M\ W\ Van Zee and became a full member this past year. He has been part of the sub - committee that is planning the remodeling; up grading and new construction for the facility at Des Moines many still call The Masonic Home.

Our Past Deputy Dave Campbell is going to continue to be a member of the Youth Committee.

The lodge congratulates R\ W\ Brother McNab on his wise choices and the brothers on their appointments, Grand Lodge and the Craft have much to gain.

Brother Justin Simmons was elected to plural membership at the last meeting and Brother Jerald Moore who now lives in the Netherlands was voted back into good standing. Two more welcome additions and next year's officers are already planning on Brother Justin to be part of the next team of officers.

ODDS AND ENDS, ETC.

Junior Warden Monaco recently asked for a breakdown of the ages of the lodge. For all practical purposes it is the end of V\ W\ Brother David's two years in the East and here are a few statistics given Brother Anthony plus some other valuable details for what they are worth.

The average age is 59.6 years. There are two brothers in the 90 bracket and 2 in the 20 age group while the majority, thirty of us, fall between 60 and 89 years. Excluding the tiler, secretary and retiring Master, the average age of the officers is 33.8 running from 22 to 50. Of the elected officers Brother Anthony at 29 is the youngest W\ Jim Maher the oldest.

Here is a report from Brother Anthony about a meeting Daylight's "Kids" had last month that looks to the future of the lodge. Credit must go to our Junior Warden for spearheading the effort to get these young brothers together and what they set forth as goals. Here is what he wrote for this Trestleboard

Many of the young brothers of Daylight Lodge #232 met to discuss what the lodge meant to them, the future of the lodge, and to hang out. On April 24 we met at the Bellevue California Pizza Kitchen for a little over 2 hours. Brothers in attendance were: Rob Petrie, Ral Wilson, Anthony Monaco, Jay Losey, Jeff Kelley, Tad Dodge, Justin Simmons, and David Johnson.

Some key issues were addressed during this powwow including:

*Officers for next year
Ritual training
Social Events
Outreach*

On the issue of officers for next year, everyone agreed that we should make official our two-year term practice. These two terms will be characterized by very different responsibilities. During the first term, the brother who assumes the office will be mentored by the brother who occupied the office previously, for example the new Junior Warden will be mentored by the new Senior Warden who just served as Junior Warden for two terms). A schedule of meeting times for the mentoring will be forthcoming. The second

term the officer will spend time with their mentor learning the office they are going to take the following year. The fourth and second to last meetings of the year, all the officers will move up and do the part of the office they are moving in to.

In addition to the ritual training involved with the officers, degree teams will be set and do practices prior to performing actual ritual. Parts will be relatively static so there will be no confusion as to who is doing what for any given part. These will usually go to the brother who occupies the office accordingly, and for the drama they will be decided upon early on in the year.

The brothers of Daylight lodge are going to organize more purely social events to promote brotherhood. BBQ's, outings, getaways, sporting events and such will become Masonic-related events, though any of these events will be open to the public. The first such event will be a BBQ held at Anthony's house in Fremont on Memorial Day (May 26th). Following the BBQ his band Loophole will be playing a short hop away at the Rainbow in the U-District, just off I-5 on 45th street. People can caravan from the BBQ to the show with the other brothers/people at the BBQ. Again, this event is open to any and all friends. Invite whomever you like.

At the aforementioned BBQ, everyone is encouraged to bring an idea for either another social event or some sort of outreach they'd like the lodge to engage in. More information will be furnished on this subject as it grows.

These young brothers are dedicated to enhancing the lodge and making it the household for the reasons they all became Masons: brotherhood and friendship, and an opportunity to give back to the community. Working together with the other brothers of the lodge, these tenants of Masonry will thrive in our lodge.

The best executive is the one who has sense enough to pick good men to do what he wants done, and the self-restraint to keep from meddling with them while they do it.

Brother Theodore Roosevelt

Grand Lodge keeps urging, "long range planning" and "mentoring." What Brother Anthony has presented and what the brothers intend to present even more completely at the May 17th meeting not only meets Grand Lodge's criteria but is a typical Daylight approach and the senior "older" brothers of the lodge can be proud of these youngsters. V\ W\ Brother

Julian will have completed two years in the East and would like to get back to the piano so they will also give their suggestion as to officers for 2003-2004 to be elected a few months from now.

So how is the lodge doing with membership, etc., well we started 2003 with 57 members and now have 61. We have maintained the current membership for the last ten or more years. It is well to keep in mind that Daylight has never been a large lodge because we serve a special but important niche in Seattle Masonry. The largest membership year was 1958 when the lodge reached the astounding total of 172. In short it isn't size, it is attitude and what you do.

Since January working with Doric Lodge No. 92, helping them out with degree work we have been involved in five Master Mason degrees. The chance to share stations and places with Doric, St. John's and other lodge's members helping on the degree work and having all the places filled in the drama etc., has produced superb ritual. Interestingly enough the Master of St. John's Terry Grove after helping on the last Master Mason degree took ideas back to his lodge where they were received with much success when they did three candidates in one morning. The ritual the young brothers have been doing has been excellent and a credit to their efforts and goals.

So it has been a good year, in fact it has been a good two years and Worshipful Master David has been more than happy with the achievements. Once again we have W\ Brother Jim Maher serving Grand Lodge, now on two very important committees it is a tribute to his abilities.

If an opera cannot be played by an organ-grinder, it is not going to achieve immortality.

----Sir Thomas Beecham

Did you know that there is one Mason in the Washington State Congressional delegation? Eastern Washington 5th District Representative George R. Nethercutt, Jr. is a member of Spokane Lodge No. 34.

If we were all determined to play first violin we would never have an ensemble. Therefore, respect every musician in his proper place.

Robert Schumann

Some famous musicians who have been Masons:

Jean Sibelius	Charles Gounod
Franz Liszt	Franz Joseph Haydn
George M. Cohan	I rving Berlin
Sir Arthur Sullivan	Giacomo Meyerbeer
Johan Nepomuk Hummel	Sigmund Romberg
Ludwig van Beethoven	John Philip Sousa
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart	I gnaz Joseph Pleyel
Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy	

Pleyel is best known in Masonry for the marching hymn sung during the Master Mason degree. He manufactured pianos in Paris and also built a concert hall still in use today called the Pleyel. Sullivan's librettist, Sir Worshipful S. Gilbert became a Mason even earlier than did Sullivan. There are also a number of American Jazz musicians who are members of Prince Hall. There are several other famous composers that are thought to have been members of lodges but records have been lost, composers like Verdi, Puccini, Salieri.

Sibelius and Mozart both composed music specifically for Masonic events. Sibelius once served as the Grand Organist of the Grand Lodge of New York State.

Dates to remember

May 17 - Stated meeting

May 26 - BBQ at Anthony's

June 12, 13, 14 - Grand Lodge in Tacoma

June 21 & 22 - Fremont Solstice Fair Booth

July 26 - Stated meeting - keep posted

September 20 - ?? election and installation