

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

January 15, 2011

**DAYLIGHT
Masons**



DAYLIGHT LODGE No. 232

TRESTLEBOARD

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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.

ENTERED APPRENTICE DEGREE STATED MEETING JANUARY 15TH

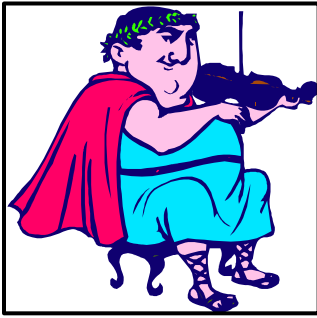
Worshipful Master Donahoe will open a stated communication on Saturday morning, January 15 at 10:00 a.m. Because the Entered Apprentice Degrees conferral had to be cancelled last month because of the funeral of Richard Rodgers, degrees will be held after a very brief business meeting. There are two petitioners waiting but there may be one or two courtesy candidates. Lunch as always will follow with toasts to the new Masons.



It is with great sadness to report that Brother Richard Rodgers was called by the Supreme Grand Master on November 22, 2010. He was born December 14, 1977. He petitioned the Lodge on MARCH 17, 2007 and Raised as a Master Mason on February 2, 2008. Last year he was the Junior Warden of University Lodge No. 141. April of 2010 he became a member of Oriental Daylight Chapter, Royal Arch Masons. The Masters of his two lodges, Franklin Donahoe and Anthony Monaco presided over Masonic memorial funeral services for him at the University Lodge Hall on December 4th. He is survived by his wife Gretchen.

"The only obligation which I have a right to assume is to do at
anytime what I think is right"

Henry Thoreau



W.: Andy Carnahan has announced he got married again on Sunday, December 5th. His brethren wish him all the best in the future.

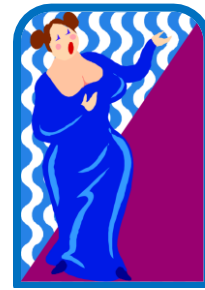
Daylight influence is felt once again. At University voted to donate a generous amount to the ROOTS program. The daylight Royal Arch Chapter, Oriental No. 19 that meets bi-month in the Green Lake Masonic Hall also donated a much smaller but well considered amount. Their recently installed High Priest John Hannaman told the members of the chapter at the November installation that he wants to plot a new path for them and pattern it after the success of Daylight Lodge.

Why do Masons have a secret handshake?
So they won't mistake each other for penguins.

Thanks to W.: Errol Scott



It was the UW Homecoming Day on the day of our October Stated meeting. Past ASUW President, Worshipful Master Donahoe wore an appropriate hat for the day. So the Senior and Junior Wardens are WSU Cougars. What's next? A cat and dog fight?



Your Worshipful Master

W.: Franklin Donahoe

and

Senior Warden

Erik Hill,

Junior Warden

Sam Ali,

Treasurer

V.:W.: Jim Maher,

Secretary

W.: Anthony Monaco

Join with all the officers in wishing

Each and All a

Joyous and

Happy New Year

BROTHER ALBERT GUSTAFSON WILL BE INSTALLED AS MASTER OF LAFAYETTE LODGE NO 241 ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 6, 6:00 P.M. IN THE GREENWOOD MASONIC HALL. HE HAS BEEN A FREQUENT DAYLIGHT VISITOR. DAYLIGHTERS, M.:W.: GALE KENNEY, V.:W.: COETUG MORGAN, W.: ANTHONY MONACO WILL MAKE UP PART OF THE INSTALLING TEAM. IT WILL BE THE LAST INSTALLATION IN THE DISTRICT SO TRY TO ATTEND.

Our good brother Dennis Roberts who now lives in Chicago emails that he will be in Seattle this month and will attend the Stated Meeting. It will be good to see him again. We can assume he is fleeing Chicago's extreme winter weather.



SYSO DINNER

JANUARY 23RD

It is SYSO First Chair/Principal players honors dinner time again. This year as we have in years past, we will host the section leaders of the Seattle Youth Symphony Orchestra to an honors dinner. Junior Warden Sam Ali is in charge of the support team. The team will include all Fellowcrafts and Entered Apprentices who are expected to do kitchen duty, serve as greeters and waiter. Or any other onerous task the Junior Warden might assign them.

By now you should have received your letter invite with more details. The Master urges you to return your confirmation today. The success of this program rests with each brother of the lodge doing his bit. There are other Masonic scholarship programs but we think this is the most unique. It is Daylight doing something just a little different.



ROOTS UPDATE

The Lodge's commitment to ROOTS will continue in 2011. ROOTS which is a 502.(c) (3) organization registered with the Washington Secretary of State as Shalom Zone nonprofit doing business as Rising Out of the Shadows (ROOTS). Any individual member who wants to contribute funds to ROOTS instead of cooking breakfast twice a month can do so. The Worshipful Master would urge those who make a contribution to tell them in a note that it is a Masonic donation. They will send every donor a gift tax deductible receipt.

2011 winter and spring breakfast dates will be:

- January 9th & 23rd
- February 13th & 27th
- March 13th & 27th
- April 10th & 24th
- May 8th & 22nd
- June 12th & 16th

And an additional reminder: Gather in the alley on the west side of the University Methodist Church about 6:00 a.m. and it is all over after the dishes are washed, about 8:15. Sometimes some of the brothers will gather at a Boat Street restaurant for breakfast.

Tribute must be paid to our late Brother Richard Rodgers who headed up one of the teams..



MORE LODGE HISTORY

- A HARD HAT ERA -

As with the entire Masonic Craft, the 1950's would find the Daylight reaching the zenith of its membership, in 1958 a huge membership of 172. In counterpoint with lodges everywhere, Daylight membership benefited from an influx of petitions prompted by World War II, but few were from traditional sources. This can be seen by the fact that starting in 1950, men in common jargon called *hard hats*, men employed in craft professions such as machinists, electricians, shipwrights, etc., were to furnish most of the active officers. In fact, future years would find members of the machinist union's premier Puget Sound local, Hope Lodge No. 79, comprising the second largest group of Masters. The Lodge's history for the decade of the 50's is sparse because no correspondence can be found. The long time source of members from the music professions came to a halt. Local dance bands became fewer and fewer, radio stations no longer used live music, the only fairly regular employment for musicians was the Seattle Symphony and a few road shows and these were no better than part time work. The Cirque Theater was the only semi-professional Actors Equity House during these years.

1950 - William E. Hardy The decade started with a special memorial for one of the founders and charter members of the lodge John Wesley Butterfield, Sr. January 11 was the date of the installation of officers and according to the minutes a letter was read from Past Grand Master Poole saying that he would once again be happy to install the new officers but tradition was broken by Past Grand Master Gustav H. Schultz who stepped in at the last minute to install because Poole was snowbound in Tacoma.

William Hardy who started the lodge's fourth decade as one of the last 19th Century Masters, was born in Amesbury, Massachusetts on June 14, 1888 and he maintained a dual membership in Yancey C. Blalock Lodge No. 265 where he had received his degrees. Because he was employed evenings as a Postal Railway Clerk, he joined Daylight June 9, 1948 just a year and six days after being made a Master Mason and at once became an active,

involved member with a reputation for excellence in ritual. He died March 15, 1962.

1950 was a reasonably busy year. There were degree conferrals nearly every month and while most were for Daylight petitioners, the lodge continued to serve other lodges and provide degrees by courtesy on a regular basis. There were no great problems during the year except that it would seem that too often the heat did not get turned on at the Rainier Masonic Hall, because the April 12 meeting minutes have reference to the Master appointing Worshipful Brother Tudor Thomas and Brother Robert Frost, to meet with the Rainier Temple Association and work out the problem of a lack of heat. Frost reported at the next meeting that he was assured that the building would be properly heated for the lodge's next meeting and the problem must have been solved as there are no additional comments in the minutes about the matter.

Past Grand Master Walter H. Steffey was the speaker at the November 8 meeting using a topic which would be resolved forty years later.

... our Past Grand Master then gave an address on the origin and progress of "Negro Masonry." It was a most enlightening discourse and M.W. Steffey related many interesting incidents in connection with the history of Negro Freemasonry in the United States.

1951- Robert Stewart Frost Robert Frost was typical of Daylight's new officers. He was not involved in the entertainment world but rather worked as a truck dispatcher. A Wisconsin native, born in Edswell May 1, 1901, he petitioned Daylight for his degrees on September 12, 1945 and completed them six months later on April 23, 1946. In January 1948 Gunnar Korsgaard named him to his first and only appointive office, Senior Steward and that December he was elected Junior Warden, but there were no such unexpected changes of officers when he was elected December 13, 1950 to be installed as the 1951 Master. Frost died December 5, 1956.

Surprisingly 1951 was not a busy year for petitions. Only five degrees were conferred during all of 1951 and two were courtesy candidates. The year ended with 171 members on the rolls and approximately \$2200.00 in the bank. Grand Lodge dues, etc., for the year were \$310.00. The November 14 minutes record a gift to the lodge:

Worshipful Brother Gunnar Korsgaard, P.M., who has always shown a keen interest in the welfare of Daylight Lodge, in a few well chosen words, presented the lodge with a beautiful set of the three lesser lights, his own handiwork. The gift was gratefully received ...

1953 - John H. Robertson Robertson's 1942 petition shows as profession *shipyard worker*, actually he was a boilermaker by trade. He was born in Barrhead, Scotland May 2, 1905 and was made a Master Mason on May 13, 1943. The Tiler's register shows that he was fairly regular in his attendance at the meetings and but it was not until 1949 that he was appointed to his first office as Junior Deacon. Robertson demitted in 1973 in disagreement over a planned tiled installation of officers which he vehemently opposed saying that the lodge had never had a tiled ceremony. Never-the-less, when he died February 14,

1975, the lodge at the request of White Center Lodge, was pleased to conducted his memorial service.

A charter and dual member of White Center Lodge No. 300, Robertson served that lodge as its first treasurer, both lodges as a toastmaster and raconteur. On January 14, 1953 like most of his predecessors he was installed by Frank Poole. Daylight actually could claim two Masters in 1953 because dual member, Thomas Kingsbury was serving as Master of Lawton Lodge No. 292.

The June 10 minutes record that Worshipful Brother William E. Hardy was escorted to the East where District Deputy George Eldon Smith,

... presented our past master with a three year proficiency in the Standard Work for the second time. In his examination, Worshipful Brother Hardy passed with considerably less than ten errors, and was commended ... for his outstanding work for Masonry...

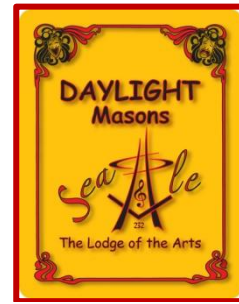
Hardy is the only member of the lodge to have received a Three-year Proficiency Certificate from Grand Lodge. And his ritual work was needed because it was a good year for petitions and degree work, but in trying to gleam information from Grand Lodge Annual Reports, they seem to suggest that age was taking its toll on Secretary Thomas. In the reports of the petitions and degrees there are numerous conflicts between conferral dates, figures at variance with other information and other types of minor errors. Despite this fact, he continued in the office for several more years. Doubtless the lodge was not aware of the problem or if it was, did not consider it serious enough to contemplate making a change on one of its most faithful and esteemed charter members.

WHAT HAPPENS IN VEGAS DOESN'T ALWAYS STAY IN VEGAS

"OH MY GAWD. . .



You can blame M.:W.: Gale Kenney and his lady Diane for this picture. Is this really Grand Lodge material?



A LITTLE GRAND LODGE PGM HISTORY

THOMAS TAYLOR MINOR

September 1875/September 1876

Member of Port Townsend No. 6

At the age of 31 Minor was the youngest Grand Master when he was elected to the office. He was born in Sir Lanka (then called Ceylon) of missionary parents. He was made a Mason in Port Townsend Lodge No. 6 in 1868, served as the Master in 1874.

He graduated from Yale University and was a young surgeon during the Civil War. Following the war he set off on a scientific expedition to Alaska, the Nation's newest territory. When he returned from Alaska he settled in Port Townsend and bought a share in an established hospital there. In 1872 he organized the Puget Sound Telegraph Company to bring telegraph service to the city. Six years later he installed the first telephone line in the Port Townsend between his office and his hospital. Some historians credit it with being the first in Washington. He became mayor of the Port Townsend.

After moving to Seattle in 1882 he became active in Seattle's political life and was mayor in 1887. He served on the State Constitutional Convention and was the surgeon-general of the Washington National Guard. When Washington was granted statehood he was considered a major candidate for an office but died at the young age of 45, drowned during a hunting accident off Whidbey Island along with the son of Past Grand Master Haller. Minor's body was never found. A popular Seattle mayor, his name is perpetuated in a number of different places in the city like Minor Avenue.

At his September 1876 Grand Lodge session a proposal was adopted that urged that the "... several grand Lodges in the United States ... recommend a plan for organizing a National Grand Lodge for the United States." Nothing was to come of the idea. There were no new lodges chartered in 1876.

It is interesting to note that Grand Lodge met in September for most of the early years until June 1878 when Elisha P. Ferry was elected Grand Master.