



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

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## DAYLIGHT LODGE #232

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## MASTER MASON DEGREE FOR MARCH 15th

Worshipful Master Julian will open lodge for the March 15 Stated Meeting at the usual hour of 10:00 a.m. The first order of business will be the conferral of a Master Mason Degree on one or more brothers. Last month Doric Lodge asked assistance and Daylight helped them by passing Justin Simmons to the degree of a Fellowcraft. An involved member of the Seattle community, he should prove to be a good Mason and because of a new obligation he has taken on being as secretary of the 46<sup>th</sup> Legislative District Democratic Committee he cannot attend Doric meetings, etc., so he asked if Daylight could help.

Doric's Master Kirk Ballard agreed and has asked that working with some of his own officers, Doric and Daylight now make Brother Simmons a Master Mason. Senior Warden Rob Pitre will have another outstanding degree team. Worshipful Master Ballard will obligate, Daylight Senior Warden and Junior Warden will be in their respective stations. The second section of the degree will be a mix of brothers from both lodges as well as some support from a couple other lodges. Our District Deputy V.: W.: Gale Kenney will again give the lecture.

Junior Warden Monaco promises ample refreshments for the Festiveboard and Fellowship table. Attend your lodge on March 15 and welcome a new Master Mason.

It is really rather hard to believe that our Worshipful Master should be speechless but it happened at the District 4/5 Reception for the Grand Master on February 1st. When he was

given the Grand Master's Meritorious Service Award for District No. 5 it proved to be one of those rare occasions when he was not only caught unawares and surprised, but at a virtual loss for words. The District No. 4 award was also given in to another musician, W\ Orrin Niles who in the 1970s served as Daylight's organist. It was a fitting honor to two brothers who have brought many hours of joy and harmony to Masonry. Brother David has been Grand Organist for Grand Lodge and Brother Orrin has been Grand Organist in the York Rite Bodies. Daylight knows what an important addition Brother David has given to the lodge in many ways, especially in providing interesting and exciting musical accompaniment to degree conferrals.

## FEBRUARY 23 – SYSO DINNER

It was a success. Ten musicians with their parents attended along with the new musical director Huw Edwards and four members of the Board of Trustees. Each musician was presented a Medal Award, a Certificate of Merit and a \$100.00 Gift Certificate. The gift certificate was partly donated by Mills Music. A chicken curry dinner was provided, as in the past the Renton DeMolay did serving duties as well as clean up. The kitchen help was your secretary and W\ Brother Phil Ostendorf. Junior Warden Anthony Monaco was general supervisor but like any good Junior Warden, he superintended the Craft and kept out of the way.

Senior Grand Warden Sat Tashiro and three District Deputies, Gale Kenney, Bob Jensen and Ashley Brinkley attend. R\ W\ Brother Sat can claim a special interest in the SYSO because three of his kids played in the orchestra.

## FROM MERRIE OL' ENGLAND

There is a publication in England called 'The Square, The Independent Magazine for Freemasons.' The December 2002 issue had an article written by Michael Holgate entitled "Living in the Past" and here is a quote of a short part of it. Remember this is an English Mason writing so . . .

While . . . flashes of enlightenment are dragging Masonry forward at the meteoric pace of a stunned slug, consider this: . . . When we are appointed as Wardens we're encouraged: "to attend the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge so this lodge may be properly represented", then you hear that it's held not on a weekend or an evening, but on a Tuesday afternoon for goodness sake. Not only do you have to take half a day's holiday (for us workers) but you've got to fork out an extortionate sum for a Masonic meal afterwards.

The Mark Province here in West Yorkshire battled valiantly against the Old Guard and bravely staged their annual meeting on Saturday (I can hear the gasp of horror from here) and what a success they've been – the place has been packed and there's always a reserve list for dining . . .

Mentioning the subject of dining, brings me nicely on to that other great legacy of our Victorian

roots, the good old festiveboard. Most masonic meals here in Yorkshire are, by demand, produced as cheaply as possible and mainly comprise of nondescript soup, paper-thin beef or industrial roofing sheets of pork, school dinner mash [that battleship grey goo with the filling-bursting lumps in], masonic vegetables [over-boiled carrots and peas left to fester for the duration of the meeting in three inches of tepid water], followed by cheese prised from the Masonic hall mice with cracks so deep that Chris Bonington would reach for his crampons. The ersatz coffee I will neither drink nor mention here for fear of upsetting the more fragile of you, dear readers. All this has to be gulped down at some ridiculous twilight hour as quickly as possible . . .

Oop north here in Yorkshire, social functions are similarly received. Instead of Brother Cadaver and the Tone Deafs being wheeled out of day-release from the Home for the Bewildered to sing Songs for the Shows, try suggesting a live band or, gasp, a disco. I'll bet next year's subscriptions that all you'll get from the Chronologically Advantaged will be:

"I'm not coming if it's going to be loud."

"Will we have to dance because my bunions aren't up to it."

"I don't care for all this modern rubbish. I remember taking Ethel to the Alhambra and we couldn't hear ourselves think. I was glad for that Zeppelin raid and we could all go down to the shelter for a bit of peace."

At the District meeting in February Daylight was given a Pillar of Progress Award for Community Service for the lodge's SYSO events and also for the Fremont Fair activities. Arcana Lodge also was given a Pillar of Progress Award for their back stage Pizza Party they gave to the whole SYSO Orchestra last May and St. John's was given one and it in part included their participation with Daylight in the Fremont Fair Information Booth.

**GOOD LUCK ERNIE ON YOUR NEW LODGE**