



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

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DAYLIGHT LODGE #232

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February 18th Stated Meeting

Entered Apprentice Degree Conferrals

Worshipful Master Rob will open lodge at 10:00 a.m., on the Entered Apprentice Degree and will immediately set the lodge to working conferring that degree on waiting candidates. Junior Warden Wilson will be giving the lecture in his usual fine manner. Senior Deacon Andy Anderson is in charge of the degree team. V.:W.: Michael Davis, Deputy of the Grand Master will make is yearly Official Visit too. And the Worshipful Master has been informed that Myrtle Lodge No. 108 in Issaquah may make a visit.

Once the degree work is completed it will be back to necessary business and the lunch in the usual manner giving all present a chance to get to know better the new members. Plan to attend the meeting.

In past years the so-called District Meeting or yearly Reception for the Grand Master has usually been a long and to often dull evening of speeches, not so this year. It will be held on Saturday, February 25 at the GREENWOOD MASONIC CENTER at Greenwood Avenue North and North 80th Street. It will include good food, good wine, few speeches and most importantly, some really good entertainment provide mostly by Daylight members or under Daylight's direction. The entertainers will include a small group from the Seattle Youth Symphony Orchestras, Brother Anthony Monaco with another member of his band LOOPHOLE and Brother Ken Wehl with magic tricks and Andy Anderson's wife Carla Hilderbrand will also entertain. It has been rumored that King Elvis will make an appearance. So Daylight has the entertainment well covered.

Seating is limited to about 80 people so early reservations are really necessary. This is a combined event with District No. 4. It is a serious effort to make the District Reception fun and at the same time to raise additional funds for the SYSOs scholarship programs and Marrowstone Summer Music Festival training program in Bellingham. W.: Brother Maher who serves on the SYSO Board of Directors says the additional funds are very much needed

V.:W.: Brother Davis and V.:W.: Blair Leckie in District No. 4 have decided that this year everyone is going to have fun and celebrate Masonry. You need to contact your secretary about tickets. As noted above, there is enough seating for 80 people so do it right away. Come and give Senior Warden Anthony some support and encouragement with a bravo or a booooo as you see fit. Just come and have some fun with your brothers.

WHAT HAPPENED 80 & 50 YEARS AGO

[taken from the lodge history pages]

1926 - Charles Clifford Smith Almost nothing is known about the 1926 Master, C. C. Smith other than he was a printer by trade, presumably with the Seattle P.I. This is an assumption based on the fact that his petition was signed by two other P.I. employees, Tudor Thomas and Frederick Moorman. He was born October 23, 1862 somewhere in Minnesota and was dropped from membership for non-payment of dues, a note in the records saying, **PM 1926 Charles C. Smith Dropped 1933 - No record of death.** He had been made a Master Mason in Daylight on September 1, 1920. Otherwise there is nothing in the lodge files to tell much about him.

1926 was not a busy year for lodge extra activities. There was only one special communication for degree work, in fact there were only eight degrees that year. Smith filled the office of Chaplain in 1927 and then his name disappears from the Tiler's Register.

1926's correspondence has communications from the Masonic Board of Relief of San Francisco stating that a Daylight brother had deserted his wife and daughters and they asked for assistance. Secretary Gastel sent the Board of Relief \$20.00. Later correspondence reveals Gastel received a letter from the brother explaining that he had provided for his wife and her daughter, had filed for divorce because, **"Her habitual use of alcohol had completely wrecked my piece of mind, health and home."** He repaid the lodge the money that had been loaned.

1956 - James Raul Ricks Starting with a membership total of 176 members, 1956 marked the maximum membership the lodge was ever to achieve. The new Master of this lodge affluence, James Ricks, a machinist foreman at American Can Company, was born September 27, 1919 in Newdale, Idaho. One of several members who were machinists in Seattle's senior IAM [Machinist Union] Local Hope Lodge No. 79, Ricks petitioned Daylight in December 1948 and completed his degrees on May 14, 1949. He was dropped from membership, December 1987, for non-payment of dues, in part because his wife raised a constant religious objection to Masonic membership. Earl Stanley appointed him to his first office as Senior Steward for the 1952 year.

1956 was notable for a lodge first. The minutes of September 12 record:

At this time W. B. William E. Hardy retired to the anteroom, from where he escorted Very Worshipful James S. Andrews, Deputy of the Grand Master in District No. 6, where he was presented to the Worshipful Master ... and given the public grand honors of Masonry. ... and, after thanking Daylight Lodge for being instrumental in his appointment to this important office by the Grand Master, (he) gave an interesting address.

The first member of the lodge to serve as a District Deputy, the second member to wear the purple collar of Grand Lodge, Andrews was selected for the office by Grand Master Walter T. Higgins. Both he and earlier in 1936 Carbon Weber had held the Junior Grand Deacon office. Except for dual member Thomas Kingsbury, a Past Master of Lawton Lodge No. 292 who served as Deputy in District No. 4, it would be another twenty-four years before a Daylight Past Master would again be so honored or otherwise wear a Grand Lodge purple apron when CoeTug Morgan received the appointment from M.:W.: Wayne Sparger in 1980.

When the election of officers was held on December 12, all the officers advanced in the usual manner, but two ballots were taken to replace Charles Meredith as Treasurer. Earl Stanley was elected to the office, which he held until 1972. Meredith's retirement is not explained as there is no correspondence to examine as all such records were lost between 1941 and the middle 1960s. But because the minutes give reports of visits to him at his home, it must be assumed that he was in failing health, that it was his desire to pass the office along to a younger brother. He died just one year later.



Writing is easy. All you do is stare at a blank sheet of paper until drops of blood form on your forehead.

--- Gene Fowler

A PERSONAL REQUEST FROM YOUR SECRETARY

AS YOUR SECRETARY OVER THE PAST YEARS I HAVE TRIED TO MAKE THIS TRESTLEBOARD MORE THAN JUST A SIMPLE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE NEXT MEETING. I'VE TRIED TO INCLUDE A LITTLE OF THIS AND A LITTLE THAT, KEEPING IN MIND THE DIFFERENCE OF DAYLIGHT LODGE AND THE LODGE'S HERITAGE TO THE THEATER, ETC. BUT AT THE SAME TIME I TRY TO MAKE IT RELATE TO MASONRY AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE PLUS BE FUN, INTERESTING AND NOT TOO BORING.

I WOULD LIKE A LITTLE FEEDBACK FROM YOU ABOUT WHAT YOU RECEIVE, WHAT I INCLUDE AND IN GENERAL WHAT YOU MIGHT LIKE IN THE TRESTLEBOARD. IS IT OK AS IT IS? WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE THAT I CAN ADD? WITH HALF THE ACTIVE LODGE MEMBERS BEING YOUNG IN AGE AND AS MASONS, IS THE INFORMATION I SPEND TIME PUTTING TOGETHER OF VALUE TO YOU?

YOU CAN SEND YOUR COMMENTS, SUGGESTIONS OR EVEN BITCHES TO ME AT:

3952 EVANSTON N. SEATTLE
98103-7709 OR VIA EMAIL:
NOTPGM@COMCAST.NET

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Three Daylighters are serving as officers in Oriental Chapter #19, Royal Arch Masons. W.: Brother George Thornton is High Priest, V.:W.: CoeTug Morgan is King and Brother David Choe is Companion of the Host.

YOUR SECRETARY SAYS THANKS

During the January 21st meeting your officers managed to pull off the great surprise of the year. Your secretary was honored by being presented his Fifty Year Pin with Grand Master Al Jorgensen and about 45 other brethren many from different lodges present. and two of the ladies from the Grand Lodge office with whom he has worked for many years, Charlene Leigh and Maryanne Matthews.

Your secretary was totally unprepared. Admittedly he had been wondering if suddenly he gotten on some sort of 'do not associate list' because for the last month or so, there seemed to be a near black-out of the usual email messages.

The greatest surprise was that his step daughter Alexis, was a surprise visitor that day. Worshipful Master Pitre had arranged for her to be a part of the celebration coming all the way from hurricane ravaged Mississippi.

So what can your secretary say? First, you have some damned sneaky officers who really know the meaning of brotherly love. Second, they really can keep secrets. Third, I can only say thank you. Words are not adequate. DAYLIGHT is NUMBER ONE and this is why, true expression of Brotherly Love.

Thank you Worshipful Master, thank you all

The Stage is a Glass for the World to view
itself in; People ought therefore to see
themselves as they are . . . the Business of
Comedy is to delight, as well as to instruct.

--- J. Vanburgh

A reminder that Daylight is not a 100 per cent subscriber to the local monthly Masonic Monitor. It is basically sent only to the officers also for one year to the new members.

If you want to receive the Monitor you can order it at \$8.00 a year. Send your request and check to:

MASONIC MONITOR
6619 132ND Ave NE – PMB 237
Kirkland, WA 98033-8627

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WISDOM**

IN FREMONT ITS CALLED sushi -
IN BALLARD IT IS BAIT.

WHAT MAKES MASONRY WORK



W.: Brother Cleo McCord after a few days in the hospital and elsewhere was moved from his old apartment to a new one in the Lakeshore Retirement Center north of Renton. Pictured above are the many brothers and friends that pitched in on January 4th to get him relocated into his new assisted living apartment.

Brother Cleo turned 93 in November and has been facing increasing health problems. His comment was that at 93, parts are starting to wear out and there isn't much that can be done about it.

Top left to right: David Choe, Roy Pollock, Susan Kemp, Erik Hill and Irene Scott

Bottom left to right: W.: Rob Pitre, Walter Woodburn, Alexander Eames [a DeMolay Squire from Auburn] Heidi Yoast and Jessie Eames [both Job's Daughters]

Many thanks to all who helped in the project.

ANOTHER REMINDER - THE DISTRICT RECEPTION ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH

Our Marshal Brother Don Pierce who battled a bit of cancer, reports that his last check-up proved to be very, very favorable and everything looked good. He recently moved from Pacific to Yelm. They were looking for more space and gave up in the Green River Valley where industry is rapidly taking over even more farm land and the old homesteads, etc.

Brother Bruce Black in Big Bear Country in Southern California is also fighting prostrate cancer which was discovered late last fall. We all wish him good luck.

V.:W.: David Barney had a minor operation and says he is back almost normal, normal as advancing maturity allows any of the older members of the lodge to be.