

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

August 15, 2009

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 stand of excellence in ritual work.

MID-SUMMER STATED MEETING - AUGUST 15TH

Worshipful Master David Choe will open his second meeting of the new Masonic year on Saturday, August 15th at the usual hour of 10:00 a.m. There will be petitions for ballot and EA^o practice. W.: Brother David has decided not to say, "... degree work will kept to a minimum." It seems pointless because already there are more petitioners waiting for the EA^o, plus brothers waiting for the FC^o and MM^o. It appears the lodge will be busy yet again making new Daylight Masons. 👍

The tradition of lunch after the meeting will continue of course. The fellowship around the festiveboard over good food and good libations is an important part of Daylight being Daylight. And during August and September hot weather, NO COAT & TIE. Make it casual.

W.: Brother Choe has stated that he will be endeavoring to continue the leadership and achievements that were begun most notably by W.: Rob Pitre in 2004-2006, so excitingly continued by W.: Anthony Monaco 2006-2008 and carried on so outstandingly in 2008-2009 by W.: Andy Anderson. Needless-to-say, their leadership accomplishments could only have been realized through the concerted hard efforts and support of all the officers and members. W.: David hopes that 2009-2010 will carry this on with the same fellowship and commitment to the Lodge from all the members, old and new, young and older. And he does hope and expect the lodge's continued growth with new members.

Remember that the Lodge is not composed of officers. Daylight is a collection of young Masons dedicated to good ritual, good fellowship, good officers and good community involvement.

2009-2010 LODGE OFFICERS

ELECTED TO SERVE THE LODGE

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APPOINTED TO SERVE THE MASTER

Senior Deacon — Samuel Ali

Junior Deacon — Jon Alcantara

Marshal — Troy McFarland

Chaplain — Matthew Kirk

Senior Steward — Karl Muchenberger

Junior Steward — Christopher Rippe

Musician — V.: W.: David S. Julian

Tiler — Mitchell Anderson

Worshipful Master Choe observed that appointing the officers was a difficult decision because there are so many young, capable brethren willing and wanting to serve. A couple brothers who were officers last year dropped out of consideration. Brother Richard Rodgers said he was an advancing officer in University Lodge and would rather stay there because there were so many able brothers. Brother Luna also decided not to take an office. This allowed for some new faces but the Worshipful Master intends to put many brothers to work on special committees and doing degree work.

Worshipful Master Choe also made note of the fact that a number of the brethren have not up-dated their email addresses and telephone numbers with Secretary Monaco.

He said in an email, "I have been going down our roster... You would NOT BELIEVE how many of these infos are outdated. Therefore, you must email our Brother Secretary with your full name, CELL PHONE NUMBER, email address and home address asap. You're probably thinking "Nah, I don't need to that. The Lodge already has my info." PLEASE do NOT think that. Please help us update this info so that we can reach you without talking to your dad, girlfriend, wife etc, etc." So says our new Worshipful Master.

Granite Falls MM Degree

The annual outdoor degree of the Master Mason Degree will be held at the Granite Falls Masonic Park on Saturday, August 1st. The Lodge opens at 10:00 a.m. with the introductions of visiting dignitaries, the Grand Lodge team, etc. Members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in their distinctive uniforms confer the degree in Canadian work.

There is breakfast at Damascus Lodge #199 in their lodge hall in Granite Falls starting about 8:00 p.m. There is a charge for entrance, etc.

W.: Brother Monaco has more details. Contact him or your Grand Historian or Grand Musician for complete information. If you have never seen the way the degree is presented in Canadian ritual this is the place to see it.

It seems like a yearly happening and it is happening again. Someone is making phone calls soliciting funds. They say they represent Olympus Lodge No. 45 or Seattle Lodge No. 45. It is not legit. As every one of us should be aware Masonry does not solicit funds in this manner. Ignore the call should you get one.

"Contrariwise," continued Tweedledee, "If it was so it might be; and if it were so, it would be; but as it isn't, it ain't. That's logic."

Lewis Carroll, *Through the Looking-Glass*

Good & Not So Good Masonic News

Georgia seems to be doing its best to give Masonry a black eye as an organization; that the Craft is composed of racists who can't remember their obligations. But in Massachusetts a dispensation has been granted to form a new lodge. To be called *The Independence Lodge*, it will be a truly bilingual lodge working in both Portuguese and English. Unlike our own, many Grand Lodges allow lodges to work in a language other than English. Would that Hermanos del Arte and other lodges in Washington where there is large Hispanic population could do that. Unlike most of Georgia there are many Grand Lodges that prove the diversity of the Masonic Craft accepting men of different races and religious beliefs. Just consider the make-up of Daylight officers. We can be proud of Washington Masonry for its unsuccessful stand on Prince Hall over a century ago. Also like Daylight, as Masons we can point with pride to the diverse backgrounds of our Grand Lodge officers.

AN OKANOGAN AREA VISIT

Secretary Monaco and retired Secretary Morgan made a trip across Snoqualmie Pass and then north to Brewster to attend the July 6th meeting of Hermanos del Arte Lodge No. 314. Brewster is at the start of the Okanogan Valley where the Columbia River turns east about 20 miles north of Lake Chelan. It is about 4 hours from Seattle. It was Brother Monaco's first experience to the area and to a small Eastern Washington Lodge like HdA. He was both surprised and pleased to find that another Lodge meeting can be filled with as much laughter and fun combined with serious business as is found at Daylight.

The next day, M..W.. Bill Wood, PGM sent out an email to the members of the lodge telling about the meeting and he mentioned Brother Anthony. Here's what part of what he wrote:

"A personal note from yours truly: It did my old heart good to see a young Mason, WB Anthony Monaco at our meeting last nite. Of course I was just as pleased to see my friend and Brother Coe, but WB Anthony is a younger Mason and had to get up this morning to go to work. Both of these Brothers drove all the way to Brewster from Seattle and returned to Seattle after closing. Sometimes Masons my age worry about the future of our Fraternity, will there be someone taking our place and insure Masonry will continue to be a force for good in the future. I got my answer last evening. Yes, there are younger Masons out there who love this Fraternity as much as you and I and are willing to do whatever it takes to insure the future of Freemasonry. In my opinion WB Monaco is such a Mason and I'm sure there are many more out there just like him. All we need to do is encourage and mentor these young Masons. Let them know just how proud we are of them, give these younger Masons the reins and give them the chance to lead. As older Masons, we need to listen to what these young Masons have to say. You might be surprised, as they do have some good ideas they would like to try. This is true not only in our lodges, by in GL as well. With Masons like WB Anthony in our midst, the future of Masonry looks bright in the Gr. Jurisdiction of WA.

At the closing of the meeting, Worshipful Master Harison asked Anthony to give the closing charge. As would be expected he did so in a typically Daylight excellent manner. It proved to be a very informative and important visit for Anthony.

?? is a Mentor ??

Greek myth says that *Mentor* was the son of Alcumus. In his old age he was Odysseus' trusted advisor. When the latter headed off to the Trojan War, he put his son in Mentor's charge under whose guise Athena became Telemachus' guardian and teacher.. The first modern use of the name as a term seems to have been in a 1699 French book *Les Adventures de Telemague*. Mentor was truly and trust friend of Odysseus. Hence in modern usage the word becomes a noun meaning not only a trusted friend but a counselor, teacher; a person with more experience than the mentee.

ITEMS OF INTEREST TO SOME

Attributed to The Rev. G. Oliver, D.D, below is found in a copy of an early 19th Century *Duncan's Ritual of Freemasonry*.

LANDMARKS — What are the landmarks? Is a question often asked, but never determinedly answered. In ancient times, boundary-stones were used as landmarks, before title-deeds were known, the removal of which was strictly forbidden by law. With respects to the landmarks of Masonry, some restrict them to the O.B. signs, tokens and words. Others include the ceremonies of initiation, passing, and raising; the form, dimensions, and support; the ground, situation and covering; the ornaments, furniture, and jewels of a Lodge, or their characteristic symbols. Some think that the Order has no landmarks beyond its peculiar secrets. It is quite clear, however, that the order against removing or altering the landmarks was universally observed in all ages of the Craft.

UNIFORMITY — It is almost unnecessary to argue the question in relation to Uniformity of Word, because such can never be as long as we live up to the teachings of the Fathers and communicate *orally*, the mysteries to the candidates... Uniformity in all things is not absolutely necessary, nor was it ever considered. It cannot be expected that different persons will communicate the same ideas in precisely the same language; besides language changes in its import and ideas change with the progress of science and advance of philosophy. It is well enough for the ancients to advance that the sun rises in the East, that the earth is stationary as a tree or house is stationary, and that the sun moves around this little globe of ours; but the day of these ideas is past. Now, by change of verbiage, the ideas are expressed consistent with sound philosophical principles, as the sun in the east opens and adorns the day, etc., and thus it must be in relation to Masonic language and Masonic ideals. The language to express an idea several thousand years ago, or even a few hundred years, would be unintelligible, and not understood. To expect uniformity in language for all time, is a vain expectation, and can never be obtained.

AUGUST DATES TO REMEMBER

Worshipful Master Choe has set these dates for the month of August.

August 15th — Stated meeting - Entered Apprentice Degree practice. Brother Sam Ali is in charge. Contact him if you want to fill a particular station or place.

August 29th - EA^o Conferral

All the meetings are scheduled for 10:00 a.m. with lunch to follow either at the Lodge hall or at a local restaurant. Remember this month, short sleeves.

You can tell the economy is bad when the bank returns your check, marked INSUFFICIENT FUNDS and you need to call to find out if it is you or the bank?

FROM THE MASONIC CODE

The question was put, why print things from the Masonic Code [WMC] in the Trestleboard. Remember at the installation, W.: Brother Choe was presented a CD copy of the WMC and told to, "cause it to be read in your Lodge . . ." By printing sections here, you can read it and if interested in more details go on the Grand Lodge web site and find the full thing or ask questions at the meeting.

Sec. 18.01 B.L.

Prerequisite to Initiation. A Lodge shall not initiate any man unless it shall have received a petition from him.

Sec. 18.02 B.L.

Qualifications. Every petitioner in order to be eligible for the degrees of Masonry must:

1. Be at least eighteen years of age, (comment below)
2. Have the senses of a man, especially those of Hearing, Seeing and Feeling;
3. Be a believer in a Supreme Being,
4. Be capable of Reading and Writing; and
5. Possess no disability in his body which would render him incapable of conforming reasonably what the Degrees respectively require

No provision of this Section shall be set aside, dispensed with or suspended by the Grand Master or by the Grand Lodge.

Sec. 18.04 B.L.

Statewide (Concurrent) Jurisdiction. A qualified petitioner residing anywhere within this Grand Jurisdiction may petition any Lodge within the Jurisdiction.

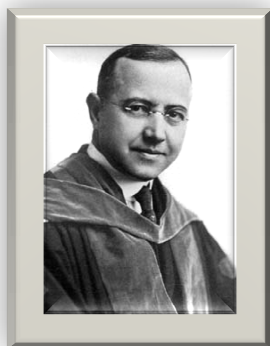
Sec. 18.09 B.L.

Petition. Every petitioner for the Degrees or Affiliation shall complete in its entirety an appropriate form which the Lodge shall obtain from Grand Lodge.

Each petition shall be signed by three Masons who are members of the Lodge or if the petitioner is recent to the area, but well known in another area of the state, then the petition may be signed by members of a Lodge in that area. The petition shall be accompanied by the required fees. A petition can be presented only at a Stated Communication and the acceptance shall be noted in the minutes.

Ed. Historical Comment: Prior to 1994 the age was 21. W.: Jay Losey was the first Daylight petitioner under 21 and if not the first, one of the very first in the state. The 1st of May the Grand Lodge of The State of New York rejected a proposal to lower their petition age to 18.

HISTORY ITEM



Brother Henry Suzzalo, Lafayette Lodge No. 241 – was UW President in the early 20th Century. The UW Library is named in his honor.

Notable Quotes:

"I'm enclosing two tickets to the first night of my new play; bring a friend... if you have one.

- George Bernard Shaw to Winston Churchill who replied:

"Cannot possibly attend first night, will attend second... if there is one."

Another:

Said a member of Parliament to Benj Disraeli: "Sir, you will either die on the gallows or of some unspeakable disease."

Disraeli retorted: "That depends, Sir, whether I embrace your policies or your mistress."

We now have a new Lodge in the Grand Lodge of Washington. On July 25th Grand Master Kenney chartered and installed Krucible Lodge No. 318 in the traditional ceremonies. The lodge is located in Tacoma.

The Lodge's Senior Members and Past Masters have expressed much pleasure in seeing so many new, young brothers taking the reins of office and the leadership of the Lodge. Daylight is proving that youth is no a rationale to think that ritual is not done in an outstanding manner nor that the fundamental precepts of the Craft are being changed. With such young brothers as Lodge leaders, as M.: W.: Bill Wood says ". . . the future of Masonry looks bright in the Grand Lodge of Washington." And we can rightly add, DAYLIGHT LODGE.

