



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

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DAYLIGHT LODGE #232

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STATED MEETING – NOVEMBER 20

At last the Senior Warden can finally return the gavel to Worshipful Master Pitre this month. After a couple months of community service coaching a winning Little League Soccer Team, Worshipful Master Rob will be back in the East at the November 20th Stated Meeting.

Degree work is planned for the day, important degree work. At least four brothers will be Raised that morning. Because it does make for a long day, breakfast will be served instead of lunch starting at 8:00 a.m. As soon after as everyone is filled and happy, the degree work will get started. There will be a number of new, fresh, young faces doing major parts.

WORD RECEIVED VIA EMAIL FROM OUR YOUNGEST MEMBER NOW STUDYING AT THE BOSTON CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC

Hope that everything is going well at the lodge and in Seattle. Just played in the percussion ensemble concert and I played the first part on a Marimba quartet called *A Little Locomotive Motion* and the first part on a piece called *Ostinato Pianissimo*. The second piece, I played an extremely difficult part that even the seniors and grad students couldn't help me with. This was by far the most difficult mallet work I've played. After the concert however, I played it very well, and my teacher and many audience members congratulated me. The next day, my friend tells me that his voice teacher was talking about me and said, "Every year there is an exceptional mallet player." She was talking about me, and this in turn made me very happy. Everything is going well but very busy. I have a recording session on the thirty first of October and a performance with the Metropolitan Wind Symphony the day before. Tell the lodge that I send my best.

Regards,
Brother Toby

One of our most senior members Gordon Renfro called to let your secretary know that he has moved to Bayview Manor on Queen Anne Hill. A sixty-seven year member, eighty-eight years young he said that he is still doing competitive ballroom dancing and won two Supreme Awards last year. Sort of proves that if you keep active, you keep young. We also recently learned that Brother Scott Soltis who lives outside Helena, Montana is a captain in the local volunteer fire department.

DISTRICT MEETING REPORT

At the October 15th District Reception for Grand Master Tashiro, Worshipful Master Pitre accepted the Pillar of Progress for Fraternalism. Ten Daylight members attended the meeting to support our Grand Master, better than 15% of the membership. Pictured below, left to right are the Lodge awards winners: District Deputy V.:W.: Michael Davis, Grand Master M.:W.: Sat Tashiro, W.: Michael Cuadra of University No. 141, W.: Gregory Mahers of Queen Anne No. 242, W.: Rob Pitre, W.: Michael Rust of St. John's No. 9 and Deputy Grand Master R.:W.: Alvin Jorgensen



At the same District Meeting our Treasurer, W.: Brother James Maher was recognized with the first Grand Masters Achievement Award given for the current Masonic Year. He was recognized for his dedication and work as a member of the Finance Committee and as a Trustee of the Masonic Retirement Center {Landmark on the Sound}. Brother Jim has been a major player on the sub-committee charge with the renovating and expansion of this famous Masonic Landmark. Built in 1926 this facility no longer meets today's standards and to continue to function or even exist it must be modernized to today's requirements, standards and purposes. It is a case of modernize it or lose it. Brother Jim's efforts have been a critical part of this planning.



NOT REALLY DISTRICT EVENTS

Your secretary will have the honor of installing the officers of Eureka Lodge No. 20 on November 1st helped by other Daylight members, Doric Lodge No. 92 [December 4 at 3:00 p.m.] and St. John's Lodge No. 9 [December 11 at 10:00 a.m.] St. John's new Master Joe Lund is a member of the stagehands union.

At the request of the Membership Development Committee member W.: Craig Wood, at the same meeting Worshipful Master Pitre and Senior Warden Monaco made a brief but highly successful presentation reviewing Daylight's success at gaining and keeping new, young members. Being Daylight you can be assured that it was the best presentation of the evening and other brethren in the audience asked a number of well answered questions.



In addition to W.: Brother Maher, Daylight has three other brothers who hold the Grand Master's Achievement Award, V.:W.: David Julian, W.: Cleo McCord and V.:W.: CoeTug Morgan who also received it last year in District No. 4. Our late brother V.:W.: Don Ward received the honor. Here are the holders as they were at the last meeting.



And last but not least, our newest EA° Mason, Christopher Rugh with Senior Warden Monaco who last month made him a Mason in Daylight Lodge. Welcome Chris.



THIS ISN'T A MASONIC STORY BUT IT IS FUN

A Seattle lawyer went pheasant hunting in Eastern Washington. He shot and dropped a bird, but it fell into a farmer's field on the other side of a fence.

As the lawyer climbed over the fence, an elderly farmer drove up on his tractor and asked him what he was doing. The litigant responded, "I shot a pheasant and it fell in this field, and now I'm going to retrieve it."

The old farmer replied, "This is my property, and you are not coming over here."

The indignant lawyer said, "I am one of the best trial attorneys in the United States and, if you don't let me get that pheasant I'll sue you and take everything you own."

The old farmer smiled and said, "Apparently, you don't know how we settle disputes in Eastern Washington. We settle small disagreements like this with the 'Three Kick Rule.'"

The lawyer asked, "What is the Three Kick Rule?"

The Farmer replied, "Well, because the dispute occurs on my land, first I kick you three times and then you kick me three times and so on back and forth until someone gives up."

The attorney quickly thought about the proposed contest and decided that he could easily take the old codger. He agreed to abide by the local custom.

The old farmer slowly climbed down from the tractor and walked up to the attorney. His first kick planted the toe of his heavy steel-toed work boot into the lawyer's groin and dropped him to his knees. His second kick to the midriff sent the lawyer's last meal gushing from his mouth. The lawyer was on all fours when the farmer's third kick to his rear end sent him face-first into a fresh cow pie.

The lawyer summoned every bit of his will and managed to get to his feet. Wiping his face with the arm of his jacket, he said, "Okay, you old fart. Now it's my turn."

The old farmer smiled and said, "Naw, I give up. You can have the pheasant."

We just elected a new state legislature and governor. Here is the answer to a question. The answer is:

+ 50
+ 25
+ 1

The question is elsewhere.

The chief difference between American humor and British humour is the way they spell it.

--William Cole

This month's stated meeting is the last for 2004, the Lodge is dark in December. Time to defend the check-book, etc. Your officers do extend to each of you a happy holiday season. 2004 has been a good year for your lodge with excellent leadership and ritual. The lodge was honored to have Grand Master Tashiro pay an unannounced visit to our September meeting. We may well end the year having conferred about twenty-five degrees.

Here's an interesting Washington State Historical fact. In the first sixty years of Washington State, 1889 to 1949 all but four governors were Masons, since Mon C. Walgren was defeated by Arthur B. Langlie, not one Mason has sat in the Executive Office in Olympia. The question is what does it take to pass legislation in Washington State? 50 votes in the House, 25 votes in the Senate plus 1 by the Governor. Our first Governor Elisha P. Ferry [1889-1893] was Master of Harmony Lodge No. 18 in Olympia and Grand Master 1878-1879.

REMEMBER YOUR DUES FOR 2005

LIFE MEMBERS \$11.00
SENIOR MEMBERS 65+ \$69.00
REGULAR JUNIOR MEMBERS \$126.00

AND YOUR SECRETARY AND TREASURER BOTH
THANK YOU FOR TAKING CARE OF THIS MATTER
IN A TIMELY MANNER.

*After this month the next Stated Meeting
will be January 15th. Mark your calendar*

A Petition for Plural Membership was received at the October 16 Stated Meeting from Brother Kenneth David Wehl, a member in good standing of St. John's Lodge No. 9. It will be spread for ballot at this month's meeting. Brother Wehl is a part-time magician and will doubtless be a great addition to Daylight and fun to have around. The officers did check around after the meeting to see if anything had disappeared or if there were any stray rabbits. Everything seemed normal and there were no little round pellets found anywhere in the lodge room.