

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

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# 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.

## STATED MEETING JANUARY 16<sup>TH</sup> - 10:00 a.m.

The 2010 year will start on January 16<sup>th</sup> when Worshipful Master Choe opens Lodge for another year of Daylight Masonry. There will be a Petition for the Degrees for Ballot; another visit from Grand Master Kenney and lots of the usual Daylight things including fellowship over good food and drinks. BUT it will be Move-Up Day so Senior Warden Donahoe will be in the East and other officers in different places.

Secretary W.: Brother Monaco will give a brief report on the end of the year's status of the Lodge's membership. Treasurer V.: W.: Brother Maher will also report on the Lodges financial status. And the various committees will give a wrap-up of their activities during the 2009 year. Worshipful Master Choe will also announce the degree work schedule for the rest of his term.

## SYO DINNER - JANUARY 24<sup>TH</sup>

The Annual Seattle Youth Symphony Orchestra Principal Players Honors Dinner will be held again this year at the University Masonic Hall. It will be on Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup> starting at 5:30 p.m.

Because Junior Warden Erik Hill who would normally be in charge is expecting to become a first time father just about the same day, Senior Warden Franklin Donahoe offered to take over the task of chairing the committee and event.

Twenty-five young musicians and their families have been invited. You should have received your own invitation in the last few days. It is Daylight's simple way for our small Lodge to honor these young students and also continue to be part of the arts community that we support and espouse. Brother Franklin and his committee thank each member who has in the past and hopefully continues to generously support this unique Masonic program.

Thirty years since it was first held, it is part of what makes Daylight a unique Seattle Lodge, a true Lodge of Music, Theater, the Arts and now Technology. Even if you can't attend your usual financial support makes the event self-supporting.

## A STORY FROM BROTHER RICHEAD RODGERS

### Freemasonry – The Brotherhood That Knows No Borders

I wanted to write something about my recent travels to foreign countries and the fellowship I have come across in those countries. Being a Master Mason for two years, these two experiences have really opened my eyes to the broad reach of Masonry throughout the world and how being a Brother, no matter where you are, is a special bond that is recognized within the craft and shared no matter what district, county, state, or country you come from. Masonry is a worldly craft shared by many and being a brother travels the orb we call Earth with no reservations.

My story is twofold and encompasses two different continents in a small period of time. I stumbled upon masonry in both Latin America as well as Europe. Here is a short summary of both events that made a huge impact to my perception of the Craft and giving me strength in knowing, wherever my travels may lead me, there will be a Brother nearby to share in fellowship with.

The first experience is as follows: My wife and I decided to take some personal time to take a little R&R. We booked a 7 night cruise to the Mexican Riviera leaving from Los Angeles, stopping in Cabo San Lucas, Mazatlan, and Puerto Vallarta on a major cruise line. We wanted to take a shore excursion so when we were in port in Mazatlan we booked something called the "Shrimp Fest". On that day we disembarked the vessel and waited patiently in line in anticipation of what was to come over the next several hours. While waiting in line to board our excursion bus, I noticed a gentleman wearing a red Shriner ball cap that had several logo pins attached to it. I approached the gentleman to get a better look at his hat and see his pins. I walked up and shook his hand, discreetly giving him the grip of one of our degrees knowing it would feel like a regular handshake if he was not a brother.

"Hello, brother, are you attending the shimpfest today?" He took a step back and looked at me and said "Brother? Where do you hail from?"

"Daylight Lodge #232 and University Lodges #141 from Seattle, Washington." I could see the sparkle in his eye at that point in time and he introduced himself as W.: Bro (Anonymous) from San Mateo Lodge #236 in California as well as from Asiya Temple of the Shrine in San Mateo, CA



Asiya  
Shrine

We spent the day together swapping stories about the Craft, him talking about the history of his Temple. The Temple used to be called the "Islam Temple". Shortly after 9/11, seeing the bad press that was going on at that time, they decided to rename the temple "Asiya from Islam" because of the community involvement they had and didn't want any misinterpretations by the public to be related to the events that occurred in our nation. It's a shame, in my opinion, that occurred but I fully understood from a PR standpoint why it needed to take place. Besides, the same great men make up the same great Temple, just under a different Temple name.

You give up a bit a tradition/history but it's also for the better of the Craft.

Before leaving, the W.: Bro. took off his hat and pulled off one of his pins. It said "Shriners: Islam Temple – LOGO (2001) – San Mateo, California." Taken back by this, since that name was no longer in existence, I respectfully declined taking the logo but he insisted. I took the pin....

I'm not a member of the Shrine to date but if I ever join, I will wear the pin he bestowed upon me with great honor knowing a fellow Brother, whom I coincidentally met gave it to me as a token of friendship and brotherhood. Cheers to their success and I wish him well through his travels. It was definitely worthwhile for me to take the first step and shake his hand.

The second part of my story takes me to Berlin, Germany. I was attending a larger tech conference along with 8500 attendees the week of the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Berlin wall falling. Mid way through the week I found myself in a large conference call setup with large tables that had power and network cables so the tech attendees could plug in laptops if needed and get a bit of work done while they were attending the conference. These tables could seat 200 per table and there were at least 10 of them. I found myself in need of a table such as this and found a free spot next to a sharp looking individual.

As I sat there and was replying to emails sent from Vice Presidents and General Managers of the business unit I work in at my company, I started some chit chat with the sharp gentleman sitting next to me as my purpose at the conference was to "schmooze" with the attendees since my company sponsored the conversation. I quickly realized he was a Frenchman and my French was limited as was his English. We exchanged a few sentences and he looked at me and said "Êtes-vous un Franc-Maçon?" Not knowing what he has said entirely, I gave him a blank stare and he pointed down to my Masonic ring I happened to have been wearing and pointed to it. I replied "Freemason? I said YES! Yes I am!" He responded back (in French "Me too") pointing to himself. I asked him "So you are a brother?" Not entirely understanding English, he moved my hands away from my keyboard and took me to a website, the website was: <http://www.gldf.org/>, which I in turn realized was the Grand Lodge of France.

Knowing he was a mason, I asked him what degree he had obtained, and I held up 3 fingers, He pulled down my ring finger denoting that he was a Fellowcraft. I had asked how long he had been in the craft, expecting an answer of several months. He replied back, in clear English, "7 years." I was taken aback by this as I knew in Europe it took a bit longer to obtain your degrees, but 7 years and he still wasn't a Master Mason? I inquired how long it took to become a MM and he advised, usually around 10 years in France.

I found this astonishing because in the states, some lodges do one day conferrals. At the same time, part of me felt like we, in the United States, should take more time so candidates fully understand the craft, each degree, the symbolism, and provide proficiency to move to the following degree. We chatted a bit longer about work but ran into each other during the conference several more times. Each time I saw him, whether it was while having a beverage, eating lunch, or just in passing we both felt the common bond our fellow Masonic brethren do here in the states.

To summarize, no matter where you go, Masonry is there. Sometimes you have to look for it, sometimes it finds you, but IT IS out there. I encourage you to visit other Lodges in the Seattle area, other Lodges in the states, and when you travel, bring an apron and visit a Lodge there as well. They will welcome you with open arms and you'll always be able to find a home away from home.

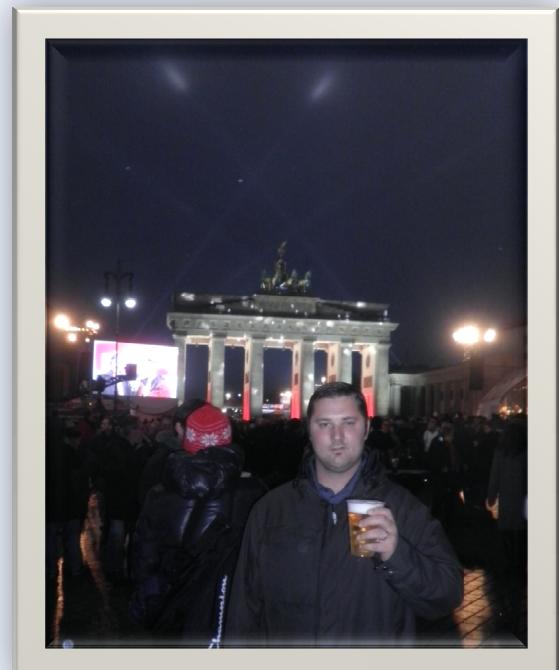
Thank you for letting me share my experience with you.

Respectfully,

Richard Rodgers

Daylight Lodge #232

Junior Warden, University Lodge #141



*Richard in Berlin during the festival for the  
20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the  
Fall of the Berlin Wall*

To begin at the beginning is, next to ending at the end, the whole art of writing; as for the middle you may fill it with any rubble that you choose.

*Hilaire Belloc*

My notes always grow longer if I shorten them.

*Samuel Butler*

Contrary to what many of you might imagine, a career in letters is not without drawback – chief among them the unpleasant fact that one is frequently called upon to actually sit down and write.

*Fran Lebowitz*



## DISTRICT #5 LOMA

V.:W.: Mike Cuadra, our District No. 5 Deputy of the Grand Master will be holding a Officer's Training Seminar in the University Masonic Hall on Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup> starting at 8:30 a.m. Subjects such as Masonic Protocol, the Masonic Code, Resolutions and how to write them are included in topics that are expected to be covered. While much of it will be a repeat for Daylighters who have attended Mentoring Dinners and Discussions it will be an excellent chance for Daylight brothers to interact with brethren from other lodge. Most of the other lodges do not have a training program like Daylight does. W.: Brother Monaco and other Daylight members will be assisting on some of the topics.

It will be open to all brothers, not just officers. Such training programs make for better lodges and improved ritual. The fact that Daylight does train officers does not make this meeting any less valuable. In addition, Daylight with their experience can contribute to the discussions

There will be a regular LOMA meeting on January 27<sup>th</sup>. That is Wednesday and Brother Franklin Donahoe who has served as District President the past two years has said "enough, is enough." That means new officers will be elected during the meeting. Daylight is always well represented at the meetings but LOMA does mean Lodge Officers and MEMBERS so anyone can attend and contribute.

Daylight's next Mentor Dinner will be January 28<sup>th</sup>. In time everyone will get the chance to participate. Because it is a dinner, space is limited. Tentative plans are to hold the next one as a Sunday brunch to accommodate the brethren who work nites like Karl Muchenberger and Bob Siefried. If you would find a Sunday brunch works better for you let Coe, Anthony or Franklin know.

### NEWS ABOUT MEMBERS

Long time Lodge Treasurer Wor. Ken Lindsay is still doing well at 94 years of age. He reports that his wife Sue has lost her sight due to diabetes so he does most of the house work. All in all he says has no complaints. Wor. Brother Ken was Master in 1972 and became Treasurer in 1975.

Brother Dean Willard has thrown his hat into the political mix and filed for the Washington State House of Representatives, 5<sup>th</sup> District, Position 2. That is the Issaquah, Sammamish area. Of course we sort of wish him luck but as true Masons we don't endorse him or anything. If he is elected he will join other Brothers serving their communities in the Legislature.

Our Lodge Secretary, W.: Brother Anthony Monaco was installed Master of University Lodge No. 141 last month by M.:W.: Brother Kenney and Brother Richard Rodgers was installed as that lodge's Junior Warden. Brother Sam Ali also holds an office at W.: Brother Monaco's request but he insisted that he would only be Tyler.

The great, famed 19<sup>th</sup> Century soprano Adelina Patti was once asked, "Which crowned head do you like best?"

She paused and contemplated for some time and chose Alexander II of Russia. "He gives the best jewelry," she finally explained.

## A DAYLIGHT HISTORICAL QUESTION ANSWERED

A younger brother who visited another Lodge noticed that they gave a Life Time Membership to their retiring Worshipful Master and didn't charge 50 Year Members for dues. He asked why Daylight didn't do this.

It is an old Lodge tale. For many years there was a provision in the Lodge Bylaws that no more than \$75.00 could be spent on a gift for a retiring Masters. The Senior and Charter Members who were still living in the 1970s were asked about this repeatedly and none could or would explain the reason for such a rule. In the 1980s when there was a Bylaw revision this was removed. The Lodge has traditionally not given anything more than a Past Master's Apron since that time.

The Lodge Bylaws are very firm on giving Life Memberships: Section III, Article 6 reads: *No member of the Lodge shall be relieved of the payment of dues by the conferring of any title including Fifty Year Membership . . .*

In the middle 1970s a member living in San Francisco did not pay his dues and he demanded that because he was a 50 Year member the Lodge should remit his dues. The San Francisco Masonic Service Bureau was asked to see if he was in need financially. They reported back to Daylight that he owned an expensive apartment in what we now call a Condo near the Zoo, a very upscale area. He had told them that he had donated a \$20,000.00 to his church and given it a \$30,000 for an endowment fund to maintain the organ.

The still living Charter Members and others still active who had lived through the Depression; brothers who had struggled to keep the Lodge going during hard times; those brothers who had seen the Lodge's investment vanish were outraged at such a demand and they put in the current Bylaw. Beach Taylor was very, very adamant "I live on Social Security," he told us younger members, "And I can and want to pay dues. That's why I'm a Mason."

**The 2010 University Street Fair will be May 15 & 16. Daylight members will once again help support University Lodge with their information booth.**

**The Fremont Solstice Festival and Street Fair will be June 19 and 20. In the probability that Daylight will for an eleventh year host a Band Stand and Masonic Information Booth, Junior Warden Erik Hill will be out visiting area lodges hoping they will once again participate.**

**Eureka Lodge No. 20 which meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month at Green Lake has taken on projects in keeping with the 47<sup>th</sup> Problem Euclid, their longtime lodge emblem. They are sponsoring school science fairs. Bravo.**

**Our landlord Green Lake No. 149 has been doing Bikes for Books program with the Green Lake Public Library**



Our first Governor M.:W.: Elisha P. Ferry

## MEETING SCHEDULE JANUARY THRU JUNE

January 16<sup>th</sup> – Stated Meeting – Petition Balloting  
February 20 – Stated Meeting  
March 20 – Stated Meeting  
April 17 – Stated Meeting  
May 15 – Stated Meeting  
June 26 – Stated Meeting – Election of Officers

The 1<sup>st</sup> Saturdays of February thru May have been reserved for degree work if the Master so orders.

## Seattle Youth Symphony Orchestra – Daylight Lodge of the Arts

You are invited to join in the

# 2010 Principal Players Honors Dinner

Sunday January 24th – University Masonic Hall – 4338 University Way N.E

**Dinner at 5:30 p.m. – presentation ceremony to follow**

Dinner tickets \$25.00 – seating limited -- contact Franklin Donahoe at 206-954-3653  
or email: [seniorwarden@daylightmasons.org](mailto:seniorwarden@daylightmasons.org) or online at [www.daylightmasons.org](http://www.daylightmasons.org)  
Use our PayPal Account

## NEW YEARS' RESOLUTIONS FOR THE LODGE

### SUGGESTIONS FOR 2010

**not in order of importance**

- Maintain the best possible ritual work – 2<sup>nd</sup> to none
- Rededicate the Lodge to the support of the Arts
- Continue Community Involvement like ROOTS
- Support other area lodges with ritual help when needed
- Maintain exciting, interesting and fun meetings
- Make sure the Lodge isn't just a channel for entertainment
- Continue and grow a more awesome Lodge fellowship amongst brothers
- Lose no members in 2010 for Non-Payment of Dues
- Continue the enthusiastic support of the Grand Master and Grand Lodge
- Keep Daylight Lodge FIRST amongst firsts.
- Up-date and re-design the web site

The Year 2009 has been exciting and demanding. The ritual and degree conferrals have seen exceptional dedication to being the best possible. The willingness to attend practices disproves the often repeated comment by older Brothers that the young brothers want to change everything and are not interested in ritual.

Education make a people easy to lead, but difficult to drive, easy to govern, but impossible to enslave.

*Henry Peter Brougham, Baron Brougham and Vaux*

### ROOTS BREAKFASTS DATES

REMEMBER THAT THE LODGE COOKS AND SERVES BREAKFAST FOR THE HOMELESS KIDS AT THE UNIVERSITY METHODIST TEMPLE. OUR BROTHERS ARRIVE AT 6:00 A.M. AND ARE DONE BY 8:00 A.M. ON THE 2<sup>ND</sup> & 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY EACH MONTH.

HERE ARE THE DATES FOR ROOTS FOR THE NEXT THREE MONTHS

JANUARY 10<sup>TH</sup>  
JANUARY 24<sup>TH</sup>  
FEBRUARY 14<sup>TH</sup>  
FEBRUARY 28<sup>TH</sup>  
MARCH 14<sup>TH</sup>  
MARCH 28<sup>TH</sup>



*Mon C. Walgren, our last Masonic Governor.*