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## MASTER MASON DEGREE MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup> STATED MEETING MARCH 15<sup>TH</sup>

Worshipful Master Monaco will open lodge for the March 15<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting at the usual hour of 10:00 a.m. in the Green Lake Masonic Hall. Lodge will work on the Entered Apprentice Degree. There is a special program planned for the meeting, W.: Brother Helmut Svaboda will talk about atheism. And maybe a little more Masonic and Daylight education from the Worshipful Master. .

Of course on March 1<sup>st</sup> the brethren will travel to Cle Elum to Raise Matthew Wenz, R.J. Braxton and Jeff Taylor of Ellensburg Lodge. See below for more details.

### March 8<sup>th</sup> Reception for the Grand Master

The joint District 4 & 5 reception for the Grand Master will be held at the Ballard Masonic Hall on Saturday March 8<sup>th</sup>. There will be a Social Hour starting at 5:30 p.m. and dinner at 6:30 p.m. This will be V.:W.: Brother Maher's last such event as he will retire from the office of Deputy of the Grand Master in District No. 5 at the end of the current Masonic year on June 13<sup>th</sup> when a new Deputy will be installed. Daylighters should turn out in numbers to honor him and of course our Grand Master, M.:W.: Wayne Smith.

Dinner will be provided by W.:Gary Rhodes and his "Road Kill Warriors." Daylighters who attended W.: George Tilden's Installation last November will remember the "Jazz Ambassadors" who entertained at his installation. V.:W.: Brother Jim has arranged for them to perform for the Grand Master.

## **New LOMA Officers & DAYLIGHTERS strike again**

At the January District #5 LOMA meeting Brother Franklin Donahoe was elected the new District #5 LOMA President for 2008.

Here was Brother Franklin's email comment he sent to the officers after the event:

*! Thanks I learned a valuable lesson about going to meetings with Coe. He will volunteer you before you can blink! I'm looking forward to serving.*

And here is how Brother Sam Ali described the election:

*That was hilarious! In less than 15 seconds the current prez Mike said (rather softly) that we needed to vote on new officers, Coe motioned that Franklin be the next President (Franklin was checking something on his phone), someone seconded the motion, and then everyone raised their left hand in concurrence as Franklin looked up and asked "What now?". "You're the new district 5 LOMA President!" they said. I almost fell off my chair laughing. If only congress moved so fast!*

*In all seriousness though, we all know Franklin will do a more than an exceptional job and District 5, Daylight, and Masonry in general will be better for having him there.*

*It was damn funny nevertheless. I wish we had that on video for you tube or the website.*

There were two more petitioners voted on at the February 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. Elected to receive the Degrees of Masonry were Mr. David Van Gunter and Mr. Nathan Zachary Widener. Worshipful Master Monaco has not yet set a date for the EA<sup>o</sup> conferral because there are two more petition for the degrees; see below.

Get your facts first, and then you can distort 'em as much as you please.

*Brother Samuel Clemens (Mark Twain)*

Our good brother Michael Spano, his wife and family have moved to Geneva, Switzerland for at least two years. He hopes to petition an English speaking lodge while there. Worshipful Master Anthony and the other members wished him a fond farewell and of course best of luck on the adventure. He left Seattle the middle of February and we wish them well. When he gets back to Seattle we assume he will give lessons in yodeling.

### **V.:W.: Maher's last Official Visits**

This month V.:W.: Brother Maher will make two last Official Lodge Visits to as Deputy of the Grand Master. Daylight officers and members are urged to join him and give him moral support on these visits. The dates are:  
Monday – March 3<sup>rd</sup> – University #141  
Thursday – March 10<sup>th</sup> – Queen Anne #242

Watch your email for more details about these visits.

### **Old but true:**

Question: How many Masons does it take to unscrew a light bulb?

Answer: It's a secret.

Question: How many Masons does it take to screw in a light bulb?

Answer: Three. One to screw it in, one to read the minutes of the previous light bulb screwing process, and one to sit on the sidelines and complain that this wasn't they way they used to screw in light bulbs.

Daylight brethren continue to help out other lodges when they find that they are short handed. Worshipful Master Monaco took the East to help on the first section of Eureka's MM<sup>o</sup> last month and Brother Dean Willard stepped in to give the EA<sup>o</sup> Working Tools at St. John's.

Daylight was given the District #5 Charity Pot at the January meeting, a loving and happily passed on gift from Eureka Lodge. The Pot is a very, very small copy of a spittoon that a lodge fills with a \$1.00 a day as long as it has the Pot. The goal is to pass it on to another lodge and at the end of the year the money collected is used by the District LOMA for a small charity donation.

# DAYLIGHT 80 & 50 YEARS AGO

**1928 - Harold Leighton Reed** 1928 saw the installation of one of the lodge's more illustrious members. Harry Reed's accomplishments fill page after page. He was born December 5, 1893 in Waltham, Massachusetts and graduated from Tufts University. He began his musical career at the age of 14 as a church organist, went on to become the staff organist of Loew's St. James Theater in Boston. He came to Seattle in 1921 and played organ in different theaters in Seattle and Everett, was organist for the opening of the Fifth Avenue Theater and from 1933 to 1966 gave noon organ recitals at Rhodes of Seattle department store.

He was a radio pioneer and in 1931 became the assistant program and musical director of radio station KJR. By the time he had left the station in 1937 he had helped develop the "disk jockey" format. He was president of Local 76 of the Musician's Union and was attending the national convention of the American Federation of Musicians in Miami when he became ill and died on August 7, 1967.

His interests included serving on the Chamber of Commerce education and arts committee, the advisory boards of the junior programs, Seattle Philharmonic and the Cornish Junior Symphony, forerunner of the Seattle Youth Symphony Orchestra. He served on the U.S.O. Executive committee, board of directors of the Seattle-King County Chapter of the American Red Cross, Urban Renewal Board, numerous mayoral committees and was active in Greater Seattle. Also active in the Eagles, he was the official organist for numerous national Eagle's conventions and in 1949 he was named an honorary past worthy president of Seattle Aerie No. 1. He was official organist for the Seattle Elks Lodge for 20 years.

He was made a Master Mason in Daylight on January 17, 1923, on August 13, 1924 was appointed to fill the vacated office of Senior Steward and that December was installed as Senior Deacon. In December 1925 he was elected Junior Warden with little opposition. He was installed Master, December 28, 1927 by Past Master Harry Carney

The January 11, 1928 minutes record lodge charity,

***The W. Master and WBrother Hart reported on the condition of Brother Montgomery. The W. Master engaged a nurse for one week at a cost of \$17.50 to relieve Mrs. Montgomery. On motion the, action of the W. Master was concurred in."***

1928 was not a particularly busy year. There was only one special communication other than the usual Anniversary Celebration. In fact there were only six degrees conferred and two petitions received. Interesting pieces of correspondence in the files regarding the request for a Masonic funeral for a Brother Pepper in Los Angeles testify to the close relationship between Daylight and the Musician's Union Local 76, several telegrams are addressed to Daylight Lodge F. and A. M. or Musicians Assn Seattle Washn

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**1958 - Jack Leroy Rhines** Jack Rhines came to Daylight from University Lodge No. 141 where he was raised on October 3, 1952. A native of the Beaver State, he was born in Portland, July 26, 1923. He petitioned for dual membership and elected January 13, 1954. His petition lists his profession as machinist. Almost immediately after being installed Master January 8, 1958, he left for Alaska to be with his ill father. He stayed in Fairbanks, accepted a job working for the State of Alaska and later became Chief of Police for the City of Kodiak. When he retired he returned to live in the Centralia area of Washington State and later to the Oregon Coast near Newport where he was called to service by the Supreme Grand Master on April 30, 2003. In consequence of his move to Alaska Senior Warden Frank Helton presided over the lodge.

The April 9 minutes record an amendment that was adopted and remained part of the bylaws for nearly forty years. It limited the Past Master's Gift or Jewel to \$75.00 but why this became part of the lodge's rules cannot be explained from the minutes nor would interviewed members ever answer questions when asked about it? There is not one indication of the matter being an issue, nor any seeming abuse of funds for there are no excessive bills shown for jewels, gifts, etc. A lodge mystery never to be answered.

The minutes from the prior meeting on March 12 read:

***"A communication was received from W. B. Thomas, tendering his resignation as secretary, due to the condition of his health, the same to take effect at the Stated Communication on April 9."***

At the April 9 meeting V. W. Brother Andrews was elected to the secretary's chair, was installed by Tudor Thomas and the lodge then promptly voted to make Thomas a Life Member.

The May 14 minutes record that the lodge voted to spend \$10.00 to cover the cost of transporting an ill brother to Portland, Oregon for special treatment. For several meetings, there was discussion about getting a new American flag for the lodge and during debate on the matter at the June meeting, Harry Reed ***"mentioned that there might be another state in the union before very long and as a result of this information, it was moved and seconded that we put of {sic} purchasing a flag till the fall."***

1958 was not a year for petitions or degrees, membership stood at 162 at the year's end and there was a little over \$8,000.00 in the bank. When the officers were elected in December, Andrews could not accept the secretary's position because as he wrote to the lodge:

***".. I am now working in the day time and as far as I know will be for some time ... so it will be impossible for me to attend lodge in the future with any degree of regularity."***

***"It is not fair to the lodge to have a secretary who cannot attend meetings ... but my resignation must take place ... because such a situation as a secretary who cannot attend meetings will not work."***

Hugo Naegele was elected to the office; however for unexplained reasons he then changed his mind and it was necessary to hold a second election just prior to the January installation of officers. George Peckham offered to fill the void, stepped out of the line of officers and was elected to the important office, with the understanding that the lodge would continue to look for a permanent secretary so he could continue on thorough the chairs.

On February 2, when three new Master Masons were added to Daylight's roster of members with outstanding degree work was. Brothers Dennis Roberts, Richard Rodgers, and Dean Willard were raised as Master Masons in what V.:W.: Jim Russell, Secretary of St. John's Lodge No. 9 described as the best Master Mason degree he had ever witnessed. It was high praise from an outstanding ritualist and a member of Seattle's oldest lodge with a long reputation for excellence in degree work.

Lots of credit must be given Senior Warden Andy Anderson who put the new degree team together and Worshipful Master Monaco for leading his officers and degree members in extra practices and giving direction where and when needed as any good Master would do. But most of the credit needs to be given to the individual brothers who felt the need to give their best and make the event very, very important to the candidates. Without their extra efforts it would have been another regular degree conferral. In the terminology of the Daylight kids, the degree work can only be described as AWESOME.

For the trip to Cle Elum on March 1<sup>st</sup>, brethren will meet at Green Lake about 8:00 a.m. and load up everything necessary for the degree conferral. Brother Wenz says we should figure about 90 minutes to Cle Elum. Worshipful Master Anthony says that leaving by 9:00 a.m. should give enough time to get to Cle Elum, off load things and also do a quick run thru because of course it is a smaller lodge room than at Green Lake. The brethren of Cle Elum will have opened and called 'off session' before Daylight gets there.

We will be pooling up in several different cars. M.:W.: Bill Wood way up there in Brewster (that's where the Columbia River turns east) says that he plans to be there with some of the brothers from Hermanos del Arte Lodge.

If you have any questions contact Brother Andy at [andya@spu.edu](mailto:andya@spu.edu) or Worshipful Master Anthony at [norwinkle@hotmail.com](mailto:norwinkle@hotmail.com) or of course you secretary.

Our youngest brother Matt Kirk celebrates his 21<sup>st</sup> birthday on March 18<sup>th</sup>. Sam Ali and the brethren who plan and attend the monthly Daylight Happy Hour gatherings kept wondering why Brother Matt was never there. Everyone just assumed he was legal but he was a good Mason and observed "the laws of the country" where he lives. But Brother Ali and Worshipful Master Anthony promise that the lodge will make up for this necessary omission this month. From all your brethren:

**HAPPY 21<sup>ST</sup> BIRTHDAY MATT**

## MORE PETITIONS

Petitions for the Degrees of Masonry have been received from:

Mr. Robert Clifford Seifried

16115 54<sup>th</sup> Pl. W, Edmonds

Mr. Karl Vidar Muchenberger

604 Veralene Way SW, Everett.

These petitions will be spread for ballot at this month's March 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

THERE will be a SYSO CONCERT ON SUNDAY, MARCH 2 AT BENAROYA HALL. THE CONCERT will FEATURE THE EXCITING YOUNG FIRST CHAIR CELLIST FROM THE SEATTLE SYMPHONY playing the William Walton cello concerto. It is an excellent chance to hear the full orchestra and also Joshua Roman who will leave Seattle at the end of this year. SYSO BOARD TRUSTEE V.:W.: BROTHER MAHER CAN help you with tickets.

If you can look into the seeds of time,  
And say which grain will grow and which will not,  
Speak then to me.

— Shakespeare – Macbeth, I.iii