



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

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**DAYLIGHT LODGE #232**

*Trestleboard*

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## **STATED MEETING PLUS FC DEGREES**

Lodge will be opened on the Fellowcraft Degree for the January 17<sup>th</sup> Stated meeting. Once again the main business of the morning will be degree work. We have four EA° brothers waiting and once again Junior Warden Anthony Monaco is putting the degree team together. It will be the same basic team as worked last October with Brother Anthony in the East. Instead of the usual noon Festiveboard, Junior Warden Monaco is planning a change, breakfast at 8:30. Lodge will open at 10:00 a.m. and get right down to business.

## **SPECIAL MM° - JANUARY 31**

Worshipful Master Losey has scheduled a special meeting for Saturday morning, January 31<sup>st</sup> lodge opening at 9:30 a.m. for the conferral of Master Mason degrees on three of our waiting brothers. Senior Warden Rob Pitre is in charge of the degree team, he will obligate and also be in the East for the second section with Junior Warden Anthony Monaco in the West. The candidates will be FC Brothers Glenn Richter, David Choe and Don Pierce. Toby Cattolico and Neal McNeal will take their degree during the February 21<sup>st</sup> Stated Meeting.

Here is an interesting historical item. Even though it is not Masonic, you may find it just a little bit familiar. About 400 years ago in 1605 the famous Gunpowder Plot took place, an attempt to blow up the English King and Parliament. One of those convicted was Henry Garnet. His due punishment was:

He shall be strangled, being hanged by the Neck between Heaven and Earth, as deemed unworthy of both, or either; as likewise, that the Eyes of Men may behold, and their Hearts contemn him. Then he is to be cut down alive, and to have his Privy Parts cut off and burnt before his Face, as unworthily begotten, and unfit to leave any Generation after him. His Bowels and inlay'd Parts taken out and burnt, who inwardly had conceived and harboured in his heart such horrible Treason. After, to have his Head cut off, which had imagined the Mischief. And lastly, his Body be quartered, and the Quarters set up in some high and eminent Place, to the View and Detestation of Men, and to become a Prey for the Fowls of the Air.

Coming up next month will be the Annual Seattle Youth Symphony Orchestra Principal Players Honor Dinner. As in the past it will be held at the Ballard Masonic Center on Sunday, February 29<sup>th</sup>. Dinner will start at 5:00 p.m. Your invitation and tickets will be in the mail by the first of next month. Remember that one of our youngest members both as an Entered Apprentice and in actual age has been with the SYSO percussion section for a number of years and also attended our dinners.

Looking for something else to do that would involve the lodge in our continuing goal of community support of the arts, two members donated time to ushering at ReAct Theatre's production of School House Rock, Live. There are plans to help the theatre in the same way later in the spring with their production of Sondheim's *INTO THE WOODS*.

Perhaps it is fitting that they should do this at the Langston Hughes Center as it was designed by Daylight's master architect, Benny Priteca as a synagogue. Another of his works, what at the time was the Crystal Pool at Second and Lenora, later it became a church, has been torn down and a condo development is taking its place. Fortunately Benny's ground level façade has been saved and will be incorporated into the new building much as was done with his Coliseum Theatre at 5<sup>th</sup> and Pike.

A Candidate for initiation was to be picked up and driven to lodge, but before this could happen his driver called and told him that his car had broken down and he couldn't meet him. The candidate said because no great distance was involved he would just hop on his bicycle. Just as he reached to top of the hill his chain broke. As the Lodge was at the bottom on the other side, all he needed was a backpedal brake so he repaired the chain with a cord he had in his pocket and free wheeled downhill to the Lodge.

Later that evening in reply to a toast in his honor, he said how proud he was to be a Freemason but could not understand, as he had told no one, how the Worshipful Master knew that he had come of his own free wheel and a cord.

There are two kinds of directors in the theater. Those who think they are God and those that are certain of it,  
----- Rhetta Hughes

When the California budget was signed on August 2, 2003 the California Arts Council's budget was officially slashed by 94 per cent to only \$1 million taking it to dead last in the nation for per capita spending on the arts. The only reason they got the \$1 million was that anything less cut them out of any National Endowment for the Arts money. The national average spending for state arts is \$1.10 per capita; California will be the huge amount of .03 cents per capita. Even Texas is higher.

Robert Redford who received the 1996 National Medal of Arts, in a recent speech noted that non-profit arts were a \$134 billion-a-year industry, employing millions and generating nearly \$81 billion in spending and \$24 billion in state, local and federal taxes. He said, "to be able to be part of a freedom of expression that allows us to tell stories of our choice in the uniqueness of our voices as citizens and as artists is not to be taken lightly.." He added, "To be able to freely voice dissent in our hearts or in our arts is something to protect at all costs."

The two leading recipes for success are building a better mousetrap and finding a bigger loophole  
-----Edgar A Shoaff

With the Washington State Minimum Wage increase to \$7.16 an hour that became effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, the lodge's petition fee will increase to \$108.00

The hostess was at the piano playing Bach for her guests after dinner. One guest said to another, "What do you think of her execution?"  
The other replied, "I'm in favor of it."  
-----Unknown

From New Mexico and our good brother M.:W.: Ernie Hazelwood comes word that the cornerstone for the new Edgewood Lodge No. 82 where he is serving as the charter Master hoped to have had its cornerstone laid on December 27<sup>th</sup>. When the District Deputy Grand Master for the area, R.:W.: Bob Collins looked everything over, as might be expected with anything that Brother Ernie would have his hand in, he found it to have good quality workmanship. He added in his report to the Grand Master, "Were it not for the delays getting the required permits and inspections I am confident they would already be in residence." Brother Ernie reports they will install officers on the 27<sup>th</sup> but are still waiting for the local government bureaucracy to give final approval on the building.

"I know my music is not very high quality  
—I don't like it—but the only way I can  
justify it at all is that other people are  
writing even worse"

—*Talivaldis Kenins - Latvian composer*

**Daylight received the Pillar of Progress Award for Technology at the District 5 meeting with the Grand Master the end of October. Even though the meeting was held on Halloween, Worshipful Master Losey was able to show up coming directly from his job to accept the award.**

Daylight's officers have been making a monthly visit to other lodges in District No. 5 to sort of "show the flag," and let some of them that have been lacking petitions see that there are young men out there who are joining Masonry.

In early December the officers were invited to join Eureka Lodge at their annual Holiday Party and Dinner at Ivar's Salmon Lake Union House. As the "kids" are apt to say, an "awesome time," was had by all.

**Worshipful Master Losey announced at the November meeting that he and his wife Tanya are planning an addition to the family some time the middle of July.**

**District 5 Officers meeting will be  
Wednesday, January 28<sup>th</sup> at Scottish Rite  
Center, 7:00 pm.**

## A YEAR END REPORT

How did the lodge do in 2003? Not badly all things considered and in comparison with most other lodges. We started the year with 58 members and we end the year with 55. But we have four brothers waiting for the FC°, one waiting for the MM°. We conferred seven degrees on our own candidates and assisted in four others.

Every station and place in the lodge is filled for the first time in several years. The average age of the three principal officers is 30.6 years; of all the elected officers it is 40.2. The average age of the officers excluding the treasurer, secretary, organist and tiler is 34.5 and if you include them it is 43.5. Not bad at all.

The demographics of the lodge as a whole show an average age of 57.9 years. Broken down by age groups it is like this:

18-29	-	4	30-39	-	10
40-49	-	9	50-59	-	8
60-69	-	9	70-79	-	10
80-89	-	10	90+	-	2

The youngest brother is 18 and the oldest is 91.

There were two successful special events during the year, the annual Seattle Youth Symphony Orchestra Principal Players Honors Dinner and the Fremont Fair Bandstand and Masonic Information Booth. The booth was operated jointly with St. John's Lodge and some help from George Washington Lodge.

The lodge was pleased to work jointly on degrees with Doric Lodge No. 92 and our landlord, Green Lake Lodge No. 149. A new, closer relationship has been developed with our mother lodge Eureka No. 20. With the other lodges in District No. 5, there was a successful Kid's Nite Halloween Party with over 250 kids in attendance and a backstage pizza party for the entire SYSO during their final rehearsal for the last concert of the year.

And even though it was never the goal, the lodge was pleased to receive a petition and initiate a SYSO musician, Toby Cattolico.

The idea of regular two year terms as was proposed by the young members in May has proven its worth many times over. As a result good ritual has been practiced and both the Senior and Junior Wardens have conducted full meetings in the East.

The lodge is saddened to receive word from Yvonne Pennington, wife of Brother Richard Pennington that he was called to labor with the Supreme Grand Master on December 9 after a battle with cancer. Brother Dick was one of many Daylight members who were machinist in Hope Lodge No. 79, IAM&AW. Like a number of them, he worked in the can manufacturing industry and served for a dozen years as a member of the Hope Lodge Executive Board when your secretary was the President of the Lodge.

**Past Grand Master Bill Wood passes along good Masonic news. There has been a dispensation granted by Grand Master John McNab for the formation of a new lodge in Brewster to be called Hermanos del Arte/Brothers of the Craft Lodge. As might be assumed from the name, the goal of this lodge is to serve the large Hispanic community in the area from Wenatchee to the Canadian Border.**

**Like the United States, the Spanish speaking Americas from Mexico on south to Chile and Argentina also have a long history of Masonry involvement in their fight for independence. As happened in the United States in 1776, many of the leaders of the mid-19<sup>th</sup> Century revolutions in Mexico, Central and South America were Masons who fought to free the people from Spanish rule and Catholic Church domination.**

## A REMINDER

The lodge is not a 100% subscribing lodge to The Masonic Monitor. It gives a limited number of subscriptions to the officers. If you want to subscribe you can order it on your own. The cost is \$8.00 a year. The address is Masonic Monitor – 6619 132<sup>nd</sup> Ave. NE – PMB 237 – Kirkland, WA 98033-8627

## WAS DAYLIGHT OUT FRONT?

The October 2003 Short Talk Bulletin published by the Masonic Service Association of North America was about lodge finances entitled “Paying Our Bills.” It starts out saying “*Bills! Bills! Bill! Everyone faces the tiresome, never-ending parade of bills. . . and it is true in our Masonic home.*”

It continues in part saying, “*Many local lodges are being forced to operate in a virtual vacuum . . . members are reluctant to meet the challenge out of their own pockets.*”

“*The answer to these financial problems is to be found within the Lodge wall, not outside them. Masons must be willing to make the financial commitment to keep the Craft strong! Recently a Lodge in Arkansas has done just that. In a Grand Jurisdiction where the average Lodge dues are \$30.00, the Brethren of Basin Spring Lodge No. 386, Eureka Springs, Arkansas recently voted to raise their dues to \$100, the highest of any Lodge in the state!*”

This story, reprinted in a number of different Masonic publications goes on to tell the full story about the dues increase and it seems to have struck a note with many who consider it rather an anomaly in the Craft.

Gee, what can we say but that Daylight has been ahead of the pack for nearly thirty years? In 1973 a special financial committee insisted that Daylight have a pay as you go dues structure. Successfully based on the minimum wage of the state, we have collected over \$100 for the last five years. This year it is about \$10.50 a month, the price of a couple good beers or some Starbuck's coffee. That's a pretty cheap investment in the Craft and the lodge.

**I got all the schooling an actress needs.  
That is, I learned to sign contracts.**

----- Herminoe Gingold

**The youngest daylight lodge in Greater Seattle, Frank S. Land No. 313 will install new officers on Saturday morning, January 10 at the MRC in Des Moines. Lodge opens at 9:30 a.m., Doug Houghton will be installed as Master.**

If you check the Grand Lodge web site [www.freemason-wa.org](http://www.freemason-wa.org) you will find a link called Photo Album. When you get there, click MRC Christmas Party and you will find several shots of V.:W.: Brother David Julian and his wife Beverly who entertained. Click District 5 Meeting and you'll find Worshipful Master Losey's face.