

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

DAYLIGHT  
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DAYLIGHT LODGE No. 232

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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 – MAY 15<sup>TH</sup>

Worshipful Master Choe will open the May 15<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting at the usual hour of 10:00 a.m. This will be his next to the last meeting as Master of the Lodge because officers are elected at the June meeting. It will be just a regular meeting. The major order of business will be planning for the Fremont Solstice Festival on June 19 and 20. Junior Warden Erik Hill will have a report on the effort to invite other Seattle area lodges to participate in the event. Lunch will be at the Masonic Hall so plan for a day of fellowship.

The April meeting was governed by our Junior Warden Erik Hill because Worshipful Master Choe was in Japan on vacation and Senior Franklin Donahoe was working in San Diego. It was a step up meeting and if Brother Erik had not mentioned that it was a step up meeting, no one except Daylighters would have known that all the officers were in new stations. It was very much a credit to the training the officers have received from W.: Brothers Monaco, Choe and other senior members. There is no degree work this month

**A bravo goes to all the officers who stepped up last month.**

## DAYLIGHTERS TO AGAIN SERVE GRAND LODGE

Deputy Grand Master G. Santy Lascano announced the names of the brothers whom he has asked to serve on his 2010-2011 Grand Lodge team. Daylight has once again proven to be well represented. W.: Antony Monaco will be Grand Musician taking over from V.:W.: David Julian who will be on the Public Relations Committee. Anthony will be the third Daylighter to fill the office starting with W.: John Losey in 1981/82. Of course if there had been a Grand Organist/Musician before 1970 Daylight members would doubtlessly have had an iron grip on the office. V.:W.: Jim Maher continues as a Trustee of the Masonic Retirement, as a member of the Finance Committee and also Long Range Planning. W.: David Choe will be taking photos on the Photography Committee and Franklin Donahoe will be on the Tech Committee as will Anthony. V.:W.: Morgan will Chair the Public Relations Committee and of course remains as Assistant Grand Secretary Emeritus. Our retiring Deputy of the Grand Master V.:W.: Mike Cuadra will also be on the PR Committee

## DAYLIGHT & THE U DISTRICT STREET FAIR SUPPORT

The University District Street Fair will be held May 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>. Daylighters will head over to the U District after the meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> to support University Lodge No. 141 man their Masonic Information Booth located right in front of the Masonic Hall. At the same place there is a BECU Bank machine so there can be no missing the Masonic Booth.

Our Secretary, W.: Monaco who just happens to be the University Lodge Master says, "Guys, please plan to spend some time helping us at the U District Street Fair after lodge on the 15<sup>th</sup> or on Sunday the 16<sup>th</sup>. University Lodge is a big financial supporter of Daylight at the Fremont Fair. The least we can do is return the support with some manpower. So show up both Saturday and Sunday."

They will be setting up the dining room on Thursday nite because the Chamber of Commerce uses it has the Fair Headquarters. The floor gets covered with plywood to protect the finish. They will be clearing it away Monday and can use help then too. They can always use some help getting ready for set-up and the booth of course. So if you can help ask Anthony for more details.

Junior Warden Hill will be running in a Run for Life event in Portland on the 2<sup>nd</sup> to benefit Leukemia research. His goal is of course to raise dollars for research because he has a sister fighting the disease. Daylight's 1980 Master Richard Merritt died of leukemia a short three years after retiring from the East. If you want to give Brother Erik some financial encouragement for his run contact him at [ehill@daylightmasons.org](mailto:ehill@daylightmasons.org) He says he has been working out regularly to make the run.

A traditional joke said to be from ancient Greece:  
A man comes up to Elithio Phoitete and complains  
that 'the slave you sold me a few days ago just died.'  
To which Elithio replies: 'I'm astonished. All the  
time I had him, he never did anything of the sort.'

Our good Brother David Hawkins was recruited last month to judge at the State High School Debate Competition. Here's another Daylighter giving outside our closed lodge doors, something extra to the community. Congratulations Brother Dave

## A reminder of what is coming up in June and July:

**June 10-12** - Grand Lodge meets at Great Wolf just north of Centralia. Any Master Mason can attend (however only the Master, Wardens or proxies and Past Masters have an official vote). Our Honorary Past Master Gale Kenney will be in the East. Brother Monaco will be installed as Grand Musician the evening of the 11<sup>th</sup>, about 8:00 p.m. in a public ceremony.

**June 18** – Set up at 7:00 p.m. the Fremont Fair Masonic Booth (then we can party)

**June 19 & 20** – Fremont Solstice Festival Fair from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. On the 19<sup>th</sup> at High Twelve Doric Lodge will march in the Solstice Parade, anyone who wants can join them.

**June 26** – Stated Meeting & election of 2010-2011 Officers (David Choe's last meeting) at 10:00 a.m.

**July 10** – Installation of Officers M.:W.: Gale Kenney to install Franklin Donahoe as Master (we expect it to be so) at 10:00 a.m.

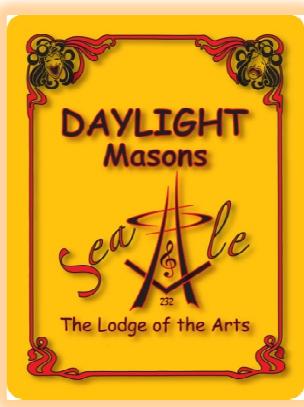
**July 17** – Stated meeting with new officers at 10:00 a.m.

**Put these dates in your schedule.**

**New EA's are reminded that working the Fremont Fair and the U District Street Fair is part of your labors to become Fellowcraft.**

**Hopefully older members will be there too.**





## FINAL SYSO CONCERT OF THE YEAR



The last SYSO concert of the season will be held on Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 3:00 p.m. The program is Mahler's Symphony No. 2 with chorus and soloists. It is a chance to hear one of the symphonic masterpieces of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century at a reasonable price. This orchestra is not really amateur but can match and beat the quality of any of the community orchestras.

Tickets range from \$20.00 to \$35.00, tickets for students and seniors start at \$10.00. They can be ordered on line at [www.syo.org](http://www.syo.org), by tele at 206/362-2300 and are always available at the box office.

Attend and hear live one of Daylight's longest supported organizations.



Ten candidates were made Masons at a special communication on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Eight were Daylighters plus one candidate from Green Lake Lodge and one from Lafayette. It was another day of outstanding ritual with Daylight leading the two other lodges so that their candidates would see excellent ritual. Brother Sam Ali with his back to the viewer gave the lecture in outstanding fashion. Worshipful Master Choe and Worshipful Master Monaco have said that good ritual is so important to making new members feel that what they have witnessed was something special. There is no lost pride in lodges joining together to do the best.

There are many unannounced and hidden talents included in our many Daylight brothers. For example last fall we learned that Alex Jouravlev was a pretty darn good pianist. He has stepped in for V.:W.: Brother Julian as Musician at a couple meetings and will be taking over the duties officially when Brother David retires in July.

Our Master David Choe isn't the only photographer in the lodge. Senior Warden Franklin Donahoe will have an exhibit of his photographs at **Valentine's** on Greenwood on May 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. **Valentine's** is located on the street level of the Greenwood Masonic Hall at 80<sup>th</sup> and Greenwood. Another bravo.



There will be a Mentoring Brunch on Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> starting at 11:00 a.m. at V.:W.: Brother Morgan's home in Fremont. The purpose of these Mentoring Brunches and Dinner is to give those who attend a broader view of the Craft and cover many of the items about how the lodge operates, the unwritten rules and customs that aren't covered in regular meetings. It is an opportunity to ask questions and learn more to make each Brother a better Daylight Mason.

### AN UNUSUAL & WEIRD WORD:

**Camorra:** a secret society, usually one breaking the law. This word comes from the name of a group that active in Naples in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century. (not a Masonic group)

# DAYLIGHT MASONRY COMES WEST

The mother of daylight of the entertainers' lodges like Daylight No. 232 is St. Cecil Lodge No. 568 which to this day meets in the Masonic Hall at 73 West 23<sup>rd</sup> in New York City. This Lodge meeting at 1:00 p.m. on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month can proudly claim to be the inspiration directly or indirectly for many of the daytime lodges around the country including of course Daylight.

Modern daylight Masonry arrived on the West Coast in early 1905 in the West's leading city, San Francisco when twelve tried and true Master Masons met in the Powell Street office of Edward Lada, musician and conductor at the Alcazar Theater. The gathering of twelve met the California Grand Lodge rule requiring that a new lodge could be started with *not less than twelve or more than twenty-five Master Masons*. Five of the brethren at that meeting were from Doric Lodge No. 216, which for many years had been favored by musicians. The professions of those first members included six musicians, five newspaper employees and one businessman. A total of eight different lodges were represented from four Grand Lodges. At one of the several meetings which followed an undated first meeting in May, Mark Eugene Levy of Port Townsend Lodge No. 6 in Port Townsend, Washington was elected to fill the position of acting Master. Levy had at one time demitted to Port Townsend from Meridian Lodge No. 182 in California and demitted back to that Grand jurisdiction in 1905.

First choice of name for the new lodge was *Acacia*, but when informed by the Grand Secretary that another lodge had previously been so named, the secretary took it upon himself to substitute the name *Jewel* and thus it was to remain. Many of the home lodges of which the charter members belonged were quite slow in issuing the necessary demits, dual membership seldom being allowed, and this held up the issuing of a dispensation for the new lodge until October 1905. However after much work and waiting, Grand Master Motley H. Flint, who also prompted an abortive daylight attempt in Los Angeles, issued a dispensation dated November 21, 1905, and the first meeting of Jewel Lodge *U. D.* was held November 28, 1905, for the ancient ceremony of Institution and Installation of Mark F. Levy, Worshipful Master and his officers.

The first stated meeting was held on Friday, December 8, 1905 at 1:30 p.m. and nine petitions for the degrees and three for affiliation were received. The lodge met regularly on Fridays. On October 19, 1906, according to a lodge history, M.:W.: Grand Master Edward H. Hart,

*... convened Grand Lodge at the hall of Jewel Lodge in King Solomon's Temple at 12:30 p.m. After reading the charter issued by Grand Lodge October 10, 1905; signed by Motley Hewes Flint, Grand Master and George Johnson, Grand Secretary, the Grand Master proceeded with the ceremony of constituting and dedicating Jewel Lodge No. 374; and thus the Lodge started on its career,"*

and with it, daylight Masonry on the West Coast.

Past Master Leo Bruck, first secretary of the lodge, further on in his *Concise History of Jewel Lodge No. 374*, wrote,

*In 1909, December 3rd, meetings changed to Thursday at 1:30 p.m. at the earnest solicitation of several members who played at the Alcazar Theatre, and who stated they could not attend on Fridays, as they held rehearsal that day.*

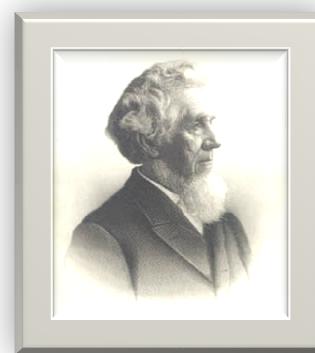
He concludes the story,

*But strange as it may seem, they did not attend on Thursday either.*

Beginning June 2, 1941 Jewel Lodge after several years without candidates for the degrees, voted to become an evening lodge.

Jewel Lodge was not the inspiration for Seattle's brethren but rather Silver Trowel Lodge No. 415 in Los Angeles.

{Of the daytime entertainer's lodges that were chartered on the west coast between 1908 and 1925 only Daylight No. 232 and Meridian No. 108 in Vancouver, BC continue to function as lodges. The others including Jewel in San Francisco, CA, Silver Trowel in Los Angeles, CA, Queen Beach in Longbeach, CA and Midday in Portland, Or have all merged into other lodges.



M.W. Rev. Daniel Bagley  
Master of St. John's Lodge No. 9 – 1861  
Grand Master 1861-1862  
God-Father of the University of Washington and President  
of the Board of University Commissioners

We live very close together. So, our prime purpose in this life is to help others. If you can't help them, at least don't hurt them.

— The Dalai Lama

The closing charge: . . . You have been enjoined to remind a Brother in the most friendly manner of his fault, to endeavor to aid his reformation and defend his character. These generous principles extend further, for every human being ahs a claim upon your kind offices. Don good unto all. And finally my Brethren, be ye all of one mind, live in peace and any the God or Love and Peace delight to dwell with your and bless you.

How often have you heard those words repeated?  
But how often have you heard them?