



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

October 16, 2004

**DAYLIGHT LODGE #232**

*Trestleboard*

**[www.daylightmasons.org](http://www.daylightmasons.org)**

## **STATED MEETING – OCTOBER 16**

Lodge will be opened on the Entered Apprentice Degree for the October 16, meeting at 10:00 a.m. Senior Warden Anthony Monaco will again be in the East handling the business of the meeting, etc. With two candidates in waiting there will be an EA° conferral.

There will be a brief report on the District No. 5 Reception for Grand Master Sat Tashiro, hopefully a petition or two to read and then the day will end with what, after degree conferrals, is the second most important part of a Daylight meeting, the High Twelve Fellowship Hour and Festiveboard. If you don't attend, it is your loss.

Last meeting four EA° brothers, Charles Berry, Michael Foley, Shawn Kirby and Michael Spano were passed to the FC° by Brother Monaco in an excellent degree conferral that had younger brothers taking stations as Senior Deacon and Senior Warden for a first time. Grand Master Tashiro was present and complemented them on their efforts and also the lodge on making Masonry work and being an example to other lodges seeking to gain new members.

## **District No. 5 Reception for the Grand Master**

The yearly District No. 5 Reception and meeting with Grand Master Sat Tashiro will be the night before our Stated meeting. It will be held in University Masonic Lodge in the U District on Friday, evening October 15, dinner is at 6:30 p.m., the cost is \$12.00 [University generally feeds well] and reservations are a must because dinner seating is limited to just under 100 persons. Contact your secretary about dinner tickets. The format for the meeting has been changed from past meetings and will be held to about two hours with the first hour being an Educational/Fellowship Hour in the dining area and then a more formal second hour in the lodge room. It will be open to all Masons regardless of degree. Senior Warden Monaco has been asked to make a special short presentation about Daylight's recent success receiving petitions and its community involvement. Of course you can attend the meeting even if you don't attend the dinner. Do try to make it to honor Grand Master Tashiro who has been a not infrequent visitor to Daylight since he was first elected to the Grand Lodge line and even since his election as Grand Master. See below . . .

**SITTING IN FOR THE  
JUNIOR DEACON DURING  
THE SEPTEMBER DEGREE  
CONFERRAL, AN  
IMPORTANT VISITOR**



Our Grand Master M.W.M. Satoru (Sat) Tashiro lending a hand for a few minutes.

When the great director Ingmar Bergman announced his retirement from the theater on the occasion of his 86<sup>th</sup> birthday, he said: "After [directing] 'Ghosts' I decided this must be it. I do not want them carrying me out of the theater." Winner of several Oscars he said he preferred: the stage saying "Theater is the beginning and the end and actually everything, while cinema belongs to the whoring and slaughterhouse trade."

*It is rather hard to believe that we have but two stated meetings remaining for the year and also it is that time of year when dues are collected. Sorry to bring the subject up but here are the facts for 2005*

**Life members** Grand Lodge assessment **\$11.00**  
**Senior Members** Sixty-five and over **\$69.00**  
**Regular Members** **\$126.00**

**OR**

*Buy a Daylight Life Membership and save money in the future:*

**Age 18 thru 25** **\$700**  
**Age 26 thru 35** **\$600**  
**Age 36 thru 45** **\$500**  
**Age 46 thru 55** **\$450**  
**Age 56 thru 65** **\$400**  
**Age 66 and over** **\$350**

*Life Members do have to pay the Grand Lodge yearly assessment, we can't control that but your **Life Membership** is a permanent investment in the lodge. Only the interest from the invested funds can be used for lodge operations.*

*This month everyone will get a mailed copy of this Trestleboard and enclosed you will find an addressed envelop for your dues payment. Please use it today and make your check out to **Daylight Masonic Lodge No. 232.***

**If you are not getting information via email and want to, send your correct address back with your dues. You will be kept up to date on most everything that happens in the lodge including the minutes of each meeting.**

*Mathematics . . . possesses not only truth, but supreme beauty—a beauty cold and austere, like that of a sculpture.*

*Bertrand Russell, **The Study of Mathematics***

THE 58TH ANNUAL PACIFIC NORTHWEST

# SCOTTISH HIGHLAND GAMES

AND CLAN GATHERING

JULY 31 AND AUGUST 1, 2004

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## CHIEFTAINS OF THE GAMES Margaret and Walter Russell



Margaret & Walter Russell

Margaret and Walter Russell first met at a church social in West Calder, Scotland: a small town southwest of Edinburgh. Walter's father was the stationmaster of the West Calder railroad station. The family had moved there from Carnwath, where Walter was born on New Years Eve (Hogmanay), 1923. Margaret's family lived in Stonyburn, a village not far from West Calder. Her father worked for the local mining company and her mother was a part time seamstress.

After graduating from Business College, Margaret worked in Edinburgh as a secretary for a law firm while Walter followed his father and older brothers in working for the railroad. Their courtship was interrupted when Walter, who was already a member of the Home Guard, joined the Royal Air Force during WWII. After completing his basic training, his unit was sent to Europe then later to India and Malaysia. When he returned to Scotland after the war he and Margaret were married in the chapel of the West Calder church. They will celebrate their 58<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on October 18 of this year. Because things were still being rationed when they married both of their mothers saved ration coupons for weeks to get sugar for the wedding cake and other things necessary for the wedding. Margaret continued to work in Edinburgh and Walter went back to his job on the railroad and they purchased a new flat in Edinburgh's Sighthill area. Over the next few years their 3 children, Walter Jr., Denise and Dorothy were born.

In 1956, the Russell family decided to move their young family to America, arriving in Seattle in January 1957. Margaret had an aunt and cousins in Seattle, so they decided to relocate to the Pacific Northwest. Walter began his career with the Great Northern Railroad and once the children were all in school Margaret went to work for a local doctor who was also from Scotland, Dr. James Shaw. She worked for Dr. Shaw until his retirement. Walter retired from Burlington Northern Railroad in 1987 after over 30 years of service.

In November 1957, the Russell's were introduced to Bill and Helen Cowan. The Cowan's had moved to Seattle from Scotland a few years earlier. This was to become a life-long friendship. It was the Cowan's who first introduced the Russell's to the Caledonian and St. Andrews Society and they joined the Society that year and have been active participants ever since. Both of the Russell's, along with their children, have been very active in the Scottish community in Seattle.

Walter served as the President of the Caledonian and St. Andrews Society from 1963-64. Margaret served as the Secretary for the Society for many years. Daughter Denise was the first woman President of the Society in 1977. Both Walter and Margaret have been very active over the years in coordinating and participating in many of the Society's June Shows, Burns Night and St. Andrews Day celebrations as well as many other events offering their home and hospitality for practices and meetings. They joined the Society's Scottish Country Dancing group and in the past performed with the group many times at the Pacific NW Highland Games. Walter, accompanied by his daughter, Dorothy, has sung at various Scottish functions throughout the region over the years. Margaret and Walter have also been long-time members of the SSHGA and supporters of the Pacific NW Highland Games, where Walter has marched with the color guard for many years.

Walter served as Worshipful Master of his Masonic Lodge, Daylight 232, is a 32<sup>nd</sup> degree Mason and a Shriner. Both Walter and Margaret were members of the Heather Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star, where both held many offices and Walter served as the Worthy Patron.

Since they "retired" they have become more active in their church, becoming Deacons and working one day a week, without fail, at the church sponsored soup kitchen. They sing with the Greenwood Senior Center choir visiting nursing homes and retirement homes on a regular basis. And they still find time to attend the Scottish Country Dancing group (although Margaret admits that some of the dances are a bit too fast for her these days) and where Walter is still affectionately known as the "tea man". In his spare time Walter enjoys two of Scotland's best sports – golf and curling.

As proud American citizens they love their adopted country but their love for and fond memories of their homeland have never diminished. What keeps them going is a strong faith, the love of their children and grandchildren, their many friends and the solid foundation of their proud Scottish heritage. Please join us in honoring our 2004 Chieftains of the Games, Walter and Margaret Russell. We acknowledge and thank them for their many years of service to their community and their devotion to preserving our rich Scottish heritage in the Pacific Northwest!



Wedding 1946

Congratulations to Scotty and Margaret for heading up this always popular and well attended Northwest event. The question is often asked what does Daylight do to get members? We talk about our Lodge, that's what we do. We are involved in more than just Masonic activities and this is an example. Anyone who read the Games program might at least wonder about the Masons and of course Daylight Lodge and maybe realize, here are community involved Masons. Sorry this copy isn't better but it is copy of a copy.

## SENIOR DEACON'S WIFE TO SING AT BENAROYA

Our Senior Deacon Andy Anderson informs us that his wife Carla will be soloist with the Orchestra Seattle and the Seattle Chamber Singers on Sunday evening, October 10 at the Benaroya Hall. There will be three pieces on the program that evening, music from Verdi's *Aida*, the Triumphant March and Ballet Music, a world premiere of a flute concerto called *Toot Sweet* and the Beethoven Mass in C major, Op. 86 which Carla will be a principal soloist. Ticket can be ordered at 206-682-5208 or [osses@osses.org](mailto:osses@osses.org)

Plural member Worshipful Brother George Thornton was re-installed as Master of Tyee No. 115, the Wayfarer's Daylight Lodge in Renton on the 25<sup>th</sup> of last month. When the lodge's Senior Warden felt he could not advance to the East, rather than move another Past Master into the office Brother George offered and was elected to a second year. Good luck you second time around. You'll get it right this time George.

The hardest thing to convey in writing history or teaching history is that nothing ever had to happen the way it happened.

The challenge [in writing history] is to get the reader beyond thinking that things had to be the way they turned out and to see the range of possibilities of how it could have been otherwise

--David McCullough

The first concert of the new season for the Seattle Youth Symphony Orchestra will be on Halloween Day, 3 o'clock in the afternoon at Benaroya Hall. The concert will be a group of pieces fitting the day including, *The Sorcerer's Apprentice* [remember Mickey?], *Danse Macabre*, a couple movements from *Symphony Fantastique* and ending with the witch's *Night on Bald Mountain*. Check with your secretary about tickets.

Brother Glenn Richter sent a message from Michigan via email and here is a bit of what he says:

Wow things are busy here. My wife and I are still sleeping on an air mattress and the only piece of furniture in our living room is an inflatable exercise ball ..oh and our 13" tv. . . .who am I kidding my ass hurts, my back hurts and the only one who seems to be getting a kick out of this is our dog knowing that we all sleep at the same eye level.

Work is going great. My wife and I love what we do—finally. This is the time of year the nuclear plants shut down so we can dive in and make repairs. For the next couple months my wife and I will be living in hotels around Illinois, Minnesota, Indiana areas, with a break every now and then. I do miss going to meetings with you guys, I hope I feel that comfortable here. I really could use someone to talk to and work with. Which by the way I found a lodge here in St. Joseph that is within walking distance of my house;

The lodge wishes him well and we hope that the next time we see him he will not glow during prayers when the lights are lowered.

On Saturday, October 30 District No. 5 will sponsor the annual Kid Halloween Party at the Scottish Rite Center. It is a great event for young kids and early teens. There is not charge.

**SOME NOT QUITE ANCIENT MASONIC HISTORY: THE YEAR 1944 SAW THE GRAND MASTER DON KIZER die in office, THE ONLY ONE TO DO SO. IN 1944 Daylight COUNTED 131 MEMBERS AND BY THE END OF THE YEAR HAD CONFERRED THIRTY DEGREES. SIXTY YEARS LATER THE LODGE HAS 58 MEMBERS AND BY THE END OF THE YEAR IS EXPECTED TO HAVE CONFERRED 22 DEGREES. Daylight HAS NEVER BEEN A LARGE LODGE, EVEN WHEN OTHERS WERE IN THE 500+ RANGE IT WAS SMALL. IN 1924, Midday Lodge in PORTLAND AND Meridian Lodge in VANCOUVER WERE FIRST ORGANIZED. THE depression year of 1934 STILL SAW ONE petition FOR THE DEGREES AND SEVERAL FOR AFFILIATION. MEMBERSHIP WAS 127 AND THE MASTER Bill Wright, WAS ONE OF TWO CLARINETISTS TO GOVERN THE LODGE.**