



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

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DAYLIGHT LODGE #232

TRESTLEBOARD

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SEPTEMBER 16TH STATED MEETING

***The First Stated Meeting with the new
Officers with degree work***

The lodge's new Master Anthony Monaco will open the September 16th meeting on the Entered Apprentice Degree. Senior Deacon David Choe is in charge of the degree team and it promises to look good. The lodge will be voting on a petition for the degrees. Worshipful Master Monaco has announce plans for degree conferrals for the rest of the year. On Saturday September 30th a Special Communication for Fellowcraft Degrees with Junior Warden Andy Anderson in charge. The October 21st meeting will be devoted to a Grand Masonic Day with multiple Master Mason degrees planned. More about that next month. Come and welcome some new men to Masonry.

There will be the usual lodge festiveboard following the meeting presided over for a first time by our new Junior Warden Andy Anderson. He has assured Worshipful Master Monaco that he will carefully superintend the Craft to see that none convert the hour of refreshment to intemperance or excess but what we will eat he has not yet disclosed.

**— plan to attend the first meeting of the new Masonic year and greet
your new Brothers too —**

Bubba went to see a psychiatrist. "I've got problems, he said. Every time I go to bed, I think there's somebody underneath the bed. I'm scared to death and I think I'm going crazy."

"Just put yourself in my hands," said the shrink. "Come talk to me three times a week for a year and we should be able to get rid of all those fears."

"How much do you charge?"

"Eighty dollars per visit, replied the doctor."

"I'll sleep on it," said Bubba.

Six months later the doctor met Bubba on the street.

"Why didn't you ever come to see about those fears you were having?" asked the psychiatrist.

"Well, eighty bucks a visit three times a week for a year is an awful lot of money! Hell, a bartender cured me for \$10. I was so happy to have saved all of that money I went out and bought me a new pickup!"

"Is that so! And how, may I ask, did a bartender cure you?"

"He told me to cut the legs off the bed! There ain't nobody under there now!!!"

It is the curse of talent that, although it labors with greater steadiness and perseverance than genius, it does not reach its goal, while genius already at the summit of ideal, gazes laughingly about.

Robert Schumann – composer (1810-1856)

Our popular lodge tattoo artist, Brother David Choe was one of several hundred new Americans who took their oath of allegiance to the United States on July 4th in a ceremony at the Seattle Center. The lodge congratulates Brother David and we know he will be as good an American as he is a Mason.

Our new Worshipful Master celebrates his 33rd birthday on Labor Day. He is one of the youngest Masters in lodge history but none of the current lodge officers other than treasurer and secretary are over forty.

Just another reminder that several members have not paid dues for the year 2006. IS THAT YOU? Check your wallet, does your dues card say 2006 on it. If not send your payment to the secretary PDQ. Also if you have an email address, you save the lodge the printing and mailing costs by including your address on the lodge's distribution list. You also receive the Trestleboard, Minutes and other things by email. **SAVE YOUR LODGE MONEY..**

???Why are you getting this Trestleboard by United States Postal Service??? Simple, it is about dues notices and this will give your secretary a correct address if you have moved and not sent it to him. Email doesn't say where you live.

Past Master Michael Dolan is the secretary of Friends of Freeland on Whidbey Island. Your own lodge secretary sent him both congratulations on behalf his brethren and personal sympathy knowing that it is most often a position gained by default and once held not to quickly passed to someone else.

Our youngest member, Brother Toby Cattolico who has been attending music conservatory in Boston the past couple years, spent part of the summer at Brevard NC music festival.

Definition: **Bag Pipes** An often termed musical instrument that makes sounds somewhere between noise and dog's howling.

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It is the time of year when the 2007 dues cards are ordered from the Grand Secretary. Look for your dues notice with this Trestleboard. If you include extra Treasurer V.:W.: Maher puts that into the lodge's investment fund. It isn't a huge fund but it is growing all the time. Full dues will be \$135.00, 65 & over \$73.00, Life Members will owe the Grand Lodge assessment of \$11.00. Don't wait, send them in right away, just make your check payable to Daylight Masonic Lodge #232 and send to 3952 Evanston N – Seattle WA 98103-7709

THE PAST = THE PRESENT

"Immense salaries are paid to officers; transactions are consummated by which the directors make money while the rank and file among the stockholders lose it; the honest investor waits for dividends and the directors grow rich. It is suspected, too, that large sums are spend under various disguises in efforts to influence legislation"

-Grover Cleveland, President 1885-89 & 1893-97

Grand Master, M.:W.: Charles W. McQuery has issued a letter to clarify what you can ask a man that you think might make a good Mason. He has directed that it be read at the next lodge meeting and also published in the Trestleboard.

"Masons under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Washington may properly inquire of a worthy, qualified person 'if he has ever considered petitioning for membership in Freemasonry.'" This, or a similarly phrased question, is a proper question to determine intent; this in addition to advising said person that 'he must petition of his own initiative – that he will not be asked to petition. Further 'that enlightening Masonic literature is available and may be furnished upon request.

He ended his directive "Hopefully this will shed light on the question of asking someone to become a Mason."

MORE DAYLIGHT HISTORY

1921 - Ralph C. Parkhurst

The lodge's new Master was a band musician who played with many of the marching and park entertainment bands that dotted the Seattle landscape in the early decades of the 20TH century. He was a versatile musician but primarily trumpet and cornet, was first chair leader of the brass section in Wagner's Municipal Band, part of the Nile Temple Band and of course played in many of the local dance bands. He was also active in the York Rite Bodies and served as High Priest of his Royal Arch Chapter and Eminent Commander of his Commandery. He received his degrees in Ballard's Occidental Lodge No. 72 completing them January 27, 1915. He was one of two of the twenty-two charter members that records indicate as born in Seattle, December 21, 1888 and was called by the Supreme Grand Master on October 28, 1977 at the age of 89.

Charter member W. J. Beach Taylor explained the fact that Parkhurst was elected the second Master because he was such an outstanding ritualist, that he was in a large measure the reason that Daylight received its charter just three months after being created a Lodge Under Dispensation.

And this second year of Daylight Lodge under Parkhurst's leadership continued to see much activity. During the first six months of 1921 ten petitions were voted on for the degrees, four were rejected and three brothers affiliated. There were thirteen meetings with some degree work at almost every meeting. The minutes never indicate who filled what position or who gave the lectures, but mention only the degree and the candidate. There is one exception in the minutes of March 30, a Master Mason Degree special communication:

The Police Degree Team consisting of Chief W.H. Searing, ... exemplified the work in a most excellent manner by raising Brother J. D. Landis, a Brother Officer, to the Master Mason Degree.

A motion, adopted, the salary of the secretary be reduced to \$10.00 per month until further notice, at his own request.

Also it was proposed by R. T. Thomas to change the meeting hour from 10:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. to give the members more time to get to work without rushing meetings. Matinee performances were common in most theaters at either 1:30 or 2:00 cutting the time short to get a street car from the Masonic Temple at Harvard and Pine to the various stage houses, etc. This hour was adopted and was to remain so ever after.

On July 1st a special meeting was held to celebrate the lodge's first birthday. Guests included the Grand Secretary Horace W. Tyler, Past Grand Master McAllister and Adolph Behrens who the members by then had begun to refer to as "Granddaddy" Behrens because of his hard work as ritual coach and in getting Daylight through the first months to get it's charter.

A printed program of the day's events included with the minutes gives the first mention of Daylight Lodge Orchestra that consisted of:

Edwin Michael, violin	R. Lemon, clarinet
M. Burnett, violin	V. P. Rossi, clarinet
E. Gastel, cello	F.C. Bradley, cornet
A.C. Anderson, bass	W. Ward, trombone
C. S. Burnett, piano	O. R. McLain, Drums
F. Horsfall, flute	

The music listed in the program included a **Quartette** - "**Nocturne**" by Doppler played by the two Burnetts, Hosfall and Gastel and the **Trio**, "**Petit Mari - Petit Femme**" by

Biber, this played by the Burnetts and Gastel, plus other selections played by the entire orchestra.

The balance of 1921 was equally busy with at least two meetings held every month and on December 14 with thirty three members present, R. Tudor Thomas was elected to the East with thirty-two votes cast for him, one blank, Senior Deacon H. L. Carney became Senior Warden. The records indicate no solid reason that Steffens who had been Junior Warden did not get the votes to continue to the West but a close examination of the Tiler's Register finds his signature at only four of the twenty-two meetings held during 1921. Junior Deacon O. R. McLain advanced to the South. On December 28 retiring Master Ralph Parkhurst installed his successor.

1922 - Reginald Tudor Thomas

Tudor Thomas, the new Master was a good Welshman, born March 31, 1887 in Merthyn Tydvial, Wales. He first became a Mason in Lodge 61 in Wilkesbarre, Pennsylvania in 1903. He came to Seattle in 1907 and worked as a printer at the Seattle Post-Intelligencer until he retired in 1944. He then worked part time at the Ballard News where the lodge bulletins were printed. He was active in Local 202 of the Typographical Union, became a Past Patron of Daylight Chapter Eastern Star. He died December 10, 1967 after long years as one of the cornerstones of dedication and service to the lodge.

1922, the new Masonic year would prove to be just as busy as the previous two. Once again there were at least two communications a month with degree work at nearly every meeting. On April 12 an addition to the Bylaws was adopted, *Article III, Section 5. The fee for Life Membership shall be \$100.00.* On October 11 the Secretary Gastel's salary was raised back to \$20.00. A number of names well known in Seattle music over the years were added to the roster, Frank Horsfall the principal flute with the Seattle Symphony well into the early 1960's affiliated from Fairweather lodge No. 82 in Tacoma and Century Lodge No. 208 gave band leader Grant Kuhn, Jr.

Petitions for the degrees included Harry Reed who was to become well known in Seattle's musical and early radio community. The year-end report showed that lodge membership had more than doubled to seventy-four and that forty- four degrees were held.

1922 also saw more daylight lodges on the West Coast. In Long Beach, California there would be one called Queen Beach Lodge . It was a 40 or 50-mile trip to Los Angeles to attend Silver Trowel. Once again musicians were the leading force in the effort and in 1922 after several informal meetings held in the headquarters of the Long Beach Municipal Band, formal action was taken and a dispensation was requested. The name **Queen Beach** was chosen because in the 1920's Long Beach was known as the Queen of the Beaches. The dispensation was issued on October 9, 1922 and the new officers installed on November 2nd.

A year later the charter was granted to **Queen Beach Lodge No. 540** on October 11, 1923, full chartering ceremonies took place October 25 and added a fourth daytime lodge to West Coast Masonry. Even while being a daytime lodge, for many years the lodge had a custom of a midnight meeting and raising. The first such meeting took place one minute after midnight on March 8, 1927. The second such meeting on July 31, 1928 featured the Metro Goldwyn Mayer Degree team and an unidentified member composed special music that was used with the ceremonies. In having this custom of a midnight meeting that was held regularly every three or four years until the 1950's, Queen Beach joined a number of daytime lodges around the nation doing so. In the 1980s Queen Beach marked *finis* to it's musical score when it merged into another lodge.