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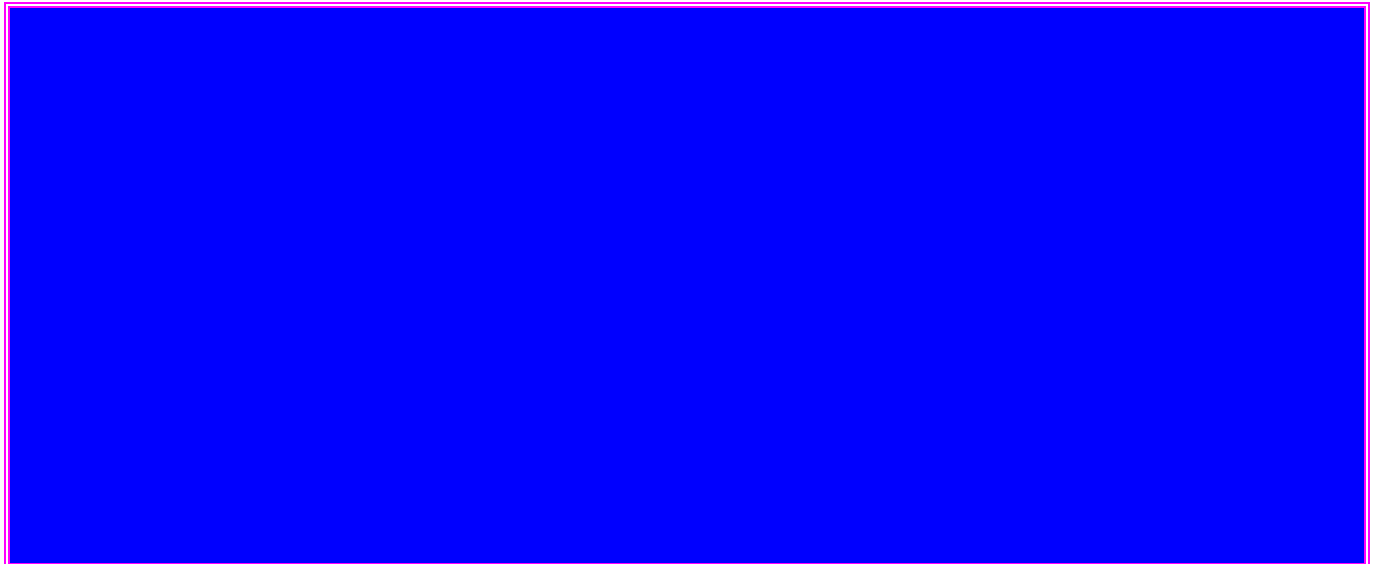
## DAYLIGHT Lodge #232

**MASTER MASON DEGREE**

**SYSO HONORS DINNER**

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The Annual Youth Symphony Honors Dinner will be held on Sunday evening February 24 in the Ballard Masonic Center starting at 5:00 p.m. Invitations have been sent to thirty-six young musicians and their families plus the officers of the SYSO Board of Directors.

Every Daylight member should have received his letter and ticket order form. Brother Monaco will be serving as the lodge greeter on the 24<sup>th</sup>, splitting up the musicians and assigning them to a Masonic host. So when you arrive check in with Brother Anthony so that he can place one of the young musicians with you. Dinner will be Cornish Game Hen, penne pasta with a salmon cream sauce, a vegetable and of course beverages. Desert will follow the awards presentation.

Hopefully Adam Iascone, the young French horn player with the Seattle Symphony Orchestra will be able to attend and tell the young musicians of his experience as a Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia being encouraged to try an audition for the SSO vacancy and his being hired. The Seattle Symphony will be on tour in Florida the week before and he may not get back in time.

The SYSO musicians who attend the dinner will be presented a Daylight Certificate of Merit, a small medal and a gift certificate worth \$100.00 to be used to obtain strings, reeds, etc. Mills Music Company has made the certificates available to the lodge for a reduced amount of \$75.00.

Holding our SYSO Honors Dinner in February is appropriate because Governor Gary Locke has proclaimed February 12<sup>th</sup> as Arts Day in Washington. In the Fellowcraft Degree, as Masons we are admonished to the study of the liberal arts and sciences and told *"Music teaches the art of forming concords, so as to compose delightful harmony, by a proportional arrangement of acute, grave and mixed sounds. It inquires into the nature of concords and discords, and enables us to find out the proportion between them by numbers."* Remember those lines from sixth of the seven steps of the Fellowcraft Degree lecture? The great French composer Debussy wrote, *"Music is the arithmetic of sounds as optics is the geometry of light."*

The Washington State Arts Alliance will hold an Arts Day Celebration in Olympia on February 12<sup>th</sup> and the Washington State Arts Commission meets at the same time. The Arts Alliance is a statewide organization that advocates for the arts in Olympia and around the state.

The Arts Commission by law cannot advocate but provides a number of different services to the arts in Washington. In addition to providing funding grants for many organizations and the Seattle Youth Symphony Orchestra is one of the annual recipients of WSAC grants. Another thing that the state commission does is work closely with the Superintendent of Public Education to encourage the study of the arts with an Artist in Residence Program. Non-parochial schools and other non-profit organizations serving youth can receive a matching grant to hire a WSAC rostered artist. These artists give workshops for teachers and students. There may also be in-service teaching of 20 hours a week or more. The Commission also provides grants for public schools to develop curricula, etc., based on the State's Essential Academic Learning Requirements in the Arts.

Few citizens know that as taxpayers, they own more than 4300 pieces of art work around the state located in public schools, colleges, universities and public agencies. This State Art Collection is part of the Art in Public Places program that is funded by the capital budget when a new construction is put up with state funds.

But all is not the bright because the Arts Commission has been ordered to take a budget cut of 10% or about \$287,000 and lose two full time employees. After nearly fifteen years of no budget increases or even reductions, last legislative session saw a small increase in funds for the arts. What will be cut from the arts has not yet been decided.

*Have you been to Benaroya Hall for a concert or other event? Look around, you might find our Daylight honorary member, Past Grand Master Milt Benson there working as Head Usher.*

Once when Calvin Coolidge was president of the Massachusetts Senate, two members got in to an angry debate and one told the other to go to hell. Furious, the latter called on Coolidge to do something about it. "I've looked up the law, Senator," Coolidge told him, "and you don't have to go there."

