



Seattle's Masonic Lodge of the Arts  
May 18, 2002

**DAYLIGHT LODGE #232**

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Worshipful Master Julian will open Lodge at the stated hour of 10:00 a.m. on Saturday morning, May 18. There will be at least one petition, maybe two to be read. So this will be the main business for the day. There will be a brief discussion of the June Grand Lodge and also planning for the Fremont Solstice Festival event. The lodge is a official sponsor again this year.

Keep in mind that the June meeting has to be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday because of Grand Lodge so it will be a very, very brief one because the Solstic Festival and Parade is the same day. Daylight members will be emceeing the bandstand.

But as always and for this May 18 meeting the other necessary business will be kept to a minimum. Lunch will follow at High Twelve and most of the planning for the Solstice Festival will take place around the table. Plan to attend.

Andrew Edward Anderson and David Lee Johnson started their Masonic journey on April 20. They will receive the Fellowcraft Degrees on May 17 at Queen Anne Lodge because Brother Andy has a major conflict. He is a registrar at Seattle Pacific University and will have to work on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

The Worshipful Master is planning to complete their degrees during the July 27<sup>th</sup> Stated meeting.

Thanks to Arcana Lodge No. 87 and District No. 5 Lodge Officers, the all the musicians of the Seattle Youth Symphony were treated to a pizza party backstage at the Benaroya Hall during a break in their final concert rehearsal on May 4. Many thanks came from the musicians and the staff.

Sadly one question asked was "Why are the Masons doing this?" Seems like we've got lots of work yet to do in our community to explain why Masons support these things.

The lodge can be proud that our Treasurer W\ Jim Maher will be serving on one the Grand Lodge's most important committees next year.

He has been appointed so we have been told, to be a member of the Finance Committee. A good man for the job and we know that his young ideas will bring a fresh viewpoint to the committee's oversight of the Grand Lodge finances.

This year he was an ad hoc member of the Home Board or something like that. Perhaps that was sort like ham hocks?

**A Real Historical Absurdity  
[ & nothing to do with Masonry ]**

**FROM AN OLD AND DIFFERENT RITUAL**

The first degree, or that of the Entered Apprentice, is intended in its symbolic signification to furnish a representation of youth just entering on the struggles, the trials, and duties of an early and responsible existence. On his first admission into the Lodge, the candidate is reminded of the weak and helpless state of man on his entrance into the world----unprepared for the exigencies of the present, ignorant of the vicissitudes of the future, and dependent for his safety and very existence on the God in whom alone, in all trials and difficulties, is there any sure and abiding trust.

And as the youth is prepared by useful and virtuous education for his journey through life, so the Entered Apprentice obtains in his degree those first instructions whereon to erect his future moral and Masonic edifice. He now receives the elementary details of the universal language in which he is hereafter to converse with his brethren in all nations, so as to understand and be understood by Masons of every tongue and dialect under the sun. He is directed to take, as a staff and scrip for his journey, a knowledge of the virtues that expand the heart and dignify the soul. Secrecy, obedience, humility, trust in God, purity of conscience, economy of time, are inculcated by symbolic ceremonies too impressive in their character ever to be forgotten. And, lastly, as charity forms the chief corner-stone of all the Masonic virtues, the beauty and holiness of this attribute are depicted in the emblematic modes which no spoken language could equal. The degree of

the Apprentice, is, in short, one of probation and preparation for a more advanced position, and more exalted privileges and duties.

Benjamin Franklin as American minister to France, attended a diplomatic dinner in Paris shortly after Yorktown. The French foreign minister, Vergennes, opened the dinner by toasting his King, "His Majesty, Louis the Sixteenth, who like the moon, fills the earth with a soft, benevolent glow." The British ambassador then rose and gave his toast, "George the Third, who, like the sun at noonday, spread his light and illuminates the world." Then the aging Brother Franklin arose and exclaimed, "I cannot give you the sun nor the moon, but I give you George Washington, General of the armies of the United States, who, like Joshua of old, commanded both the sun and the moon to stand still, and both obeyed."