



Seattle's Masonic Lodge of the Arts

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DAYLIGHT Lodge #232

Master Mason Degree

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Worshipful Master Julian has announced a Master Mason Degree for the first meeting of the New Year, Saturday morning January 19. Lodge will open at the stated hour of 10:00 a.m. and promptly set to work on the important work of the day, raising to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason Fellowcraft Brother David Cooper. Brother Uly Ruiz has put together an excellent degree team with the assistance of brothers from St. John's Lodge No. 9, Queen Anne #232 and a couple other lodges.

The necessary business will be kept to a minimum so that all can get to the luncheon table and enjoy the Festiveboard prepared by our Junior Warden Uly Ruiz.

As much as your secretary dislikes sounding like a stuck recording, only about half of you have sent in your payment for 2002 dues. Second notices have been sent to each of you who still owe so PLEASE send back your payment promptly. Thanks from your secretary and treasurer.

It has been rumored that The Rolling Stones have decided to add a younger musician to their latest upcoming tour, Mozart.

The lodge voted 2001 year end charity donations to the Renton DeMolay Chapter, Bethel #22 Order of Job's Daughters, The Habitat for Humanity, The Seattle Youth Symphony Orchestra and The Forgotten Children Fund. W\ Bro. Jay Losey presented the DeMolay their check at their December meeting.

The lodge is pleased to learn that Grand Master Robert Van Zee has appointed Treasurer, W.: Brother James Maher to a job on the Masonic Home Board, a special committee concerned with looking at finances. Good luck on your new task brother Jim.

We look forward to a world founded upon four essential human freedoms. The first is freedom of speech and expression---everywhere in the world. The second is the freedom of every person to worship God in his own way---everywhere in the world. The third is freedom from want . . . everywhere in the world. The fourth is freedom from fear . . . anywhere in the world.

Brother Franklin D. Roosevelt, *speech (1941)*

Plan ahead and mark your calendar. Daylight's thirteenth annual Seattle Youth Symphony Orchestra First Chair Players Honors Dinner is planned for Sunday, February 24 at the Ballard

Masonic Hall. This year it is the intention of the lodge for each musician who attends the dinner to receive a major gift certificate for use at one of the major music stores in the Seattle area. Junior Warden Ruiz has been not only planning the dinner but also arranging for the certificates. You will be receiving tickets for the dinner in the next few weeks and Worshipful Master Julian urges and hopes that you will bring your family and friends to this important event. As we are all aware there are few if any events that honor students involved in music, theater, or any form of the arts. Remember the Fellowcraft Degree when you were told *"Music teaches the art of forming concords, so as to compose delightful harmony, by a proportional arrangement of acute, grave and mixed sounds. In inquires into the nature of concords and discords, and enables us to find out the proportion between them by numbers."* Surely we as Masons, charged in our ritual to the study of the liberal arts and sciences and from a lodge founded by entertainers, can feel proud to give these young, outstanding musicians all the support and applause we as can. Plan to attend on February 24.

I have always been among those who believe that the greatest freedom of speech was the greatest safety, because if a man is a fool, the best thing to do is to encourage him to advertise the fact by speaking.
----Woodrow Wilson, speech (1919)

Your secretary has taken on another challenge and responsibility as the secretary of Doric Lodge No. 92 in Fremont. The brother who had been serving as secretary said he would not continue and furthermore wanted to become Junior Warden. Looking for someone to fill the officer and needing some experience to get the records back in order, the lodge officers approached your secretary to help. The untimely death of longtime secretary Jon Abrahamson had left things in rather disarray so it will be a task to get things working as they should be and also to train a future secretary in the job. This is just one of three other secretarial jobs that include the Seattle Chamber Players Board, the North American Conference of Daylight Lodges and of course Daylight.

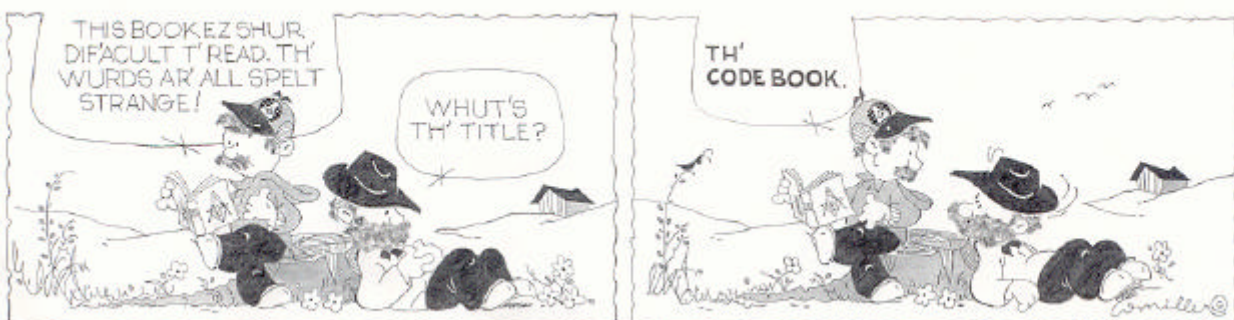
Tell me what company you keep, and I'll tell you what you are.

--Miguel de Cervantes, *Don Quixote de la Mancha*

Masonry in the aftermath of the WTC attack, within little more than a month donated over one million, four hundred thousand dollars to the "The Grand Lodge World Trade Disaster Fund," created by the Grand Lodge of the State of New York. The Grand Secretary M\ W\ Gary A. Henningsen, wrote in the Empire State Mason Magazine, "All we receive will be distributed at the proper time, with no charges taken off for expenses." Among those firefighters killed was Lee Fehling, son-in-law of New York's Deputy Grand Master R\ W\ Carl J. Fitje

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As you will remember, lodge petition fees and dues are set by what Grand Lodge collects plus what the lodge sets. Daylight's fees are all based on the State minimum wage and it increased as of the first of January to \$6.90 an hour. So the petition fee will now be \$126.00

The break down is like this:

Lodge fee	56.00
GL General Fund	20.00
GL Charity Fund	20.00
GL Scholarship Fund	5.00
Geo. Washington Memorial	5.00

Lodge dues will also increase but we are always a year behind because we don't learn the minimum wage change until long after notices are sent out in September. Anyway in 2003 it looks like it will be about \$74.00 for senior members and \$129.00 for those under age 65. The final figure of course will depend on what Grand Lodge decides at the annual June meeting, if their assessment amount is changed.. Life Members will still owe the Grand Lodge assessment.

And these new figure should prompt you to consider purchasing a Daylight Lodge Life Membership. Check your Lodge Roster/Bylaws Booklet for the exact amount you might owe. Younger members with a Life Membership in the range of \$500 or \$600 can save big bucks.

The SYSO is happy to give lodge members comp tickets to any of their concerts. Junior Warden Ruiz and his daughter and Treasurer Jim Maher and his family attended the November concert and departed firmly sold on the lodge's sponsorship of our SYSO Honors Dinner. The next concert will be on Sunday, March 3, a week after our dinner. If you would like to attend let your secretary know and he will contact Stuart Wolferman who can arrange for your tickets. All concerts are at the Benaroya Hall.

*GRAND MASTER'S
RECEPTION*

Districts Four and Five

The yearly reception for the Grand Master and his team of officers will be held as a joint meeting for Districts Four and Five on Saturday afternoon, February 3. The meeting officially starts at three p.m., but everyone is encouraged to be there by two o'clock, at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center, 1155 Broadway East.

The format of the meeting will; be different from the past meetings. Each lodge Master will present the Grand Master with a written report of his lodge's activities during the past year and will be asked to give a short oral summary of the report. The meeting will be open to all Masons including Entered Apprentices.

Officers need to mark their calendar to attend and support Worshipful Master Julian. It is an important event and it is always rather an embarrassment for the Master and the lodge when only one or two members show up to represent the lodge at one of these importance Grand Lodge events. For new, young officers it also is one of the few chances to actually meet elected Grand Lodge officers and talk with them.

There will be a dinner at 6:00 after the meeting for a cost of \$10.00. Reservations are a must for the dinner and can be made through V.:W.: Bob Jensen at bjcmj@aol.com or by phoning V.:W.: David Campbell at 206-632-8175. Worshipful Master Julian will discuss the issue with the lodge at the January 19th meeting

A program will be planned for the ladies so of course they are welcome. The awards that so often take up much of the time will be presented to the lodges and individuals after the dinner.

If you have any questions or want more details contact your Worshipful Master, secretary or our District Deputy V.: W.: David Campbell