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A few words from the Chair:

This is the initial issue for the Masonic year 2016-17 we have added a few changes on the lay-out and page structure of the publication. In this release, you will find the Team Photo as our centerfold thereby allowing you the opportunity to take it out of the printed copy and frame it somewhere in the Lodge hall or in your home on your "I Love Me" wall. I will try to bring in articles that will promote Masonic education as well as news in and around the Fraternity, within and beyond the geographical vicinity of our Masonic Grand Jurisdiction.

I hope that this publication will continue to be an important tool in our communication tool box. I also hope that it serves its purpose to provide easily accessed information of the outstanding accomplishments achieved by our Brothers, individually and collectively.

Please continue to send in your articles to contribute to the well being of this publication. We hope to deliver to you in every issue ideas to assist in promoting the existence of our Fraternity.

Please start to send in your articles as soon as you have read this material to give me ample time to sort them out to prepare for the next issue. I look forward to working with you in making this publication more effective so it may benefit the future of our Fraternity. Thank you all so much.

Fraternally,

MWB G. Santy Lascano

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Be the Difference

Servant leadership is a philosophy and set of practices that enrich the lives of individuals, builds better organizations and ultimately creates a more just and caring world. A servant-leader focuses primarily on the growth and well-being of the people he leads. Put another way, he is interested in Being the Difference in the lives of his charges.

I remember when I fell in love with Freemasonry. Shortly after being raised a Master Mason, I received a book entitled "A Pilgrim's Path" by John Robinson from MWB Bill Miller. Bill served as Tiler during my Degrees. As I waited to be admitted into the Lodge, Bill would engage me in conversation. He wanted to know my motivations for joining Freemasonry. He wanted to know beyond what I wrote on the petition. Each conversation grew increasingly in depth. I was impressed that a Past Grand Master would take such an interest in someone just starting his journey. I came to learn that Bill considers "A Pilgrim's Path" as the very best plain text volume of what Freemasonry is all about. That Bill was willing to Be the Difference for me at this early stage, to lead by serving, confirmed the wisdom of my decision.

If someone is willing to Be the Difference for you, you must then pay it forward. To quote motivational speaker, Zig Ziglar: "You can get everything in life you want if you will just help enough other people get what they want." This means creating win-win vs. win-lose scenarios. Rather than accumulate and exercise power, try Being the Difference by sharing power by putting the needs of others first by helping them develop and perform as highly as possible.

We have all seen Brethren advance through the line and very privately plan for "their" year. Then, at the appropriate time announce the program for the next twelve months. Inevitably, achievement falls short of expectations.

We have also seen Brethren make plans as a team. Often times the good idea of a guy down the line gets tried out, fine-tuned and perfected so that by the time he is the presiding officer, his good idea has become a great idea, tried and proven and everybody enjoys the success.

Every Brother in your Lodge brings to the table a unique set of skills, so Be the Difference by creating an environment that puts these skills to use. One of the lessons of the Entered Apprentice Degree is that we rejoice in each other's success. We know intuitively that if one of us is successful then we are all successful. I remember the electricity that filled the room when I entered it to be installed as Grand Master. There was a feeling that every member in that room wanted me to be

successful. I can't think of any other place where that sort of environment exists.

Looking at what lies ahead, I know that I can't accomplish what I want to accomplish without help. While it only takes one person to Be the Difference, a multitude of people can make a much more significant difference! I think General Colin Powell said it best: "Though important, we will accomplish nothing strictly by organizational chart, strategic plan, or management theory. We will succeed or fail because of the people involved." To coin a phrase, we will succeed or fail because of those who are willing to Be the Difference.

MWB Jim V. Mendoza

Grand Master



GRAND MASTER
MOST WORTHFUL Brother
Jim V. Mendoza



The Direction of our Future

Since our beginning, our Craft has been engaged in and supported education. As Operative Masons, we began, as apprentices in our Craft and through a learning process became Masters of our Trade.

As Speculative Masons, we understand the value of an education and through the years have supported the public schools. Today, many of our Lodges are involved with scholarship programs to assist students in furthering their education. Many Lodges also participate in the “Bikes for Books” Program to encourage reading by our youth, in an effort, to improve their chances of a successful future.

Each of us Masons came in the search of “Light”, with the hope of improving ourselves though Masonry. The continual education of ourselves through our Craft is essential for the future of Masonry. By communicating our ideas, concerns and knowledge, we will continue to improve our resources of education for Freemasonry. But, the participation of the Brethren is essential.

At our Annual Communication this past June, a suggestion box was provided for the Brethren to submit comments, questions or concerns. We thank each Brother for taking the time to provide and share his thoughts. There were a number of suggestions of providing additional information on the screens in regards to Resolutions and Balloting results during Grand Lodge Communications. These suggestions have been forwarded to the Technology Committee for their consideration. There were also, many comments relating to the proceeds from the sale of the Masonic Retirement Center. The current and potential closing date for the sale of the MRC is January 2017 and the Grand Lodge Finance Committee is reviewing a number of options for the proceeds from the sale.

As a continued source of our Masonic education, the 2017 Lodge Leadership Retreat is currently in the planning stage. Now is the time for each of our Lodges to consider investing in the education of their Lodges current and future leaders. The Lodge Leadership Retreat provides a wealth of valuable information and sharing of ideas to assist our Lodges and our Craft. There will also be a Ladies Program and we hope that you invite your lady to join you for the weekend event. The Lodge Leadership Retreat will take place at the Pasco Red Lion Hotel, March 17-19, 2017. Information and registration forms will be forwarded to the Lodge Secretaries by the first



DEPUTY GRAND MASTER
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL Brother
Warren R. Schoeben



week of January. Online registration will also be available.

This year the Long Range Planning Committee (VWB David Colbeth, Chairman) has been directed to review its strategy plan and if appropriate, make recommendations that will bring them up-to-date with the present and future needs of Washington FreeMasons. As part of the Committee plan, Brethren identified as current and future leaders in our Craft, were invited to serve on a Task Force. Personally, I am excited by the results of this enthusiastic and skilled team. The Task Force established 6 areas of focus, which will be referred to as “ Six Supports of 20-20 Vision”.

The “6 Supports of 20-20 Vision” cover the objectives of:

- Membership Experience
- Masonic Education
- Leadership and Management
- Beyond the Lodge
- Philanthropy
- Technology

By refining these six supports, a program shall be developed as a guide to the Grand Lodge Officers as they endeavor to fulfill our Brethren’s expectations and move successfully into the future. Accomplishing to meet the needs and expectations of the Brethren of our Jurisdiction shall be our challenge and our goal. Your participation is essential for the success of this plan, which shall prove to provide valuable tools for both the Grand Lodge and the individual Lodges that implement the new program. During the upcoming months, these six Supports will be discussed with all the membership. You will be asked to provide suggestions, comments and ideas as to how each program may be improved to meet the future vision of our Brethren.

As mentioned in this article, each of our Brethren are an essential part in the future success of our Craft. With the support of all the Brethren, we will “Be The Difference”.

Fraternally,
RWB Warren R. Schoeben
Deputy Grand Master



We Need to Up Our Game!

Grand Master Jim Mendoza, in his address at installation said in part, “Along those lines, we have added individuals to our Legislative Affairs Task Force so that we can reclaim our narrative and voice our concerns to the Legislature. It is well to remember that Free-Masonry in what was then the Oregon Territory preceded the State of Washington. We gave them an example for a sound form of government, and then for some unknown reason we walked away. Thanks to the initiative of MWB Sam Roberts, we came back.

Our Legislative Task Force Chairman, VWB Clayton LaVigne has provided us with some success with respect to restoring the signs at rest stops and issues of tax abatement, but there is so much more to do. My thanks to WB Dean Willard, WB Tim Steiner, and Brother Doug Chisholm for agreeing to lend your services in our continuing efforts with the legislature.”

Brethren, if we are to regain stature in the community and in the eyes of those government agencies and elected and appointed officials who daily direct the government in our State and Municipalities, we each must become a “Legislative Liaison.” We have asked that each Lodge, each District, and even each Mason reach out to your elected officials. As election day approaches, you will find our legislators especially eager to meet with their constituents.

We had a case where a State Senator actually reached out asking to meet with the Masons in her District. Last year. It was not until this year that her request was followed up and an invitation extended. The District Deputy is working to garner as many as possible to attend, including members of Concordant Bodies, family, and friends. It is important that we have as large a turnout as possible when our representatives come to meet with us. If only one or two are present, there will be far less impact than if there were ten or twenty or even more in attendance at the meeting.

When we do host a legislator or other public official, we are on display. Most have no clue what we are about, and may be under the impression that “National Treasure” and “The da Vinci Code” are accurate portrayals of our gentle Craft. This is a great time to do some “liaising” to demonstrate the important roles we play in our communities and in our history.

Another approach, if an invitation to our select-public official does not bear fruit, is a visit



SENIOR GRAND WARDEN
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL Brother
Jim H. Kendall



from us, en mass. The Chamber of Commerce and Rotary International are two organizations that arrange a “day at the legislature.” For example, a Rotary Club (or Rotary Clubs) will pick an appropriate day to bring a bus load of members from the District to the capital. Each Rotarian is then expected to call on their legislator with a set of talking points, and to introduce themselves. This is a particularly affective approach as it affords the opportunity to meet the staff who do much of the research and arrangements for their legislator.

Legislators often have “town hall” meetings in their Districts, which also provides an opportunity to have a presence. There is strength in numbers. Invite the Brothers from the Lodge but also ask Concordant Bodies to join you. Representatives from the youth groups would be particularly welcome. The point of all of this is to demonstrate that the Masonic Family is a very real presence in our communities, doing good work, and making a difference. As our Grand Master says, Be the Difference.

RWB Jim Kendall
Senior Grand Warden

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From the desk of the Junior Grand Warden

It has only been three months since the members of this great Jurisdiction elected me to the office of Junior Grand Warden. I still get emotional when I think about the election and outcome. If I had not written down my reply to the Grand Master's question "Do you accepting the vote of the membership", I would not have been able to get the words from my heart, to my brain and finally to my voice. Again, I want to say thank you for the honor of being your Junior Grand Warden.

That being said, the Grand Lodge Elected Officers hit the ground running, thanks to MWB Jim Mendoza setting things in motion months earlier. We had our first Executive Committee meeting Sunday morning following Grand Lodge. This was followed by an Executive Committee retreat where the Grand Master's initiatives for the New Year were reviewed and assigned to each elected Grand Lodge Officer. Shortly after that we held a Long Range Planning Tiger Task Force meeting, presided over by David Colbeth.

Over the last three months, I have attended more meetings than I would have ever envisioned. Those being, Executive Committee, Washington Masonic Charities, Grand Lodge Finance, and Grand Lodge Building Association just to name a few. In the past, I was concerned with the business segment of the Fraternity serving on the finance Committee and being treasurer of the Grand Lodge Building Association. As your new Junior Grand Warden I'm now involved with the executive segment of the Fraternity and that has been an eye opener.

The Grand Master has eight initiatives this year that Committees are working on. As MWB Jim stated in his installation address we may not accomplish all of these initiative this year as some initiatives will take longer than a year to complete. The one I would like to address today is Secretaries/Treasurers/Board Governance. Over the years, I have concluded that many Lodges are unaware of state and federal laws that govern Lodges and building associations. I am concerned that many of our Lodge officers are not familiar with the Washington Masonic Code in regards to the responsibilities of the Treasurer, Secretary and title-holding corporations. I fully support the Secretaries/Treasurers/Board Governance programs being made available through Grand Lodge. If you have not attended one of these training sessions or asked for a presentation at your Lodge I would highly recommend you do so. I once heard a member say we are just a Fraternity and not a business. That may be true if you do not possess property and manage it as a nonprofit corporation. But most of our Lodges are not in that position. If



JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL Brother
Charles E. Wood

a Lodge or Temple Board is not complying with state and federal requirements, the whole Fraternity is being put at risk. We need to remember the numerous obligations we have taken as Masons and live up to them. As Worshipful Master of the Lodge it is your responsibility to insure the Lodge is in compliance with the Washington Masonic Code (WMC).

I would like to pass on the following: the cornerstones of a successful Lodge are the 4 P's, People, Planning, Programing and Proficiency. These cornerstones make for a good foundation that a Lodge can build on. I personally believe that the financial stability of the Lodge and building associations allows Lodges to be active in their communities. We as a Fraternity have something of value to offer our communities and by being financially stable will make planning to do so easier. If you are not planning for success you are by default planning for failure. The future of our Grand Jurisdiction looks bright; we have the skills, know-how and desire to get the work done. Again, ask not what Masonry can do for you but what can you do for Masonry. It is up to each Mason to "Be the Difference."

RWB Charles E. Wood
Junior Grand Warden

Fall Legislative Update: The Search for a Champion

As the Summer Olympics have come to a close, and the NFL Football season arrives, many of us who follow sports have the concept of champions fresh in their minds. And indeed, for most of us, when we think of a champion, we imagine someone who has won a competition or a contest, someone who has worked hard to excel in the sport which they have chosen to compete in. And most of us have, at one time or another, striven to be a champion at what interests us, being sports, academics, or a hobby. And some of us have succeeded in our endeavors.

But there is another way to look at the word "Champion". The primary definition of the word in the dictionary is a warrior, one who works hard to defend and uphold a cause. This person will take an extraordinary interest in the cause, and will convince others to join him or her to bring it to fruition. This kind of Champion will also be thinking of the cause's best interest if another entity proposes to take an action that would adversely affect that cause.

It is this definition of Champion that I am thinking about when I speak of our search for a Champion. As Masons, and as Lodges, we need to look for those who keep us in mind when they perform their duties as elected officials. There are some who are already familiar with us, or



Grand Secretary:

You might think that there would not be much to talk about after being in office three months, and if we were talking about concrete accomplishments, you might be right. But in just three months the office is no longer closed at lunch; a project for Lodge archives and data storage (The Vault Project - Chantal) is kicked off; issues, errors and update with the forms are being worked (Forms - Jane); a process to capture, refer and track potential candidates is in place (Referral System - Don); Lodge rental agreement and lease forms have been updated (Clint); an employee handbook is under development (Lynne) and Kathleen is keeping the Committee on Finance and the Elected Grand Officers updated with the financial information they need. Everyone contributes to the new Grand Lodge News Letter and we all are getting First Aid, CPR and defibrillator training. All this and the regular normal daily work as well.

Does all this have a Masonic lesson? Of course it does. It's called delegation and it's simple. You let people run with the things (event, activity, task) that excites them. Set their expectations for what is needed, set your expectation that they will not do it the way you might have and bask in the success. Work with them to develop a schedule and the way to keep you up to date, but do not micromanage. Do this and you get enthusiastic, experienced and supportive people that will want to work with you again.

What about Me? Oh, I moved.

Sam Roberts PGM
Grand Secretary



GRAND SECRETARY
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL Brother
Sam Roberts

SULTAN-MONROE HAS A NEW MURAL TO SHARE

If you are passing through Monroe here is a view worth stopping. When on U.S. Highway 2, take the turn off at Lewis Street (and headsouth for a few blocks), to view the new artwork in our community. A two-story mural depicts the growth of the Skykomish Valley, showing the farming valley, the mountain forest, and the railroad train passing through the Cascade Tunnel, with the skyline including several famous Masons. The members of our Lodge are proud of Brother David Hose, who has worked tirelessly for two years on this masterpiece.



(Article continued from page 6) they might be among our ranks, or are closely related to them. Most, however, have at most a passing understanding of who we are, and what we stand for. This is something that we can change for our benefit. When we communicate with our elected officials, they will become more familiar with our Fraternity, not only of who we are, but also where we are in their District. Of course, this not only includes your representatives in Olympia, but also your county commissioners, city councils and mayors. The more you stay in communication with these people, the more champions you will have, and the more champions our Fraternity will have, as they will be giving our organization, and similar Fraternal organizations, consideration as they author bills, and discuss them in Committee hearings.

Over the last few months, I've heard talk among some Brothers that we shouldn't be involved with elected officials, citing our Fraternity's non-involvement in religion and politics. But just like our Fraternity doesn't endorse or associate with one particular religion, yet charges its members to be religious, so it is the same for politics, as we shouldn't associate with a partisan political position, yet it charges its members to be civic-minded. Please remember this when you discuss communicating with your elected officials in your area.

And as always, if you note some issue that needs to be addressed at the upcoming Legislative Session, be sure to notify me or the Grand Lodge elected officers, so we can properly address it in January.

Election day will be upon us soon. Be sure to remind those you talk with on your everyday travels that while voting is your right, making an informed vote is your responsibility. And then keep in contact with those who are elected. When you do that, you're making a difference in our communities, our counties, and our state. And as you know, when you're making a difference, you're being the difference.



Fraternally,
VWB Clayton La Vigne
Chairman, Legislative Affairs Task Force



March of Unity



Time is a river that carries in its current a distillate of everything that exists along its banks. It has carried those of us who were fortunate enough twenty years ago to come together to demonstrate Freemasonry's breadth, to this moment, and we are privileged to be with you today. Many who marched in that first demonstration of Masonic Unity have demitted our Lodges and been received in a higher Jurisdiction. Yet they are with us still. The memory of that first March of Unity and those who walked together in Brotherhood remains vivid, alive, and it warms my heart.

Two-thousand and five hundred years ago a Greek, named Heraclitus observed that the universe was comprised of minute particles that were always coming into existence and then, going he knew not where. He said that our existence was so permeated by change that a man could not step in to the same river twice. Some ancient Greek said Heraclitus was only partially right. If we are all made of atoms, and they were always changing, the same man could not step into the same river once because by the time his toe hit the water, his atoms and the river's had moved on. Everything was changed.

The difference between the river of time and human history is that time constantly changes and some people cling to the past, hoping that by preserving the past they may dam up the river of time and ease the pain that always accompanies change. That is understandable, not every change turns out to be beneficial. But change is the inevitable consequence of being alive.

Our own bodies replace all their cells every seven years but each cell contains within it the memory of its structure and function, its place in the body, and its purpose. The wonder of life is that every particle of our anatomy possesses this memory. It argues strongly that this is a purposeful universe and that we are a purpose-filled people. And in Masonry we have found a Fraternity with a purpose, a purpose to inculcate ideas that lift humanity up and build a just society: Masonry teaches the ideals of the Brotherhood of all mankind, charity to all in need, and the fatherhood of God, our Creator. We have changed but we have maintained that essential identity.

This is not the same community it was twenty years ago.

This not the same Fraternity it was twenty years ago. Despite the anger many of our fellow citizens obviously feel, in spite of the fear – much of it justified - that the scales of justice are not balanced, this is a better community, we are a better Fraternity, and this is – regardless of the headlines in the papers and the media's love affair with violence, mayhem, and discord – a better world – made better by getting together as we have for twenty years to recognize the family of man is one. Like the river, mankind is a stream that carries in its current many separate particles but all are part of the same river.



It was our purpose, two decades ago, to demonstrate Masonic unity. Unity is not the same as uniformity. We came together to celebrate the over arching principles that made us FreeMasons and left us free to exhibit Masonry in forms that held in veneration the memories of our origins, celebrated the complexity of freedom itself, acknowledged the validity of Masonry's belief in the dignity and value of all persons, and championed respect for beliefs in a Supreme Being who



had created, loved and redeemed creation. Each year, the Brethren have walked together, worshiped together, shared Fraternal ties together, and, perhaps most importantly, broken bread together as Masons, one people, one family.

One can march through DuPont but not seem to travel far but that is deceptive. This march of unity began several hundred years ago in a land divided between those who were free and those who were not. African slaves eventually replaced Irish slaves in the American colonies. The freedom of one people was achieved at the cost to the other of that precious right, freedom. After its vicious, divisive civil war, this society stumbled forward, segregated, distrustful of immigrants of all kinds, and polar-

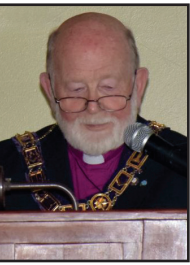


ized over religious differences and moved into the industrial revolution in which people fled the farm to work in the city, but carried with them old prejudices and only slowly, very slowly, developed a tepid tolerance for ethnic, racial, and religious differences. The road to DuPont has wound through Detroit and Pittsburgh, Selma and Watts, and while it runs through DuPont, it does not end here. It leads – well, we don't know where it leads, not exactly, and we have no idea how long that trek will take. But we are a part of a pilgrimage to a better world. There have been many men and women whose feet, naked or shod, have beaten this path before us, who got us to this point in humanity's travel toward a just and equitable world, and many more will follow. Although our journey may be, rough rugged and dangerous, although we may be haunted by fears and uncertainties, and though we may not live to see the Promised Land, we will, before we have crossed that last river, have participated in the march of humanity toward its purposed destiny: unity, peace, concord, and one family under God. We will have done our part.

You, my Brethren, are a part of history in the making. This humble march is part of an epic journey and your decision to be here today ensures that tomorrow will be a better day for all of our children's children. Today is a proud day in the saga of Masonry because you are here, here in spirit of Masonic unity.

But our journey is not over. Perhaps it has only begun. The people of Israel wandered for forty years in the wilderness before getting to the Promised Land; to date we have walked together only half that time. I do not expect to complete that march with you, my Brethren, not physically, anyway. But if you are here in the year 2036, the centennial of my birth, I will be with you at least in spirit. The March for Unity goes on although aging marchers may slip from the ranks. However, each of you, is a part of a great movement to build a better world, one person a time, beginning with our selves. And it is my faith in God, my faith you, that gives me hope that in a day not far off, we shall be truly one people, one nation, one fraternal bond of Brothers, indivisible with freedom and justice for all.

May God continue bless, preserve and prosper the Most Worshipful Grand Lodges of Masons of Prince Hall and Jurisdiction and the Grand Lodge of Washington, and all Masons, wheresoever's dispersed.



RWB John Keliher
 Grand Secretary Emeritus



Brethren,

I hope all of you have enjoyed the summer months! Already the days are getting shorter! If you have not done so already, go and visit the Lodges in your District, or nearby Districts that are Light during the summer months, for we are Traveling Men!

This year, I have been given the duty to work with the District Deputies to develop the ritualistic talent of our Grand Jurisdiction. What that entails is not only encouraging the learning of the Ritual for the Conferring of the Three Degrees, but more specifically, I am to work with the Deputies of the Grand Master to 'foster and promote' the learning of the Master's Lecture, Middle Chamber Lecture, and the Historical Lecture, or the Lectures of the Three Degrees of Masonry.

In my home District No. 22, which is comprised of Okanogan Lodge, No. 169, Aurora Lodge No. 201, Palestine Lodge, No. 214, and Methow Valley Lodge No. 240, the Lectures are given by VWB Tom Christie (who resides over four hours away from District 22), VWB Dick Douglas of District No. 21, and VWB John Lunt of District, No. 21. When these Brothers are unavailable to deliver a Lecture for a Degree, we tend to use the Grand Lodge of Washington Lectures on DVD.

What I am trying to show is that the Lectures of our Ritual in this District have been learned by only a very few Masons, and all reside outside of the District! Thus, we the Brethren of District No. 22 need to challenge ourselves, and take upon ourselves, the discipline of learning the Lectures of the Three Degrees like the Masons of these Districts have!

Moreover, in most of our Districts, only a small handful of our Brothers have taken upon themselves the mastering of these lectures...Our Grand Master, MWB Jim Mendoza, has therefore given us this challenge: For more Brothers of our Districts to take up the 'torch,' and master these very important Lectures of the Degrees! Our Grand Master does not want us to rely upon the Grand Lodge of Washington Lectures on DVD. Though they are a very important tool, we are to use them sparingly when conferring the Three Degrees. Historically, Masons have always recited the Ritual from memory, more especially the Lectures from memory! All too often we hear of the Lectures on DVD being used solely, instead of sparingly, during the Conferring of the Degrees. Our Grand Master wants us to stop this trend, and for this Grand Jurisdiction to go back to having the Lectures mastered by more of our Brethren.

So where does a Brother begin? Paraphrasing our Grand Master, if we know the Obligation of each Degree, more especially, the Posting Lecture, a Brother Mason already holds a solid foundation, or strong outline, for learning each of the Lectures. Moreover, seek out the Brethren who already have mastered the Lectures for mentoring, and seek out the Deputy of the Grand Master in your District for help and guidance!

In summary, let us 'step up' to our Grand Master's challenge, for more of the Brethren to pick up the 'torch,' to learn and master these Lectures, so that they may be successfully passed on to the next generation of Masons! Let us "Be the Difference," in learning and preserving this very important part of our Masonic tradition.



Fraternally,
 VWB Rudy N. Schade
 Grand Lecturer

JGW CANDIDATES FORUM

Jerry D. Buchner



Question:

What lesson, in your mind, is the one that stands out the most to you from your initiation as an EA? How would that lesson apply to your duties as JGW?

Response:

I joined Freemasonry in Southern California where I grew up. At that time, the minimum age was 21 years and I joined as soon as I turned 21. I had just become a senior DeMolay after being involved in DeMolay for six years and being a past Master Counselor. The lesson that impacted me the most was that I was suddenly surrounded by men that I formally knew as DeMolay advisors and had referred to as "Dad so-and-so" but who were all suddenly calling me "Brother". I was instantly "on the level" with them. I knew I still had a lot to learn about Freemasonry but my relationship with these men had changed in the course of a few hours. They were immediately accepting me as a Brother; I was one of them, by simply going through my first Degree. It opened my eyes to the real meaning of what is meant when Masons say "we meet on the level". I realized it did not matter how much money I made, how old I was, what job I had, or who I was, I was one of them. I was an equal; I was a Brother, and we were meeting on the level because we are all Brother Masons.

This lesson would apply to my duties as JGW by reminding me that even though I have a fancy title, like Right Worshipful Brother, and wear a shiny collar with a fancy apron, I am not better or more important to our Craft than the newest Entered Apprentice Mason. The title, the collar and the apron are there to remind me of the obligation and the responsibilities I have taken on as Junior Grand Warden. Every time I put on the collar the weight of the collar resting on my shoulders would remind me of the even heavier burden resting on my shoulders of the responsibilities and duties I have to perform as Junior Grand Warden. My Brothers, whom I meet with on the level, have put their faith and trust in me to perform a duty, and I owe it to them to meet my obligations and perform that duty to the absolute best of my ability.

Respectfully Submitted,
VWB Jerry Buchner



Chris Coffman



Question:

What lesson, in your mind, is the one that stands out the most to you from your initiation as an EA? How would that lesson apply to your duties as JGW?

Response:

There are two related lessons from my Initiation that are truly memorable. I was fortunate to join Haller Lake Lodge, No. 296 during my father's first term as Worshipful Master. I knew many of the Brothers from the numerous family events that Haller Lake sponsored during my teenage years. I was treated as a Brother before I was entitled to that status. Thus, the start of the Circumambulation when the Senior Deacon said: "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for Brethren to dwell together in unity!" I was struck by how appropriate and true this is. Then, during the Preparatory Lecture, we are informed that we must be divested of vanities of our righteousness before we can be admitted to that House not made by hands.

The Washington Masonic Code specifies that the Junior Grand Warden serve on the Board of Trustees for both Washington Masonic Charities and the Washington Masonic Grand Lodge Building Association. Further, the Junior Grand Warden is charged to assist our Grand Master in the performance of his duties and preserve our Ancient Landmarks. However, the unwritten duties of the Junior Grand Warden are numerous and more important to our gentle Craft. I believe there are two that deserve particular attention.

First, the Junior Grand Warden needs to support the Grand Master and his vision for our Ancient Institution. This is important for a couple of reasons. Over the last several years, our Grand Masters have recognized subtle truths. Although the powers of the Grand Master are "neigh absolute," success is found by cooperation and teamwork, not edict or the use of absolute power. They understood that we are a volunteer organization and only used the power of the Grand Master sparingly. In addition, they needed skilled advisors who spoke truthfully, because no Brother has the Wisdom of Solomon. Therefore, they have had one consistent theme--The elected officers are a team. The unity of the elected Brothers is essential for our Craft to continue. As part of that team, I would urge the Elected to encourage family involvement in Lodge activities. If we do so, we will retain members with young families and perhaps more of our sons will become Brothers when they are eligible.

Second, and perhaps the most important, unwritten duty of the Junior Grand Warden is to prepare himself to become Grand Master in three short years. In order to do so, he must divest himself of his own vanities and remember the symbolic meaning of rough ashlar and perfect ashlar. While none of us will become that perfect ashlar, but we all strive for that goal. As we do so, we must first seriously look into our souls and take to heart the symbolism of garment we wore at our initiation. Finally, our Grand Master is the leader and face of the Craft. To be successful, he must constantly prepare his mind and soul to work and dwell together in unity.

Fraternally,
VWB Chris Coffman

JGW CANDIDATES FORUM continued...

John R. Lawson



Question:

What lesson, in your mind, is the one that stands out the most to you from your initiation as an EA? How would that lesson apply to your duties as JGW?

Response:

I learned that Masonry is first focused on our hearts and it's in our hearts where we are first prepared to become a Mason. I became aware that it was the beginning of the greatest journey of my life to discover my true self and that each step was designed to transform me into my greater potential; that it was more about genuine effort and that my efforts could be measured. I was humbled and impressed to see men like me from all walks of life, who also came of their own free will and accord and were now my Brothers, working so hard to make the ritual as perfect for me as they possibly could and at the same time, celebrate with me in my effort to become a better man. I took from the initiation through its symbols and metaphors, the lesson of how important it was that every word and deed had a profound importance and lasting impression. The deepest impression I took from that night was the impression of an invisible baton being placed in my hand from time immemorial, which I was now being entrusted to carry forward into my life and the lives of those around me.

How would that lesson apply while holding the office of Junior Grand Warden? The experience of my EA initiation gives me awareness that although we come from many different stations in life in the sacred space of the Lodge, we are all equal, on the level, and each of us brings to the Craft something needed that only individually we possess and yet collectively, we will fit together perfectly to complete the work. That through our work in the quarry, we find more than just ourselves but the power of that collective nature and the importance of working together and that no one stone is greater than the other because every stone is needed. I learned that this is a progressive art and science and as Junior Grand Warden, I will take with me into leadership these truths; to remain always humble, to appreciate every Brother's efforts, to be tolerant and patient and to never forget the great responsibility that has been handed to me as a Brother of this ancient Craft and to promote that vision across the Districts to help make it clear to every Brother our great mission of creating a perfect Temple in each of us and a perfect society in the world around us.

Fraternally,
John Lawson

Washington Masonic Charities Update



As the summer comes to a close, Washington Masonic Charities is excited to offer partnership opportunities to Masonic Lodges across the state.

Partnership - We believe that combining our resources will have a greater positive impact in your community. We're looking for Lodges willing to provide "ground support", which most of you are already doing. While reviewing the list of opportunities below, you may notice that you're already working in those areas. If that's the case, then consider how our support can help even more in your community. If, when looking at the list you see an opportunity that's new for you, consider how much easier it will be to start that program with a partner like us.

Partnership Opportunities

Masons Helping Neighbors - We will match or reimburse Lodges up to \$500 for performing minor home repairs for an older Mason, widow, or community member in need. Repairs support the home owner's desire to remain independent. So far 26 Lodges, of 60 possible, have signed up. Olympia No. 1 is the first (funny how that works!) to have performed their project by helping a neighbor in need. To become an eligible partner, contact Byron at (844) 288-3531 x 110 or byron@wa-masoniccharities.org

Scholarships - We invite Lodges to opt-in to participate in our scholarship program. Those that participate will help by reviewing applications, and will be able to give the award to the deserving student; we will highlight their efforts in our public relations activities. Six scholarships are available.

Children's Basic Needs - We invite Lodges to opt-in to help provide funds to their local schools and community organizations to help meet the basic needs of kids enrolled in the public schools who may be foster kids, homeless, or facing serious financial disadvantage. We will provide \$500 for up to 30 local nonprofit organizations and schools that Lodges help us identify as having kids who need assistance with weekend & break meals, as well as school supplies.

Classroom Grants - We invite Lodges to opt-in to help identify classrooms in their local community that would benefit from a classroom grant. We have a total of 30 opportunities of \$500 each.

Washington Safety & Identification Program (formerly CHIPS) - After September 30th, WAMC will be collecting all Child Identification Program equipment, supplies and materials from Lodges. Significant changes have occurred with the program and technology. Over the fall and winter months we will be revising the program, creating a new training and program guide, and enhancing the program with updated and upgraded equipment and materials.

Lodges interested in conducting child identification and safety activities through this program in the future will be asked to opt-in and participate in the training, and will also be asked to check materials in and out, so that we can assure that it is ready and available for the next safety and identification event.



To find out more or to sign up to participate contact ken@gibson@wa-masoniccharities.org or by phone at (844) 281-5330 x 101.



What is Happening in the Hive in Which You Belong?



There are different types of beehives. Some are more popular than others, and in part, this may depend upon the subject you are alluding to. The skep beehives, essentially man made straw baskets home to harvesting bees, have the strong resemblance to our emblem of Industry. Such was invented by man as a way of domesticating honeybees in order to inspire them for more honey.

Oftentimes, certain phenomena like a colony collapse disorder occur when the majority of worker bees in a colony disappear and leave behind a queen, of course with plenty of food and a few nurse bees to care for the remaining immature bees and her majesty.

A Lodge in Kent is undergoing an extensive improvement that calls for members to dedicate some of their free time to partake in this great and important undertaking, in which the members are expected to respond positively within the length of their cable tows.

This innovation made the “busy bee” Brother’s sense of belonging and Lodge ownership reached a momentous high. The combination of strong labor generated by a larger decision making process fortified the Lodge, a far cry from what it historically once was. There were also times when colony collapse disorder was experienced when well-informed Lodge members left behind plenty of immature members that desperately needed nurturing and further care.

While such disappearances can only pinpoint to some proposed suggestions, no single proposal gained widespread acceptance since all things were considered mere speculations. This circumstance might have occurred elsewhere throughout the Lodges of the Fraternity with a minimal impact to those who stayed behind.

Just like a skep beehive, man also made Freemasonry both intentionally designed, in part, to inspire participation in any worthy endeavor. With this collaboration, we subsequently hone the art of agreeing to disagree.

Unfortunately, we have created problems for our Craft through engaging in practices that may have caused the specific disorder that spread through to our fraternal population. We’ve made ourselves too preoccupied in improving our numbers that we have neglected to focus on our membership promise of providing a quality Masonic Lodge experience that one can enjoy, not something to bear.

However, it is always worth remembering how this part of the lecture of Moral Advantage of Geometry comes to mind.

“The lapse of time, the ruthless hand of ignorance and the devastations of wars have laid waste and destroyed many valuable monuments of antiquity on which the utmost exertions of human genius have been employed. Even the Temple of Solomon so spacious and magnificent, designed and constructed by so many celebrated artists escaped not the unsparing ravages of barbarous force Freemasonry, notwithstanding, still survives. For the Attentive Ear receives the

sound from the Instructive Tongue, and the sacred mysteries are safely lodged in the repository of Faithful Breasts.”

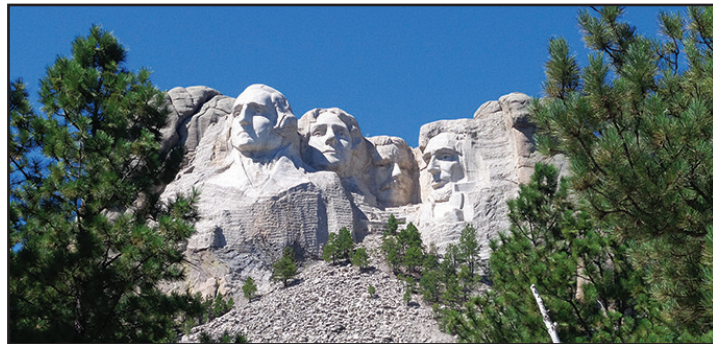
Along those lines, I cannot help but feel that there are some lessons to be had by all, especially to those relatively few individuals whose Masonic foundations were merely built upon curiosity and trivia.

There are only two things member bees can do to a hive – build it up, or destroy it. What is happening in the hive in which you belong?

WB George M. Franco
Grand Orator – 2017

“Be the Difference”

Visiting Mount Rushmore National Monument with Grand Master Jim Mendoza fulfills a lifelong dream of mine to visit the Black Mining Hills of Dakota. I will be taking my three year old Grand son on his first road trip to hunt for ancient artefacts, dinosaurs, and petrified mastodon poop.



Sparking his path of adventure is one of life’s greatest treasures. I watched and admired MWB Bud Gilbert and MWB Alvin Jorgensen as they raised their Grandsons to the sublime Degree of a Master Mason.

Grand Master Mendoza’s motto of “Be the Difference” rings loud and clear all across our Jurisdiction and beyond, and all of the Grand Lodge Officers have answered the call in the affirmative. We accept the charge to serve the Craft and be the difference.

To serve is not always an easy decision. Self-doubt or bad experiences sometimes make us fearful of standing up and helping others achieve common goals. But are we not always the primary beneficiary of serving others? It’s good to help when asked – even better to anticipate a need and prepare for action. I encourage everyone to accept the Grand Master’s call to be the difference in your corner of the universe.

All of us have the opportunity and privilege to serve our families, our Craft, and our community. There is much ritual to prepare and special needs in every neighborhood. Applying our skills and energy and talent helps all, receivers and givers.



Be the Difference.

“Jim” Adam Creighton
Grand Musician

Paper or Plastic?

MEMBERSHIP DUES CARD UPDATE

The Credentials Committee has been working together with members of the Grand Lodge office staff to re visit making a dues card that our membership can be proud of in our Grand Lodge.

Why Change?

Times are changing and technology is easily available to allow any Lodge around the world to be able to scan a QR Code and to find out immediately if a Brother is in good standing in his Lodge. Checking in at our Grand Lodge Annual Communication has also been sped up dramatically using the member ID barcode on the bottom of your dues cards. Money will also be saved by not needing to produce new Dues Cards annually.

How can this help my Lodge?

The features on a new Plastic Dues Card will help the Tyler in performing his job in ensuring that Brothers visiting from our Jurisdiction are in good standing by scanning their QR Code on the card and allowing them to visit if they have a green check mark come up on their internet capable Smartphone. For Lodges that do not have iPhones or internet service available, they can call a 1-800 number imprinted on the new cards to establish the current standing of a member.

Why were there problems with the current ID Cards?

Around 15,000 cards were produced last year involving our current data base contractor located in Colorado and a Dues Card printer contractor located in Minnesota. Several slight errors in our database became major issues in producing the cards.

Some of our members belong to several Lodges and the question of which Lodge is their home Lodge became a prevalent question. The importance of a member’s home Lodge is tied in with the goal of issuing one Dues Card per member. The home Lodge would be the route of the new card from the Grand Lodge to the Brother.

Going Forward

Because of the issues and challenges this year’s Dues Cards (2017) will be going back to paper, very similar as in years past, with the addition of a BAR Code on the bottom of the card with the members ID Number. We are planning to print some plastic Dues Cards for our Grand Lodge Elected Officers to carry with them to the District meetings to show to the Brethren interested. We are also planning to have an interest survey available through our web site to solicit suggestions on how we can provide the best product possible for the 2018 re-launch of the plastic Dues Cards.



VWB Ron Galpin
Chairman
Credentials Committee

The “Don” Wright Bible



November 15, 1997, Frank S Land Lodge moved from a Lodge under dispensation to a Masonic Lodge No. 313 in Washington State. VWB Jeffrey Brunson becomes the first Worshipful Master. Donald Wilson Wright was installed as the second Worshipful Master on January 9, 1999 in Des Moines Washington.

Don for years had been an inspiration to many generations of DeMolay members

and DeMolay leaders as he served the International Supreme Council of DeMolay as Executive Officer of Washington State DeMolay. Don also served as the Grand Master of The International Supreme Council of DeMolay in 1984. That year he established DeMolay Supreme Councils in both Brazil and Germany and visited other supreme councils including the Philippines. Don was also a 33rd Degree Mason in the Seattle Valley Scottish Rite.

Don had a long career in DeMolay being a member of Santa Fe Chapter DeMolay and Past State Master Councilor of New Mexico. He and his Wife Ann moved to Washington in the 1950’s and Don became active in West Seattle DeMolay as a ritual advisor where he met and advised a DeMolay named Douglas Haughton.

Doug’s stepfather, Richard Lindquist, was Master Councilor of West Seattle DeMolay in 1941 before he went to World War II and that is as far back as we could find the Don Wright Bible as the Chapter Bible of West Seattle DeMolay.

Soon after Don’s arrival in West Seattle Douglas Haughton became Washington State Master Councilor of DeMolay using the West Seattle Bible as his Bible of choice for the year.

In 1976 as Executive Officer for Washington, Don regretfully pulled the Charter of West Seattle DeMolay due to some issues that he hoped would disappear. He was hoping to alleviate the problem that existed in the chapter and at some later date the chapter could be reinstated. That unfortunately has never been accomplished, but he did hang on to the bible that had such a good history, and had been known and discussed all the way back to 1941.

When Don was Grand Master of DeMolay, he travelled with this bible in his world travels and it suited him well and helped spread the message of DeMolay to different countries and cultures. This is the bible he chose to use while he was Worshipful Master of Frank S Land Lodge No. 313 in 1999. After his term, the bible was again retired.

After Don’s unfortunate passing, Don’s widow Ann presented the Bible to the Lodge for Doug to use in his term as Worshipful Master of Frank S Land Lodge, No. 313.

It has since been in the archives of Frank S Land Lodge, No. 313, now taken out, and dusted off by the request of The Most Worshipful Grand Master of Free and Accepted Masons of Washington, Jim Mendoza.

While it is impossible to know how many other Bibles that were DeMolay Chapter bibles have ever been the traveling Bibles of a Grand Master, Jim is now the second Grand Master to be able to use this Bible that has traveled the world.

May it protect him, give him confidence in his duties and responsibilities and ever be a remembrance of MWB Jim’s Masonic Journey, which I know he we will dutifully respect and honor.

WB Drew Baker
Grand Bible Bearer

Portraits of our Grand Masters:

M.:W.: Herbert M. Edman

It is truly an honor to have been selected as Grand Historian this year. This is especially true when one looks at the list of distinguished Masons that have held this position. I do not really consider myself a historian but rather someone who has an awareness of history. Having an awareness of history is very important since, as M.: W.: James O. Wood once put it, “We must reflect deeply on where we have been, to know where we are, and then to chart where we are going.”

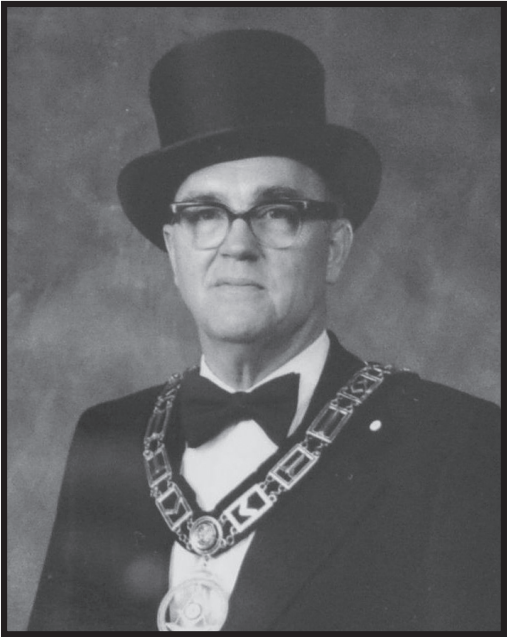
One of my principal tasks this year is to continue the work of my good friend and Brother V.:W.: Bud Cook in documenting the lives of our Grand Masters. These distinguished men have helped shape this Jurisdiction since 1858 and it is important that their lives and accomplishments are adequately documented for future generations. Grand Master Mendoza has asked me to highlight one of these great men in each issue of the Tribune this year. By my count 154 men have held the position of Grand Master in this Jurisdiction so one might think it might be difficult to choose the one to start with. For me, it was actually quite simple since I had the great pleasure to meet this good Brother the night I received my First Degree.

It was November 1988. I had just petitioned and been accepted to membership in Tyee Lodge No. 115 in Renton. On the Tuesday evening I was scheduled to receive my First Degree, I arrived at the Lodge hall a bit early and was greeted by several of the Brothers that had investigated me. At some point prior to the start of the Degree I was introduced to a very tall, kindly looking gentleman. This Brother welcomed me warmly and asked if I had any questions before the Degree started. It was this Brother that conferred my First Degree and who would also confer my Third Degree and raise me as a Master Mason. His name was M.:W.: Herbert M. Edman, Past Grand Master of Masons in Washington from 1981-1982. To the members of Tyee No. 115, however, he was more commonly known as ‘Herb.’

Herbert M. Edman, known to some as, ‘the Gentle Giant,’ and to others simply as, ‘Marty’ was born January 12, 1916 in a town called Franklin, Washington and later moved with his family to Enumclaw in 1921. He attended school there and graduated from Enumclaw High School in 1934. After graduating from high school he moved to Kelso in 1940 where he met and married the love of his life Elwanda Parsons in 1942. Herb and Wanda were blessed with two daughters who later blessed with six Grand children.

In 1948, Herb and his family moved to Renton Washington where he joined the Renton Police Department. He served

first as a patrol officer, was later promoted to Sergeant in 1962, and was promoted again to the rank of Lieutenant in 1966. As a Lieutenant, Herb was responsible for Records and Communications. Herb was granted an early retirement from the police force due to a patrol car accident which occurred while chasing a fleeing suspect. Fortunately, the suspect was apprehended and later convicted.



It was during his tenure with the Renton Police Department that M.:W.: Brother Edman began his Masonic Career in Tyee Lodge, No. 115. He was raised as a Master Mason on July 3, 1958 and was first appointed Junior Steward in 1959. He rose through the chairs of the Lodge and eventually was installed as Master in 1963. Early on Brother Edman recognized the importance of good ritual work. While he was moving up the line in Tyee, he earned his Grand Lodge three-year proficiency certificate.

My ritual coach, Brother John Losey, once told me a story that I can picture to this day. John was taking his Degrees while he was on active duty in the Navy and Herb was his ritual coach. Whenever Brother John would return from leave, he would walk with Herb on his beat and practice his ritual. It was always easy to imagine these two Brothers walking the streets of Renton side by side rehearsing whatever ritual part they were working on that day.

Most Worshipful Brother Herb began his Grand Lodge career when he was appointed Deputy of the Grand Master in District 13 for the years 1969-1970 and 1970-1971. He served on a special Committee to establish guidelines for uniform floor work and served on the Research and Education Committee for two years. He then served as Grand Lecturer for the years 1974-1975, Grand Chaplain from 1975-1976, Grand Marshal from 1976-1977 and finally Grand Historian from 1977-1978.

There are two aspects of Brother Edman’s report as Grand Historian worth noting. After summarizing the events of the Masonic year, Brother Herb uses three quotes that, as he put it, serve to answer the question, “What Good is History?” He also felt that these should serve to guide future historians as they begin their labors. One of these is the quote from Most Worshipful James O. Wood that I used earlier. The other two can be found in Most Worshipful Brother Herb’s report in the 1978 proceedings.

The remainder of Brother Herb’s report is devoted to paying tribute to V.:W.: Paul Harvey, author of the Centennial History of the Grand Lodge of Washington, “Not Made with Hands.” In this tribute, Herb first gives a brief outline of the history of the position of Grand Historian from its inception and then goes on to outline the contributions made by Brother Harvey during his Masonic career. Brother Herb concludes his report by recommending that Brother Harvey be made Grand Historian Emeritus of the Grand Lodge of Washington. The Brothers present unanimously approved this recommendation.

Most Worshipful Brother Herb was elected Junior Grand

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Warden in 1978 and moved up the elected Grand Lodge Line until his election as Grand Master in 1981. His Grand Master’s message contains an eloquent statement of his Masonic philosophy. In it he states, “The principles of Masonry are as old as the history of mankind. Men of character will never forget them. Living by these principles one becomes a true representative of the Fraternity and those with a wish to emulate these representatives will enquire and thus petition for membership. Quantity with quality should be the aim and will be as long as we exemplify the tenets that have made this Fraternity a part of so many lives through history.”

Brother Herb’s deep knowledge and understanding of Masonic ritual provided him with a framework by which he lived his entire life. His Masonic philosophy can be summarized in the charge of the First Degree which he often quoted from. In particular the final paragraph which reads, “Finally, my Brother, be faithful to the trust committed to your care, and manifest your fidelity to our principles by a strict observance of the Constitutions of the Fraternity; by adhering to the Ancient Landmarks, and by refusing to recommend anyone to a participation in our privileges unless you have a strong reason to believe that, by a similar fidelity, he will reflect honor upon our ancient institution.” This was the creed which Most Worshipful Brother Herb lived by throughout his Masonic career and his life outside Masonry as well.

This gentle man and outstanding Mason was called to the celestial Lodge on May 16, 1998. Brother Herb was both a mentor and a friend. Brother Herb was a very humble man as well. If you visited Tyee Lodge and didn’t know better, you would have thought that Herb was just another Mason. He never wore his Past Grand Master regalia, but instead always wore a plain white apron. He only wore his regalia at Grand Lodge Communications. Brother Herb gave me a glimpse of what might have been his reasoning for this one day as we were traveling to the Grand Lodge office in Tacoma. In the process he taught me two lessons which have stayed with me ever since.

Since I had only known him for a few months, I was still a bit awed to have a Past Grand Master take an interest in me much less volunteer to drive me to Tacoma. As we were on the way to the Grand Lodge office, I commented about how amazing it must have been to have served as Grand Master. In response, Herb told me that yes it was a great experience and a great honor but it was important not to get carried away by titles and accolades. He stressed that even though there were many different Degrees in Masonry, the most important were the first three. He also told me that, “the most important title in this Fraternity is ‘Brother.’” This is something that all of us should strive to remember each and every day.



VWB Jim Maher
Grand Historian

One more.....

Have you ever thought of becoming a youth group Advisor? We are looking for a few good men, to serve on the front-line – to represent the great Masons of Washington to our youth groups by volunteering to serve as Advisors in Rainbow Girls, Job’s Daughters and DeMolay.

This is the mission put forth by our Grand Master – MWB Jim Mendoza. He would like “one more” Masonic Advisor for every youth group in the Jurisdiction.

Sadly, as Masons, we are grossly under-represented in the adult ranks of our Masonic youth groups. In fact, to take it a step further, we have far too many Masonic Centers in Washington that have no youth group meeting there at all.

On a positive note, many Lodges in Washington sponsor one or more of these youth groups and in many cases, being involved with the kids has reaped great benefits in the way of attracting men to our Fraternity. In the case of my own Lodge, we are younger and have many more active members than if we did not have Rainbow and DeMolay in our Hall.

To quote our Grand Master Jim - “For years our youth leaders have told us ‘we appreciate your money, but we would love to see you at our meetings and activities’.

It is about time we listen and act. This is a Masonic family, and the Job’s Daughters, Rainbow Girls, and young men of DeMolay are our kids.

So attend a meeting, support one of their activities, become an advisor, encourage your children and Grand children to join these incredibly special groups.”

This is the core and foundation of our Grand Lodge Youth Committee’s message to the Lodges this year. We will challenge our Brethren to “Be the Difference” in regards to our youth and help build the future for our Fraternity.

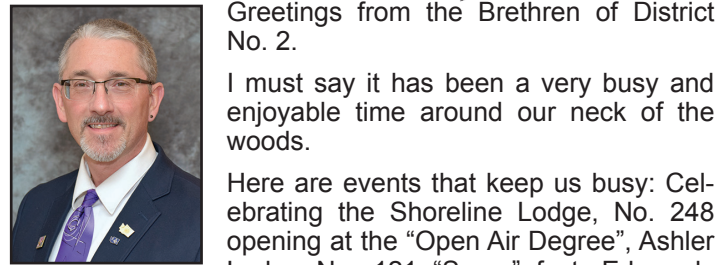
If you would like to explore the possibilities, visit your local group today. If you have questions or do not know where to begin, contact me: jbdanner@comcast.net

WB John Danner
Youth Committee

SUDOKU SYMBOL PUZZLE (Solution)

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Greetings from the Brethren of District No. 2.

I must say it has been a very busy and enjoyable time around our neck of the woods.

Here are events that keep us busy: Celebrating the Shoreline Lodge, No. 248 opening at the "Open Air Degree", Ashler Lodge No. 121 "Spam" fest; Edmonds Lodge No. 165 "Ship Builders" Degree and Genesis Lodge, No. 305 Table Lodge. The Brethren had opportunities to enjoy fellowship at every turn.

District No. 2 continues to "Be the Difference" through continuing education.

There is a District wide Wardens and Deacons three day training class being held September 23rd through the 25th. This training program continues to lead the way for training our incoming Masters and Wardens.

It is a jam packed, informative and fast paced three day training filled with great tools for success, lots of time for Q&A along with "how does this apply to my Lodge "applications and creates lifelong bonds between the officers of each Lodge within the District.

If you are interested in looking at the training or have questions, about the training please let me or any members of the District 2 Education Team know.

With installations coming up in the near future there will also be a District No. 2 Deacons and Stewards work shop on November 12th from 10am to Noon held at the Shoreline Masonic Center.

This is a great opportunity for Brethren who are thinking about becoming a Deacon or Steward or ones who have already been selected to serve to work on floor work, introductions, and other duties of the office in a fun and encouraging environment. All who attend will be more confident in their work and "Be the Difference" in their respective Lodges.

Fraternally,
VWB Jimmy Norton
Deputy of the Grand Master in District No 2
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As September approaches, activity in District 5 resumes after a relaxed summer with many Lodges dark and others observing a laid-back summer program. Both of the Lodges that were not dark for the summer had notable and exciting events. The July meeting of St. Johns No. 9 was notable not only for its Hawaiian-themed "Herb's Night," but for the presentation of a well-deserved Hiram Award to their long-time secretary, VWB Jim Russell. In addition, that month, Esoterika No. 316 celebrated their 10th anniversary with a very thoughtfully organized table Lodge. MWB Chuck

McQuery, the Grand Master when the Lodge was Chartered was an invited guest, as was MWB Jim Mendoza, our beloved current Grand Master.

I would like to encourage any and all elected officers in the District to study up and obtain their Proficiency in Lodge Management certificate. The written portion is self-study, self-paced, and open book, and by the time you've tumbled through its 100 questions you'll find that you're well versed in the WMC and the Lodge Officer's Handbook. The oral portion is scheduled with me directly, which leads me to the next point: the District 5 Wardens Competition is scheduled for October 22, 2016. Participation in that event carries with it two key benefits: you will be fully prepared for your year in the East, and it will count for the vast majority of the oral part of the PiLM. I hope all Wardens will participate in this event and pass their PiLM. It is the greatest gift you could possibly offer your Lodge.

Finally, I would like to pass along some exciting information from the District 5 Association. The association has begun an internal dialog about its function. Rather than existing solely to plan social events, we have started to explore ways in which we can embark on an ambitious project to reach into underserved communities and offer a hand up to bright kids with the ultimate goal of getting them through high school and into a college or university, so that they can become productive, contributing members of the community and enjoy a decent life. How will we do this? That is what we're working out, and we'd love your help mapping the road ahead. How better to be the difference that leaves the world a little better than you found it?

VWB Dan Boren
Deputy of the Grand Master in District No. 5



Fraternal Greetings to the Brethren of District 13!

It is an honor to have been installed as the District 13 Deputy this past June. Many distinguished Masons who have been influential in my Masonic journey have served in this capacity and I am humbled at the opportunity to serve the District in this capacity.

One of the aspects of District 13 that I have come to appreciate is the diversity among the Lodges. Of course, we all exemplify Masonic labor from the same Standard Work, but what I am talking about is the culture of each of the Lodges.

From my perspective, diversity is very much a source of strength. Perhaps even more so with Freemasonry, diversity is a natural phenomenon, likely borne from the very fact that men of all occupations join the Craft for a variety of reasons. For some, it is the social aspect, for others, they connect with community outreach the Lodge has established and supports. Some men join the Craft to explore its deeper mysteries and symbolic nature. In this District, you see this manifesting itself in the different ways in each of the Lodges as they conduct their functions. In other words, no two Lodges are exactly the same!

All of this becomes the basis by which the culture of the Lodge is created. Whether you are talking about a small business, a Fortune 500 company or a local Fraternity, each

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one of these has an organizational culture. And while diversity is something to be celebrated, at the same time, organizational culture should be discussed and cultivated with purpose. Successful organizations know who they are, what makes them tick and how they offer value to the constituency they serve. And this is just as important to a Masonic Lodge, particularly as we see a new generation of men considering joining our ranks.

Successful Lodges have a leadership team that meets regularly to discuss running the affairs of the Lodge with managed intention. Their culture and value is something they understand and discuss. It guides their efforts in broad topics such as Masonic education, fraternalism, social functions, new membership process, conferral-planning, interaction with youth organizations and concordant bodies, and membership involvement. Culture is created and maintained with purposeful intent, not through serendipity.

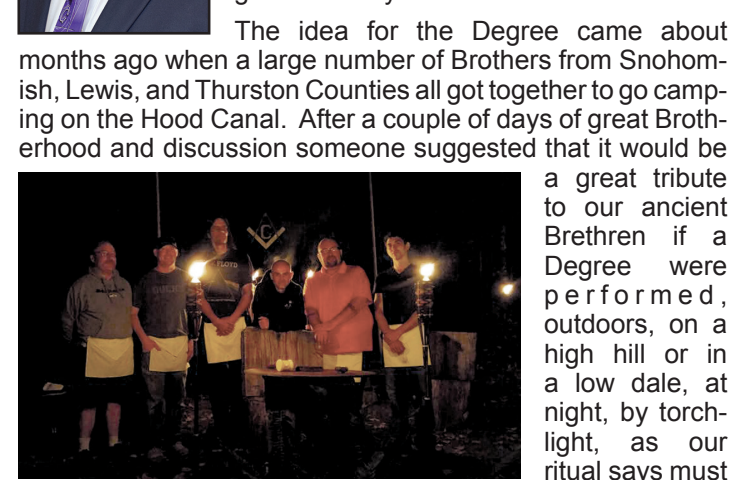
While we celebrate and embrace our uniqueness, let us also continue to examine how we can be the best version of what we intend to be!

Fraternally,
VWB Zane P. McCune
Deputy of the Grand Master in District No. 13



The Torchlight Degree

On the night of August 20, District 17 and District 8 worked together to confer the Second Degree, outdoors, by Torchlight. Feedback from the Degree on social media has been superb, with more than one person declaring it to be the greatest Degree that they have ever witnessed.



have happened long ago.

That idea took root, and months of planning began. Under the leadership of WM Darrick Hayman Damascus Lodge, No. 199 agreed to request that their Lodge Charter be moved to the Masonic Park for the Degree and that request was approved. Various Lodges from around Western Washington sent requests for Courtesy Work to Damascus 199 so that their candidates could go through what promised to be a unique and deeply meaningful experience.

We ended up with six total candidates, so two separate Degree Teams were formed, utilizing the best ritualists from both District No. 8 and District No. 17. Damascus 199 and Centralia Lodge, No. 63 provided the necessary props and equipment. Various Brothers from throughout District 8 bought a tremendous number of tiki torches, and men from both Districts provided gallons of fuel for them.

The folks responsible for planning the Degree spent the weekend at the Masonic Park, finalizing the details, and just enjoying each other's company. As with all the best Masonic events, we were all exceptionally well fed, with a huge Thank You due to our camp chef and driving force behind the Degree, WB Larry Foley.

The Degree was scheduled to begin at 9:00pm, and folks began arriving for it a few hours early. By the time dinner was served about 40 Brothers were present to enjoy grilled burgers and all the trimmings. Approximately 60 Brothers attended the Degrees in the very dark, but well tiled Outdoor Lodge Room at the Masonic Park. Lodge was Opened by WB Darrick Hayman and Closed by VWB Cameron Bailey. VWB Cary Cope and Bro. Joe Towns conferred the Degrees. VWB Clayton Lavigne gave the Middle Chamber Lecture. The Lodge was closed at approximately 11:30pm, and an after party ensued back at the campground that lasted well into the night. All enjoyed a superb experience.

VWB Cameron M. Bailey
Deputy of the Grand Master in District No 17

Brethren,



I hope you have all had an enjoyable summer. It is hard to believe that fall is already here!

Two things in District 27 stand out in my mind from this summer. Those things are the Centennial Celebration of North Hill Lodge No. 210 and the anticipated opening of the new downtown Spokane Masonic Center.

North Hill Lodge No. 210 celebrated its Centennial Celebration on Saturday, August 20. Currently meeting at the Audubon Park Masonic Temple, North Hill continues to be an active Lodge in District 27 having to move twice since the sale of their building in Spokane's Garland District approximately three years ago. My sincere congratulations to the Brethren of North Hill Lodge No. 210.

Masonry in downtown Spokane will soon have a new home. The Spokane Masonic Temple Association has purchased the Selkirk building, located at 506 W 2nd Ave. The first floor of the building will feature a large Lodge room and dining room facilities, with the 2nd floor serving as office space for the Spokane Early Life (previously Rite Care) Speech clinic. The building will also house a Masonic library, office spaces for Lodges moving into the building, as well as additional storage facilities. The new building is expected to be open in time for the District 27 meeting on Saturday, October 22. We hope to see you there!

That's it for now Brethren! I look forward to seeing you all in the year ahead.

Fraternally,
VWB Ryan Leonard
Deputy of the Grand Master in District No. 27

Membership Development Committee



I became a Master Mason in 1996 while attending law school in Boston. The next year, the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts asked me to sit in on a Committee so they could understand “what new Masons and young men want from Masonry.” This was a preliminary effort to understand membership acquisition and retention. That was almost 20 years ago and Freemasonry in general – with all the Jurisdictions working on this problem to one Degree or another – hasn’t found a magic bullet that will allow us to attract and retain good men consistently. I was thinking of this fact as I took the chair of the Membership Development Committee this year and, in doing so, realized that the Committee will probably also not find definitive solutions to attracting and retaining good men to the Craft.

However, we are making strides in further implementing processes that have worked in other Jurisdictions – such as the Six Steps to initiation. The hope is that if we do all we can to initiate well informed men who have been vetted properly; they will be more involved for years to come. However in many ways, improving the initiation process is much easier than retaining good Masons because the initiation process is linear, while retention is not. With that challenge in mind, your Grand Lodge Membership Development Committee is examining certain factors that will lead to better retention.

CREATING LIFESTYLE: People create lifestyles by participating in activities that initially provide value to their lives and then this becomes habit, which creates the overall lifestyle. An example would be some sport or exercise. Initially, we start “going to the gym” because we want to be more fit (the value) but eventually it becomes a habit and part of our lifestyle. This will likely continue until there is some external factor that causes a break in the habit, such as an injury, change in family or work schedule, etc.

Since you are reading this article, I’m going to assume you have a Masonic lifestyle to one Degree or another. You may be in the officer line, a Past Master that does frequent Degree work, involved in the youth programs or other activities. Imagine if you just came to Lodge once a month, sat on the sidelines and left. Would this be something you would want to do year after year? The fact is: lifestyles keep men involved, meetings and random activities do not. Odds are, if you think back, the Masonic lifestyle you have today is different than it has been in the past and was likely a matter of circumstance. You were asked to do something at one time or another, which led to something else, etc. etc.

CLOSING THE CRACKS: If we are initiating the right men, we lose them when they slip through the cracks because, for whatever reason, they did not randomly get involved in activities that helped you continue your Masonic lifestyle. Frequently this is when there are breaks in our Masonic “habit.” Some of these are external – a new baby in the family, marriage, health issues, etc – and we are not addressing these from a Grand Lodge perspective at this point. Others, however, are inherent in our Craft. For example, finishing the Degrees is one of these breaks. The Brother has just gone through a process that is new to him, intense and has taken months or even years to complete. If done

properly, this has provided great value to the new Brother and began a habit of Masonry. He cannot simply be “left to the wind” after the very structured process is complete. The “Beyond Six Steps” program is designed to mitigate this transition and the Committee is committed to promoting this program.

However, more and more frequently, new Master Masons are moved into another intense and linear process by being appointed a line officer. In many ways, this simply pushes off the “break” until they are a Past Master. At that point the lifestyle is broken and we lose active members again.

The Membership Development Committee this year is focused on providing tools that will help Lodges create a Masonic lifestyle for men at three critical times:

- 1) **PRE-PETITION** – By fully integrating the Six Step process into the initiatory process, both the potential initiate and the Lodge should be able to fully evaluate if a Masonic lifestyle is for him.
- 2) **POST-DEGREES** – By formalizing and promoting the Beyond Six Step process, along with efforts from the Research and Education Committee in promoting the New Candidate Education Program, the new Master Mason should be able to successfully make the transition from the initiatory process to an active member of the Masonic Family – this may include the Lodge, youth and/or concordant bodies, depending on his interests.
- 3) **PAST MASTER** – The Committee will be working hard to formulate a program that helps keep Past Masters active in the Fraternity.

Initially, the Committee planned to conduct a survey that would confirm some of our assumptions. However, due to some technical difficulties in finding and confirming contact information, such as emails, for a large number of our members, we will be doing some focus groups instead as we finalize and formulate the programs for roll out later this Masonic year. Please let me know by sending an email to Brotherpaul32@gmail.com if you are interested in participating in a focus group or have other suggestions.

Fraternal Submitted,
VWB Paul Waadevig
Chairman, Membership Development Committee

“Whose job is it anyway”?



I cannot count the number of times I have been buttonholed by well meaning Masons in the past three years, all too eager to provide me with the one and only solution to the Craft’s relative lack of visibility in the community and attendant lack of new members. Invariably shared in a hushed voice as if it were the sacred password of a Degree I was just then privileged to receive, they utter with widened eyes – “We’ve got to advertise!” At the risk of offending many a Brother, most of the Lodges in our Jurisdiction are better positioned for merging with another Lodge and surrendering their Charter than they are properly geared to handle the already existing flow of young men eager to learn more about Masonry from their neighborhood Lodge.

(In an “Alec Baldwin voice”) Oh, do I have your attention now? (Apologies to David Mamet). Rightfully so, the strategy of the Grand Lodge “Elected” the past couple of years has

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been to “re-claim the narrative” of Freemasonry in Washington. That is the point! Millennials and Generation-X’ers are already talking about Freemasonry: the proud legacy of our founding fathers, the timeless principles of faith and charitable service, and Freemasonry’s unique ability to inspire the leaders of today and tomorrow. What they often get however, is “Tri-lateral Commission” and “New World Order” conspiracy fodder whipped up by small-minded zealots on a mission. They get this because they – like most Americans – are going to the internet to find out more. What they ought to receive is an open invitation from their neighborhood Lodge to come to dinner and learn more, or attend a “Community Night Open House”, or, or, or...but they don’t, because their neighborhood Lodge doesn’t have any presence on the web.

How effective would your Lodge be if the building in which it resides did not have a door? The analog between the two is valid. The internet is the portal through which, like it or not, most men (people) are travelling through first in search of information. Optimizing the website for the Grand Lodge of Washington as one of the first steps in re-claiming the narrative about Freemasonry was vital. To begin reaching outwards to men who haven’t even begun thinking about the world’s oldest Fraternity before we could effectively respond to those who are actively searching us out to learn more about Masonry would have been fundamentally flawed, and likely a squandering of limited resources.

To be completely transparent, digital marketing is a large part of what I have been successfully doing for a living as a marketing consultant for several decades in Seattle and now Spokane. However, neither I, nor the company for which I work, have had any role in the Grand Lodge website, nor am I the least bit interested in pitching website work to Lodges. Many companies can provide you a custom website and hosting for \$300 or less a year. Once it is up and running, it is a snap to put your monthly Trestle board and calendar of events up. If your Lodge does not have one, you really ought to get one. Look at the Lodges in your District. See if the one that is getting the most new members does not have at least a web page, if not also a FaceBook page or Twitter account.

The Public Relations Committee is working with other several Grand Lodge Committees to re-claim the narrative, which will include the development of some radio, TV and digital platform messaging for membership recruitment. Once this messaging initiative is launched, will your Lodge be properly prepared to respond when an increasing number of young men go through the portal they are most familiar with to learn more? Or will it be another Lodge in your District – if at all?

Roger Nelson
Chairman
Public Relations Committee

(ed. – WB Roger Nelson was an investigative reporter for KOMO and KING in Seattle for over a decade before moving into Broadcast management nearly 25 years ago. Nelson concurrently served as Executive Director of the WSU Cougar Sports Radio Network in 28 cities for 7 years and the Seattle Mariners Spanish Network for 3 years and since 1998 has been the Senior Account Executive with the KXLY Broadcast Group and Phase 3 Digital Agency).

What is a Long Range Plan?



Is it a vision or a mission?

It might relate to, embody, support a vision, or mission statement, but it is neither of these.

Then what is it? Is a long-range plan more of a goal, a hope, or maybe a dream?

Most people that have studied business or leadership in some capacity would all agree that goals that are not written down are not goals at all, they are simply dreams.

Brethren, about 30 men from across this State met on a Saturday morning not long ago and discussed the concepts of what our Long Range Plan should include. The summation of these concepts is included here and has been given the name “The 6 Supports of 20-20 Vision”.

We recognize that it is not something we can just announce and make it happen overnight. It is going to take some time, cooperation, and the support of every man in our State to if it is going to become a reality.

We recognize that it will take months and even years for this message to become the common language among all our members, which is why the name implies at least a four year process to the year 2020 in hopes that by the year 2020 there is a common message about the direction of our Fraternity.

The 6 Supports of 20-20 Vision

Membership experience

Engage and retain members and their families through an enhanced, sustaining, and relevant membership experience.

Masonic education

Educate members and communities about the Fraternity’s intriguing and enduring history, values, practical application of our principles, and relevance to society today.

Leadership and management

Strengthen our leaders and cultivate new ones; strengthen management and governance effectiveness at all levels.

Beyond the Lodge

Instill a wider Masonic perspective, inside and outside the Fraternity, by deepening the connection between members, Lodges, the worldwide body of Freemasonry, concordant organizations, and the Public at large.

Philanthropy

Focus our philanthropic efforts through Washington Masonic Charities.

Technology

In all areas, leverage technology for communications, education, management, charities, and deepening the connections of members to our Fraternity.

A great example of a successful message that has been consistent, easily explained and readily adopted is the “Six Steps to Initiation” which was implemented about three to four years ago here in Washington and is just now starting to be common language among many Brethren and Lodges around the State. Of course, there is still some confusion about what the “Six Steps to Initiation” and how it is supposed to be used. However, if you just took 10 minutes (literally that’s all it takes) and read the instructions for the Six Steps to Initiation program, there is no doubt how it is supposed to be used and what the process

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is supposed to be. Moreover, let me confirm, those Lodges that are using it (or some form of it) have seen excellent results.

The next piece becomes the "What is Next?" element and I know our other Committees are hard at work to reshape some of the education, training & information that is already available, yet needs some updating.

The Long Range Plan must support or align with these new Programs and Initiatives. It must be clear and concise, but allow for flexibility and creativity on how the outcomes are achieved.

Those of us that are more analytical might ask: "But where is the measurement? How do we know if we have achieved the goal?" All we need to do is ask, turn the goal into a question and ask:

- Do we engage and retain members and their families through an enhanced, sustaining, and relevant membership experience?
- Do we educate members and communities about the Fraternity's intriguing and enduring history, values, practical application of our principles, and relevance to society today?
- Do we strengthen our leaders and cultivate new ones; strengthen management and governance effectiveness at all levels?
- Do we instill a wider Masonic perspective, inside and outside the Fraternity, by deepening the connection between members, Lodges, the worldwide body of Freemasonry, concordant organizations, and the Public at large?
- Do we focus our philanthropic efforts through Washington Masonic Charities?
- Do we leverage technology for communications, education, management, charities, and deepening the connections of members to our Fraternity?

If we can answer "Yes!" to all of these questions, then just maybe, we have achieved these Long Range Plans. But, I also believe the mandatory follow up question is HOW.

For example the question might be; "Do we engage and retain members and their families through an enhanced, sustaining, and relevant membership experience?" With the answer being, "Yes".

The follow up question should be, "How?" How do we engage and retain members and their families through an enhanced, sustaining, and relevant membership experience?

The answer to THIS question is the real story. If we are able to develop programs and a consistent message around the ability to answer this question, "How?", then that is when I believe we have achieved the goal.

I challenge you to ask yourself these simple questions.

How would YOU answer these questions?

How would your Lodge answer these questions?

If you can take the time, I would like to know your answers.

You can submit your responses at: <http://6Supports.Weebly.com>

Let us set to work.

Fraternally Submitted,

VWB David W. Colbeth, Chairman
Long Range Planning Committee &
Task Force on Long Range Planning

Giving the gift of life, being the difference

A Lodge in southeastern Washington took time to roll up its sleeves this summer and showed its bright Masonic light in the community in a way that helps save lives.

"I set several challenges for myself, and a few expectations for the Lodge when I was elected Master last fall," said Worshipful Brother Alex English, Worshipful Master of Blue Mountain 13 in Walla Walla. "One of those was to restart our community involvement with the American Red Cross and the Blood Drive program."

WB English contacted the Richland, Wash. office and started the ball rolling to learn what it takes to host a Red Cross Blood Drive event.

"Our blood drive was overseen by Vickie Hermanson, R.N., the ARC team supervisor for the area. The Red Cross folks were wonderful to work with. They have these events down to the last detail from arrival to departure," WB English said. "They even had the cleanup and closeout routine down to a science."

The next step was to determine the date and get support from the Lodge and the Temple Board for the Walla Walla Masonic Center. Once the late-July date was approved, WB English enlisted Bro. Al Conetto, Senior Warden in Blue Mountain Lodge, No. 13, and Very Worshipful Brother Jack



Largent, Junior Warden (and President of the Temple Board) to get the job done.

"The Temple Board waived its customary fee for public activities and we were off and running.

RN Hermanson and her two phlebotomists brought their equipment and went to work. Twyla Perkins and Karis Miller were ready and waiting for donors who showed up to participate," English said.

The Red Cross team said the Blue Mountain Lodge, No. 13 drive had 20 donor candidates arrive to participate, which is about normal for a new blood drive site and about two-thirds were able to donate, which is about average. Seven candidates were deferred from donation.. However, they will have another opportunity in the future because, according to Hermanson, ARC is in Walla Walla often.

First up in a donor chair that day was ARC's Perkins, according to Hermanson.

"We all donate as often as we can," Hermanson said. "Some of us also donate platelets when we are eligible."

Future donors, as well as those deferred, will have another chance to participate in an American Red Cross blood drive at the Walla Walla Masonic Center.

"We're going to do another blood drive in late September, if everything goes according to plan," said English.

VWB Dutch Meier
Past Master Blue Mountain Lodge, No. 13 (Walla Walla)
Public Relations Committee



Scottish Rite Happenings



The Scottish Rite Valleys (Lodges) throughout the State will be celebrating Scottish Rite Day on November 12, 2017. This celebration will take many forms: such as open houses, Degree Conferrals, charity events, and several others. This will be a National event with both the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction and the Southern Masonic Jurisdiction participating. If you are interested in what will transpire in your area, drop by the Scottish Rite Center near you and ask for information about Scottish Rite Day and the Rite in general.

There are some exciting things happening in the philanthropies within the Orient of Washington. The speech and language program sponsored by Scottish Rite (known as Rite Care) which provides services for children between the ages of 2 and 7 is in the process of expanding. The clinics in Spokane and Seattle (Shoreline) are moving into new expanded facilities to enable servicing more clients. A new clinic is being opened in Walla Walla and a new clinic will be opened in Bremerton later this year. Rite Care of Washington is rebranding itself and will be known as Early Life Speech and Language. This will be the third time in the life of this program in the State of Washington to rebrand itself. Originally, it was known as Childhood Speech and Language Clinics, then Rite Care of Washington, and now Early Life Speech and Language. As with any name change, there is some push back by some supporters but regardless of the name the services provided to the young clients, their parents and extended family remain the same and are provided to at no cost.

The Scottish Rite Scholarship Foundation of Washington has recently expanded its awards to deserving students. For several years over \$250,000.00 was the amount awarded annually. Due to a recent change in the Foundation status, the amount awarded this year was in excess of \$450,000.00. Over 120 students in their Junior year or higher were awarded scholarships of \$3,000.00 or where appropriate, fellowships of \$6,000.00. There are criteria that must be met by the recipients. Information on how to apply can be found on the web site, <http://www.srsfw.org/>. Interested students are encouraged to visit the site and make application if they meet the criteria.

Members of the Masonic Fraternity that are not members of the Scottish Rite are encouraged to visit or contact a Valley in their area. Scottish Rite is often referred to as the "University of Masonry" as there are 29 additional Degrees that further expand on the moral and ethical lessons of the Esoteric Degrees. If you would like to explore how to expand, the growth of your "Spiritual" edifice you are invited contact any of the local Valleys.



Warmest Fraternal Regards,
Alvin W. Jorgensen, 33°
Sovereign Grand Inspector General
In the Orient of Washington
Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite
S.J.U.S.A.

Greetings Washington Freemasons!



It is a great time to be a DeMolay in Washington! As the Grand Lodge of Washington is huge supporters of Washington DeMolay, I feel it is of major importance for you to be aware not only of DeMolay, but the current happenings and achievements that are being taken place.

It has been a spectacular year so far in this jurisdiction. The theme for this year is "DeMolay: Leveled Up Leadership" and we want to take DeMolay to a whole new level not thought possible. The Elected State Corps Officers has been putting in place several key programs to level up DeMolay in Washington.

The first initiative is the "DeMolay Hierarchy", a Chapter Development program derived from Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs to assess the needs of Chapters and to give them the support they need to grow.

The second initiative is DeMolay University, a new educational website for training individual Members, Advisors, and Chapters on DeMolay and Leadership. We offer online classes about running a Chapter Meeting, how to speak publicly, writing thank you note, life skills, and Advisor Development. As our catalog of offerings grows, we hope this can become the go to location for our youth groups around the world. Stop by and take a look around at: www.DeMolay.University

Our third initiative is to improve our social media outreach so we can be more visible to the community. Our final method of leveling up is to initiate 75 members for us to reach positive membership growth so other young men may experience the lessons and fun in DeMolay.

As all of you can see, there are some big things happening in Washington DeMolay. DeMolay is a young men's organization designed to promote youth development through leadership opportunities, personal responsibility, incredible fun, and brotherhood. We are all across the state and I highly encourage each and every one of you to get involved if possible. Grand Master Jim Mendoza, a Senior DeMolay, has pushed exceedingly his "One More" initiative, in order to get one more Advisor involved in each of the Masonic Youth Groups: DeMolay, Rainbow for Girls, and Job's Daughters. You can be that Advisor; it is not hard, a fantastic experience and a lot of fun. Bring another Brother and you can make it possibly "Two More" or even "Three More". Wouldn't that be something?

A great way to begin getting involved is attending our annual Grand Master's Class, an initiation in honor of M.W. Jim Mendoza. It shall take place on November 12th at the Seattle Scottish Rite, and it is a wonderful opportunity to see firsthand the teachings and work of DeMolay and the hard work the young men of today put in.

As State Master Councilor, I can truly say it is an honor to be involved and serve DeMolay. It has led me to become a member of King Solomon Lodge, No. 60 in Auburn. It has developed me exponentially, and has introduced me to individuals who I consider lifelong friends and have brought me to light in becoming a man. Think of the many young men you can bring to light as well, if you were involved.

Fraternally,

Luke A. Walker
State Master Councilor
Washington DeMolay



Changing our focus, supporting our traditions



Among his remarks at his installation ceremony, Most Worshipful Brother Jim Mendoza declared his respect and appreciation for veterans of America's armed forces and challenged his (and your) Military Recognition Committee to find a new way of doing business. The first of his hopes was to see that Freemasonry helps eligible veterans to see the monuments in Washington, DC, via the Honor Flight Program.



To support that program, he committed the proceeds of his Grand Master's pins to be used to send Washington veterans, including our Brethren, on Honor Flight trips. Here in our Grand Jurisdiction, there are two operating programs. Puget Sound Honor Flight operates out of Seattle, and Inland Northwest Honor Flight, which is based in Spokane. Every pin this year goes for five bucks or better. Your dollars go directly to Honor Flight. Your respect, patriotism and Masonic generosity show every time we sell another pin.

To help sell those pins, the Military Recognition Committee

members, Worshipful and Very Worshipful Brothers Don Downing, Tig Dupre, Nick Pemberton, Steve Pennington, Jim Tuortilotte and Doug Stamper are as close as a call or an email. Our District Deputies have pins available, also. To get yours (before our MWGM visits your Lodge or event) get in touch with any of us by phone or email. With your invitation or request, we'll try to get a committee member in your area to your Lodge to discuss the work of the committee and our efforts for the Honor Flight programs this year.

Some of our Brethren have already participated in the program. Here is what several of them had to say after their visits to Washington with Honor Flight.

Worshipful and Illustrious Bro. Sam Schneidmiller, 93, Blue Mountain #13, Walla Walla, served in the Army Air Corps and later in the fledgling U.S. Air Force as an aircraft mechanic working on B-29 bombers. He shared several observations about the trip.

"I think the most memorable part of the trip for me was our visit to Arlington National Cemetery. I had never seen it before and the dignity and reverence of the place was very moving to me," Schneidmiller said. "We also got toured around to several other monuments around the city."

He noted that there are no federal or state taxpayer dollars involved in the Honor Flight program. "It's all done with donations from private individuals and other benefactors to the program. The people who run this program really treated us wonderfully from start to finish."

Bro. Ken Nicoles, 90, a regular at Waitsburg #16 and Blue Mountain #13 in Walla Walla, was also a member of the Army Air Corps and later in the U.S. Air Force and retired from the Air Force as a Senior Master Sgt. in 1968.

"I just couldn't believe how fast the whole thing went! They had us busy from the time it all began to the time we got back. What they did for us was so special and everything was all designed to honor veterans. I'll be able to remember the trip forever."

Very Worshipful Brother Jack McCaw, Waitsburg #16, served in the U.S. Navy for two years, entering in 1945 as a 17-year-old fireman first class in the engine room of a medium landing ship.

"Oh, they treated royally," McCaw said of the program organizers. "It started in Spokane with the reception that we got when we boarded. There were hundreds of people there to send us off and when we came back we got a grand reception complete with a band playing all the military service branch songs. Wives, mothers, and other family and friends met us. That outfit sure did it up in tremendous fashion!"

"It was really neat to share this experience with my Brothers from the Lodge in Walla Walla. Everyplace we went, we had a police escort. The people from Honor Flight took us to all the memorials but the highlight for me was our visit to the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington. It is awe inspiring to watch those 3rd Infantry Regiment soldiers from the Old Guard. Talk about perfection! Their precision and dignity were just unreal."

The Honor Flight web site stresses that: "Trips are simply not possible without public support. Prior to Honor Flight Network, many veterans had given up all hope of ever seeing the World War II Memorial. Now they have hope, but time is not on our side. The time to act is now! We truly believe that the service of our WWII vets and their sacrifices saved the world from oppression and tyranny and this is our

very small way of saying, 'Thank you.' "

Can you think of a better reason to go buy your pin?

In future communications, and when we visit your Lodge, you will hear about MWB Jim's other challenges for this committee. Some of these include:

- * Develop information base to help engage current military members, veterans, their families and friends with outreach and information events and activities within this Grand Jurisdiction.

- * Increase Masonic engagement with organizations such as, but not limited to, Veterans Administration, Veterans of Foreign Wars, AmVets, American Legion, Wounded Warrior Project, POW/MIA, and so on.

- * Develop a voluntary registration database/index of Brethren who are veterans, to assist diverse opportunities around the Grand Jurisdiction.

As the committee efforts shift to new directions and processes, we cannot do it alone. We need your knowledge, experience, support and inspiration. If you have ideas, share them with us so that we can continue to reshape and evolve. To paraphrase what the new sheriff told us in his challenge when he set the Craft to work; "it's time for us to git 'er done".

In friendship and Fraternity,
VWB Dutch Meier
Chairman,
Military Recognition Committee

Thank you worshipful Master, Grand Master and brethren all. Before I begin we are on the EA could I have the Enter Apprentices please stand? Brethren I would like to welcome you to this august fraternity which I have enjoyed being a member of for over 25 years. I have been invited here to speak as the past Grand Orator. Some of you may recognize me from my portrayals of RWB Ben Franklin. I have given over 30 presentations in the persona of our illustrious brother and founding father. While I enjoy these endeavors, I am willing travel near, and far to educate the profane about the fraternity of Freemasonry I will tell you now it is all just wallpaper. It is inoffensive, open to the public and it goes with every décor. How are we as a fraternity move forward if we are content to congratulate each other on how great we were?



Why is it important to be the difference? Because the country that Freemasonry created, is no longer the land of the free. Because American institutions such as free speech,

Therefore, tonight's topic is how to be a public speaker. I want to warn you that I am not pulling punches my goal is to not make feel good but to incite you, to get you off the sidelines and in the thick of it. This year at grand lodge, I concluded my oration with a call to this grand jurisdiction to get behind our new Grand Master and be the difference now.

free assembly, and free worship have come under attack by those, who would undo us; and yes I could present my theories to support this but it would involve a detailed discussion of politics and religion, and I have no proof. Without proof my theories are just opinions. But when we hear the word Revolution bandied about in the public sphere with impunity.

We should all stop and take heed. How is today's topic "how to be a public speaker" going to help? Because we have to inform ourselves, we have to educate ourselves and we have to take our enlightenment and illuminate the world. You my brothers need, no must get off the sidelines and get involved.

First, let us consider some numbers there are 177 lodges in the state and 11, 837 members that averages out to about 67 members per lodge. At average participation rate of 21% and a command and control hierarchy of four to one, means that only two to three people per lodge are the movers and shakers and if my math is correct that means that a 157 year old, state wide, international organization of 177 charters, with over 43 million dollars in assets is being held aloft by the efforts of only 497 or 4% of its members.

Let us set a goal of a 2% increase in key players in our fraternity. Where will we find them? You cannot go after your old members they left for a reason asking them to come back to take on new responsibilities will probably prove fruitless. You cannot look at your new members they need to learn to follow before they can lead. We need to get our sideliners off the pine and in the game. This will have increased our overall effectiveness (many hands make light work) and by increasing our command density we will naturally create openings where we can plug in our new members giving them ownership of our lodges without the stress of throwing the new guy in the line.

How are we as a fraternity going convince 2 % of membership to step up? That is where you come in and that is why it is important that you take the time to learn how to become an effective public speaker.

First and foremost believe in your message, if you don't feel it in here you can't deliver. Secondly, educate yourself. When I accepted the opportunity to be the Grand Orator, I joined Toast Masters, even though I had been a successful public speaker. Spending time with a group of individuals dedicated to improving their speaking abilities was most beneficial. I learned mechanics of public speaking. I know where I want my topic to go before I start. I make my introduction relate to the body of my speech. When I give examples, I use a minimum of three and a maximum of five. I make my conclusion; summarize my speech in succinct and meaningful manner. In other words my brothers I will tell you the same message three times; at the beginning, the middle, and the end.

Therefore, to conclude my brothers I implore you to step up. To make the development of our Fraternity a priority, because a small increase in participation will double the effectiveness of our Fraternity. Why is this important? Because the world is not a static place, it is in a constant state of change and unless we make ourselves pertinent today, we will relegate ourselves to history. It is your turn to be the difference now.

WB Phil Rice
Past Master, Franklin Lodge, No. 5
Past Grand Orator

Why Do You Need a Unity March?



First and foremost, as the Worshipful Master of, and on behalf of Steilacoom Lodge #2, I would like to thank all of you for being here today. This is a historic moment, a moment that we will share together for all of eternity. Many have asked the question: "If you are all Masons, why do you need a Unity March? Why do you need this dialogue amongst yourselves?" The answer is simple...with all of the atrocities that we see happening in our current world and various machinations devising plans to divide and separate among gender, class, political affiliation and skin color, in the midst of my Brothers...I am home. Home is a place where we can discard the masks we oftentimes find ourselves wearing; where we can be free to express ourselves without judgment or the feeling of inferiority; where our views and opinions are no more or less valid than anyone else's and a place where we can genuinely laugh and feel safe.

Twenty-five years ago, our Brothers recognized the value of Unity when they set out to create what we have right now. More importantly, they saw the value in every one of us and laid the foundation upon which we should then build our moral and Masonic edifices, together. Just as the Church is an assemblage of believers in Christ, so too is the Masonic Lodge for it too is an assemblage of Free and Accepted Masons duly congregated. Nevertheless, I dare say that the Church and the Lodge are so much more. They have become our safety nets, our lifelines, our places of refuge, the incubators of revolutionary thought and ideas. And although time may ravage both the walls of the Church and the Lodge, we must come into the realization that we have not only an obligation to one another, but those outside the Church and outside the Lodge because these generous principles extend further in that every human being has a claim upon your kind office.

We all stand as a shining example of what and who we can become when we work together. But I charge each and every one of you to beware of complacency and comfortability for they are the enemies of change and Unity. We have created dialogue, we have created an exchange of information and have broken bread together...But always remember to continually ask yourselves: What more can I do to solidify our Unity? Because in the next 25 years the faces in the pews may change, so what will be said about us and the foundation that we are laying here today? I long for the day that we as Masons can be members of any Lodge of our choosing; where we can sit in any Lodge at any time among any of our Brethren and feel the way I feel at this very moment...at home. I urge you all to cultivate our Unity; to allow it to permeate the very fabric of your daily lives and to make it a part of your Masonic and Spiritual journey, for in doing so, our lives and the Craft will be an ever mindful example of the sacrifices that have been made for us and because of us and invariably allowing us to... "Be the Difference!"

WB Natural Allah
Worshipful Master
Steilacoom Lodge, No. 2



Our Grand Master, MWB Jim Mendoza motto this year is "Be the difference".

I thought about this motto and found it to be a great gift, if one applies to the principle. This is very similar to "Making good Men better."

First, I had to ask myself, how have I made a difference in the past and how can I use this experience to "Be the difference" in the future.

One of the experiences I can think that happened a few years back. A very strong wind knocked out power to most of the State of Washington. We too lost power to our home. In listening to the portable radio, the estimate of power restoration would be a least four days. We accepted this information and just bundled up for the next four days. We continued to listen to the radio for updated information of the restoration of power. The estimated four days had come and passed and we were still without power. On the fifth day, the information from the radio conveyed all power had been restored. Yet, we still did not have power. I called the utility company about still being without power. In talking with the utility company, they indicated that our neighborhood never reported losing power. The utility company came out and had power restored in three hours. This lesson taught me, the importance of speaking up and to not to assume the other person will speak up or do what needs to be done. Using this experience, I continue to "Be the Difference" in everyday life.

WB. W. Dean Markley
Editor
GLWA Masonic Tribune

Directory Listing of Services

The listing below is a Directory Service to provide the Brethren with listings of Masons practitioners and service providers for different line of work and disciplines. This is in keeping with the Masonic tradition of promoting each others welfare and together be able to rejoice in each other's prosperity. This publication will continue to build-up this listing until we can establish a better and well organized format to advertise the ad placements. For now the following directory is arranged by order that the placements have been received.

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