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## GRAND MASTERS MESSAGE

To my loving Brothers; Greetings.

As I write to you our Masonic year is over one third over. Boy, does the time go by?

Your Grand Lodge officers have been very busy during the past four months. We have been all over our state visiting Lodges, performing Cornerstone Ceremonies and putting on a good face of Freemasonry. It seems like we are never home, but we always feel at home with our Brothers. It feels so good to be able to set down at home and share some thoughts with you.

You will recall that in the Installation of Officers ceremony the Worshipful Master receives the various implements used in his Lodge. One of these implements is the Book of Constitutions. The Worshipful Master is charged "to search it at all times. Cause it to be read in your Lodge, that none may pretend ignorance of the excellent precepts it enjoins." As I visit Lodges and talk with Brothers I find that there is little or no understanding of our Book of Constitutions, and consequently the Masonic Law that we are all subject to is not only not understood but not respected.

I believe it is incumbent upon all of us to have a grasp of the "excellent precepts it enjoins". Your Grand Lodge developed a program to assist every Brother in appreciating our governing laws. This is the Proficiency in Lodge Management (This can be found on the Grand Lodge website under forms).

Many of us may be threatened by the challenge of searching the Washington Masonic Code and answering the questions. The work is not difficult at all. All of your elected Grand Lodge officers have accomplished the task and I have asked that all of the Deputies of the Grand Master complete the work. Many

accomplished this prior to our Annual Communication last June. I now ask that every Brother do the same.

In my travels I have found that Masonry in Washington is alive and well. I am encouraged by the energy that is found in all Lodges and the fantastic interest in Freemasonry we are seeing. Lodges that have not received petitions for many years are not getting new members and performing the degrees. We are all to be proud of our Fraternity and the excellent reputation we enjoy. Only through each of us living the excellent precepts taught within the Lodge and we maintain this standing in our communities.

Finally, I will close with a short poem that I received recently.

### LODGE NIGHT

**This night I'll lay aside  
My pipe and easy chair  
Books, TV and everything  
It's Lodge Night—I'll be there.  
There I'll find quiet peace,  
As I sit among my brothers,  
And feel a keen contentment  
That exceeds all others.**

**I'll hear again familiar words,  
And receive my share of Light,  
With courage I'll face tomorrow  
Because I went to Lodge last night.**

By: Dewey H. Wollstein  
See you in Lodge.

MW Charles W. McQuery  
Grand Master



### Grand Lodge Elected Officers

Grand Master  
**MW Charles W. McQuery**  
Deputy Grand Master  
**RW Wayne L. Smith**  
Senior Grand Warden  
**RW Douglas E. Tucker**  
Junior Grand Warden  
**RW Gale H. Kenny**  
Grand Secretary  
**RW David P. Owen**

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# Installations and our Standard Work

by RW Wayne Smith

As I travel around our jurisdiction, I note that occasionally we do things during the installation of officers that appear to me to not be accordance with the Standard Work. First let me say that the Washington Monitor IS part of the Standard Work of Washington and as such needs to be followed. As I look at the Monitor, among other things it specifies the ritualistic verbiage and the order in which officers are to be installed. I do not see any place that it allows anyone to change the order of officer installations. Just because you don't think the Chaplain or Marshal, or any other officer, is in the "progressive line" of your Lodge does not mean that you can change the order of installations or install him after the Stewards.

This brings up the point, please look at your installation program and insure that you are installing the "Chaplain" and not the "Chaplin". The last time I looked Charlie was not a member of the fraternity here in Washington. Picky – yes but let's not denigrate the esteemed office of Chaplain by not spelling it correctly. Some Lodges have installed a "Marshall" instead of a "Marshal". Marshal is correct for this Lodge officer. Marshall was a former United States Army General, United States Secretary of State, United States Secretary of Defense and author of the Marshall Plan but he was not a Lodge Officer in Washington. Just as a note – I find that some of these misspellings are also on various Lodge websites. Why not check yours and correct it if needed.

The Monitor tells us "It is the prerogative of the retiring Master to install his successor in office, who, on assuming the East, may install the remaining officers. This right may be waived, and any competent and well-qualified Past Master of a Lodge may, by proper request, act as Installing Officer. If the Grand Master or his Deputy be present, deference and respect are to be shown to his will and pleasure." This indicates to me that if the Grand Master

or his Deputy is present, the Installing Officer (or outgoing Worshipful Master) should offer to the Grand Master or his Deputy the privilege of doing the installation. Something like "Very Worshipful Brother \_\_\_\_\_, as Deputy of the Grand Master in District \_\_\_ it is your prerogative to install the officers of this Lodge. What is your pleasure"? You can rest assured that neither the Grand Master nor his Deputy will take that privilege unless they have been previously asked and accepted that responsibility. I know that there are many beautiful charges to the officers and Lodge that are used in other jurisdictions. These may not used in Washington in place of charges that are contained in our Monitor. In the event that you want to use a charge from another jurisdiction, you may but only after the entire Installation and Charges contained in the Washington Monitor have been completed as written.

Finally, Brethren, please join our Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Charles W. McQuery and the fantastic members of our jurisdiction as we "Walk the Talk". We are making great strides in our effort to make our vision statement - "Freemasons of Washington will be recognized as a relevant and respected Fraternity, committed to attracting and retaining all men of high quality, who strive for self-improvement and the opportunity to make a positive difference in their community" - a reality. Let's not slow down in this valiant effort now.

Fraternally,  
Wayne Smith  
Deputy Grand Master



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## Masonic Park Flood Restoration Program

By Kenneth Thompson, President, Master Mason Club

Brethren All:

If any of the brethren would like to see some of the damage they can go to <http://www.seattlemasons.org> and hit flood report. The restoration projects at the park will be scheduled to begin around February 1, 2006 after the rainy season ends.

Again, should you or your Masonic Group be able to assist us in restoring our wonderful park by either volunteering your time or by making a financial gift to the

2006 Masonic Park Flood Restoration Program it will really be appreciated.

Our point of contact is Fred and Paula Turner, our Park Managers, and they can be reached at (360) 691-6641. The mailing address is P.O. Box 1379 Granite Falls, Washington 98252 or email them at [turnermasprk@msn.com](mailto:turnermasprk@msn.com)

As the President of the Master Mason Club, I thank each and every one of you for taking the time to read this message.

# MENTORING

By RWB Douglas E. Tucker

Brethren All,

In the last article, I wrote of the importance of getting involved in the activities of your lodge. This time I want to share some further thoughts with you.

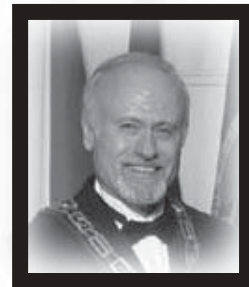
In addition to becoming more involved, or becoming involved initially, it is necessary to look at the other side of the coin. Those who have been the core “doers” have the responsibility of passing their knowledge and experiences along to those who are making their way into the arena of involvement. Lodges do not benefit from experienced members taking their “trade secrets” with them when they leave the lodge for whatever reason. This could be considered a form of mentoring.

We have the mentoring when a man becomes a brother, making certain he understands the landmarks and tenants of the craft. However, it is also a necessity that he be mentored in the various activities that are traditional to his own lodge. This can and should be accomplished with

help from the leadership of the lodge. Effective leaders find and appoint those who will be required to put plans and activities in motion and to see that these tasks are completed successfully. A brother assists in this process by making his talents known to his lodge brethren.

Remember, brethren we are at a time where we need to reshape our organization to be better than any other. Major corporations have known for years that they will only survive if they offer excellence in everything they do. Analyze your lodge; analyze yourself and see if it and you are meeting your criteria for excellence.

RWB Douglas E. Tucker  
Senior Grand Warden



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## Once a Steward, Always a Steward

By RW Gale H. Kenney

I have said this before and this is what I truly believe we all should be... once a steward, always a steward.

The first position that I held after becoming a Master Mason was the office of Junior Steward. “You are to assist the Deacons and other officers in the performance of their respective duties; and, when the Lodge is at refreshment, it will be your province to see that the tables are well furnished, and to extend to members and visiting brethren such attentions as circumstances may suggest.” Webster’s defines stewardship “as the individual’s responsibility to manage his life and property with proper regard to the rights of others.”

Though we may take on more responsibilities in life and acquire more titles and honors, it is important that we never forget our roots and from whence we came as poor blind candidates. We must help each other to succeed in whatever it is that he aspires to be and do. Stewardship takes on many forms, be it a mentor or a coach, a friend or a supporter, or just an attentive ear. We must “remind a brother in the most friendly manner of his fault and endeavor to aid his reformation”. We must remember that we are no better than the next person and that we are all equal in the eyes of the Supreme Grand Master of the Universe, for he

who will be first must be last. History has pointed this out to us many, many times over. We must symbolically wear our white leather apron throughout an honorable life. By our actions, our deeds and the way we treat others, all this will reflect upon us as men and Masons. “As we are rational and intelligent beings, we should be industrious, never sitting down contented while our fellow-creatures around us are in want, especially when it is in our power to relieve them.” Let us remember the charge of the Third Degree, “Exemplary conduct on your part will convince the world that merit is the just title to our privileges, and that on you our favors have not been undeservedly bestowed.” Be a steward, my brothers, be a steward for a lifetime, because by our reaching out to help and serve others, we, too, will learn more about ourselves and grow as human beings and develop as men and Masons.

So Mote It Be

RWB Gale H. Kenney  
Junior Grand Warden



# It's A Great Day To Be A Mason

By RW David Owen



Brethren All,

It Is A Great Day To Be A Mason and to be part of this Wonderful Fraternity.

Have you taken the time to reflect on who and what we are? When I come to a meeting I feel revived, it is like an infusion of energy that the Brethren impart when we are assembled together as friends

and Brothers. We are Masons. Yes, you are a Master Mason, a builder of society, one whom others wish to emulate. Think of it "a builder of society". Wow, what an honor and awesome responsibility each of us have.

Ok, so how do we build a society to reflect the values of the Fraternity? It is easier said than done but one thing is for sure, in order to build we need to get dirty.

I need to regress only for a moment to remind everyone that we are united in our cause. There is no "Grandiose Grand Lodge" and everyone else. The fundamental elements of Masonry are Masons, Lodges and a Grand Lodge. Together we form Masonry or the Fraternity. We have common goals and are committed to success at every level. I hear too often that Grand Lodge does not have the best interests of the Lodges and members at heart when making decisions. This is quite the contrary. We agonize over how "best" to serve you my Brothers. Let us take a moment and reflect on the many achievements we have accomplished in the last five years:

- Developed a Long Range Plan and supporting Pillars for Lodges
- Reduce the Per capita from \$18.00 to \$11.00
- A single Grand Lodge website
- Efficient and user friendly data base system that will integrate Lodges
- Easier to navigate, and standard size printed Washington Masonic Code
- Produced proceedings, WMC and other source documents in electronic format
- Lectures in DVD format for Lodges to use as a delivery medium
- Grand Master's Recommendations that are included as part of the Resolution Booklet for discussion in Lodge prior to Grand Lodge

- Masonic Retirement Center that meet the demand of today and tomorrow's Masonic family
- Combined Monitor and Cipher for use by the Brethren
- Standard Work in the hands of the District Deputy to improve ritual
- Integration of technology at the Annual Communication to improve communications
- Regional Workshops, Leadership Training, Warden's Conference, Secretary Workshop
- Bike's for Books
- Children Identification Programs
- Updating Building Corporation Articles and Bylaws to reduce unnecessary liability and make all parties accountable.

What about all the other programs that we have to support and help our lodges?

Brothers "WE" are in this together and our future success in based on a single theme of synergy, common goals, builders of society, and the tenets of Masonry. Hopefully your Grand Lodge is providing the necessary tools to help build society and at the same time maintaining the integrity of this Great Fraternity.

There are more than enough things to disagree about but for now can we agree that many of those items listed above are for Lodges? Can we also agree that Masonry is better served when the leadership listens to their members and designs programs that benefit Lodges? And is it safe to say that we are all Brothers with a desire to make our community a better place? Yes, we are in this together and will continue to build character in men and in our society.

$$(Us + Them) = (1 + 1) = 3$$

Have A Great Day and find a man and make him better.

RW David Owen  
Grand Secretary

## Brethren

If you change your address,  
or know of someone who has,  
Please contact your Lodge Secretary and let him  
know a.s.a.p. to insure continued communications.

# Landmark On The Sound News

By Jane Ipsen



Landmark On The Sound is moving forward full steam ahead. Within the last few months we've begun preparing the 1926 building for renovations, opened the new model Apartment Home for tours, and launched a new advertising campaign. This month, we have ads running in The Seattle Times, Robinson Papers, King County Journal, Puget Sound Business Journal, and The Tacoma News Tribune.

In addition to the advertising, we have also kicked-off our lecture series, bringing in some of the regions most notable speakers. In October, we hosted an event at The Museum of Flight with the author of "*300 Incredible Things To Do On The Internet*" book series, Ken Leebow. Leebow spoke about the Internet and the wonders of the Web. Leebow has an extensive background in technology and enjoys bringing the Internet to people 62 and better. In his lecture, he broke down the jargon of the Web and made

it fun for all. When asked about his experience with Landmark On The Sound, Leebow commented, "Incredible people, incredible location, incredible opportunity."

On November 14<sup>th</sup> Landmark On The Sound hosted another lecture in the series with humorist and professional speaker Wendy Schonwetter.

In December, we will host a lecture with noted genealogist, Cathi Vannice. Look for more information about this event over the next few weeks on our Web site [www.landmarkonthesound.com](http://www.landmarkonthesound.com).

As you can see, this fall is proving to be very busy for us. We're giving lots of tours of the model Apartment Home, and people are making reservations for their new homes. If you are interested in taking a tour, give Tom Specht or Deborah Buckley a call at 206-878-6003 or toll-free 866-586-5263.

We look forward to seeing you at Landmark On The Sound where you spend time with dear friends, develop new relationships, and reconnect with those friends you lost touch with over the years. It's community. It's family.



## Past Grand Organists Are The Featured Artists At Fundraiser

By Russell Gran

Mount Baker Theater Organ Society has invited the Masons to join them for a Masonic Sunday, January, 28 2007, from 2:00p.m.until 4:30p.m followed by Refreshments. Concert with be featuring a number of the Past Grand Organists. Admissions will be by donation, 50% of which will be donated to the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of F.& A.M. of Washington.

The Mount Baker Theater Organ Society is holding this event in honor to WB Russell Gran's 95th birthday.

This is a one time event; there will never be another show like this one. Join us to fill the house for Masonic Sunday at the;

Mount Baker Theater  
Bellingham, WA

For more details or information call;

Russell Gran  
360-733-7182

[russmar1912@comcast.net](mailto:russmar1912@comcast.net)

# Life Is Too Short To Drink Bad Wine

By VWB Michael Sanders

A few years ago, when our Grand Lodge Communication was held in Tacoma, my wife and I were invited one evening to go to dinner with a group from District 23. While we were dining we also enjoyed a variety of excellent wines that VWB Ron Brodzinski brought from his Seth Ryan Winery. I happened to have a seat next to VWB Ron, and had a wonderful time visiting with him. At one point in our conversation we were, naturally, discussing his philosophy on wine making, when he turned and said “Life is too short to drink bad wine.”

“Life is too short to drink bad wine.” As we were discussing wine the time, it was a very logical and appropriate comment. I suppose in other circumstances some people might rephrase that as “Life is too short to drink bad Scotch”, or perhaps beer, or coffee, or in my case, diet cola. It doesn’t matter. The lesson VWB Ron was teaching me had nothing to do with wine. Life is too short to accept second best. If you want number one, why settle for number two? You will never be happy until you have number one.

“My goodness”, you’re saying right now. “How can I, as a good Mason, have that kind of attitude? One of the first lessons every new Mason learns is to subdue his passions.”

I agree. We have to keep our passions within due bounds. Let’s say you drive a Chevy. You would like a Cadillac, but can only afford the Chevy. Now, in your mind, the Chevy is a good car, but the Cadillac is a great car. Prudence says you keep the Chevy because it would be foolish to buy the Cadillac. You would be taking on a financial commitment you cannot afford, and could be putting your financial security (or at least your financial reputation) in jeopardy. It’s better to be safe and stick with what you have.

But if you really want that Cadillac, maybe there is a way to get it. It could become a goal that you work to obtain.

Here is a real life example. I have a daughter that likes to have nice things. If she decides that to be happy she needs a pair of designer jeans that cost \$150, she will do two things. First, she will try to convince Mom and Dad that we should buy them for her (of course). When that doesn’t work, she will come up with a plan that will eventually get her the jeans. She will work and save and forego other things that she wants in order to get the bigger prize. It may take a while, but in the end she will get what she wants, and treasure how they look and feel, and care for them so they will last a long time.

I imagine at this point that you are thinking “that’s all very nice, but what’s your point?” Well, we all belong to a lodge and, with very few exceptions; we want our lodge to be a great lodge. But I’m confident that, also with very few exceptions, we do not feel it is there. It’s a good lodge, but not a great lodge. My question to you is: why settle for a good lodge when you can have a great lodge? All you need is a plan that will work for you, and the commitment to work towards the fulfillment of that plan.

The plan you (the lodge) adopt does not have to be complex, but it must be your plan. Simply taking a copy of the Grand Lodge’s Long Range Plan or the plan of another lodge, and putting your name on it, will never work because your lodge members won’t accept it. It must address the values and priorities that are unique to the members of the lodge taken as a whole. It must have the end goal of identifying what is, to your members, the perfect lodge. The Grand Lodge Long Range Planning Team has a term for that. We call it the Utopian Lodge. Once you achieve it, think how good it will feel, the pride you will have in it, and how you will care for it so it will continue being great for many, many years.

The first and most important step to identify your Utopian Lodge is to gather together the members and assess what is truly important to them, and how they want to see the lodge develop in the future. The Long Range Planning Team has an exciting and enjoyable way to help you do this, and we would be honored to have the opportunity to share that with you.

I personally want to belong to a great lodge, and I know you do too. Life is, after all, too short to drink bad wine.

## Masonic License Plates

The “Help Kids Speak” license plates



The revenue generated will go to the Scottish Rite Childhood Language Disorders program

# Knights Templar Eye Foundation Fundraiser



Purchase a Blue Lodge Afghan and help both the Knights Templar Eye Foundation and our Grand Lodge at the same time. \$5.00 of every sale to Masons in Washington will be donated to the MW Grand Lodge of F&AM of WA for the charity of their choice.

Each Afghan is made of 100% cotton, with 360 picks per square inch and has enhanced color. There are new items to this design, which is the three steps of Freemasonry. There is a black and white checked floor leading to center column, and the compasses and square are larger and enhanced with a cluster of leaves symbolizing the Acacia of Freemasonry. The afghan measures 48" x 60" and is lightweight but very tight to give definition. There are additional features, as for example, a written verse, Matthew 7:7 on steps.

Order yours now at \$53.00 including shipping for there are only \$1,000 made. Send check or money order to: Sandra D. Knotts, P. O. Box 158, Trexlertown, PA 18087.

# The Grand Master OR his Representative?

By RW Wayne Smith

Occasionally one of our Lodges will want the Grand Master to attend a function at their Lodge. They may have determined, either by looking at his itinerary on the website at <http://www.freemason-wa.org/cmitin.htm>, or by asking him, if he is available on an evening, and he is already committed to some other event. I know that this is disappointing as his presence always makes a meeting more interesting and enjoyable. Please note though that if you ask for the Grand Master that is exactly what you may get.

If you would like the Grand Master OR his representative to attend, ASK the Grand Master. If he is available, he will attend and if he is not he will endeavor to arrange for one of the other Grand Lodge officers to represent him.

The difference is that it is the Grand Master and ONLY the Grand Master that may appoint someone to represent him. It is not acceptable for a Worshipful Master to determine that the Grand Master is not available and then on his own request another officer to REPRESENT the Grand Master. This is not to say that you can not invite any of the other Grand Lodge officers to attend an event and all of us are honored to be asked and will be pleased attend if possible. However, when we accept that invitation we are not representing the Grand Master, we are representing ourselves as Grand Secretary, Junior Grand Warden, Senior Grand Ward, or Deputy Grand Master.

Fraternally,  
RW Wayne Smith

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## The Masonic Tribune Online

You can access the Tribune on the Grand Lodge Website at: <http://www.freemason-wa.org>

Any brothers that wish to be notified of the posting of the Tribune on line instead of receiving a paper copy please email "threads@techline.com" and we will put you on the list. Unfortunately due to program issues the few brothers that asked to notified via email of the posting of the Tribune on the internet were lost. It would be appreciated if you would resubmit your name.

# Let's Leave Them Wrapped In Love.....

Preparations are underway for Lady Diane's Wrap Them In Love Charity Event at Grand Lodge 2007 in Kennewick. Wrap Them In Love is a grass-roots, non-profit organization that provides blankets for children around the world. The blankets made by the Washington Masonic Ladies will be distributed to children in need within the Tri-Cities area. Masonic Ladies from all over the state are busy cutting patterns and making children's blankets. Whether you quilt, knit, crochet, or can't sew - this is a wonderful way to gather the Ladies of your organization together. Let's see just how many blankets we can make! If you or a group of ladies would like to make blankets in advance of the Annual Communication, contact Vickie Roberts at 425-710-7637 or vickieandsam@comcast.net. No sewing experience is needed; we have quilt patterns and "no-sew" blanket concepts available. Prefer to host a fund-raising event? Cash donations in support of this special event should be

sent to Lady Diane McQuery. The monies will be used to purchase supplies for the Charity Event with the remainder going directly to the Wrap Them In Love organization. Don't forget to register for this very special event as soon as your Annual Communication packet arrives. Space will be limited — and you don't want to miss out! Just imagine seeing YOUR blankets lining the walls of the Three Rivers Convention Center!



## **BREAK-IN AT LIBRARY & MUSEUM "THE REST OF THE STORY"**

By: VWB Richard K. Bish, Chairman GL Library & Museum Committee

*"On November 9th, in the dead of the night, someone broke into the Washington Grand Lodge Library & Museum to obtain that which he did not earn – historic Masonic honorariums."*

That was how the January, 2006 article began. Oh yes, there is a 'rest of the story.'

You recall, in the January article, it was reported that the thief was caught two nights later in the same building. He was nabbed, arrested and sent to jail. The CSI of Tacoma found the thief's fingerprints all over the place in the Museum area. The evidence was unavoidable. What didn't happen was his revealing where the items, he stole from the Museum, were located.

We had a fairly good listing of what had been stolen. We provided that list and some photographs of several items to the police. Nothing was found in Tacoma hock shops. Nothing was found – anywhere.

After the break-in the investigating officer gave me an "Incident Notification Report", with it's case number, so that I might call, from time to time, to obtain progress reports on the case. I took advantage of the option and spoke to him (investigating officer) on several occasions. No results.

The wheels of justice turn slowly. The thief got several extensions in his trial and conviction. His sentencing got put off also.

Finally, around the middle of June the Tacoma Deputy Prosecutor called to inform me of the sentencing of the thief. We were invited to attend the sentencing and address the Judge to possibly influence the sentence period. Bro. George Lapham, a member of the Library & Museum Committee, attended the sentencing to participate in the dialogue with the Judge. Before the event took place, however, the Prosecuting Attorney visited with the Defense Attorney. The Defense Attorney conversed with the thief and convinced him to give up the stolen items in turn for silence on our part. The thief confessed where he stashed the stolen items and we maintained silence. Later in that week we were delivered some of the stolen items. Not all – but some.

The thief was sentenced to 60 months jail time. Justice is served, somewhat.

If there is more to the "Rest Of The Story" it would be about finding the remaining missing articles. I won't hold my breath.