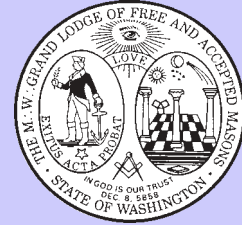


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### GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE

Greetings to all Brethren:

I humbly thank each of you for your expression of confidence in choosing to elevate me, for a short time, to the Grand East. THANK YOU, Brethren, for the honor of serving as your Grand Master over the coming months. Your trust will guide my heart and thoughts, always.

At our just completed Annual Communication, the session went well, the banquets were a resounding success and, most importantly, Fellowship was abundant and genuine.

The Resolutions presented were acted upon in a timely and thoughtful manner. Now that the delegates have spoken, our *Washington Masonic Code* is currently being updated. In keeping with our Masonic traditions, we will all support the changes we enacted, and not dwell upon those we did not.

This is one of the strengths that makes Masonry unique — we come together as Brothers, speak our minds, vote on Resolutions, and then part as friends, dedicated to mutually supporting what the majority deems best for our Jurisdiction.

My motto is "Accentuate the Positive". It means that we will go out into our communities with those successful ideas and programs that we have in Washington, and put them to good use. Our outreach will heighten the public's recognition of what



MWB Sat escorting MW Elect Wayne Smith

Masonry represents, in keeping with our long-range plan and vision statement. This is not something that I can do by myself. It will take every one of us, moving forward together, to realize the full potential

of Masonry and our programs, both within and without our Lodges. Here are some starting points:

Does your Lodge or Concordant body have a website? That is one of the best sources for many of our new Brothers to obtain their initial information about Masonry, locate a Lodge in their area, and make contacts.

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**My Motto is**  
*"Accentuate the Positive"*

### Books For Bikes in Action

Pictured are the Pullman Jefferson Elementary 4th Graders Lily Niemi, and Ben Lee with their mothers. David Seamans, Worshipful Master of Pullman Masonic Lodge #49 presented bicycles to the winners of the Masonic Sponsored "Books for Bicycles" sponsored program on June 9, 2007 at the school's Last Day Program.



#### Grand Lodge Elected Officers

- Grand Master  
**MW Wayne I. Smith**
- Deputy Grand Master  
**RW Douglas E. Tucker**
- Senior Grand Warden  
**RW Gale H. Kenny**
- Junior Grand Warden  
**RW G. Santy Lascano**
- Grand Secretary  
**RW David P. Owen**

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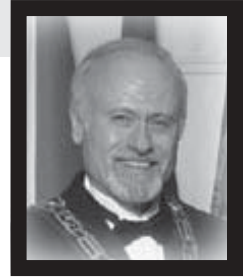
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# DEPUTY GRAND WARDEN'S MESSAGE

By RWB Douglas E. Tucker



Brethren All,

As we begin yet another Masonic year I have a few thoughts to ponder. I want us all to stop and think for a few moments. Think back to the reason or reasons why you decided to become a Mason.

I know for some the steps were taken because they realized that their lives could take drastic, unwanted turns. Masonry was a fork in the road they chose that saved them from a life of consequences they knew would not be productive to them, or their families. Others chose the craft as a way to give to their communities in a direct, positive manner without fanfare or overwhelming recognition. The fraternity has become a way to quietly volunteer to “do good unto all” without feeling like you need to do it all on your own. Still others joined initially because of a friend or relative and developed their sense of fraternalism over the passing years. For a majority of us our motives for being a Mason remain a pure driving force for the accomplishment of good and personal growth.

Unfortunately, some have been diverted

to a side road with definitely objectionable and in some instances unacceptable conclusions. These range from pockets of brethren who have developed a jaundiced view and opinion of the Grand Lodge elected line, appointed officers and Deputies of the Grand Master to outright flagrant attempts to manipulate circumstances for their own personal gratification.

To those who feel left out or abandoned by Grand Lodge, understand we elected officers are doing our very best to adequately

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represent this grand jurisdiction of Washington. In all truth brethren, Grand Lodge is each and every one of us. Some brethren have amplified their feelings to what I call an “us against them” attitude. Keep in mind that we did not inherit these positions of leadership. We were elected, and believe it or not, we are ever mindful, grateful and humbled by your faith and confidence placed in each of us.

I know for a fact that there have been many lodges that have had the pleasure of having a Grand Master visit them and this

in addition to the scheduled visits that appear on his itinerary. The same has happened and will continue with all the elected line and collared officers in the future.

Sadly, there have been a few brothers who have lost sight of their Masonic obligation, who have manipulated both circumstances and brethren for their own personal agenda. Society as a whole appears to be moving in this direction as well. It is what I call the “me first”, or the “hooray for me and to blazes with you” attitude. It is happening all around us from the political arena to something as simple as the way people drive on our nations roadways. There is the misconception that there is a right as opposed to a privilege or obligation to conduct ones self accordingly for the betterment and concern for all.

Simply put there are rules and/or laws for us to live by in general society and in our beloved fraternity. To live by the laws and rules of our country, read our national constitution. To abide by our state laws read the Revised Code of Washington. For the rules of our craft in this state there is a publication called the Washington Masonic Code. During the installation ceremony, the Worshipful Master is directed to “cause it to be read in your lodge that none may pretend ignorance of the excellent precepts it enjoins”. Brethren, before you do anything, before you make any request of the Grand Master, make it a habit to seek out direction from the Code.

Finally my brethren, from my point of view, I believe in playing by the rules. I have that afore mentioned rule book and will recommend its use when I feel it has not been consulted. When necessary I will uphold and enforce the laws of my beloved fraternity. For you who have a personal agenda, I say to you, you have joined the wrong organization to accomplish your goals. Might I suggest you reread your obligations to the Craft. You see, there are many of us in this fraternity who will see that it remains “as pure and spotless . . .”

Respectfully submitted,  
RWB Douglas E. Tucker  
Deputy Grand Master



**16th Annual March of Unity, both Grand Lodges working together.**

# A NEW MASONIC YEAR

By RW Gale H. Kenney

Greetings, my brethren. A new Masonic year has begun. Our newly installed Grand Master, MWBro. Wayne I. Smith's theme for the year is Accentuate the Positive. As we "Walked the Talk" last year, let us continue to do so, and in the process be always positive in our thoughts, actions, words and deeds as men and masons. Remember, the glass is always half full.

As most of our lodges were dark for the summer, I hope that you took the time to charge the batteries of your Masonic Life and read a good book on masonry; stayed in touch with the brothers of the lodge; visited with our brothers and sisters who are unable to get out and enjoy life; attended the summer activities and picnics, and shared in fraternalism, friendship and brotherly love.

For those of you who missed the Outdoor-Degree at Granite Falls, you missed an outstanding performance by our Pilipino

brothers; the visit of the Grand Master of B.C and Yukon and our Canadian brothers who traveled south of the boarder with him; the Grand Master from Idaho and the opportunity to enjoy the beautiful surroundings of the Park. It is truly a Phoenix, that has risen out of its' ashes. From the devastation of the fall flooding to today, the metamorphosis is incredible. Thank you to the many Lodges, brothers, friends and helpers who gave of their financial support, time and energy so that we all could enjoy the Masonic Park once again. The surroundings are absolutely beautiful.

On the day following the Outdoor-Degree, we partook in the sixteenth annual church services with our Prince Hall brothers in DuPont. What a wonderful experience to walk with our Prince Hall brothers down the street, from where we assembled, to the church and shared with

them in the services and the fellowship that followed. I encourage everyone to participate next year. You will be glad that you did.

As the year unfolds and our travels become many, I shall look forward to visiting with you, the brethren, of this great Jurisdiction. If I don't know you, please come up to me and introduce yourself, because we are all brothers together in this gentle craft we call Masonry. May we meet upon the level and part upon the square.

So Mote It Be

Gale H. Kenney  
Senior Grand Warden



## SITE OF THE 151<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

The 151st Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Washington will convene at the Coast Wenatchee Convention Center on June 12-14, 2008.

## JUNIOR WARDEN'S MESSAGE

by RW Santy Lascano

Greetings and many pleasantries to you all. First and foremost, let me extend to everyone my sincere thanks and gratitude for your encouragement and support during my journey to occupy the office of Junior Grand Warden. It is a great honor to be of service to you and this wonderful, Masonic Jurisdiction.

As your Junior Grand Warden, one of my areas of focus is the Washington Masonic Alliance (WMA). In a recent WMA meeting I attended, I was given a chance to participate in the discussions of the important issues the group had on its agenda. Many topics were discussed, but the one that struck me with a force as powerful as the third ruffian, was concerning the amount of support it receives from the member groups of the organization. From our discussions, it seemed apparent that the WMA is not being given the attention it

deserves, and is being neglected to the point that it may be detrimental to its future.

Brethren, we are a family. We are a family that gains strength and beauty through our affiliations within the Masonic fraternity. The Washington Masonic Alliance is a crucible, or melting pot, through which we can forge better relationships and synergies between all members of the Masonic Family in the State of Washington. I believe very strongly that special attention should be directed to the WMA by our major groups to assist in pursuing the purpose of its mission: "An organization of Masonic bodies united in developing approaches and understanding, towards the issues of membership, growth, education and public visibility." The key point is visibility—to show that we are one, united family working together to attain the chief points of our association; to endeavor to

be happy ourselves and to communicate happiness to others.

Let us all put forth a cohesive effort to assist in strengthening the well being of the Washington Masonic Alliance. Please join in the activities it promotes, and become better acquainted with your Brethren in the various Masonic Bodies within our Jurisdiction. Let us spend a few moments of reflection on how to best meet this objective. Please visit the Masonic Alliance website at <http://www.masonicalliance.org/>, acquaint yourself with its stated goals and purposes, identify the representatives from the bodies of which you are a member, and get in touch with them on how you may be able to be of service, or how they may better serve the needs of your organization.



# BUSINESS OF THE LODGE

By RW David P. Owen



Brethren this year the Department of the Treasury (IRS) has directed that all organizations be required to file an electronic notice, Form 990-N, Electronic Notice (e-Postcard) for Tax-Exempt Organizations not Required To File Form 990 or 990-EZ. What this means is that all Lodges and Building Corporations must file the new 990-N, if they do not have gross receipts in excess of \$25,000.00. Both entities must file.

The new requirement goes into effect beginning in 2008 and more can be found on the IRS website at [www.irs.gov/eo](http://www.irs.gov/eo). Remember, all Lodges will be required to file.

Failure to file can jeopardize the status of a Lodge and potentially Grand Lodge. Brethren we can not afford to ignore this requirement. To ensure our success I have asked the Grand Master to direct that all Lodges file a copy of either their Form 990, 990 EZ, or 990-N (electronic verification) with the Grand Lodge office as part of their

End-Of-Year Report. A letter will go out in September announcing this requirement.

On another topic dealing with Lodge business, the Washington Masonic Code (WMC) requires that an annual audit be performed. This report is required by the second business meeting following the Annual Installation of Lodge Officers (Sec. 14.11 B.L.). Additional language concerning outside auditors is also addressed in the same section. Do not take this requirement lightly; you have an obligation to the Brethren of your Lodge.

Several years back legislation was passed to allow Lodges to elect a Secretary/Treasurer, due primarily to not having enough Brethren to serve as elected officers. This does create somewhat of a dilemma for accountability. If a Lodge operates with a Secretary and a Treasurer there exists some limited internal control for accountability. If your Lodge has a Secretary/Treasurer I recommend that you perform quarterly reviews with your Lodge

Finance Committee. I have asked the Grand Master to address this problem going forward with a GM Recommendation, to be published in the 2008 Resolution Booklet.

Brethren preparing officers to perform the various tasks required by the WMC and civil law does not require that you need to be an expert. It only requires a willingness to accept the challenge and know where to find the right answer(s).

We have two aspects of Masonry: Fraternal and Business. When we no longer need physical buildings, to collect money for Degrees, to invest the assets of the Lodge, or follow the civil laws of our government, only then in its purest sense can we be “only” a Fraternity of men promoting Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. However, as much as we would like for it to be, it will not be in this Life.

## GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE

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Your Lodge is a significant part of your community – post its history and honor roll. Contact our Technology Committee for assistance with your Lodge website.

Does your Lodge participate in the Bikes for Books program (B4B)? This dynamic program positions Masons in the heart of their community, encouraging children to read. And those children have families who can become a part of ours in Masonry. Through the Grand Lodge Library and Museum Foundation's 501.(c).(3) non-profit charity status, donations to B4B are now tax deductible for individuals or businesses, and continue to be fully credited back to the local Lodge's B4B program. Contact our Public Schools and Outreach Committee to learn how your Lodge can Accentuate the Positive through B4B.

Does your Lodge participate in CHIPs (Child Identification Programs)? Some CHIPs events involve the participation of more than one Lodge; some are so sizeable that an entire District (or more!) is involved. What a great opportunity to place working Masons in the public's view, increase Fellowship with Brothers of your own

Lodge or District, and help families protect their vulnerable youngsters. Contact our CHIPs Committee to learn how your Lodge can make CHIPs a part of your community, and exemplify many of Masonry's positive contributions.

Yet another way to accentuate your commitment to Masonry, and attract new members, is to proudly display a Masonic license plate on your vehicle/s. While a portion of the cost of this plate stays with the State, the percentage allocated to Masonry goes fully to the Scottish Rite's "Rite Care" program, which assists needy children with speech therapy. Contact your nearest WA Dept. of Motor Vehicles licensing office for further information about making the positive change to a Masonic license plate.

You have likely already received in the mail this year's Grand Master's lapel pin. This collectible pin, with its Accentuate the Positive symbol, comes with a request that you, in turn, make a donation to help fund our Masonic youth groups. Please look deep into your heart and dig deep into your pockets, and make a donation to our future — our concordant youth groups.

Our support of these youth groups helps them to operate great programs that instill the basic tenets of Masonry – Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. These philosophies inculcate into our future leaders the core ideals that we want passed on to coming generations. If you have not received your Accentuate the Positive lapel pin, please contact the Grand Lodge office, 800-628-4732.

I encourage each of you to purchase one of our Grand Master's Commemorative Coins. Most all of the Deputies of the Grand Master and Appointed Officers have pocketfuls. The profits from the sale of this coin (\$10 each) goes fully to help fund our CHIPs program expenses – costs which pale in comparison to the significance of helping locate a lost child.

Brethren, in the words of our Grand Secretary – “It's a great day to be a Mason”. I look forward to seeing each of you this coming year in Lodge and around our jurisdiction, as we work together to Accentuate the Positive.

Fraternally,  
Wayne Smith  
Grand Master

# DO YOU HAVE A SUCCESSFUL LODGE, WHY NOT?

By WB Kenneth N. Thompson

This is a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody,

There was an important job to be done and everybody was sure somebody would do it. Any boy could have done it, but Nobody did it. Some body got angry with that because it was Everybody's job.

Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Everybody could have one!

This may seem a little funny and somewhat cute, but alas, there is truth in verse.

As you have probably seen in your own lodge, the numbers of members, both active and inactive are probably decreasing rather increasing. What are you doing about that, not what is your lodge doing about it. Are you waiting for somebody to bring that new petition in or are you going to be that Somebody who brings in that new petition.

Are your lodges active in your local community? If not, why not? In my lodge, we have Quarterly Canned Food Drive, where we go to our local supermarkets, hand out flyers and take the donated food and cash to the local food bank which in turn helps our less fortunate neighbors. The cost to our lodge was very minimal at first for printing the flyer, then the printing copy found out what we were doing and then started printing our flyers free. The only cost to us now is the time for four – six brethren to spend approximately four

hours on one Saturday, four times a year. You ask what did the lodge gain from this? Well my brethren the personal satisfaction that we as a lodge did something to help our community without being asked, putting the good work of the craft in the public eye and the petition of our newest Master Mason. He was so impressed with what we were doing as a lodge in our local community, he petitioned the lodge and brought in three more petitions and they now are all Master Mason and we continue to grow.

Another community activity we have become involved with the assistance of another local lodge is the Child Identification Card Program. The Lodge goes out to the local school, school events, street fairs, or anywhere we are invited. We bring our computers, ID Card Stocks, digital cameras, scales and height charts, and lamination machine and set up shop at no cost to the families. We do set up a donation bucket to help defray some of the cost of the program and have even had a few local business sponsors us. Each identification card has a picture of the child along with their name, date of birth, height, weight, thumb prints and any known medical allergies. Last year we issued between 1500 – 1700 ID Cards and the request for this school year are already starting.

As you look at these activities plus the few other little things we do it may seem like an awful lot of activity and it must be a larger lodge that could afford do all

these events, Wrong! We are a small rural lodge with 50 plus member on the rolls and usually get between 12 to 14 active members at our meetings.

My Brethren, our Lodge succeeds because we all work for that common goal, we want to be winners. The lodges of today do not belong to me, or my brother line officers, or the members of the lodge, it belongs to all of the craft. I may go around and blow my own horn about my own lodge, but it doesn't mean it only belongs too me. Some Brethren are elected to rule and run the affairs of the lodge, but it is the job of all the brethren to ensure that it is accomplished in the best interest of the lodge and the Brethren.

As you can plainly see my brethren that there is no "I" in TEAM. To succeed in any function of the TEAM, all entities must be working together in cohesion. **T.E.A.M. – Together Everyone Achieves More, or in our case, Together Everyone Accentuates Masonry.** So lets get Brothers Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody working together and make that lodge of yours the success you know it can be. At my normal profession the key phrase in the office is "That we all need to be on the same page." I would like to add one thing to the Phrase, "Make sure we're all using the same book."

And now, may the God of Love and Peace delight to dwell with you and bless you and give you the direction to assist you and your brethren in building and maintaining a successful lodge.

## The Grand Lodge Strategic Initiatives

There are basically three steps involved in the creation of a long range plan.

1. Identify your priorities
2. Develop goals based on those priorities
3. Establish a set of actions, or strategic initiatives, that will allow you to achieve those goals

This past Spring, under the direction of MWB Charles McQuery, our Grand Lodge Elected Officers adopted a set of strategic initiatives that will allow our Grand Lodge to achieve the goals that were established when our long range plan was updated and approved by the brethren at our 2006 annual communication. MWB Wayne Smith has directed that every member of the Grand Lodge of Washington have access to those initiatives with the hope that we will use them as a guide to

assess the effectiveness of our leaders, and as a model for the development of strategic initiatives in each of our respective lodges. Therefore, they are presented in this issue of the Masonic Tribune, and are also posted on the Grand Lodge website.

The Long Range Planning Committee is available and anxious to assist every lodge in our great Jurisdiction with the development and implementation of an effective long range plan. Please feel free to contact us and let us know your needs.

## Do Clothes Really Make a Difference?

By WB Bryan D. Bechler

I joined Mt. Olympus Lodge No. 298 F&A M in Forks, WA in 1994. This lodge was founded in 1954 by a number of loggers on the Olympic Peninsula. I never gave a thought about my attire when attending meetings. Oftentimes, members would arrive in dirty jeans, hickory shirts and suspenders.

At that point I hadn't done any visitation to other lodges due to my work schedule. My girlfriend at the time (now my wife) visited me one day from Victoria, British Columbia. I told her I was off to my lodge meeting. Her first reaction was "dressed like that?!" She went on to say in Victoria, pretty much everyone goes to a lodge meeting wearing tuxedos. She said her father was a past District Deputy Grand Master and her uncle a Past Grand Master. I commented that Mt. Olympus Lodge wasn't nearly that formal.

Do we, as Masons, put too much emphasis on an individual's attire? Do we tend to accept an individual by what they wear, rather than the individual themselves? Sometimes we do.

I heard a story of a brother who had joined a lodge in the south. Many members whispered they didn't feel he was "worthy" of being a Mason because he always came to lodge in shabby clothes. One brother took him aside and suggested he should consider purchasing some new clothes for attending lodge meetings. At the next meeting he arrived. People were appalled at his new clothes. He'd purchased a new pair of blue jeans and a new shirt. To him, a working man, these were his best clothes. To some members of the lodge, this attire wasn't acceptable. This brother was so humiliated by the lodge that he quit attending.

Over the years I have adjusted my wardrobe to match my Masonic organizations I belong to and am active in. Working full-time, having children in the house, a mortgage, etc., this takes time to do. I feel fortunate to have been raised in the lodge I was. Being in a relaxed atmosphere made learning the ritual, etc., the focal point, rather than the attire.

As brothers, we should all remember that when we enter a lodge room, everyone is the same. Everyone can bring something to the meetings. It really doesn't matter what a brother wears but it does matter what he can be as a member.

## Enthusiasm – The God Within!

By WB David A. McCuiston

Enthusiasm – Ancient Greek (*enthousiasmos*) for inspiration or possession of a divine afflatus or by the presence of a god, something inspiring zeal or fervor. Webster also states it is irregular from *entheos* inspired, from *en + theos* - god. I've also seen it defined as "The God Within." Suffice it to say, I think it fits well with our Grand Master Wayne Smith's Theme for the coming year – "Accentuate the Positive!"

The 2007 150<sup>th</sup> Grand Lodge Communication will surely be remembered as one of the most enthusiastic and inspirational events in Washington Masonry. From the "First Tee" on Wednesday to "High Noon" on Saturday, I felt the enthusiasm in just about every part of it. And I certainly left on Saturday inspired and enthused to Accentuate the Positive much more enthusiastically in my Masonic walk than when I arrived on Wednesday.

Congratulations to MW Chuck McQuery on a very successful and prosperous year, culminating in several Grand Lodge Resolutions that will surely inspire and enhance Washington Masonry in the coming years. His enthusiasm and zeal in encouraging Lodges to reacquire themselves with the several Concordant Bodies each month rekindled our desire for the broader perspective of Masonry and its importance in enhancing our lives with more Masonic Light.

My Brothers, you had to be enthused and inspired by the presentations given by the several Grand Masters in attendance, and by the leaders of the Concordant and Appendent Bodies, especially that of

DeMolay State Junior Councilor King Traub and Rainbow Grand Worthy Advisor Katie Petersen. These two young leaders are certainly destined for success in life and in our Masonic Family. The zeal and inspiration of their speeches made my "head leak" even before MWB McQuery recommended it to keep one's head from exploding.

Norman Vincent Peale is quoted as saying, "If you have zest and enthusiasm you attract zest and enthusiasm. Life does give back in kind." If you take back to your Blue Lodge the zest and enthusiasm from Grand Lodge, you will surely inspire your Lodge Brothers, which can only enhance your Lodge's effort and atmosphere.

Brethren, I challenge you to take the Grand Lodge Communication as a call to enthusiastically "Accentuate the Positive" in your Masonic Life, in your Masonic work in your Lodge and Community, and in your leadership in Lodge. And, if the spirit is not alive in you, if you don't feel the "God within," you might want to follow King David's lead as found in Psalms 51 and ask the Supreme Architect to cleanse your heart and renew you with a steadfast spirit. As Mark Twain suggested, "Let us endeavor to live so that when we come to die even the undertaker will be sorry."

I pray that we all will enthusiastically continue to "Walk the Talk" and follow MW Grand Master Wayne Smith's lead to "Accentuate the Positive" in every endeavor in our Masonic life and in our personal life. Not only will it make us look and feel better, but also it will surely inspire another to follow our lead and live a fuller life – personally and Masonically.



Our Grand Master MWB Wayne Smith being escorted to the East during the Out Door Degree at the Masonic Park

# 125 Years of Masonry in Kittitas County

by VW Bro. Nick Henderson

The brethren of Ellensburg Lodge #39 of Ellensburg would like to invite our brothers to help "Celebrate 125 Years of Masonry in Kittitas County" on July 28, 2007. The Ellensburg Lodge was chartered by the Grand Lodge of Washington on June 9, 1882. The members of the Lodge have been very busy with a major restoration of the Lodge room since last winter and have taken several layers of wallpaper dating to about 1904 off the walls to the original plaster work. We are going to paint the walls and have new drapery put on the windows to help high light the wood work of the 1890's.. The Masonic Temple was built in 1890 and has been used as a Masonic Lodge ever since. We are the only building in Ellensburg that is still being used as it was intended. Ellensburg Lodge #39 meets every third Wednesday with a dinner at 6:30PM and Lodge is opened at 7:30 PM. There will be more information to follow as far as the



schedule of events for that day as the time gets closer, if you are interested in attending or would like more information please contact us at (509)-925-5925 or email us at eburgmasons@gmail.com or Google us at Ellensburg Masonic Lodge.

The photos attached show the restoration work on the north and west walls of the Lodge room.

I can be reached at work (509) 649-2355, Email: roslynmuseum@inlandnet.com, Home (509)674-4199

Thank You

Nick Henderson

Past Master Ellensburg Lodge #39 F.&A.M.

Past District Deputy for District 20 Grand Lodge of WA F.&A.M.



## Silver Star Lodge #286 F&AM Battle Ground Washington

By Ric Bishop

Battle Ground's Mason Lodge Sponsors Childhood Identification Program for 100 Kids and Families at Harvest Days, Battle Ground, Washington, July 23, 2007

At the 2007 Harvest Day's weekend celebration, Silver Star Lodge #286, Free and Accepted Mason's, sponsored the Washington Grand Lodge Childhood Identification Program (CHIP), with 100 families taking advantage of the free community service. CHIP consists of obtaining fingerprints, dental impressions, a DNA swab of the mouth and videoing the child. All information is immediately given the parents, so they readily have it available to give to law enforcement if the child ever

becomes missing or abducted. No information is retained other than the signed parent permission slip.

The community response to the program was so overwhelming, that all the kits were used by mid afternoon on Sunday. Ric Bishop, Worshipful Master of Silver Star Lodge #286 said "Not knowing what kind of response we would have from the community, we though purchasing 100 kits would be sufficient but ran out early Sunday. We will definitely plan for a larger number of kids and families next year".

To create awareness of the growing Masonic Lodge in Battle Ground and its community sponsorships including little

league teams, a cub scout pack and annual Public Safety Awards, the Washington Grand Lodge Masonic Float was entered into this year's Harvest Day parade. The float featured members of several Masonic groups, including the Shriner's, Knights Templar, Rainbow Girls, DeMolay and Silver Star Lodge. Freemasons are a fraternal organization with groups for men, women, teenagers and younger youth. After riding the float and walking in the parade, volunteers spent the weekend providing the free CHIP service for the Battle Ground community.

# GRAND LODGE FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF WASHINGTON

## 150<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

### SYNOPSIS

The Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Washington convened in the Three Rivers Convention Center, Kennewick, Washington, on Thursday, June 14, 2007, and adjourned on Saturday, June 16, 2007.

#### OFFICERS ELECTED

The Credentials Committee announced that the following Grand Lodge Officers were elected to serve for the year 2007-2008:

Grand Master ----- Wayne I. Smith  
Deputy Grand Master ----- Douglas E. Tucker  
Senior Grand Warden ----- Gale H. Kenney  
Junior Grand Warden ----- G. Santy Lascano  
Grand Secretary ----- David P. Owen

#### GRAND LODGE PER CAPITA

**WITH THE ADOPTION OF THE PROPOSED GENERAL FUND BUDGET, THE PER CAPITA FOR 2007 WILL BE \$11.75 FOR THE GENERAL FUND, \$.25 FOR THE CHARITY FUND.**

#### LEGISLATION ADOPTED

- 2007-1 Establish that the Grand Master has authority to make a Mason at sight
- 2007-3 Afford Grand Master ability to grant dispensation for the rare case of allowing work of another Jurisdiction to be used in Washington to confer a Degree
- 2007-4 Allow Lodge Secretaries to transmit official correspondence to Grand Lodge without affixing Lodge Seal
- 2007-5 To allow Grand Lodge standard forms for Title Holding Corporations to be approved without signature but still require signature of the Grand Master as final approving authority
- 2007-6 Document specific duties and responsibilities of the Grand Lodge Charity Committee
- 2007-7 Give Committee on Grievances and Appeals flexibility when it will hold hearings and provide clear notice to parties
- 2007-8 Establish CHIPs Committee as a Standing Committee
- 2007-9 Require that acquisition, ownership, and improvement of real property by Constituent Lodges be through Title Holding Corporations
- 2007-10 Provide clarity on use of corporations by Constituent Lodges and consolidate provisions related to corporations
- 2007-12 Donate annually to George Washington National Memorial endowment \$1.00 for every chargeable Master Mason in the Jurisdiction in addition to \$5.00 to accompany each petition for Degrees
- 2007-14 Bring WMC up-to-date in regard to the MRC

#### LEGISLATION CARRIED OVER

- 2007-13 Require Proficiency in Lodge Management for all first-time Worshipful Masters

#### LEGISLATION REJECTED

- 2006-1 C/O Extend Grand Lodge membership to all Elected and Appointed Officers of Constituent Lodges
- 2007-2 Allow Grand Master or representative to confer Degree(s) with officers of his choice at One Day Conferrals

## LEGISLATION WITHDRAWN

2007-11 Allow the Grand Master to decide membership status of a Mason convicted of a felony

## FRATERNAL RECOGNITION

Acting on the report of the Fraternal Correspondent, the Grand Lodge voted to grant recognition to:

Grand Lodge of Andorra

Regular Grand Lodge of Serbia (previously Regular...of Yugoslavia)

Last year conditional recognition was granted to the Grand Lodge of Cyprus and now after meeting the standards for recognition the Grand Lodge of Washington extends recognition and an exchange of representatives.

Also approved was recognition of all Prince Hall Grand Lodges if recognized by the State Grand Lodge and the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Washington.

There still exists some conflict in Russia over who is Grand Master given the two factions. Hopefully this will be resolved at a joint meeting.

Another Grand Lodge calling itself the Grand Lodge of ALL England is making claim to legitimacy and its origin from the Lodge of York 1705. There are no supporting documents and therefore does not meet the standards for recognition.

The Bill Paul Horn Memorial Award was presented to Ill. Brother James Morris Ward, 33°, Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar

The Outstanding Military Person of the Year Award is YNC (AW/SW) Eric F. Jones of Electronic Attack Squadron ONE THREE SEVEN, US Navy Whidbey Island.

Mason of the Year Award was presented to V\W\ Kenneth Callahan for his total commitment and unwavering support of Masonry. He was instrumental in helping rewrite the new Free Masons Guide and for helping orchestrate several One Day classes around the state as Grand Lecturer. The Fraternity is greatly indebted to this Brother for all his work this past year.

The Dottie Tashiro Inspirational Woman of the Year Award was presented to Connie Shrum for her continuing inspiration for all who know her and the positive and uplifting energy that she contributes. Many of us are touched by her love within the Masonic Family. Thank you N.B.

Outstanding Websites. The Technology Committee evaluated 95 websites belonging to Lodges within our Jurisdiction, and the following were judged to be excellent websites: (\*denotes the four Lodges tied for first place.)

Steilacoom Lodge, No. 2 – [www.steilacoomlodge2.org](http://www.steilacoomlodge2.org)

Washington Lodge, No. 4 – [www.washingtonlodge4.org](http://www.washingtonlodge4.org)

\*St. John's Lodge, No. 9 – [www.seattlemasons.org](http://www.seattlemasons.org)

\*Mt. Hood Lodge, No. 32 – [www.lodge32.com](http://www.lodge32.com)

\*Fairweather Lodge, No. 82 – [www.fairweather82.com](http://www.fairweather82.com)

\*Tenino Lodge, No. 86 – [www.teninomasons.org](http://www.teninomasons.org)

Peninsular Lodge, No. 95 – [www.telebyte.com/d8/lodges/peninsular/peni1.htm](http://www.telebyte.com/d8/lodges/peninsular/peni1.htm)

Myrtle Lodge, No. 108 – [myrtlelodge108.org](http://myrtlelodge108.org)

## ATTENDANCE

The Credentials Committee reported as follows:

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Lodges represented by all three principal officers	19	16	24	14	14
Lodges represented by two of its principal officers	53	46	38	49	43
Lodges represented by one of its principal officers	77	88	85	85	93
Lodges represented only by Proxies	33	37	31	26	37
Lodges not represented	[24]	[10]	[13]	[17]	[4]

## The constitution of LuzViMinda Lodge No. 317 and the installation of her officers

By WB Tomas P. Magpoc, Senior Warden, LuzViMinda Lodge No. 317

It was a dog day afternoon for LuzViMinda Lodge No. 317! July 7, 2007 (07.07.07) – I can't think of any better day for this lodge's ceremonious constitution. One brother (a founding member) pointed out that adding these numbers, 07.07.07, sum up to 21, the same number of the founding members. And there's more, as pointed out by this same brother, the sum of the numbers 3, 1, and 7 (the lodge number) is 11 – and in one of the card games, it is equal to 21. Coincidence? O well, so much for numerology. What matters most for us members of LuzViMinda Lodge No. 317; *we have received that which we so long sought*, i.e., our perpetual charter.

O yes that venerated document which the Worshipful Master had stated in his remarks after the installation of officers - *The charter of a lodge is its life. The privilege of asking the Grand Lodge for one is great. The responsibility of the Grand Lodge in giving life to a new child in the Masonic family is heavy. The charter, as a result, becomes the most venerated and loved of Masonic documents by the brethren whose Masonic life is lived in its shadow.* - And we, the members of LuzViMinda Lodge No. 317 are committed to nurture this new



“child”, to cultivate the seed that the founding members had planted. With the pool of talents, I entertain no doubt that this very young lodge will blossom into someone this grand jurisdiction be proud of in years to come.

The lodge room of Alki Masonic Center in West Seattle, which was filled to capacity, was witness to this august event. MWB Wayne I. Smith, the Grand Master along with his grand line officers, opened the Grand Lodge in ample form at 1:00 p.m. Following the opening, the Grand Lodge was called off-session to allow the ladies and non-masons to witness the solemn and ancient Masonic ritual, which was executed in an excellent manner, and the proclamation of

LuzViMinda Lodge No. 317 as duly constituted.

Right after the constitution ceremony, the installation of officers ensued. MWB Wayne I. Smith installed VWB Alden Sarmiento as the first Worshipful Master. The Senior and Junior Grand Wardens, RWB Gale H. Kenney and RWB G. Santy Lascano, installed the Senior and Junior Wardens, WB Tomas P. Magpoc and WB Mar Tapawan, respectively. The Grand Secretary, RWB David P. Owen, installed WB Norberto C. Bautista as the Secretary-Treasurer, while the appointed officers were installed by RWB Douglas E. Tucker, the Deputy Grand Master.

After the proclamation of officers having been installed in their respective stations and places, the brethren and guests proceeded to the dining hall to partake in the sumptuous ethnic dishes. The Worshipful Master remained with the Grand Master and the grand line officers to close the Grand Lodge in ample form, before joining in the festivities. Per Tyler's register, there were 138 Master Masons and 2 Entered Apprentices in attendance and out of 70 charter members, 55 were accounted for. The ladies and non-masons who graced the occasion added to the headcount of over 275.

Statistically, with the exception of the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary, all elected Grand Lodge officers along with the Junior Grand Deacon, 2 District Deputies, and 13 committeemen (2 of whom are chairmen) are charter members of LuzViMinda Lodge No. 317. Other charter members are Past District Deputies and Past Masters in their respective districts and mother lodges. Out of 70 charter members, 4 were initiated, passed, and raised to the sublime degree of Master Masons, and 3 Past Grand Masters were conferred honorary membership.



**MWB Wayne I. Smith and MWB Harden M. Key Jr. cutting the cake at the 16th annual “March of Unity”**

# Where History Meets the Future in Retirement Living

Will and Marcia Norwood are a special landmark in their own right... or at least their popular Pioneer Square toy store was. The Norwoods owned and operated Wood Shop Toys in downtown Seattle, a family business that started in the 1970s with Will tinkering and hand-making some of the store's original wooden toys. After 22 years, Will decided to retire and turn the store over to their son, Doug. Since then, he and Marcia are enjoying their retirement and planning for the future.

*"We realized, as the years went by, it was tougher and tougher for us to keep up this house."*

Like many people, the Norwoods find that keeping up their house isn't as easy or rewarding as it used to be. Burdensome things like fixing the roof in the spring and keeping up with routine yard work and household chores helped them decide to sell their home and explore continuing care retirement communities, like Landmark On The Sound. There are many retirement options in the Seattle area, so the Norwoods faced a challenge in finding a community that models their current lifestyle, is close to family, and is one of their choosing. "We figured that either we do this and make the choice ourselves, or the day will come when the kids are going to say, 'Gosh, what are we going to do with Mom and Dad?', says Marcia.

Location is very important to the Norwoods. For most of their lives they have lived in the Seattle area and made a home for their family on Vashon Island. These days, with three children, seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren, staying close to home was their only option. "It's very important to be in Seattle because our kids are here, and our grandchildren," says Marcia.



*"We don't want dinner at one o'clock in the afternoon!"*

Although the Norwoods want to free themselves of home maintenance, they are not ready to give up their lifestyle. When visiting other communities they noticed too many restrictions on things like when they could eat dinner, and they simply felt too independent to live in a restricted environment. Marcia clarifies, "...We feel pretty good! But we just can't do everything that we used to do." What they found at Landmark was an abundance of quality, convenient services and amenities in a comfortable new apartment home, with some of the most beautiful views of the Sound in the region. With Landmark under development, they can take the time they need to prepare for the move to their new home. In many ways, the decision to move to Landmark On The Sound allows the Norwoods to live life as they choose--on their terms and conditions. As new and future residents of Landmark On The Sound, Will and Marcia are looking forward to meeting more like-minded folks who share their desire for a vibrant, independent lifestyle. "We have met a [few] other couples when we've visited the campus and they seem to be on the same wavelength as we are," explains Marcia.

At Landmark, the Norwoods will be able to maintain their current lifestyle while taking advantage of many on-site amenities, like the pool & spa, health & fitness club, walking trails, performing arts center, and one of Will's favorites, the woodworking shop. Says Marcia, "It's kind of the way we live right here – and we want to continue to live like this because it's working for us right now."

In addition, should the day come when one or both of them makes the choice to give up the keys to the car, they know their decision to move to Landmark means they need not fear



the loss of their active lifestyle. Adds Will, "By being [at Landmark], you don't have to drive. There's transportation furnished by Landmark for short distances.... It will solve all of our problems...."

*"We talked to the kids at great length.... They're more content to know that we're all set and okay."*

Living in South King County, the Norwoods were familiar with the original Masonic Home of Washington in Des Moines and decided to take a look at Landmark's offerings for all persons 62 and older. After a personal tour and consultation, they invited their son to visit the community to learn about the Landmark way of life. Of all the communities the Norwoods visited, Landmark was the best fit for them because they want to stay in the Puget Sound area close to their family and duplicate their current lifestyle as much as possible. As Marcia says, "At Landmark, we will still see the Sound and the mountains. It's what we need and want."

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