



GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE

WHERE ARE WE GOING?



Brethren, now that we have completed all of our installations for the year, it is time to plan where we are going, and how to get there.

The installation of officers in a Lodge signals a New Beginning. As you move into the New Year, consider the many Lodge events that have succeeded in years past. Before you automatically include them in your planning for 2008, ask if they need to be expanded or otherwise rejuvenated.

Look too at those programs that we have tried, but found wanting. All Worshipful Masters and their officers should determine why a program didn't succeed, correct those problems, and start anew. *"What you have seen praiseworthy in others, you should carefully emulate; and what in them may have appeared defective, you should in yourselves amend."*

So intones the Warden's Charge, and it's not only applicable to every Mason, from Entered Apprentice to one of our esteemed Past Masters – but also each and every Lodge program and event.

Some other points to remember as you plan:

1. If you don't attempt it, it will surely fail.
2. If you do attempt it, you immediately have a fifty-fifty chance or better that it will succeed.
3. One of the important words used in planning is "try." If we plan to try, we may or may not be successful. If we plan to succeed, we will.

We have many on-going and upcoming programs that are designed to improve your Lodge, your Grand Lodge, our jurisdiction, and Masonry wheresoever dispersed.

Proficiency in Lodge Management Program

The failure of some Worshipful Masters, Wardens, and Secretaries to read and abide by the Washington Masonic Code requires my having to write letters of admonishment to their Lodge. It is the most undesirable task that I am required to do.

First, **all Masters and Lodge Officers should voluntarily complete the Proficiency in Lodge Management Program.**

Second, vote in the affirmative on the carryover resolution from our 2007 Annual Communication, to require every first time Master to complete this course prior to his installation.

Third, ask your Deputy of the Grand Master to conduct District Workshops where the Code and ritual work is taught and emphasized.

Regional Workshops

If you couldn't attend one of the Regional Workshops conducted earlier this year, there's still time to take part in these informative Saturday programs filled with fellowship and enthusiasm:

- Mar. 29 - Cle Elum
- May 3 - Bremerton

Each of these Regional Workshops covers different subjects, so your attendance is beneficial to both you and your Lodge. And you can bring along your favorite traveling companion — each Regional Workshop includes a Ladies program. The Ladies at the Everett workshop rated their program as "rewarding and educational." Brethren, please bring your Ladies so they too may discover some of the rights and privileges that Freemasonry provides.

Lodge Officers Competition

Another program that we will again hold this year is the Lodge Officers Competition. Our Grand Lecturer is in charge of this program and has written a separate article for this edition. Basically, each Deputy of the Grand Master will be conducting a competition to determine his District's best team of Master, Senior and Junior Warden

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Grand Lodge Elected Officers

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

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for opening and closing on the Master Mason degree. Each District's winner will then compete in the statewide competition May 10. This great program encourages each Lodge to improve its ritual... and good ritual increases Lodge attendance and enjoyment.

One-day Conferrals

We have a one-day conferral still coming up this year:
· April 5 - Wenatchee

In order for the one-day conferral program to succeed, each candidate must have an effective mentor. Sometimes, we fall down in this critical requirement; plan right now to ensure that's not the case for your Lodge.

Mentoring

Each Lodge, whether they have one-day candidates or not, needs an effective Mentoring Program. When I went through the three Degrees in the '60's, I had an effective and dedicated Mentor. We did not call him that at the time, but he was far more than just a coach. Anyone can be a coach, if he can read the Standard Work. On the other hand, a mentor is not only proficient in the ritual, but truly understands, practices and promotes tenets of Masonry.

Warden's Conference

This year's Warden's Conference promises to be another positive endeavor in preparing Lodge officers for future success, along with a parallel program for their Ladies. Our Deputy Grand Master is in charge of this event, and has written a separate article for this edition. It is a "don't miss" opportunity and we hope you and your Lady will join us:

· Fri. evening, April 11 to Sun. morning, April 13 — Yakima

Annual Communication

Lastly, but foremost — I encourage EACH of you to attend our Annual Communication in Wenatchee, this coming June 12 thru 14. There will be many important resolutions presented that have been submitted by our Lodges. In addition, I will have some Grand Master's recommendations that need to be considered and voted on.

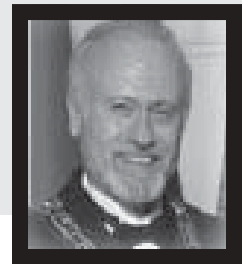
You may ask, **"Well, I don't have a vote, so why should I attend?"** While Resolutions and voting on the next Junior Grand Warden do indeed comprise an important part of the Communication; and, while only Masters, Senior and Junior Wardens and Past Masters vote at Grand Lodge... each of the "voters" from your Lodge needs to hear your viewpoints and observations. By coming to Wenatchee and discussing your concerns and desires with those who do have a vote, you are making your voice heard. **You can, and will, have a positive influence on how they cast their vote.**

Masonry allows each of us to voice our opinion, to convince others of the benefits and pitfalls of a resolution, and then, when the voting is complete, agree to support the will of the majority.

Another key aspect of your attendance is one that may well be the most important portion of our Annual

DEPUTY GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE

RWB Douglas E. Tucker, DGM



CHANGE: 1. To make or become different: Alter 2. To replace with another (The Merriam-Webster Dictionary)

What is it about this six letter word that strikes so much discord in the heart of mankind? We have all heard the statement, "The only constant in life is change." Nothing ever stays the same for very long no matter what we do or how hard we try to keep it from happening. This certainly is true of our craft. We have experienced many changes over the years. Each generation has had its own particularly unique challenges. As these challenges were overcome, the end result was . . . you guessed it - CHANGE.

For many years our rituals were passed mouth to ear. Change reared its head and the cipher was adopted. When WWII ended the fraternity experienced phenomenal growth. Today the challenge for many lodges is acquiring and retaining new members. All of these changes and challenges to the lodges are no less so for your elected Grand Lodge Officers and staff.

During the 1940's, 1950's and 1960's in general our lodges were primarily concentrating on performing the three degrees. As a result of the down turn in our lodge rolls, today we must

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Communication: the opportunity for you and your family to gather together with all the other Brethren and theirs, from throughout Washington. Greet old friends, meet new ones, and enjoy that friendship and fellowship that our Fraternity provides.

Away from the meetings, there will be opportunities for recreation, entertainment and sight-seeing in the vacation-like setting of Chelan county. And don't forget the food - there will be informal breakfasts, lunches and a Fellowship Dinner on Thursday night for all.

Where else can you meet Brethren from throughout the jurisdiction with whom you will be serving in the future as you lead Masonry to bigger and better accomplishments in the years to come.

My motto is "Accentuate the Positive," and that is exactly what I want you, your Lodge, your District and our Fraternity to do. Our Past Worshipful Masters, Past Deputies of the Grand Master and Past Grand Masters have had programs that are worthwhile and need to be perpetuated. Let us all find those positives in our past, and then "Accentuate the Positive."

Grays Harbor Lodge 52's 8th Annual Louie Louie Crab Feeb and District 16 Meeting



As part of the program Grays Harbor No.52 and the Grand Master, MWB Wayne Smith, presented the US Coast Guard with a certificate of appreciation for all they do to keep the fisherman safe. Accepting the award on behalf of the Coast Guard was BM2 Jamie Scott and Seaman Tim Schrade.

now become creative in how we acquire the new member. Just as daunting as that task has become and equally as challenging, is the creating of new interesting programs geared to keeping the new younger member returning. As a result there are some Grand Lodge committees that have begun doing some innovative thinking designing new programs to assist the lodges. Be prepared to have these programs offered to you as tools.

These new innovations are not designed to tell you how to operate your lodge, but are suggestions for each lodge to peruse and then adopt the ones that will take it in the direction that is best for that particular lodge. Perhaps the most obvious change today that has influenced the fraternity is technology. Whether you embrace it or not, technology is here to stay. For some of us it is a most difficult change. For those who refuse to accept it, the world will pass you by and you will be left standing in its wake. The lodge that refuses to accept it must be prepared to close its doors permanently. As quickly as technology is moving your decision concerning it will have to be made instantaneously.

One other change that is on the horizon is the Proficiency in Lodge Management. This program is not designed to be a detriment. It is an education tool. Many have complained that Masonry has been "dumbed" down. Here is an opportunity to bring it to where it belongs. All it requires is some of your time and a commitment to learn to open, close, call to refreshment and then back to labor. Our ritual is what distinguishes our craft from any other fraternity. We should be driven to be the best we can be. There are all kinds of excuses for not wanting this resolution passed, including how you all know how to open and close. In the many travels to all parts of the state, I have heard things that make me wonder in what jurisdiction I was at that time. This is a tool that will enable all of us in this state to be proud of our work and stay in the forefront of Masonry.

Change is inevitable. It is how life is improved for future generations. Sometimes it is known as progress. It can be difficult and even annoying, but for certain it will be with us all of our days.

Grand Master-The Internet

"Brethren,

Several Lodges and Brothers have requested permission to have Websites, Blogs, Forums, and other internet forms of communication. I previously granted blanket permission for Lodges to have Lodge sponsored websites that display the Square and Compasses and use the word "Masonic" or some derivation of the same. Washington Masonic Code Section 12.01 allows some usages and requires permission of the Grand Master for other uses. In keeping with the intent of the Washington Masonic Code and with the current interest and usage of the internet for many forms of electronic communications, I herewith grant permissions as follows:

All Lodges may have a Lodge sponsored web site and may use the Square and Compasses in a tasteful manner and any and all derivations of the word "Masonic" on those websites. Each Worshipful Master shall be cognizant of the content posted on his Lodges website and he shall insure that it is Masonic in character and in no way is any disparagement of men or Masons to be allowed.

A Brother may have a personal website or "blog" or other form of internet forum, communication or publication as long as it maintains the Masonic tenets of Brotherly Love, relief, and truth and in no way disparages our Fraternity or any Brother.

A MASON'S LADY

RWB Gale H. Kenney, Sr. Grand Warden



My brethren, I wanted to take a few moments to talk about one of the most important ambassadors of Masonry, our ladies. They enjoy Masonry as much as we do and belong to many of our appendant bodies. They are always by our side supporting us in all that we do, cheering us on from the sidelines, being good listeners and communicators and encouraging us to be better men, husbands, fathers, brothers and friends. They help us with our memory work and probably know it better than we do! You will find them in our lodge's kitchens preparing and serving the dinners. They help us plan our installations and functions as Master of our lodge and always with a smile and word of encouragement. They see the glass as half full. They are wonderful partners for exchanging ideas and thoughts, and are the best confidants a Mason and man could possibly have.

About seven months ago, I gave my lady friend the book "Freemasons for Dummies," so that she could have a better understanding of what I do and why I am involved with the greatest fraternity in the world. What a great primer and introduction to Freemasonry. Besides reading it at home, every time she flies, she takes the book along and reads and learns more about our gentle Craft. On one of her latest flights, she was sitting next to a minister who happened to notice that she was reading the book and asked her if she was a Mason? To which she replied that she was not. He then went on to say that weren't they the ones who didn't allow blacks to join, to which she responded that that was incorrect because she was just reading a section about Prince Hall and was able to share with him what she had just learned. What a wonderful testimony from a woman who is just learning about who we are and what we do. Where would we be without these wonderful ambassadors of Masonry? Think about it, my brethren, and be sure to thank your lady for all that she does so that we can be all that we are and capable of being.

In closing, I would like to leave you with a couple of thoughts: Schiller once said, "Honor women, they entwine and weave heavenly roses in our earthly life." And, William Sharp said, "In the beginning, said a Persian poet - Allah took a rose, a lily, a dove, a serpent, a little honey, a Dead Sea apple, and a handful of clay. When he looked at the amalgam - it was a woman."

So Mote It Be

The Square and Compasses may not be used. The word "Masonic" or some derivation of the same may not be used in the title or address for the site however in the conversational postings on the site it is permissible to use to the same extent as one would use in face to face conversation.

There may be no jurisdiction of Washington based Masonic websites, forums, blogs, or internet communications or publications where the esoteric portions of our ritual are discussed or posted, even if they may seem to be secure and require a user name and password for access and the membership of which is restricted to Masons in Good Standing.

Any and all internet postings must in no way violate any of the obligations we have taken to a Brother, our Lodge, the Fraternity, our country or the Supreme Architect.

Violations of any of the above standards will be considered as un-Masonic conduct and appropriate action taken.

Junior Grand Warden's Message

RWB G. Santy Lascano



Brethren, fraternal greetings to you all!

First, please accept my thanks and gratitude for your support in electing me to the office of Junior Grand Warden. I also want to express my appreciation to our past and present leaders who have been passing on to me the tribal knowledge necessary to promote the vision of our Grand Masonic Jurisdiction. I see many challenges ahead of us as we labor to ensure the growth of our Fraternity and the success of our own endeavors. We cannot simply stand back, enjoy the good nature of our Fraternity, and expect it to both sustain its current state and improve its well-being. From my experience in my long Masonic journey throughout this Jurisdiction and beyond, I can unequivocally state that the single most important working tool in accomplishing this objective is a well thought out and implemented long range plan.

I would like to share with you a few thoughts on the subject of long range planning. I know that some lodges have been highly successful in crafting and executing a long range plan. I also know that other lodges struggle with the most basic requirements of running a lodge and do not feel a long range plan is something worth spending the time and effort to craft, let alone attempt to implement it. I am sure that for most of our lodges, the truth is circumscribed somewhere between the pillars of these two extremes.

As I reflected on this situation, it struck me how strongly this message is inculcated by the creators of our Third Degree. As we learn, the daily instructions for the building of Solomon's Temple was written, or inscribed in wax, upon the trestle board. When the ruffians put an end to Grand Master Hiram, so too that greatest of long range plans, the instruction for the completion of the Temple of Solomon, was lost as well. Essentially, after the loss of the Master, it becomes a drama of a plan and process re-tooled to meet the new reality of a changed state of affairs. It reminds us that circumstances change and plans may need to be altered, but through our efforts, those changes do not necessarily mean a permanent end to our labors.

As speculative Masons, that trestle board becomes the eternally unfolding instructions for that Temple "not made with hands" and our efforts are directed to moral and spiritual edifices rather than physical ones, but the essential necessity of the trestle board (the instructions to the craft for their labors) remains. Lodges from time immemorial, by adhering to the ancient landmarks, have established operational standards that we as Masons have followed diligently as we have moved forward. Some of those standard procedures no longer fit into the paradigm that younger generations of current and future Masons live by. A well crafted long range plan can speak to these men, give them and existing members direction, and establish a coherent and unfolding strategy into the future. It will also help avoid some of the anxiety that can be generated by eliminating ambiguity and uncertainty of purpose.

Let us look at some of the aspects of having a long range plan that will assist and guide us to promote the future success of our lodges and our Fraternity:

Where do you see your Lodge in 2 to 5 years?

- To what extent can your lodge predict its future well-being?
- Given the current state of the lodge, what are reasonable expectations for future success?
- Is this realistic in its expectations and goals?

Challenge your lodge's current assumptions and perceptions of itself. Does your lodge have a solid direction to where it wants to be at a prescribed future period?

Do you have a vision for your lodge?

- What should you focus your vision on? Is it membership? Is it financial? What should it be?
- When you finally have established a vision statement and a long range plan, what is the timeline of that plan? Does it have measurable goals and milestones along the way to monitor changes and manage your accomplishments?

These are a few higher-level pointers to help craft and implement a long-range plan. While you work on this plan, you should detail and document the process as it unfolds.

In the past, we rarely felt the need to discuss these topics. Many of us felt the key to success was to work hard, enjoy the benefits of our Fraternity, and live by the principles of the wonderful teachings impressed upon our minds by its teachings. As the ritual states, "There is no right without parallel duty; no liberty without the supremacy of the law; no high destiny without earnest perseverance; and no real greatness without self denial." As we are rational and intelligent beings, let us all labor together to promote a better future for our beloved institution.

With the help of the Long Range Planning Committee of our Grand Jurisdiction, you can be better equipped to establish your lodge goals and have a solid, realistic projection of the future direction of your lodge. They are there to assist and support you. They are worthy, well-qualified, and would look forward to hearing from you. My brethren, we must re-tool our efforts in a manner fit to the changing times, and the time to do that is now.

Flood December 2007

RWB Dave P. Owen

Brethren, in December 2007 Western Washington was hit by record rain and hurricane force winds causing severe flooding throughout the area. In the Chehalis/Centralia area I-5 was covered with nearly 10 feet of water. The freeway was closed for 20 miles. In many cases complete devastation consumed homes and businesses.

Our Grand Master, Wayne I. Smith, sent a letter to our Lodges in an effort to provide monetary support for the communities and Brethren who were affected. The following Lodges, Masonic Groups and Brethren answered the call and we thank you:

Henry A. Greene 250, Phoenix 154, Spokane 34, Edmonds 165, North Hill 210, Tyee 115, James Banas, Dick Ekins, University 141, Steilacoom 2, Bremerton Scottish Rite, Western Cascade 61, Fairweather 82, St. John's 9, Ashler 121, Renaissance 312, Eureka 20, Malden 188, Longview 263, Newport 144, E. S. Red Bell, Ark 126, Occidental 72, Conrad Nelson, Roy R. Hammonds, W. H. Ladner, Woodland Kalama 17, Robert M. Hill, Stephen Carmick, Farrel A. Thomas, Riverside 112, Silverdale 311, Benton 277 & Haun Family, William H. Upton 206, Parkland-Lakewood 299, Mercer Island 297, William H. Jett 285, Masonic Service Association of North America, Goldendale 31, Daylight 232, Port Orchard 98, Parkland-Lakewood 299, Defiance 22, Verity 59, Cle Elum St. Thomas 139, St. Andrew's 35, Mt. Hood 32, Maritime 239, Rainier 189, Yancey C. Blalock 265, Thornton F. McElroy 302, Crescent 109, Evergreen State 68, Colville 50, Oriental 74

The total donated by our Jurisdiction was \$26,053.10. An additional \$26,500.00 resulted from our request to the Masonic Service Association (MSA) of North American to all jurisdictions for a total of \$52,553.10.

NEW 990-N

RWB Dave P. Owen



All Lodges and Building Corporations are required to file some type of form 990. If your gross receipts are less than \$25,000.00 and your organization has an EIN (every Lodge has an EIN) you are required to file the form 990-N (e-Postcard). The Lodge EIN is not the same as the Building/Temple/Title Holding Corporation. The form 990-N is only done electronically so you will need to go to the public library if you do not have a computer, or someone in the Lodge can do it. If your Lodge receives \$25,000.00 or more in gross receipts you are required to file a form 990 or 990EZ. This requirement is the same.

Here are the steps for filing form 990-N:

1. Go to the IRS website: www.irs.gov/eo
2. Click on the link "Annual Electronic Filing Requirement for Small Exempt Organizations - Form 990-N (e-Postcard)"
3. Now under the How To File click on the "here"
4. Click on the "Leave IRS Site" you will be redirected to the Urban Institute site. This is the company contracted by the IRS to collect the data.
5. Follow the three steps. First is to Register as a New User.

After you complete these steps you will get an electronic confirmation. I was also told by the IRS that a hard copy will be mailed to the address on file.

This is a federal requirement and failure to submit this form can have an adverse impact on the non-profit status of a Lodge and potentially Grand Lodge. This year at the Annual Communication one of the Grand Master's Recommendations is to require a copy be filed with the Grand Lodge.

This is a Lodge responsibility and probably rests on the office of Lodge Treasurer or Secretary/Treasurer. It is due by the 15th day of the fifth month following the end of a fiscal year. In most cases our Lodges are on a calendar fiscal year. The report is therefore due by May 15th of each year, starting in 2008.

The Grand Master asked that I make a trip to Chehalis and present several checks to Brothers in need. This is by far one of the most rewarding things I've ever done in Masonry. To be able to help a fellow Brother on behalf of Masonry is priceless. One Brother's home and business were washed away, another's home was completely gutted because of water damage, one Brother's basement was submerged and his furnace was destroyed, another lost his wood working tools, and still another's whole basement was washed out. On February 29, 2008, Grand Master Smith and about 10 other Brethren were at the food bank in Chehalis to present a check for \$3,000.00. Again this was a very rewarding event for Masonry. There is another situation in the works to help a widow. Brothers, if you know of a Mason who needs help please contact the Grand Lodge Charity Committee or the Grand Secretary's office. To date we have dispersed \$21,000.00.

THE HOUSE AND SENATE RECOGNIZE MASON'S

The Washington State Senate and House unanimously passed identical resolutions honoring Freemasonry for its many contributions to the State. The Grand Lodge of Washington was founded in 1858, 150 years ago. The State's first Masonic lodge, in Olympia, was chartered by the Grand Lodge of Oregon in 1853 shortly after Washington became a territory. Currently there are 194 local lodges and over 18,000 Masons in Washington.

Freemasonry was instrumental in founding the state. Five of the six Territorial Governors and nine Washington State Governors were Masons. Eight U.S. Senators and 29 Representatives were Masons, including Henry "Scoop" Jackson. Masons helped set up the public school systems and have contributed generously to scholarships over the last 150 years. Freemasons participate in a wide variety of local community and charitable activities.

Freemasonry is the oldest fraternal organization in the world with over 2 million members worldwide. Masonry urges tolerance and fosters understanding, recognizing the commonality and community of all men of good will. Over a dozen Presidents have been Masons, including George Washington, Franklin Roosevelt, and Harry Truman.

A Mason is a man committed to improving himself, devoted to his family, a seeker of wisdom, actively helping his community and neighbors. Associated organizations include: Order of Eastern Star, Order of the Amaranth, Order of DeMolay, Rainbow girls, Job's Daughters, Scottish Rite, York rite and Shrine.

The House of Representative in Olympia adopted the bill below:

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.4679, by Representatives Anderson, Morris, Newhouse, Santos, Grant, Alexander, Kessler, Ericks, Dunshee, Hankins, Skinner, and Conway

WHEREAS, Thousands of Freemasons throughout Washington State have made numerous contributions to the state throughout its history; and

WHEREAS, Freemasons, whose long history precedes Washington's achievement of statehood, have set an example of high moral standards and generous sacrificial charity for all people; and

WHEREAS, The Founding Fathers of this great State of Washington, many of whom were Freemasons, provided a balanced and principled basis for developing themselves and others into valuable citizens of Washington; and

What Ever Happened to Grand Mound Lodge No. 3 ????

RWB Dave P. Owen

Grand Mound Lodge No. 3 was one of the four initial Lodges that formed the Grand Lodge of Washington in 1858. Ten years later at the Eleventh Annual Communication of Grand Lodge held in Olympia, Grand Mound Lodge turned in its Charter. There is a marker in Grand Mound (exit #88) that marks where the Lodge once stood. Take old highway 99 to Sargent Rd. turn on 183rd Ave. West and the marker is across from the Cemetery where old Fort Henness once stood.

So what ever happened to Grand Mound No. 3? Well I asked my Mentor, Friend and Brother the RW John D. Keliher. And now the rest of the story by RWB John:

“The demise of Grand Mound Lodge No. 3 has long elicited expressions of regret that the Lodge folded by Masons who had no understanding of the underlying causes. The simplistic answer centers on the conflicts between and among some of the early Grand Masters – and certainly played a part in the saga, but the story is really more complicated than that. The leaders of the Grand Lodge of Washington in Territorial days were men who had distinctive differences but their journey to the Northwest had not been easy. The maxim of the pioneers was that the strong made it and the weak died on the way.

James Biles was the Captain of the Longmire Wagon Train of 1853. Their route took them six months to travel from Missouri to Olympia. The wagon train contained 150 people, 500 cattle, and they came through Naches Pass where they lowered the wagons down steep cliffs on cow hide ropes. Biles slaughtered his own cattle for the hides. The Biles settled near Grand Mound. A curious fact is that his brother, Charles, spelled his last name Byles. Charles was a Presbyterian minister of the Cumberland Presbyterians. Charles daughter married Munson Sargent, son of Nelson S. Sargent for whom Sargent Road was named. Nelson Sargent was a member of the Biles-Longmire Train.

During the Indian Uprising of 1855-56, the families around Grand Mound erected a stockade called Fort Henness in which they took refuge. It is this site, directly opposite the Cemetery on which the monument commemorating Grand Mound Lodge 3 (Grand Mound Lodge 21 of the Grand Lodge of Oregon).

Grand Mound served as a stage coach stop on the Vancouver to Olympia line – the cost from Grand Mound to Olympia was \$3.50 per passenger. The area consisted of farms which occupied the territory from the Bush Claim on Bush (now Fords Prairie) Prairie south and west as far as Boistfort, and the Chehalis Indian Reservation.

George Bush – erroneously cited frequently as George Washington Bush, although he had no middle name – had been part of the Simmons Party that had left Missouri and settled north of the Columbia River because Oregon forbid free Blacks from settling there. George Bush and his family were the first “white” settlers north of the Columbia River, beating Simmons by several months. George Bush’s in-laws filed the land claim for him because even

north of the Columbia, he was not entitled to homestead. The area had been part of an extensive cattle ranch run by the Hudson’s Bay Company and the land was difficult to cultivate for other agricultural purposes. It continuously lost population to Chehalis to the south, Tenino to the east and Tumwater to the north.

Although his residence while he served as Grand Master in 1859 was listed as Grand Mound that may have been less than accurate. By 1861, James Biles was in Olympia, serving as the clerk of First Judicial District. At some point in time he became a member of Olympia Lodge No. 1 as well as Grand Mound Lodge No. 3, the Lodge of which he had served as Master. The Civil War raging in the Eastern United States had an interesting impact on Oregon State and on Washington Territory. Oregon had delayed joining the Union until the Dred Scott Decision revoked the Missouri Compromise and made the holding of slaves legal throughout the country. Slaves were not common in Oregon but there were slaves in Oregon. Washington Territory had been a part of the Joint Occupancy negotiated with Great Britain for the land north of the Columbia River and, as a result, slavery north of the river was not regarded as legally binding despite the Dred Scott Decision. Nevertheless, the composition of the population of settlers in the area north of Oregon ran heavily to expatriate Southerners of whom Biles was typical. As late as 1865, Oregon’s first United State’s Senator, Lane, attempted to raise an armed force of ex Confederate’s to fight for the South here in the West. His attempt failed miserably and Lane fled to Eastern Oregon with his slaves. Ex-Southerners, it turned out, ex-Confederate troops (there were, in 1865, more ex-Confederate troops in Washington and Oregon than there were U.S. troops west of the Mississippi), what ever their views on slavery, were disinterested in participating in a second front.

But the Civil War drew some back home to fight either for the Union or the Confederacy and for a time the Territory of Washington’s population declined. For Masonry the result was that men elected to Grand Lodge Office simply left in mid year and the continuity of progression was replaced by a necessary recycling of former officers. Thus Thomas M. Reed traded his quills for the gavel in 1866, returning as Grand Secretary in 1867 only to leave the state to prospect for silver and gold in Idaho in 1868. His luckless successor, Wood, spent a miserable year as Grand Secretary, complaining to the absent Reed that he received no assistance from Lodge Secretaries and no backing from the Grand Master. At the conclusion of his term as Grand Secretary Wood took a dimitt from Steilacoom Lodge No. 2 and Reed returned as Grand Secretary, after an unsuccessful search for wealth in the hills of Idaho.

From 1860 to 1867, James Biles served as the Grand Lodge’s Grand Treasurer. Like Reed, he accepted the necessity of recycling as Grand Master. But his second term must have been less happy making than his first.

What Ever Happened to Grand Mound Lodge No. 3 ???? Continued

In 1866, Grand Mound Lodge existed in a population vacuum. At the end of the Indian Wars of 1855 some 125 settlers left Fort Henness and returned to their farms. Ten years later the area could claim less than half that number. The members of Grand Mound Lodge petitioned then Grand Master Thomas M. Reed for permission to meet in Tumwater since there were too few Lodge members to conduct meaningful meetings - among the most meaningful the initiation of new members. Reed granted them a Dispensation to move their charter to Tumwater, an action ratified by Grand Lodge at its next Annual Communication. The problem was, of course, that Lodges were constrained by the concept of local sovereignty only to accept petitions from men who lived within the geographic boundaries assigned to that specific Lodge. Tumwater lay within the district assigned to Olympia Lodge No. 1 and although Tumwater was not then a suburb of Olympia, Grand Mound Lodge No. 3 was prevented from receiving petitions from men who lived in that area.

In 1867, with Grand Master James Biles presiding, the members of Grand Mound Lodge no. 3, petitioned Grand Lodge for an exception so that they could not only meet in Tumwater but receive petitions from men who lived too far from Olympia to be interested in joining Olympia Lodge No 1. The Resolution was referred to the Committee on Returns chaired by its single member, PGM Thornton F. McElroy, Secretary of Olympia Lodge No. 1. The Committee on Returns reported that the Resolution violated the principle of Lodge sovereignty because it over rode the prerogative of Olympia Lodge No. 1 to decide whether it wanted to share territory with Grand Mound Lodge No. 3 - or not. Grand lodge accepted the Report and Grand Mound Lodge No. 3 was left with the dubious privilege of meeting in Tumwater under Reed's Dispensation but without the possibility of replenishing its dwindling supply of Masons.

In 1868, the members of Grand Mound Lodge No. 3 petitioned Grand Lodge that it rescind the Report of the Committee on Returns adopted in 1867, and allow, therefore, Grand Mound Lodge No. 3 to enjoy concurrent jurisdiction with Olympia Lodge No. 1 in Thurston County. The Annual Communication declined to do so, which, from a procedural standpoint, was correct. One Annual Communication cannot rescind the Report adopted at a previous Annual Communication any more than you can un-ring a bell. The concept then prevailing, only changed in the last decade of the 20th Century, was that the construction of a Resolution to meet all the conditions imposed by other parts of the Constitution and Bylaws of Grand Lodge without contradiction or conflict was the problem of the maker of the Resolution. It was not the job of the Committee on Jurisprudence, or any other Committee, to rectify or suggest changes which would make a proposed Resolution acceptable for action. So the obvious revision of the Resolution put forward by Grand Mound Lodge No. 3 would have been to ask again for concurrent jurisdiction with Olympia Lodge No. 1.

Frustrated that they could not raise men in Masonry from the Mima Mounds around their territory in southern Thurston County, and forbidden to do so in Tumwater, the

members of Grand Mound Lodge No. 3 voted to turn in their charter in September of 1868.

Two years later, in 1870, Olympia Lodge No. 1 received a petition to sponsor a new Lodge in Tumwater to be called Harmony Lodge, a Lodge with concurrent jurisdiction. Thornton F. McElroy was no longer Lodge Secretary, James Biles was a member of Olympia No. 1, as was Thomas M. Reed, and the division among the Past Grand Masters seemed healed.. A number of the petitioners were former members of Grand Mound Lodge No. 3, among whom one was James Biles' brother's son-in-law. By 1871, Harmony Lodge No. 18 was chartered by Grand Lodge.

Clearly the fracas of 1866-1868 had demonstrated that the price for sovereign jurisdiction in Thurston County had been too high. The Grand Lodge lost one of its founding Lodges, and worse yet, displayed a lack of understanding of its own principles. It is not too late to rectify that mishap of 1868. Creating a class of Historic Lodges, and restoring the charter of Grand Mound Lodge No. 3 under its provisions, would not un-ring the bell, but it would ring a new one, this time a celebratory bell and not the tolling of a funeral dirge."

Wow, thanks RWB John! And now you know the rest of the story.

THE HOUSE AND SENATE RECOGNIZE MASON'S

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WHEREAS, Members of the Masonic Fraternity, both individually and as an organization, continue to make invaluable charitable contributions of service to the State of Washington; and

WHEREAS, The Masonic Fraternity continues to provide for the charitable relief and education of the citizens of Washington; and

WHEREAS, The Masonic Fraternity is deserving of formal recognition of their long history of caregiving for the citizenry and their example of high moral standards;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House of Representatives recognize the thousands of Freemasons of Washington and honor them for their many contributions to our State throughout its history.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of Resolution 4679 adopted by the House of Representatives February 29, 2008

Grand Lodge of Washington Month at The George Washington Masonic Memorial

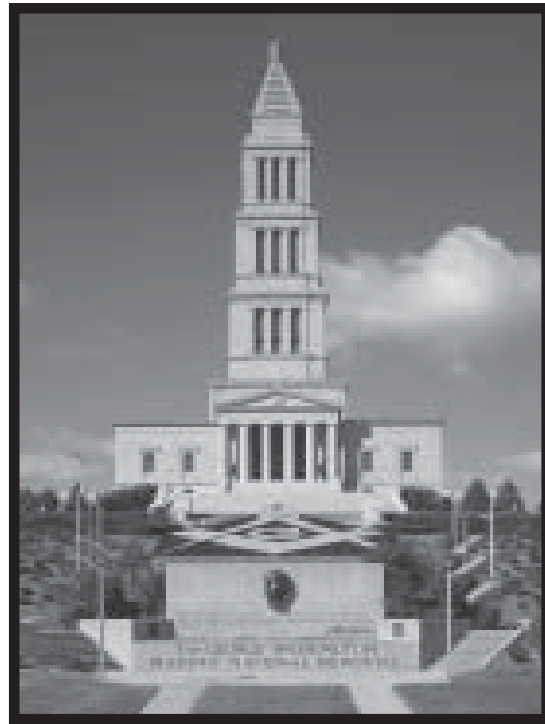
MWB Alvin Jorgensen

The George Washington Masonic National Memorial stands majestically on Shooters Hill overlooking historic Alexandria, Virginia, and the Capital of the United States, Washington, DC. It is dedicated to George Washington, the man, the Mason, and the Father of our Country. To Washingtonians it has a deeper significance because our State is named for the same man.

As the Grand Lodge of Washington was chartered on December 8, 1858, it is about to celebrate its 150th year of existence, and the George Washington Masonic Memorial will commemorate this achievement by dedicating the month of December 2008, to the Grand Jurisdiction of Washington. Plans are now being finalized for the Grand Master of Washington to open a special assembly of the Grand Lodge in the replica Lodge Room at the Memorial on December 1, 2008. The Replica Lodge Room is identical in dimensions and features as that in which George Washington presided as Worshipful Master of Alexandria Lodge No. 22 before and during his Presidency of the United States.

This recognition by the Memorial is due partially to the support the Masons of Washington generated through passage at the Annual Communication last June, of a \$1.00 per member contribution annually. Washington is one of seven Jurisdictions in the United States to provide this level of support. The Memorial will display a replica of the Seal of the Grand Lodge Washington in the Grand Masonic Hall, which will be dedicated during the December activities.

The Memorial Tree Program is a method by which individuals and organizations may be honored. Under this program a tree is planted on the 36-acre Memorial Campus with a granite marker to identify the donor and the honoree. The cost to dedicate a tree is \$500.00/tree. It is hoped the Lodges and individuals in the State of Washington will consider this program, so that when the Grand Master is at the Memorial he can dedicate a Washington Grove during the December 2008, festivities. Lodges or individuals desiring to be part of this program may contact W George Seghers, Executive Director at 703-683-2007, or log onto the George Washington Masonic Memorial Web Site: <http://www.gwmemorial.org/membership.html> and select the link to the Memorial Tree Program for instructions.



All Washington Masons are invited to participate in the December activities at the George Washington Masonic Memorial. For planning purposes, plan to arrive on Sunday, November 30th, and depart on Tuesday or Wednesday, December 2nd or 3rd. In addition to planned dedication ceremonies and tours at the Memorial, other tours will be arranged in and around the Washington DC area. More detailed information will be provided at the Annual Communication in June and subsequent thereto.

For all Masons traveling at other times to or near our Nation's Capital, please consider taking time to visit the Memorial. Tours are free, and it is a short walk from the King Street Station of the Metro. If you are driving, parking is ample and also free. Virtually all major concordant organizations of the Masonic family are represented by displays. The view from the observation deck provides a panorama of the District of Columbia, Alexandria and northern Virginia.

A fact of which most Masons are not aware the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association is the only National Masonic organization to which all members of constituent Lodges in the United States belong. Each Jurisdiction is represented by the respective Grand Master at the Annual Meeting of the Association, held in conjunction with the Conference of Grand Masters on the Sunday closest to George Washington's birthday. Each Jurisdiction has at least one Ambassador to the Memorial. In addition, currently serving as a Director on the Memorial Association Board, is MW Al Jorgensen. He invites your questions/inquiries concerning Memorial programs or the planned December visit. You may contact him by email at aljorg@comcast.net.



2008 January Jett & Riverside Lodge Bike-4-Books. Left to Right WB Gordon Irle, VWB Wayne Tetherow, Senior Warden, VWB Curtis R. Neal, DDGM #21, WM Bill Davis Jr., Bro Richard Alderman, Junior Warden, WB Gail Hays, PM of Riverside and back row Bro. Robert McLandress, Chaplain. Photo & story by VWB Steven Guffy, Sec.

Wenatchee Masons and Wal-Mart Helping Kids Read “Bikes-4-Books”

William H. Jett Lodge No. 285 & Riverside Lodge No. 112 of Wenatchee, Washington have been sponsoring the Bikes-4-Books program in local School Libraries. With the support of the Wenatchee Wal-Mart Store they started in the small School of Entiat with giving two bikes to the library to encourage the children to read more books. This last May the Lodges were surprised when the whole school held an assembly for the drawing of names. A local Past Master WB Paul Merighi gave two more bikes when he had heard that one fourth grade girl read over seven hundred and fifty four books from January first to May first 2007. He knew that that young lady deserved a bike, so he gave the two bikes for the top girl and boy reader. The school Librarian, Diane Gould, spoke at a local School.

Librarian's conference and told of how wonderful this program had worked for her school and suggested that they contact the Masons to see if they could participate in the program. The flood gates opened and every School in the District has asked to participate. Through the generosity of the Wenatchee Wal-Mart donation of over twenty- eight bikes, they were delivered to twelve different schools in five local towns the week of January 6th. Those Schools included the following: Entiat, Rock Island, Cashmere, Eastmont Schools: Cascade, Lee, Grant and Kenroy. Wenatchee Schools: Mission View, Lincoln, Columbia, John Newberry, Sunnyslope, Lewis & Clark, and Washington. For more information, please contact; Steve Guffy at the Wenatchee Masonic Center 509-662-7607.

LAKESIDE LODGE #258 BIKES FOR BOOKS PROGRAM VWB Sprague G. Vigus

This fall Lakeside Lodge has had four successful Bikes for books Programs at the following Bellevue Schools.

The Lodge gave two bikes per school to students at Sherwood Forest, Ardmore, Phantom Lake and Lake Hills Elementary Schools. The students of two of the schools received one ticket per book, they read a total of 2,964 books. The other two schools awarded one ticket for each hour they read, a total of 1,465 hours. Recipients of the bikes were Jonah Ragen and Valary Martinez of Sherwood Forest, Chayenne Ness and Niko Suokko of Ardmore, Sarah Mar-Lundeen and Bryan Valoz of Phantom, Pedram Ethadolhagh and Mason Stier of Lake Hills. At each presentation the Brothers of Lakeside Lodge were accompanied by members of our Eastern Star Chapter, along with members of our Rainbow Assembly at Phantom Lake Elementary.

In addition to the presentation of the bikes, the Bellevue Police Department Bike Unit provided officers to talk to the students about bike safety.



L to R Back Row: Off. Jammy Collins, VW Sprague G. Vigus, WB James Grove, WB Scott Anderson, Sue Burnett, Rachel Claflin and Diane McNutty. Front Row: Winners Mason Stier and Pedram Ethadolhagh.

Our program is supported by funding efforts of Lakeside Chapter #202, Bellevue Rainbow Assembly, and Bellevue Order of DeMoley.

RICKY THE GRAND LODGE ROOSTER Or

How a \$5 Gag Gift got me into the Chicken Business!

VWB James F. Brady III



While attending a Scottish Rite dinner, V.W. Winton and I were discussing possible gifts to present our Grand Master, M.W. Wayne I. Smith at the District Meeting. The discussion centered on the Grand Master's presentation at the orientation session earlier in the year. He requested not to receive personal gifts during his term, preferring instead that donations be made to his philanthropic project, Toys for Tots. I was confident that my District would turn out in Bristol fashion with donations for Toys for Tots at our District Meeting. I wanted to present M.W. Wayne with a "Special" gift to commemorate the District Meeting. It was suggested that a rooster was in order! A rooster could assist our Grand Master in rising like the morning sun to govern his Grand Jurisdiction. All Brethren seated at the table were sworn to complete secrecy and a plan was developed.

Not having any first hand knowledge of roosters, I needed help! Over the next few weeks, my daughter Amy researched roosters and chicken breeds on the internet – and then finally I got a break! Attending a dinner before a Stated Communication of a Lodge in my District, I met Rick and Gerilynn Waits. During dinner conversation, I discovered that Gerilynn was an animal lover of the first order and had grown up with chickens, and even had chickens now – Rick and Gerilynn were sworn to secrecy and I confessed my plan. Gerilynn was fantastic; she went out of her way to find the perfect rooster, one that was not aggressive, is extremely handsome, but most importantly had a robust crow – a Grand Lodge quality rooster!

Gerilynn found the perfect rooster; she purchased Ricky and housed him at her place, as I did not have any accommodations for a rooster at my place. Each morning Ricky woke up the Waits family at 4 AM, crowing at the porch light. Days went by (if you ask Rick, it was months) and finally the big day had arrived, the date of the District

Meeting. Gerilynn loaned me a cage and cage cover, I put Ricky in the back of my truck, locked up the canopy and left it parked at the Temple.

Ricky was presented to M.W. Wayne at the District meeting as an assistant to help him rise like the morning sun to open and govern his Grand Jurisdiction. M.W. Wayne went along with things, and we all had a good chuckle. During a lull in the meeting, he asked that I take care of Ricky because he was too busy fulfilling his Grand Lodge duties to attend to a chicken. I accepted the duty, and Ricky now resides at my place.

But wait, I told you that I did not have accommodations for a rooster. Well, I do now. Rick and Gerilynn agreed to house Ricky until I could build suitable quarters for him. After many hours and much expense I'm in the chicken business. The temporary quarters I built for Ricky will become the new dog pen for the two new dogs my wife Kathy will get this spring for having to put up with Ricky. In the spring I'm building a new hen house and chicken run for the hens that Ricky will get for having to put up with me. My daughter gets to help with the chickens because – well she's my daughter and that is what she does – help her Dad. What did I get out of this deal, you ask? Well I get to hang out with Ricky the Grand Lodge Rooster – one very smart, sharp looking and cool bird! He crows when I leave for work in the morning, he crows when I get home in the evening, and he crows when I don't get up in time on the weekends. He crows at the birds that eat his food. He crows loudly – just the trait that I told Gerilynn I was looking for in a Grand Lodge quality rooster.

Would I do it again? Absolutely! How many Grand Masters can say that they were given a rooster at a District Meeting? Ours can! But I'm left to wonder ... every morning that M.W. Wayne sleeps in, does he get the last laugh on this deal!

151st Annual Communication

June 12-14, 2008

This year 2008 the Annual Communication is in Wenatchee. The following is a summary of events:

Tuesday, June 10 -Grand Lodge staff and elected Grand Lodge Officers arrive

Wednesday, June 11
-Golf Tournament
-Registration open
-Grand Master Banquet,
by invitation only

Thursday, June 12
-Registration open
-Informal Opening 8:30 – 10:00 am
-Formal Opening, Tyled
-Business
-Fellowship Dinner

Friday, June 13

-Registration open until noon
-Business
-Election of Grand Lodge Officers
-Secretary's Dinner
-Installation

Saturday, June 14-Whatever business is left

-Close Grand Lodge

This year there is one carry over resolution and 17 new resolutions. The Resolution Booklet will be mailed to all Lodges at the end of March. For the Office of Junior Grand Warden there are seven candidates. There will be a separate ballot for Junior Grand Warden. Come and join your Brethren as we celebrate a new Masonic Year. This is the year of our 150th Birthday. See you in Wenatchee. Registration will go out the first week in April.

Bank Account

VWB Dale Spurlock

A 92-year-old, petite, well-poised and proud man, who is fully dressed each morning by eight o'clock, with his hair fashionably combed and shaved perfectly, even though he is legally blind, moved to a nursing home today. His wife of 70 years recently passed away, making the move necessary. After many hours of waiting patiently in the lobby of the nursing home, he smiled sweetly when told his room was ready.

As he maneuvered his walker to the elevator, I provided a visual description of his tiny room, including the eyelet sheets that had been hung on his window.

"I love it," he stated with the enthusiasm of an eight-year-old having just been presented with a new puppy.

"Mr. Jones, you haven't seen the room, just wait."

"That doesn't have anything to do with it," he replied.

"Happiness is something you decide on ahead of time. Whether I like my room or not doesn't depend on how the furniture is arranged... it's how I arrange my mind. I

already decided to love it." It's a decision I make every morning when I wake up. I have a choice. I can spend the day in bed recounting the difficulty I have with the parts of my body that no longer work, or get out of bed and be thankful for the ones that do.

Each day is a gift, and as long as my eyes open, I'll focus on the new day and all the happy memories I've stored away just for this time in my life.

Old age is like a bank account. You withdraw from what you've put in. So, my advice to you would be to deposit a lot of happiness in the bank account of memories! Thank you for your part in filling my Memory bank. I am still depositing! Remember the five simple rules to be happy:

Free your heart from hatred, Free your mind from worries, Live simply, Give more and Expect less.

"Please, Just Make It Happen"

Web Site Check List

WB Jim Kendall

- 1) Is this Web Site linked from the Grand Lodge Web Site?: Yes___No___.
- 2) Is the Web Site current?: Yes___No___.
- 3) Is there a link to the Grand Lodge Web Site?: Yes___No___.
- 4) Does the site have a General Statement of purpose on the opening page? Yes__ No__.
- 5) Is there a list of meeting dates? Yes___No___.
- 6) Is there a list of Officers of the Lodge? Yes___No___.
- 7) Is this list of Officers current? Yes___No___.
- 8) Is this Web Site a member of a Masonic Ring? Yes___No___.
- 9) Is this Web Site one page with lots of scrolling? Yes___No___.
- 10) If this Web Site has multiple pages, is it easy to navigate? Yes___No___.
- 11) Is there Masonic Education contained on the Web Site? Yes___No___.
- 12) Rate the amount of educational material on a scale of 1 to 10 with one being not much and ten being a lot. ____
- 13) Are the Lodge Trestleboards on the site? Yes ___No ___.
- 14) Does the Site advertise the Lodge community works and charity endeavors? Yes ___No ___.
- 15) Does the Site advertise the Lodge activities other than Stated Communications? Yes ___No ___
- 16) Is there a way to ask to become a member of the Fraternity on the Web Site? Yes___No___.
- 17) Are there spelling errors (i.e. "Marshal")? Yes___ No___
- 18) Please rate the Web Site in its overall appearance and performance. From 1 to 10, with 1 being low (it's unattractive, hard to navigate, and useless) to 10 high (it is nice looking, easy to navigate, and useful).

The Forgotten Child

Jack W. Davis V.P. MAK Sunny Acres

It is terrible to be the forgotten child, anywhere in the world. With today's wealth in the world, one would think most would be ready to give with open check book. It would seem that charity, we speak of, should start at home, with our youth, our Lodges, our own FAMILIES . I have traveled in my life to many many places, and have seen the need to give. I have also seen in our Masonic Family the same need. The one thing I have been proud to see is the attitude of the Brothers of St Johns No. 9, to share what they have been so fortunate to have been given, by those that came before them. They have assisted with and become a part of assisting those in need. Our Masonic Family has too many to mention doing these wonderful, charity events. The Shrine , the Rainbow for girls, Eastern Star, Scottish Rite, Royal Arch, DeMolay, Blue Lodges, Our Grand Lodge and many more assist with our family as well as those with special needs.

I have been hoping to find more help for one of our forgotten children for some time. This child, if you will see MAK Sunny Acres in this manner, is one of which I speak. MAK has been on its own for many years, after the funding was pulled by the state Rainbow board. It has survived, but just by a small margin.

The hard work of the board at MAK has made this survival possible. MAK is the third of three Rainbow camps in the state, but the only one that is not funded by the state board. Some of the board have had a vision to look into the future. This vision, I believe with the assistance of others, can happen. We have started an expansion of the parking areas, added drain lines and imported hundreds of yards of rock. Spent many hours with machines trying to improve Sunny Acres, all by donations. We will make it, it will take time and resources. I hope many in this jurisdiction will see our vision and wish to assist, in any way they can. This camp needs, time and Love. We will have one day RV parking, a natural amphitheater to be used for special events and more for our renters of the future. We will have more to offer as time goes on. MAK has meeting areas, sleeping, and cooking areas to be used at the present that are well done. We need a new building for our caretaker. We are looking for a caretaker, to replace the one that had to leave the area last year. The current trailer is past its prime, if you know what I mean. It is of great pleasure to me, to see the happenings at MAK, but looking forward to seeing the completion of the vision of the future.

If you see the need to assist with the MAK project (Help The Forgotten Child) , please contact me, Jack Davis, at rpark@seanet.com , or 425 432 2066, or MAK SUNNY ACRES, 51747 Snider Rd E. , Sprague, WA. 99037. Our Pres. Dale Cooper or Sec. Joan Kershner at joankersh@msn.com would be happy to hear from you.

This is a labor of LOVE and CHARITY. This camp well deserves our effort, and attention. It will become self supporting one day.

Wenatchee High School

Drama Club

Portray Masons

By VWB Steve Guffy



Photo by Lana Guffy

Pictured with the cast from left to right VWB Steve Guffy, Bro. Merton Hiatt, The Director Mr. Paul Atwood, WB Gail Hays and WB Ken Kozlowski, Worshipful Master of Riverside Lodge #112.

Amadeus brought to life in the Wenatchee High School Drama Club's annual spring play.

When the students and Drama Club members were studying their parts for this play they found themselves very interested in these Masons that were portrayed in the play. Their Director, Paul Atwood, knew a little something about it as his great grandfather was a member of Riverside Lodge, No. 112 in Wenatchee. They called the Masonic Center wanting to borrow some Masonic aprons to use in the play. After meeting at the Center with VWB Steve Guffy they invited the members of the Lodge to meet with the cast after the Friday production. The Worshipful Master asked me to request permission from the Grand Master to go to the play dressed as Masons. I sent the request and our Grand Master, MWB Wayne I. Smith, granted it gladly. About five Masons and their ladies were able to attend the play. What a surprise! From the opening act these young men and women held our attention with fine acting and memorization skills. Brent Visser whose portrayal of Antonio Salieri was most excellent with long stretches of dialog that was riveting and did I mention the great memory work? After the play we met with the Director and the cast. These young men were very impressed with our aprons and wanted to know more. One asked for a petition and the Worshipful Master from Riverside, WB Ken Kozlowski, signed and gave him one and invited all the boys to attend our Lodge Bowling night. We then had our pictures taken with the boys in the cast and the Director. We had made a copy of the Masonic record for the Director Paul's great grandfather and presented it to him. What a great Night it was to be a Mason! We look forward to some petitions coming in very soon.

The Courage of Excellence

VWB Tom Dangelo

In this time of uncertainty and turmoil within the Nation and the World there arises a strong need to belong, to seek out persons of like mind and like beliefs to associate with. Today the need to bolster our self-confidence and reinforce the values with which we build our lives becomes ever stronger. Moral and Spiritual excellence, our moral compass, must be boxed, much the same as a navigator boxes the compass of his vessel.

There are untold numbers of men, of all ages, who have as of yet, not discovered Masonry with all of its wonders. Our rituals, our beliefs in The Supreme Architect of the Universe and the self-fulfilling spiritual reinforcement; associated with our constant involvement in the community, are the well spring that these men thirst to drink from.

Our fore-bearers have passed the tenets and precepts of Free Masonry, as a gift to each of us, upon being initiated, passed and raised. Finally being brought to further light in Masonry we have filled that void that so many young men, of like mind and goodness yearn for and subconsciously seek, without knowing where to look.

WE MUST PASS IT ON.

It is our duty, each and every one of us, to let that Beacon of Light, that flame of passion for the Fraternity that wells up from within our souls, to shine as never before. That Beacon, Masonic Fraternalism, and our inner Spirituality, too will attract men like a moth to light.

THIS IS THE COURAGE OF EXCELLENCE!

That which we see on television and in the movies, coupled with what we read in magazines and newspapers, constantly assails our senses. Their senseless plots, mind numbing dribble and lewd immoral conduct are tearing at the very fiber and core beliefs of this Great Nation.

Our belief in God, church, country and family, as well as our moral rectitude, are being assailed relentlessly and with great fervor, by those who seek to destabilize, and eventually destroy, the value system that we, as Masons, pattern our lives after.

It is incumbent upon us, as Masons, to stand up even straighter, walk with even more confidence, and profess our beliefs in the tenets of our Masonic Fraternity even more vigorously.

The way that we treat each other outside walls of our Lodge as well as how we conduct ourselves in the community, must be so vivid an example of what we are, and what we as Masons believe in, that we light the entire community with the Beacon of Masonry.

The second paragraph of the charge of the 3rd degree spells it out:

The Call for New Members

WB Dale C. Spurlock

Once again I have been involved in a discussion on new members for our lodge. The same comments come up time and time again; we need more young people; we need to get more young members involved. Have you ever had this conversation? Sure you have many, many, many times.

I have spent much time thinking about what we are going to do to make this happen or better yet, what isn't being done. It seems that we are focused on what must be done and not what is being done. **"Proactive Communications; Language that Focuses on Solutions instead of Problems"**. Now, that is a thought. We spend a great amount of time focusing on the problem. We don't spend much time on how to improve that which we do well.

What happens when you constantly hear negative words? What happens when we stay focused on the problem and not the solution? Take a look around and the results are quite evident.

What would happen if we all tried **"solution oriented"** language when we talked about our Lodge, instead of language that just magnifies the problems we face as a Lodge. What if we didn't have a problem in our Lodge, but a Lodge with an Opportunity to become the best?

Every time we use language that focuses on solutions, rather than problems, our minds start picturing solutions. Then **"Where the mind Goes, Energy Flows!"**

We are a **GREAT** Lodge, who needs solutions. Can you imagine the benefits of collectively attempting to eliminate the negative talk about our Lodge? Want to give it a try? Next time you talk to someone about our Lodge, say something **Positive** with a **Solution Orientation!** I bet we'll all be amazed at the results!

This is no different in any other projects we get involved in. If we are focused on potential problems, which may or may not happen then we lose sight of the solution and fail at the success.

"Duty and honor alike now bind you to be faithful to every trust, to support the dignity of your character on all occasions and to strenuously enforce, by precept and example, a continued obedience to the tenets of Freemasonry

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"

THIS IS THE COURAGE OF EXCELLENCE!

My Brothers, we are Masons!

We have "The Courage of Excellence" and the WORLD Needs TO KNOW IT!



Masonic License Plates

The
"Help Kids Speak"
license plates



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



Historic Landmark Renaissance Des Moines, WA, March 17th, 2008

The plans are coming to life here at the Landmark! The initial phases of the renovation to the Landmark building were on display during the Poverty Bay Wine Festival held here last month.

The grand foyer, living room, library, garden room and dining room were finished just in time and ready to receive area guests and luminaries for the gala event. The living room, library and formal dining room retain

the dramatic ceiling treatments and rich woodwork of the original construction, but are enhanced by the addition of elegant new rugs, based on period patterns and newly painted walls, ceilings, trim and column details in a color palette of russet or terra cotta, buttery cream and classic white. The quality of work that is evident in the completion of this first phase reflects the high standard set for the subsequent phases of Landmark on the Sound.

The renovations to the historic building will continue, and marketing events are slated to be held here in late April and throughout the summer.

Rich in architectural heritage, the elegant Landmark building is being renovated with great reverence for the original classic features, preserving its timeless style and remarkable beauty. Concern for the preservation and restoration of this magnificent building was paramount to the Washington Freemasons, who originally constructed this grand building in 1926 and are the sponsors of the new non-profit, senior living community.

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