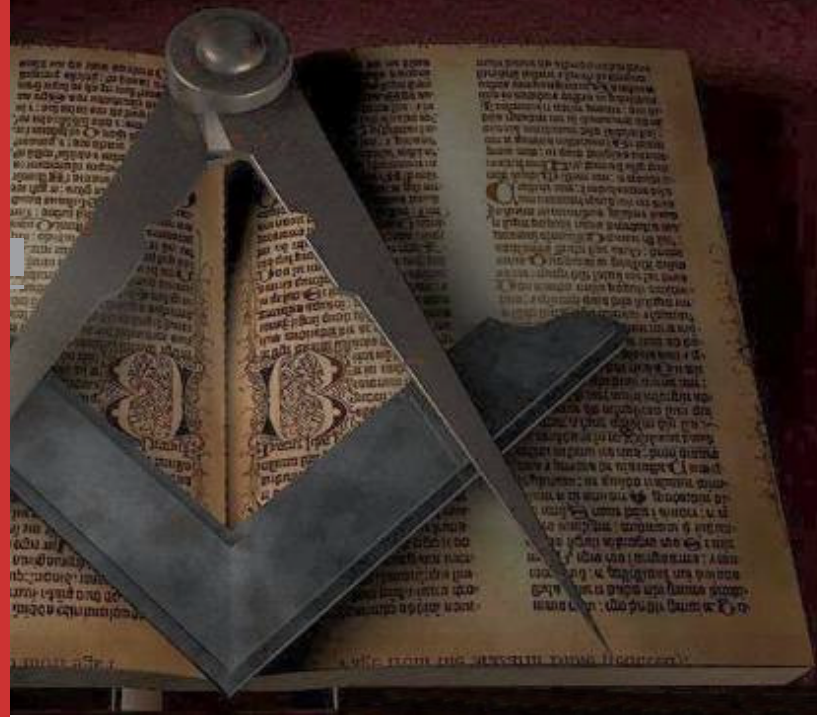


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From the Desk of the Worshipful Master

Hello Brothers,

Welcome to the second half of 2021 as we look forward to more interaction in person and some fun activities. Thank you to all of the members who stepped up for what was supposed to be my first meeting, but unfortunately, I contracted COVID-19 and was quarantining at home. We are truly a family here at Frank S. Land Lodge and it is good to know that your brothers have your back.

At our last meeting we approved a budget through the end of December which allows for some community outreach through either giving to the food bank, or should we decide to restart the community dinners we can use those funds for that purpose. Currently we are giving the amount set aside each month to the Des Moines food bank as the pandemic is still hanging around.

We approved several events for the rest of the year and they are as follows:

- July (Date TBD) – Table Lodge – Abby Bereket Chairman with Bill White assisting
- August 29th 1:05 – Rainier's game – Jerry Murphy Chairman – We have two ticket options which should be out there by the time you see this article. This is a family and friend fun event!
- September 25th – Hosting the hospitality room for the Scottish Rite at the La Quinta in Tacoma.
- October (date TBD) – Fundraising Event! We are going to try again for an Oktoberfest/

Brewfest type of event. Several Brothers stepped up to make this a huge first-time event for our lodge. Kris Lockrem is leading the charge and we will need many hands to make this what could be another huge event for FSL.

- November – We will be putting on a dinner for DeMolay as we remember their founder and the person for whom our Lodge takes its name. Jeff Abrams is the Chairperson for this event and I'm sure that Brian Gross and Jeff Brunson would be more than willing to assist.
- December – We plan on going out for dinner, possibly at Mama Stortini's in Kent followed by heading to the Showare Arena to take a match of indoor soccer with our very own Tacoma Stars. If you haven't seen it, but you like hockey be sure and come out and see the action. Jeremy Haskins and I will be looking to put this together this fall as schedules and tickets become available.

As things continue to open up we will continue to make plans where we can get together and enjoy the company and friendship of our fraternity. I hope this finds you and your family healthy and happy. If you feel you would like to volunteer and help with any of the above events feel free to contact myself, our brother Secretary Jim Mendoza or the Chairman of that event. We will make sure to put you in contact with the proper party.

Until we meet again,

Michael Hesner
Worshipful Master, F.S.L. #313



From the Desk of the Senior Warden

As I sit in the West, with a view of the East, be confident in knowing that I understand the responsibility of looking to, and planning for the future of our lodge. As elected and appointed officers, we all have an obligation to present a term plan that reinvigorates the traditions we have created over the past 24 years, while at the same time striving to be creative and enhancing those traditions so that they are fresh and exciting. All with the single motivation of engaging as many members of our craft in our work as possible. In 2022 we'll stage our first Crab Feed for the first time in 2 years, our Silver Anniversary celebration huge (and is already being planned) and the launch of a 2nd fundraiser event (a 'Music Festival') in the fall, there are most definitely exciting times ahead (and clearly much work to be done).

At our June stated meeting, I showed up with a Mason Jar full of Peanut M&M's. To most, just a jar of candy. But to those who have the ability to look a little deeper, so much more. I set about to explain the jar as follows:

- A **'Mason Jar'**: This signifies the walls of our organization. Notice how you can see through those glass walls. That signifies that we truly have no secrets. Really, go ahead and ask me anything.
- **Multicolored Candies**: Signifies the diversity of our organization (and in so many ways).
- **The First M**: Signifies Money. No organization will ever survive without raising funds and properly managing those funds.

Your officers know that we have a financial responsibility to our lodge. First, to create a realistic budget that reflects our conservative fundraising goals, charitable contributions and anticipated expenses for 2022. And second, to contribute to the long-term financial security of our future. That financial due diligence (that we require of every term) is what has allowed us to continue our charitable contributions during the past 2 years when we were unable to conduct our fundraising activities due to the COVID-19 restrictions. We should all be very proud of that and allow that recent experience to reinvigorate our efforts in this particular area.

"The true Mason is not creed-bound. He realizes with the divine illumination of his lodge that as Mason his religion must be universal: Christ, Buddha or Mohammed, the name means little, for he recognizes only the light and not the bearer. He worships at every shrine, bows before every altar, whether in temple, mosque or cathedral, realizing with his truer understanding the oneness of all spiritual truth. All true Masons know that they only are heathen who, having great ideals, do not live up to them. They know that all religions are but one story told in divers ways for peoples whose ideals differ but whose great purpose is in harmony with Masonic ideals. North, east, south and west stretch the diversities of human thought, and while the ideals of man apparently differ, when all is said and the crystallization of form with its false concepts is swept away, one basic truth remains: all existing things are Temple Builders, laboring for a single end. No true Mason can be narrow, for his Lodge is the divine expression of all broadness. There is no place for little minds in a great work."

- Manly P. Hall, Freemason



- **The Second M:** Signifies Membership. I think we all agree that no organization will ever survive without membership. In fact, we've all watched organizations rise and fall because they lost sight of the fact that they needed to consistently focus on this key area. And we're not just talking quantity here, we're talking about quality candidates. But then there's that sticky restriction that states I cannot ask a quality friend of mine, who I know would be an asset to our lodge - to become a mason. However, what I can do is the following:

"Hey friend, you've attended a few of our lodge functions and met several of our members. I don't want you to be put off by the fact that no one has approached you and asked you to join our ranks. In Masonry, we simply are not allowed to do so. This is one of the reasons why we are known as 'The Gentle Craft'. Rather, the individual must express an interest to join us. Understanding that, allow me to hand you this petition and ask that should you have any interest in joining Masonry or would like any of your questions answered that you kindly let me know as I'd be happy to discuss that issue further with you."

So, knowing we all have an obligation here, I have to ask: who is that close friend or family member that you're thinking of? Well, we'd like you to approach them and have a conversation similar to the one outlined above. Should they not be interested, no harm, no foul. But if they are..... If you look through your email, you'll find a 6/4 email from our Secretary providing you with an electronic version of our petition. Our next stated meeting will be August 7th (as we are dark in July). That gives us all 30 days to make an attempt in this area. Needless to say, we'd love to have several petitions to read.

Why Peanut M&M's: Well, let's be honest, we're all a little nuts, right?

Money & Members brothers! The life blood of our future. Let's hope we never lose sight of that.

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From the Desk of the Junior Warden

The Progression of Appointed Officers

At our last Stated Communication a presentation was made by our Sr Warden, WB Steve Dinkins about two topics he called the life blood of a Lodge, Membership and Money. It cannot be disputed that those two items are critical to the longevity and performance of a Masonic Lodge; but there are a few others that work in tandem with those two topics. A competent and organized Secretary and Treasurer are other important components of a successful Lodge, but that discussion will await another day.

Today I'd like to focus on the Appointed Officers of a Masonic Lodge, their importance, not only during the term in which they are appointed to their Office, but also as they progress through the line to elected office. A stable, active and attentive line of Officers to support the elected officers and members of the lodge is a critical element of the long-term success of any Masonic Lodge.

It is the responsibility of the Worshipful Master-Elect to appoint members to the various offices that assist in Opening and Closing the Lodge and doing degrees. A line of appointed officers that progress from one office to the next will make the WM-Elect's job of appointing officers much easier by only requiring the appointment of just a few officers rather than filling the entire line. With a line of officers that progress from one station to the next and over the course of several years gain knowledge in preparation for elected office are the foundation of a successful lodge.

Often overlooked in the WM-Elect's appointment of officers is the fact that the most junior member that is appointed to the line only serves that WM for one year, and his most important service to the lodge is years after that WM who selected him is seated on the sidelines, no longer WM of his Lodge.

What we do for ourselves dies with us. What we do for others and the world remains and is immortal.
- Albert Pike

Past Masters Article

My Masonic Heroes

by Bill Miller

My wife, Maralyn, volunteered for a few years as the office manager for the local Little Theatre in Federal Way. Each cast had one professional actor but the rest was made up of local folks. The presentations were always good and attracted a good crowd for each performance.

Maralyn noticed that the Artistic Director attended the beginning of every performance. She sat in the back of the audience and loudly participated in each night's offering. If there was a funny line, she laughed loudly. If something sad occurred, she cried – loudly. If something shocking occurred, she gasped – loudly.

It seemed strange to Maralyn so she asked her about what was going on. The response was that audiences needed “permission” to participate in the performance. By laughing, crying or gasping loudly, the Artistic Director was giving the audience “permission” to participate and enjoy the performance.

When you think about it, there is a lot of truth to that observation. How often have you seen a crowd seem to hesitate to applaud something only to hear it gain strength once the first person began clapping? hiding. It seems to be true that we tend to need

Or laughing, or gasping or letting sorrow come out of hiding. It seems to be true that we tend to need “permission” to show our emotions.

And that leads me to describe my Masonic Heroes in the Grand Lodge of Washington.

The first one is Bill P. Horn. Grand Master in 1972-73. Bill was one of my favorite people, in part I suppose because he was a mentor. But beyond that, I watched him give us permission to begin thinking outside the box. He encouraged us to talk about what could and what should be in the fraternity. Up until that time it seemed to me that the general mood was “we’ve always done it that way.” Any comments to the contrary almost always were met with veiled threats of un-Masonic charges.

And then along came Bud Gilbert, Grand Master in 1985-86. He started showing us how to improve the performance of our Masonic activities. And a teacher and a local politician who had led the effort to get the new school funded. All of a sudden that fraternal ceremony took on a personal feeling for the community.

Bill gave up permission to think outside the box and Bud showed how to make it happen. The Grand Lodge of Washington has always, in my experience, been one of the leading jurisdictions in making changes to how the fraternal work gets done.

Opening Stated Meetings to EA's and FC's; allowing lodges to combine the office of Secretary and Treasurer; lowering the age of admission from 21 to



18; recognizing Prince Hall Freemasonry; allowing liquor in the fraternal building; and on and on.

A few years after all of this began happening, I had occasion to revisit all of the changes we had embraced over the past several years. The thought that struck me was did all of the changes we made accomplish what we thought they would or perhaps were some of them just changes for change sake?

I'm sure Bill and Bud would encourage us to step back once in awhile and make sure we are on the right path. It is ok to make a mid-course correction from time to time



From the Desk of the Editor

Greetings all –

I hope you are enjoying the 8th Trestle board that we have published for E.S.L. No. 313. It has certainly been a joy for me to help create. Again, I could not do this without the help of all of you. I would like to thank our Senior Warden, WB Steve Dinkins for all of the help he has given me with filler articles, etc. I would also like to mention our Past Master WB Jerry Murphy's car show event. The flier was attached to the email that the Trestle Board came in. As we continue this publication, I want to know if any other of our brethren would like to take over editorial duties. I would, of course, help you out until you developed your own rhythm. I hope everyone has a safe and amazing 4th of July, and I can't wait to see you all soon.

Kris Lockrem
JR Steward

From the Desk of the Secretary

From the Secretary's Keyboard

Started in 1977, The Kennedy Center Honors are given to performing artists for their lifetime contributions to American culture. For his music, his record sales, the way he modernized country music and pushed it into the mainstream, Garth Brooks was among the 2021 honorees.

There is no doubt that he deserved to be feted and to bask in the tributes that he would receive. If you saw the show, you will agree that the tributes and performances were heartfelt and amazing. What struck me most about him being honored was the absolute joy on his face and his reactions as Kelly Clarkson, James Taylor, Jimmie Brown, and Gladys Knight did what they did to be their usual awesome selves. The night may have been about Garth, but he no doubt wanted to make it very clear that he recognized that those paying tribute deserved similar respect.

This brings to mind a familiar lesson in the Entered Apprentice Degree where we are taught that "heart and tongue join in promoting each other's welfare and rejoicing in each other's prosperity". That's why we pay wages at the close of our meetings.

It's easy to bask in the glory of being feted. It's another thing to understand and appreciate that people are working very hard to make things happen to make another look good.

So let's take a page from Garth's book. Let's remember to stand and applaud the efforts of our fellows. Let's be willing to be so happy in another's success that we unashamedly shed a tear or two of joy; and then let's pay it forward for those who will follow.

"Many writers and thinkers have tried to define Freemasonry but it really defeats definition. It is too complex, too profound in conception, to easily expressed in words. Perhaps the simplest and best definition of all is the phrase 'the brotherhood of man under the fatherhood of God.' Our Masonic forefathers had an understanding of human needs and human aspirations. They may never have dreamed of the mindless computer which governs our lives, or the fission of matter which threatens our lives, but they understood human nature and what motivates the spirit of man. Thus from a simple process of using stone and mortar for building they progressed to the most important of life's functions, the building of character."

— Louis L. Williams





Masonic Birthdays

Brother Robert Noonan	July 27, 2015
Brother Spencer Baker	August 1, 2015
Brother Matthew Luedke	August 10, 2002
Brother Steve Adams	August 24, 1993
Very Worshipful Brother Dale Claypool	August 29, 1966
Worshipful Brother William Hart	September 14, 2005
Brother mark Mangold	September 22, 2011
Brother Kristopher Orlowski	September 22, 2011
Brother Robert Collins	September 23, 1998

A Free Mason

A Free Mason Forged out of the Materials of His Lodge, 1754

*Behold a Master-Mason rare;
Whose mystic Portrait does declare;
The Secrets of Free Masonry.
Fair for all to read and see;
But few there are to whom they're known;
Tho' they so plainly here are shown*

