

# St. John's Lodge No. 9, F. & A. M.

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SEPTEMBER 2020

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## FROM THE EAST

[Blair Neumann](#), *Master*



Under the protecting folds of the flag of our country, we have worked as Masons, for the good of humanity, and we are reminded that the rights of Freemasons include free assembly, free speech, and free worship. These must be a part of the divine principle of which our flag is the symbol throughout the world.

America's enemies hate our flag, and they're likely jealous of our freedoms, which we should shield and protect, as we should foster and promote that which is symbolized by that which they hate. They want us to be divided, no longer one nation, under God. They want us to fight each other, and sometimes it seems like they are close to getting what they want.

As Masons, it is our privilege to show America's enemies that we are not on their side. Our side is for truth and righteousness. We are on the level with our Brethren as we are with all Mankind.

Your Brothers are not America's enemies, nor are your fellow Americans, by and large. The exceptions prove the rule. As Americans, we love our flag, though we don't all love our flag in the same ways. Many men criticize their loved ones while others prove more accepting, but we don't question either man's love even as we may question its expression.

You are enjoined to find common ground with your Brothers and with your fellow Americans. If you don't understand your Brother's point of view to such an extent that you find yourself angry about it, then you should ask him about it. Do so sincerely, then listen to his instructive tongue with your attentive ear and faithful breast until you truly understand his meaning, whether you ultimately agree with him or not.

Freemasonry has lived in Harmony for three hundred years, and our Lodge for more than half that time. May we live in Harmony for at least three hundred more!



### Endowed Life Membership

Any member in good standing of this Grand Jurisdiction may purchase an Endowed Life Membership through the Grand Lodge Sponsored Plan and be hereby relieved from further payment of dues, but not assessments (there are no assessments in St. John's).

The purchase price for Endowed Life Memberships shall not be less than:

- Age 18 to 35, inclusive \$650
- Age 36 to 45, inclusive \$600
- Age 46 to 55, inclusive \$500
- Age 56 to 65, inclusive \$450
- Age 66 and over \$400

## CALENDAR



- **September 4:** Happy Birthday to us!
- *September 7: Labor Day*
- **September 9 (7pm): Fellowship Zoom teleconference**
- **September 16 (7pm): St. John's 9 Fellowship teleconference**
- **September 23 (7pm): Fellowship Zoom teleconference**
- *September 27 – 28: Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year)*
- **September 30 (7pm): Fellowship Zoom teleconference**
- **October 4 (10am): FAB Brunch Columbia Tower canceled**
- **October 7 (7pm): Fellowship Zoom teleconference**
- *October 9-10: Yom Kippur (Tuesday-Wednesday)*
- **October 14 (7pm): Fellowship Zoom teleconference**
- **October 15 (6pm): Board of Trustees 2021 Budget preparation**
- **October 21 (7pm): St. John's 9 Fellowship teleconference**
- **October 28 (7pm): Fellowship Zoom teleconference**
- **October 31 (10am): Past Masters Brunch**
- **November 4 (7pm): Fellowship Zoom teleconference**
- **November 11 (6pm): Board of Trustees**
- **November 12 (7pm): Officers meeting**
- **November 18 (6:15pm) 7:30pm: St. John's 9 (dinner) Stated Past Masters Night; Election of Officers**
- **November 26: Thanksgiving Day**
- *December 10-19: Happy Chanukah*
- *December 27: Feast Day of St. John the Evangelist*
- **Dec. 31: Deadline for payment of 2021 Lodge dues**

**2021 St. John's Dues**  
**Member before June 2014: \$38**  
**Member since June 2014: \$390**

# ST. JOHN'S MARKS 160 YEARS OF FREEMASONRY SEPTEMBER 4

St. John's Lodge received its charter September 4, 1860. Many of the visionary men who helped found and build the city and its institutions were Masons, and many of those were members of Seattle's first Masonic Lodge, St. John's Lodge No. 9.

St. John's Lodge, chartered in 1860 and incorporated January 24, 1861, was the city's only Masonic Lodge until 1873. Today it's one of the oldest continuously operating corporations in the State of Washington and the third oldest in Seattle (after the Sisters of Providence and the Catholic Archdiocese of Seattle). The Lodge has been officially recognized by the state as a Pioneer Corporation, in operation since before Washington was admitted to statehood in 1889.

Seattle was but a village when the Lodge was founded, and most of the population was male. The men who joined St. John's included many who shared responsibility for laying the foundations of the future city, and the roles they played in Seattle's development then and afterward were significant.

Some who became brothers in the Lodge already knew each other well, having traveled the Oregon Trail together, or having forged family or business connections. The Lodge provided an opportunity to deepen those bonds and form others. Others who arrived in Seattle alone joined the Lodge and quickly became part of the community.

## **Cigars and Toasts**

The brothers of St. John's have traditionally celebrated the beginnings of our Lodge with a dinner and social gathering. For years this was a time for the men to break out cigars and raise toasts and perhaps enjoy the orations of great speakers about the topics of the day. More recently (since the early 1990s) we have invited our ladies to share in the celebrations.

Like everything else in this year of COVID-19, we're doing it a bit differently. It should come as no surprise that we have had to cancel our 160th Anniversary dinner this summer. We hope that our families and loved ones are each healthy and well-fed. Toward the latter goal, we have re-directed the resources reserved for a lavish dinner to those who have been actively working to share our Masonic Work and invite them to enjoy a nice meal on us.

We ask that you support local restaurants, whether dine-in, takeout, or delivery.

## **Meals for homeless**

In addition, St. John's is working with local non-profits FareStart/Catalyst Kitchens and Union Gospel Mission to provide meals in our communities during this time of great need. These non-profits provide hundreds of meals to the homeless.

For the time being, all activities within our Craft are halted. There are no more meetings, social events, or degrees. And this includes our great dinners before our stated communications. Instead, we're enjoying the real business of Freemasonry – fellowship, education, caring, making ourselves – good men – better! So, if you aren't one of the many who are getting together each week, please join the fun and fellowship by connecting via Zoom.



The last building (2-story with two windows on the top floor) just separated by the street on the right hand side of the main business street and the most central point of the above photo is the original St. John's Lodge No. 9 building.

## **PIONEER CONDITIONS**

The Territory of Washington in 1860 had a population of less than 12,000 and had been created by Act of Congress of March 2, 1853, only seven years before, by dividing Oregon.

The Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Territory had been created in 1858 by four Lodges chartered by the Grand Lodge of Oregon.

Except where a clearing of a few acres in the forest was made on the shoreline for a town-site, practically the whole of the Puget Sound country was heavily timbered with dense forests, and without roads, and the travel from one settlement to another was, of necessity, by water.

In such a sparsely settled and inaccessible country was the little hamlet of Seattle, the population of which, according to the census of that year (1860) was 250, including twenty families. There were no railroads within fifteen hundred miles or more, and sailing vessels and an occasional steamer operating between San Francisco and Puget Sound were the only means of communication with the outside world, except by pony express and ox-team.

Join us

**Teleconferencing Fellowship**  
**every Wednesday**

**at 7pm**

*We're having a great time exchanging ideas and  
Masonic enlightenment*

If using your computer or smartphone:

- Download the Zoom app from <https://zoom.us/download>
- Use that app with Meeting ID **981 655 9198** to join our Fellowships

If you are using your telephone:

- Dial **(253) 215-8782** to reach Zoom
- Use Meeting ID **981 655 9198** to join our Fellowships

## Senior Warden Message

[VWBro. Ashley Brinkley](#)



Charity. How do we define charity? One definition is a system of directly giving money, food, or help to those who are in need because they are ill, poor or have no home or to any organization that has the purpose of providing money or help in this way.

So now that we have a definition of what it is, where does charity start? Does it start with individuals such as you and I or any groups we may belong to? Does it start in our community? I am sure we can all think of many groups or organization that *are* Charities that help people or causes in need. We see on TV Charities for abused animals (to be honest I cannot watch it) or kids starving in the world who need help. The Shrine has the hospitals for kids and even they are advertising for help on TV. I can tell you many heart wrenching stories about children who are helpless and receive help from the Shrine and are made better.

As everyone knows, we cannot have our anniversary dinner this year due to COVID 19 and the Grand Master's Edict of no Masonic Gatherings. Our Worshipful Master came up with the idea that we donate a portion of that budget to feed those in Seattle who need a meal. I think this is a great idea to help our community out particularly in this time of great need by so many. So, does this make our Lodge a charity? We do give a lot of money to charities every year. No, I do not think so.

As Masons we are very charitable people. We even have our own Masonic Charity group which does great things for many people, both Masons and non-masons alike, throughout our State. I think charity should be more than just giving money. It should include our time and effort to help others.

Just the other day my neighbor helped me put gravel down where I park my motorhome. Was this charity? No, but it was charitable. It was giving his time to help a neighbor in need. I do not have a pickup truck to haul the gravel and he does. He is also a little younger than I and I sure appreciated him helping unload it.

I think charity should not only be about giving money but giving your time. Many of us do not have tons of money but we all have time. I used to help the Rainbow Girls at their fund raiser concession stand at the Husky football games. It was hard work for little rewards, but it was spending time with the girls and showing them you cared about them. I think charity should not only be giving money but investing your time in something you care about. Something that matters to you. Something that would make a difference in this world even if it is in a small way. Let people know that you care by your presence and gift of time. There is no time better than today to start making a difference with your gift of time.

## Junior Warden Message

[WBro. John Murray Louderback](#)



Within all the wonders of Creation, the human brain is at the zenith. It is said that the human brain contains 100 billion neurons and that each neuron has the potential to interact with every other neuron. The brain's capabilities are greatly multiplied by interconnections that are made. We know that connections in the brain are reinforced by repeated perceptions which include adaptive demands required for individual or tribal "survival" based on a perceived threat, as well as new connections based on evolving complexity and knowledge.

The question then becomes, given this amazing creation with vast potential, how do we use that intellectual potential as a tool to solve complex problems? How do we ensure our survival as a global community, which implies peaceful resolution rather than resolution thru conflict?

Even though portions of our brains are hard wired, designed for fight or flight, tribal or pack mentality as a requirement for our ancestors' survival, I think we can agree that our focus should no longer be directed at how best to kill or conquer.

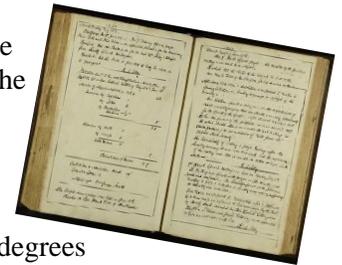
Perhaps at no other time in history has the noble Masonic belief and practice of brotherly love been more relevant. If brotherly love prevailed in the hearts of the world's leaders, I could only imagine the positive outcome.

I can envision our world leaders becoming more understanding, compassionate, and loving. I can envision collaborative negotiations focused on peace and harmony. Adopting a path consistent with brotherly love ensures that we work and live together on earth collectively despite cultural or religious differences.

It is not an understatement to say that at no other time in our history has the Masonic ideal of brotherly love been a more relevant tool for illuminating a way forward.

### ***Gleaned from the Lodge Minutes of 1918***

Researched to determine if the flu epidemic affected the socializing of brethren in 1918, it was found that apparently very little, if any: regular stated communications were held; degrees were scheduled almost every week.



Of particular interest, our 58<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration was held on September 4<sup>th</sup> (only a hint to how many attended). Expenses in today's dollars were: caterer \$5,908, music \$375, 400 programs \$240, and 400 cigars and 200 cigarettes were distributed (\$800).

In 1918 the Lodge had 1064 members. It raised 81 new Master Masons, added 35 by affiliation, lost 15 by death and another 7 by either non-payment of dues (\$4) or demits.

At the July 27<sup>th</sup> communication, following investigation into the matter, the Lodge voted \$940 in today's dollars to assist Cle Elum Lodge No. 139 following fire damage to their building.

## Appeal From M. . W. . Chris J. Coffman Grand Master, F&AM of WA

My Brothers,

Now abideth Faith, Hope and Charity, these three, but the greatest of these is Charity. This scripture from the Fellowcraft degree is particularly fitting at the start of this Masonic year. While we cannot meet on the level as we would like, there are still charitable acts that we can do for the betterment of our Craft, our Brothers, and our Communities. This year I am emphasizing a few charitable endeavors that I hope the Brothers will embrace.

First, I am encouraging Brothers to donate \$40 to Washington Masonic Charities sometime during the year. This is the same challenge that MWB Charles Wood made last year. The amounts received will be split between the On the Level, Student Success program and the Washington Masonic Charities' endowment fund.



The "On the Level, Student Success" program helps with keeping homeless in high school. The cost to society of students who do not graduate from High School is tremendous. The percentage who end up in the criminal justice system is staggering. If we can in some small part help these children, who through no fault of their own are struggling to

remain in school and put food in their mouths, then it is an investment that visualizes the future.

The Washington Masonic Charities endowment fund is another investment in the future. When you contribute to an endowment fund, the income from your gift and all the others is used to support the charity forever.

Second, this year we have ties, coins and pins. The profit from the ties and coins and any donations received from pins will be used to support the Shriner's Hospital in Spokane and the Seattle King County Health Clinic's Vision Program.

We are all aware of the great work done by the Shriner's Hospitals and supporting the one located in our great state seems like a no-brainer.

Many of you are unfamiliar with The Seattle King County Health Clinic's Vision Program which is an annual event. My late wife, Lynn, was the coordinator for this project for several years. The February 2020 vision program was dedicated to her memory. This year's clinic provided free eye exams and prescription eyeglasses to almost 1,100 patients. The free vision services were valued at over \$550,000. These patients came from areas far and wide, not just King County. Some of these patients had not had an eye examination in several years.

Third, the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted many of our Brothers and their families. Some have been laid off or furloughed, others have become ill. The federal CARES act provided some assistance through the stimulus

payments and extended unemployment benefits. There has been a prohibition on evictions for renters. But these forms of assistance only go so far and when they end, the need will still be there. Following the lead of the Grand Lodges of California and Oregon, Washington Masonic Charities has created a new fund to help these Brothers and their families. To donate to this very worthy cause go to <https://www.wa-masoniccharities.org/> and click on the donate button and select COVID-19 Relief Fund. Any amount you can donate will help. If you are in need of assistance contact Washington Masonic Charities at (844) 288-3531.

Remember the Past, Visualize the Future.

Chris Coffman, Grand Master

## WAYFARING MAN

A term used in the legend of the Third Degree to denote the person met near the port of Joppa by certain persons sent out on a search by King Solomon. The part of the legend which introduces the Wayfaring Man, and his interview with the Fellow Crafts, was probably introduced into the American system by Webb, or found by him in the older ceremonies practiced in the United States. It is not in the old English instructions of the eighteenth century, nor is the circumstance detailed in the present English lecture.

A wayfaring man is defined by Phillips as "one accustomed to travel on the road." The expression is becoming obsolete in ordinary language, but it is preserved in Scripture – "he saw a wayfaring man in the street of the city" (Judges xix, 17) – and in Freemasonry, both of which still retain many words long since disused elsewhere.

Source: Mackey's Encyclopedia of Freemasonry

## Wayfaring Stranger

I'm just a poor wayfaring stranger  
Traveling thru this world below  
There's no sickness, no toil, or danger  
In that bright land to which I go.

I'm going there to see my Father  
And all my love ones, who've gone on.  
I'm just going over Jordan  
I'm just going over home.

I know dark clouds will gather 'round me.  
I know my way is hard and steep.  
Yet beauteous fields arise before me  
Where God's redeemed their vigils keep.

I'm going there to see my mother  
She said she'd meet me when I come  
So I'm just going over Jordan.  
I'm just going over home.

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## Freemasonry In The Age Of COVID

by *Midnight Freemasons Founder*

**Todd E. Creason, 33°**

I remember as a kid that first day of school in the fall. Standing out beside the road waiting for the school bus with my brand new Trapper Keeper, and my unopened box of crayons, and looking forward to seeing my friends again. Summers were long in the country. Sometimes they seemed endless, and by the time fall rolled around I was ready to go back to school. I was reminded of this the other night as I got ready to go to my first Lodge meeting in four months. Those same kind of memories came back to me. Laughing over a meal. Talking to friends out in the parking lot long after the meeting ended. The work we do together. The lessons we learn together.

I get so tired of hearing the term “new normal.” Masonry will adapt in the short term, but I believe it will not be that much different in the long term. This too shall pass, and the essential elements of Masonry will stand for generations to come. If anything, I think this break we’ve had, and this period of adjustment we’ve had has made us stronger. It slowed us all down. We’ve had more time when we’re not running around doing things to appreciate life, to take stock in what’s important, and to think about how we might do things differently going forward.

A few weeks ago, my good friend and Brother Bill Hosler made a good point on the Meet, Act, and Part Podcast. He said we’ve gotten back to “the essence of Masonry” during this time apart. And I think he’s right—I think Greg Knott and Darin Lahners who were part of the conversation would also agree. We’ve gotten back to what we’re all about just lately. We’re checking in on our older members and widows like we should have been doing all along. We’re helping each other. We’ve been innovative in ways we haven’t been in decades. We’ve been creative in ways we haven’t in generations. We’ve even found a few tools that exist that will survive a lot longer than this virus will. And the fellowship is actually been stronger in our absence from one another than it was when we were all together all the time. I’ve gotten more phone calls and emails from friends in the last four months than I probably have in the last four years – a few others I’ve spoken to have said the same thing.

I hope some of this lasts once the memory of this international “break” in the day-to-day fades from our memory. I hope we all remember just how important Masonry became to us when suddenly it vanished from our lives in a significant way for a time. I hope we remember and appreciate how much our friends mean to us. I hope we remember how much our communities mean to us. I hope we remember what we all did to help each other get through this as Brothers.



It was great walking back in my Lodge again last week. Hearing the all too familiar sounds of laughter coming from the Lodge room. I’ve missed my fraternal family.

**Todd E. Creason, 33°** is the Founder of the *Midnight Freemasons blog*, and an award-winning author of several books and novels, including the *Famous American Freemasons series*. Todd started the *Midnight Freemason blog* in 2006, and in 2012 he opened it up as a contributor blog *The Midnight Freemasons (plural)*. Todd has written more than 1,000 pieces for the blog since it began. He is a Past Master of *Homer Lodge No. 199* and *Ogden Lodge No. 754 (IL)* where he currently serves as Secretary. He is a Past Sovereign Master of the *Eastern Illinois Council No. 356 Allied Masonic Degrees*. He is a Fellow at the *Missouri Lodge of Research (FMLR)*. He is a charter member of the new *Illinois Royal Arch Chapter, Admiration Chapter No. 282* and currently serves as EHP

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS

Day

- 4 Michael R. Pimentel
- 5 Eugene P. Foster
- 10 Harry L. Arthur
- 16 George H. Wohlleben
- 17 George O. “Bob” Smith, Jr.
- 18 Bryan E. Hopkins
- 22 Vincent Di Giulio
- 23 Arthur P. Jentoft
- 28 Sai B. Ruhlen



**Washington Masonic Charities** is hosting informative Zoom webinars in September. The next will be Tuesday September 8, 2020 7pm.

### **Masonic Relief – Understanding How to Ask when You or a Brother Needs Assistance**

Masonic relief and other assistance is available for Masons and Masonic widows who find themselves in unforeseen circumstances and are struggling to take care of their basic needs. In this webinar, participants will learn about different resources that are available, how to seek assistance, and what to expect in the process.

This webinar is designed for Lodge Secretaries, District Deputies, Masters, Wardens, and any other brethren who would like to know more.  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87998003545> Meeting ID: 879 9800 3545; 1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)

## MASTER MASONS RAISED IN SEPTEMBER

**Date Raised:**

- 9/15/1965 Bernard B. Gordon
- 9/17/1969 Marcos John Policar
- 9/24/1969 Petros N. Farmasonis
- 9/19/1973 Brad D. Wolford
- 9/22/1975 Satoru Tashiro
- 9/13/1976 Richard L. Waldo
- 9/5/1978 Gary L. Keeler
- 9/11/2007 Mathew S. La Croix
- 9/10/2008 Phillip J. See



# LET'S LOOK AT THAT A LITTLE CLOSER

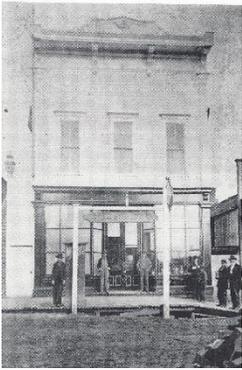
*This month St. John's Lodge reached its 160<sup>th</sup> birthday, having been granted a charter September 4, 1860. 100 years later, in 1960, members of the Lodge wasted no effort to celebrate its centennial anniversary, hosting over 1,200 Masons to a prime rib dinner with music and noted speakers at the National Guard Armory on the grounds of what is now Seattle Center.*



## The Centennial Celebration

From History of St. John's, volume 2

In the year 1960, St. John's Lodge held the grandest anniversary celebration ever, commemorating 100 years since the Lodge was chartered. WBro. John Koenig, Master in 1960, led all the other officers and several sideliners to visit other Lodges sponsored by St. John's (except Anvil Lodge in Alaska) to promote the celebration. The visitors would wait until Lodge opened, then overwhelm the poor unsuspecting Tyler by marching in all at once without warning. Once inside, the St. John's troupe would remind members of the sponsored Lodge that their Lodge had been chartered by St. John's and invite them to attend St. John's centennial



Front of first Temple

celebration. The entire year was devoted to promoting the event.

The Masonic Tribune of Monday, September 5, 1960, previewed the celebration:

"Of the many events sponsored by St. John's Lodge No. 9, F. & A.M., during its hundred years, none perhaps is of more significance than the Centennial banquet, scheduled for the New Armory, 305 Harrison Street, at 6:45 o'clock. ...Arrangements have been made at the Armory to accommodate more than 1,200 guests, this being one of the outstanding Masonic events of the season. It is the culmination of nearly a year of centennial observance which has included a number of highly interesting meetings and special programs, commemorating the career of St. John's since September, 1860.



St. John's meeting place 1902-1916 (2320 First Ave)

"St. John's on this occasion will host in particular the officers and members of the 12 Lodges it has sponsored. In addition, many out-of-town delegations have already made reservations. Distinguished Masons from all over the state will be in attendance.

"Worshipful Master John H. Koenig will give the address of welcome with traditional St. John's

hospitality. The response will be made by Grand Master Alfred J. Ring, who will be accompanied by a large number of his official family.

Past Master George H. Bovingdon has been asked to introduce the many judges from Olympia and elsewhere as well as local members of the bar and Grand Lodge officers who will be among the guests.

"A special welcome awaits WBro. Thomas G. Anderson, oldest living Past Master of St. John's, who is making a special trip to Seattle from his home in Palm Springs, Calif., to renew old friendships.

"The entertainment planned is of special interest. At the flag ceremony, bagpipe music will be furnished by the Washington Scottish Pipe Band. Then Ken Cloud Orchestra of 12 pieces will entertain as will also Wally Snellenberg, a member of St. John's, a vocalist of wide repute whose talent has been frequently applauded at Masonic gatherings.

"The centennial address will be given by Judge Matthew W. Hill, past master of St. John's and past grand master (sic). This distinguished jurist, who has served Masonry for many years, will discuss the topic "First Things First." As one of the leading members of the Craft, a speaker of national reputation, his address will be of prime interest. His long association with St. John's and Masonry in general has qualified him to summarize the century of service to mankind and to the community given by his Lodge.

"This celebration will have an international flavor with the attendance of a delegation of officers and Brethren of Prince Arthur Lodge No. 82, A.F.& A.M., Vancouver, B.C., with whom St. John's has long exchanged visits.

Olympia Lodge No. 1, the original Washington Masonic group, will be represented by 50 of its members while Steilacoom No. 2, Franklin No. 5, Fall City No. 66 and other pioneers will join in congratulations to the first Masonic Lodge established in Seattle, St. John's No. 9."

On September 4, 1960, St. John's Lodge No. 9 completed 100 years of Masonic work. The centennial banquet at the National Guard Armory on the grounds of the future Seattle World's Fair was attended by 1,250 Masons, including 338 members of St. John's and 912 members representing 85 other Lodges. A prime rib dinner was followed by the usual introductions, with Worshipful Master John Koenig acting as Toastmaster.

Following musical entertainment, the assembly sang Auld Lang Syne and MWBro. Matthew Hill delivered an inspirational address. WBro. A.J. McCulloch, Master of Prince Arthur Lodge No. 82, Vancouver, B.C., presented St. John's Lodge with a beautiful gavel engraved to commemorate the occasion.



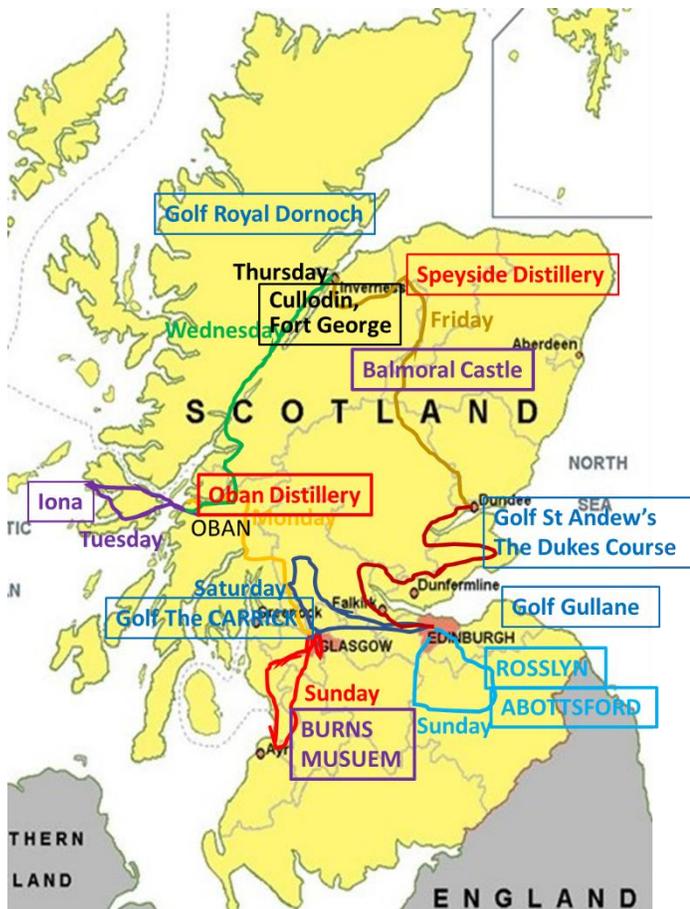
St. John's and many others met at the Seattle Masonic Temple at Harvard and Pine (1916-1983)

# SEATTLE SCOTTISH RITE SCOTTISH THREE HOME TOUR

HOME OF WHISKY, GOLF, AND  
FREEMASONRY

Including Edinburgh Military Tattoo

Thursday, August 26th to Tuesday,  
September 7th, 2021



Lodges under the Scottish Masonic Constitution are sovereign bodies in their own right, with a considerable degree of control of their own affairs. There is no single, standard Scottish ritual, and every Lodge under the Scottish Masonic Constitution has the right to devise its own ritual should it so wish. The operating principle is that a Lodge ritual must contain the principal points of each Masonic degree and be subject to scrutiny by Grand Lodge. The various rituals in current use adhere to this principle, but the scope for variation and elaboration is considerable, with numerous interesting additions.

## TOUR DESCRIPTION

Beat the lockdown blues by planning a trip to Scotland in August/September 2021. This is a unique tour for Masons and friends who love **Scotch Whisky** and **Golf** and are interested in visiting the places where modern **Freemasonry** began.

We encourage out of state Masons to join us. Masons in other parts of US and Canada would have the choice of coming to Seattle, to start tour or joining the group in Keflavic, Iceland or in Glasgow (can be arranged by The Travel Company), and get benefit of group air fare, or take care of flights themselves from local airport. A discount for the flight cost would be given to them.

Tour is being arranged by **The Travel Company**, the leading Masonic Tour Group in Scotland.

Robert Cooper the Curator of the Grand Lodge of Scotland and well-known Masonic author will be accompanying us.

**WE ARE REQUESTING AN INDICATION OF INTEREST BY OCTOBER 30, 2020. This will enable the tour company to lock in the best flights and selected hotels. The reservation deadline of DECEMBER 18, 2020 will ensure the best prices.**

**For further information or questions  
please call or email**

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1207 N 152nd St Shoreline, WA 98133 US

or e-mail to [secretary@seattle-scottishrite.org](mailto:secretary@seattle-scottishrite.org)

## TOUR PROGRAM

- Thursday 26 **Travel to Seattle to Glasgow – Iceland Airways**
- Friday 27 **Arrive Mid-day.** Bus travel to Hotel. Tour Introduction/Orientation, Free/Recovery time
- Saturday 28 **Golfers play The Carrick at Loch Lomond.** Others Loch Lomond Boat Tour, Trossachs, Stirling Castle. Travel to Edinburgh for Tattoo
- Sunday 29 Travel to Ayr, **Burns Museum, Mauchlin Lodge, Kilwinning #0**
- Monday 30 Travel by bus to Oban via Loch Lomond stopping at Inveraray, Kilmartin to see the Templar Grave slabs visit **Oban distillery** and a **Lodge in Oban.**
- Tuesday 31 Tour Isle of Mull and Iona,.
- Wednesday 1 Travel by bus to Inverness via Fort William, Loch Ness and Urquhart castle.
- Thursday 2 **Golfers play Royal Dornoch,** Others tour Inverness, Culloden, Fort George and Baxters and Walkers factories. Visit Inverness Lodge.
- Friday 3 **Speyside Whisky** and Balmoral Castle. Bus travel to Dundee. Visit Dundee Operatives Lodge
- Saturday 4 **Golfers Play St. Andrews “The Dukes Course” (NOT THE OLD COURSE).** Others Fife tour including Perth, Scoon, Falkland Palace and Stirling Castle. Bus travel to Edinburgh. Visit Edinburgh Lodge #1 (St Mary’s Chapel)
- Sunday 5 Edinburgh/Borders tour including Roslyn Chapel, Temple and Abbotsford. **Evening Rose Street Pub Crawl**
- Monday 6 **Golfers play Gullane.** Others High Street (Royal Mile) tour including Castle, Royal Order Scotland and the **Whisky Museum.** Grand Lodge of Scotland In the evening we would all attend a Ceilidh to close out the trip
- Tuesday 7 Travel Glasgow to Seattle – Iceland Airways

## TOUR REGISTRATION

Cost is \$5,500 per person double room occupancy. This includes air fare from US to UK by Iceland Air; coach travel in Scotland, hotels (sharing a room), **and all meals.** Choice of single or sharing room in all hotels. **SINGLE Rooms would be an additional \$800.** Golfers will pay a differential charge to cover fees and separate transport based on actual cost for golf outing less a credit for other golf day group activities.

A \$1,000 deposit, made payable to **SSR Three Home Tour,** would be required for each person making an actual reservation.

Reservation deadline is December 18, 2020, on a first come first serve basis. A final payment of remaining price will be required May 15, 2021. Partial payments at regular intervals (each month between January and August) can be arranged.

### INTEREST OR RESERVATION

Please Fill in and mail Indication of Interest or Reservation

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: \_\_\_\_\_ (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (cell)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Lodge/Valley

\_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail

Room Preference:

Double Room in all hotels \_\_\_\_\_

Single Room in all hotels \_\_\_\_\_

Golfing: YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

ALL 4 Courses \_\_\_\_\_

Visit Masonic Lodges YES \_\_\_\_\_

Special needs: Diet \_\_\_\_\_

Physical \_\_\_\_\_