

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

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## FROM THE EAST

Seann Maria, Master



Congratulations Brothers, you've made it through another overcast and rainy season to reap the benefits of living in this beautiful city. Seattle is unique for being so close to natural beauty yet fulfilling Cosmopolitan promises. Now we have 8-12 weeks of promised sunshine to which we must pack in every roadtrip, camping trip, summer cabin, fishing trip, hike, backyard BBQ, and evening party. That includes at least a handful of Masonic events. For me, I expect to see many of

you at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, the Summer Picnic, and our Anniversary Dinner just to name a few.

So let's talk about the importance of the first one, The Annual Communication. This is where we discuss resolutions to our Washington Masonic Code and Ritual. I find it interesting to look at the history of Masonic governance and how fragile and unsettled it has always been.

*"Mackey claimed there were 25 Landmarks, and they could not be changed, but other Masonic writers did not fully agree that all these should be considered 'Ancient Landmarks.' In 1863, George Oliver published the Freemason's Treasury in which he listed 40 Landmarks. Still, others claimed different sets and numbers." - <http://www.philippinemasonry.com>*

These sort of facts help remind us that this fraternity is ours to craft into what we want it to be. The future of Masonry is often a lost subject in the shadow of how often others wish to speak about 'How things used to be'. The Annual Communication remains one of the most important events where a Master Mason can mix with his Masonic peers and discuss differing opinions with the understanding that Peace and Harmony must prevail. It's a platform to continue to grow our ability to recognize our differences yet respect our brothers.

This is your place to vote to change more than just your Lodge, but the influence and direction of the Grand Lodge. If you don't participate in an election or a vote, then you have much less to argue when the results are unfavorable. Masonry is a Lodge you build. If you choose to let others build it, then you can't be surprised when it comes out different than you hoped.

*"Most people do not really want freedom, because freedom involves responsibility, and most people are frightened of responsibility." - Sigmund Freud*



The 1860 federal census, the first to include Washington Territory as a discrete entity, counted 46 teachers in 46 public schools -- precisely one teacher per school -- teaching a total of 879 students. The same census counted 1,545 children between ages 5 and 15 in the Territory, so it appears that only about 56 percent of all children in that age group were attending organized public schools. It can be assumed that many who were not attending public schools were being home-schooled, either alone or together with neighboring children, and there were also a few private "academies," mostly church based. But clearly, public education was well short of universal and had a long way to go. Historylink.org

## CALENDAR



- June 8 – 9 161<sup>st</sup> Annual Communication Grand Lodge (Wenatchee Convention Center)
- June 13 (7pm): Master Masons Study Group
- June 14 (7pm): Officers meeting
- June 16-17: Fremont Fair (Masonic information booth)
- June 20 (6:15pm): St. John's 9 (dinner) Stated; Scholarship Night
- June 26 (7pm): "Intender" Masonic Education Study
- July 4: Independence Day
- July 11 (7pm): MM Study Group
- July 12 (7pm): Officers meeting
- July 18 (6:15pm) 7:30pm: St. John's 9 (dinner) Stated - Herb's Night
- July 22 (11am – 4pm): Lodge picnic at Nile (Sunday)
- July 25 (6:30pm): District 5 Assoc. meeting (Razzis Pizza)
- July 25 (6-8:30pm): Greenwood Seafair Parade
- July 25: Seattle Teachers Autism Symposium (STAS)
- July 28 (10am): Past Masters Brunch Jimmy's on Broadway
- August 1: Seattle Teachers Autism Symposium
- August 4 (10am): Open Air Degree, Masonic Park
- August 8: STAS
- August 8 (6pm): Board of Trustees
- August 9 (7pm): Officers meeting
- August 11 (6pm): family night Everett AquaSox baseball
- August 15 (6:15pm) 7:30pm: St. John's 9 (dinner) Stated (casual dress)
- August 18 (6:30): Visit to Skykomish Lodge (railroad degree)
- September 3: Labor Day
- Sept. 4: Happy Birthday to us!
- September 8: Trip to Portland Shriner's Children's Hospital
- September 15 (5pm social hour): 158<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Ivar's Salmon House

## ***JUNE STATED TO HONOR STUDENTS – 14 SCHOLARSHIPS!***

Eager high school graduating seniors and previous recipients of scholarships from St. John's Lodge will be accompanied by their families at dinner leading into our June 20 stated communication.

This year the St. John's scholarship committee will be awarding grants to fourteen students. Eleven of these are returning honorees and three will be receiving our assistance for the first time. Committee chair Bro. Josh Skinner was unable to be as involved this year, but extends his appreciation to WBro. Eric Koteles and Junior Warden Bro. Blair Newmann for their outreach to students, interviews, and selections.

If Freemasonry is "about" anything, it is about the education of the individual to become a knowledgeable, informed, and moral human being within society. Education is valued above ignorance. Seeking further Light in Masonry means more than learning more about the Craft. It also means that Freemasons and non-Masons alike must discipline themselves to seek knowledge through whatever means available—by studying at colleges and universities or by self-directed reading and study.

Additionally, Worshipful Master Seann Maria hopes to find time to add a little Masonic education to this month's tiled program. Our special programming this year has included a speaker from North Dakota's Little Big Horn National Park, a special memorial service for three of our departed brethren, a Table Lodge, a look at Stoicism, and an appreciation of the music of Vivaldi and Mozart.



St. John's will again hold this month's stated communication June 20. ***Please make your dinner reservations with the secretary at 206 623-0261 by Friday, June 15***, prior to the meeting. If you need a ride, the secretary will be happy to find one for you. Do you know of a brother who has not attended Lodge in a while? Call him and ask if you can pick him up and bring him to Lodge.

### ***Children's Hospital Destination Altered***

VWBro. Ashley Brinkley reports that a suggested two-day trip to the Spokane Shriners Children Hospital with a return stop at Grand Coulee has not generated much interest. He has researched a one-day trip to the Portland Shriner's Hospital as an alternative. Our 2018 budget will cover expenses of a bus, van, or train, with participants paying for their own meals. The trip is scheduled for Saturday, September 8. Following the tour of the hospital, we could have lunch and a tour of the grounds at [McMenamins Restaurant](#), converted from what used to be a building housing the Grand Lodge of Oregon. Twelve members have indicated an interest in this trip.

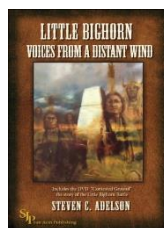


Shriners Hospital - Portland

If you missed our May stated communication and would like to add your name to that of those interested, contact VWBro. Brinkley at 206 601-5118 or [threehounds@aol.com](mailto:threehounds@aol.com).

### ***Company Store Offers Little Big Horn Book***

"By popular demand," the Lodge company store has a small supply of the book "*Little Bighorn, Voices from a Distant Wind*," authored by our April guest speaker, Mr. Steve Adelson. They are available at \$20 each.



### ***Herb's Night Returns in July***

Bring your Lady! Bring your talent! Don your island apparel! Herb's Night returns July 19 when business will be held to a minimum and fun and entertainment will be the order of the day.

This year you're asked to bring out the guitar (or ukulele!), your juggling act, piano skills, or favorite poem to read. Got a great joke to tell? Let's share it! Whatever talent you can share, it's ***open mic*** night in July.

We'll make this a fun evening for you and your lady.

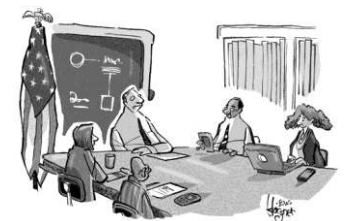


### ***MASTER MASON STUDY GROUP***

Are you missing out on further Light in Masonry? Master Masons meet at the Lodge every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday in January, March, April, June, July, September, and December for discussions centered on Masonic moral and symbolic issues.

This month's topic will be on WBro. Seann Maria's trip and observations from his trip and visiting Masons while abroad. And what thoughts he may have about improving Masonry here.

Do a little of your own research and bring your thoughts, findings and, yes – opinions, on this subject. Sessions open at 7pm in the Greenwood Masonic library and following lively and often animated discussion everyone agrees to ***try*** to head for home by 9 o'clock.



***Save the date: Saturday, September 15  
St. John's 158<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner***



## DEACONS

In every Symbolic Lodge, there are two officers who are called the Senior and Junior Deacons. It is to the Deacons that the introduction of visitors should be properly entrusted. Their duties comprehend, also, a general surveillance over the security of the Lodge



Their jewel, in allusion to the necessity of circumspection and justice, is a square and compasses. In the center, the Senior Deacon wears a sun, and the Junior Deacon a moon, which serve to distinguish their respective ranks. In the English system, the jewel of the Deacons is a dove, in allusion to the dove sent forth by Noah.



The office of Deacons in Freemasonry appears to have been derived from the usages of the primitive church.

Despite the fact that the bloom has been rubbed off by our slangy use of it, this is one of the most beautiful words in our language. In Greek, *diakonos* was a servant, a messenger, a waiting man. In the early Christian Church a deacon served at the Lord's Supper and administered alms to the poor; and the word still most frequently refers to such a church officer. It appears that the two Lodge offices of Senior and Junior Deacon were patterned on the church offices.

- Source: Mackey's Encyclopedia of Freemasonry

## SEATTLE TEACHERS AUTISM SYMPOSIUM

With a solid three-year foundation of success, the St. John's-sponsored Seattle Teachers Autism Symposium will again be held on the University of Washington campus, *this year at the UW Autism Center, 1981 NE Columbia Road below the UW Hospital.*

Bro. Kent Curtis reports that by mid-April nearly 25% of the available seating has already been reserved for the three sessions – July 25, August 1, and August 8.



Members of St. John's are asked to call on their local schools and drop off a few of the flyers (available for printing from the Lodge Secretary) to post in the teachers' lounge. As this is our 4<sup>th</sup> year, the concept should not be a surprise to the local school staff.

**The UW Autism Center** is a nonprofit organization devoted to supporting individuals and families affected by autism spectrum disorders. It is an internationally recognized leader in the field of autism and will lead the symposiums with certified instructors.

### Visit Our District Brethren

District 5 Lodges	Next Meeting	Time
St. John's 9	Wednesday, June 20, 2018	7:30pm
Eureka 20	Monday, September 10, 2018	7:30pm
University 141	Friday, September 7, 2018	7:30pm
Daylight 232	Saturday, June 30, 2018	10am
Lafayette 241	Thursday, September 6, 2018	7pm
Queen Anne 242	Thursday, September 13, 2018	7:30pm
Esoterika 316	Tuesday, July 24, 2018	7:30pm

## St. John's Family Picnic Sunday, July 22



**Entertainment for all**



**Invite ALL Your Family Members**

for

**Fun, Food, and Games**

At the Nile • 11am

## Have a Fun Time at Masonic Info Booth

Each year since 1999 brothers of Daylight Lodge No. 232 put their time and energy into telling the story of Freemasonry at a Masonic Information Booth during the Fremont Fair. This year's fair, one of the best attended fairs in the entire Puget Sound, will be June 16 and 17.

St. John's brothers are more than welcome to stop by and help distribute balloons to the kiddies and Masonic brochures to those men who want to know a little more about our Craft. You don't need to commit to a time – just show up, chat with the brothers who are staffing the booth – and lend a hand.

Held annually in mid-June to coincide with the Summer Solstice, the weekend draws more than 100,000 people to shop, eat, drink, mingle, groove, and enjoy all manners of creative expression.



The Fremont Fair features Seattle's largest summer market with nearly 400 vendors selling handmade goods, crafts, art and more. Artistic highlights include craft and art booths, street performers, local bands, wacky decorated art cars, and the free-spirited Solstice.

## JUNE MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:

Here's a look at what's happening at our June stated communication:

### Dinner - guests welcome

1. **Menu:** Summer minestrone soup; sliced steak with Bordelaise sauce, potatoes au gratin, French beans; dessert of berry empanadas with almond whip cream

(allergies, vegetarian? Let us know a week before.)

2. **Welcome & Introductions**

3. **Presentation of scholarship winners**

### Stated Meeting – filed

1. **General business**

2. **Masonic Education “St. John's future”**

### Refreshments

Kick back, visit, and enjoy a beverage and dessert

# LET'S LOOK AT THAT A LITTLE CLOSER



*Do you post on Facebook? Do you identify yourself as a Freemason in any of your postings? Then let's hope that what you say and how you say it reflect well on you and our fraternity. I carry a Masonic license plate on my car; I have a square & compasses in my car window. So, I try to remember to be courteous as a driver and control my emotions behind the wheel. The following is an article on how we should all guard our reputations.*

## The Importance Of A Good Reputation

*by Midnight Freemasons Founder*

**Todd E. Creason 33°**



**"It takes many good deeds to build a good reputation, and only one bad one to lose it." ~Benjamin Franklin**

One thing that was pounded into young men in my generation was the importance of building a good reputation. It's hard work, because your reputation is the public reflection of your character. It is what other people see and come to believe about you. It's based on what you do. It's based on what you say. It's based on how you act. It's based on how you treat other people, and how you make other people feel. There are few things more important than reputation when it comes to our success, or our failure as a person. It can take years to build a reputation—it can take mere seconds to destroy it. It is something we should be very deliberate about building, and very careful about protecting because it is the essence of who we are. And it's very difficult to rebuild a reputation after you've allowed it to become tarnished.

### **I don't deserve the reputation I have.**

I hear that a lot. It's very rarely ever true. You see, you can have a few people in your life that have an unfavorable opinion of you. Everyone does. But your reputation is what most people that know you think of you. If you have a reputation of being opinionated and outspoken, chances are you're opinionated and outspoken. If you have a reputation for being undependable, you're probably undependable. Sometimes people don't think that's fair—but reputation is based on a very sound principle. It's based on your past behavior, and any employer or supervisor will tell you that the best predictor of future behavior is past behavior.

**I'm going to say what I want to say, and do what I want to do, and I don't really care what other people think.**

I hear that a lot, too. Sounds very tough and defiant, but actually it's a childish attitude to have. That selfish and narcissistic attitude demonstrates a complete lack of care or concern for other people—most specifically those that love you and care about you. Your reputation reflects on you, sure, but you don't think it also reflects on your spouse? On your kids? Your family? Your community? Your church? Your fraternity? Your employer? You've never heard anybody say, "she's a real nice lady, but her husband is a real jerk." You've never heard somebody say, "I don't know why he hangs around with that guy—he'd steal the shirt right off your back." Of course you have. Your actions affect everyone around you whether that's your intention or not.

Building a solid reputation is hard, because it requires an amazing amount of self-discipline. It requires us to learn from our mistakes and not continue to repeat them—those are the lessons that mature into wisdom eventually. It requires us to learn when it is important for us to speak, and when it's better to remain silent. It requires us to listen to others, and respect their point of view. It requires us to admit when we are wrong, and to apologize when it's appropriate. It requires us to be truthful and honest in all of our dealings. It requires us to do the things we say we're going to do regardless of how difficult the task may be.

Men of good reputation and solid character used to be more common than they are today. We don't teach the value of it anymore. Our society is so focused inward on ourselves, and our own selfish needs. We are a society of grown children, fighting and arguing on social media just like children used to fight and argue on the playground. We've never grown up and become men, because we haven't had the role models. And just like children, we don't think about what we're saying, and we don't think about what our words and actions are saying about us.

We'd all be better off if we worked a lot harder at building ourselves as decent human beings rather than focusing so intently on satisfying our own needs. And those of us who are able should focus on not only modeling those honorable character traits, but teaching others to be men of good character. Men of good report. Men of unquestioned reputation.

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## McCarty First UW Woman Graduate (1876)



**Territorial University of Washington, downtown Seattle**

One hundred and forty-two years ago this month, [Clara McCarty](#) became the first person to graduate from the [Territorial University](#), located atop Denny's Knoll in downtown Seattle -- now the site of the Fairmont Olympic



**Clara McCarty  
1858-1929**

Hotel. McCarty did post-graduate work at the University of California, then returned to teach in the Puyallup Valley and in Tacoma. In 1880 she became the first woman in Pierce County elected to public office when voters chose her as superintendent of Pierce County schools.

A University of Washington student dormitory, McCarty Hall, is named after her.

McCarty's alma mater opened in 1861, but the university had a rough start and closed three times during its early years -- once for lack of students and twice for lack of funds. When McCarty enrolled in the 1870s she only had 17 classmates, and she was the only one of the group to earn a degree. But by the time Washington became a state in 1889, both the university and Seattle had grown. In 1895 the school moved to its current location, along the shores of Lake Washington and Lake Union, and became the University of Washington.

A decade later -- with the help of beloved UW professor [Edmond Meany](#) -- the undeveloped southern portion of the university campus was chosen as the site of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition. Landscape architect John C. Olmsted transformed the property, and elements of his design remain to this day. As for the original Territorial University building, its four columns were saved and now stand tall in UW's Sylvan Grove.



**UW's Sylvan Grove Theatre**

## MASTER MASONS RAISED IN JUNE

### *Date Raised:*

6/14/1950	Mac Fingeroot
6/27/1951	Albert Campbell
6/6/1956	Forrest Johnson
6/26/1957	Leon Joyner
6/10/1960	Daniel Wolfenbarger
6/25/1966	James Shields
6/24/1967	Robert Johnson
6/1/1968	Fred Hutchinson
6/9/1979	Kenneth Marable
6/28/1980	Brent Braun
6/11/1981	Gale Kenney
6/8/1983	Richard Delarose
6/26/1984	Richard Hawley
6/30/1984	James Russell
6/25/1994	Jeffrey Lane
6/25/1994	Kenneth Lane, Jr.
6/25/1994	Gregory Knapp
6/24/2000	Richard Heston
6/24/2000	S. Webster Kavanaugh
6/10/2002	Skott Young
6/21/2008	Raymond Gehrig
6/1/2013	Jeff Hawley
6/1/2013	Charles Hopper



### **WHY SECRECY?**

In the fifth part of the Charge it is impressed upon us that among the foremost of a Freemason's excellences of character are Secrecy, Fidelity and Obedience, and these excellences are illustrated in the simplest practical way. Obedience, within the terms set down, is indispensable in any Order, Masonic or otherwise, and without Fidelity there can be no such thing as sanctity of contract. Fidelity is the true test of character. But why secrecy? Most of us can agree that the secrets with which we have been entrusted are by far the least important part of Masonry. They are, comparatively, of only small significance. It is reasonable to say that it really could not matter very much if knowledge of them became widespread.

What is the reason, then, for our being pledged under a series of the most solemnly sworn Obligations never improperly to disclose them, and cautiously to avoid all occasions which might inadvertently lead us to do so? Certainly it is not — as some who are not Masons appear to think — because Freemasonry wishes to create about itself an air of conspiracy. In reality, our being sworn to secrecy is a challenge to our powers of self-discipline — a salutary test of character. Only if we have sufficient self-control to honor the Obligation of secrecy, which we enter into freely, of our own accord, are we sufficiently strong in character to become good Masons.

In this way, secrecy is shown to be closely related to Fidelity and Obedience. Its true value is most movingly and impressively demonstrated to us in the Third Degree in the story of our Master, H.A. For that story is not the story of the Fall of Man, but of the Ascent of Man, and it is with the Ascent of Man that Masonry is fundamentally concerned.

## Rudyard Kipling visits Seattle soon after the Great Fire of June 6, 1889.

HistoryLink.org Essay

Shortly after the Great Fire of June 6, 1889, British writer (Bro.) Rudyard Kipling (1865-1923) visits Seattle. He describes the city as a "horrible black smudge." With wharves destroyed, his steamer must tie up wherever it can, "crashing into the rotten foundations of a boathouse as a pig roots in high grass." He now knows what it means for something to be wiped out.

Kipling wrote *The Jungle Book* (1894), *Captains Courageous* (1897), and *Just So Stories for Little Children* (1902). In 1907 he received the Nobel Prize in Literature.

### The Grande Tour: By Steam and Rail

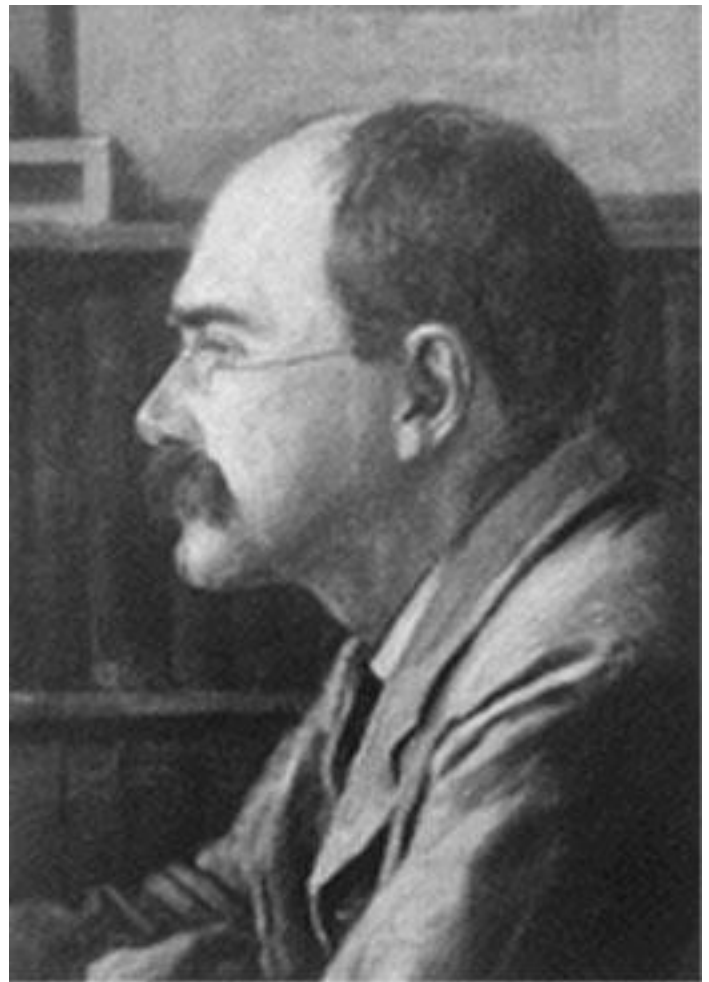
Kipling arrived in Tacoma on the Northern Pacific Railroad while on a tour of North America. Following is his account of stopping at Seattle while taking a steamer from Tacoma to Vancouver, British Columbia to board the Canadian Pacific Railway for a trip across Canada. The description appears in his book *From Sea to Sea and Other Sketches: Letters of Travel*. Kipling does not give the date of his trip through Puget Sound, but it is likely that he stopped at Seattle in late June or early July 1889. In the account he mentions lath and string arrangements which probably refer to building lumber.

### Kipling on Seattle

Kipling's account is as follows;

"I took a steamer up Puget Sound for Vancouver, which is the terminus of the Canadian Pacific Railway. That was a queer voyage. The water, landlocked among a thousand islands, lay still as oil under our bows, and the wake of the screw broke up the unquivering reflections of pines and cliffs a mile away. 'Twas as though we were trampling on glass. No one, not even the Government, knows the number of islands in the Sound. Even now you can get one almost for the asking; can build a house, raise sheep, catch salmon, and become a king on a small scale.

"Have I told you anything about Seattle, the town that was burned out a few weeks ago when the insurance men at San Francisco took their losses with a grin? In the ghostly twilight, just as the forest fires were beginning to glare from the unthrifty islands, we struck it heavily, for the wharves had all been burned down, and we tied up where we could, crashing into the rotten foundations of a boathouse as a pig roots in high grass. The town was built upon a hill. In the heart of the business quarters there was a horrible black smudge, as though a Hand had come down and rubbed the place smooth. I know now what being wiped out means. The smudge seemed to be about a mile long, and its blackness was relieved by tents in which men were doing business with the wreck of the stock they had saved. There were shouts and counter-shouts from the steamer to the temporary wharf, which was laden with shingles for roofing, chairs, trunks, provision-boxes, and all the lath and string arrangements out of which a western town is made" (*From Sea to Sea and Other Sketches: Letters of Travel*).



Portrait of Bro. Rudyard Kipling (1865-1936)  
Courtesy of The Nobel Foundation

### Sources:

Rudyard Kipling, *From Sea to Sea and Other Sketches: Letters of Travel* Vol. 2 (Garden City, NY: Doubleday, Page & Company, 1925), 93-94.

By Greg Lange, January 01, 1999

*Look for it!! July 22*

