

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

## Trestleboard

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## FROM THE EAST

[Seann Maria, Master](#)



Last month was a busy month for me and for the Lodge. It was great to have so many brothers attend the presentation by Andrew Hammer. The March stated meeting was a rare day where I was so exhausted I would've gladly stayed at home to rest had I not felt it my obligation to attend to my officer duties, and yet despite all of that contemplation the meeting was brief, smooth, and received many thanks from the brothers in

attendance. There's little rest for those with eager minds and as such we have another St. John's hosted presentation event approaching. WB Adam Kendall will be speaking upstairs at the Greenwood Masonic Center on April 13th at 7pm with an hour of hors d'oeuvres and refreshment preceding it.

WB Kendall's topic will be on the Art and Materials that are deeply entrenched in Masonic practices. Amongst the subjects Adam will discuss are the symbols, jewels, attire, and trestleboards familiar to all of us in the Fraternity. Perhaps you've heard one of the many reasons why Masons wear white gloves or when Lodges introduced the tessellated carpet? Have you considered what the working tools were before the 3rd degree was introduced to Freemasonry? Do you have an interest in the history of why our brothers wear pins or perhaps when the symbolism of trestleboards became so important that Lodges internationally adopted them almost simultaneously? Bring this curiosity and these sort of questions to the presentation on the evening of the 13th.

This month's presentation arrives at a serendipitous time for myself as the week following our stated I leave on a leisurely vacation to tour Scotland and England that includes an invitation to attend a meeting in London at Quatuor Coronati, the Premier Lodge of Masonic Research. The subject of the evening's presentation will be Revisiting John Browne's Ciphared Masonic Works which includes some of the significance that deciphering his works has had on the craft and the importance of Trestleboards after the Lodge of Reconciliation. I implore all of you to consider taking a few minutes of time to research or review this event and it's unlikely influence on the inclusion of symbolic art in Lodges.

Lastly brothers, we hope to bring you updates from the St. John's Archives at our next stated dinner with some display and history of select items. I hope you all see that these efforts by our brothers to bring you a series of concentrated experiences around a common theme are the result of months and years of planning to raise the Masonic Experience at St. John's. As always, thank you for your support, encouragement, and constructive contributions to become better men.

## CALENDAR



- April 11 (7pm): Officers meeting
- April 13 (6:15pm): Evening with Adam Kendall, Curator of Library & Museum of GL of CA
- April 17 (6:15pm) 7:30pm: St. John's 9 (dinner) Stated
- April 20 (10am): Daylight Lodge 232
- April 21: Easter Sunday
- April 27 (10am): Quarterly meeting Masonic Service Bureau Kirkland Lodge 150
- April 27 (10am): Past Masters Brunch Jimmy's on Broadway
- May 2 (7:30pm): Lafayette Lodge 241
- May 5 (10am): FABulous Family Appreciation Brunch Columbia Tower
- May 6 (7:30pm): Eureka Lodge 20
- May 6 (7:30pm): University Lodge 141
- May 8 (6pm): Board of Trustees
- May 9 (7pm): Officers meeting
- May 9 (7:30pm): Queen Anne Lodge 242
- May 12 – Mother's Day
- May 15 (6:15pm) 7:30pm: St. John's 9 (dinner) Stated Official Visit DDGM5
- May 27: Memorial Day
- May 29 (6:30pm): District 5 Assoc. meeting (Razzis Pizza)
- June 14 – 15: 162<sup>nd</sup> Annual Communication Grand Lodge (Kitsap Convention Center, Bremerton)
- June 17 (6pm): King Solomon Lodge No. 60 Annual Strawberry Feed
- June 13 (7pm): Officers meeting
- June 15-16: Fremont Fair (Masonic information booth)
- June 19 (6:15pm): St. John's 9 Stated Table Lodge
- June 24: Feast Day of St. John the Baptist
- July 4: Independence Day
- July 11 (7pm): Officers meeting
- July 17 (6:15pm): St. John's 9 (dinner) Stated; – Scholarship Night

## **CALIFORNIA LIBRARY & MUSEUM CURATOR TO SPEAK IN APRIL**

St. John's Lodge No. 9 invites brothers of all degrees and Lodges to join us for an evening with WBro. Adam G. Kendall, Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, at 7pm at the Greenwood Masonic Center. We will provide refreshments and hors d'oeuvres 45 minutes prior to his presentation and following the event, but we suggest those needing a substantial meal to make other necessary arrangements.

For over three hundred years the lessons of Freemasonry have inspired elaborate rituals and a complex symbolic language, giving rise to a vibrant industry that has produced an array of instructional artworks and richly decorated ceremonial regalia. This presentation provides an historical overview of Masonic decorative arts and their essential role within the research of Freemasonry.

This evening with WBro. Kendall will be the second in a series of speakers hosted by St. John's this year. July 25 we bring Worshipful Brother Piers Vaughan, who has one of the most diverse and fascinating backgrounds for the study and understanding (and explanation) of Masonic, appendant, and other esoteric orders you will ever encounter.

WBro. Kendall is the editor of *The Plumline* for the Scottish Rite Research Society and a member of their governing board, a Past President of the Masonic Library & Museum Association, and the former Collections Manager and Curator of Exhibits for the Henry W. Coil Library and Museum at the Grand Lodge of F. & A.M. of California.

In addition to his many public presentations, historical video scripts and exhibits, he has published several essays and reviews in notable publications of Masonic interest.

This is a Mason-only event and the suggested attire is business casual such as suits and ties. This event is free, but there is limited space. **Reservations must be made with WBro. Russ Johnson by April 5<sup>th</sup>.** You can reach him for reservations and other questions at [rajco20@me.com](mailto:rajco20@me.com).

### **ALL MASONS WELCOME TO APRIL STATED**

St. John's will hold its April stated communication on Wednesday, April 17. Masons of any degree are cordially invited to attend and share in the evening's agenda which will include dinner, business and another opportunity for fellowship mixed with further Masonic enlightenment.



Dinner will be served at 6:15 prior to the business meeting. **Please make your dinner reservations with the secretary at 206 623-0261 by Friday, April 12,** 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.

### ***Emerald Downs Family Summer Event***

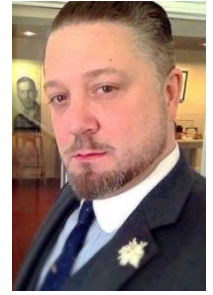
Our St. John's Lodge summer picnic this year will be replaced by a day of horseracing and a family buffet at Emerald Downs, Sunday, August 4. As a summer Lodge



event each member and his guest will be asked to contribute \$10 each and the Lodge will pick up the balance (about \$40 each). This would include admission, buffet

meal, official program, tip sheet, and reserved seating. On that date, there will be additional fun attractions with races among Corky dogs. The track opens at 9am, the room at 1pm, races start at 2pm, and the buffet opens at 2:30pm.

This will replace the 2019 family picnic traditionally held at the Nile Shrine.



April speaker  
Adam Kendall

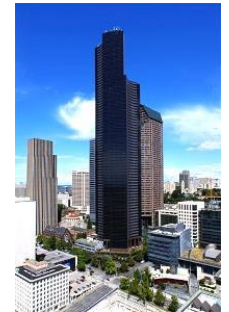
### **FAMILY APPRECIATION BRUNCH RETURNS TO COLUMBIA TOWER MAY 5**

Last year's venue for our FABulous Family Appreciation Brunch was well-received and VWBro. Ashley Brinkley under the direction of our Worshipful Master Seann Maria has made arrangements for all of us to again enjoy a brunch at the Columbia Tower Club atop the Columbia Tower. Starting time for the brunch will be 10am.

Once again all brothers are invited to host their family members, especially our lovely ladies. Parties **over two** will be assessed \$10 each payable at the event. (Party of two – no charge; party of four will cost \$20.)

**Seating is limited and reservations are a must!** Let the Secretary know how many will be in your party.

Please remind your guests that this is **not a casual-dress affair**. Please dress accordingly!



### **162<sup>nd</sup> Annual Communication of Grand Lodge**

The 162<sup>nd</sup> Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Washington will convene in Bremerton, WA at the Kitsap Conference Center, 100 Washington Ave., June 14-15. The Hampton Inn and Suites attached to the Conference Center no longer has any rooms available.

The Fairfield Inn and Suites is only .2 miles from the Conference center – a short walk. At the moment they have rooms available but are filling quickly. They are located at 239 – 4th Street in Bremerton and phone number is 360-377-2111.

In addition to the election of a Junior Grand Warden and action on a number of Masonic Code changes, several events are also scheduled for the Ladies.

Due to the nature of the electronic voting system, attendees of the 2019 Annual Communication MUST PRE-REGISTER through the [Grand Lodge website](#).

## Table Lodge or Festive Board

Senior Warden Blair Neumann has volunteered to spearhead a new approach to our annual Table Lodge (scheduled for June 19 as an event near St. John the Baptist Day). The Grand Lodge of Washington has available a suggested ritual format that we have not been using. Bro. Neumann suggests that it appears to be a fun ritual and he would like to adapt our festive board to its format. The Master suggested that we practice the toasting procedure at our May dinner. The brethren encouraged the Senior Warden to proceed with the plan.



## St. John's Little League Teams

For the past fifteen or so years, St. John's has sponsored at least two Little League teams each spring. This year is no different. In fact, a third team – beginners T-Ball – has been added. The kids wear the “St. John's Masons” uniforms. Let's get out and support our teams! Show some spirit. **Soundview Field: 1590 NW 90<sup>th</sup> St.** NWSLL (St. John's) AAA schedule

Date	Day	Start	Field	Home Team	Visiting Team
4/3	Wed	5:45 PM	Soundview Field 3	Phinney Ridge Cabinet Co. (NW02)	St. John's Masons (NW03)
4/6	Sat	2:00 PM	Magnolia 3	Leone & Vaughn Orthodontics (MAG02)	St. John's Masons (NW03)
4/13	Sat	9:30 AM	Soundview Field 3	St. John's Masons (NW03)	Blue Highway Games (QA01)
4/17	Wed	6:15 PM	Lower Woodland Field 4	Greenwood Hardware (NC04)	St. John's Masons (NW03)
4/20	Sat	1:30 PM	Interbay North (IBN)	Steve Hicks (QA05)	St. John's Masons (NW03)
4/24	Wed	5:45 PM	Soundview Field 4	St. John's Masons (NW03)	Rudy's Barbershop (NC06)
4/27	Sat	9:30 AM	Soundview Field 4	St. John's Masons (NW03)	Hi-Life (NC05)
5/1	Wed	5:45 PM	Soundview Field 3	St. John's Masons (NW03)	Phinney Ridge Cabinet Co.
5/4	Sat	3:30 PM	Soundview Field 3	St. John's Masons (NW03)	Fischer Plumbing (NW01)
5/8	Wed	6:00 PM	Soundview Field 3	St. John's Masons (NW03)	Fischer Plumbing (NW01)
5/11	Sat	4:30 PM	Maple Leaf Field 1	Cougars (RUG03)	St. John's Masons (NW03)
5/18	Sat	9:30 AM	Soundview Field 3	St. John's Masons (NW03)	CSR Marine (BAL02)
5/22	Wed	6:00 PM	Soundview Field 3	TNT Taqueria (NC07)	St. John's Masons (NW03)
5/28	Tue	5:30 PM	Maple Leaf Field 1	Beavers (RUG02)	St. John's Masons (NW03)

## NWSLL (St. John's) AA schedule

Date	Day	Start	Field	Home Team	Visiting Team
4/6	Sat	12:30 PM	Soundview 3	St. John's Masons (NW01)	Luisa's Mexican Grill (NW02)
4/13	Sat	9:30 AM	Maple Leaf 1	Athletics (RUG03)	St. John's Masons (NW01)
4/17	Wed	6:00 PM	Northacres 1	St. John's Masons (NW01)	Zoka Coffee (NC08)
4/20	Sat	2:00 PM	Lower Woodland 5	Ballard Ped Dentistry (NC01)	St. John's Masons (NW01)
4/27	Sat	12:30 PM	Soundview 3	St. John's Masons (NW01)	Integrity Home Repair (NW03)
5/1	Wed	5:45 PM	Soundview 4	St. John's Masons (NW01)	Luisa's Mexican Grill (NW02)
5/4	Sat	4:30 PM	Northacres 2	St. John's Masons (NW01)	Reds (RUG02)
5/7	Tue	6:00 PM	Ballard Comm. Center Field 1	Majestic Bay (BAL05)	St. John's Masons (NW01)
5/11	Sat	9:30 AM	Soundview 3	St. John's Masons (NW01)	Team Myers (NC05)
5/15	Wed	6:00 PM	Soundview 4	Integrity Home Repair (NW03)	St. John's Masons (NW01)
5/18	Sat	2:00 PM	Lower Woodland 6	WADOT Capital Inc (NC07)	St. John's Masons (NW01)
5/22	Wed	5:45 PM	Ross Park	Swanson's Shoe Repair (NC04)	St. John's Masons (NW01)
5/29	Wed	6:00 PM	Northacres 2	St. John's Masons (NW01)	Ballard Ortho (AA) (BAL03)

## Past Masters brunch

All Past Masters of St. John's are invited to attend our quarterly brunches not only for a good time but also to keep up with how things are going at St. John's.



Affiliated Past Masters are welcome, too.

We get together on the last Saturday of January, April, July, and November. Brunches start at 10am and close shortly after noon at Jimmy's On Broadway - just north of Madison at the Silver Cloud Hotel, 1100 Broadway. *Free parking under the hotel.*

## Visit Our District Brethren

District 5 Lodges	Next Meeting	Time
St. John's 9	Wednesday, April 17, 2019	7:30pm
Eureka 20	Monday, May 6, 2019	7:30pm
University 141	Monday, May 6, 2019	7:30pm
Daylight 232	Saturday, April 20, 2019	10am
Lafayette 241	Thursday, May 2, 2019	7pm
Queen Anne 242	Thursday, May 9, 2019	7:30pm
Esoterika 316	Tuesday, July 23, 2019	7:30pm

## APRIL BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS

### Date

- 6 Louis L. Turner
- 9 David J. Holdsworth
- 10 K. Eric Koteles
- 10 S. Webster Kavanaugh
- 11 Morris R. Capeluto
- 14 Joshua A. Skinner
- 16 Gale H. Kenney
- 17 Carl L. Alexander
- 18 Gregory E. Knapp
- 19 Frederick A. Eastman
- 19 Louis A. Van Der Wel
- 21 Michael J. Davis
- 22 Paul K. Doak
- 22 Larry J. Canaan
- 23 Martin L. Burgess
- 25 Howard C. Harris, Sr.
- 26 Kenneth W. MacArthur
- 27 Craig L. Catli
- 28 Raymond E. Lundy
- 28 Boe E. Lindgren
- 30 Thomas R. McClain



## 2019-20 Scholarship Applications Due in April

The St. John's scholarship committee has sent applications to current scholarship recipients for renewal. The application form is now available for graduating high school seniors and may be obtained through the Lodge Secretary. Deadline for applications will be April 18. Applicants will be interviewed May 25.


## Senior Warden Message

Bro. Blair Neumann



Brethren, it was a real treat to be able to host VW Bro. Andrew Hammer as part of our guest speaker series last month! The talk was well attended, with Brothers present from Lodges in and around Seattle; we even had one Brother come all the way up from Olympia to participate in our labors! VW Bro. Hammer's talk was excellent, rooted in Masonic history and elaborating on themes of core Masonic values and how those values have met the needs of men across generations. But the real highlight of the evening was Q&A! Our Brothers were clearly inspired as the conversation continued for at least another hour after VW Bro. Hammer's talk had formally ended. It truly was a night to remember!

Great news! We have another guest speaker coming right up. WB Adam Kendall is the Curator of the Masonic Library and Museum of the Grand Lodge of California, and will bring his tremendous depth and breadth of knowledge about Masonic symbols and their history to our Lodge on Saturday, April 13 at 7:00pm. The format of this talk will be more intimate, with hors d'oeuvres in the upstairs library and WB Kendall's talk in our Lodge room. I hope to see you all there!



**Shoreline DeMolay**

*Invites you to their Open Installation of Officers*

**Master Counselor**  
*Jax Elliott Lindgren*

<b>Senior Counselor</b> <i>Gabriel Thomas Williams</i>	<b>Junior Counselor</b> <i>Fyn Patrick Lindgren</i>
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**Saturday April 20, 2019**

*Dinner 6:00 pm*

*Installation 7:30 pm*

*Shoreline Masonic Center*

*753 N 185th St. Shoreline, WA 98133*

*[www.ShorelineDeMolay.org](http://www.ShorelineDeMolay.org)*

**Shoreline Chapter, Order of DeMolay**, will be holding an installation of officers Saturday, April 20. Jax Lindgren, the son of our member WBro. Boe Lindgren, will be installed as Master Councilor. Dinner will precede the ceremony.

## Junior Warden Message

VWBro. Ashley Brinkley



I thought this time I would write something Masonic and report on the Lodge Leadership Retreat formerly known as the Warden's Conference. So... I propose the following questions:

1. Did St. John's Lodge get their money's worth out of the Jr. Warden?
2. Was it worth the Jr. Wardens time?
3. Did the Jr. Warden learn something?
4. Will the Jr. Warden be able to bring some information back to the Lodge that will help our Lodge?
5. What is the purpose of the Lodge Leadership Retreat?

To answer most of these questions it is a definite YES! The last question will be answered at the end. ☺ It IS very worthwhile to go! I had not gone in a long time and I feel Grand Lodge did an outstanding job of putting it on. The Conference was for both old and new Lodge Officers. The Conference is about learning and fellowship. It is about talking to other Lodge Officers to see what their Lodges are doing. What is working and what is not. It's about building friendships with other Officers.

I think we should increase our budget to be able to send more future Lodge Officers. The two-day training is not enough. We need to invest in our Lodge and the future leaders of our Lodge, and this is a great way to do just that. It's about being around men who have knowledge to share.

Many things for me were a reminder of Masonic things to keep on the right track. I did learn. I learned an interesting thing about the Third Degree that I had not thought of before. I will share this with the Lodge and hopefully it will be used. It was well worth the time and effort, and in the future, I think the Lodge will gain by sending the Jr. Warren to the conference each year.

Now, on the more humorous side with my last question answered... Being an experienced leader with the vast knowledge this Jr. Warden has on a lot of subjects, one thing this Jr. Warden did not do at the Conference is to socialize until... say... 3:30am... and be at breakfast... say... about 7:30am! I could have done this.... but.... to keep in good graces with my wife... I chose not to rock the boat! ☺

### **Stated Communication Wednesday, April 17** **On this date in history:**

**1397** Geoffrey Chaucer tells the "Canterbury Tales" for the first time at the court of English King Richard II

**1492** Christopher Columbus signs a contract with the Spanish monarchs to find the "Indies" with the stated goal of converting people to Catholicism. This promises him 10% of all riches found, and the governorship of any lands encountered.

**1907** Ellis Island, New York records 11,745 immigrants

## The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere

[Note to St. John's Brothers: This poem was written in 1860 – the year our Lodge was chartered]

by Senior Midnight Freemason Contributor  
WB Gregory J. Knott

*Listen, my children, and you shall hear  
Of the midnight ride of Paul Revere,  
On the eighteenth of April, in Seventy-Five:  
Hardly a man is now alive  
Who remembers that famous day and year.*

*One if by land, and two if by sea;  
And I on the opposite shore will be,  
Ready to ride and spread the alarm  
Through every Middlesex village and farm,  
For the country-folk to be up and to arm.*

-Henry Wadsworth Longfellow



Home of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Suddenly the words came back to me more than 35 years after I first heard and read them. They have been familiar to generations of Americans since 1860 when they were penned by American Poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. Longfellow (1807-1882) was a prominent educator, serving on the faculty of Harvard University and living in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

It was Longfellow's home that I came across, as I was walking through a neighborhood in Cambridge that brought his famous words to my memory. Now a National Historic Site, operated by the National Park Service, the home stands as a timeless reminder not only to Longfellow, but also George Washington.

Washington used the house as his Headquarters as he took command of the Continental Army in July 1775. His wife Martha, her son, daughter-in law and several enslaved servants joined him at the house as they converted it into a functional residence/HQ. Here Washington would meet with many prominent men of his day such as Benjamin Franklin, John Adams and others, as they consulted with him on the war for independence.

The house was passed through several owners until Longfellow became the owner in 1843, buying it from Elizabeth Craigie. Longfellow had rented a room from Craigie from 1837-1843. He lived in the house until his

death in 1882. Longfellow left his position at Harvard University to dedicate his full time efforts to writing and scholarship. It was during this time, in 1860, that he wrote his now famous poem about WBro. Paul Revere.

As I walked about the beautiful grounds of the house, I thought about the courage and conviction of those founding fathers as they fought against tyranny. An army that was ill-equipped, untrained, in-experienced was going against the strongest military force of the time. Paul Revere, a silversmith and Freemason from Boston, whom Longfellow memorialized in this famous poem, was one of these patriots who had taken up the call to action and joined the Continental Army.

I realized I was standing on hallowed ground.

Longfellow closed out his poem about Paul Revere writing:

*So through the night rode Paul Revere;  
And so through the night went his cry of alarm  
To every Middlesex village and farm, —  
A cry of defiance and not of fear,  
A voice in the darkness, a knock at the door,  
And a word that shall echo forevermore!  
For, borne on the night-wind of the Past,  
Through all our history, to the last,  
In the hour of darkness and peril and need,  
The people will waken and listen to hear  
The hurrying hoof-beats of that steed,  
And the midnight message of Paul Revere.*

**WB Gregory J. Knott** is the Worshipful Master of Ogden Lodge No. 754 in Ogden (IL) and a plural member of St. Joseph Lodge No. 970 (IL), Homer Lodge No. 199 (IL) and Naval Lodge No. 4 in Washington, DC.

**FABulous Family Appreciation Brunch**  
10am Sunday, May 5 – Columbia Tower  
206 623-0261 for reservations

### APRIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:

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

#### Dinner - guests welcome

1 Menu: Caesar salad; herb-roasted chicken w/mashed potatoes and sage gravy; coconut gelato with roasted pineapple dessert

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

2. Welcome & Introductions

3. Announcements & Good of the Order

#### Stated Meeting – filed

1. Ballot on petitioner

2. General business – reports and planning

3. Masonic Education – TBA

#### Refreshments

Kick back, visit, and enjoy a beverage and dessert

# LET'S LOOK AT THAT A LITTLE CLOSER



*We, as Freemasons, are encouraged to make a daily advancement in Masonic knowledge. Information on Freemasonry is available from many sources, e.g., official publications of Grand Lodge, books, periodicals, encyclopedias, CDs and audio and video tapes, to say nothing of other learned brethren in person, Lodges of instruction, Lodges of research and their transactions, seminars and study courses offered in some jurisdictions, etc. In recent years the Internet has become another important source. There exist numerous Masonic websites and lively discussions are going on in Masonic forums. The problem is that the information available from many of these sources is not always accurate or correct. Just because something is said by some brother or found in some Masonic writings, including research papers does not necessarily mean that it is true. And the mere fact that someone has written a book does not always make him an 'authority'.*

*Printed material is still one of the key sources of information on the Craft. In order to gain Masonic knowledge and form a balanced view on Freemasonry, we should read widely. And in so doing, we should hopefully be able to evaluate objectively what we read and draw our own well-reasoned conclusions.*

## Masonic Publications to Look Into

by Midnight Freemason Contributor

Robert H. Johnson



Often times we find ourselves looking for something to read or maybe just wishing for it. If you're lucky enough to have free time that doesn't require also splitting it with paying attention to the little ones, congratulations...I digress.

As a podcaster I find myself constantly looking for material to either write about or read on [the show](#), (if the publication is cool with it). The list of publications I'll give here are ones that I enjoy, even though some of them do not allow reprinting or readings. Take a look and if I can assist you in answering questions about them, please feel free to [email me](#).

**[The Plumb Line](#)** - A publication of the AASR Research Society. You essentially join the Research Society. Cost is about \$50 and you get a quarterly newsletter (usually with a great article in each one) and a hard cover book (usually by de Hoyos). Totally worth it.

**[The Fraternal Review](#)** - Probably the hippest and most relevant in terms of knowing what its readers love, and is inexpensive for what you get. Eleven issues for \$37. In fact probably the coolest...thing...they do is a "Lodge Subscription" for \$92. A Lodge subscription gets you 3 physical print copies of each issue. They also offer a digital subscription for \$27. It's printed on nice paper, is in color and usually comes in the usual length of a good magazine, sans all the advertisements. Just do it.

**[The Journal](#)** - A publication of the Masonic Society is similar in nature to the Philalethes. Cost is \$45 per year and is released quarterly. This magazine is also printed in a very nice way. Full color, good paper weight and

consists of slightly more academic papers. They adhere to their quarry style guide as well, which is like Chicago Style. Anyone in good standing can subscribe. Cost is \$45.

**[The Philalethes](#)** - The oldest Masonic research publication in the United States, the Philalethes is America's version of AQC, (at least that's how it feels to me.) In any case, this publication is also in color, published quarterly and has good paper weight. The cost is \$50 for 4 issues.

**[The Rocky Mountain Mason](#)** - Another full color Masonic publication with great articles and which is more concerned with its readership than the pomp and circumstance of other publications. That is not to say that those who are published in the magazine are not scholars; to the contrary they are. In fact many propose amazing and new research not examined before. Subscription to this publication will set you back a whopping \$33 bucks for this quarterly masterpiece. (I'm not being sarcastic. I legitimately enjoy the heck out of this one.)

**[The Working Tools](#)** by Cory Sigler was a wonderful magazine as well. Alas, it's no longer in print. In addition, The Living Stones magazine which was published by Robert Herd was also just amazing. Although it too is out of print, Robert made all issues available for free in digital format. You can access them at the link below.

**[CLICK HERE TO ACCESS THE LIVING STONES MAGAZINE.](#)**

Happy subscribing and happy reading everyone!

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## Jeremy L. Cross

A teacher of the Masonic ritual, who, during his lifetime, was extensively known, and for some time very popular. He was born June 27, 1783, at Haverhill, New Hampshire, and died at the same place in 1861. Cross was admitted into the Masonic Order in 1808, and soon afterward became a pupil of Thomas Smith Webb, whose modifications of the Preston lectures and of the advanced Degrees were generally accepted by the Freemasons of the United States. Cross, having acquired a competent knowledge of Webb's system, began to travel and disseminate it throughout the country. In 1819 he published *The True Masonic Chart or Hieroglyphic Monitor*, in which he borrowed liberally from the previous work of Webb.



In fact, the Chart of Cross is, in nearly all its parts, a mere transcript of the Monitor of Webb, the first edition of which was published in 1797. Webb, it is true, took the same liberty with Preston, from whose *Illustrations of Masonry* he borrowed largely. The engraving of the emblems constituted, however, an entirely new and original feature in the Hieroglyphic Chart, and, as furnishing aids to the memory, rendered the book of Cross at once very popular; so much so, indeed, that for a long time it almost altogether superseded that of Webb. In 1820 Cross published *The Templars Chart*, which, as a monitor of the Degrees of chivalry, met with equal success. Both of these works have passed through numerous editions.

Cross received the appointment of Grand Lecturer from many Grand Lodges, and traveled for many years very extensively through the United States, teaching his system of lectures to Lodges, Chapters, Councils, and Encampments.

He possessed few or no scholarly attainments, and his contributions to the literature of Freemasonry are confined to the two compilations already cited. In his later years he became involved in an effort to establish a Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Rite. But he soon withdrew his name, and retired to the place of his nativity, where he died at the advanced age of seventy-eight.

Although Cross was not a man of any very original genius, yet a more recent writer has announced the fact that the symbol in the Third Degree, the broken column, unknown to the system of either Preston or Webb, was invented by him.

- Source: Mackey's Encyclopedia of Freemasonry



## HERE AND ABOUT



Member MWBro. Darrel Schrader (Kansas City, KS) writes "Thank you for sponsoring our grandson's (base)ball team. His dad if he were alive would have been a Mason and appreciative as well."

(1998) Past Master Paul Winter (Hobart, WI) writes "I got in a car accident on Xmas morning, I do not remember it. I was in a coma and broke my neck (C2 vertebrae); they say I am very lucky to be alive and able to walk. I am recuperating at home now. I took quite a pounding and my neck is still healing (I am wearing a cervical collar). On April 23 I get another CT scan, I hope it is better by then. This has been a difficult experience. Now I can play guitar again and I am restoring my voice with the help of a vocal coach (over a month in hospital caused a lot of muscle and voice atrophy.)"

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## MASTER MASONS RAISED IN APRIL

### Date Raised:

4/30/1949	Arthur P. Jentoft
4/12/1952	Larry J. Canaan
4/12/1962	Roy D. Sam
4/4/1966	Alvin W. Jorgensen
4/26/1967	Stephen F. Weiss
4/28/1973	Mark A. Lentz
4/28/1973	Thomas R. McClain
4/24/1976	Craig R. Messett
4/20/1978	Neil P. Quinn
4/15/1981	Kenneth M. Lane, Sr.
4/19/1983	George O. "Bob" Smith, Jr.
4/18/1984	S. Ashley Brinkley
4/23/1996	Mark A. Campbell
4/22/1998	Thomas R. Everts
4/12/2007	Anthony K. Porter



*If my dead body is ever found on a jogging path somewhere, you'll know I was killed elsewhere and my body was dumped there. HA!*

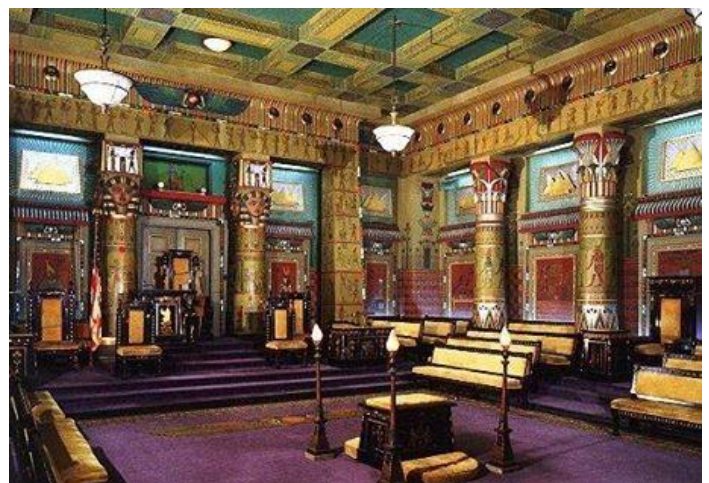


Table Mountain Masonic Lodge #124, Philadelphia

## Freemasons moving out of Queen Anne Masonic Lodge

Multiple generations of Freemasons on March 30 began the process of recovering historical records and artifacts from the Queen Anne Masonic Lodge that had served the fraternal organization for nearly a century.

"The finances have always been a problem, keeping the maintenance on things," said WBro. Danny Done, the Lodge's Senior Warden and a Past Master of the Lodge.

The 114-year-old building is in need of a costly seismic retrofit, a new roof and upgrades to its electrical and HVAC systems. But the Lodge has long been operated primarily off of donations. The space had once been available to rent, but its location on a residential street with limited parking and restrictions on noise made it less ideal for large functions, said Master of the Lodge Andy Goeres, who also serves as secretary of the temple board overseeing the sale of the building. Most of the forty Lodge No. 242 members are now living out-of-state, and annual dues were just \$200.

"We barely cover administrative costs," Done said. "The building kind of consumed the Lodge."

Now the building at 1608 Fourth Ave. W. is under contract to sell, and is planned for redevelopment through a partnership.



Lodge members begin removing furniture, historical documents and artifacts

"Our goal is to be able to put two townhomes inside the structure, but that's all dependent on what happens with the landmarks process," said Rich Rogers with R&R Development, who stressed the desire to

preserve the 114-year-old building..

The Seattle Landmarks Preservation Board will decide whether to accept the nomination, submitted on behalf of the developers by Susan Boyle, BOLA Architecture+Planning, during its meeting 3:30pm Wednesday, April 17, in the Boards & Commissions Room L2-80 in city hall, 400 Fourth Ave.

Before being purchased by the Masonic Lodge No. 242 in 1924, the building was constructed by the Sunset Telephone & Telegraph Company as the first exchange building on Queen Anne Hill, used by switchboard operators to connect customers until it outgrew its space.

The same year Pacific finished constructing its new Garfield Exchange building, Queen Anne Lodge No. 242 was established, and began meeting in the Austin A. Bell building in Belltown.

A building committee was formed in 1923 to find a location for the Lodge on Queen Anne Hill, and the old Garfield Exchange building came on the market in 1924.

WBro. Goeres said the Masons had made a conscious choice not to pursue historic landmark status previously because of the potential added cost of keeping up the building, but then orders came down from the state that the building needed to be seismically upgraded.

"When that mandate came from the state, that's a pretty big nut to fill," WBro. Goeres said.

"It's a substantial portion of the project," Rogers said of the unreinforced masonry building. "The URM portion is very invasive, let's say."

The question is whether the landmarks board may want to just preserve the front facade, Rogers said, or also preserve portions of the interior. The retrofit requires putting in a "steel rib cage" to reinforce the building.

The interior has undergone numerous alterations over the years, on top of its 1924 conversion from a telephone exchange building to Masonic Lodge.

Boyle didn't have information on the original designer or builder, but Lodge member J.H. Wilson served as the contractor for the renovation, which included moving a central stair to open up main floor space. The

Lodge's kitchen was converted from a coal-fired stove in 1938, and the main room was renovated in the 1960s to replace the "hotel style" lamps.

During the early 1980s a chair lift was installed [and] in 1992 and 1993 the wiring and plumbing was replaced, and the rest rooms, kitchen and dining room were remodeled.

The Lodge room was renovated in 2006.

The existing walls were taken down and new wall board installed. Existing bench seats and [chairs] were refinished and recovered. Old theatre type seats were replaced with new bench seats and new carpet installed upstairs and on the stairway. ... Flooring in the entry and dining hall was removed and new hardwood flooring installed, according to the report.

While they built membership up early during their time with the Lodge, WBro. Done said, many younger members became less involved as they turned their focus toward careers and family.

But a fraternity is about the people, not a place, he said, and the Lodge could start meeting again in various venues.

"We're part of this larger community, so we're not alone," Done said.

WBro. Goeres said the Masons plan to continue moving items out of the Lodge on weekends, and they expect to retain control of the building through the end of July. Whatever isn't claimed by members or donated to other Lodges in Washington could end up being haggled over at a yard sale, WBro. Done said.

If things go as expected with the landmarks board, Rogers said the hope is to have a design plan to the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections by the end of the year, and to have permits and begin the retrofit in 2020.