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I'd love to share these thoughts (edited for space) from a blog by Dr. Steven Mintz, Orfalea College of Business at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo:

We've all personally experienced it – rudeness and discourteous behavior of others. It might be uncivil behavior in everyday life, such as using crude language, cutting in line, and road rage on the highway. Maybe it relates to a workplace situation: other people not listening to what we say, interrupting us, or having side conversations during our presentation. In some cases it is personal, such as insults, personal attacks, and emotional put-downs. It may even be taken to an extreme with harmful consequences to one's personal self-esteem. This includes ranting against us on social media and cyberbullying.



The breakdown in civility can be attributed to the fact that basic manners and graciousness are no longer taught at schools or in the home. Societal examples only exacerbate the problem. All too many television shows depict folks acting badly, saying bad things – a basic immaturity in relationships with others. Of course, social media gets most of the blame where so many look for their “fifteen minutes of fame” through offensive posts on their Facebook page, distasteful tweeting, poorly thought-out Instagram photos, and silly You Tube postings.

Aristotle saw civility as a form of friendship, which he understood as a mutual feeling of good will. Aristotle believed that humans are capable of promoting another person's interest without regard for our own.

By contrast, Thomas Hobbes believed that humans are incapable of sympathy with the interests of others; he said that we are ultimately motivated by self-interest in all of our acts. But recent experiments and theoretical developments have supported the view of David Hume, who believed that humans are naturally sympathetic, with our benevolence (or willingness to act selflessly) guided by such things as reason and custom.

The truth lies somewhere in-between. There are many good people out there who genuinely care about others and think about the consequences of their actions before making a final decision on how to act. At the other extreme, there are all too many who are driven by self-gratification and seem oblivious to the interests of others.

Incivility is becoming the new normal in our society. Unethical behavior underlies the incivility. Basic ethical values such as respect, fairness, honesty, responsibility and accountability have given way to hedonistic behavior that sometimes borders on narcissism.

Whether it's random and senseless violence against another, road rage, cyber-bullying, language of hatred and divisiveness, or other offensive acts that are occurring with increased frequency in our society, the U.S., as a country, is losing its moral compass. The issues of ethical behavior in society are nowhere on the radar in this political campaign season.

Let us remember our closing charge – "...every human being has a claim upon our kind offices: do good unto all."

CALENDAR



- August 14 (6pm): Board of Trustees
- August 15 (7pm): Officers meeting
- August 21 (6:15pm) 7:30pm: St. John's 9 (dinner) Stated (casual dress)
- August 24 (5pm social hour): 159th Anniversary Celebration Ivar's Salmon House
- September 2: Labor Day
- September 4: Happy Birthday to us!
- September 12 (7pm): Officers meet
- September 18 (6:15pm) 7:30pm: St. John's 9 (dinner) Stated
- September 25 (6:30pm): District 5 Assoc. meeting (Razzis Pizza)
- September 29-October 1: Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year)
- October 5 (9am): Northwest Masonic Conference Portland
- October 9-10: Yom Kippur (Tuesday-Wednesday)
- October 9 (6pm): Board of Trustees 2019 Budget preparation
- October 10 (7pm): Officers meet
- October 16 (6:15pm) 7:30pm: St. John's 9 (dinner) Stated Past Masters Night; Election of Officers
- October 26 (10am): Past Masters Brunch Jimmy's on Broadway
- October 26 (10am): Quarterly meeting Masonic Service Bureau
- November 13 (6pm): Board of Trustees
- November 13 (6:30pm): District 5 Assoc. meeting (Razzis Pizza)
- November 14 (7pm): Officers meet
- November 20 (6:15pm) 7:30pm: St. John's 9 (dinner) Stated
- November 21: Thanksgiving Day
- December 7 (9am): Shopping for Operation Kids Smile
- December 12 (6:30pm): Installation of Officers (Thursday evening) followed by dinner at 8:30pm
- December 14 (9am) 1pm: Operation Kids Smile (set-up) Party time for families
- December 18 (6:15pm) 7:30pm: St. John's 9 (dinner) Stated

AARP FRAUD WATCH NETWORK: WHO'S REALLY ON THE LINE?

The barrage of automated telephone solicitations or “robo calls” we get on our home and mobile phones has increased to nearly 50 billion calls a year, and it’s estimated that up to half of those calls are scams.



Whether it’s on the phone or online, new technology and “spoofing” tools have made it easier than ever for scammers to pretend to be someone they’re not, such as the IRS or your bank or credit union. Their goal is simple - to fool you into handing over your hard earned money.

We’ll find out more in detail at this month’s stated communication when representatives from the AARP speak about the many scams directed our way and what we can do to avoid them. We’ll learn about the strategy and tactics used by con men to defraud, especially by email and social media; the most effective prevention strategies to avoid becoming a victim; and where to go for help.

We may have entered the digital age, but the telephone remains scammers’ weapon of choice. The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) received more than 940,000 fraud complaints in 2018 in which a contact method was identified, and 69 percent of the time a call was the swindler’s way in. Once they get you on the line, phone scammers use false promises, aggressive sales pitches and phony threats to pry loose information they can use to steal your money or identity (or both).

The FTC reports that the median loss from a phone scam in 2018 was \$840, more than double the median loss across all fraud types. Readily available spoofing tools can trick your caller ID into displaying a genuine government or corporate number, or one that appears to be local, to increase the chances that you’ll answer.

Whether live or automated, scam callers often pose as representatives of government agencies or familiar tech, travel, retail or financial companies, supposedly calling with important information. It might be good news. (You’re eligible for a big cash prize! You’ve been preselected for this great vacation deal!) It might be bad. (You owe back taxes. There’s a problem with your credit card account. Your computer is infected with that virus you’ve been hearing about.) Whatever the issue, it can be resolved if you’ll just, say, “provide your Social Security number” or make an immediate payment.

Phone fraudsters might also impersonate charity fundraisers or even your grandchildren, playing on your generosity or family bonds to get you to fork over money.



St. John’s brethren will return for this month’s stated communication August 21. *Please make your [dinner reservations](#) with the secretary at 206 623-0261 by Friday, August 16*, 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.

Just Who Are These Masons?

The first Masonic Lodge in Seattle (St. John’s Lodge No. 9) has been the home to many known names in our community. Seattle was but a village when the Lodge was



founded (1860), 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.

Many left their marks on the city, and their names remain familiar to us now. **Hanford Street, Horton Street, McGraw Street, Phinney Way, Maynard Street, Bagley Avenue, Blanchard Street, Howell Street, Smith Street and Leary Way** all are named after members of the Lodge.

Neighborhoods that bear the names of Lodge members include **Ballard, Phinney, and Georgetown.**

Landmarks named after St. John’s members include **Piper’s Creek, Piper’s Canyon, Smith Cove, and Meydenbauer Bay and Creek. Coe and Bagley Elementary Schools and Sharples, McClure, Meany and Asa Mercer Middle Schools** all bear the names of Lodge members.



The same is true for many of Seattle’s buildings, including some no longer in existence. Among them: the **Dexter Horton Building, Bagley Hall, Meany Hall and Theater, Moore Theater and Hotel, Butler Hotel, Hotel Stevens, Meydenbauer Center and the Frederick & Nelson Department Store.**

It's almost here!!

St. John’s

159th Anniversary Celebration

Ivar’s Salmon House

Potlatch Room

Social hour – 5pm Dinner 6pm

Saturday, August 24

Make your reservations, today

A busy summer at St. John's

We've been busy this summer.

In June, we awarded 15 students with scholarships and hosted many of them and their families at our stated communication.



St. John's hosted scholars in June

In July, members attended the Everett AquaSox baseball game, where, lo and behold, our own Tyler WBro. Terry Grove was named number one "Fan of the Game". WBro. Terry has spearheaded our family outings to the AquaSox games for the past several years (and does the same for the Everett Valley Scottish Rite.)



Terry Grove #1 fan

St. John's families also spent a day at the races in August. Emerld Downs provided a full day of horse racing, Corgi dog racing and offered a full lunch buffet to 42 members and guests of the Lodge.



Corgi Dogs between horse racing heats

More about the evening at the AquaSox game...

Yesterday - Saturday July 20th, 2019 - St. John's had a good time at the AquaSox ballgame. We won over the Spokane Indians. Attached are two photos taken by John Louderback. Not only did we have a great Bar-B-Que and fun at the ballgame, but we enjoyed great fellowship, and some fantastic fireworks.

In addition - Weebly the team mascot visited our group, and WBro. Terry Grove was awarded the fan of the game, and we got onto the big screen.



Weebly & WB Vinny DiGiulio

HERE AND ABOUT



Our Tyler WBro. Terry Grove has been elected to receive the honorary Scottish Rite 33°.... WBro. Boe Lindgren is a candidate for the Edmonds District School Board Our Musician WBro. Adam Creighton is again serving as Grand Musician for the Grand Lodge of Washington this year Both VWBro. Jim Maher (chair) and WBro. David Flood serve on the Grand Lodge Finance Committee WBro. John Louderback serves on GL Public Relations Committee

CYBERCRIME ADDRESSED AT ST. JOHN'S



During the dinner hour this month, we will hear from a couple of representatives from the AARP who will bring cautionary word on the dangers of cybercrime to all of us, especially seniors. They are eager to answer any questions following their presentations.

Vigilance Against Cybercrime

Identity theft and other forms of online fraud pose a serious and growing threat throughout the nation. The internet is a goldmine for scam artists. Join us as we learn how con artists are using a variety of scams to defraud Internet users, how to safeguard against online fraud and cyber scams, and what to do if you or someone you know has been a victim.

Protect Yourself from Fraud and Identity Theft

Con artists contact you through fraudulent e-mails by pretending to be someone they are not. Your response could put you in financial danger. Learn how to recognize the warning signs before you respond. Learn how to protect your passwords, bank accounts, and credit card accounts, and your credit.

Here's a word about Wednesday's speakers:

Bob DeWald, now retired from the Port of Tacoma as a Senior Director after twenty years, immediately involved himself in volunteering. He first began his volunteer journey with the State Health Insurance Benefits Advisory (SHIBA), and later joined the Employer Support of the Guard & Reserves (the only volunteer organization within the Department of Defense), and AARP. In his current volunteer role with AARP, Bob is the Fraud Prevention Specialist for the Puget Sound area. Bob has made numerous fraud prevention presentations to many diverse communities in the past year. He is an engaging person that loves audience participation and hearing the experience of others in the area of fraud and identity theft. He is really looking forward to the presentation.

Lee Weissman's early career was in the public schools, where she taught for more than seven years. She then taught classes at a community college for two years before moving on to the corporate world. She spent the major part of her career in the Training Department of a federally funded corporation where her responsibilities included training for both employees and managers. Throughout her adult life, Lee has participated as a volunteer in a variety of charitable organizations. Almost two years ago, she was trained by AARP on the subject of fraud prevention, and



"I'm a victim of identity theft. My wife took a happy, skinny kid with lots of hair and turned him into ME!"

has been delivering these important messages since that time.

JOIN US NOW FOR ST. JOHN'S 159TH

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



Mark it on your calendar. St. John's Lodge will celebrate 159 years of Freemasonry in Seattle with dinner at Ivar's Salmon House, Saturday evening, August 24. Social hour begins at 5pm. It's rapidly approaching, so if you haven't already, make your reservations with the Secretary for an evening of good food, a bit of entertainment, and just plain fun.

☛ *Choose your selection of entrée options from Alder Grilled Top Sirloin or Wild Alaska Halibut, or Penne Pasta Pomodoro.*

A beverage bar will be available, as well as an assortment of wines for each table. Dress is evening attire for the ladies, suit and tie for the gentlemen.



Ivar's Salmon House views downtown Seattle from Lake Union

AUGUST MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:

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

Dinner - guests welcome

1. Menu: baby greens salad with walnut/ peach/ blue cheese; sliced New York strip steak with succotash and herb pesto; apricot crisp with whip cream
(allergies, vegetarian? Let us know a week before.)

2. Welcome & Introductions

3. Enlightenment: Cybercrime Alert

Presentation by AARP

Stated Meeting - tiled

1. General business

2. Ballot on petitioner

Refreshments

Kick back, visit, and enjoy a beverage and dessert

AUGUST BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS

Day

- 1 Petros N. Farmasonis
- 3 Richard D. Hawley
- 5 Aren Hakobyan
- 8 Tom Horace H. Sawyer
- 9 Robert L. Johnson
- 10 Roger A. Barnstead
- 12 Terry A. Grove
- 13 Thomas G. Eastman
- 22 Brad D. Wolford
- 28 Ronald A. Woodall, Jr.



Junior Warden Message

VWBro. Ashley Brinkley



We should not talk about religion or politics in Lodge as we are a fraternity of men that does not include politics or religion – so what do we talk about?

How is everyone enjoying the warm weather?

We can talk about the weather and it's been hot. My air conditioning has been working overtime. My wife is always hot (I mean warm with the weather). This is the part of my article where I see who is reading it, so please tell my wife I said she is hot and leave out the part about the warm weather 😊 The grandkids have the door open and closed so many times during the day and everyone but me wonders why the air conditioning doesn't work very well.

So, what do we talk about to men who are interested in our fraternity? Being a person that is very frugal with my money...ok ...or as my wife says....cheap. I knew my car needed front brakes because I took it to a repair shop who installed high lumens head lights that I could not install myself. They told me about 10,000 miles ago I would need brakes and I have driven it now 10,000 miles. I asked a Brother if he knew a person who did mechanic work on the side. I would much rather give someone like this a job to make a little money than to a repair shop if possible. He did know someone, a young person, who he said worked for him and was a hard-working, honest kid. I called this young man and my new friend agreed to come out to my home. I purchased the brakes (I decided to purchase the rear brakes just in case they needed to be replaced, too). To my misfortune, I purchased four brakes without the parts store actually seeing the condition of my used brakes themselves.

Getting back to my story, the young man showed up at my door and after he had taken off the front wheel, he told me I did not need new brakes. He said the fronts were only 10-15% used and backs looked new. He told me he couldn't do it. It did not feel right to him. I asked if his boss, my Lodge Brother, was a good person to work for and he said he was the best! He told me he was honest and fair, and he liked him. What a model we can be to some one that is young or in our community or our circle of non-masonic friends or our work. We do not have to talk Masonry to any one, we can use our actions. What a great start this young man has of being a Mason, telling me that he didn't feel right changing the brakes. What a role model our Brother is to this young man. I wanted to pay my new young friend anyway, but he wouldn't take anything. So, talking is not always important, it is our actions that make a difference.

St. John's
159th Anniversary Celebration
Ivar's Salmon House
Social hour – 5pm Dinner 6pm
Saturday, August 24

LET'S LOOK AT THAT A LITTLE CLOSER



On Thursday, August 9, 1860, seven Master Masons joined in signing a petition to the Grand Master of Masons of the Washington Territory, MWBro. James Biles, for a dispensation to form a Lodge of Masons at Seattle, under the name of St. John's Lodge. Two days later the petition was presented to Steilacoom Lodge No. 2 for approval of that Lodge as required by Grand Lodge law. Three days later on August 14, the approved petition was presented to the Grand Master. On that same day the petition was granted and a dispensation was issued to hold Lodge. On Saturday evening, August 25, the first meeting of St. John's Lodge U.D. was held. Just where the exact location of the first meeting was held is uncertain due to early records destroyed in the Great Seattle Fire of June 6, 1889.

Meeting Places

When St. John's Lodge was chartered, Henry Yesler offered his cookhouse as a meeting place. The members found this location unsatisfactory, however, and instead chose to meet at the Territorial University building that stood where the Four Seasons Olympic Hotel now stands in downtown Seattle. Simultaneously, Lodge members began planning construction of their own Temple.

The first Temple, a two-story storefront, was erected on Front Street between James and Cherry Streets on property purchased from Yesler. It was completed in August, 1862, and hosted meetings of the Lodge until the building was destroyed in the great Seattle fire of June 6, 1889.

Due to the close association St. John's had maintained with the University, the Lodge was afterward allowed to meet in the chapel of the university building, which survived the fire. The Young Naturalists Hall, on the university grounds at the northwest corner of Fourth Avenue and University Street, later was found more adequate for Lodge meetings and St. John's rented space there until April 30, 1892, when the Second Temple was ready for occupancy.

Meanwhile, the Lodge had sold the Front Street property where its first Temple had stood and formed the St. John's Masonic Temple Association as a private corporation. The Association purchased property at Second Avenue and Pike Street from Arthur A. and Mary A. Denny and built a new Temple on the site. The three-story building combined rental and Lodge meeting space and was occupied by four Blue Lodges, the Chapter, Commandery, and Scottish Rite bodies. The Masonic Library Association also held weekly meetings in the reading room.

But when the financial panic of 1893 plunged the nation into depression, income from the building fell below operating expenses and it became impossible to make payments on the mortgage. Eventually the

mortgage went into default and in 1900 the property was sold and the Temple Association dissolved. St. John's received \$10,029 from the sale and was able to continue meeting in the building for another year and a half. Then, in October, 1901, St. John's Lodge began renting space and meeting at the Knights of Pythias Hall at the southwest corner of First Avenue and Pike Street.

Meanwhile, the Seattle Commandery No. 2, Knights Templar, was negotiating purchase of the Odd Fellows Hall at 2320 First Avenue in Belltown. St. John's joined in financing the acquisition through subscriptions to a Trustee organization established for the purpose. To this day Masonic symbols may still be seen in the tiled entry to this building. St. John's Lodge met there from the spring of 1902 until October 20, 1916, when the Seattle Masonic Temple at Harvard Avenue and Pine Street on Capitol Hill was ready for occupancy.

Purchase of the Capitol Hill property and construction of the Temple were the responsibility of the Seattle Masonic Temple Association. Members of St. John's Lodge played major roles in establishing the Association and were intimately involved from the planning stage all the way through construction, management, and operation of the Temple.

WBro. D. E. Frederick, Past Master of St. John's Lodge No. 9 in 1902 and a prominent Seattle merchant (Frederick & Nelson's department store) and civic leader, served as a Trustee of the corporation from April 27, 1911, to January 7, 1926. WBro. Dr. J.W. Thomas, Past Master of St. John's in 1911, served as corporation president from 1917 to 1918. But no one gave longer or more devoted service to the Temple Association than VWBro. George W. Huddleston, Past Master of St. John's in 1936, who was a member of the Temple Board of Trustees from February 10, 1937, to February 13, 1958--a record 21 years. During his last three years on

the board he served as president and guided the corporation during a period when many perplexing problems called for judgment and discretion.

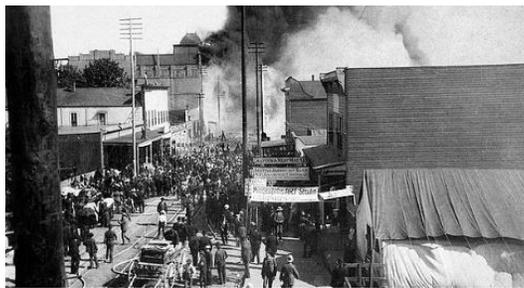
St. John's Lodge No. 9 met at the Seattle Masonic Temple from 1916 until 1983, when it moved to the Scottish Rite Temple at 1155 Broadway East. After nearly 70 years at the old Temple, the move was both emotional and controversial.

We'll further study our meeting sites in next month's issue of the Trestleboard.

The University of Washington Territory



LOCATED AT SEATTLE.



Looking south on 1st Ave, from Spring St. about one-half hour after the fire started

Portrait of First Known Lady Freemason Sold at Auction

by Des O'Sullivan, *Irish Examiner*, July 09, 2019

This early mezzotint portrait of Mrs. Elizabeth Aldworth (1695-1775) in Masonic robes was sold at auction at Fonsie Mealy's auction in Castlecomer, Co Kilkenny on July 23.

Born Elizabeth St. Leger and famous as The Lady Freemason she was the first recorded woman to be initiated into Freemasonry. Daughter of the 1st Viscount Doneraile, she witnessed a meeting of the Freemasons in her father's house at Doneraile Court.

Now newly opened to the public, Doneraile Court was refurbished in the late 18th century and loose bricks in a wall of the room where the Masons met enabled the young Elizabeth to see what was going on. Getting caught witnessing the meeting, it "became necessary" that she be made a Freemason.

The Lodge that night was presided over by her father, Lord Doneraile, and her brother (the 3rd Viscount, father of the 4th Viscount, Grand Master) was present. It is said that Mr. Richard Aldworth, whom she subsequently married, was also present. Having been initiated the young Lady attained great eminence in the Craft, and was a well-known figure in Masonic Ceremonies, and processions on public occasions.



Initiated a freemason in 1712

The portrait was published in 1811 by S. Kennedy of Patrick's Street, Cork, and sold by Brother R. Spencer, Masonic Booksellers, London.

Mrs. Aldworth was buried in the old St. Fin Barre's Cathedral in Cork and there is a plaque near her remains in the present cathedral.

Peace and Harmony – Together

Are you a source of light, or of darkness?

We create our own reality. What we expect from life is what we receive. If we expect and look for the trouble, disagreement, and negativity in situations that is what we are sure to find. If however, we expect and look for the good, cooperative, and positive outcomes in situations that is what we will experience.

Life cannot, and does not always go smoothly. We cannot appreciate the good times and the joys that life brings without the rough times and the sadness that must cross our path on occasion. It is our response to these times that defines who we are.

It is easy to fall into a trap of negativity or darkness. But, with effort on our part, and the assistance of the G.A.O.T.U., we can instead choose to open our eyes to the light. My Brothers, that light is Brotherly Love. Love is being positive and expecting the best life has to offer. Love is knowing that, although our human frailties will result in disagreement, where there is hope and understanding there can be the peace and harmony to work together towards a common goal.

Dog Days of Summer

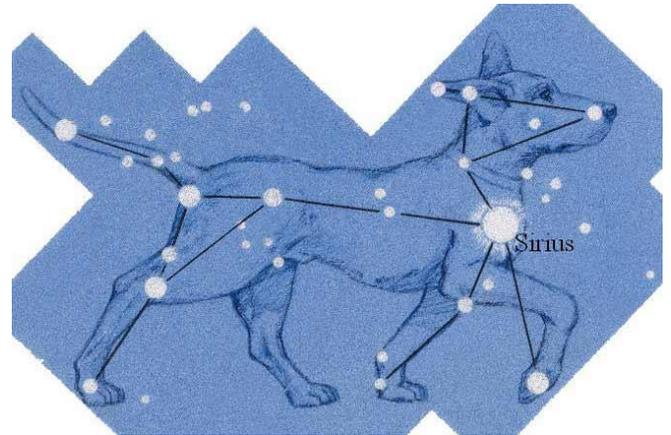
"The Ornaments of the Lodge are said to be 'the Mosaic Pavement, the Indented Tessel, and the Blazing Star... To find in the Blazing Star of five points an allusion to the Divine Providence, is also fanciful; and to make it commemorative of the Star that is said to have guided the Magi, is to give it a meaning comparatively modern. Originally it represented Sirius, of the Dog-star."

Whew! It's hot in Seattle today. In fact, it feels like the dog days of summer have arrived. But what exactly does that mean?

Many people believe the phrase "dog days of summer" stems from the fact that dogs tend to be a bit on the lazy side during the hottest days of summer. Of course, who can blame them? With that much fur, dogs that exercise during the hot days of summer can overheat easily.

However, the phrase doesn't stem from lazy dogs lying around on hot and humid days. Instead, to find the answer, we only need to look to the summer sky.

The ancient Romans called the hottest, most humid days of summer "diēs caniculārēs" or "dog days." The name came about because they associated the hottest days of summer with the star Sirius. Sirius was known as the "Dog Star" because it was the brightest star in the constellation Canis Major (Large Dog). Sirius also happens to be the brightest star in the night sky.



Sirius is so bright that the ancient Romans thought it radiated extra heat toward Earth. During the summer, when Sirius rises and sets with the Sun, they thought Sirius added heat to the Sun's heat to cause hotter summer temperatures.

For the ancient Romans, the dog days of summer occurred from about July 24 to around August 24. Over time, though, the constellations have drifted somewhat. Today, The Old Farmer's Almanac lists the traditional timing of the dog days of summer as being July 3 until August 11.

Although the dog days of summer are usually the hottest, they don't have anything to do with either dogs or the star Sirius. Instead, the tilt of the Earth explains why these days tend to be the summer's hottest.

During summer in the Northern Hemisphere, the tilt of the Earth causes Sun's light to hit the Northern Hemisphere at a more direct angle, and for a longer period of time throughout the day. This means longer, hotter days during the summer.



Cornerstone of the governor's mansion in Olympia is laid on August 1, 1908.

By Dotty DeCoster – HistoryLink

On August 1, 1908, the cornerstone of the governor's mansion in Olympia is laid in a ceremony conducted by the Masonic Grand Lodge of the State of Washington. Royal A. Gove (1856-1951), Most Worshipful Grand Master, presides, together with State Treasurer George G. Mills. A copy of the program, a roster of state officials, copies of Olympia and Tacoma newspapers, and an Olympia Booster Book are among the items sealed within the cornerstone, which is made of Washington marble. Governor Albert E. Mead (1861-1913) witnesses the ceremony, along with several hundred other celebrants.



The *Seattle Post-Intelligencer* reported on August 3, 1908:

“In the shady grove overlooking the Sound in the old territorial capitol grounds where the mansion is to be built the citizens of Olympia and quite a few visitors from out of town witnessed the Masonic services of the laying of the corner stone and applauded the felicitous speeches. The event was treated as a half holiday in Olympia, many of the leading stores closing up during the hours of the services. The corner stone was laid under the auspices of the Masonic Grand Lodge of the state of Washington, with Most Worshipful Grand Master Royal A. Gove conducting the services.”

The governor's mansion was built on a 12-acre tract of land donated by Edmund Sylvester (1821-1887) and accepted by the Territorial Legislature in 1855 for a state capitol. It was designed by architects Russell and Babcock of Tacoma in Georgian Revival style, built under the supervision of general contractors Matthew Dow Construction, and decorated by Weissenborn & Company, both of Seattle.

The Masonic cornerstone-laying ceremony is hundreds of years old and remains, along with funerals, one of the few Masonic rites conducted in the public eye. It was common for officials to request such a ceremony for public buildings, following the example of President George Washington (1732-1799), who oversaw Masonic dedications of the U.S. Capitol Building and the President's House (White House). Most of the officials of the state of Washington during this period were Masons. Governors Albert Mead and Marion E. Hay (1865-1933) belonged, as did Samuel Goodlove

Cosgrove (1847-1909), who died in office after serving as governor for a single day. State Treasurer George A. Mills, state Senator Alfred Smith Ruth (1865-1915), U.S. Senator Levi Ankeny (1844-1929), and state Senators Francis Willington Cushman (1867-1909) and William Ewart Humphrey (1862-1934), were also Masons.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master Royal A. Gove was a physician in Tacoma. As Grand Master, he advocated for the creation of the Masonic Retirement Center at a time when there was no social security system, health insurance, or any other form of public assistance for the aged. In the early days of Washington Territory, the Masons established cemeteries in many localities, and built many Masonic Halls.

Grand Master lays cornerstone; Sequim Museum & Arts grand opening

Freemasons' Grand Master Charles Wood and local dignitaries helped lay the cornerstone at the grand opening of



the Sequim Museum & Arts facility on July 6. Museum executive director Judy Reandeanu Stipe stands behind MWBro. Wood in the accompanying Sequim Gazette photo by Michael Dashiell.

Ushered in by pageantry from numerous Freemason officials from across the state, the new Sequim Museum & Arts facility opened its doors to the community on July 6.

St. John's Deacons or Stewards would be embarrassed to be caught holding their crossed rods



as carelessly as those shown in this photo!

Seattle's Pike Place Market

More than a century ago, on August 17, 1907, the market opened after local farmers and shoppers rebelled against “commission men” – distributors who underpaid growers and overcharged consumers. The new public market eliminated the middlemen and gave customers a chance to “meet the producer” and buy their produce straight from the source.



Soon after the market opened, entrepreneur Frank Goodwin saw gold in them greens and began building permanent stalls and arcades to house what began as an informal collection of horse carts and street vendors. The market blossomed into an eclectic emporium where local citizens could purchase everything from fresh fruits to flowers to folk crafts to fish from local vendors, many of Japanese and Italian descent, among other backgrounds. By 1941 Joe Desimone, an Italian immigrant, had gone from selling his produce at Pike Place Market to becoming its president and majority stockholder.

Grand Master's Address at His Installation

Following his opening remarks in which he thanked many who supported him in his journey to the Grand East, MWBro. Charles Wood, Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Washington continued ...

Where do we go together from here? I have spent the past several years thinking about that very thing. First things first, we will not fix things that aren't broken. Each of the Brothers that has preceded me has invested heart, soul and mind in this position. Each has left our beloved craft in a little better place for their efforts.

What I do know is that there are several things that are always works in progress, and we will tackle those things together in our quest to constantly serve our Fraternity and every community in our Grand Jurisdiction; to keep the cardinal virtues of faith, hope and charity. We have a bright light to shine and to share in the places we live, work and play. As every Mason knows, we have our 24-inch gauge which teaches us to properly divide our time among work, charitable relief and rest and recreation, and we use that tool to help guide our efforts in every aspect of our lives.



So, what are the challenges we must continue to face and improve every day? I see several and will need your help. The challenges ahead include: trends in membership, changing budgets, visibility in the communities we serve, constantly improving our long-range plan to meet our needs, developing our newest members, and working together as one strong brotherhood to achieve our common goals.

I would like to offer up a few challenges for the coming year and I consider these to be achievable and measurable. My plan is to report the success of these challenges in my closing remarks at our next Annual Communication to be held at the Great Wolf Lodge in Grand Mound, WA.

The first challenge is to raise \$40,000 to support the following Washington Masonic Charities programs:

- Distressed Worthy Master Masons, Widows and Orphans,
- A Youth Program to keep children in school and not on the streets, and
- The Honor Flight Program. Thank you MWB Jim Mendoza for getting this program started.

I have made the decision not to sell coins, pins or ties. Instead I challenge each Mason to write a check for \$40.00. That's what it would have cost you to buy these 3 items in the past. Send your checks and cash directly to Washington Masonic Charities. Ken Gibson will track donations and give me a monthly dollar value on which I will report using the Masonic messenger.

The second challenge is to reduce the number of annual demits that we experienced last year by one third.

The third challenge is to reduce the number of non-payment of dues (NPD) that we experienced last year by one third.

The fourth challenge is to reduce the total number of entered apprentices and fellowcrafts waiting for degree work by one third.

The second through fourth challenges are all achievable and measurable. By going to the Grand View membership portal, each Lodge can look up the numbers that I am challenging each member to reduce this coming year.

The fifth challenge is to improve the outward appearance of our Masonic buildings. There are currently 117 building associations in our Grand Jurisdiction. I would like to see at least 23 Temple Boards take up this challenge. This would go a long way toward improving how the public views our Fraternity. First impressions make a long-standing impression on potential members and will influence how the general public views Masonry. I would ask that each Lodge and Temple Board take a picture of its property before and after improvements and send it to Grand Lodge and to me.

The final challenge is to improve Lodge ritual throughout the Jurisdiction. To accomplish this challenge, we will be implementing both team competitions and individual competitions. The team competitions will consist of a 3-person (Worshipful Master, Senior Warden and Junior Warden) team for opening and closing the Lodge. Team membership is open to any Master Mason from the same Lodge. There will be 8 regionals competitions and a 50% participation rate would be considered a successful start. Individual competition rules will be forthcoming. Thank you VWB Steve Martin, Grand Lecturer, for your leadership in getting this program started. Please see Steve Martin for further information and guidelines.

How will we get these things done? Frankly, it will be through a lot of dedicated effort by every Brother in every Lodge, as well as by this great team we have. My officers, my Deputies, and my committees have all received my guidance and will have my support. They've been instructed to work with you as diligently as I will. I thank each appointed officer and all committee members for accepting their appointments and their willingness to serve our great Fraternity.

Our Grand Lodge team is as much another working tool for the Lodges as it is for me. Reach out to them. Capitalize on their experience and let them serve Freemasonry to make it an ever-better organization.

One of the major parts of our 24-inch gauge is our time for refreshment and rest. No organization can thrive focused only on its hard work. My Brothers, as Most Worshipful Jim Kendall told us all this past year ... have fun. I agree wholeheartedly. There's a time for devotion to the Almighty, there's a time for our regular and our Masonic labors, and there's a time for fun, too.

During my term, I hope that every Lodge I get to visit will be able to celebrate and share those things that make each one unique.

My last thoughts, if you'll allow me a personal insight for a moment, please. Brothers, sisters, sons, daughters and guests, remember that our gentle craft believes in service; to our communities, our Lodges, one another, and to every human being who may have a claim upon your kind offices.

Ladies, gentlemen, guests, and Brethren all, it is my true and great honor to be your Grand Master. I ask you to help me carry out this office with your prayers and counsel.

I would close by saying that this year is not about me but about "we". If you take the "m" in me, turn it upside down, the word will now be we. We have the know-how, the will power and the strength to get things accomplished. Ask not what Masonry can do for you but what can you do for Masonry, the greatest Fraternity the Supreme Architect of the Universe ever created.

God bless and keep each one of you, and our beloved Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons.