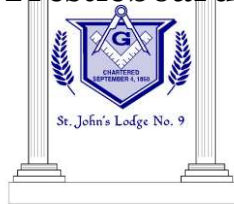


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FROM THE EAST

[Blair Neumann](#), Master



Monday, February 28, 2022



Blair Neumann,
Master

Brethren, it is with a heavy heart that I write you today, with war again raging in Europe, and while I do not know what history will record between the time when I write this and when you'll read it, I feel sadly confident that humanitarian disaster will have occurred.

Some of you may know that I've traveled a month through Ukraine and spent a day in Russia (longer if you count Crimea). Both are fascinating, filled with amazing people and places, each with their own problems to solve and wonders to behold. And of course, the people of each nation are like you and me, children of the same almighty Creator, into whose attentive ear we must now pray for peace and Harmony for all afflicted by this brutal conflict.

We pray for Harmony, and we work towards it, and while I feel woefully inadequate to opine on what might create Harmony for people at war, I take comfort in our ability to reflect upon the Lodge as a microcosm of worldly concerns, each under the same canopy of heaven.

I ask myself how I would hope to conduct myself if a Brother, at fault for some offense and yet clearly in distress, were to come to me seeking comfort and assistance, even had I felt wronged by him before. Would I give of myself freely and with full compassion, as if he were any other Brother? I'd like to think that I would, and yet I'm human, and I expect that my imperfections would shine through even as I try to do my best for my Brother.

We're charged but under no obligation to compassionate the miseries of any Brother, let alone one who we find at fault. Any one of us may deem the extension of such relief beyond the length of our cable tow or may deem that Brother unworthy; but therein disharmony lies, and Harmony being the greater good, so should it be with Charity that we assist our Brother even as we acknowledge that sometimes we may not.

My Brothers, I wish that I could compassionate your spirits today, if yours feels as troubled as mine. I have no words to salve the pain of war, I only know that we can pray for peace, and we can each work with kindness and forbearance toward a better life for all mankind.

Maybe someday we'll get there, or perhaps only when we've each traveled to that undiscovered country from which none return. In the meantime, let's pray for peace in our world, and let's do our best to live in Harmony with all mankind.

CALENDAR



- March 7 (7:30pm): University Lodge 141
- March 7 (7:30pm): Eureka Lodge 20
- **March 9 (7pm): Fellowship Zoom Finland, Ukraine, and Charity**
- March 10 (6pm): Officers Meeting *teleconference*
- **March 16 (6:15pm) 7:30pm: St. John's 9 (dinner) Stated**
- March 18 – 20 (2022): Lodge Leadership Retreat (Wenatchee)
- March 19 (10am): Daylight Lodge 232
- **March 23 (7pm): Fellowship Zoom *teleconference***
- **March 30 (7pm): District 5 Meeting with Grand Master over Zoom**
- April 14 (7pm): Officers meeting *teleconference*
- April 14 (7:30pm): Queen Anne Lodge 242
- April 17: Easter Sunday
- **April 20 (6:15pm) 7:30pm: St. John's 9 (dinner) Stated** "Difference Between Morals and Ethics" - Andre DeWalt guest
- April 27 (7pm): Zoom Fellowship
- **April 30: Final Day to Apply for Student Scholarship**
- April 30 (10am): Quarterly meeting Masonic Service Bureau on Zoom
- **May 4 (7pm): Fellowship: Future of Freemasonry – MWBro. Jim Mendoza** Zoom *teleconference*
- May 8 – Mother's Day
- May 11 (6pm): Board of Trustees *teleconference*
- May 12 (7pm): Officers meeting *teleconference*
- **May 18 (6:15pm) 7:30pm: St. John's 9 (dinner) Stated** Deputy of the Grand Master Visitation
- May 25 (7pm): Fellowship Zoom *teleconference*
- May 30: Memorial Day
- June 1 (7pm): Zoom Fellowship

KING SOLOMAN'S CHAIR – THE ROLE OF LODGE MASTER

St. John's continues to provide a program of Masonic Education as the focus of our stated communications in 2022. While the Chamber of Reflection, which Bro. Kemal Alaeddinoğlu explored fully in January is not technically a part of the initiatory degree, we find that it encourages the candidate to reflect on his previous life experience and prepares him for his next step on his journey. Last month we examined the Preparatory Lecture as WBro. Russ Johnson parsed it sentence by sentence, promising to offer the candidate moral and philosophical instruction after first entering the Lodge portals.

This month one of our Past Masters, MWBro. Al Jorgensen, will discuss the duties, responsibilities and privileges of the Master of a Lodge.

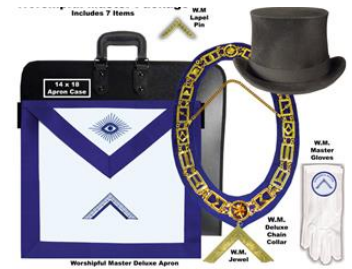
According to the Grand Lodge of Maine, the Master "shall have power to convene his Lodge whenever he deems it proper; to issue, or cause to be issued, all summonses or notices which may be required; discharge all the executive functions of his Lodge; and perform all acts, by ancient usage proper to his office, which are not prohibited by the Constitution and Regulations of Grand Lodge.

"It shall be the duty of the Master to preside at all meetings of the Lodge; confer or have conferred all degrees in strict accordance with the ritual which has been, or may hereafter be approved by Grand Lodge; give, or have given, in full, the lectures appertaining to each degree, at the time it is conferred in accordance with the ritual; appoint those officers as provided for in the By-laws; attest, at each Stated Meeting of the Lodge, all minutes or records of proceedings as approved at such meetings by the Lodge; superintend the official acts of all the officers of his Lodge and to see that their respective duties are properly discharged; carefully guard against any infraction, by the members of his Lodge, of its own By-laws, or the Constitution and Regulations of Grand Lodge; and provide for the election of his successor.

"It shall be the duty of the Master to prepare the Lodge's Annual Program; to prepare the Lodge's Annual Budget; to prepare the Master's Trestleboard articles; to appoint the Investigating Committee brethren as required; to be responsible for all Lodge committees; to attend Grand Lodge and vote the Lodge's recommendations on the resolutions; to prepare an agenda for each Stated Meeting; and to appoint the ... committees for the Lodge.

"The Master is to be qualified to give the work and to give, or arrange to be given, lectures of the First, Second and Third Degrees; and to be thoroughly proficient in those portions of the Constitution and Regulations of the Grand Lodge which relate to the government of a Lodge. He is to learn the ritual for conducting Stated Meetings; to learn the ritual for receiving Grand Lodge representatives (District Deputy, Grand Master, etc.); to conduct Memorial Services; to conduct degree practices for all officers of the Lodge; to notify the Secretary of the date of initiation for newly elected candidates; to take charge of all Third Degrees; to attend Schools of Instruction; and to arrange for new Master Masons to give their lessons in open Lodge."

In addition to this discussion of the Master of the Lodge, Bro. Ken Woo will speak on the Importance of Aprons.



All Brothers are encouraged to join us for our 6:15 dinner preceding our stated communication. Please make your dinner [reservations](#) with the secretary at 206 623-0261 by Friday, March 11. 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.

AGE OF ENLIGHTENMENT

***St. John's Education Committee
Introduces another Chapter***

*This year we'll be exchanging ideas and
Masonic Enlightenment
at our stated communications and on Zoom*

Masonic education is the study of Masonic values, history, symbols and myths. It also encompasses lessons in leadership, self-improvement and community building. Our purpose is to help members learn more about Freemasonry and themselves.

*** March 16 Stated: Master of the Lodge**

*** April Stated: Difference Between Morals & Ethics**

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Senior Warden's Message

WBro. John Murray Louderback



We must stop the insanity of war!

Last month I mentioned that there is a very strong possibility of intelligent extraterrestrial life. There are galaxies that are billions of years older than our Milky Way. Given the trillions of possibilities of intelligent life that could be billions of years more technology-advanced than anything found here on earth, I'm sure you are aware of the strong evidence.

The only way they could have survived for billions of years was to grow up and stop killing each other. To have evolved to a higher consciousness. If we are to survive, if we are to "go where no man has gone before," we must evolve from tribalism that only separates, divides, discriminates, destroys, murders and kills.

We Freemasons know this collectively regardless of our origins. We are all Brothers of the same Creator.

We humans have the capacity to completely destroy all life on our planet.

If we are to survive – we must stop the insanity of war!



MARCH BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS

Date

- 1 Paul G. Winter
- 5 John R. Lilyengren
- 5 Jonathon D. Munday
- 10 Douglas L. Knight
- 11 David G. Long
- 13 Karl P. Niedermann
- 14 James A. Wold
- 14 Gus N. Cooper
- 16 Ken Woo
- 19 John R. Samudio
- 20 J. Michael Wilderman
- 22 Frederick M. Hutchinson
- 23 Charles C. Hopper
- 23 Gary G. Jentoft
- 23 D. Joseph Lund
- 27 Neil P. Quinn
- 27 Daniel C. Wolfenbarger
- 28 David G. Coghill
- 30 Joseph W. Ackermann
- 31 Donald J. Zuck



Junior Warden's Message

WBro. Eric Koteles

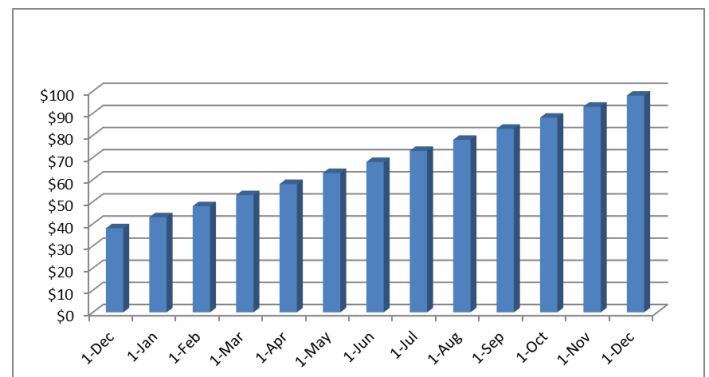


Brethren:

Again, the world is in turmoil; Light is fighting Darkness. As our checkered floor teaches, light and darkness need to be in balance as we continuously work to improve ourselves to be the shining star in the center above everything, because it is balanced. Even during these hard times of pandemic and unjustified, unprovoked war devastating a peaceful nation that has worked hard to come out of darkness, the fight must always continue. Even more so now that darkness wants to destabilize the world. We should constantly keep learning and inculcating our Masonic values to the world.

I don't understand and it is disheartening that after all the advances in all areas of science and technology we continue provoking wars. Ignorance, hate, superstition, discrimination are still ingrained and grow even more; as a whole world we are not as enlightened and advanced as we like to believe. As we try to improve technology at giant steps we ignore the same effort that should be put to expand and improve our hearts and minds. As Masons, we have an obligation to spread those generous principles to everyone, for every human being has a claim upon our kind offices. Let us help Light shine against Darkness one good deed at a time.

Have you paid your Lodge dues for 2022? At \$5 increase monthly, they're getting more costly every day you delay.



The Holy Book must be opened upon the altar before a Masonic Lodge may be opened. Freemasonry is not concerned with doctrine or dogma or sect or denomination, but only with "that natural religion in which all men agree." Therefore, the Holy Book is called the V.S.L. or Volume of Sacred Law or the Book of the Law. If the members of a Lodge are Christian, Moslem, Jewish or Buddhist, the V.S.L. of their particular belief is opened upon their altar. The V.S.L. is, therefore, a symbol of the revealed will and teachings of the Great Architect of the Universe - a name under which any Freemason can worship that Deity in Whom he puts his faith and trust.

LET'S LOOK AT THAT A LITTLE CLOSER

*"I think that there is a bit of a drive for uniformity within Grand Jurisdictions around the United States. I imagine that is quite understandable in this land of chain restaurants where one's hamburger and fries ordered in Seattle will taste exactly the same when ordered in Miami. But I think, as with all good things, uniformity is best when taken in moderation. We do not want a Grand Lodge that dictates everything to Lodges. We do not want our Lodges to all be exactly the same, with as little deviation from each other as are fast food outlets within a single chain." **Most Worshipful Cameron will be our keynote speaker at the stated meeting of St. John's Lodge #9 on Wednesday, November 16.***



From the Desk of the Grand Master: M.W. Cameron M. Bailey

Freemasonry Is Not Fast Food

Last week I attended a meeting of a Lodge that takes Freemasonry seriously. Extremely seriously. They are what I would consider to be an Observant Lodge. For example, over the course of many years they have



dissected every aspect of the Degree Experience, working to infuse meaning into every single detail. From the moment that a man is informed that they have elected to give him the Degrees of Masonry to the Charge, every detail is carefully crafted and finely tuned.

Last week I also attended a Masonic meeting that was to the casual observer, the direct opposite. It was marked with laughter, storytelling, a copious amount of alcohol (it was not a Stated Meeting, nor did it take place within a Lodge room) and a great deal of frivolity. These men focus on building bonds of Brotherhood within their Lodges, and on hyper local but extensive charity in their community. Stated Meeting or other event, either way, a visitor to this group will have a superb time and quickly build friendships.

These two groups are as different from each other as our sun and moon.

Yet they are both practicing Freemasonry.

Having spent time with each of them, I would argue that they are both practicing Freemasonry extremely well. That they both serve as shining examples within our Craft. I admire both of these groups, and I have friends within each of them.

Yet they are both radically different in their approach to our sacred institution.

And that is perfectly OK.

In fact, that is a good thing.

What speaks to one man will not necessarily speak to another man. What one man finds interesting will not necessarily be interesting to another man. What one man considers to be vital will seem trivial to another.

Men are unique unto themselves.

As such, what might be one Man's ideal Lodge might strike another man as an absurd assemblage.

This is why diversity in the character and personality of Lodges is so important. This diversity allows that every man can find a Lodge that suits him, assuming that he is willing and able to travel if need be.

I think that there is a bit of a drive for uniformity within Grand Jurisdictions around the United States. I imagine that is quite understandable in this land of chain restaurants where one's hamburger and fries ordered in Seattle will taste exactly the same when ordered in Miami.

Perhaps the clearest example of this in Washington is the Standard Work. Work that no man save the sitting Grand Master is allowed to perform with any deviation whatsoever. That's OK. It is our Work, adopted, refined, and perfected over generations. It is a good thing.

But I think, as with all good things, uniformity is best when taken in moderation. We do not want a Grand Lodge that dictates everything to Lodges. We do not want our Lodges to all be exactly the same, with as little deviation from each other as are fast food outlets within a single chain.

We want the Lodge that takes the ritualistic aspects of Freemasonry so seriously that they become famous for it, and we want the Lodge that becomes equally famous for the hearty and hale bonds of Brotherhood it creates within men.

We want both these Lodges, and a myriad of Lodges in between them, for in that way, and in that way alone, will we have at least one Lodge that can resonate with and be important to, every good man.

Live the Legend

**Cameron Bailey
Grand Master**

Visit Our District 5 Brethren

District 5 Lodges	Next Meeting	Time
St. John's 9	Wednesday, March 16, 2022	7:30pm
Eureka 20	Monday, March 7, 2022	7:30pm
University 141	Monday, March 7, 2022	7:30pm
Daylight 232	Saturday, March 19, 2022	10am
Lafayette 241	Thursday, May 5, 2022	7pm
Queen Anne 242	Thursday, March 10, 2022	7:30pm
Esoterika 316	Tuesday, April 26, 2022	7:30pm

ST. JOHN'S SPONSORS A COUPLE OF SEATTLE LITTLE LEAGUE TEAMS – WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

St. John's Lodge will again sponsor a couple of Little League baseball teams in the north end of Seattle this season. Little league plays an important part in the lives of our young kids. Players participate in a safe, well-organized, well-coached league for 10 weeks – from April through June. And many keep on playing during our summer season, which runs from June through August. Players and families also participate in social events throughout the year like JR Home Run Derby, pitch-hit-run and year-end picnic, coach and umpire training clinics, and much more.



NWSLL charges families a certain amount to cover the cost of field rentals, which continues to rise. In addition, an important part of their mission is to provide financial assistance to families so no one will be turned away from this opportunity because of cost. Our involvement makes it possible for hundreds of children to have fun playing baseball and softball as they make positive, lifetime memories.

Want to help?

Coaching Little League baseball can be one of the most rewarding things you ever do with your child, ask any parent who has done it.

You do not need to be a baseball expert. To help every coach excel and make it a successful season, NWSLL provides free Coach Training clinics to give you the tools to give your players the skills needed to have a fun and rewarding season.

Each team has a manager (head coach) and at least one assistant coach. All managers are required to attend at least one coaching clinic, and all coaches are encouraged to do the same. Once the basic skills (movements and reps) and practice structure and planning are learned, things get very fun, very fast (once the kids are moving and improving at each practice.)

If you are interested in a coaching or management position, please contact [Tracy Lemke](#) and he will put you in touch with a division coordinator.



March 9 Zoom Topic: Ukraine, Finland and Charity

Bros. Pekka Granroth of Finland and Paul Doak of St. John's 9 have been in regular communication with each other on the situation in Ukraine and Finland for several months, well before it made headlines in the U.S. media. Based on those email exchanges and facts provided the UN, World Food Bank, CIA, Factbook, Finland news, YLE and other sources, these brothers have compiled a brief presentation with Q&A to follow.

Recent events in the Ukraine with the Russian invasion on Feb 24th have grabbed the world's attention and captivate the newscast on a daily, if not hourly basis.

Yet, what do we know about the situation? How is this impacting Europe and the world? It makes one pause and consider Charity - being mindful of how things can impact others through understanding. This presentation will give a brief background of the Facts - not politics - and how this situation is impacting those in Europe, specifically Finland, with commentary and observations from our frequent Zoom participant VWBro. Pekka Granroth of Finland.

Catch us on Zoom at 7pm; [981 655 9198](#) passcode [1776](#)

MASTER MASONS RAISED IN MARCH

Date Raised:

3/28/1953	Howard C. Harris, Sr.
3/31/1956	Gus N. Cooper
3/28/1958	Gilbert N. Hain
3/26/1966	David G. Coghill
3/26/1969	Gerald S. Ostroff
3/31/1977	Michael J. Davis
3/27/1981	David L. Bolson
3/8/1984	Kenneth W. MacArthur
3/8/1995	Boe E. Lindgren
3/5/1998	Robert F. Sluder
3/28/1998	D. Joseph Lund
3/27/1999	Mark A. Gfeller
3/22/2003	Vaibhav Vijay (Vince) Kodikal
3/23/2006	Brian J. Downie
3/1/2013	Seann P. Maria



Bro. Louis Turner (5th from right) was Passed to a Fellowcraft in February.

MWBro. Carl B. Smith

1936 – 2022

It is with great sadness that we report that Most Worshipful Brother Carl B. Smith has passed to the celestial Lodge. Memorial services will be held Sunday, March 27, 2022 – 1pm - Nile Shrine Center. Most Worshipful Brother Carl Bernard Smith was born in Seattle on January 30, 1936. He attended public schools there until the family moved to Nome and later Kodiak, Alaska, when his father was transferred. Carl graduated from Kodiak High School at the top of his class. He then enrolled in the University of Washington and graduated in 1958 with a Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering.

He would immediately join the Boeing Company where he was employed as a Weight Engineer. He was subsequently promoted into Weights Engineering management, where he remained until his retirement on October 1, 1994. He served as the Weights Engineering Manager through the original development of the 767 and 777 airplanes now used throughout the world. His 37-year career was exemplary.

Shortly following graduation from the University, our brother met Barbara Jean Ray, and they were married in the following months. They have been blessed with two sons, Duane and Barry, who served as Master Councilors of their DeMolay Chapter; and a daughter, Brenda, who served as Worthy Advisor of her Rainbow Assembly. He and Barbara also enjoyed five grandchildren and one great grandson.

Our Past Grand Master comes from a Masonic family. His sister, Lois, is a Past Grand Royal Matron, Order of Amaranth of Washington. His father was a 30-year member of Northern Light Lodge No. 279, the Lodge into which our Brother was initiated on January 9, 1975. He progressed through the offices of this Lodge and Walter F. Meier Lodge of Research No. 281, and served with distinction as Worshipful Master of both of these Lodges in 1983 and 1995, respectively.

His service to Grand Lodge began in 1984 when he was appointed to the Long Range Planning Committee. He served continuously on numerous committees, then as Deputy of the Grand Master in District No. 4, Grand Lecturer, and Grand Marshal, until June 1995 when he was elected Junior Grand Warden. He would progress through the elected line in the usual fashion, being elected Grand Master at the 1998 Annual Communication.

Most Worshipful Brother Carl chose "Let Our Light Shine" as his theme. Specifically, to let the light of Masonry shine so as to increase the visibility of our Craft. To quote from his message: "There appears to be a realization that growth comes from the inside and not the outside and that when we expand who we are, we'll no longer have to accept what we've got. When we 'Let Our Light Shine' our world will expand and society will see

that Masonry's purpose is to make men better and thereby make this world a better place in which to live."

The Brethren and Grand Lodge Team members will remember Most Worshipful Brother Carl as a Grand Master who was always well organized. PLAN was his "four letter word." It was most important to him to assure that his year as our senior management leader be fully and carefully planned so as to enable the accomplishment of the numerous objectives he had established for himself and this Grand Lodge.

During his term as Grand Master, it was his special honor to preside when both sons and his son-in-law, Jack Berryman, became Master Masons during the One Day Conferral Program.

His leadership qualities, well-honed during his professional career, enabled the Grand Lodge to progress significantly. His strong interest in the Masonic Retirement Center and his devotion and dedication to the residents drove him to work especially hard on their

behalf. The pleasant and humorous manner in which he always conducted himself when visiting Lodges, presiding over cornerstone ceremonies or District meetings, or just having a conversation with a Brother is legend. His proud and unselfish dedication to our Fraternity, the Brethren, and to his family clearly demonstrated his character. He was a Mason and Grand Master whose leadership is recognized and whose friendship is cherished.

Our Past Grand Master belonged to Seattle Valley of Scottish Rite and Nile Shrine Temple, where he fulfilled several leadership roles. Coroneted a 33rd Degree Inspector General Honorary, he served as the Personal Representative of the SGIG in the Everett Valley. He is a Past Patron of Richmond Court No. 72, Order of Amaranth, and was appointed Grand Prelate, Grand Court Order of Amaranth of Washington. He is a member of Thistle Clan - Royal Order of Scotland, an Honorary Member of the DeMolay Legion of Honor, a charter member of Pacific Northwest Chapter No. 534 National Sojourners, and a member of the Heroes of '76.

Carl's theme of "Let Our Light Shine" was no doubt influenced by his community service activities. For 22 years he volunteered as a Little League baseball umpire. During these years he was Umpire-in-Chief in two league districts, officiated in the 1975 Western Regional Tournament in San Bernadino, California; and was selected to umpire in the 1985 Little League World's Series in Williamsport, Pennsylvania. He was Chairman of a Cub Scout Advisory Board and received recognition for his scouting activities. He volunteered as a DeMolay Dad Advisor for five years and was Chairman of the Adult Advisory Board for his daughter's Rainbow Assembly. He also served in the U.S. Army Reserve as an Air Defense Officer, Artillery Branch, and was Honorably discharged with the rank of First Lieutenant.

Our Most Worshipful Brother now joins his beloved Barbara who preceded him in death on March 27, 2012 – no doubt sharing a dance.





St. John's Lodge No. 9

Scholarship Announcement 2022

We are very happy to be able to help you in your educational endeavors. You are receiving this letter to invite you to apply for a St. John's Scholarship award.

In accordance with Masonic values, we would like to support hard working individuals of good character and high moral standards, who are involved in their community. Furthermore, we encourage students with clearly defined career paths.

To apply for a scholarship, email the following documents to St. John's Lodge Scholarship Committee at sjl9scholarship@gmail.com:

1. Letter of interest, including your contact information (name, address, telephone number, etc.)
2. Answers to questions below in two pages or less.
3. A copy of the official transcript of your last semester's grades.



Last day to apply is April, 30, 2022.

Selected candidates will be contacted for interviews. Approved candidates will be expected to meet with the Scholarship Committee once a year for consideration of continuing scholarships. They will be required to submit current transcripts in order to evaluate their renewal.

QUESTIONS FOR NEW POTENTIAL SCHOLARS

1. How did this year of study affect your preconceived career projection? i.e., did it strengthen your resolve to persist in the direction you originally thought you would take? Or have you decided to change course? Why?
2. Describe your biggest challenge this past year at school, how it affected your ability to succeed, and what steps you took to overcome it.
3. Which groups/clubs/societies did you become a member of this year? To what extent did you actively participate? What did you learn by your association? If you did not join a club, why not?
4. Specifically, how would the St. John's award make a difference this next year at school? What will the money go towards?

A Raleigh home will no longer be a local landmark due to one-time owner's racist past



N Carolina home of white supremacist voted off landmark list

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — The home of a former North Carolina newspaper publisher who helped orchestrate an 1898 riot in which at least 60 Blacks were killed was removed from a list of local historic landmarks.

The Raleigh City Council voted unanimously to strip the home of Josephus Daniels of the local designation.

The change is one of several as organizations look to separate themselves from Daniels. The home sits on about 4 acres west of downtown Raleigh and Wake County land records show the property is worth \$4.1 million.

The request to remove the landmark status was submitted by Scott Murray of Scott Murray Land Planning on behalf of the Masonic Temple of Raleigh, which owns the property. The house, called Wakestone, has been home to the Masonic Temple of Raleigh since 1950.

“Simply stated, ties to the Josephus Daniels’s legacy presents a dark cloud over the Freemasons/Masonic Temple of Raleigh organization,” Murray said, adding that the Masons worry about the property being the site of protests and unrest.

The Masonic Temple had tried to sell the property, and in 2005, unsuccessfully tried to get the historic designation lifted for most of the Lodge property.

The Raleigh Historic Development Commission voted unanimously to recommend removing the local designation in January. The property is still listed on the National Register of Historic Places. It was added in 1976.

Daniels, who was a former publisher of *The News & Observer*, conspired with others to instill fear and anger among the white residents of Wilmington, a majority Black town on the North Carolina coast in which both elected Black and whites worked with each other, according to the book, “Wilmington’s Lie.”

An armed mob descended on the city Nov. 10, 1898, killing at least 60 Black residents. The mob set fire to the black-owned local newspaper and sent thousands of Black people into hiding in swamps and woods. It has been recognized by historians as the only overthrow of an elected government in U.S. history and was referenced in the siege on the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6.

Snohomish Jr. Cheer

They did it again!!! Another 1st place 🏆, Hit Zero and got compliments from the judges!! Now we’re off to Worlds!!! ❤️🐾 Good luck and GO PANTHERS! ❤️🐾



The Seattle Masonic Service Bureau was established approximately 140 years ago as a visible extension of the Masonic tenets:

Brotherly love, Relief and Truth. The Service Bureau quickly grew to encompass most Masonic Lodges in the greater Puget Sound area. We have provided Financial Aid, job resources and funeral services to Masons in good standing in this Jurisdiction, including Sojourning Masons. Times change, but the need is still there, and so are we.

Our Mission: We have revised our Masonic Mission. We continue to operate within the guidelines of our original charter as a registered 501 (c) 3, but we are now operating in this century. Our primary focus is assisting Masons in good standing who are going through financial issues – loss of job, or sudden hardship expenses.

Our assistance is short-term in nature. Masons in good standing need to be sponsored by their Home Lodge (we believe that Charity begins at home). The MSB will then step in after consulting with the WM or SEC of the Lodge to verify the need and clarify what we can do. The MSB is for Masons in Good Standing and their immediate family. All requests for Charity are investigated, though we do not discuss the particulars of any case outside of our group.

If a Brother ever says, “I’d love to help a Brother out, or their widows and orphans, but I just don’t know what to do, and I don’t see opportunities within my Lodge,” then it sounds like a great response would be, “Talk to the Masonic Service Bureau. There are Brothers, their widows and orphans, all over the region who would welcome your help, even if they’re not open about it in their Lodge.”

The MSB isn’t just one more bill to pay, and one more box to check off, but really it’s Brothers helping Brothers in all the ways that we’re supposed to do, and that help us each fulfill ourselves by helping others.

The Lodge work that our Brothers are most inspired to perform is work that other Brothers can speak to from the heart. Like Brockway Operation Kids Smile, which Brothers are excited to do in large part because we know that our Brothers have been personally touched to be a part of it in years past.