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Corinthian Lodge #38 F&AM



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Puyallup, Washington



Greetings Masonic Families!

As we look to Washington State hoping to feel a little more normal, I would ask each of us, as part of the Corinthian Masonic Family to reach out to a lodge, family or community member and seek to ask if they could be in need of any assistance. It may be something as simple as picking up some groceries, mowing a yard or offering a ride to an appointment. We should still try and strive for faith, hope & charity as our guiding principles.

With the upcoming school year approaching fast, and the most unconventional way of teaching being launched across the county & state, may we look at how Corinthian can help a family or student in our area that might struggle with those types of learning conditions. I think of "Bikes 4 Books" and how that will look totally different and not have the same affect, yet I am still going to try and make it successful!

How can you as a Corinthian Family Member/Mason have a positive affect on a student/school in our area? I challenge you to seek out new opportunities to contribute!

As Washington slowly opens, please support your local small businesses, families, and charitable causes. At Corinthian, we have the second order of 9 bricks being installed next week by yours truly, and I am excited to get those placed in the brick garden! As of now, we have a third order of 1 brick ready to go as soon as we get 4 more processed! Our goal was 45 bricks this year, and we are at 23 currently! Let's keep this going Masonic Families! Is there a Mason, DeMolay, Rainbow, Eastern Star, etc. that would love their name in stone forever? Christmas, birthday, installation, or any other ideas too are welcomed! If anyone is interested, please seek out the form attached to this newsletter.

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The lodge is continually appreciative of anyone willing to help mow or pull some weeds around the building, and again it is greatly appreciated. Contact WB Fred Docker or WB Joe Einertson for help with any building maintenance and cleaning of the property.

Thank you to all the Corinthian 38 Masonic family members supporting Corinthian 38 during a time when it is greatly needed!

August 20th Thursday we will do a Zoom meeting as a Masonic Family check-in. The meeting will start at 7:00 PM, and is open to all the Blue-Lodge members, heads of all appendant groups, etc. I will send out an email on the Monday prior to the meeting each month until we can get back to physical lodge meetings.

As of August 13th, there still should be no groups using Corinthian Lodge for any physical activities, other than the occasional picking up of paperwork from the secretary/treasurer or maintenance of the facility. The moment those restrictions are lifted, I will blast it out immediately on all our communication tools. We will take this on a month to month basis, as the MWGM has not lifted the restrictions yet.

I wish you all a safe & healthy month ahead as restrictions are hopefully lifted and look forward to seeing you all again in person!

Sincerely, WB Kyle "Coach" Foster



Corinthian Zoom Meeting August

Time: **Aug 20, 2020 - Thursday**
07:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/72912283935?pwd=bENzS21Qa0xmRFpoK2xaaFhSNFRKUT09>

Meeting ID: **729 1228 3935**
Passcode: **2uz1TG**

From Our District Deputy



VWB Mark Conlee
*Deputy of the Grand Master
in District 15*

Greetings to the Brethren of Corinthian Lodge. I am Mark Conlee. I have the honor of representing MW Chris Coffman, the Grand Master of Masons in Washington as his Deputy in District 15. I look forward to working with you in the coming year, hopefully in person!

I bring the greetings of our Grand Master to you. His theme this year is "Remember the Past – Visualize the Future". While our fraternity has a great past, we will need to make changes in the future. This has become abundantly clear with the challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic. Hopefully, we will take some of the technology we are using and adapt it to "life after COVID". We have surprisingly received several inquiries expressing interest in Freemasonry recently.

We are attempting to maintain contact with these prospective members until such time as we can meet them in person and potentially proceed with the process of petitioning.

The Grand Master is requesting that members consider three charities during his year. Like his predecessor, he requests that all Masons in Washington contribute a minimum of \$40 to Washington Masonic Charities. He requests the donations be split to support the "On the Level, Student Success program", which helps unaccompanied students graduate from High School, and the Washington Masonic Charities Endowment fund where the donations will continue to support our charitable activities well into the future. He also requests contributions to the Seattle-King County Free Health Clinic Vision Program, and the Spokane Shriners Hospital. Please consider donations to these charities.

As a background, I have been a Master Mason for 53 years. I was raised in a small lodge in Winneconne, Wisconsin in 1968. I became active in Des Moines Lodge 245 in 1982 and served a Master in 1990. At that time, Corinthian Lodge was a part of the same district (District 13) and we have several activities with Corinthian Lodge 38. In 2008, I moved to Buckley and affiliated with Phoenix Lodge 154 in Sumner where I have served as Secretary for the last few years. I have been active in Seattle Scottish Rite for many years.

I hope that during this year, we can work to increase the visitations within the District. We have two traveling gavels, one "good" and one "bad". I would like to see them move around frequently. We can always learn important lessons by visiting other lodges and apply them to activities in our own lodges. We also get to meet brothers who have skills that can be of assistance.

I would like to stress Masonic education in each Lodge. Many of the studies about the membership status of Freemasonry comment that many new members become inactive and drop out because they were looking for insights and education to enhance their own life and that of their families. These studies stress that this education was lacking in their Lodge experience. I commend you for doing your public information session before each stated meeting as a way of informing brethren of information important to the community. I hope that we can use the available resources to present meaningful material to our members and to the public at large.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions, ideas, or suggestions you would like me to know about. I can be reached by email at mconlee@comcast.net and by phone at 253 709-7038.

I hope that we again can be meeting "on the level" soon. Until that time, please stay safe and healthy.



It's Summer Time and Despite COVID, the Youth Groups were all Busy

Ellen Sumner , Royal Matron, Rhododendron Court #8

Recently, **S.K. Bill Cooper** and I had the pleasure to attend several installation ceremonies of the various youth groups in our Masonic community. The members of our youth groups devote much time and energy following the Masonic traditions of service to their community, ritualistic work and self-improvement. Once a member becomes a line officer, they spend the next two years in preparation for their term as Honored Queen in **Job's Daughters**, Worthy Advisor in **Rainbow**, and Master Councilor in **DeMolay**.

In June, **Bethel 30 Job's Daughters** held a virtual Installation, where **Alyssa I** was installed as Honored Queen. She has been a member of Bethel 30 for about six years and has been steadily working her way through the chairs. She is a 3rd-generation Job's Daughter. Bethel Guardian, Miss **Danielle Brunson**, did an excellent job organizing and filming each daughter's role in the ceremony and editing all the separate events into a beautiful presentation.

Last weekend, **Puyallup Assembly Rainbow** girls held their virtual Installation. **Katie F** was installed as Worthy Advisor. Katie has been involved with Puyallup Assembly since becoming a pledge girl at age 8. She is a 3rd-generation Rainbow girl. Mother Advisor, **Miss Rachel Turner** performed the same type of filming and editing to compile a tremendous virtual presentation of Miss Katie's Installation. Her baseball-themed event was actually filmed at a ballpark.

With the recent isolation due to Covid 19 these groups have had to invent creative ways to keep in touch with each other and accomplish the goals they had set for their terms.



Bethel 30 has continued holding unofficial meetings with the ZOOM app. They have enjoyed spending time together, virtually, with movie nights and other virtual gatherings. Many of the members attended virtual Grand Sessions throughout the past few weeks, with Installation of Grand Officers taking place on Saturday, August 15th. Jr. Past Honored Queen **Justina M** competed in the Miss Washington Job's Daughter Pageant and **Holly K** was selected as a Grand Representative. It was decreed by Supreme Council that there was to be No Physical Contact during this pandemic so the Jobies have been very limited with their activities. They 'go dark' in July & August but will return to virtual meetings on the 2nd Friday and 4th Wednesday beginning in September.

Puyallup Rainbow members had the unique opportunity to attend **Supreme Assembly**, virtually of course. This year's event was held in Nevada and the **Supreme Worthy Advisor** was a favorite of **Washington Rainbow members**, as **Mrs Joanie Jacka** has attended Washington/Idaho Grand Assembly for many years. She is truly our Rainbow sister. **Assembly #37** has remained busy with virtual ZOOM meetings, movie nights, YouTube watch parties and also participated in a Drive-by Retirement event for our **State Mother Advisor, Mrs Judy Dogeagle**, a member of our local Masonic family.

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Masonic Youth Groups

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The members also collected many many books to donate to the Library at Karshner Elementary School, which was recently destroyed by fireworks on July 5th. Congratulations to **Mrs Angela Warwick** who was recently awarded the Grand Cross of Color for her dedication to Rainbow. Meetings are held the 2nd and 4th Monday, each month.

Puyallup Chapter DeMolay will hold a virtual Installation soon. The State DeMolay's most popular events, paint ball and Gull-Dummy have been postponed due to the quarantine. ALL DeMolay Chapters are meeting virtually, and no chapter will open until ALL the chapters across the state are allowed to open. It has been a tough go of things for us all. Their meetings are held the 1st Monday and 3rd Friday each month.

I would like to thank **Miss Danielle Brunson** and **Miss Rachel Turner** for their hard work, dedication and diligence keeping these youth groups active, strong and healthy. These unselfish, young, ladies are a real asset to our family.

Although an Official Meeting cannot be conducted over ZOOM or other electronic media, NOW is a Great Opportunity for Any member of a Masonic Organization to observe these enthusiastic, talented, creative youth as they fight the boredom and keep their **Bethel, Assembly and Chapter** alive through these uncertain times.. To Join in their fun, Please Contact:

Bethel Guardian, **Miss Danielle Brunson**
4dbrunson@gmail.com

Mother Advisor, **Miss Rachel Turner**
puyallupmotheradvisor@gmail.com

Dad Brian Gross bgross@wademolay.org

Please support their fund raisers:

Job's Daughters'~ Bake-less Bake Sale
Rainbow's ~ Bulb Sale.



Rhododendron Court #8 is part of the Order of the Amaranth. Corinthian Lodge has two Amaranth organizations that meet here.

In the Order's teachings, the members are emphatically reminded of their duties to God, to their country and to their fellow beings. They are urged to portray, by precept and example, their belief in the "Golden Rule" and by conforming to the virtues inherent in TRUTH, FAITH, WISDOM and CHARITY they can prove to others the goodness promulgated by the Order.

Amaranth is organized into Courts, under Grand Courts at the State level. The primary body is called the Supreme Council (which has some subordinate Courts directly under it, as well). Women members of the Order are addressed as "Honored Lady", while men are referred to as "Sir Knight".

The order's primary philanthropic project is the Amaranth Diabetes Foundation.

Job's Daughters

Hello our wonderful Masonic family! We hope everyone is doing well and staying healthy during this strange time. Bethel 30 is staying active holding our regularly scheduled meetings (2nd Fridays and 4th Wednesdays) on Zoom. If you would like to attend our meetings and be added to our Bethel communication please email our Bethel Guardian, **Danielle Brunson** 4dbrunson@gmail.com.

Our 2nd Friday meetings have been fun events which include crafting, movie nights and games. This month we are having our first ever Virtual Fundraiser an Un-bake Sale! This has been a fun time to think outside of the box as we rethink our normal way of doing things.

We invite everyone to join us on June 12th at 7pm for a Zoom fun event! Please email Ms. Danielle for the access code.

Bethel 30 held our Installation of Bethel Officers on June 12 via Zoom. We would like to congratulate **Alyssa** and her officers as they lean on their Faith, Trust & a little Pixie Dust this term. They have many great activities planned and we look forward to sharing them with you as they happen.

Bethel 30 looks forward to the day we can all meet in person. We are blessed to have this family to lean on during this time. Follow our events and activities on Facebook at Bethel30.org.

Jobie Love,
Bethel 30



Job's Daughters International is a Masonic affiliated youth organization for girls and young women aged 10 to 20. The organization is commonly referred to as simply Job's Daughters, and sometimes abbreviated as JDI. Job's Daughters welcomes many religions and cultures.

BETHEL 30 PUYALLUP JOB'S DAUGHTERS
UN-BAKE SALE

A bit of news we have today
A bakeless bake sale is on the way
During these days, who wants to bake
Pies or cookies or even a cake?
You'd be surprised if you counted the cost
Of materials, heat and the time you have lost.
Cooking for a sale is extra work;
Yet nobody really wishes to shirk.
So now we've thought of a plan that is grand,
And felt quite sure you would understand.
In a little envelope, please put the price
Of a pie, a cake or something nice.
Without fuss or bother, you've done your part.
We're sure you will give with a willing heart.
This is the end of our little tale;
Here's to the success of our bakeless bake sale.

FUNDRAISER ENDS
AUGUST 31

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LOVE AND SUPPORT OF
BETHEL 30, PUYALLUP JOB'S DAUGHTERS

We would love to see your favorite recipe! If you are willing to share with us please include your recipe in your envelope or send to 4dbrunson@gmail.com

Checks payable to: Bethel #30, JDI
Mail to: 12014 113th Ave Ct E #19, Puyallup, WA 98374-5807





Notable former Job's Daughters include Kim Cattrall, Jacquelynne Fontaine, Nancy Fleming, Jenilee Harrison, Nannette Hegerty, Vicki Lawrence, Heather Moore, Jean Rabe, Debbie Reynolds, and Aimee Teegarden



The organization was founded as **The Order of Job's Daughters** by Ethel T. Wead Mick in Omaha, Nebraska, on October 20, 1920. The purpose of the organization is to band together young girls and strives to build character through moral and spiritual development. Goals include a greater reverence for God and the Holy Scriptures, as stated in the Job's Daughters Constitution, loyalty to one's country and that country's flag; and respect for parents, guardians, and elderly.

"Mother Mick" was fond of the Book of Job, and took the name of the organization as a reference to the three daughters of Job. The Book of Job, 42nd chapter, 15th verse says, "In all the land were no women found so fair as the Daughters of Job, and their father gave them inheritance among their brethren". She founded the Order with the assistance of her husband, Dr. William H. Mick, and several Freemasons and members of Eastern Star of Nebraska. She dedicated the organization to the memory of her mother, Elizabeth D. Wead.

By June 1923 the Job's Daughters had been endorsed by the Grand Chapters of the Order of the Eastern Star in Indiana, Maryland, Minnesota and Washington, DC. The order spread rapidly in the early 1920s. At the third annual meeting of the "Supreme Guardian Council" in Chicago on Oct. 12, 1923, delegates were present from twenty-three states, the Territory of Alaska and Manitoba. In 1931 the name was changed to the International Order of Job's Daughters after a Bethel was instituted in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Later, the name was changed from the International Order of Job's Daughters to Job's Daughters International. The ritual of the Order was drawn up by Le Roy T. Wilcox, a scholar of Masonic law, and the group came "under the general management of the Masonic order".



Freemasonry in the News

What the Freemasons Taught the World About the Power of Secrecy

[Time Magazine](#)

"Masonic rituals consist of secrets, wrapped in secrets, wrapped in more secrets. Once the wrapping is removed, what is revealed are moral principles of utterly disarming banality. Be a nice fellow. Learn more about the world. Remember that death puts things in perspective. The great secrets of Freemasonry are all motherhood and apple pie."



Endowment Carries on Masons' Commitment to Education

[Suburban Times](#)

A generous gift from Tacoma's Lincoln Park Masonic Lodge #80 will provide unending help for Clover Park Technical College students in need.

Freemasons moving out of Queen Anne Masonic lodge up for landmark review ahead of redevelopment

[Queen Anne & Magnolia News](#)

Seattle lodge to be turned into condos?

Freemason Conspiracy at Denver International Airport?

[JMU Breeze](#)

Are Freemasons behind the airport's mysterious design?



Denver International Airport (DIA) hosts millions of travelers annually and [spans a sprawling 54 square miles](#). Not only is it a bustling hub for air travel, but it's also a conspiracy theorist's playground. Claims of underground bunkers and artwork that hints at an apocalypse have been circulating the internet for years. While it's highly improbable that lizard people played a role in designing and building the airport, there are still many unanswered questions about its bizarre origins and eccentric features.



Les FREE-MASONS

Freemasons, with signs for the various lodges, c1733 from the story in the current edition of [Time Magazine](#)

“Freemasonry is the world’s most famous secret society. Its secrecy, indeed, made it into one of history’s most contagious ideas—and thus its history offers a striking lesson in the power of mystery.”



Our Lodge is Named Corinthian

On January 21, 1882, a half dozen local notables got together for the first meeting of Masons in Puyallup and decided to call this organization "Corinthian Lodge." The number "38" came later in the year when the Lodge was officially recognized by the Grand Lodge of Washington.

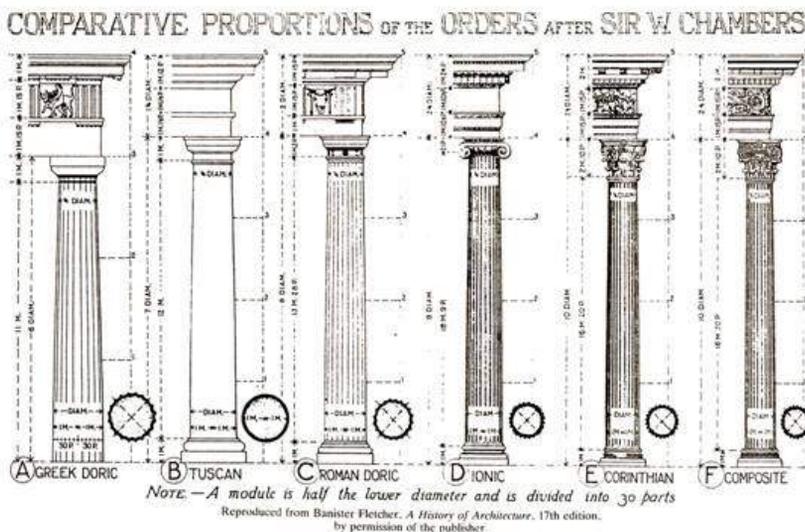
The name Corinthian was chosen because it is one of the five principal orders in Architecture. The five orders include Doric, Ionic, Corinthian, Tuscan and Composite.

"Corinthian" is the lightest and most ornamental of the pure orders, and possesses the highest degree of richness and detail that architecture attained under the Greeks. Its capital is its great distinction, and is richly adorned with leaves of acanthus, olive, etc., and other ornaments. The column of Beauty which supports the Lodge is of the Corinthian Order, and its appropriate situation and symbolic officer are in the South.



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The Corinthian is the richest of the five orders, is deemed a master piece of art, and was invented at Corinth by Callimachus. Its column is ten diameters high, and its capital is adorned with two rows of leaves, and eight volutes or scrolls akin to a ram's horns (as compared with four volutes on Company Path's version), which sustain the abacus. The frieze is ornamented with curious devices, the cornice with denticles and modillions. This order is used in stately and superb structures.





The Washington State Supreme Court Building in Olympia features a central temple-like pavilion fronted by a monumental portico of 16 Corinthian columns supporting an elaborate entablature. The commanding central section was flanked by lower wings in the Ionic order.



The four Ionic columns that grace the stage at Commencement and Freshman Convocation at the University of Washington are replicas of the columns that once stood at the entrance to the first Washington Territorial University, built in 1861. The original columns now reside in Sylvan Grove.

<https://www.washington.edu/ceremony/tradition/symbols-meanings/four-columns/>

We are Corinthians

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Architecture has always been closely associated with operative masonry, and its influence, its symbolism, was carried into free and accepted or speculative masonry. Non-operative masonry certainly existed before the formation of Grand Lodge in 1717, but there is a lack of information as to the development of ritual and ceremony.

The ancient and original orders of architecture revered by Masons are no more than three: The Doric, Ionic and Corinthian, which were invented by the Greeks. To these the Romans have added two: The Tuscan, which they made plainer than the Doric, and the Composite, which was more ornamental, if not more beautiful than the Corinthian.

Three of the orders of architecture symbolically describe how the Lodge is supported.

The Ionic pillar, symbolical of Wisdom, is allotted to the Master who must possess that Wisdom necessary to rule and govern the Lodge efficiently and employ and instruct the Brethren in Freemasonry.

The Doric pillar, symbolical of Strength, is allotted to the Senior Warden, who, in ancient times, was responsible for the actual operations of the workmen according to the plan of the Master.

The Corinthian pillar, symbolical of Beauty, is allotted to the Junior Warden. He is in charge when the sun is at its meridian, when life giving properties and brightness are at their highest point.

Masonry originally was an operative Craft; one that was responsible directly for many of the historical buildings and shrines of the world. The work of this early operative Craft has had a direct influence on many of the buildings of later generations. If you look at government buildings in Washington DC, you can see the use of the five orders.

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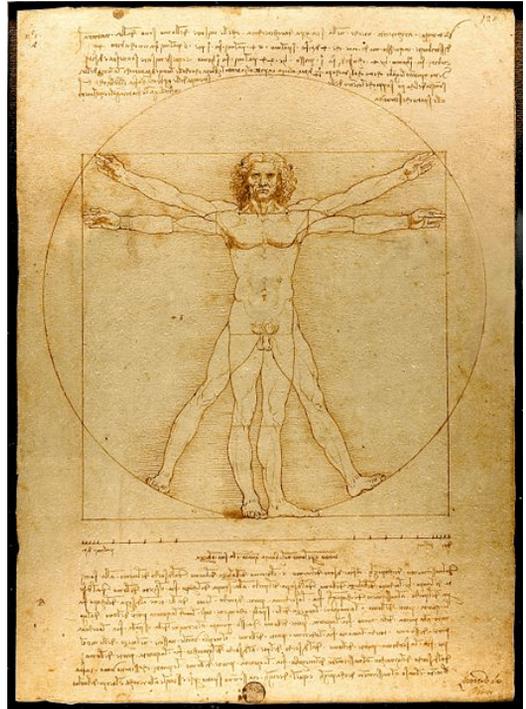
Vitruvius (Marcus Vitruvius Pollio, 80–70 BC – after c. 15 BC) is the earliest known authority on the Orders, and his celebrated treatise, *de Architecture*, had been the most important source of information for all subsequent studies. Sir Henry Wotton, traveler, diplomat and scholar, in his *Elements of Architecture*, printed in London in 1624, refers to him as 'Our principal Master'. Vitruvius's treatise was written about two thousand years ago, and is the only book on architecture in the whole of classical literature.

The Vitruvian Man, as illustrated by Da Vinci, was based on Vitruvius' proportions from his writings. These writings can be found in his collected works in "Ten Books on Architecture." In this collection, he describes an assortment of buildings and structures from town planning to aqueducts.

Our rituals, as a general rule are reasonably straight forward and self-explanatory, but on occasion some matters are only touched upon briefly and in consequence, can leave one puzzled about their full meanings.



The Five Orders of Architecture is a book on classical architecture by Giacomo Barozzi da Vignola from 1562, and is considered "one of the most successful architectural textbooks ever written", despite having no text apart from the notes and the introduction



*Vitruvius is the first freemason who gave rise to the famous [Vitruvian Man](#) who was later drawn by Leonardo da Vinci: the human body inscribed in the circle and the square (the fundamental geometric patterns of the cosmic order). Da Vinci based the drawing on Vitruvius' Book III of his treatise *De Architectura*, where he describes the perfect human proportions in relation with geometry.*



Doric



Ionic



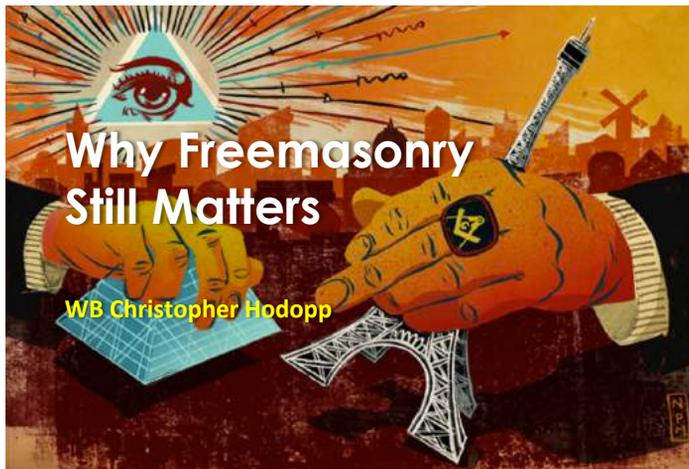
Corinthian



Tuscan



Composite



The United States has been rocked over the past month with images and stories relating to massive protests, rioting and statue-removing furor set off by the death of George Floyd while being arrested in Minneapolis, Minnesota. As the weeks passed, the toxic confluence of the COVID-19 pandemic shutdowns, anger, widespread unemployment, summer heat, pent up frustration, a breathless media, and the echo chamber of the Internet have all worked their worst influences to bring out some of the most socially divisive traits, allegations and arguments among Americans in more than 50 years.

Over the last couple of weeks, some enthusiastic or activist Masons have advocated for the fraternity to 'get on the right side of history' and support the Black Lives Matter movement. Some energetic Masonic keyboard artists have created graphics to combine the square and compass of Freemasonry with symbols of social activism, such as a clenched fist of BLM, confederate flags, the 'gay pride' rainbow, or others. Such symbols have been making the rounds of the Internet, often with the exhortation to 'get on board' with one side or another, because, according to the bromide, 'silence is violence.'

With all due respects to my energetically demonstrative brethren, that's not the role of Freemasonry. It never has been, and it cannot be today. Its role is just the opposite.

Freemasons are human beings, and as individuals, we often take different sides in arguments. This is as it has always been throughout the history of the fraternity, sometimes violently so. When you examine the wars involving America and other Western nations in which Masons have fought in the last 300 years, you will find dedicated Freemasons on both sides of those conflicts. We tout the famous Masons who led the American Revolution, but there were plenty of loyalist Masons throughout the American colonies who fought and died to keep us British. (And, no, the Boston Tea Party was NOT a Masonic action, despite what you might have been told.)

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THE MASONIC BROTHERHOOD



" WE ARE THE TYPE OF MEN

THAT

NO MATTER WHERE WE GO

OR

WHERE WE ARE,

WE ALWAYS ADD VALUES

TO THE LIVES AROUND US." 🙌



Masonry Still Matters

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Individual Freemasons may fight for the causes they support, but 'The Freemasons' do not take sides in social, political, cultural or religious conflicts.

That's why images like this one are not appropriate for any Freemason. This very moment in time is an excellent teaching moment for this lesson, and our youngest, newest members need to understand it.

Freemasonry teaches men to behave properly, to treat each other fairly, to live by the cardinal virtues and follow our precepts. But it does not tell Masons what to think, how to vote, how to worship God, what protests to march in, what products to boycott, or what bumper stickers to put on our cars. The sanctuary of the lodge is absolutely shattered by any member who seeks to abuse its good offices by assigning political or religious motives to it that do not exist. Freemasonry is a force for good by espousing and teaching mannered toleration, reinforcing the cardinal virtues, and providing a sanctuary from the divisive nature of the profane world. If a Mason abuses the square and compass into a symbol that creates a deliberately divisive atmosphere within the Masonic community, to compel his brethren to also adopt his favored cause, or to erroneously create a false public perception of Masonry's motives - that Mason has erred, not the fraternity.

James Anderson listed in the Constitutions of Masonry our responsibility to the civil authorities (second only to God):

A Mason is a peaceable Subject to the Civil Powers, wherever he resides or works, and is never to be concerned in Plots and Conspiracies against the Peace and Welfare of the Nation, nor to behave himself undutiful to inferior Magistrates ; for as Masonry hath been always injured by War, Bloodshed, and Confusion, so ancient Kings and Princes have been much disposed to encourage the Craftsmen, because of their Peaceableness and Loyalty, whereby they practically answered the Cavils of their Adversaries and promoted the Honor of the Fraternity, who ever flourished in Times of Peace.

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**Freemasonry
is founded on the
immutable laws
of Truth and Justice
and its grand object
is to promote
the happiness of the
human race**

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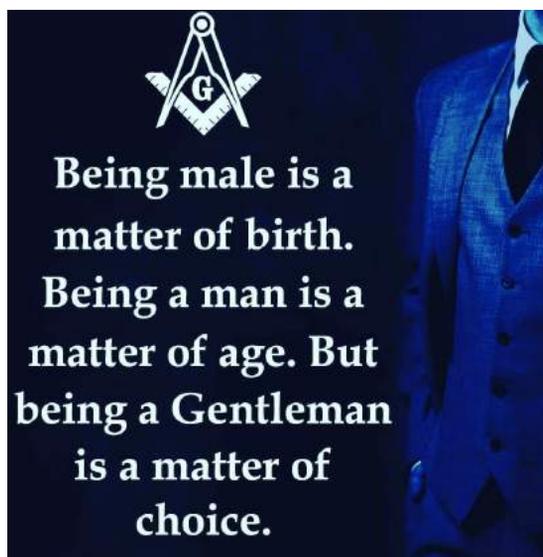
So that if a Brother should be a Rebel against the State, he is not to be countenanced in his Rebellion, however he may be pitied as an unhappy Man ; and if convicted of no other Crime, though the loyal Brotherhood must and ought to disown his Rebellion, and give no Umbrage or Ground of political Jealousy to the Government for the time being; they cannot expel him from the Lodge, and his Relation to it remains indefeasible.

Masons from the past who have been prominent leaders of revolutions (along with not-so-prominent ones who were on the losing sides of failed ones) never marched at the head of mobs wearing a giant square and compass on their chest or helmet, for good reason. Riots, revolts, revolutions, wars - these take place between nations or factions or masses or mobs of peoples. Freemasonry is practiced between individual human beings who seek to retain their individual honor and humanity, and to civilize and improve their town, their country, and the world by their own actions. Freemasonry is not a movement - it is a cultural institution that can only function if it is seen as a diverse, calm, civil, and evenhanded organization of a community's best leaders, regardless of their particular political affinities.

The Western world is currently caught up in a moment that measures diversity only by the hue of skin color -

literally the one human trait that cannot be altered, controlled or changed, and therefore the very least important one - and not by diversity of thought, belief, achievement, or aspiration. That is how Freemasonry seeks to differ from the outside world. If we're doing it right, we welcome diversity among men in all its intellectual, theological, economic and vocational forms. But I have never in my 20 years as a Mason seen a petition for the degrees of Freemasonry that asked a man's race.

It is why, for instance, the meetings of lodges under the Grand Lodge of Israel are attended by Masons who are Jewish, Muslim and Christian, from all races, and from political persuasions that are diametrically (sometimes militantly) opposed to each other in that turbulent part of the world. Even the seal of their grand lodge reflects its uniquely Masonic diversity. It is the true meaning of meeting 'on the level.'



We say that Masonry becomes the 'center of union' because it conciliates true friendship among men who would for any other reasons have remained at a perpetual distance. Living through a tumultuous moment in time with heated passions on all sides doesn't imbue any of us with the ability to decide who is 'on the right side of history.' That's the nature of mass conflict and social unrest and upheaval. Only the lapse of time and history itself can make that judgement.

The famed 'Friend To Friend' statue at the top of this post, erected at Gettysburg by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, is a parable in bronze that demonstrates the unbreakable mystic tie between two Masons on opposing sides of a deadly conflict. [Union General Winfield Scott Hancock](#) and [Confederate General Lewis Addison Armistead](#) were personal friends and both were Freemasons. Secession wasn't a Masonic cause, and neither was preserving the Union. These two men had served and fought side by side in the US Army before the Civil War broke out. But Armistead said he could never raise his sword against his fellow Southerners and joined the Confederate Army in 1861.

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Masonry Still Matters

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Armistead led his men against Hancock's troops in the ill-fated Pickett's Charge at Gettysburg, but was mortally wounded in the battle - by the irony of fate, Hancock was also wounded during the same battle. The statue depicts Union Captain Henry Bingham, also a Freemason and staff assistant to General Hancock, rendering aid to the fallen Confederate General. It was a bloody day - Henry Bingham himself had been wounded in the fighting, but he knelt by Armistead's side as he died. General Armistead is shown handing his watch and personal effects to be delivered to his friend and Brother, Union General Hancock. A final act of friendship among men who would for any other reasons have remained at a perpetual distance.

It's one of those lessons people can learn if statues aren't toppled by mobs.



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A Mason since 1998, Chris is currently the Worshipful Master of the Dwight L. Smith Lodge of Research U.D. He is a Past Master of Broad Ripple Lodge No. 643 and of Lodge Vitruvian No. 767, Free & Accepted Masons of the State of Indiana; he is a member of Indiana's Schofield Lodge 1818 U.D.; and of Internet Lodge No. 9659 in the Province of East Lancashire of the United Grand Lodge of England. He is a 33° Scottish Rite Freemason and a Knight Templar, and belongs to countless appendant Masonic bodies and research organizations.



Corinthian History Project

Perry Name Still Resonates After All These Years

Stewart E. Perry was elected Master of Corinthian Lodge in 1933. In addition to heading up our Lodge, he was later elected Grand Master in 1947. He was one of those rare people in this time frame to have been born and raised in Puyallup.

Today, he still has family here, including a great-grandson, Dean Johnson who has been a member of the Puyallup City Council and is currently running for Congress. Johnson spoke at one of our public meetings more than a year ago about his family roots in the community. If you're also a member of the Tacoma Valley Scottish Rite, one of the meeting rooms at Scottish Rite is named after MWB Perry.

Stewart Perry was born on March 6, 1890 in Puyallup, the only son of Edwin and Annie (Stewart) Perry. He received his early education in the public schools of Puyallup, later graduating from the University of Washington. At the University he was a charter member of Delta Upsilon Fraternity, a fraternity that produced for our jurisdiction a fair number of Grand Masters.

Soon after leaving the University, and for more than 30 years, he became identified with the Commonwealth Title Insurance Company of Tacoma; and has been further honored in his chosen profession by being elected a member of the Executive Committee of the Washington Land Title Association.

Married on September 6, 1916 to Erma Gale Cole, MWB Perry and his wife enjoyed raising prize-winning gladiolus. His success in this latter field, with her assistance, twice brought him the Presidency of the Washington Gladiolus Society, and his services were much in demand as a judge for shows as far away as San Francisco.



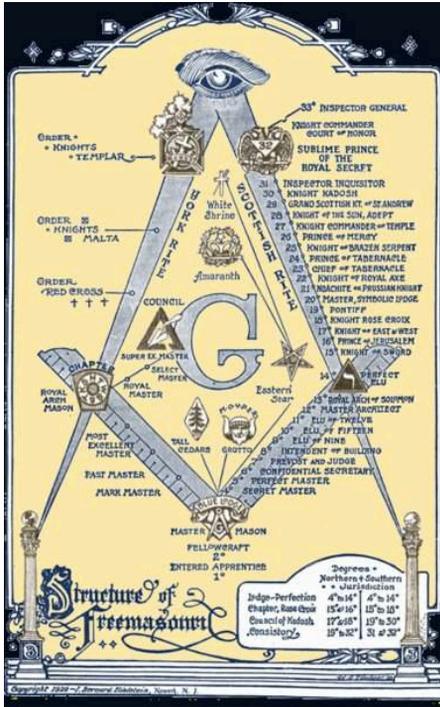
MWB Stewart E. Perry was Master of Corinthian Lodge in 1933 and served as the head of the Grand Lodge of Washington State F&AM in 1947. His photograph is in the West behind the Senior Warden in the Lodge Room.

His Masonic experience began on August 17, 1922, when he was made a Master Mason.

He was passed through all the appointive and elective offices, to become Worshipful Master in 1933. Immediately taking an interest in Grand Lodge, he was appointed Deputy of the Grand Master in District No. 13 in 1937, and again in 1938 and 1939.

He served two years on the important Jurisprudence Committee, where his ability was recognized, and he was elected to the office of Junior Grand Warden in 1944, and then by successive steps to the office of Grand Master in 1947.

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During a notable Masonic career, MWB Stewart Perry belonged to many Masonic organizations listed on this graphic and held advanced degrees in most.

Past Master & Grand Master Stewart Perry

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During all of these years of activity in Symbolic Masonry, MWB Perry found time to take a part in the work of various other orders of Masonry.

Receiving his Thirty-Second Degree in the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite on May 16, 1924, he then served as Venerable Master of the Lodge of Perfection, Wise Master of Chapter Rose Croix, Commander of the Council of Kadosh, and Master of Kadosh of Tacoma Consistory. He was made a Knight Commander of the Court of Honor on October 19, 1937, and coroneted Thirty-Third Degree Honorary on December 11, 1943.

MWB Perry held a life membership in Afifi Temple, A.A.O. Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of which he was Illustrious Potentate in 1942. He was a member and Past Patron of Rhododendron Court No. 8, Order of Amaranth at Puyallup; a member of Tacoma Chapter No. 4, Royal Arch Masons; an honorary member of Bethel No. 8, Order of Job's Daughters; holds the Grand Cross of Color, Order of Rainbow for Girls, and Honorary Legion of Honor, Order of DeMolay.

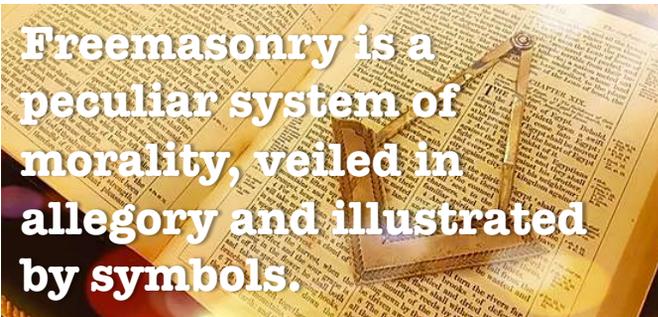
His active service did not end with his term as Grand Master, as he was also President of the Pierce County Past Masters Association, and Sovereign for 1948 of St. Albans Conclave No. 18, Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine.

From the time he was Grand Master until his death, he served as a Trustee of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association.

Most Worshipful Brother Stewart Edwin Perry was called from labor on September 21, 1967.



Masonic Education



As Masons, we define what we do as a “system of morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols.” This modern idea can be attributed to Scottish writer and teacher, William Preston (1742-1818), who argued that Freemasonry teaches a philosophical approach to virtue.

According to Preston, the rituals of Freemasonry are designed to lead the initiate through the ethical thought of Aristotle. Aristotle follows Socrates and Plato in taking the virtues to be central to a well-lived life. Like Plato, he regards the ethical virtues (justice, courage, temperance and so on) as complex rational, emotional and social skills.

Aristotle defines moral virtue as a disposition to behave in the right manner and as a mean between extremes of deficiency and excess, which are vices. We learn moral virtue primarily through habit and practice rather than through reasoning and instruction.

In the meantime, William Preston was among the original organizers of British Lodges in the late 1700’s and began lecturing at these Lodge get-togethers on the morals and virtues expected of its members. In addition, he began writing in earnest and is the author of [Illustration of Masonry](#) published in 1812. Preston was instrumental in shaping the ritual approved for use by the United Grand Lodge of England shortly after its formation in 1813.

Almost all lodges use a ritual derived from this one, and, perhaps without realizing it, continue to pay silent testimony to Preston and to Aristotle in their work.

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*William Preston was a Scottish author, editor and lecturer, born in Edinburgh. He became a Freemason, instituting a system of lectures of instruction, and publishing *Illustrations of Masonry*, which ran to several editions. It was under Preston that the Lodge of Antiquity seceded from the Moderns Grand Lodge to become "The Grand Lodge of All England South of the River Trent" for ten years*



A Peculiar System of Morality

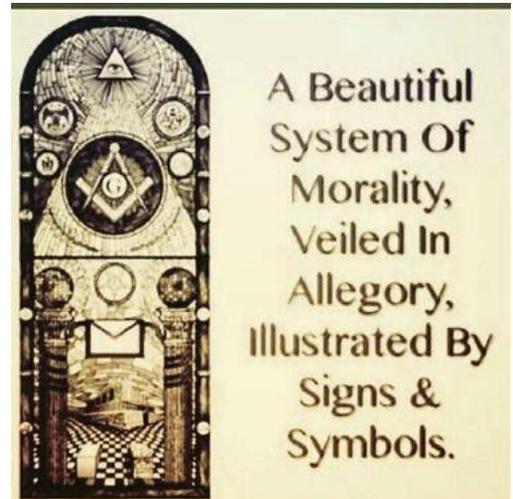
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If you start looking at the detail in our Lodge room at Corinthian, you will see many of the symbols we teach in all of the degrees. Behind each symbol is a story, an allegory of moral standing. As you progress in Masonry, these symbols and allegories take on new meaning in rich detail.

As speculative Masons we use tools to teach moral and ethical lessons, such as the four cardinal virtues of Fortitude, Prudence, Temperance, and Justice, and the principles of "Brotherly Love, Relief (or Morality), and Truth"

As Masons, it's important to remind ourselves of the basic principles that we live by. We promise never to bring anything offensive or defensive into the Lodge. The object of the lodge is to create a place where those divisions are left outside, so we can engage in activities that unite us:

- **A moral code:** We believe in honor and that a man has a responsibility to behave honorably in everything he does. Freemasonry teaches us the principles of personal decency and personal responsibility. It hopes to inspire us to have charity and good will toward all mankind, and to translate principles and convictions into action.
- **Charity:** We are devoted to the promotion of the welfare and happiness of all mankind. Freemasonry teaches us that unselfishness is a duty and that it's not only more blessed to give than to receive, but also more rewarding.
- **Education:** We teach a system of morality and brotherhood by the use of symbols and dramatic presentations. It encourages us to expand our knowledge of the world around us.
- **Religious, not a religion:** We believe in the brotherhood of man. Freemasonry isn't a religion, but it is religious because it requires us to have faith in a Supreme Being, according to our individual belief. We are not a sectarian organization and we do not promote one religion over another. Masonic ceremonies describe a moral code, using basic principles that are common to all religions.



- **Social responsibility:** We stand for the reverence of God and the proper place of individual faith in society; for truth and justice; for fraternity and philanthropy; and for orderly civil, religious, and intellectual liberty. Masonry charges each of us to be responsible citizens of our country and of the world.

Rational people are entitled to an opinion on morality, which may be proclaimed, or locked up in the safe and sacred repository of the heart, but what is important is that morality should suffuse every thought, word and deed, more so for Freemasons because it is our creed. Having core beliefs, based on fundamentally sound assumptions, that engender human advancement is part of what we can call morality. Acting in harmony with basic moral principles without fear or favor over time deserves our overall respect as individuals and as a Lodge. One can look at all the old photographs behind the Lodge room to see examples of moral courage and leadership that deserves the respect and thanks of everyone here at Corinthian.

"Masonry is philosophy teaching by symbols, as History is philosophy teaching by example."

"Just as Washington chopping down his father's cherry tree teaches us to tell the truth, we use the square, with its perfect right-angle, to teach the same idea. The compasses help us draw a perfect circle, to keep our passions in due bounds. But a compass cannot work unless one point is connected to the center. So too to keep our passions in due bounds, WE must remain connected to our center."

WB Maynard Edwards 32° KCCH



That, which cannot be defended

RW Cameron Bailey
Deputy Grand Master
Grand Lodge of Washington



“Masons from Washington were no longer recognized as such by our neighbors, and as such the decision of our Grand Lodge was untenable. We relented to the unreasonable, and unmasonic pressure put upon us by the rest of the Masonic world.”

In 1897 the Grand Lodge of Washington, at its Annual Communication, and following the leadership of RW William H. Upton took the first small step towards recognition of Prince Hall Masonry within this Grand Jurisdiction.

As a result of that step, Grand Lodges around the country moved to pull recognition from our Grand Lodge. Many old Proceedings from Grand Jurisdictions are available online, I've read some of those from the time, and the things that were said about the GL of Washington and its decision were truly horrible.

In the words of Grand Master Upton himself: *“The comity and consideration for the opinions of others shown by the Washington committee and Grand Lodge were neither appreciated nor reciprocated. During the year, in a number of Grand Lodges, the position of this Grand Lodge has been savagely attacked, often in language disgraceful to Masonry. Men whose utterances fail to disclose even a superficial acquaintance with either the history or the law of the subject, have presumed to sit as judges in condemnation of this Grand Lodge; and Grand Lodges have usurped a supervisory power over our actions which, if acquiesced in, means not only the destruction of the sovereignty of this Grand Lodge, but the end of that principle of self-government among Masons which has been claimed as a cornerstone of our Institution since the dawn of its history.”*

Eventually the Grand Lodge of Washington decided that its position was impossible. Masons from Washington were no longer recognized as such by our neighbors, and as such the decision of our Grand Lodge was untenable. We relented to the unreasonable, and unmasonic pressure put upon us by the rest of the Masonic world. Our Grand Master never stopped advocating for recognition, and was always held in very high esteem by the Freemasons of Washington. In fact we have a Lodge named after him to this day.

Despite that fact however, and despite the wishes of the Masons of Washington, The MW Grand Lodge of Washington and the MW Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Washington and Jurisdiction were not joined in mutual recognition until 1990. When the rest of the Masonic world would finally allow us to take this step without destroying us.

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That which cannot be defended

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In 1991 a marker was finally laid on Grand Master Upton's grave. Something he declared that he did not want to happen until it could be laid by members of both Grand Lodges. His dream had finally been realized.

On July 29th, Masonic funeral of our Brother and Congressman John Lewis took place. The service was performed by the members of his Home Lodge in Georgia.

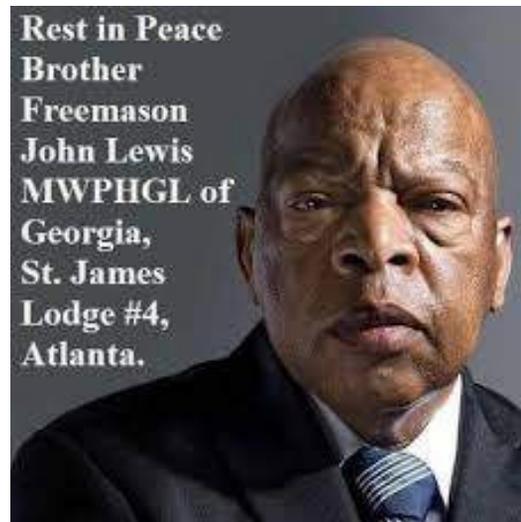
Specifically, his Prince Hall Grand Lodge.

To be clear, the MW Grand Lodge of Georgia continues to refuse to recognize the MW Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Georgia.

In the words of our Brother Chris Hodapp: *"In May of 2008, then-Grand Master Akram Elias of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia honored John Lewis for his lifelong commitment to civil rights. This ceremony took place as part of the 9th World Conference of Masonic Grand Lodges at the Renaissance Washington D.C. Hotel. It is no small irony that Lewis' own grand lodge, the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Georgia, was not then, and is not today, recognized as regular by the 50 U.S. 'mainstream' state grand lodges, including the Grand Lodge of Georgia. Masonic protocol dictated then as now that he could not have accepted GM Elias' presentation in open lodge as a Brother Mason. Nothing has changed in a dozen years. And there's no way to defend that situation any longer."*

Put in plain terms, one of the finest men and Masons of his generation is not recognized as such by the Grand Lodge of Georgia due to the color of his skin. I think that due to my position I am not supposed to say difficult truths. I am to be measured and calm.

Perhaps this post oversteps proper form for an elected Grand Lodge Officer.



Too bad.

It is true, and as Freemasons we are charged with finding the truth.

It is absurd that the Grand Lodge of Washington continues to recognize the Grand Lodge of Georgia as a legitimate Masonic body.

The Grand Lodge of Washington should take steps to remove recognition from the Grand Lodge of Georgia, and all other Grand Lodges that do not recognize their legitimate counterparts.

By continuing to recognize the Grand Lodge of Georgia as a legitimate Masonic body we are giving tacit approval to that body's immoral position and rightly open ourselves to condemnation.

I made this view clear prior to my election as Junior Grand Warden when asked about it at a forum held by Daylight Lodge, and given the passing of Brother Lewis I feel it only proper to make it known again now.

Illus. Brother John Robert Lewis 33°

passed to the Celestial Lodge on July 10, following a battle with pancreatic cancer. He was 80 years old. The Hon. John Lewis served as the U.S. Representative for the 5th District of Atlanta more than three decades, from 1987 until his death, and he was one of the last living 'leading lights' of the 1960s civil rights movement.

John Lewis was the last surviving speaker from the famous civil rights 'March on Washington' in 1963 (the occasion of Dr. Martin Luther King's celebrated "I Have a Dream" speech) — at the age of 23, Lewis was the youngest person to give a speech that day.

John Lewis was made a Prince Hall Mason 'at sight' in 1999 at H. R. Butler Lodge 23 in Atlanta, Georgia, by then-Grand Master Benjamin Barksdale of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F&AM of Georgia.



*Masonic Last Rites For The
Honorable Bro. John Robert Lewis*



**Most Worshipful
Prince Hall Grand Lodge**
Free And Accepted Masons
Jurisdiction of Georgia
18th Most Worshipful Grand Master
Hon. Corey D. Shackelford Sr. 33





MY MASONIC JOURNEY

COME BACK AND KNOCK AT THE
DOOR OF THE LODGE AGAIN...

The Craft is What You Make of It

VWB Brian "Red" Shields

"Hey man, have you ever heard of the Freemasons?"

What a simple question that one of my best friends asked me during the summer of 2010. He had recently started working with the brethren at Corinthian Lodge, No. 38, in his own journey towards becoming a Freemason. I had only really heard of the fraternity through popular movies and in conspiracy theory contexts. Later that month, I joined him for dinner at the lodge that is quaintly situated down the road from the local high school in Puyallup, WA.

During this dinner, I learned that the secrets of Freemasonry would actually be way more rewarding than the national treasure a certain movie might lead one to expect.

In the coming months, I continued to visit the lodge and get to know the members there. After a thorough vetting, and becoming base-line educated on Freemasonry in Washington, I decided that I absolutely had no choice but to request membership.

I successfully passed the initiation process and was made an Entered Apprentice Mason on November 11, 2010. It didn't take long for me to realize I had made one of the best decisions of my life.



VWB Brian "Red" Shields is Past Master of Corinthian Lodge and Past District Deputy to the Grand Master

I was now associated with some of the most brilliant, kind-hearted, and caring men I had ever met in my life. To this day, it is humbling to think that such a group would pass a successful ballot on a fella like myself!

A few months later, I had been passed to a Fellowcraft Mason, and raised as a Master Mason.

I became a Master Mason on March 31, 2011. In the coming months, I found myself fully immersed in the activities the local Masonic family conducted, and before I knew it, I had been elected and installed as Master of the lodge; the year was 2015.

Brian “Red” Shields

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After my one year term concluded as the Worshipful Master for Corinthian Lodge, No. 38, I was invited by MWB Jim Mendoza (at the time, RWB) to serve on his Membership Development committee at Grand Lodge.

I was shocked; I was honored; I said yes.

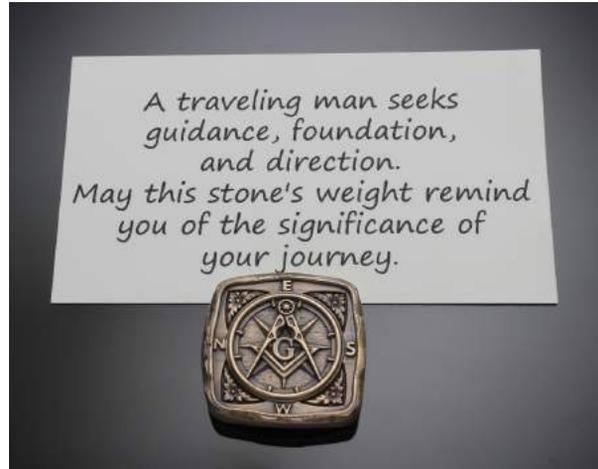
While serving on this committee I became more intimately familiar with the “Six Steps” initiation process that our Grand Lodge had adopted several years prior.

Through the next couple of years, I continued to participate on this committee and ended up being the Chairman for the latter part of 2017 through June of 2018. I also served one year on the Long Range Planning Committee during this time.

December of 2017, I received a phone call from MWB Jim Kendall (again, at the time, RWB). MW Brother Jim asked if I would serve as Deputy of the Grand Master in District 15 for the ensuing Masonic year. After discussion with family and determining my time-availability, I accepted his invitation.

In June, 2018, I was collared as the new District Deputy for District 15, in which Corinthian Lodge, No. 38 is situated. I was fortunate enough to have MWB Charles Wood ask me to continue with a second year of service to the craft in this capacity.

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“I cannot imagine where my life would be, had I not decided to petition the lodge. I am thankful for each and every member of the Masonic family, and am grateful for the hard work that you put into making this world a better place.”

-VWB Brian “Red” Shields

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During my time as Deputy, there was really only one “hiccup” experienced at a lodge within District 15.

I enjoyed travelling the district, spreading the Grand Master’s message, providing resources to the lodges, and just being with the brethren in this area.

I also made a trip to Belle Plaine, Iowa, where I placed a plural membership at Hope Lodge, No. 175.

My great-grandfather and great-great-grandfather were both Master Mason’s from this lodge. It was eerie, but rewarding, to sit in the same lodge chairs that had been in the inaugural lodge building.

I presented the lodge with a George Washington Landsdown Portrait and was allowed to deliver the closing charge out of the Washington State Standard Work.

Since “retiring” from the position of District Deputy, I have taken on a role in the Leadership Training Committee, as one of the instructors for the annual Lodge Leadership Retreat.

I am excited to present the selected material to the brethren who will attend this retreat and am honored to be availed the opportunity to share my experiences with them. I have also taken a spot on the Public Relations Committee, where I am able to connect local lodges with various PR outlets to publish the great things that are being affected by Freemasonry in the community.

Through all of this, I have kept in mind the most cherished part of Freemasonry. It isn’t found in the fancy titles, ornate regalia, or in the archives of some dusty old building.

The beautiful and most satisfactory part of Freemasonry is the lens it allows you to view humanity through.

As a Freemason, I have met, and developed close friendships with, the best-of-the-best people on this planet.

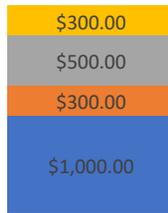
It is evident to me that almost every Brother I come in contact with me loves his fraternity, loves his community, and loves people for who they are.

I cannot imagine where my life would be, had I not decided to petition the lodge. I am thankful for each and every member of the Masonic family, and am grateful for the hard work that you put into making this world a better place.



Support Corinthian Lodge – Brick Fundraiser

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■ April ■ May ■ June ■ July

Our Brick Fundraiser still has a way to go. Funds raised will go toward helping us improve the Lodge building and surrounding property. Our goal is to raise \$4,500.00

The bricks will become part of a brick garden at the base of the flagpole in front of the Lodge.

It will be a reminder of our connection to the local community and the power of Masonry in making this place we call home, a better place for everyone.

Sign up for your brick on the next page.

Corinthian Lodge No. 38

Your Legacy, Our Foundation

Memorial Flagpole & Brick Garden Project

Anyone else donating will have the same color brick as Master Masons, just no artwork.
Example; Puyallup Demolay --- Chapter 26 ---Est 1987

We would like to set up the 4 corners to the layout as 8"x12" pavers to represent the lodge name.

Example...Corinthian - No. 38 - Year EST. -- Square & Compass ...
One in each corner.

The row around the perimeter will be only for actual lodges.
Example: Corinthian No. 38 Puyallup WA EST. 1887 and these will all be in one color brick...and all have the regular square & Compass artwork

The next row inner to that will be all past masters.
Example, WB Kyle Foster -- "Coach" -- Raised 2014/WM 2020, and these will be all one color different from the lodge bricks and have the past masters square & compass on them.

The last color will be Master Masons with the regular square & compass as artwork.

Example Bro. Bob Smith -- titles held---date raised on 3rd line

The bricks will be \$100 each...

 Corinthian No. 38 Puyallup, WA EST. 1887	4 x 8 Red Brick Lodges Only	 Bro. Bob Smith Date Raised Titles Held	4 x 8 Tan Brick Master Masons Only
 WB Kyle Foster Raised 2014/WM 2020 "Coach", KT. 32*	4 x 8 Grey Brick Past Master Only Example: (KT. 32*, SP)	Puyallup Demolay Chapter 26 EST. 1987	4 x 8 Tan Brick Welcome Everyone but with no Logo

Book Review – [“The Craft”](#) by John Dickie

Demystifying freemasonry

Dominic Green

John Dickie presents the movement as egalitarian and democratic rather than as a sinister secret organization

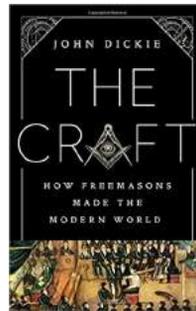
The history of rubbish can be scholarship, but the history of scholarship is often rubbish. Hindsight diminishes earlier habits of thought and behavior, especially when, as with freemasonry, they involve rolled-up trouser legs, coded handshakes and a curious blend of mysticism and matiness.

Yet freemasonry was once a radical, even revolutionary, rite — to its adherents a harbinger of egalitarian, middle-class democracy, to its detractors a conspiracy of Jews, Satanists and sex addicts.

The Craft is a shadow history of modernity. Though soberer than most lodge meetings, it is, like its subject, ingenious and frequently bizarre.

Freemasonry, John Dickie argues, is one of Britain’s ‘most successful exports’, along with other club activities such as tennis, soccer and golf. It is ‘a fellowship of men, and men alone, who are bound by oaths to a method of self-betterment’. If this ideal of tolerant fraternity sounds modern — the absence of women aside — it is because it is.

It traces an ancient genealogy from Hiram, the Phoenician architect who built Solomon’s temple at Jerusalem, to the medieval stonemasons who, as ‘free’ artisans, carried the secrets of their craft, the ‘Old Charges’, from job to job, cathedral to cathedral. But freemasonry is a child of the Renaissance and the Reformation. It speaks the universal language of reason, and the particular languages of Protestant Hebraism and mystic Neoplatonism. Like golf and whisky, it emerged from Scotland and conquered the world.



John Dickie's The Craft is an enthralling exploration of a the world's most famous and misunderstood secret brotherhood, a movement that not only helped to forge modern society, but has substantial contemporary influence, with 400,000 members in Britain, over a million in the USA, and around six million across the world.

In 1594, James VI of Scotland celebrated the birth of a male heir by commissioning William Schaw, his master of works, to construct a new chapel at Stirling Castle.

The ‘earliest Renaissance building of its kind’, the Chapel Royal was, like the Sistine Chapel, made to the dimensions of Solomon’s Temple. Warming to his revivalist theme, in 1598, Schaw incorporated the masons’ sacred geometry and guilds (called ‘lodges’, after the temporary shacks on their building sites) into the old-new learning: the ‘art of memory’, once extolled by Cicero, and the religious mysteries attributed to Hermes Trismegistus.

Scotland’s ‘operative’ masonry depended on trade secrets, so much so that the bond ran deeper than the rivalry between Catholics and Protestants.

The ‘speculative’ masonry that took off in London in the early 18th century attracted a broader public. In the golden age of the club and the coffee house, the gentleman amateur, the tradesman and the artisan all shared in ‘English liberty’.

In the golden age of the club, the gentleman amateur, tradesman and artisan all shared in ‘English liberty’

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Outside, the landed aristocracy and the Anglican settlement still ruled. Inside, the 'illustrious toppers' of urban England networked with Jews, Catholics and Protestant sectarians, politely speculating on the mystical backdrop to the Anglican universe and, judging from the drunken mason stumbling home in Hogarth's 'Night', putting away patriotic doses of drink.

Dr. John Desaguliers, the scientist-theologian who codified the craft in these years, even managed a poem that 'merged the Newtonian system, masonic symbols and the Hanoverian monarchy into a single vision of universal harmony': the Whig interpretation of spiritual history.

This ideal emigrated to America, where masons such as Benjamin Franklin established the thoroughly respectable American lodge system, a Rotary Club of the soul. Later, the British carried it around the world.

The lodge was a link with home, but also common ground in an imperial society divided by color, caste and class.

As Kipling wrote in 'The Mother Lodge' from *Barrack-Room Ballads*:

"Outside — 'Sergeant! Sir! Salute! Salaam!'

Inside — 'Brother', an' it doesn't do no 'arm,

We met upon the Level an' we parted on the Square,

An' I was junior Deacon in my Mother-Lodge out there!

In the lodge, Kipling's soldier is equal to 'Bola Nath, Accountant', 'Saul, the Aden Jew', 'Din Mohammed, draughtsman', 'Babu Chuckerbutty' and Castro the Catholic 'from the fittin' sheds'. But tolerance ended as the members stepped outside again. Kipling, Dickie reminds us, was a member of the same lodge at Allahabad as the young Nehru, whose Anglicized manners made him a member of the babu class that Kipling despised.

Freemasonry's paths in Europe were a darker, more elaborate business. French lodges banned 'Jews, Mohammedans and Negroes', though the Chevalier d'Eon, a celebrated transvestite, was one of the boys some of the time.

The rites mutated and multiplied too. After a Jacobite named Andrew Michael Ramsay, a Knight of St Lazarus of Jerusalem, tried to reconcile the craft and Catholicism, a Scottish rite developed in France, offering a 'tropical forest' of degrees and rituals. Next, Jean-Baptiste Willermoz added the Knights Templar and the new science of Mesmerism.

And then, according to Augustin de Barruel, the Illuminati, a failed Bavarian political club, executed a masonic plot to launch the French Revolution. In the century after 1789, this theory became a weapon in the Catholic *Kulturkampf* with secular power.

Sponsored by clerical fantasy and aristocratic resentment, and fusing with anti-Judaic conspiracy theories, it developed a life of its own.

In Italy the patriotic Carbonari adopted Barruel's black legend as a handbook of revolution, which is one reason why Italians remain keen on masonic conspiracies, another being curious incidents such as the death of the banker Roberto Calvi.

In France, where 'some 40 per cent of civilian ministers of the Third Republic were "on the square"', the anti-clerical smut-peddler Léo Taxil, the author of *Grotesque Cassocks* and *The Debauched Confessor*, changed sides and became an anti-masonic smut-peddler, the author of *Masonic Sisters* and *The Devil in the Nineteenth Century*. French novels also supplied the material of the most successful forgery in history, *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion* (1905).

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By 1925, the fantasy of a 'Judeo-Masonic conspiracy' was 'bread-and-butter' to Hitler's first supporters. Some were free-masons too, which must have been confusing for them.

In 1926, the Old Prussian Grand Lodges voluntarily Aryanised their mythology, and in 1932, Germany's Grand National Lodge declared itself to be *völkisch*. This did not stop Hitler from following Mussolini's lead and banning freemasonry. In 1934, a recruit to the SS's intelligence agency demonstrated his organizational skills by compiling a central list of German free-masons. His name was Adolf Eichmann.

Postwar freemasonry echoes these historical schisms between Anglophone and non-Anglophone traditions, and Protestants and Catholics. In 1983, Cardinal Ratzinger, the future Pope Benedict XVI, wrote that Catholic freemasons are 'in a state of grave sin and may not receive Holy Communion', while in 1993, the Southern Baptist Convention ruled that membership of a lodge was a private matter. In the English-speaking world, freemasonry remains so reasonable as to be mocked as 'the mafia of the mediocre', but in Italy the P2 Lodge was considered the incubator of conspiracy.

Freemasonry's promise of tolerance, Dickie writes, has been fulfilled in the truly ecumenical lodges of India, but it still provokes paranoia in Muslim societies. In Pakistan, where General Zia-ul-Haq banned freemasonry in 1972, Kipling's old lodge is now a government office. The charter of Hamas lists freemasonry, the Lions and the Rotary Clubs as 'networks of spies', created by Jews to 'destroy societies and promote the Zionist cause'.

Dickie's previous book was *Cosa Nostra*, the first history of the Sicilian mafia to be written by an outsider. *The Craft* is well-crafted and sensible, making good use of English archives which have only recently been opened. By offering a new way of socializing, freemasonry laid the foundation of our commercial society, providing a sense of purpose to its practitioners — but also to its enemies, who confuse it with their own fantasies of power.

Courtesy of "The Spectator," August, 2020



Founded in London in 1717 as a way of binding men in fellowship, Freemasonry proved so addictive that within two decades it had spread across the globe. Masonic influence became pervasive. Under George Washington, the Craft became a creed for the new American nation. Masonic networks held the British empire together. Under Napoleon, the Craft became a tool of authoritarianism and then a cover for revolutionary conspiracy. Both the Mormon Church and the Sicilian mafia owe their origins to Freemasonry.



WHEN LEAVING THE HOUSE...

2019:

Keys, Phone, Purse/Wallet

2020:

Keys, Phone, Purse/Wallet, Mask,
Hand Sanitizer, Samurai Sword,
Garlic, Written Will, Salt, Silver,
Rabbits Foot, Hornet Repellent,
Martial Arts Abilities, Stress Ball,
Holy Water

HONEY! LOOK WHAT I GOT



**Do not let them take
your temperature
going into the store!
It's a scam! They're
erasing your memory.
I went for bread and
eggs and came home
with Blue Bell Ice
Cream and Snickers.**



Funny Stuff - We've got to have a good laugh

Most everyone knows that the Grand Master has ordered all Lodges closed until further notice. This includes related Masonic activities such as:

- Varsity full pads practice for all 80-year old Lodge members canceled.
- Coach will be conducting conditioning drills for 70-year olds at the hospital ER. Bring your Medicare card, just in case.
- Storage of teeth in kitchen lockers will be cleared unless claimed by Friday.
- No-Limit Poker Nights will take place at the funeral home down the street. Cash only. No IOU's.
- The rooftop pool will be drained until further notice. Please, no diving.
- All Entered Apprentice Masons must remove their fingers from their left nostrils when in the building. This is a requirement for membership by order of the Sanitation Department. Plus you look pretty silly.
- Whoever substituted Crisco in the coffee can, very funny. You get to clean out the coffeemaker.

Best Buy announced plans to lay off 600 Geek Squad employees. In response, Geek Squad employees were like, "Phew, good thing I already live with my parents."

Burger King has debuted its bacon sundae. It comes with whipped cream and a note that says "Do not resuscitate."

A new study found that people with a lot of phobias are more likely to have health problems. Or as those people put it, "I was afraid of that."

7-Eleven stores in Singapore debuted an instant mashed potato dispenser. This means the Indonesians are pulling ahead of us in the cholesterol race. This is serious. We may have to raise our threat level to Defcon Bacon.

A report says that a growing number of Americans are worth \$1 million. The bad news: last year they were worth \$5 million

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How bad is the country economically?

- The White House now has a two-drink minimum
- There's a listing on eBay for North Dakota
- Americans now attempting to sneak into Mexico
- Costs \$25 for each bag the president wants to check on Air Force One
- Country is moving in with England until we get back on our feet
- Applied for a \$40 billion loan from Oprah

According to a survey by Charles Schwab, 16 percent of teenagers expect their parents to help them financially forever. I believe they're called "philosophy majors."

A first-edition Charles Darwin book was returned to a library in Australia, 122 years late. You could tell it was a Darwin book because it actually evolved into an iPad.

A new study found that 10 percent of toddlers are overweight. That explains the most popular new stroller on the market: a wheelbarrow.

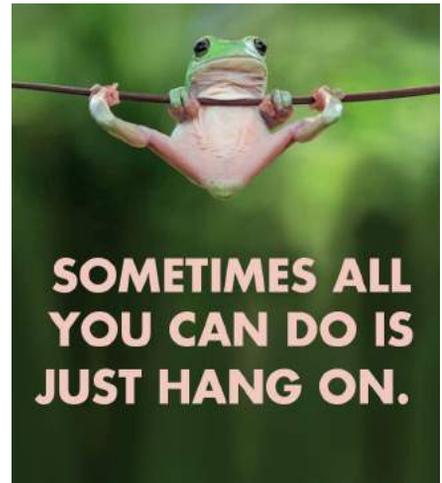
They've found a link between chemicals in shampoo and obesity. If you're eating shampoo, your weight is the least of your concerns.

Scientists believe that people born in the next 20 years could live to be 1,000 years old. How many times would you have to get up to go to the bathroom at that age?

American Airlines has added a pet relief area where animals can relieve themselves before flying. It's called the Delta counter.

It's hot, and the power companies are asking us to conserve energy. They're worried about power outages. They're saying that if everyone just puts their thermostats a few degrees higher . . . like 74 instead of 71, we'd be fine. I'll do that in October when it isn't so hot.

HA! HA!
HA! HA!
HA!



They parked this carnival game down the road for free!



Member Profile

Jake Stringfellow

Greetings Brothers,

For those that do not know me I'm Bro. Jake Stringfellow. I am a member of Corinthian #38 and the Valley of Tacoma SR. You may or may not know my face as due to my job I am only able to make random appearances or pop in from time to time. But even away from the lodge I continue to live the values of our fraternity every day.

I was born in Puyallup and graduated from Stadium HS in 1997. I then served in the US Army on active duty as a Military Police Officer from 1997 until 2002, and reserve duty until 2005. In 2002 I became a Police Officer for the City of Puyallup before later moving on to serve at the Drug Enforcement Administration Tacoma Office, Seattle Field Division. I am currently a K9 Patrol Officer with my partner K9 Osa in the City of Fife. We are members of Pierce County Metro K9 and we stay fairly busy most every night all across the Puget Sound region.

Besides that, we have a small farm near Graham. Currently at home we have five dogs (a Great Dane, a Doberman, K9 Osa who is a German Shepard, an American Pitbull, and a Whippet mix). We also have two Alpacas, several turkeys, and too many chickens to count.

I joined Freemasonry and the Corinthian lodge in 2013. I knew from family history my grandfather and several great uncles were Masons with home lodges in Oklahoma and were also members of the Sumner lodge later in life. I was always curious of stories of the lodge my grandmother would tell to me and after doing some studying I began my own journey.

Many of the values I've observed in Freemasonry I've also observed in Police work, and from my military days. My entire adult working life has been in service to either our great country, or the community at large. Masonry continues that long line of service for me although not necessarily to, or for our lodge directly, but as an upstanding member of the community.



Brother Jake Stringfellow with his K9 partner, Osa

My year after year wish is to one day have a schedule where I am able to attend lodge more regularly. For the last several years its remained just a wish lol, but one of these days.....

In the meantime, I will continue to uphold the values and traditions of our great fraternity as I walk my path in life.

All the best and hope to see you all soon.

Bro. Jake Stringfellow





Bro. Jake is a K-9 Officer with the Fife Police Department and a member of our Lodge

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To Protect and Serve

Police Work and Masonic Values

Bro. Jake Stringfellow, 32°

The year 2020 will certainly be one for the record books, but mostly for the wrong reasons. As a society we have watched our lives be fundamentally changed by an invisible killer virus from a far off land. There are few among us who do not have friends, family, or brethren who have not been affected by loss either personal or economic.

At the same time, we have seen our country wrecked by protests, riots, and a spiraling crime and homicide rate. The genesis of this was the meeting of two men on a sidewalk. One man, white, an authority figure, the other man black, alleged to be committing a low level crime. There is not a police officer I know that doesn't agree the death of George Floyd is inexcusable. It is equally heartbreaking to see communities already besieged in daily violence now burned and subjected to even more violence.

As your Brother, and also a police officer I wish to share some perspectives with you. I joined the US Army at age 17 in 1997 as a Military Police Officer serving Active Duty until 2002. From there I joined a local Puget Sound area mid-size department before later serving at the DEA and onto my current department and position as a K9 officer. In that time, I have served communities of all races, colors, religions, lifestyles, socio economic statuses, etc., with honor.

I began my journey in Masonry in 2013. Although due to long graveyards and short staffing I am very much a prodigal son of both my blue lodge and SR, I know when I do make my brief appearances I am always welcomed home.

Many of the things that attracted me to police work were also the same things that attracted me to Freemasonry. A sense of purpose, of belonging, of being part of something greater than yourself or your own motives. A place of values. A place where everyone is treated equally within. A place bound by oath, traditions, and honor. Oddly enough police work also shares with Freemasonry a perceived sense of secrecy. No one is really quite sure what goes on behind closed doors of either, although folks are oft quick to speculate.

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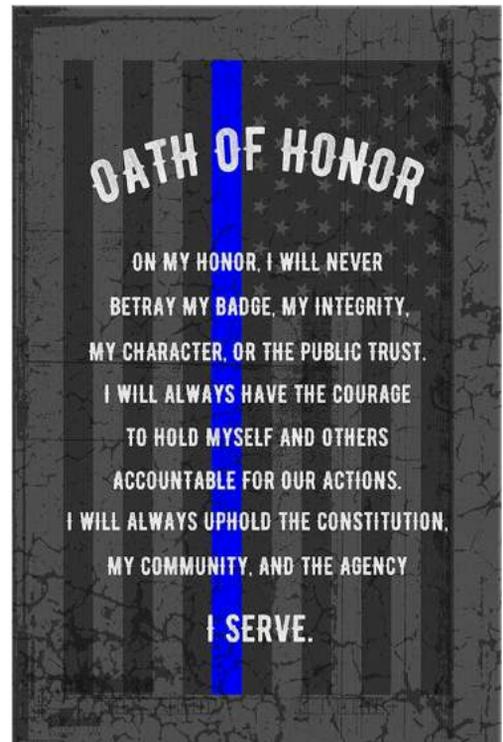
As an officer there are many times where my masonic teachings have reminded me to put the needs of others before myself. To remain impartial. To provide hope to those that need it. To be an advocate for those with no voice. To listen to people when they tell their experiences. To aid the disadvantaged and correct lawlessness. To share a laugh or conversely tears. To bear worst society can inflict and attempt to make it right. To be a light in the dark.

Many have asked me how I feel about the current events, particularly the violence of a few projected at police officers. My response is that it is heart breaking.

Not for just me but for all of us. For America. But as graphic as that violence is, as graphic the murder of George Floyd was, let me assure you neither is the norm. But the media will continually stoke the flames of discontent, of difference, of anger as “click bait”.

It pays the bills. But it’s not the reality of life. A small percent of all races commit crimes. A tiny percent of police officers violate their oath. But the vast majority of our imperfect Union regardless of any factor are honorable people who deserve our respect as neighbors. It is more important now than ever that we stand steadfast to the values our great institution teaches.

That we be the example and beacon our communities need. That we reach past differences and equality barriers that mainstream society upholds, be they racial, economic, orientation, lifestyle, education, etc. That we acknowledge racism and discrimination exists. And do our damned best to be the example to end it.



In Our Community

This is not who we are

Chief Scott Engle
Puyallup Police Department

One of our police officers found this in front of his house recently. I wanted to share a little about this police officer.

I hired him a few years ago. I remember his interview. He wanted to make a difference. He wanted to continue to serve.

You see he came to us after a long and dedicated career in the US Army. He saw law enforcement as a way to continue to serve and give back. He had a passion in his eyes in that interview that you could tell he wanted to make a difference.

Today he's a police officer. A husband. A dad. A grandfather. A brother. A neighbor. A veteran. He's been a coach. He enjoys fitness. And he wants to serve and protect.

We need police officers. We need someone to call when the drunk driver drives down the road in front of us or passes out behind the wheel. We need someone to call when the domestic abuser has beat up their partner. We need someone to call when somebody has stolen from us. We need someone to call when children have been abused and need protection. We need someone to call when drugs continue to destroy our community. We need someone to call when gunfire erupts and someone has to run to the gunfire to make it stop. We need someone to call when we've been in an accident. We will always need someone to call. And police officers will always answer the call.

You see we need each other. Police officers cannot do this job without you. We are all in this together.



Chief Scott Engle began his career in law enforcement in his hometown of Sumner with the Sumner Police Department in April of 1998. Chief Engle made a lateral move to the Puyallup Police Department in 2001. Chief Engle was promoted to Sergeant in 2006 and later to Lieutenant/Captain in 2009. Chief Engle was appointed as the Interim Chief of Police in January 2018 and was named the 28th Chief of the Puyallup Police Department in March 2018.



You see we need each other. Police officers cannot do this job without you. We are all in this together.

I believe in our police officers. I stand with them 100%. They work in a profession that most will never understand and never could do. Police families this past year have been put through some of the most unbelievable and stressful times I have ever seen in my career. It used to be that people saw a police car in their neighborhood as a sense of safety. Unfortunately we are living in a world now where police officers are worried about their own homes. And that's just the honest truth.

We cannot live in a society where everyone gets to do whatever they want without any rules. Without any accountability. We must live in a world with respect for all, civility towards all, and responsibility. And if not someone will answer the call and that will be police officers trying to serve and protect as best they can.

For me and my family I will continue to pray for our police officers and their families. For our country. For our community. For our leaders. For respect for all. For civility for all. And for responsibility.

United We Stand. Divided We Will Fall.



Seniors Beware!

Scammers Scam. It's What They Do.

Just what you need. With COVID running amok, the economy going downhill fast, murder hornets on the loose and Lodge closed until further notice, we now have scammers scamming. Example, see article by RW Clint Brown from Grand Lodge on the latest baloney people are trying to pull.

More recently, I received an email message from a friend saying he was ill and would I do him a favor and get a Google gift card for \$200.00 for him. This message was totally out of character for him, so I called him and verified his account had been hacked.

The sad truth is that many senior citizens are sitting ducks for online fraud and identity theft. Americans over 60 lost a jaw-dropping \$650 million to online fraud in 2018—and cyber crimes directed toward elders have increased by 400 percent in the last handful of years, according to the [Aspen Institute's Tech Policy Hub](#). Seniors are targeted because they tend to be more trusting and considerate, often own assets like a home or a car, and are likely to have good credit, [according to the FBI](#).

Scammers come from all angles—via email, text, social media, and even by phone. “Oftentimes [seniors are] very amenable to having a phone conversation with someone who sounds like they're from a social service agency or the Internal Revenue Service,” says cybersecurity expert Adam Levin, founder of [Cyberscout](#) and author of [‘Swiped: How to Protect Yourself in a World Full of Scammers, Phishers, and Identity Thieves.’](#)



It's important to remember that [the IRS will never call you on the phone](#). Beyond that, we've compiled a list of five of crucial ways for seniors to protect themselves from online fraud—plus, the software tools that will keep your most sensitive information under wraps.

Kristine Solomon from Yahoo News offers this advice:

1. When it comes to Covid-related information, be selective of your sources.

Fraudsters prey on fear and uncertainty, says Levin, so it's no surprise that Covid-related scams have been skyrocketing—and the most vulnerable group, people age 62 and older, are in the crosshairs, [says the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau](#). Scammers might pose as contact tracers, but ask for inappropriate things like payment or your social security number, or encourage you to click on phishing links or download malware-laced files, [the FTC warns](#). They'll also send malicious links via email while posing as the CDC or WHO or serve ads for COVID home test kits that never actually arrive after you purchase them online.

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Scammers Scam. It's what they do

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2. Review your health statements closely—medical identity theft is real.

We all know how pricey healthcare can be—and so do scammers. That's why they look to use your name and private personal information to visit doctors, have procedures done, get prescriptions filled, and even file claims with your health insurance provider, [says the FTC](#).

"A lot of people, because of medical identity theft, have had enormous financial issues and credit issues because someone stole their identity and used it for medical treatments and appointments," Levin told Yahoo Life. In the worst case scenario, victims of medical identity theft reach their benefits limit and run out of coverage or are on the hook for hefty medical bills. The FTC warns to read your Explanation of Benefits closely to catch any claims or debt that aren't yours, so you can request corrections as quickly as possible.

3. If your grandchild is asking for money over the phone, hang up.

The panicked phone call sounds so authentic. "Grandma, I have COVID and I'm in the hospital. Please wire me money." But it's not actually your grandchild—it's a stranger tugging at your heartstrings in an attempt to reach your purse strings. The grandparent scam has been around for ages but in the midst of a pandemic, people are way more likely to fall for a hoax that involves a family member in crisis, [according to the FTC](#).

Levin says the phone scammer will use either a boy's or a girl's voice and test their luck. "They won't say their name when they call. They'll just say, 'Grandma,' and the grandparents will instinctively say grandchild's name," he added. "Now the scammer knows the name they can use."



4. If "tech support" reaches out to you unsolicited, they're probably scammers.

Computers that are slow as molasses and smartphones that freeze and crash have become common irritations of everyday life. We all need tech support from time to time, and scammers capitalize on the frustration and desperation of it all.

"Technology scams have been moving around over the years, but in particular they've increased because so many people are working from home," Levin told Yahoo Life. "A lot of seniors have fallen for what's called the technology scam. That's where you get a call for someone representing themselves to be from Apple or Microsoft saying that they've noticed that there's a particular problem with your computer. If you could just go to this particular site and click on this link, they'll get into your computer."

5. Don't befriend strangers online—and if you do, verify their identity.

It's tempting to connect with interesting strangers on the internet, but senior citizens are a prime target for catphishers. "Scammers can see by their social media posts that they're lonely," says Levin. He says catphishers scan elder Americans' social media profiles for information about their interests, too.



*A warning from
RW Clint Brown
Grand Secretary
Grand Lodge of
Washington F&AM*

Scam Alert from Grand Lodge

The issues that many people are facing during the COVID-19 pandemic are serious and heartbreaking. Many people have been forced out of work and are facing very difficult times. Most of the people who contact our Masonic Lodges and Brethren are legitimately in need of assistance.

However, it has been brought to my attention that there are a small minority of individuals who are claiming to either be Masons or have Masonic ties, either through family or one of the many Masonic bodies, who are simply trying to steal money from the Masonic Lodges and Brethren.

My office received a call on Friday from a man who claimed to be a Mason from Florida, living in Washington and asking for assistance. The Grand Lodge of Florida has no record of him ever being a Mason in Florida. I also received a message from Idaho over the weekend about a woman, known to the Lodges in Idaho, who may be in the greater Spokane area requesting assistance and claiming that her father was a Mason. She spoke with the Secretary of the Lodge in Idaho who is familiar with this individual. According to Idaho, she has no known Masonic association.

This is sent not to discourage Brethren from giving to those in need. It is important that we remember our Masonic obligations during these difficult times. It is to remind Brethren to be cautious when approached by someone requesting assistance.

Every human being has a claim upon your kind offices. However, there are people who know the rich history of Masons and our generosity and will try to take advantage of that generosity.

If you are approached by someone who is seeking assistance, please ensure that they are legitimate and are not trying to scam either you or your Lodge. Feel free to call either my office or Washington Masonic Charities (Byron Cregeur 253-442-2505 ext. 110 or byron@wa-masoniccharities.org) if you have questions or concerns. We will be more than happy to assist you.



Calling All Corinthian Carnivores

This may or may not be a reasonable facsimile of a gourmet steak dinner you'll be chomping on if we get enough brothers to sign up for Scottish Rite by October 31, 2020. Bro. David Aponte has agreed to cook a steak dinner for the Lodge that generates the most applications. You must be a Master Mason to join. If interested, see **MWB John Adamson**, **WBs Kyle Foster, Joe Einertson, Norman Ross, Bill Cooper** or Bro. Ken Woo for more information.



"Everything in Masonry has reference to God, implies God, speaks of God, and points and leads to God. Every degree, symbol, obligation, lecture, charge, finds its meaning and derives its majesty from God, the Great Architect and Master Builder of the Universe"



IN GOD WE TRUST





September Birthdays

Ronald A. Hale	09/01
Peter Lemin	09/02
Mitchell A. Thomas	09/08
Charles E. Noll	09/11
Clayton T. Sparks	09/14
Donald L. Davison	09/21
Jorge E. Comollo	09/22
Ralph G. Cristler	09/23
Christopher R. Lewis	09/26
Jeff N. Spensley	09/30

September Membership Anniversaries

Raymond R. Seegers (69)	09/13/1951
Gary G. Campbell (48)	09/14/1972
Ronald A. Hale (19)	09/10/2001
Joseph S. Einertson (16)	09/16/2004
Jeff N. Spensley (12)	09/25/2008
Justin W.B. Stone (3)	09/30/2017

*...to aid each other in
sickness and distress*

Sickness & Distress

Sickness & Distress – Masonic Outreach Services is Here to Assist

Do you know a Mason, Masonic widow, or member of our Masonic family who needs assistance due to age, illness, disability, or hardship? Maybe you could use a little help yourself? Masonic Outreach Services' Care Coordinators and Certified Senior Advisors spend time visiting with our clients to tailor solutions that help them lead dignified and meaningful lives by remaining independent or finding the right solution for their daily needs.

Please, if you know someone who can use our assistance, help them connect with us by calling, toll free, (844) 288-3531 or outreach@masonscare.org

Treasurer's Report

Bro. Ken Woo

We ended July 2020 cash flow positive at \$670.08 primarily from the Grand Lodge refund for the Leadership Retreat that was cancelled and dues payments. We had expenditures of \$416 most of which was from the brick fundraiser that was transferred to Temple Board. YTD Income is \$10,786.63. YTD Expenses are \$8,615.46. Financial Delta is +\$2,171.17 July investment income is \$2,101.00 . YTD investment income is \$10,786.63

Past due accounts dropped to \$297.00 which are dues payments now 120+ days in arrears. *If you haven't paid your 2020 dues, your membership will be dropped per WMC 17.13 BL.* 2021 Dues Notices will be coming out in the next month or so and timely payment will be appreciated as we base our annual budget primarily on membership dues. We accept checks or cash to the Lodge Secretary. Credit Card charges will incur a service fee and should be directed to **WB Bill Cooper** or **Bro. Ken Woo**.



Lodge Finances as of July 31, 2020

Assets Under Administration - \$79,281.01
July P&L - \$670.08
July Income - \$1,086.18
July Expenses - \$416.00
Major Expenses –Brick Fundraiser Expense.
Six Month Outlook – Masonic activity shutdown could last the rest of 2020.



From the Desk of the Secretary

WB Fred Docker

It is about time for the Dues statements to go in the mail. Please make sure you pay your dues before December 31. There are several who have not paid their Dues for 2020, and they will be dropped for nonpayment of Dues December 31, 2020.

Please be sure to send me any address, phone number or email changes. We are working hard at trying to keep the info up to date.

My contact info Frederick L. Docker email fdocker@msn.com, Phone 253-332-5341

News from Grand Lodge

My Brothers,

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

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

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

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

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

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



*MW Chris Coffman
Grand Lodge of Washington*

Many of you are unfamiliar with The Seattle King County Health Clinic's Vision Program which is an annual event.

My late wife, Lynn, was the coordinator for this project for several years. The February 2020 vision program was dedicated to her memory.

This year's clinic provided free eye exams and prescription eyeglasses to almost 1,100 patients. The free vision services were valued at over \$550,000. These patients came from areas far and wide, not just King County. Some of these patients had not had an eye examination in several years.

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Message from MW Chris Coffman

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Third, the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted many of our Brothers and their families. Some have been laid off or furloughed, others have become ill. The federal CARES act provided some assistance through the stimulus payments and extended unemployment benefits. There has been a prohibition on evictions for renters.

But these forms of assistance only go so far and when they end, the need will still be there. Following the lead of the Grand Lodges of California and Oregon, Washington Masonic Charities has created a new fund to help these Brothers and their families.

To donate to this very worthy cause go to <https://www.wa-masoniccharities.org/> and click on the donate button and select COVID-19 Relief Fund. Any amount you can donate will help. If you are in need of assistance contact Washington Masonic Charities at **(844) 288-3531**.

Our Masonic Reputation

Three times in the last month our buildings or past Lodge activities have been the subject of news broadcasts. In one case, the issue involved activities by a business that rented space from a Lodge building. Another, involved a Lodge Building being tagged with vulgar and racist language. In the third case, a Lodge honored a police officer at the recommendation of his superior. That officer was later brought into some controversy.

If any Lodge or Brother is contacted by the news media concerning anything related to the policies, practices, and positions of Washington Freemasonry, they are to refer such inquiries to the Grand Lodge Office, specifically R.:W.: Clinton M. Brown, Jr., our Grand Secretary.



Each of us has the right to make our personal beliefs known and participate in peaceful and lawful gatherings advocating for or against matters of importance to our society.

That being said, Freemasonry does not take positions on partisan politics.

We have members who are of every political belief. One of the great things about our Gentle Craft is that men of diverse opinions can meet and be Brothers where otherwise they would not have that opportunity.

Therefore, I direct that we shall not use our Fraternal communication as a means to advocate for political actions.

I have seen statements posted on District newsletters, social media and elsewhere that suggest Brothers participate in gatherings on political matters. Even if the suggestion clearly states that the Brother's participation is as an individual and not as a Mason, it is inappropriate to use a District, Lodge, or other Masonic communication channels for partisan political activities.

Lastly, I remind all Brothers that the Grand Lodge has adopted Social Media Guidelines. I encourage each of you to review them and apply them to not only Social Media sites, but also your use of Masonic Communication channels.

Remember the Past, Visualize the Future.

Social Media Guidelines

Grand Lodge of Washington

The Grand Lodge of Washington recognizes that the use of social media has grown exponentially in recent years and has a goal of supporting the appropriate, regular and extensive use of these communication media. Many Brethren regularly connect by social media platforms. R

Remember members of the general public as well as the Masonic Fraternity are reading your posts online.

As Masons, we must be mindful that our individual postings not only reflect our own individual character but reflect on Freemasonry across the Grand Jurisdiction, our nation, and the world at large.

We must be aware that our postings are a permanent record; therefore, our conduct with a positive or negative post may influence the world opinion about not only the author, but the organizations to which he belongs.

For example, posting a comment related to the Fraternity and then later posting a separate, disparaging comment about a social or political stance can easily be misconstrued by readers that your stance is representative of Masonry and all Masons.

Ultimately, because you are a Mason, your actions online should promote the highest standards of civility, morality and integrity.

A Mason is always a Mason and should always conduct himself as a Mason in all of his interactions regardless of whether those interactions are in person, or through social media. This includes compliance with the Washington Masonic Code and all of your obligations.

Social Media Guidelines:

A Mason:

- Should conduct himself with the same courtesy on social media as he would in front of the general public;
 - Should never use disparaging comments, obscene, vulgar, etc. when posting; including, but not limited to, graphics, photographs, video and audio recordings which may be referred to in your posts;
 - Must never post "ritual" or "tyled" information;
 - Should not use social media to obtain personal advantage in promoting political, religious or business activities by targeting other Masons; and
 - Should not use social media to contact other Grand Jurisdictions unless you are also a member of that Grand Jurisdiction.
1. Remember, all inter-jurisdictional communication is to be conducted by and between Grand Secretaries.
 2. Masonic pages are to be supportive of the organization and its members, promote upcoming events, discuss past events, video sharing and discussion of times of fellowship and promotion of Masonic bodies.

A Lodge maintaining a social media page or platform should always ensure a minimum of two (2) officers have all necessary usernames and passwords and are established "administrators" of said page or platform.

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Social Media Guidelines

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The Washington Masonic Code prohibits certain actions including:

- Discussion or other sharing of information regarding an application, background or investigation of an applicant for the Degrees of Masonry or
- Disclosure of how a Brother balloted on a candidate.
- Brother-to-Brother intervention should be the first course of action if something improper has been posted



If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the Grand Secretary, at (253) 625-7891 or at grandsecretary@freemason-wa.org.



“THIS TOO, SHALL PASS - BROTHERS STAY STRONG”

**THAT WHICH CAUSES US TRIALS SHALL YIELD US TRIUMPH:
AND THAT WHICH MAKES OUR HEARTS ACHE SHALL FILL US
WITH GLADNESS. THE ONLY TRUE HAPPINESS IS TO LEARN,
TO ADVANCE, AND TO IMPROVE: WHICH COULD NOT HAPPEN
UNLESS WE HAD COMMENCED WITH ERROR, IGNORANCE, AND
IMPERFECTION.**

WE MUST PASS THROUGH THE DARKNESS TO REACH THE LIGHT.

- ALBERT PIKE



Grand Master's Open Forum

Time: **Sep 3, 2020**

07:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84796619493?pwd=aC82VGpyL2tRamNKZ0pLZzBGUDhoZz09>

Meeting ID: 847 9661 9493

Passcode: 723016

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Masonic Education

MWB Chris Coffman Grand Master of Washington is featured on "The Working Tools" Podcast. [Click here](#) to view Part 1. [Click here](#) to view Part 2.

On August 17th, **WB Jeremy Yielding** will be discussing the Morgan Affair, and;

On August 24th, **III. Brent Morris** will provide an overview of the evolution of high-degree Masonry.

Simply go to [http:// Zoom.District13Masons.org](http://Zoom.District13Masons.org). The District No. 13 Zoom meetings start at 7:00pm. Additionally, **WB Jeremy's** inspirational presentation, "**Masonry in Troubled Times**" is now on YouTube, [https:// YouTube/xMoptVqXwjM](https://YouTube/xMoptVqXwjM)

Masonic Coffee Klatch Zoom Link WED

Every Wednesday 10AM coffee Klatch invites you to join. Informal coffee break with fellow local Masons:

Meeting ID: **934 4134 0436** (the same every week, unless you are notified otherwise)

Password: **goodbooks** (the same every week, unless you are notified otherwise)

One tap mobile (*use this only if tapping once on your mobile device is your thing*)

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Monday August 24, 2 PM Washington Masonic Charities: "Searching for Support Services"

Are you looking for support services for yourself, a friend, or a loved one? Do you have an older loved-one who is having difficulty living on their own? Our workshop "Searching for Support Services" will help you learn more about how Masonic Outreach Services can assist, as well as how to search for other support options. Learn the approach that professionals take to find support resources in a geographic area and by specific topic. You can sign up to attend and obtain the link to access by signing on to GrandView under My Portal/Seminars

Robert Burns Documentary

The great poet **Robert Burns**, was a Freemason and his works are still revered the world over. This excellent BBC documentary will give you a look at the life and legacy of the man himself. [Click here](#) to watch

Meeting Restrictions

Due to the current situation with COVID-19 and the dangers it presents, all Masons are still under an edict from the Grand Master to not hold official in person Masonic meetings. This includes restrictions on attending meeting of other masonic bodies where a Mason is required. The Executive Committee is working on a plan on how and when to get back to meeting in person. If you are in a county that is in at least Phase 2, there is nothing that prevents brothers from informally, no official meeting of any kind, getting together at their homes. It is extremely important to follow all current guidelines and maintain appropriate safety precautions. Informal meetings via Virtual Telecommunications (VTC) are encouraged. Although you cannot perform work from our standard work, you can do all the necessary business of keeping the lodge operational.

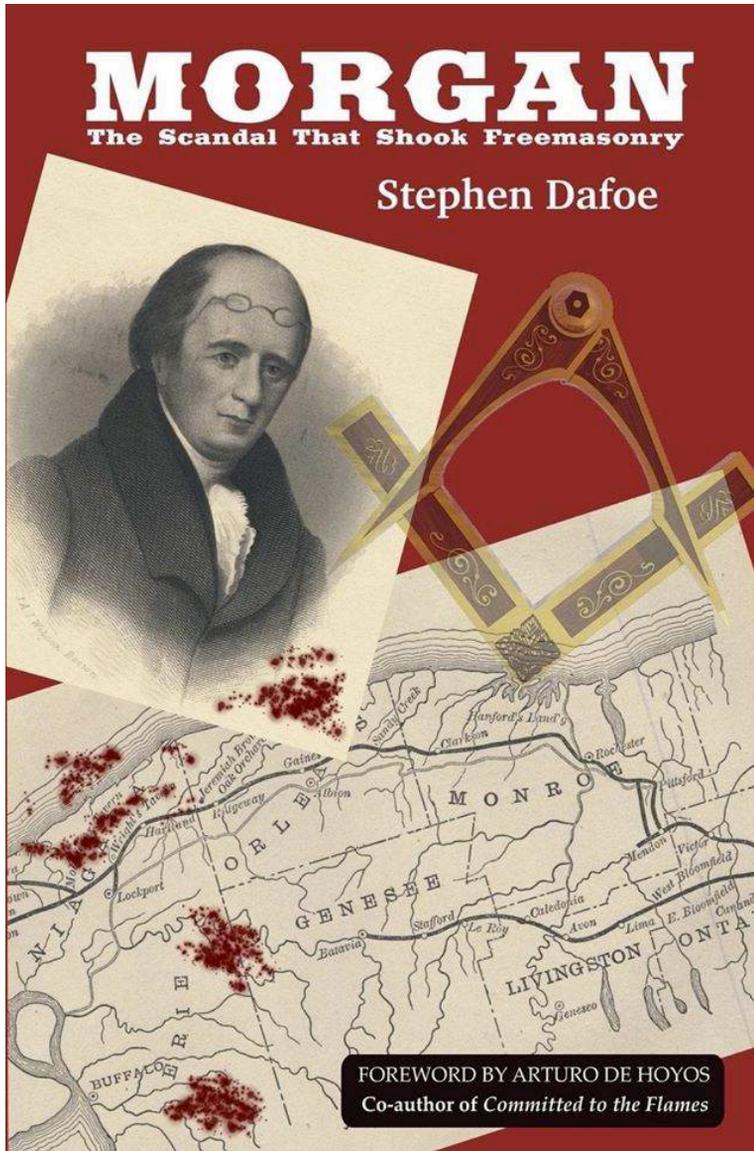
TV Commercials

I don't know if you've noticed, but KOMO-TV, Channel 4 has been running commercials for Lodge membership. [Click here](#) for the 30 second commercial, [click here](#) for the 15 second version.

Reach Out

During these difficult times, remember to reach out to your brethren. We could all use some conversation and personal attention at this time. Encourage your lodge to create a calling tree. Actual conversation could go a long way helping a Brother struggling through this difficult time. We all know Law Enforcement officers, medical professionals, etc. who are having a difficult time every day in the COVID time and times of unrest.





Education Seminar

Our guest presenter at our Monday, August 17th Zoom will be VW Jeremy Yielding who will share with us information about arguably one of the most seminal events in the history of Freemasonry in the United States, the Morgan New York Affair

William Morgan was a resident of Batavia, New York, whose disappearance and presumed murder in 1826 ignited a powerful movement against the Freemasons. After Morgan announced his intention to publish a book exposing Freemasonry's secrets, he was arrested. He disappeared soon after, and was believed to have been kidnapped and killed by Masons from western New York.

The allegations surrounding Morgan's disappearance and presumed death sparked a public outcry which led to the founding of the new Anti-Masonic Party in opposition to President Andrew Jackson's Democrats.

Even the most casual of Masonic historians will want to be in this Zoom Where it Happens. Please join us on Monday, August 17th, 7:00pm PDT, at <http://Zoom.District13Masons.org/>



Masonic Education

Masonic Degrees Beyond The Blue Lodge

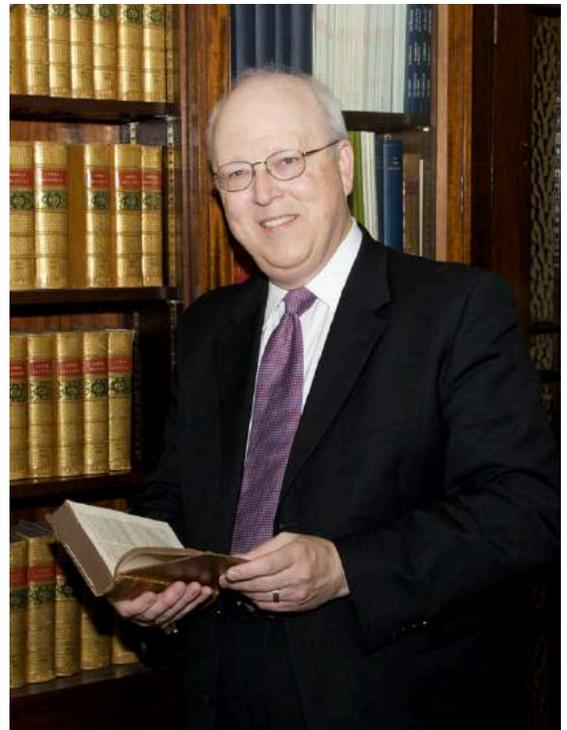
Degrees beyond the Craft have played an integral role in American Freemasonry since the early 18th-century. Join the brethren of District No. 13 on **Monday, August 24th** as they host Dr. & Illus. Brother S. Brent Morris, GC, for a presentation on the timeline of events and degrees that gave rise to the progressive Masonic orders in America.

This will be a **Zoom meeting**. You can access the meeting at <http://Zoom.District13Masons.org>. We will start at 7:00pm PDT.

About our presenter:

S. Brent Morris is the Managing Editor of the Scottish Rite Journal of the Supreme Council 33°, Southern Jurisdiction, USA, and editor of Heredom, the transactions of the Scottish Rite Research Society. He retired as a mathematician from the US federal government with 25 years' service, having also taught at Duke, Johns Hopkins, and George Washington Universities and has given invited lectures at over 100 universities.

He was initiated in Highland Park Lodge, No.1150 in Dallas, Texas in 1971. In 1979, 2000, and 2017 he served as Master of Patmos Lodge, No. 70, Ellicott City, Maryland, and in 2008 was the first American to serve as Master of Quatuor Coronati Lodge No. 2076, London, the premier lodge of Masonic Research.



*WB S. Brent Morris is a fascinating speaker.
You will not want to miss this event.*



Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and the meeting restrictions that are currently in place, the Grand Master has decided that District Meetings will be held virtually through Zoom until further notice.

These events are open, so everyone is welcome to attend.

You can sign up and link into the District Meetings through GrandView. Simply:

- Go to wa.gvsoftware.com.
- **If you have previously signed up to use GrandView**, sign in and go to My Portal which will be in the Blue Banner at the top of the page.
- **If you have not previously signed up to use GrandView**, go to wa.gvsoftware.com and click on Member Portal, then click on sign up which is under the email and password box.
- Enter the requested information and then click sign up.
- If you have any trouble registering, there is a short how-to video located on the Member Registration page.

If you are using a smart phone, simply go to the website and click on the Register button at the top of the page and follow the above instructions.

You can also call the Grand Lodge office for assistance.

Once you have logged into GrandView:

- Locate the My Portal tab and click on the My Portal tab.
- Locate the Seminars box.
- Open that page and choose which District Meeting(s) you would like to attend.
- Click the blue Sign Up button next to the meeting you would like to attend. You will be asked if you are sure you want to sign up for this seminar.
- Simply click yes. You will receive an email confirming you have signed up to attend.

On the day of the District Meeting, simply log on to GrandView, go back to the Seminars page and click on the Join Seminar button next to the meeting you wish to attend.

The login information for the meeting will pop up in a window and simply click on the link.

We will also be sending out the link via email about a week before the District Meeting.

Please make sure to mark your calendars and join us for the upcoming District meeting!

Here is a list of the upcoming District Meetings with dates and times:

District No. 23 – Friday, September 11, 2020 at 6 PM

District No. 26 – Saturday, September 12, 2020 at 11:30 AM

District No. 27 – Saturday, September 12, 2020 at 5 PM

District No. 17 – Friday, September 25, 2020 at 6:30 PM

District No. 18 – Saturday, September 26, 2020 at 12 PM

District No. 19 – Saturday, September 26, 2020 at 5 PM

District No. 30 – Saturday, October 3, 2020 at 2:30 PM

Your are not alone

Not Gilligan's Island

*Clayton LaVigne
Assistant
Grand Secretary*



As you well know, we haven't been able to hold Stated Communications in our Lodge halls since the middle of March of this year.

The ways that our Lodges have handled this shutdown are as varied as the Lodges themselves.

And while many of the Lodges and districts have had success in engaging their Brothers via phone calls, teleconferencing, and other means, unfortunately I've received phone calls and emails expressing concern that their membership, particularly their newest members, are losing interest and switching their focus to other organizations.

In one case, the concerned Brother was concerned about the members of his Lodge who are not yet Master Masons. I asked him if he or his Lodge has engaged them through electronic means, and he mentioned he hasn't, that they are looking to complete their degrees, and since that can't happen until the Lodges meet again, that there's nothing for them to do. I asked the Brother how the newest Master Masons are doing, and he reported that they're doing great. I asked if he or his Lodge have communicated with them since March, and he said "no" on that, too, indicating they already have achieved their Master Mason degrees.

My Brothers, most of our Lodges have outstanding degree work, inquiries, and new members who are excited to begin their labors as members of our great Fraternity. Just because our Lodges cannot meet in person does not mean our Lodges, or our Fraternity, are completely shut down.

I have been in communication with the Brethren of all three of my Lodges, and in fact, my home Lodge in Tenino even took up collection and purchased bicycles for the local school's Bikes 4 Books Program, and they were awarded at the end of the school year.

The school thanked us for keeping up what is now considered, to them, a tradition. My Lodge in Centralia had a recent Zoom meeting towards the end of July that had 20 Brothers in attendance.

I know of at least two districts that are holding district-wide Zoom meetings with featured speakers and education, and there's undoubtedly more.

And, of course, there are Zoom meetings that cover a much wider area that can be attended by Entered Apprentices and Fellowcrafts, as well as Master Masons.

When you come to think about it, we actually have more opportunity to visit with Brothers from long distances, attend educational meetings, and stay busy than we did before our Lodges ceased in-person meetings!

While I join you in looking forward to returning to our in-person Stated Communications, I'm also enjoying seeing what we have in store for us in the years to come. It's pretty exciting!

See you at the next Grand Lodge zoom meeting, and if you see me, fire off a chat and say hi!

THE MASONS' TOAST

UNDER THE TIME OF THE PANDEMIC

Our lodges are closed, our labors are dark.
No Tyler by the entrance door we hark.
The brethren are absent, some absent forever.
Sorry to part and to meet them again never.

Tis Nine O'Clock here or Nine O'Clock there.
We Toast to absent brethren here and there.
Whether them who aid, the poor and distressed
We wish them the best in these times recessed.

Until then, my brethren, your safety we entreat.
Until then, my brethren, hoping again to meet.

To the absent brethren!

g.a.v.





COUNTY VARIANCE TRACKER

UPDATED: AUGUST 6



LEGEND

- Modified Phase 1
- In Phase 2
- In Phase 3

Status Board
As of August 15, 2020

All Lodges closed until further notice
All county reopening's stopped by order of the Governor
Please wear a mask in public spaces

- COVID Cases in Washington state 66,139
- COVID Hospitalizations Statewide 6,206
- COVID Fatalities Statewide 1,755
- COVID Cases Pierce County 6,038
- COVID Hospitalizations County 683
- COVID Fatalities County 146
- COVID Cases Puyallup 355
- COVID Fatalities Puyallup 10

PHASE 2

WASHINGTON'S PHASED APPROACH

Modifying Physical Distancing Measures as we Reopen the State



HIGH-RISK POPULATIONS
Continue to Stay Home, Stay Healthy



RECREATION
Outdoor recreation involving 5 or fewer people outside your household (camping, beaches, etc.)



GATHERINGS (SOCIAL, SPIRITUAL)
Gather with no more than 5 people outside your household per week



TRAVEL
Essential travel and limited non-essential travel for Phase 1 & 2 permissible activities



BUSINESS / EMPLOYERS

- Remaining manufacturing
- Additional construction phases
- In-home/domestic services (nannies, housecleaning, etc.)
- Retail (in-store purchases allowed with restrictions)
- Real estate
- Professional services/office-based businesses (telework remains strongly encouraged)
- Hair and nail salons/barbers
- Pet Grooming
- Restaurants/taverns <50% capacity table size no larger than 5 (no bar-area seating)

Learn more at coronavirus.wa.gov



PHASE 3

WASHINGTON'S PHASED APPROACH

Modifying Physical Distancing Measures as we Reopen the State



HIGH-RISK POPULATIONS
Continue to Stay Home, Stay Healthy



RECREATION

- Outdoor group rec. sports activities (50 or fewer people)
- Recreational facilities at <50% capacity (gyms, public pools, etc.)
- Professional sports without audience participation (horseracing, baseball, etc.)



GATHERINGS (SOCIAL, SPIRITUAL)
Allow gatherings with no more than 50 people



TRAVEL
Resume non-essential travel



BUSINESS / EMPLOYERS

- Restaurants/taverns <75% capacity/table size no larger than 10
- Bar areas in restaurants/taverns at <25% capacity
- Movie theaters at <50% capacity
- Customer-facing government services (telework remains strongly encouraged)
- Libraries
- Museums
- All other business activities not yet listed except for nightclubs and events with greater than 50 people

Learn more at coronavirus.wa.gov



Things you can do to make someone's day.

Suggestions borrowed from Boy Scouts:

1. SEND A 'THINKING OF YOU' VIDEO OR EMAIL TO A LOCAL NURSING HOME — OR GIVE THEM A CALL

Take this time away from school to send electronic notes, images or video greetings to nursing homes and assisted-living facilities in their community. Many of those folks can no longer receive visitors. The first step would be to contact the facility to figure out the logistics of sending these messages. You could make a handmade card and take a photo of it, then grab a trusted adult and share a video greeting, or simply pick up the phone and give them a call.

2. HELP WITH GROCERY PICK-UP/DELIVERY

As long as it's safe to do so, you and a trusted adult could offer to pick up and deliver groceries for those who are unable to leave their homes. Remember to remain 6 feet away from others — and thoroughly wash your hands before and after.

3. SEND A THANK-YOU MESSAGE TO A LOCAL HOSPITAL

ER doctors, nurses and other critical care professionals can't work remotely. You can send electronic messages to these hard-working heroes. Again, be sure to find a nonemergency contact at the hospital before sending a message. We don't want to overwhelm these facilities with calls.

While officials say the coronavirus doesn't survive long on objects, it's better to be stick to electronic messages at this time.

4. CONTACT YOUR LOCAL FOOD BANK

With schools closed, many families that relied on schools to provide food for their children are left missing out. Find your local food bank and see what help they might need. If you can assist in a way that's safe, please do.



5. CALL YOUR LOVED ONES

Call, FaceTime or Skype your loved ones — especially those who are older and may not be leaving their houses. Ask about their childhood, their first car, where they grew up.

Additional suggestions from **30 Random Acts of Kindness to Brighten Someone's Day**. [Click here](#) to get to the site.

We are Masons. It's what we do.



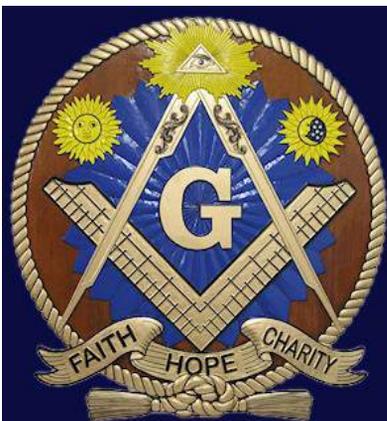
Corinthian Lodge #38 F&AM was founded in 1882 and has served the Puyallup Valley for 138 years. The Masonic Fraternity is the oldest Fraternity in the world. The Masonic Family includes Masons as well as organizations for women, couples, and youth. The Masonic Family provides more than \$2 million a day to charitable activities such as hospitals, youth scholarships, and those less fortunate than we. Masons are looking for men who wish to better themselves, who are interested in giving back to their community and in self-improvement.

Kyle "Coach" Foster – Worshipful Master
Bill Lowery – Senior Warden
Al Luberts, Jr. – Junior Warden
Fred Docker – General Secretary
Ken Woo – Treasurer
Joe Einertson – Senior Deacon
Richard Crane – Junior Deacon
Mike Herald – Senior Steward
George Sedlack – Marshal
Lee R. Webb – Chaplain
Norman Ross – Tyler

For story ideas, submissions and comments, please contact Bro. Ken Woo at woo98371@gmail.com. During this quarantine period, we are hoping to have a newsletter sent out every month. October newsletter deadline is September 15, 2020



The Square and Compasses is the single most identifiable symbol of Freemasonry. The square, to square our actions; The compasses, to circumscribe and keep us within bounds with all mankind. In many English speaking countries, the Square and Compasses are depicted with the letter "G" in the center. The letter has multiple meanings, representing different words depending on the context in which it is discussed. The most common is that the "G" stands for God. Another is that it stands for Geometry, and is to remind Masons that Geometry and Freemasonry are synonymous terms described as being the "noblest of sciences", and "the basis upon which the superstructure of Freemasonry and everything in existence in the entire universe is erected. In this context, it can also stand for Grand Architect of the Universe (a non-denominational reference to God).



In Freemasonry, the three graces are Faith, Hope and Charity

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