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Greetings from The East

Worshipful Master Kyle "Coach" Foster



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As some of you know, I have a place in Butte, Montana and am also a member of the Historic Bannack Lodge #3-77-77. The original Lodge was the first in the territory and then became lodge number #16, and soon a Lodge in Virginia City opened, and the capitol was relocated. The current Lodge number is unique as it relates to the vigilante code of the era. To become a lifetime member requires a one-time \$50 fee to help preserve the historical building and the state park.

Please see the link for more history if you are interested.

<https://www.bannack3777.com/3777.htm> or to become a member

<https://www.bannack3777.com/>

Bannack was founded in 1862 when John White discovered gold on Grasshopper Creek. As news of the gold strike spread many prospectors and businessmen rushed to Bannack hoping to strike it rich. In 1864, Bannack was named as the first Territorial Capital of Montana.

In 1863 gold was been discovered near Virginia City. When that happened, many prospectors left Bannack in hopes of finding the mother lode in Virginia City. Others stayed in Bannack and explored the use of further mining techniques.

From the late 1860's to the 1930's, Bannack continued as a mining town with a fluctuating population. By the 1950's gold workings had dwindled and most folks had moved on. At that point the State of Montana declared Bannack a State Park.

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Today, more than sixty structures remain standing, most can be explored. People from all over visit this renowned ghost town to discover their heritage. The Montana State Parks governs the townsite and surrounding area of Bannack.

Focus on Our Communities

As Washington slowly opens, please support your local small businesses, families, and charitable causes.

Brick Fundraiser

At Corinthian, we have the first order of 13 bricks being installed this week by yours truly, and I am excited to get those installed! As of now, we have a second order of 7 bricks ready to go! Our goal was 45 bricks this year, and we are at 21 currently!

Let us keep this going Masonic Families! If anyone is interested, please seek out the form attached to this newsletter. The lodge is continually appreciative of anyone willing to help mow or pull some weeds around the building, and again 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!

Zoom Meeting – July 16, 2020 – 7:00 p.m.

July 16th 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.

Zoom Meeting information:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74868144917?pwd=Uy94VWdqZm9FVEptVUFnUW9saUZnUT09>

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Bannack Lodge #3-77-77 in Butte, Montana. The current Lodge number is unique as it relates to the vigilante code of the era

As of July 8th, 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 would also like to commend the Masonic youth groups, and their advisors for the continuing work via electronic devices with their activities and making our kids feel connected in this difficult time over the last 4.5 months!

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

Sincerely, WB Kyle "Coach" Foster

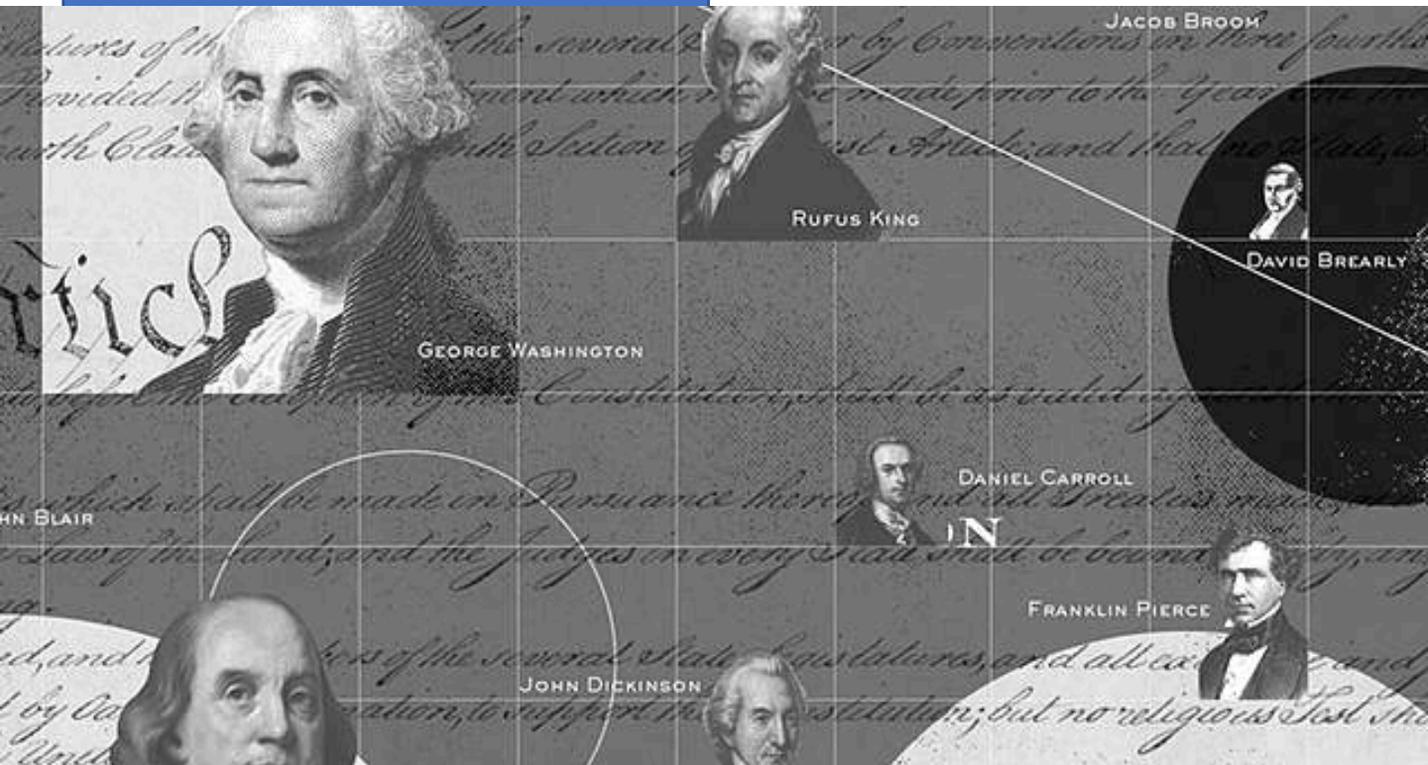
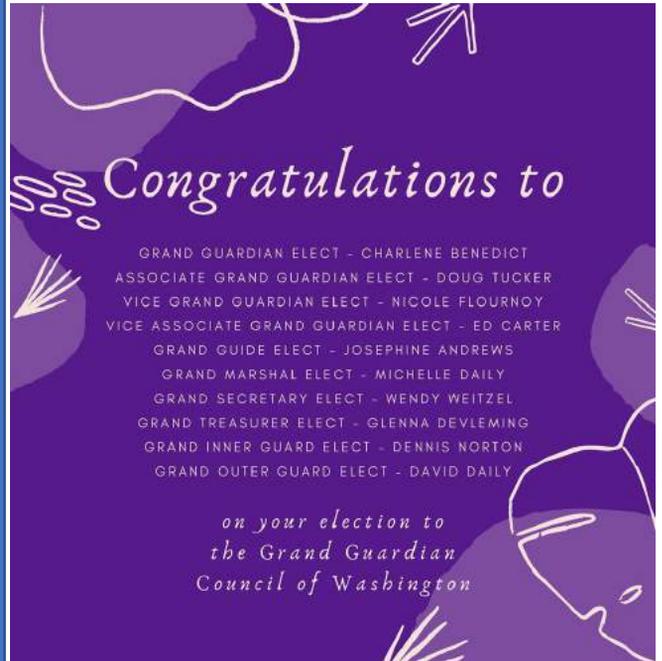
Corinthian Family Zoom Meeting

Time: Jul 16, 2020 07:00 PM
Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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Major Masonry Philosopher

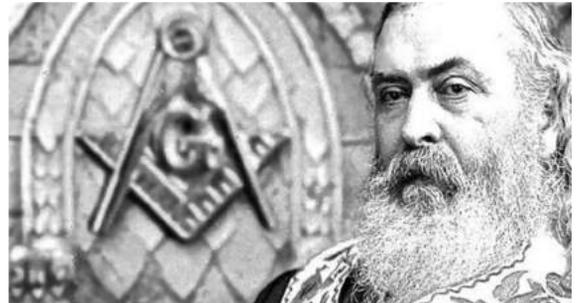
Albert Pike Statue Destroyed by Protesters in Washington DC

Rioters and protestors tore down and destroyed a statue of Albert Pike in Washington DC on June 19, 2020. Pike was a Confederate General with a colorful background, but was also one of the modern philosophers of Freemasonry in the United States. Pike authored more than 50 books on Masonry.

Pike was a man of his times who embodied the strengths and weaknesses of his generation. Freemasons acknowledge Pike's personal foibles and frailties, and revere his ethical and moral teachings. They respect what he accomplished, and see in him an example of a person who was willing to abandon personal prejudices on the path to self-improvement. Among his strong points was his pursuit of knowledge and self-improvement. Within one lifetime he seems to have lived multiple lives that sometimes overlapped each other. He was, for example, an advocate for Native American rights, an accomplished attorney, an author, an educator, an explorer, an historian, a military leader (Brigadier General), a philosopher, a poet, and a translator.

Masonic Historian Arturo de Hoyas told local reporters, "Freemasons did not want the statue to be a point of conflict, but that it was property of the United States, under the Parks Service. I preferred that it be moved to a museum where he could be understood in context."

Local media called it a "Confederate Statue," the presence of which was "painful." In truth the statue had nothing to do with the Civil War. It was Pike as a Freemason, in civilian clothing, holding a copy of his book, "Morals and Dogma."



Albert Pike (December 29, 1809 – April 2, 1891) was an American author, poet, orator, jurist and prominent Mason. He was also a General the Confederate Army



The Pike statue was located in an area called "Judicial Square."



The statue was hauled down, defaced and destroyed.



Albert Pike and Freemasonry

Bro. Arturo deHoyas

Grand Archivist & Historian

The most widely-encountered definition of Freemasonry describes it as “a system of morality veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols.” Chief among its objects is the pursuit of “light” which is analogous to “truth” or “reality”—or, to use John Locke’s language, “the knowledge of things, as they are to be found in themselves, and not our imaginations.”

This is no easy task, as Lord Bolingbroke reminded us: “A knowledge of things as they are, and a knowledge of the ideas about them, are extremely different, as different as immediate and reflected light, as relative and absolute knowledge.”

However difficult the task, Pike noted in the Secret Master ritual, “Truth and the Lost Word, which are Light, are within the reach of every man, would he but open his eyes and see.”

Unlike others Pike did not attempt to define Freemasonry within the narrow limits of a sentence or two, and his writings frequently remind us both what Freemasonry is, and what it is not. Thus, we read that Masonic labor is a type of worship (*laborare est orare*, “to work is to pray”), that Freemasonry is allegorical instruction, that it promotes faith in God but allows its members religious freedom, and that it continues to be useful in the world today.

In fact, by simply noting a few occurrences of the phrase “Masonry is” throughout *Morals and Dogma*, and by observing what it does, we gather a collective description of Masonic philosophy which very nearly defines Pike’s view.



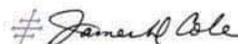
OFFICIAL STATEMENT CONCERNING PIKE STATUE

On June 19th, 2020 a statue of Past Grand Commander Albert Pike was toppled from its pedestal in Washington, D.C.

The statue celebrated Pike’s humanitarian successes and his leadership of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry. The statue was gifted to the people of the United States in 1901. Even though the Scottish Rite no longer had any ownership rights to the sculpture, this Supreme Council has repeatedly voiced its strong support for any governmental decision to remove the statue, because we recognized that its existence could be a concern among some citizens.

We can never condone unlawful acts; otherwise the foundation of our society would crumble. However, the statue has belonged to the people since we gave it to them more than a hundred years ago. Our prayer is that the removal of the statue can be at least a small step toward healing our nation’s wounds.

As Scottish Rite Masons, we prefer to step forward with our fellow citizens, consistent with the Scottish Rite Creed: *Human progress is our cause, liberty of thought our supreme wish, freedom of conscience our mission, and the guarantee of equal rights to all people everywhere our ultimate goal.*


Sovereign Grand Commander 



“We need no reminders that we are to respect one another, and keep our tongue when our words would do more harm than good. These are all just common sense and we all have those unfortunate memories in our minds when that line of courtesy and politeness gets crossed and damage to the craft and individuals results sometimes with unintended consequences.”

*-WB John Lawson
Grand Lodge of Washington*

Using Masonic Values to Promote Civility

I can't hear you while I'm yelling at you!

In various histories, the Tower of Babel is a symbol of man's incoherence to one another. It is captured in the Book of Genesis, in Sumerian and Assyrian folklore, in Islamic tradition, in Jewish history and others. The themes are similar where speech is confounded so that no one understands the other. This has created conflict and misunderstanding through millennia.

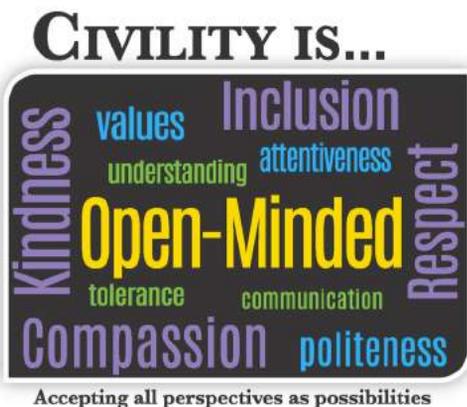
And yet, one would think we would learn from the lessons of time.

Watching today's Black Lives Matter reminds me of the ability for people not to hear or want to understand one another. The result is what you see on the evening news or the morning newspaper headlines.

WB John Lawson, the past Grand Chaplin of our Grand Lodge wrote in 2017 that “we need no reminders that we are to respect one another, and keep our tongue when our words would do more harm than good. These are all just common sense and we all have those unfortunate memories in our minds when that line of courtesy and politeness gets crossed and damage to the craft and individuals results sometimes with unintended consequences.”

In more gentlemanly terms, Bro. George Washington's Rules for Civility says “If You Cough, Sneeze, Sigh, or Yawn, do it not Loud but Privately; and Speak not in your Yawning, but put Your handkerchief or Hand before your face and turn aside. Sleep not when others Speak, Sit not when others stand, Speak not when you Should hold your Peace, walk not on when others Stop.”

It's a time of deepening political divisions in the United States, with people on opposite ends of the political spectrum not only disagreeing but many really disliking the other side. That dislike has been growing for decades. I was struck by this watching the evening news as it showed various Black Lives Protests from coast to coast. After a while, the noise drowns out the very necessary message.



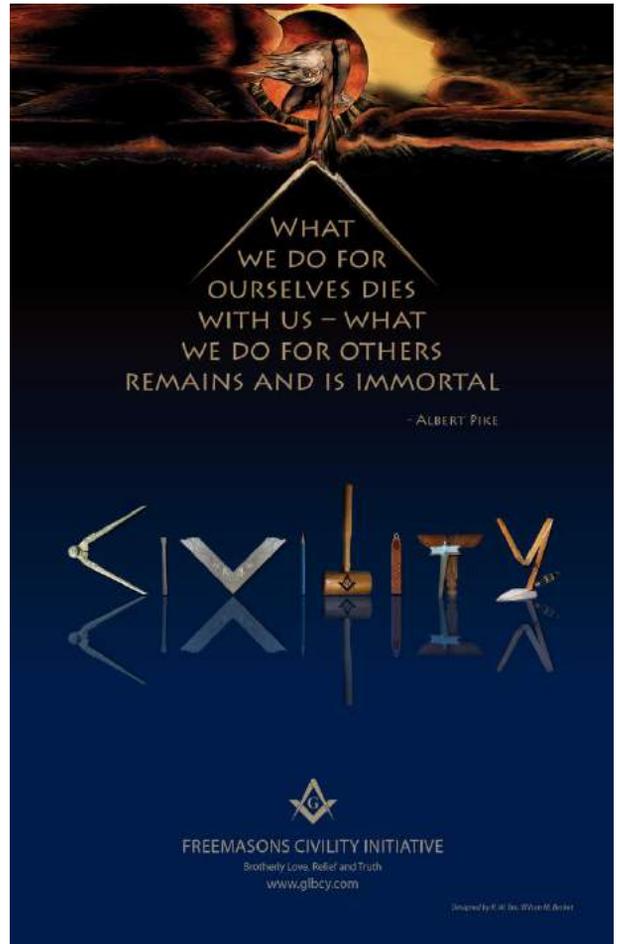
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Incivility is a major problem in the world today. Furthermore, incivility, often times leads to violence as we are witnessing almost every day.

A society woven into the fabric of American history, Freemasonry seeks to develop people through its central tenets: brotherly love, relief, and truth. Civility is the baseline of respect that we owe one another in everyday life.

Worldwide Masonry has begun a multiyear project on civility. It includes common sense reminders that include:

- Listening intently when others are speaking. Inhibit the “inner voice” from interrupting with comments such as “The problem is.....”, or “We’ve always done it this way”.
- Being Inclusive. Civility knows no ethnicity, no level of leadership, no forum, no religion, no generation, and no bounds. Being inclusive includes everyone. It is about leading and serving for the betterment of mankind.
- No Gossiping. Gossiping is one of the most hurtful behaviors and accomplishes nothing.
- Being Respectful. Respect has nothing to do with liking or disliking someone. Respect means you can disagree without being disagreeable. Civility is “Respectful Behavior”, Respect is “Honorable Behavior.”
- Building Relationships. Leadership is about building relationships. Therefore, being civil is especially helpful in this process.
- Using Constructive Language. Be mindful of the words you use, when you use them, and also of the words you speak through your non-verbal communications.
- Taking Responsibility. Don’t shift responsibility or place blame on other people. Hold yourself accountable, accept your own faults, speak positively, and respect everyone.
- You be the example, so that others will say, “I want to be like him.”



Someone once said that times like these always reveal that the veil of civility is thinner than we thought... but that the hearts of good people are greater than we imagined. In Corinthian Lodge #38, there are many good hearts that support our cause. Let us live up to that reputation.

You can find out more at masoniccivility.org

Being a Mason in Turbulent Times

Bro. Ken Woo

We need to closely examine ourselves and ask, are we doing the right things in these turbulent times as individuals and as Freemasons? Are we part of the problem or part of the solution?

These were some of the questions posed during a highly charged discussion during a Masonic Education videoconference produced by Steilacoom #2. Moderated by **WB Jeremy Yielding** and attended by more than 20 local Masons, the sentiments expressed revolved around the culture wars now underway in our country, the destruction of the Pike statue in Washington D.C. and the thesis that we should be doing more as Masons to be inclusive and more diverse in our membership rolls.

WB Jeremy reminded us that as Masons, we stand for enlightenment, equality and morality. "Our core values are being tested each day and we need to stand firm in our beliefs that there is equal justice under the law."

Most of the videoconference participants expressed outrage at the forces at work in riots, loss of life, property destruction and vitriol.

"Reflecting on what was discussed after the presentation, several themes emerged. We have Brothers in need of our support - we have to stand up for them and with them. We must remember our obligations and call out each other when we see each other diverge from our tenets and principles. We must seek to understand. It is natural and appropriate if self-reflection makes one feel uncomfortable - but that reflection heralds growth. Finally, reflection without action does nothing to improve the world. Be the man that you promised you would be, inside the Lodge and abroad in the world," he said.

I reminded everyone there are layers to the civil unrest. First, in the case of Seattle, there were clearly criminal elements at work that resulted in two fatalities, numerous assaults and one rape. Second, there are wrong-headed politicians at work who are trying to divide this country rather than bring people together. And finally, a next step ought to be involving our Prince Hall brothers into this conversation about what we can do as a fraternity.

WB Jeremy says "our nation demands we live our values. We must examine the gap between our beliefs and personal actions," he said.



DeMolay News

There is nothing to report from DeMolay this month.



DeMolay, the premier international youth leadership organization, striving to shape young men into leaders of character. By epitomizing timeless values, and accepting the challenge of leadership - both of character and of action - the young men of DeMolay transform themselves into citizens of the highest caliber.

Job's Daughters

There is nothing to report from Jobies this month



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.

Rainbow

There is nothing to report from Rainbow this month



The International Order of the Rainbow for Girls is a Masonic youth service organization which teaches leadership training through community service. Young women learn about the value of charity and service through their work and involvement with their annual local and Grand service projects.



The Order of the Eastern Star is a Masonic appendant body open to both men and women. It was established in 1850 by lawyer and educator Rob Morris, a noted Freemason, but was only adopted and approved as an appendant body of the Masonic Fraternity in 1873.



The Order of the Amaranth is a Masonic-affiliated organization for Master Masons and their Ladies founded in 1873. As in the Order of the Eastern Star, members of the Order must be age 18 and older; men must be Master Masons; and women must be related to Masons as wives, mothers, daughters, widows, sisters, nieces, aunts, et cetera, or have been active members of the Rainbow or Job's Daughters for more than three years and be recommended by a Master Mason. (Note: As of 2017, women without masonic relationships may apply for membership with the sponsorship of two master masons in good standing.)

Eastern Star

Naomi Chapter #13 OES

There hasn't been a Chapter meeting since February so not much activity. We did award two scholarships to high school seniors who are related to a Naomi Chapter member..

Recipients are: 1. **Gena Hamlin who is the daughter of Rhonda Hamlin and granddaughter of Warren and Judy Hartle**
2. **Mitchell Heeb son of Michelle Heeb and grandson of John and Sue Adamson and Ben Heeb**

--Mary Ellen Sparks, Secretary

Order of the Amaranth

As an international, Masonic-affiliated organization, the Order of the Amaranth raises money through its philanthropic charity, Amaranth Diabetes Foundation (ADF). Its over 14,000 members engage in grassroots fundraising events such as galas, auctions, bowling and golf tournaments, retail store collections and bake sales, motivated and focused on making an impact on this devastating disease. Each dollar earned is directed toward its foundation, which in turn supports the American Diabetes Association's Research Foundation.

The Amaranth Diabetes Foundation, the fundraising arm of the Order of the Amaranth, has supported more than 60 different projects since 2000. Many of these projects have provided critical research that have helped improve treatments and prevention methods, which are directly impacting people at risk for and living with diabetes. These projects have covered the spectrum of diabetes research, focusing on type 1 diabetes, diabetes technology, type 2 diabetes, gestational diabetes, pre-diabetes and insulin resistance, obesity, and complications of diabetes. The scientists leading these projects represent academic institutions across the United States.

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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.

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For more than 40 years, the Order of the Amaranth has partnered with the American Diabetes Association to support diabetes research.

Collectively, Amaranth has raised over \$16 million to fund research projects focused on making advances towards a cure for diabetes.

Information obtained from American Diabetes Association website:
<https://www.diabetes.org/research/research-foundation/amaranth-diabetes-foundation>

Grand Court of Washington, Order of the Amaranth hosts a benefit banquet and auction each year. This year we will offer the Auction as an On-Line opportunity for all. Many wonderful items are donated each year. Sports packages, travel packages, artwork, corporate donations, themed baskets from each Court in the state and much, much more.

HL Camille Lowery and HL Ellen Sumner serve as co-chairmen for this term. The auction is scheduled for late fall. Please consider participating in the bid process. Your support will keep Diabetes Research funding available throughout 2021. We will keep you updated. Thank You!

Rhododendron Court and Mt View Court are dark until September. Please enjoy the summer weather and stay healthy.



Senior Warden Bill Lowery

Message from the West

Bro. Bill Lowery

Good tidings brothers. I hope that July did not bring anything but quiet, except the perhaps the 4th, celebrations of summer events.

I personally have been focused on my vegetable garden and various tasks in and out of the house. I pray that everyone has stayed in relatively good health and spirits.

I expect that all of our newly obligated brothers will feel free to reach out to any member for assistance if any is needed. I hope also that you are continuing to practice the appropriate obligation, so you will continue moving forward in seeking the light of knowledge. I anticipate the need to hold many degree meetings after we are released to resume our get-togethers.

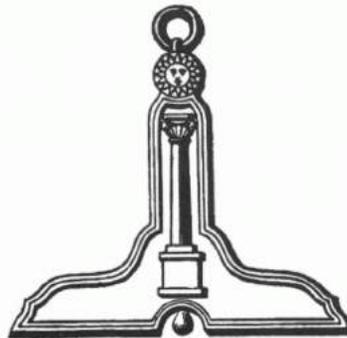
As always stay safe and stay Masonic in your dealings with all whom you meet, remembering that as stated in the closing charge, every human being has a claim upon your kind offices!

The Senior Warden of a Masonic Lodge is the second in command within the Lodge Officers.

In the absence of the Worshipful Master, the Senior Warden assumes the Worshipful Master's duties. The Senior Warden of a Masonic Lodge sits in the West (symbolic of the setting sun) and assists the Worshipful Master in opening and closing the Lodge.

The Senior Warden is in charge of the Lodge when it is at labor. His position is similar to a Vice-President of any organization.

His Jewel is the Level...symbolizing that all Masons meet on the level, without regard to social, political or religious beliefs or status.



This steak dinner has your name on it.



All you need to do is sign up to join Scottish Rite's Tacoma Valley Chapter. Scottish Rite membership is open to any Master Mason and is considered the graduate school of Masonry. **Bro. David Aponte** has agreed to cook a steak dinner for any Lodge that generates the most membership applications by **October 31, 2020**. In Scottish Rite, you'll learn more about the three degrees conferred here at Corinthian and what they mean. You'll find more light in symbols and allegories as you advance through the Scottish Rite degrees. You will join with other members of our Lodge who form the "Corinthian Mafia" of Scottish Rite Tacoma. For more information and application, see **VWB John Adamson, WB's Kyle Foster, Bill Cooper, Joe Einertson, Norm Ross or Bro. Ken Woo.**

www.scottishritewa.org/tacoma
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Our Lodge brick garden is starting to take shape. **WB Kyle Foster** laid down the first set of bricks recently and the second set is on its way from the manufacturer. Bricks that have been ensconced include those for **WB Kyle Foster, Ben Heeb and Bill Cooper, Bros. George Sedlack, Ken Woo and Bill Lowery.**



Other bricks include **Widows Sons, Ellen Sumner, Susan Williams, Michelle Heeb, Corky Heeb, Donna Hoffman, and Paula Sumner.** A second order is expected to be installed in the coming week. The brick garden is located at the base of the flagpole in front of the Lodge building. You can still order a brick. See our fundraising page.

Corinthian History Project

Corinthian Lodge #38 is now 138 years old!

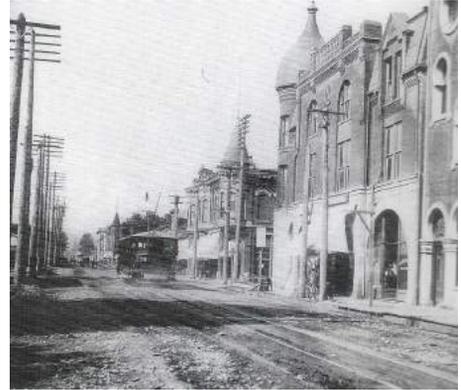
See how time flies when we're having fun? The First meeting of Corinthian #38 on January 21, 1882 was to adopt by-laws; 8 petitions were received. 11 were initiated, 4 passed and raised, 1 was affiliated, 2 lost by death. The name Corinthian was chosen because it is one of the five principal orders in Architecture. The Lodge met at the old Odd Fellows Hall in downtown Puyallup, which no longer exists.

We were granted our charter by the Grand Lodge of Washington on June 9, 1882. We were sponsored by Tacoma Lodge #22. For many years, Corinthian members were the cornerstone of civic life, spawning nine mayors, five city clerks, seven city attorneys, six police chiefs, three judges and numerous members of the City Council. Lodge Brethren also were responsible for the Western Washington Fair Association, which became the largest fair in the Pacific Northwest. On September, 1932 Bro. Franklin D. Roosevelt (Harmony Lodge #1) visited Puyallup to attend The Fair.

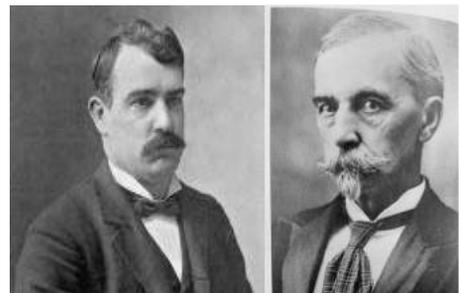
The most prominent civic member during this time was John R. Rogers who served as Washington's Governor from 1897-1901. John Rankin Rogers (September 4, 1838 – December 26, 1901) was the third Governor of the state of Washington. Elected as a member of the People's Party before switching his affiliation to the Democratic Party, Rogers was elected to two consecutive terms in 1896 and 1900, but died before completing his fifth year in office. Rogers High School in Puyallup is named after him. Bro. Rogers is interred at Woodbine Cemetery.

In 1899, William Morris Seeman was elected Master of Corinthian Lodge, the first of three terms. He was later elected Grand Master – Grand Lodge of Washington F&AM. Seeman was an accountant at Western State Hospital. He joined Corinthian in 1883 and served three years as Master of the Lodge. Moved to California in 1902 and demitted from The Lodge in 1911, passing the following year 1912. There is little other information on the biography of MW William Seeman.

This is an ongoing column marking the history of Corinthian Lodge.



Downtown Puyallup circa 1880



William Seeman (left) and John R. Rogers (right)



FDR at Puyallup Fair 1932

Member Profiles

Warren Hartle

By WB Fred Docker

Warren, his brother Bill, and sister Waunita were born on November 15, 1937 at Tacoma General Hospital. He went all through school in Puyallup graduating in 1955 from Puyallup High School. He went to Bates Vocational School and then went to work at Boeing. In 1960 he married Judy and they had two children a daughter, Rhonda, and a son Robert. They are proud grandparents of three grandsons and one granddaughter.



In 1963 he went to work for the Puyallup Police Department. While on the police department he was assigned to take care of an old hermit women named Sarah. Sarah lived up by Woodbine Cemetery in an old shack that had dirt floors and one water pipe in the middle of the room that was her kitchen. He would do her shopping for when her checks came in and picked up her "mikey twist" tobacco from Beall's Drug store. He took care of her for several years and if you want to hear some of his experiences with Old Sarah be sure to ask him about her.

He was also involved in the Cops & Kids program and took several boys to camp for several years. This program was for kids that were starting to head down the wrong path and they were referred to the program by school counselors and then they were paired with police officers who would be willing to donate their time mentoring them.

From that he became Puyallup Police department's Juvenile officer, which was another opportunity for him work with the schools in the Puyallup District giving talks in classrooms on many subjects but mostly on staying out of trouble and avoiding drug use. He also gave his drug talks to PTA's, Church groups etc. He had many interesting experiences while on the department and is willing to share stories if asked. He retired from Puyallup after thirty -one years. But, after awhile he decided to go back to work and he became a Kitsap County court security and worked there for another eight years.

Warren is a people person and has done many things in his lifetime coaching kids bowling, taking his Mom and her friends to Orting for senior lunches once a week, taking neighborhood kids to the park and is now volunteering at the Puyallup Senior Center four days a week organizing pinochle games.

He is also a member of Corinthian Lodge, Steilacoom Lodge, two Amaranth Courts, two Eastern Star Chapters, of which he has been Worthy Patron 22 times, and White Shrine of Jerusalem. He helped reorganize the Puyallup DeMolay Chapter, was Rainbow Dad and on the Rainbow Board in Puyallup for many years and Associate Guardian for Bethel 30 Job's Daughters. Warren also was a caregiver to Bill, one of our neighbors, for many years taking dinners to him every night, Dr.'s appointments and helping him take care of his yard and house when needed. Warren lives by the oath he took when he became a Mason.

He likes old cars, he has a 1951 Rambler convertible, planes, and history. So, if you want to hear stories about his experiences in his many endeavors just ask him.

Editor's Note: Bro. Warren is also a Master Orator and has performed many ritual lectures over the years.

Four Years of Mr. Bill

WM Bill Cooper on Flexible Leadership

Editor's Note: For the past four years, WB Bill Cooper has served as the Master of Corinthian Lodge. His journey to this leadership role started at Phoenix Lodge.

I was asked to provide an account of my time in the Line at Corinthian. Normally, it starts with the Junior Warden in the South for a year, moving the next year to the position of Senior Warden in the West, and, in the final year, to the East and Worshipful Master.

My journey began a bit earlier though. Just before I was installed as Junior Warden for Corinthian, I got a call from our District Deputy, who was concerned that I had been relieved of my duties at Phoenix Lodge in Sumner before Corinthian's Installation of Officers. I assured him that Phoenix does their installation in December, where Corinthian does theirs about a month later, in January.

The Masonic Code stipulates that a Mason can not hold more than one elected office at a time (For the most part), and he just wanted to make sure I was not causing any violations. The issue was that I was installed as the Worshipful Master of Phoenix when I agreed to go into the line in Corinthian. But it turned out to be moot as I had already stepped down at Phoenix before I stepped up in Corinthian.

VWB Brian Shields had just stepped down and **WB Karl Ickes** had just been installed as Worshipful Master, with **WB Jeff Spensley** moving to the West as Senior Warden, and I was going into the South as Junior Warden. Both **WB Jeff** and **WB Karl** were already past masters, so I really did not think too much about it. I figured it would be much like what I went through in Phoenix, so it would not be too bad, but as things would transpire, it could not have been farther from the truth. Fate has a tendency of throwing a curve ball that can really make one wonder about the decisions that they had made.



I believe the first meeting we did in January went well with all three of us in our proper positions. In February, things started to go in a different direction, as **WB Karl** had called and said he was sick and could not make it to that meeting. I think there was one other time in that year where the three of us were in our installed places. As it ended up, **WB Jeff** got work north of Seattle, so it made it hard for him to get to the meetings, especially when he got stuck working overtime, which happened frequently. Later on that year, **WB Karl** found out he had a medical condition which kept him from making the meetings from time to time. As a result, I ended up in the East running the meetings a lot more than I really anticipated, but when needed, it is our duty to step up and fulfill the responsibilities.

I really was not worried about it, though, as I just came off a year as Worshipful Master of Phoenix Lodge, so the ritual was still fresh in my mind as well as the Degrees, which I did a lot of over the four years. I did have to learn the quirks of Corinthian, because no Lodge runs the same, not that Corinthian is that much different, always just a few small things, but things regardless.

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During that year, we did not have any funerals, or anything like that, although we did have a few degrees. Other than the Line Officers shuffling around, everything went pretty well. We were able to complete some fundraising and have a few fun activities as well.

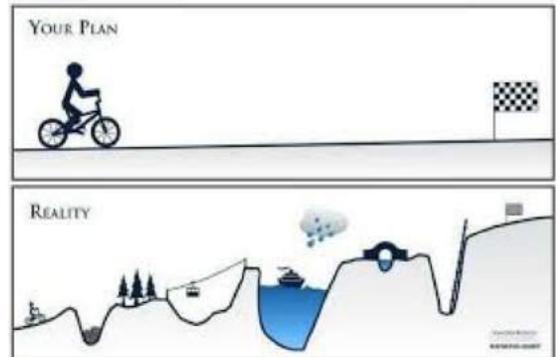
As we started preparing for the next year, we discovered that we would have another hole in the line after me. We asked the qualified Master Masons and the past Masters if any were interested in covering the gap, but we had no volunteers. **VWB Brian**, after much thought, decided he would give it another round, and so for Installation of 2017, **WB Jeff Spenseley** was installed as Worshipful Master, I was installed as Senior Warden, and **VWB Brian "Red" Shields** was installed as Junior Warden.

WB Jeff was still working north of Seattle, and so he would have to be late, or because of his work, be unable to show up to the meeting. This initially was not a big deal as **VWB Red** and I were able to find a Junior Warden to step in when WB Jeff could not make it.

As it ended up, **WB Jeff** had an accident at work, and as he had moved out to Renton, he was unable to get himself to the lodge meetings, although sometimes his girlfriend would drive him down when she was available.

Due to this, I ended up in the East again a few more times than I expected. Although, I was truly fortunate to have **VWB Red** with me in the line as he had no problem taking on the East or a degree, when I was looking to take a break.

In general, the year went smoothly, again doing some degrees, some fundraising, and even doing a few fun activities. Although at this point, I was starting to feel a bit worn out, but I knew I had a big year ahead of me, and so I pushed on knowing I just had the one year left.



In January of 2018, I was installed as Worshipful Master of Corinthian Lodge.

I had the year all planned out and was ready to go. **VWB Red** was installed as Senior Warden, and **WB Kyle Foster** had stepped up and was installed as Junior Warden. I was hoping the year was going to be fantastic. And it started out pretty well, at least I thought.

So that curve ball I mentioned at the beginning was about to get worse, at least for me.

In April **VWB Red** announced that he had been selected to become our district's new Deputy to the Grand Master in District 15. This meant that he could no longer be in the line for Corinthian and that the Lodge would have a hole the following year. **VWB Red** had a great honor bestowed upon him, and so everybody understood and were excited to have him as our District Deputy, although we were now scrambling to figure out what we were going to do for the following year.

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Flexible Leadership

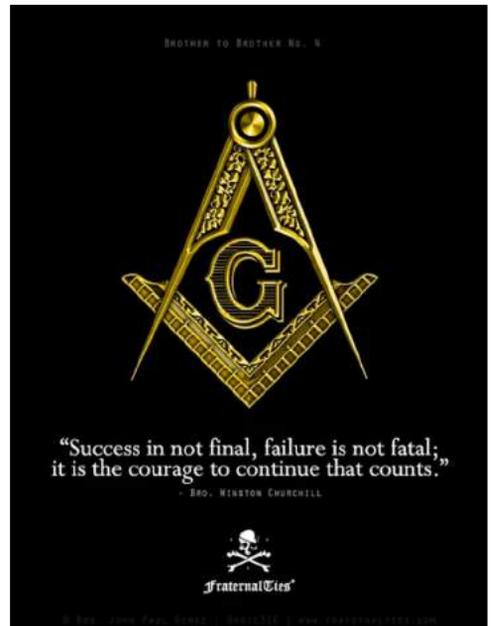
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After much discussion I figured it would be easier to just do another year as Worshipful Master of Corinthian. Not that I really wanted to, and I did want to go in as Master of the Lodge a second time, but this was not how I envisioned it.

However, as was stated earlier, we do our duty and step up to the responsibilities before us. The big reason though, was that **WB Kyle and Br. Bill Lowery** (Who would be installed as Junior Warden the next year) had not been through the line before and so it was not fair to them (especially **WB Kyle**) to put them in a position where they would have to rush the planning for the next year. So, I was reinstated for a second year in a row. It had been an exceptionally long time since Corinthian had a sitting Master be reinstated a second year, but it was done for the Installation of Officer's for Corinthian Lodge in 2019.

I expected to have gotten burned out about halfway through, but with the help and support I was given, I made it through the year. And it was a busy year, we started off with two funerals in January and had handful of degrees, as well as the usual fundraising and activities.

It was a lot of work, but I really had a good time doing it, even though there were times I would get home so wiped out I could not even think straight. It was a particularly good experience regardless, not that I would ever want to do something like that again, but it has not soured the position of Worshipful Master for me at all. I would definitely like to hold the position again, just not any time in the near future.



The Sky is Falling...Not

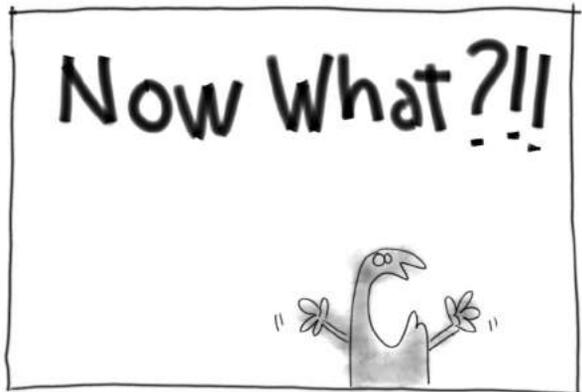
Bro. Maynard Edwards

Monday Morning Masonry

There's an old saying in my former business of news media: "*The Bridge Did Not Fall Today* is not a story". Essentially this is a reminder that when things go the way they should, it's not a story that the news media is going to focus on. Only when the proverbial bridge falls will it become newsworthy.

We are seemingly surrounded by stories of strife and division. The entire country looks to be tearing itself apart. It is at once sad, disappointing and in some ways terrifying. Except that isn't really true; we are simply overly focused on the negative stories the news & social media are presenting us.

It's no doubt that there are many problems in the world that are of real concern: from the pandemic to political upheaval. We do find ourselves in a period of significant challenge. But even with those challenges, most of the world moves along in relative peace. While we disagree with one another on particular issues, the vast majority of people in the world are good and decent and just trying to get along day by day. Despite any headline you might read, the entire world is not actually coming apart. Considering the bridge analogy, what this means is that today, a bridge fell. Maybe more than one bridge fell. It is indeed tragic. But the vast majority of bridges carried people safely across the water with no trouble at all. *We are choosing to focus on the falling bridges.* We need to acknowledge and address the falling bridges, while at the same time remaining ever grateful for the bridges that stand fast above a raging river.



I share this with you after having had a chat with my son, who is growing ever dismayed at the present state of the world. On a recent trip out to run errands I asked him to make note of kindness and simple goodness. A man opened a door for us at the dry cleaners. A truck stopped in traffic to let a mama duck and her brood cross the road. A young man working at the shoe store excitedly shared his plans to finally see his friends for a small get together after the lock down. An elderly woman asked my 6-foot tall boy to reach something on a high shelf at the grocery store, and she was very thankful. A clerk at the auto parts store let us into the stock and spent 10 minutes opening every box on the shelf to help us find a particular radiator cap.

When we chose to focus on it, we found simple goodness everywhere. People of every color and creed, just going about life as people do.

I don't say this to minimize any pain, sorrow or difficulty the current state of affairs may bring you. I say this to remind you that as a Mason, you have been taught that there will always be more light than darkness. You are obligated, like all Masons, to have faith, hope and charity in your heart at all times.. This week, I ask you to focus on faith, hope and charity. Focus on that goodness; those manifold blessings and comforts that surround us. You won't have to look hard. They are everywhere. It's all about how you focus your attention.

How To Talk To Someone Going Through A Hard Time

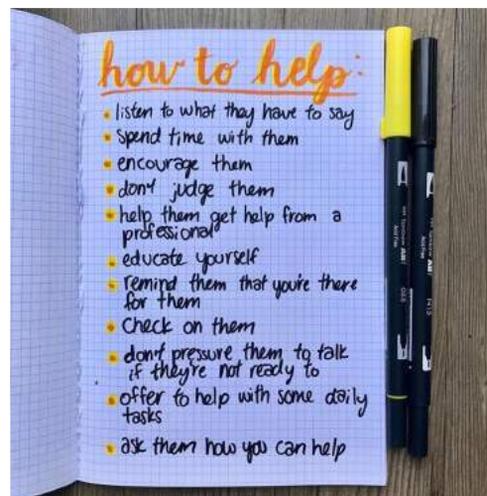
Life during the COVID-19 pandemic isn't easy for anyone, and there's a good chance you have at least one friend or loved one who is struggling with *something* serious right now — whether that's unemployment, loneliness, relationship problems, or illness or death of a loved one.

If someone you care about is going through a rough patch, here are some things you can do to show up for them.

- **Focus on them**
 - When listening to a friend in need, it's crucial to *actually listen*. That means listening to *hear*, not listening to *respond*. It's not that sharing your thoughts isn't helpful; it's just that it's so easy to dominate the conversation without even realizing it.
- **Resist the urge to say, "I understand," or to share your version of a similar-seeming experience.**
 - How can I best support you right now?"
 - "Do you want to talk about it?"
 - "Do you want my thoughts/advice on this, or do you just want to vent? I'm totally here for you either way."
 - "Would you prefer to be alone right now or would you like some company?"
- **Go easy on the fact-finding questions**
 - Asking too many clarifying questions can actually get in the way of sharing. Fact-finding questions can divert the conversation away from what a person really wants to talk about to what the asking person wants to know. Fact-finding conversations create a detached, clinical portrayal of the problem rather than an emotional one.
- **Know there's no shame in a genuine "I'm sorry."**

It's also OK to say "I have no words to understand what you're going through," and let them talk.

Courtesy Rachel Wilkerson-Miller, BuzzFeed News based on her book: [The Art of Showing Up: How to be There for Yourself and Your People](#)



Masons Care is a resource for help in these difficult times. You can contact them at <https://www.wa-masoniccharities.org/> or calling 844.288.3531





The Discovery of the 47th Problem of Euclid

The 47th Problem of Euclid was an invention of our ancient friend and Brother Pythagoras, who in his travels through Asia, Africa and Europe was initiated into several orders of priesthood and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. This wise philosopher enriched his mind abundantly in general knowledge of things. More especially in Geometry or Masonry. On this subject, he drew out many problems and theorems: and among the most distinguished, he originated this when, in the joy of his heart, he exclaimed "Eureka!" meaning "I have found it." And upon the discovery is said to have sacrificed a hecatomb."

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But, the Mason in search of light must solve the problem in the context of Masonry. How do Masons meet? How do Mason's walk? Lastly, how do Masons part? The level, the plumb, and the square provide us with the answers and simultaneously create for us the mental vision of a right angle triangle. It may be further surprising to learn that in the Lodge there is scarcely ever an answer as to the net effect of those three components as they may pertain to the product of our work in the microcosm of the Lodge and the search for Masonic light. That is to say that the hypotenuse of that right angle triangle is missing.

In the microcosm of the Lodge we meet on the level, walk by the plumb, and part on the square. How do we do this? By what formula do we know that indeed this is being accomplished? We are told explicitly through the application of the Four Cardinal Virtues, which are Fortitude, Prudence, Temperance and Justice.

In these virtues we have the immediate formula for achieving success in the practice of Masonry and in them we have the sum of the square of the horizontal and the same for the perpendicular. Is this not how a Mason may be known by his conduct? In practicing them how can the material aspects of man's existence be anything less than Godly?

If a person governs his/her thoughts according to these virtues, how can their thinking be less creative than that naturally occurring creative principle instilled in humanity at the very dawn of time. Therefore, we have inculcated in our practice the hypotenuse of the Right angle triangle or the Spiritual side of people inasmuch as these virtuous qualities cannot lead anywhere but to an emulation of the Divine. This is the light that shines forth in Masonry when a Mason considers the tenets of his Order.

This model has now yielded up to us the three characteristics of humanity, those being body, mind and spirit. We order them quite naturally from temporal to intelligent to spiritual. But, perhaps a real ray of light is the re-ordering of these characteristics in the exact reverse. Suppose that we considered ourselves spiritual first. Would not all of our thinking then be based on more profound insight?

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Would every Mason then not be fully absorbed in the pro-creative principle of thought as opposed to the destructive principle of thought? If we engaged only in pro-creative thought, would not the horizontal plane be less than mundane? Is it possible that we would truly be evolving instead of devolving in the muck and mire presented to us on a daily basis? Might we then achieve the configuration of an equilateral triangle, symbol of the "Perfect Person in their divinity" among the ancients, instead of just the right angle triangle? This is a thought that merits considerable meditation amongst the Brethren as it goes to the heart of Masonry, which is after all, what brought each of us to the Lodge in the first place.



1738 German Drawing depicting workmen using the 47th problem



The 47th Problem of Euclid is a mathematical ratio that allows a Master Mason to square his square when it is out of square. In the past, old wooden carpenter squares had one longer leg because they were created using 3:4:5 ratio from the 47th Problem of Euclid

The 47th problem of Euclid features prominently in many Past Master's jewels. Selecting this symbol out of the thousands used in Freemasonry to represent one of its highest honors must mean that it is a very significant and central symbol of the Craft. Yet, sadly many Freemasons, even many Past Masters, do not know why it is so centrally featured in the Past Master's jewel. Clearly the 47th problem is based on Geometry, and all Freemasons know that Geometry and Freemasonry are closely linked.

Masonic Education

The Rite of Circumambulation

To show they are duly and truly prepared to be initiated, passed and raised in the first three Masonic degrees, candidates for Freemasonry are caused to circumambulate the lodge, also referred to as a perambulation. It is fair to ask both why this tradition is followed and what it symbolizes.

The word "circumambulation" is derived from two Latin words; "circum" meaning "around" and "ambulare" meaning "to walk" and literally means "a walking around". Too often in our degrees it is believed that we walk in circles just for time filler or a chance to read scripture but the knowledgeable Masons knows it has to go much deeper than that.

Although the Old Charges give no evidence of circumambulation in early Craft ceremonies, as a ritual practice, it has a long history independent of the Craft.

In the center of the lodge room is an altar on which resides the Holy Book (or Scriptures). Early man circled these altars, on which burned the sacrificial fires which connected him to his Creator. Beginning in the East toward the West by way of the South, circumambulation was a part of all religious observances.

It was performed in the ceremonies of ancient Egypt and down through thousands of other ceremonies throughout history.

When the candidate first circles the lodge room about the altar, he is walking step by step in the same footsteps of every shade of man who has ever existed on Earth...each of whom have worshiped the Most High by this form of humble imitation.



Circumambulation is not a mere parade or "ring-around-the-rosie", but represents a ceremony of sacred significance, linking each and every man who takes part in it with the spiritual aspirations and communion with our Creator, sought by our ancestors, too, long before us.

Circumambulation teaches us that no single man...alone, ...without a true and trusted friend in whom we can confide, can always, unfailingly find his way home.

Masonry teaches us that we live and walk by faith, not by sight; and the understanding of that fact is the beginning of wisdom.

In life, as in the lodge, we must walk upright, in humble submission, trust our Guide, (our Creator), learn His ways, follow Him and fear no danger.

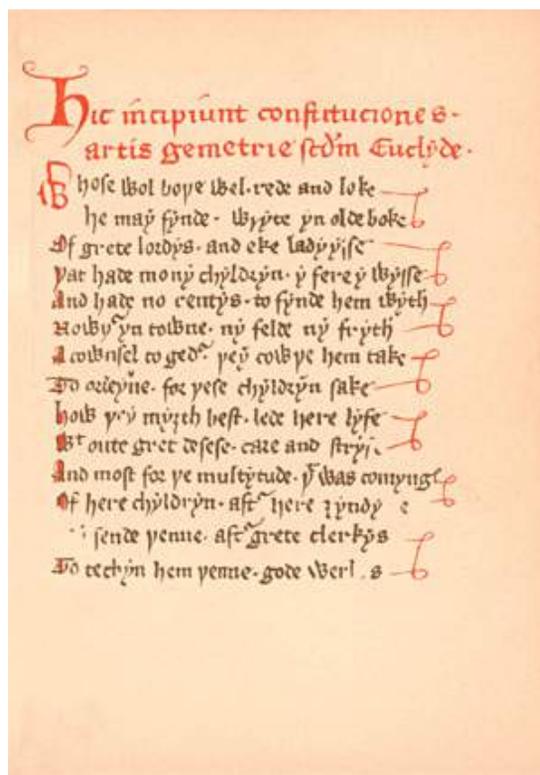
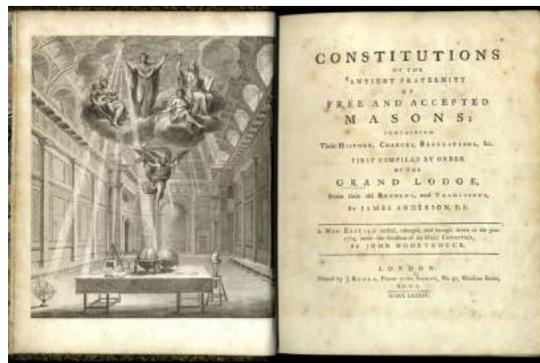
Origins of Freemasonry

There are a number of masonic manuscripts that are important in the study of the emergence of Freemasonry. Most numerous are the Old Charges or Constitutions. These documents outlined a "history" of Masonry, tracing its origins to a biblical or classical root, followed by the regulations of the organization, and the responsibilities of its different grades. More rare are old hand-written copies of ritual, affording a limited understanding of early Masonic rites. All of those which pre-date the formation of Grand Lodges are found in Scotland and Ireland, and show such similarity that the Irish rituals are usually assumed to be of Scottish origin. The earliest Minutes of lodges formed before the first Grand Lodge are also located in Scotland. Early records of the first Grand Lodge in 1717 allow an elementary understanding of the immediate pre-Grand Lodge era and some insight into the personalities and events that shaped early 18th century Freemasonry in Britain.

The earliest masonic documents are those of their early employers, the church and the state. The first claimed by modern Freemasons as the lineal ancestors of their own Charges relate to the self-organization of masons as a fraternity with mutual responsibilities.

From the reign of Henry VI to the Elizabethan period, that is from about 1425 to 1550, surviving documents show the evolution of a legend of masonry, starting before the flood, and culminating in the re-establishment of the craft of masonry in York during the reign of King Athelstan.

The Halliwell Manuscript, also known as the Regus Poem, is the earliest of the Old Charges. It consists of 64 vellum pages of Middle English written in rhyming couplets. In this, it differs from the prose of all the later charges. It is a long poem of 794 verses, intended to determine, in full details, the duties and obligations of stone cutters and masons layers to the Craft and Geometry. It is considered the oldest of the hundred or so Old Charges or Ancient Regulations for the governance of masonry in Britain.



The Regus Manuscript is one of the oldest Masonic documents in existence

Origins of Freemasonry

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It bears no date, but its turn of phrases and its contents suggest that it was written by one or even several scholars or clerks a few years before the establishment of the (Anglican) Church of England in 1534, as a counter argument to a statute of 1425 which outlawed the annual congregations and confederacies of masons.

The fact that it is written in rhyming verse makes this manuscript unique.

The context - The grammar and the style of writing indicate the Regus Ms was written in Shropshire and is consistent with the abandonment of the Norman customs at the court of England – remember in this connection that it was in 1361 that King Edward III decided to abandon his ancestors' Norman language as the official one in his Kingdom.

In 1390, the young French King Charles VI (1368-1422) was showing his first signs of dementia; in England the reigning king was Richard II (1367-1400), son of Edward of Woodstock, the Black Prince. The two countries were still at war with each other, in dispute of continental land possessions, and England itself was subjected to political rivalries that soon would cause the Sovereign to be deposed and imprisoned.

The document - Originally the Regus Ms was thought to have been written around 1390; recent historical studies have dated it in the first quarter of the 15th century. It was mentioned, in 1670, in the inventory of John Theyer, before being shelved within the Royal Library of King George II – who donated it, in 1757, to the British Museum, to form the beginnings of the British Library.

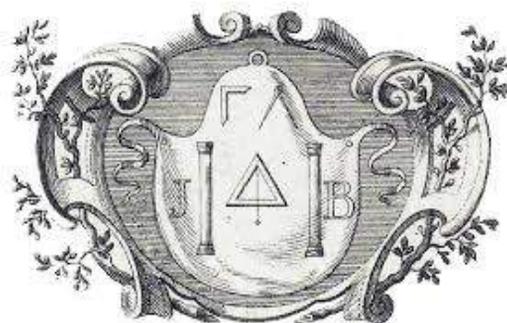
The Regus was first published in 1840 by a man named James Orchard Halliwell, hence its other name: Halliwell Manuscript.

Here is a copy of the document in [Old English](#) with a modern interpretation.

The manuscript was recorded in various personal inventories as it changed hands until it came into possession of the Royal Library, which was donated to the British Museum in 1757 by King George II to form the nucleus of the present British Library. It came to the attention of Freemasonry much later, this oversight being mainly due to the librarian David Casley, who described it as "a Poem of Moral Duties" when he catalogued it in 1734.

It was in the 1838–39 session of the Royal Society that James Halliwell, who was not a Freemason, delivered a paper on "The early History of Freemasonry in England", based on the Regus, which was published in 1840. The manuscript was dated to 1390, and supported by such authorities as Woodford and Hughan, the dating of Edward Augustus Bond, the curator of manuscripts at the British Museum, to fifty years later was largely sidelined. Hughan also mentions that it was probably written by a priest.

Modern analysis has confirmed Bond's dating to the second quarter of the fifteenth century, and placed its composition in Shropshire. This dating leads to the hypothesis that the document's composition, and especially its narrative of a royal authority for annual assemblies, was intended as a counterblast to the statute of 1425 banning such meetings.



What is Masonry?

VWB Robert Bruneau

Picture if you will the old story of the Dad trying to finish his work while babysitting his son; the son is active and Dad needs to get his work done so he takes a page that has a map of the world on it, cuts it up and tells the son when he gets that picture put together he would play with him. Considering the son had never seen the world Dad assumed that it would be quite a long time before the boy would bother him again. It wasn't long before the boy had completed the picture. Dad was astounded. How did you do that so quickly he asked? The boy said, I didn't know what the world looked like, but I noticed that there was a picture of a man on the other side and I knew what a man looked like so I figured, if I can get the man right then the world would be right.

Is that not what Masonry is supposed to be doing? Are we truly trying to get the man right in order to get the world right? One of our culture's most prominent lie is that there are no universal truths. Modern secularism is built on the lie that nothing is true for everyone.

The lies and false promises surrounding happiness wears a thousand faces, but they all have their roots in modern cultures philosophy: The meaning of life is to get what you want, and the more you get, the happier you will be. We have settled for this second rate imitation of happiness for so long it becomes normal. We accept the world's lies so easily because we live in a culture of pretense and lies.

It's time to reignite your curiosity about who you are, and what your purpose is, what matters most to you and what matters least, so you can start living the life you imagine when you consider the question, What am I here for?

We will eventually all rise or fall to the level of our friendships. Life is too short to waste time on social media, too meaningful to worry about what seems to be when that time can be use for what is and for living. People spend their time taking pictures of the life they wish for rather than taking the time to live the life they are passing.

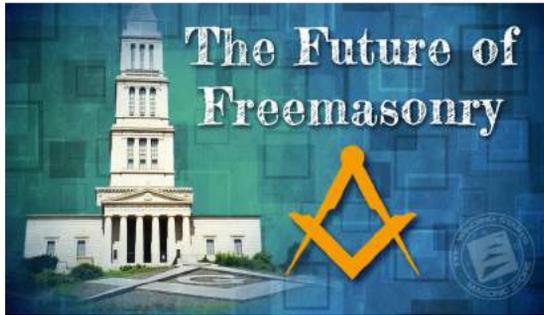
What place are we willing to give truth in our lives? We can continue bickering among ourselves about things that will mean just about nothing to just about nobody a hundred years from now, or we can heal and unite and fight our way back into the light of life

You cannot grow in character and virtue and not become a better version of yourself. Every time you grow in character you grow closer to the Creator. You will find that we are here to help each other, to give rather than get, to serve rather than be waited on. That is where you will find what it is you are seeking and hopefully what you joined the Fraternity for, the direction to improving yourself and your service to man and to glorify God who created you.

Life exists one moment at a time. Each moment can be a moment of light or a moment of darkness. It is the teachings of Masonry that direct you to make each moment one of light.

The world will change. It always has. The question is, will it change for the better? You and I, one moment at a time, get to answer that question.





Opinion

Something to Think About

There was a time where anybody who was anybody in the community was a member of Corinthian Lodge #38. Same thing with community events. Anything of any consequence, including the Washington State Fair had its origins or roots with members of our Lodge.

To be fair, it's not just Masonry that is asking the question; are we relevant in today's environment?. Organizations from Rotary to The American Legion, to Kiwanis and many others are asking the same thing.

Research shows between 1985-1994, the last year reliable information was available, community organizations suffered a 45 percent drop in membership. The Plumbline, a publication of the Scottish Rite Research Society published an excellent Winter 2019 edition asking the same question, "[What is the Future of Freemasonry?](#)" More alarmingly, this article quotes research from the Masonic Service Organization that says if present trends continue, Freemasonry will cease to exist as soon as 2027 and be gone entirely by 2040.

This begs the question about what we as a Lodge should do to sustain our local and State Lodge going forward. For the longest time, most Lodges exist from year-to-year with the annual changing of the officer corps and changing agendas. That's just how we were set-up, except for those years where the Master of the Lodge served more than the average 12-month tenure.

This question is just not here in Western Washington. The [United Grand Lodge of England](#) commissioned a 2012 study which is not as pessimistic but couches its findings in attributes that are especially relevant in today's post-pandemic world: strong affiliations, lasting friendships and the need to belong.

What are the roadblocks to sustainability of our craft? The first and foremost for any Lodge anywhere in the world is the prohibition of active recruitment. "To be one...ask one" is fine as a positioning statement but how is the everyday person supposed to find and identify someone in the Masonic family?

These are serious questions without easy answers. The first step for us as an organization whether we are part of the Lodge or one of the concordant bodies is to start a process of strategic planning. We need to identify who we really are and what we stand for. We need to articulate a mission statement that helps us reconnect with the larger community and define what value we would bring to members. In addition, there is a need to be more proactive to reach out to inactive or mobility-restricted members and widows.

Mostly, we need to find new pathways to recruiting and retaining new members within the confines of Masonic Law and culture.

Because if we don't, we will be dead by 2027

Support Corinthian Lodge – Brick Fundraiser



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 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



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

So, a lot of folks imagining how to get back to normal, and are asking a lot of questions for a post-quarantine world if it ever comes to it:

- Do you have jeans that fit a size 114?
- Family Night this week involves a pint of Haagen-Dazs and playing Monopoly with the dog. The dog cheats.
- Just read my Twitter page, it's all there
- Can't get my kid to mow the lawn. So far, he's won \$10 million playing Fortnite.
- Is it too late for me to become a Rabbi?
- Did I mention that the coronavirus was an April Fools' prank that just got out of control?
- Disneyland is re-opening. It's going to be elegant. Rumors are that Donald Duck may actually be wearing pants.
- I get to play golf again. Instead of "fore" I often yell "hit the deck losers"
- I never had COVID. I have this Ebola stuff. Plus, I have this rash....
- Is the movie over? Did we win?
- What is the golden orb in the sky?
- My quarantine routine was very simple. I wake up. I go insane.
- I'm going to miss my quarantine coffee. It's made of tomato juice, tabasco sauce and a secret ingredient and no coffee.



Major League soccer and NBA basketball are starting to re-emerge on TV. There are a lot of differences between basketball and soccer. For instance, in basketball, something happens.

The best way to watch soccer matches is to DVR them and watch them at double speed. That way you can see them not scoring goals much faster.



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In the U.S., soccer's popularity ranges somewhere between a Kardashian and people who give out Ex-Lax on Halloween.

The reason Americans don't get into soccer is because the scores are too low. They should make each goal worth two points, and then maybe let the players use their hands, and then maybe add some hoops and a basketball. Americans would watch that.

It's estimated that a billion people follow World Cup soccer. To give you an idea of how many people that is, take the audience of this newsletter, and add one billion to it.

July celebrated the 51st anniversary of the moon landing considered by some to be mankind's greatest achievement. Unless, of course, you count the time we put the cheese inside the pizza crust.

Astronaut/Masonic Bro. Michael Collins was the pilot that day. But he only got to orbit the moon. That's like being the designated driver on the greatest night of your buddy's life.

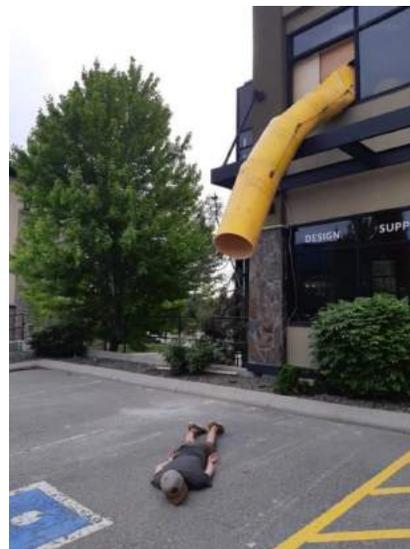
Little known fact: Bro. Michael didn't get to walk on the moon because he chose paper instead of scissors.

I can't believe it was 51 years ago, Apollo 11 left for the moon. I remember it — the whole thing was delayed because they had to go through Newark.

To celebrate at the International Space Station, they unclogged the toilet.

The toilet is a "zero-gravity" toilet. I don't know how it could be clogged, but it was. You know, I don't want to know.

Follow your dreams.





August Birthdays

Don Nau	8/5
Robert Collins Jr.	8/12
Robert McClamma	8/21
Robert T Horton	8/22
Justin William Stone	8/26
Ben Heeb	8/30
Scott Muchmore	8/30

August Membership Anniversaries

John Westlund (64)	8/9/1956
Warren Hartle (45)	8/21/1975
Charles Hansen (45)	8/21/1975

Sickness & Distress

At publication time, we've had no reports of sickness or distress. Please e-mail WB Fred Docker if you know of people who are sick or need help or support. fdocker@msn.com, Phone 253-332-5341

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

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

Treasurer's Report

Bro. Ken Woo

We ended June 2020 cash flow positive at \$273.54 primarily from dues payments. We had expenditures of \$500 all of which was from the brick fundraiser that was transferred to Temple Board. YTD Income is \$9,700.45. YTD Expenses are \$8,199.36. Financial Delta is +\$1,501.09 June investment income is \$1,086.00. YTD investment income is \$2,531.00

We also paid \$1,850.00 in Junior Achievement scholarships.

Past due accounts dropped to \$492.12 which are dues payments now 90+ days in arrears. If you haven't paid your 2020 dues yet, please do so as soon as possible.

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 June 30, 2020

Assets Under Administration - \$77,446.81

June P&L - \$273.54

June Income - \$273.54

June Expenses - \$500.00

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

Why are our EA' and FC's not advancing?

Outside of those expected conflicts that will arise from work and family obligations, they indicated that they were not getting the help they needed to advance. In fact, almost 60 percent of them said they did not receive any meaningful assistance from their coach/mentor. On the positive side, over 60 percent of them found the New Candidate Education Program valuable.

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

News from Grand Lodge

My Brothers,

Thank you again for having the confidence in me to elect me as your Grand Master. I hope to be able to live up to your expectations. I promise to do everything in my power to serve and protect our Gentle Craft.

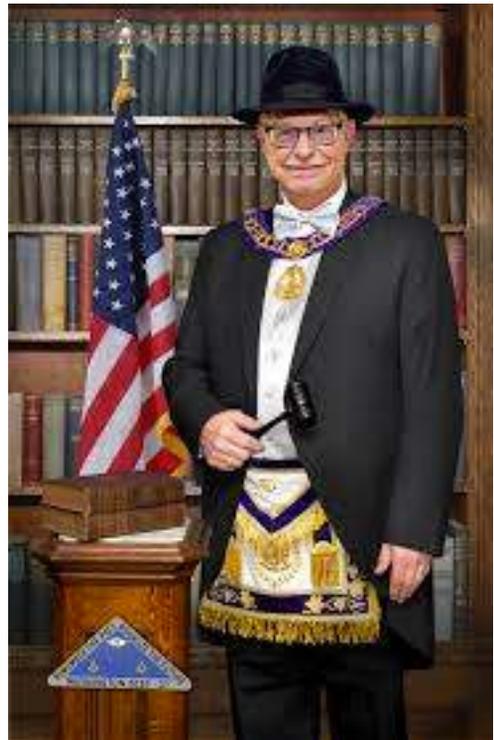
The start of this year is not anything like any of us anticipated. The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on all of us is immense. While we all wish we could meet again in person, it just is not possible at this time.

While we cannot meet in person, this does not mean we may forget about each other and our Masonic values. If there is one thing the last 4 months has taught us, it is that we can continue to practice Freemasonry. So, what do we do at a Stated meeting? We open using our ritual, we read the minutes, pay bills, vote on candidates, confer degrees, elect and install the following year's officers, and provide education.

Esoteric work is not allowed to be done via teleconferencing. So, we can't open Lodge or confer degrees. Both MWB Charles Wood and I have given the Lodge executive committees the power to pay bills and administer Charity even though the Lodges are unable to hold their Stated Meetings.

I believe in the sanctity of the ballot box and that black cube, therefore we cannot vote on candidates for the degrees using teleconferencing. Similarly, there is no rush to have a Brother prove up on the first or second degree if we cannot confer the next degree. Lodges are not required to hold their election of officers until December 14. Even if they usually hold their elections earlier, the new officers will not be able to be installed until the Lodge can open.

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*MW Chris Coffman
Grand Lodge of Washington*



SITE OF THE 164th ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

The 164th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Washington will convene in Wenatchee, WA at the Wenatchee Convention Center on June 11 and 12, 2021.

2020 Annual Communication

The Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Washington convened in Olympia, WA at the Olympia Masonic Center on Saturday, June 13, 2020. Based on the restrictions in place due to COVID- 19, the Annual Communication was conducted via video conferencing.

ATTENDANCE

The Credentials Committee reported as follows:

Lodges represented by the Worshipful Master	121
Lodges represented by Proxies	23

Legislation Approved:

To implement Grand Master's Recommendation No. 4 to amend Chapter 7 to agree with the modification of the charitable purposes of the Home Fund and Masonic Home Endowment Fund consistent with the agreement reached with the Washington State Office of the Attorney General

All other pending legislation was held over until the 164th Annual Communication in 2021 .

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

The Bill P. Horn Memorial Award was presented to R.:W.: Aaron Michael Shoemaker, Grand Lodges of Missouri and Kansas.

Mason of the Year Award was presented to V.:W.:Duane "Dutch" Meier and to R.:W.: Clinton M. Brown, Jr. for their exceptional service to the Craft.

Traveling Man of the Year was awarded to W.:Bryan D. Bechler for the many miles and hours he dedicated to traveling around this Jurisdiction. His positive attitude and warm welcome smile was shared by many.

Grand Master Chris Coffman Message

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This brings us to fellowship and education. Many Lodges and districts have used the pandemic as an opportunity to provide fellowship with Brothers throughout the country and world and to provide meaningful education. For example, Manito Lodge in Spokane recently held a Zoom meeting that included participation of over 100 Brothers from both our Grand Lodge and the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Washington and Jurisdiction. This was well attended and enlightening. Districts 8 and 13 are holding regular virtual meetings on a wide variety of subjects.

I strongly encourage all Lodges and Districts to engage in these types of activities. If you need help setting these meetings up there is help available. You just need to ask.

Keep safe.

Remember the Past, Visualize the Future,

Chris Coffman
Grand Master

Other Information

Leadership Retreat for 2020 is canceled.

July 21, 2020 - 7:00 PM - Q&A Meeting with the Grand Line

The Grand Lodge Offices are open but will remain closed to visitors due to the impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

It's Grand Master Chris' birthday, July 13. Many happy returns!



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July 8, 2020

Notice to all Lodges

On June 23, 2020, we held an open forum for Brothers to raise concerns, make suggestions, and generally discuss when Lodges might be allowed to hold in-person meetings. The discussion was both useful and informative and I thank each of the Brothers who participated. Since that meeting, there has been a general increase in the number of COVID 19 cases throughout the state. Additionally, the Governor has put a hold on any county moving to a higher phase in the Safe Start Washington plan.

After discussions with the Executive Committee and the Jurisprudence Committee, I have determined that it is premature to specify when Lodges can again meet in person.

While I know we all want to return to normal, rushing to reopen our in-person Lodge meetings is risky to our membership. I reiterate the criteria I am using to evaluate when Lodges can resume in-person meetings. They are:

First and foremost, the health, welfare and safety of our members.

Second, I have concerns that if we start too soon there will be potential liability or at least defense costs if someone were to contract COVID 19 related to a Lodge meeting.

Third, I would not want to see a headline on the evening news, local newspaper, etc. stating that the recent increase in cases of COVID 19 was tied to a Lodge meeting.

The Executive Committee continues to monitor the situation state-wide and when it is safe to meet again, we will.

*On July 21, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. The Grand Master will hold another Open Forum. Topic:
Grand Lodge Elected Officers Forum*

Time: Jul 21, 2020 07:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85465685329?pwd=OU5xOWxneXlPK1Bsa3ZRLlRzUyVswOT09>

Meeting ID: 854 6568 5329

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From the Grand Secretary

Brethren,

First, I would like to say thank you for re-electing me to serve as the Grand Secretary for the Grand Lodge of Washington. It is truly an honor to serve the Brethren and Lodges of this Jurisdiction.

Just because we are not able to meet in person does not mean that Masonry stops. The Grand Lodge office is open and operating at full strength. Our hours are the same and we are filling orders from the Lodges. While we are not currently accepting any visitors, we are more than happy to respond to phone calls and emails. Give us a call. We look forward to hearing from you.

The Grand Master and your Grand Lodge elected line will conduct another Zoom meeting on Tuesday, July 21, 2020 at 7:00 PM. The invitation for this meeting will be sent out to all Masons in the jurisdiction and can also be found on Grand View under My Portal/ Feeds. This is your opportunity to ask the Grand Master or the elected officers questions and to let us know about issues that you may be facing in your Lodge. I believe we have corrected the issues that we had last time with Zoom, so I look forward to seeing you all there.

I am planning on holding numerous Zoom workshops over the summer to work with Lodge Secretaries (and those who are thinking about becoming a Lodge Secretary). We will discuss topics such as best practices, common questions about the Washington Masonic Code and some of the new tools that are available to use on Grand View. We will also be scheduling different seminars and forums to discuss some of the issues that may be facing Lodges or Temple Boards during the pandemic. I will be posting information regarding these workshops on Grand View. So please watch your emails for topics, dates and times.

I have been working with the Research and Education committee to move the Proficiency in Lodge Management Exam from the Grand Lodge website to Grand View. This has been a rather slow process as we want to ensure that the test questions and answers are accurate. I hope to have the Proficiency in Lodge Management Exam completed and uploaded onto Grand View by mid-August or before. Once they are on Grand View, you will simply need to sign on and go to the My Portal section and click on Masonic Exams. We are also working on other Masonic education programs which when completed will be uploaded to Grand View.

Finally, I want to make sure that everyone is aware that the Grand Mound Historical Lodge, No. 3 Annual meeting has been cancelled. However, we would love to have you as a new member and to join us next year for the Annual Picnic and Meeting in Olympia, WA. A life membership in Grand Mound Lodge is only \$100.00 and petitions can be found under the resources section of Grand View. Simply send in your petition, check and a copy of your dues card to my address at the Grand Lodge office.

Have a great summer and everyone stay safe and healthy.

Fraternally,
Clint Brown
Grand Secretary





COUNTY VARIANCE TRACKER

UPDATED: JULY 7



LEGEND

In Phase 1	Phase 1 - Application Submitted to DOH for Variance	Modified Phase 1
In Phase 2	Phase 2 - Application Submitted to DOH for Variance	Modified Phase 2
In Phase 3		Modified Phase 3

Status Board
As of July 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 41,757
- COVID Hospitalizations Statewide 4,778
- COVID Fatalities Statewide 1,399
- COVID Cases Pierce County 3,312
- COVID Hospitalizations County 451
- COVID Fatalities County 110
- COVID Cases Puyallup 225
- COVID Fatalities Puyallup 11

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

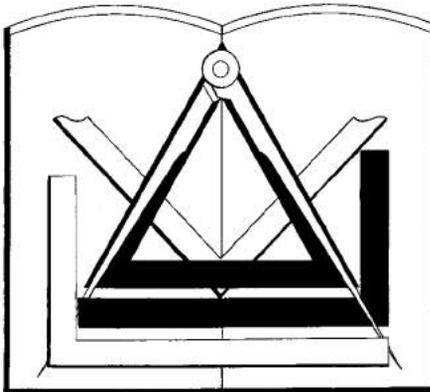


BUSINESS / EMPLOYERS

- 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

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Ritual Work & COVID

RW. Steve C. Martin

Grand Lecturer

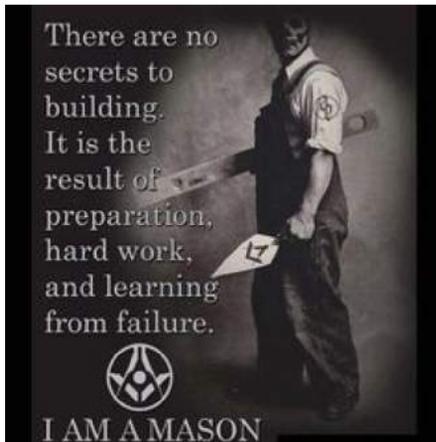
Grand Lodge of Washington

It has been awhile! I am going to try and get back into the blogging again. As Grand Lecturer I was expanding our ritual competition for Masons because I think good ritual work is a beauty to behold. I also believe most, if not all, of the lessons we as Masons need to learn and adhere to, can be found in our Standard Work. Unfortunately, with all the work and preparation that was completed by many of the Brethren in our State, COVID-19 hit and put an end to the competition. There was a lot of interest and a lot of participation, and hopefully that will carry forward for the new Grand Lecturer.

Elections for the new Grand Lodge Officers was held on June 13, 2020 and I was elected as the new Junior Grand Warden. With installation later that day, I was also installed in that position. With all of the Social Distancing, and safety precautions that go along with COVID-19, it was a very small event, with no more than 5 people in a room at a time. No big installation reception followed and the officers took some photos and went home. I can't wait to get back out on the road and meet up with my Brothers!

On that note, the biggest topic of discussions as the newest member of the Executive Committee is when do we re-open and how? We are still working out the details and doing our best to come up with what we think is the best possible course of action for the health and safety of our members. We are going to continue to be closed for the near future, but hopefully are developing a solid plan to move forward as soon as safety and common sense will allow. There is no shortage of opinions on how and when we should re-open, you get 10 Masons in a room and you get 22 opinions. In the end, the decision will be what is determined to make the most sense and least risk with the data and opinions that are provided.

I look forward to seeing you on my travels



Maintaining Masonic Facilities

RW Cameron Bailey
Deputy Grand Master
Grand Lodge of Washington

I received a call from the Master of a Lodge last week, explaining that due to the pandemic the Lodge had lost its major source of yearly income, and could not survive unless replacement funding was found.

As I understand it some of our other Lodges are in similar situations.

These situations are extremely unfortunate, but they all are the result of an irrational delusion that seems to have gripped the vast majority of our Craft.

No one in their right mind could possibly believe that a major building, perhaps four times the size of my house, could be supported by a Lodge of approximately 50 people, only half of which are actually dues paying members, while those dues are \$34 per year.

Around \$750 in dues per year, to support a major building. Can't be done. Yet far too many Lodges have convinced themselves that it can be done, and they have stuck with such an irrational formula for decades.

Lodges that try this manage to do nothing with their buildings but keep the lights on. No improvements, no meaningful maintenance, no modernization.

We, as today's Freemasons inherited some truly spectacular buildings from the people who went before us, but in far too many cases, we will leave nothing of value to those who come after us. Frankly, this is shameful.

Previous generations made tremendous sacrifices to provide our Lodges with the material wealth they enjoy today, yet it seems that many of us are willing to sacrifice virtually nothing to ensure a comfortable future for our Fraternity.

Not to mention the fact that building expenses are only one part of the myriad of costs a Lodge faces every year.

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Some Lodges are very ornate. Above is the interior of the Temple in Philadelphia. Below is Etoile Polaire No1 in New Orleans



Corinthian Lodge purchased our current site in 1981 from the YMCA for \$205,000. Much of the move and renovation was done by Lodge members, including moving a 4,000 pound safe which is now located in the cloak room behind the Lodge Room.

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When we purchased the YMCA property, members chipped in to handle the move and remodeling construction. See if you recognize anyone in the above image. Ignore the hints

When increasing dues, don't forget to increase the cost of life memberships as well.

Personally, I can't see any way that a Lodge can reasonably function with dues under \$170 per year, significantly more would be even better, and significantly more would still be quite a lot lower than what many service clubs expect their membership to contribute.

Set up a regular schedule for dues level reviews. Inflation happens each and every year, Lodges can't survive if they only react to inflation once every two or three decades.

Lastly, some members are going to complain and say that they already pay too much because they belong to three Lodges, the Scottish Rite, the Royal Arch, Eastern Star, and the Shrine. Well, the only answer that can be given in that case is that if a person can't afford to do everything, he should concentrate on that which is most important.

Make your Lodge building a community center again.

When our buildings were built, especially the oldest of them, they weren't just used by us. They were truly community centers. Places where weddings, parties, and all manner of events were held.

Hosting events like this has become extremely rare, as it seems that folks don't want to invest the time they require, or don't think that the income realized will be worth it.

Let me tell you, we do have Masonic buildings that specialize in weddings and similar events, and the profits are tremendous. A building can very easily pay for itself, and return income to the Lodge.

Community rentals, priced according to the quality of the facility, can easily put a Lodge back on the track to financial success.

Don't worry if your building isn't perfect now. Just adjust the price downward to properly reflect its condition. As the rental moneys begin to flow, they will pay for improvements. Once improvements are done, prices can be raised.

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A 4,000 pound safe was included in the 1981 move to our current lodge building

Consider if your Lodge really needs to own its building.

In some places, we as a Fraternity, own too many buildings. They were built in a time when roads were not good and horses or primitive cars made travel slow.

Do we really need to own two major Masonic buildings within five miles of each other in this age of freeways and the modern automobile?

I am not suggesting that Lodges consolidate and lose their identity.

I am suggesting that if there is another Masonic building in close proximity, a Lodge consider selling its building and moving into its neighboring Lodge's building.

Two Lodges working to support one building is much better than both trying to go it alone.

I hope that if your Lodge is struggling financially, you will consider bringing one or more of these ideas up to your Brothers.



Our Lodge building was the former Puyallup YMCA. This photograph was taken in 1981.

Corinthian Lodge is doing several things to expand the use of our facilities to other groups.

First, the Temple Board has hired an outside rental agent who is paid a percentage of the cash bookings he is bringing in.

Second, the brick fundraiser now underway is aimed at improving our facilities, making much needed repairs and improving amenities that make the building more attractive for outside rentals.

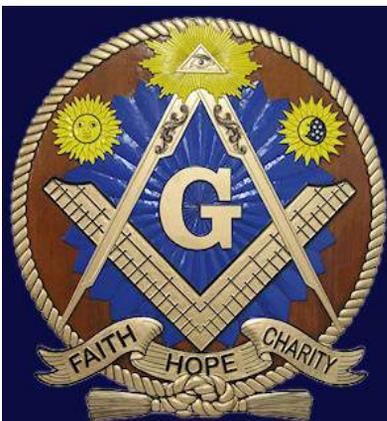
Corinthian Lodge #38 F&AM was founded in 1882 and has served the Puyallup Valley for 138 years. The Masonic Fraternity is the oldest Fraternity in the world. The Masonic Family includes Masons as well as organizations for women, couples, and youth. The Masonic Family provides more than \$2 million a 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. September newsletter deadline is August 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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