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Corinthian Lodge #38 F&AM



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## Greetings from The East

Worshipful Master Kyle "Coach" Foster

### Howdy Masonic Family!

What a weird year to be Worshipful Master at any Lodge, let alone my personal experiences at Corinthian. With the make up of our organization being a "veteran" type population and "social/fraternal" as our main purpose followed by some community philanthropy, we will probably be the last group in Washington State to go back to "business as usual".

The Grand Master is staying current on weekly situations & restrictions and is disseminating the information to the local lodges. Brother Ken Woo thought this would be a good time to resurrect the newsletter & I agreed, with one caveat. This needs to be a group effort! The Masonic family would love to hear how activities are going in your groups each month, and only you can provide those details.

A section will be set aside for information about the on goings from Eastern Star to DeMolay, and we ask that you send a blurb to Brother Ken Woo for final insertion into the letter. I will let him give you dates, times and email information at the end of this newsletter detailing where to send your articles.

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month we will do a continuing Zoom meeting as a Masonic Family check-in. The meeting will always start at 7:00 PM, and is open to all the Blue-Lodge members, heads of all appendant groups, etc. I will send out an email on the Monday prior to the meeting each month until we can get back to physical lodge meetings. As of right now, there 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.

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## Greetings from The East

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I started this term with Brothers having extra practicing days on ritual, providing detailed lodge agendas and excitement of the new flag memorial brick garden coming to fruition. It quickly took a sharp turn and we found ourselves thrown into a virtual reality of a usually physical fraternity. With that being said, we are learning to connect in other ways. Several of our Masonic family members helped make a ton of masks at the onset of Covid-19, and they were donated to local law enforcement agencies & hospitals.

I was pleasantly surprised when the Corinthian family also donated a truck load of food that I had the privilege delivering to the Puyallup Food Bank. The Food Bank was extremely grateful for our contribution as their food coffers have been decimated recently.

Our first total Masonic family Zoom meeting was held last month, and we have had many small group virtual meetings weekly.

I would also like to thank all the donators to the first flagpole/memorial brick order that just went out. We had a total of 14 bricks in that first order and I am already looking forward to installing them upon arrival.

Brother **George Sedlack** & WB **Joe Einertson** were instrumental in the sidewalk cleaning and flagpole erecting as well.

Our continuing local Jr. Achievement Scholarships were successful in another great campaign for the local high school students. This was an extremely difficult task, and I appreciate all involved for not letting this fall apart due to the current restrictions in place.

Many of the topics in my section will be expanded later in this newsletter too! I appreciate all of you and miss the routinization of what Masonry has become in my life. If anyone is in need or knows a Masonic family member needing assistance, please reach out to us!

I wish you all a safe & healthy May and look forward to seeing you all again in person!



*Jim Beaudoin, CEO of the Puyallup Food Bank, said it is seeing four to five times more customers than usual. He doesn't expect the increased need to slow down anytime soon. Boudoin was a recent speaker at Corinthian's public forum program. Nationwide, there is a growing food shortage and demand is at an all-time high at most food banks from coast-to-coast.*

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*Six THOUSAND families line up in their cars for hours at a food bank in San Antonio as millions across the country turn to charity organizations to keep from going hungry during coronavirus lockdown. Photo Courtesy: New York Times.*

## DeMolay News

Brian Gross reports nothing of major importance to report. Members are meeting online. They hope to share more information in the next newsletter.

## Job's Daughters

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

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

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

Jobie Love,  
Bethel 30

## Rainbow

Puyallup Rainbow under the leadership of our Worthy Advisor, Kate French is keeping busy! We meet weekly with the girls over Zoom to watch movies, play games or just hang out! The girls have done photo scavenger hunts, cooking competitions, Mother's Day crafts and so much more! We also hosted a Masonic family movie night.

We are currently collecting fleece to make dog toys for the shelter. If you are able to donate, please let us know.

We are also selling flower bulbs and strawberry plants. Each item is only \$10!

To order, go to:

<https://groups.dutchmillbulbs.com/shop/?affiliates=puyalluprainbow>

If you would like to join us for any of our meetings or events, please email our Mother Advisor at [puyallupmotheradvisor@gmail.com](mailto:puyallupmotheradvisor@gmail.com).



*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 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.*



*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 has not had an "official" meeting since February 25<sup>th</sup>. We held our elections via email and phone. Then per the Worthy Grand Matron all elected and appointed officers were declared installed. Naomi Chapter has a new Treasurer, **John Adamson**. **Katheryn Kusick** who has been Treasurer for the past 12 years decided it was time for her to retire. But because of the Covid-19 events we haven't been able to change things at the bank so until we can do that, she has had to continue her duties. All this happened after what would have been our March meeting. Since then all activities have been canceled. Our Grand Chapter which was to be held in June has been postponed until June of 2021. The Grand Officers will stay in office for an extra year. The Most Worthy Grand Matron has canceled all of her official visits as well. So...consequently not much is happening. Our Worthy Matron, **Linda Ellison**, is in the process of planning a "Zoom" meeting. We've had to cancel two of our fundraisers—Coffee Stops at the SeaTac Rest Area. At this point it doesn't look like they will be open soon. With no Official Visits or Grand Officer Receptions happening it will be a pretty quiet year. We'll have to get inventive and plan some new activities to fill the time. At this point we will hopefully be able to have our September 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting and be able to actually meet together.

*Submitted by: Mary Ellen Sparks, Secretary of Naomi Chapter #13, OES*

## Order of the Amaranth

As you know the operation of our organization has been halted by the Washington government and by order of the the Grand Master of Washington. The executive council for Washington Grand court has suspended our annual communications until March 2021, with all officers staying in place until new elections can be held. As soon as the GM releases the use of our buildings and Master Masons, the local courts will resume operations. Please support all of our subordinate concordant courts as much as possible. Thanks Bill Lowery Grand Royal Patron (still).





*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.*

## Rhododendron Court

Greetings from Rhododendron Court #8!

Our most recent meeting was held March 10th, just before the building was closed, subject to the Grand Master's recommendation due to COVID-19. Life member, **HL Tricia Courtney** received her 50-year pin and **SK Fred & HL Ginny Docker** were each awarded their 25-year pins. Our recent communication was well attended, via Zoom.

Supreme Session, scheduled for July in Portland, has been postponed until 2021. Grand Court has also been postponed until March 2021. Royal Matron **HL Ellen** and Royal Patron **SK Bill** have agreed, with the blessings of the Court, to stay on until next year. When the building opens, we will hold summer activities to keep connected.

Sadly, **SK Bill Hammontree**, who had been ill for a while, passed on March 12th. SK Bill was also a member of Phoenix Lodge, Scottish Rite, Afifi Shrine, Eastern Star and served as a Rainbow Dad. His family will host a celebration of his life sometime after the COVID-19 restrictions have been lifted.

The next time members of Rhododendron Court gather will be on Saturday, June 6th at 2:00 pm, in the parking lot of the South Hill Mall. We will maintain social distancing while we chat from our cars on the north side of the old Sears store, near the order pick-up doors. Since it is not an official event, all are welcome to join us. Hope to see many: 6/6/2020 2:00 pm.



*"To plant trees that, after we are dead, shall shelter our children, is as natural as to love the shade of those our fathers planted."*

*-Albert Pike, Morals & Dogma*



*We have a brand new flag and flag pole at Corinthian Lodge. Many thanks to Lodge Marshal **George Sedlack** for the time and expense to replace our old set up. When you visit the Lodge, look at the base of the new pole. That's where we will be placing the legacy bricks that are now being sold as an historical marker.*

## It's a grand old flag

A flag is a piece of cloth, but it is much more than that. It is defined as "a piece of cloth or bunting, often attached to a staff, with definite colors, patterns, or symbolic devices, used as a national or state symbol."

On June 14, 1777, less than a year after the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the Continental Congress adopted a design for a flag for the new nation known as the United States of America. The Continental Congress determined that "The flag of the United States shall be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white, with a union of thirteen stars of white on a blue field, representing a new constellation."

As the nation grew and the number of states increased, the design changed by adding a star to represent each new state. So, the flag we know and appreciate has thirteen stripes representing the original thirteen states and fifty stars representing the fifty states in the Union.

In 1895, to recognize the anniversary of the adoption of the flag, the Congress of the United States, without making it a legal holiday, declared June 14 to be Flag Day.

June 14, in all probability, will not be a normal day as this virus quarantine continues. However, there will be little to distinguish it from other days, other than it is a glorious symbol of the patriotism of all Masons across the country. Even more important, we should view this as also a recognition for all the Lodge Brethren who have served in the armed services, including Brother George Sedlack and also for those who gave their lives in the pursuit of freedom. As it has for 243 years, the Stars and Stripes, a thing of rare beauty, will wave in the gentle breeze of spring as the symbol of these United States of America.





*Freemasonry is at the very base of the United States, a country that has allowed the union of different races and which has mutual respect and goodwill at its heart. These are all principles found in Freemasonry.*

## Freemasonry at the Forefront of American History

Freemasonry's real impact on America is richer and more significant than anything that entertainment or speculation would hold. As a radical thought movement that emerged from the Reformation, Freemasonry was the first widespread and well-connected organization to espouse religious toleration and liberty—principles that the fraternity helped spread through the American colonies.

It may seem anomalous for such liberal principles to arise from a clandestine brotherhood; but skullduggery was never Masonry's primary aim. In an age of religious conflict in 17th century Europe—when an individual caught running afoul of church strictures could suffer persecution or worse—Freemasons clung to secrecy less out of esoteric drama than political expedience. Freemasons believed in a search for religious truth as it existed in all civilizations, including those of a pre-Christian past, and they drew upon ancient and occult symbols, from pentagrams to luminescent eyeballs, as codes for ethical development and civic progress. Reactions from church authorities ranged from suspicion to hostility. European Masons had good reason to be discrete.



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## Hugh Crockett – The First Master of Corinthian Lodge

Hugh Crockett is a mystery man. Not much is known about the First Worshipful Master of Corinthian Lodge #38. And even though he doesn't appear in local history books, his legacy still stands in our city today. That's right, Crockett's Public House at 118 E. Stewart sits on land that WB Hugh donated to the city in the 1880's to build an Episcopal Church

Crockett was born in Virginia in 1829, he came out over the Oregon trail in 1851. He settled in Coupeville on Whidbey island and became the first Sheriff of Island County in 1853..

In 1875, he moved to Seattle and worked in a sawmill for two years before moving to Puyallup where he appears in the 1880 census as a hotel operator. In 1877 he bought and farmed six acres of land.

In January 1882, Crockett, along with six other people petitioned to start a Masonic Lodge in Puyallup. On July 6, 1882, Corinthian was constituted by Grandmaster J.A. Kuhn of the Grand Lodge of Washington State.

Crockett passed away on March 26,1900 at age 70 and is interred at Woodbine Cemetery.

### Brick/Flagpole Memorial Garden

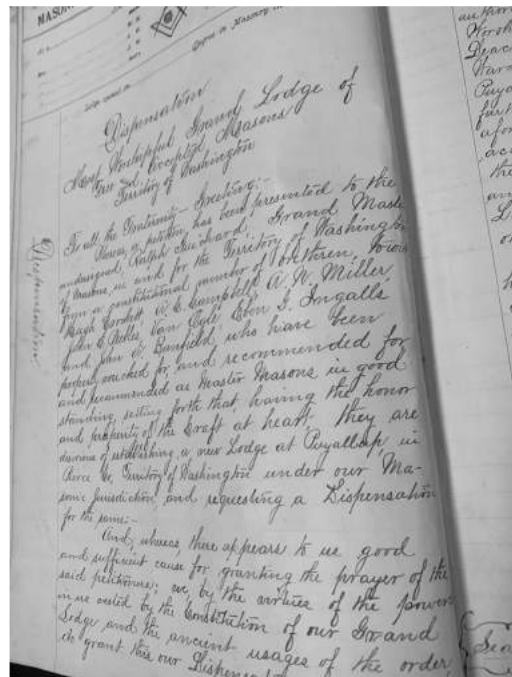
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If you're interested in supporting the Lodge by purchasing a brick, see **WB. Kyle Foster** or **WB Bill Cooper**. We takes checks, cash and credit cards. (Credit cards will incur a small service fee charged by our card processor) A listing of those who have purchased bricks as of this writing:

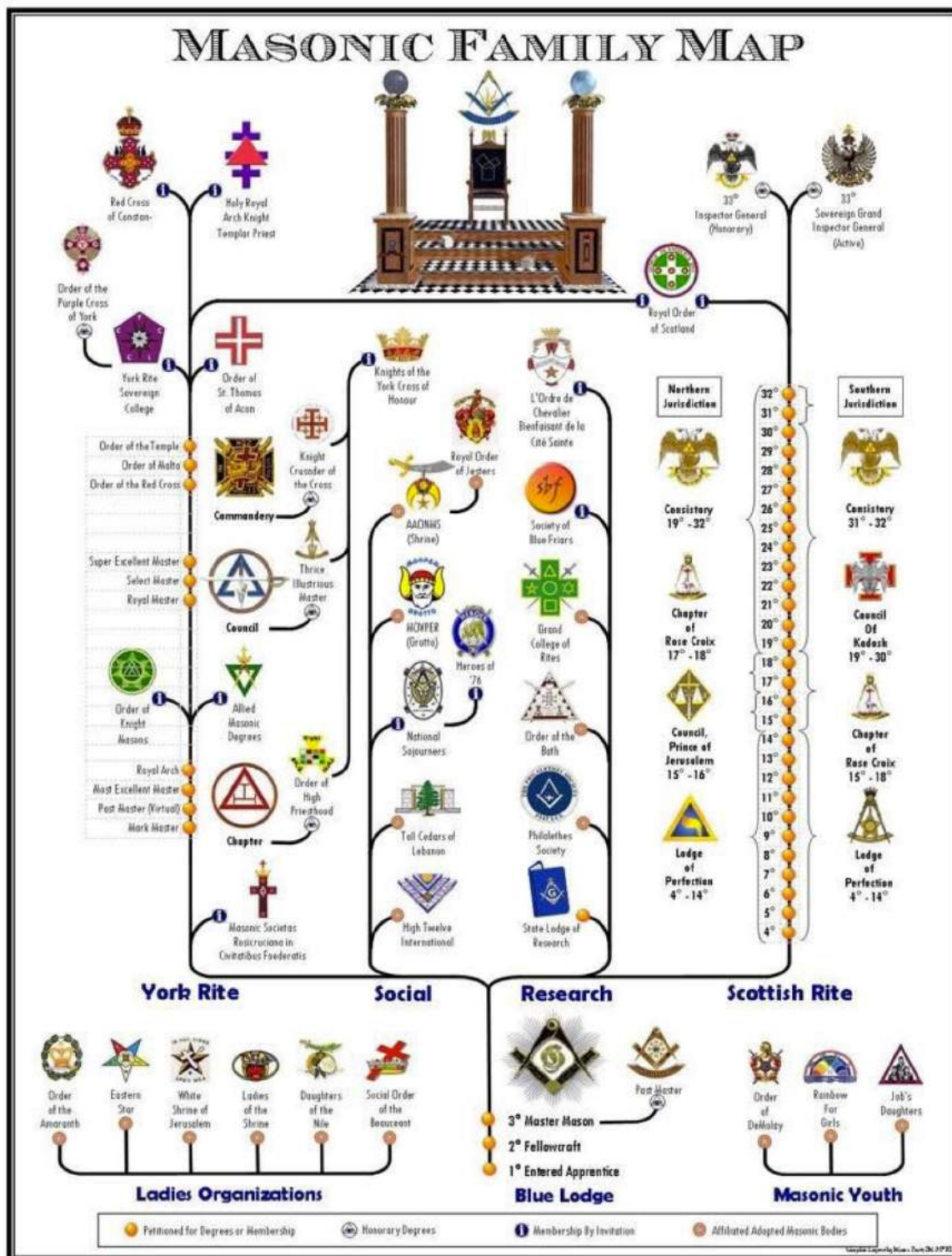
**WB Bill Cooper, WM Kyle Foster, WM Ben Heeb**  
**Bro. Bill Lowery, Bro. George Sedlack, Widows Sons**  
**Bro. Ken Woo, WB Lee Webb**

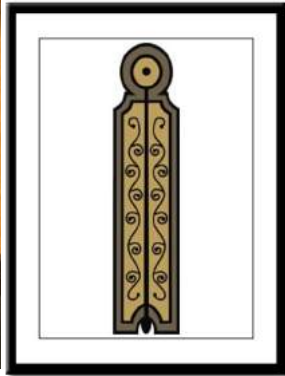


*Crockett's Public House was named for Hugh Crockett and is located in Puyallup*



*The original minutes of Corinthian Lodge list the following as founders of our Lodge: Hugh Crockett, A.C. Campbell, A.N. Miller, John A. Benfield, J.E. Peebles, E.G. Ingalls and Van Ogle. These founders also served as principal officers of the Lodge.*





## Meet our Junior Warden

### **Al Luberts, Jr.**

Greetings, Brethren! As the Junior Warden of Corinthian Lodge No. 38, I suspect that many of you don't know much about me, as I only started attending stated meetings a couple of years ago. I had not attended for about 8 years, due to a conflict on Thursday evenings, singing in our church choir. Back around 2010 or so, I did participate in some degrees with the Lodge, and actually conferred the Third Degree on one candidate.

I was born in San Diego in 1938, and have lived in the Seattle area since 1946. My wife, Darlene and I both attended Renton High School, and we both graduated in 1956. We did not see each other for 45 years, but we showed up at our 50<sup>th</sup> High School Reunion as a newlywed couple!

When we moved to Puyallup from Lynnwood in 2009, I joined Corinthian Lodge No. 38. I am very happy that I have been able to participate in the Lodge's activities the past three years.

I have been a Master Mason for 26 years. My home Lodge is Green Lake No. 149 in Seattle. I was first Worshipful Master there in 2000, and again in 2008. I also am a member of Walter F. Meier Lodge of Research No. 281, where I was WM in 2006.

Some of you know me from the York Rite or Scottish Rite, where I have been longtime member, as well as leading a number of bodies. I served as Grand Illustrious Master of the Grand Council Royal & Select Masters of Washington 2011-2012.

I made my living for over 36 years as a software engineer/database administrator for a number of companies. After retiring in 2002, I worked the next 18 years as an income tax preparer.

I served in the U.S. Army on active duty from 1957-1965, and in the US Army Reserve from 1973-1998, where I was mostly a personnel sergeant, and then as a Master Sergeant I led a staff for the Deputy Chief of Staff Information Management at Ft. Lawton, WA.

I graduated with a BA in Accounting from the University of Washington in 1976.

My hobbies have been bowling, golf, playing saxophone, and singing in our church choir.

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*The Junior Warden is the 3rd in line within the Masonic lodge hierarchy and helps the lodge to run smoothly, both at labor and at refreshment. In Freemasonry, the Junior Warden is an elected officer in the Lodge. His position is similar to a Vice-President.*

*He sits in the South (symbolic of the position of the sun at midday) and is responsible for the Brethren while the Lodge is at ease or refreshment.*

*It is his to arrange all meals for the lodge, and, typically, the 2 Stewards act as his assistants in this responsibility. Symbolically, it is also his duty to make certain that the members do not convert their refreshment into intemperance or excess.*

*His Jewel of Office is the Plumb,... which is a stonemason's instrument used for ascertaining the alignment of a vertical surface. It symbolizes upright behavior among Masons.*

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Freemasonry is an individual journey towards becoming a better father, husband, friend, citizen and man, supported by other men at different points on the same journey. For centuries, the Lodge itself has been the launchpad for Masonic Education, and a common ground for Brethren of different backgrounds to meet and exchange ideas, provide support and offer friendship.

Masons live by the principles of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.

- Brotherly Love: Caring for Each Other and Our Communities
- Relief: Humbly Assist Those in Distress
- Truth: Using Knowledge and Understanding to Improve Ourselves, Our Families and Our Communities

The traditions of Freemasonry are founded upon the building of King Solomon's Temple, and its fraternal ceremonies use the working tools of the stonemasons to symbolize moral lessons of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.

For example, Masons are reminded at Lodge to "meet upon the level of equality, act by the plumb of uprightness, and part upon the square of virtue."

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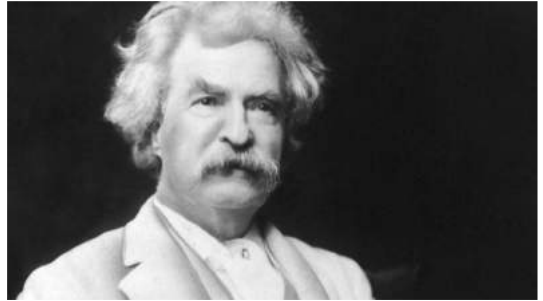
*For those brothers who are new to Corinthian Lodge, the work you do as an Entered Apprentice Mason serves as a foundation for many of the other things you will learn as you advance on your Masonic journey. Therefore it's important to study the basics now because it paves the way for understanding in times yet to come.*

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Freemasonry is not meant in any way to interfere with an individual's commitment to his faith, family or occupation. Freemasonry is not and never can be a replacement for these important institutions; rather, it is a positive environment that reminds every Mason of himself, his family, community and the Supreme Architect (an individual's own definition of a Supreme Being.)

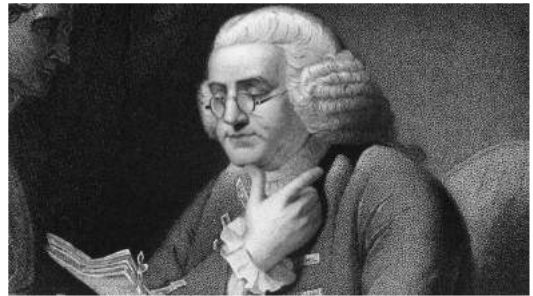
The experience of becoming a member of a Masonic Lodge is divided into three ceremonial stages that Masons call "degrees." These three degrees are loosely based upon the journeyman system, which was used to educate Medieval Craftsmen. Symbolically, the degrees represent the three stages of human development: youth, manhood and age.

During all three ceremonies, a candidate is treated with complete respect. At no time is he ever made to feel uncomfortable or harassed in any way. Masonic ceremonies are a wonderful tradition shared by men such as George Washington, Harry S. Truman and other men of integrity. These ceremonies are always conferred in such a way as to bring pride to the candidate and the members of the Lodge.



*"Always do right. This will gratify some people and astonish the rest."*

*-Bro. Samuel Clemens aka Mark Twain*



*"Masonic labor is purely a labor of love. He who seeks to draw Masonic wages in gold and silver will be disappointed. The wages of a Mason are in the dealings with one another; sympathy begets sympathy; kindness begets kindness; helpfulness begets helpfulness; these are the wages of a Mason."*

*-Bro. Benjamin Franklin*

## Entered Apprentice

- This is a candidate's first experience with the ceremonies of the Fraternity, and like all Masonic ceremonies, it is a solemn and meaningful event. Once a candidate completes the Entered Apprentice ceremony, he takes his first step as a Freemason and enjoys the title of "Brother."

## Fellowcraft

- The second ceremony exposes a Brother to more of the symbolism and philosophy of the Fraternity. For skilled Craftsmen, this degree would have marked a person's progress from an apprentice to a journeyman.

## Master Mason

- The last of the Lodge ceremonies, the Master Mason degree, makes a candidate a full member of the Fraternity, enjoying both the rights and responsibilities of membership. The Master Mason has the right to visit lodges throughout the world. He will meet men who would otherwise



## You're a Master Mason, Now What?

Remember when you finally became a high school senior? You finally made it, strutting around campus with your chest jetting out. You were cool because now you were the top dog. But sooner than later, most of us figured out there was more, much more and life beyond high school beckoned.

So too, is it with Masonry.

Getting to Master Mason was hard work. No doubt about it. Lots of studying, lots of memory work. Lots of stuff that you read in books and papers that you still don't quite get. I mean what is the real reason for a cable tow or the checkered floor outside the Lodge Room? And does anyone other than the ritual team remember what the Apron Lecture really meant?

Becoming a Master Mason is only the beginning of your Masonic career. There are opportunities to grow in knowledge, influence and leadership. Some examples:



### Lodge Service

- **Committee Service** – The Lodge has several committee and Temple Board volunteer opportunities
- **Ritual Teams** – An opportunity to enrich yourself into the rituals of the Lodge.
- **Officer Chairs** – Interested in Lodge leadership? Start by volunteering for one of many positions to support the Lodge
- **Program Leads** – Help develop and execute Lodge programs.
- **Mentors** – Newer members need more than just coaching, they need context and education. Become a mentor.
- **Coaches** – Help members learn ritual.
- **Visitation** – Always looking for members to visit those who are sick or unable to attend Lodge
- **Youth Groups** – Be a Masonic role model in our youth groups.

### Shriners

- The Shriners is a Masonic society established in 1870.
- It is a fraternity based on fun, fellowship, and the Masonic principles of brotherly love, relief, and truth. The organization is best known for the Shriners Hospitals for Children that it administers, and the red fezzes that members wear.
- The organization was previously known as "Shriners North America". The name was changed in 2010 across North America, Central America, South America, Europe, and Southeast Asia.

### Scottish Rite

- The Scottish Rite is one of the appendant bodies of Freemasonry that a Master Mason may join for further exposure to the principles of Freemasonry. It is also concordant, in that some of its degrees relate to the degrees of Symbolic Freemasonry.
- The Scottish Rite builds upon the ethical teachings and philosophy offered in the Craft (or Blue) Lodge, through dramatic presentation of the individual degrees.
- Scottish Rite is the "graduate school" of Masonic education

### York Rite

- The York Rite is one of the appendant bodies of Freemasonry that a Master Mason may join to further his knowledge of Freemasonry. But the York Rite is not found as a single system worldwide, and outside of the United States there are often significant differences in ritual, as well as organization.
- The three primary bodies in the York Rite are the Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, Council of Royal & Select Masters or Council of Cryptic Masons, and the Commandery of Knights Templar, each of which are governed independently but are all considered to be a part of the York Rite. The Rite's name is derived from the city of York, where, according to one Masonic legend, the first meetings of Masons in England took place.



## June Birthdays

Carroll Stroud	June 2
Brian "Red" Shield	June 12
Kyle Foster	June 17
Donald Gilmore	June 23
Louis Geisert	June 27

## June Membership Anniversaries

Bill Cooper (10)	6/7/2010
Edward Nelsen (56)	6/11/1964
Clifford Stevenson (51)	6/12/1969
Don Nau (58)	6/14/1962
Karl Ickes (9)	6/21/2001
Louis Geisert (61)	6/23/1959
Edward Krysiak (36)	6/28/1984
Donald Davison (42)	6/29/1978

## Sickness & Distress

At publication time, we've had no reports of sickness or distress and we know that's not the case. Please e-mail WB Fred Docker if you know of people who are sick or need help or support.

[fdocker@msn.com](mailto:fdocker@msn.com), Phone 253-332-5341

### ***From Masons Care – Part of Washington Masonic Charities:***

*You're invited to join us in a virtual living room to connect with others who care, as we all experience the impacts of Covid-19. We'll gather and discuss different topics each week, including "Maintaining Healthy Mental and Emotional Well-Being", "Having Enough Home Provisions, Medication, etc.". For June Zoom meeting information, contact Byron Cregeur at 253.442.2505 X 110 [byron@wa-masoniccharities.org](mailto:byron@wa-masoniccharities.org)*

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



*Senior Warden Bill Lowery*



*Upcoming Lodge meetings will be via Zoom videoconference such as a recent Lodge Officer's meeting. Watch your e-mail for conference information, dates and times.*



*Having a good sense of humor helps during stressful times*

## Message from the West

Honestly Brethren this time of restriction due to the Covid has been hard to go through for me as it has for most of you. I really feel however that there is a good reason for us to maintain our distancing to help slow the spread of this disease. Let's hope this self quarantine will allow us to get back to some normalcy soon. I pray that once we are allowed to meet again that our fraternity will continue to grow as it was before the close down. Of course this will take hard work and dedication to make this happen. The officers of Corinthian and the members of the temple board have been working hard to find ways to improve our community identity and finances. But we will need the help and work of all of the members to make this happen.

## Our No Good, Bad Awful Days

The Grand Lodge of Washington has decided the postponement or cancellation of all in-person Masonic meetings, events and activities throughout the State of Washington will continue through Friday, June 12, 2020. This applies to all Masonic Lodges and Masons throughout the Jurisdiction of Washington. When activities might open up is anyone's guess.

Under Washington state's phased return to normalcy plan, it appears that something might open up locally by Mid-July. However, everyone is watching what happens to other states as fears of a virus resurgence is a strong reality, which may force a renewed closure until the end of the year.

It's also becoming clear that the coronavirus is not going to simply vanish after restrictions are lifted. Mental health is also a new by-product of our modern lives both for normal people as well as health care workers. The CDC suggests the following mental health tips:

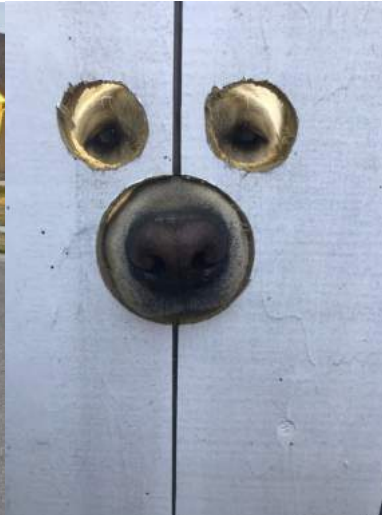
- Pause – Breathe, notice how you feel.
- Take Breaks – Turn off the news
- Make Time – Sleep & exercise
- Reach Out – Stay connected
- Seek Help – If overwhelmed or feeling unsafe

*If you feel stressed and need help, contact Washington Masonic Charities at <https://www.wa-masoniccharities.org/> (844) 288-3531.*

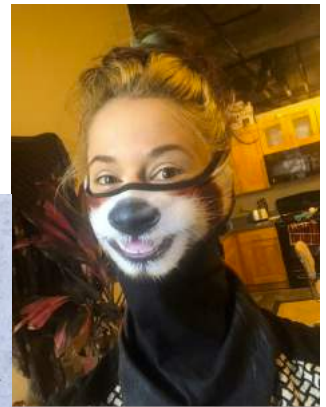


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## On the Lighter Side, We've got to Laugh!



when the caffeine wears off but it's too late in the day for another coffee



What's the difference between COVID-19 and Romeo and Juliet? One's the coronavirus and the other is a Verona crisis.

I'll tell you a coronavirus joke now, but you'll have to wait two weeks to see if you got it.

## News from Grand Lodge

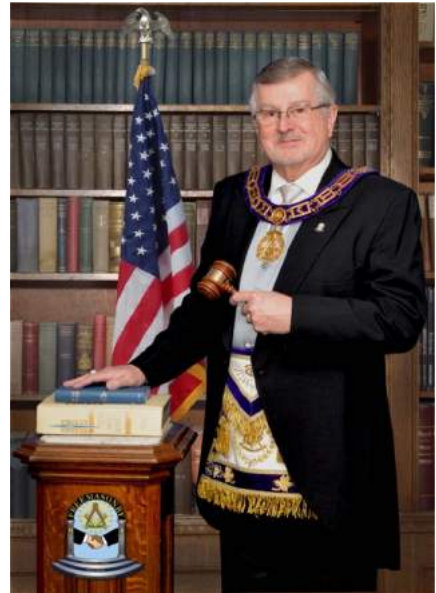
The big news for brethren is that the annual communication will be held, but limited. Per Grand Master Charles E. Wood all public events are canceled.

- All Lodge in the Grand Lodge of Washington remain closed during this stay-at-home quarantine.
- The Annual Communication shall commence at 10 AM on Saturday, June 13, 2020.
- The Communication shall be limited to one day.
- Each Lodge shall be represented by its Worshipful Master or his duly appointed proxy (who must be a member of the Lodge and must be a Master Mason in Good Standing).
- Each District will meet in a predetermined location(s) within the District.
- No Legislation, except that which is necessary and essential for continuity of operations of the Grand Lodge, shall be voted on at the Annual Communication. (At this time, the only Legislation that will be voted upon is Resolution 2020-15 concerning the re purposing of the Home Fund and Home Endowment Fund. All other resolutions will be tabled until the 2021 Annual Communication).
- There shall be an election to fill all elective Grand Lodge offices and Trustee positions.
- There shall be a vote to approve the proposed Grand Lodge 2020-2021 Budget and Appropriations for Washington Masonic Charities, as well as reports on the Grand Master's Message and Grand Secretary's Report.

The Annual Communication shall be conducted via Zoom video conferencing. However, no esoteric portions shall be broadcast.

The Installation of Grand Lodge Officers will be abbreviated. Appointed Officers, Deputies of the Grand Master and Committeemen will be installed by proclamation.

Brothers will be asked to adhere to social distancing recommendations made by public health organizations. This would include recommendations to wear facial covering, practice social distancing of 6 feet or more and frequent washing of hands.



*Most Worshipful Grand Master Charles E. Wood*

If possible, host Lodges should make hand sanitizer available where access to soap and water is not possible. If you are ill, have been exposed to someone who may be ill, have underlying health or immunity issues or do not feel that you can safely attend, you should not attend.

The annual communication is still subject to being delayed or canceled depending on any changes that may occur and ordered by elected officials and the Governor. For more information and updates, check the Grand Lodge website at <https://freemason-wa.org/>

Finally, for those interested in legislation that will be considered, go to: <https://freemason-wa.org/news-events/annual-communication/>



Corinthian Lodge #38 F&AM was founded in 1882 and has served the Puyallup Valley for 137 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](mailto:woo98371@gmail.com). During this quarantine period, we are hoping to have a newsletter sent out every month. July newsletter deadline is June 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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