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Corinthian Lodge #38 F&AM



July 2020

Puyallup, Washington



Greetings from The East

Worshipful Master Kyle "Coach" Foster

Greetings Masonic Families!

I had the privilege of attending the annual Grand Lodge Communication where the words from the MWGM were eloquent and poignant. The changing of the Grand Line was held via Facebook & Zoom. We had 145 lodges represented and over 200 brothers on Zoom at one time! I commend the Grand Lodge for pulling this task off with grace & elegance.

If you would have asked me three months ago, I would have never mapped out the course we have gone down for Masonry or America. However, as Masons we have continued with Faith-Hope-Charity.

The Corinthian family has volunteered at their churches, food banks, local law enforcement, building improvements, etc. We will continue to live through the MWGM example/letter of unity through a delicate time in our state & country. I am proud to be part of this lodge & Masonic family!

June 18th Thursday we will do a Zoom meeting as a Masonic Family check-in.

The meeting will start at 7:00 PM, and is open to all the Blue-Lodge members, heads of all appendant groups, etc. I will send out an email on the Monday prior to the meeting each month until we can get back to physical lodge meetings.

As of June, 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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We will take this on a month to month basis, as the MWGM has not lifted the restrictions. I would also like to commend the Masonic youth groups, and their advisors for working diligently via electronic devices with their activities and making those kids feel connected in this difficult time over the last 3 months!

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

At Corinthian, we have the first order of 13 bricks being delivered in a week, and I am excited to get those installed!

As of now, we have a second order ready to go too, we need just one more brick donated to complete the order! Our goal was 45 bricks this year, and we are at 17 currently! Let us keep this going Masonic Families! If anyone is interested, please seek out the form attached to this newsletter. There have been many youths working on Corinthian grounds beautification in the form of lawn mowing, pressure washing, etc.

It is greatly appreciated. **WB Fred Docker** has also done a ton of work in building maintenance and cleaning of the area where people were illegally dumping garbage. We have had the clothes donation box removed as it was being abused, and **Bro. Bill Lowery & Bro. George Sedlack** have put up deterrent camera devices to help combat the illegal dumping as well. I say thank you to all your hard work! Thank you to all the Corinthian 38 Masonic family members supporting Corinthian 38 during a time when it is greatly needed!

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



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Corinthian Zoom Meeting

Thursday – June 18, 2020
7:00 p.m. Pacific Time

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79555188917?pwd=dWZvMjlsZ3MrM1BLRk00RzVqbitrzd09>

Meeting ID: 795 5518
8917
Password: 0FJnkA

Some Masonic Lodges Targeted During Recent Black Lives Matter Protests



Warning signs have gone up around the Lodge property

Many thanks to everyone for driving by and making sure the Lodge and its surrounding property is safe from recent riots and demonstrations. We've had an issue with trash being dumped on the property and we have added signs provided by the Puyallup Police Department and by **Bros. George Sedlack and Bill Lowery**. **WM Kyle Foster, WM Bill Cooper Bros. Mark Bush and Bill Lowery** helped organize patrols of the property.

We have been fortunate because other Masonic properties have fared worse. The **Scottish Rite** property near Tacoma Community College saw the theft of copper wiring from its parking lot light poles.

As far as we know, there are no other Washington Lodges that have suffered any damage.

Across the Country



National Guard troops guarding Boston's Masonic Temple

Arturo De Hoyos reports that the Scottish Rite - SJ headquarters, the **House of the Temple** in Washington, D.C. was vandalized during the demonstrations. The large, iconic sphinxes out front were reportedly doused with paint, and the building was defaced with graffiti.

Boston's Masonic Temple, home of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts became the epicenter of several nights of protests and demonstrations. The building's ground floor windows were boarded up, and neither the Masonic areas nor the new Paul Revere restaurant received any damage or vandalism, apart from a spray painted slogan on the plywood.



Arson blamed for Wright City Lodge #483

The **1906 Prince Hall Masonic Temple** owned by Excelsior Lodge 21 and Widows Son Lodge 4 in **Raleigh, North Carolina** had its windows shattered by protestors. The shops and Chapter Room on the first floor were damaged.

The Masonic Temple of **Wright Lodge No. 483 in Wright City, Oklahoma** was destroyed by fire. According to a message from the Grand Secretary of Oklahoma, Bobby L. Laws, PGM, a "fire source" was thrown through the front window of the building.

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Graffiti was sprayed on **Denver's downtown Masonic Center**, home to several lodges and the Scottish Rite – the news reported that some protestors were seen attempting to clean off the slogans.

Several Masons reported 'hunkered down' at the downtown **Tucson, Arizona Masonic hall** on the second night of protests after its windows were smashed the night before.

The downtown **Masonic Temple in Fort Wayne, Indiana** had several windows broken out.

In the Shiloh community of **Asheville, North Carolina**, fire gutted the Masonic Hall at Caribou Road and Booker Streets.

Overseas, a bomb was placed outside of a **Masonic lodge in Cornwall, England**.

A Message to All Masons from the Grand Lodge of Washington D.C.

Our city of Washington DC is suffering. Based upon the dedication of all Masons throughout the world to the ideals of Masonic brotherly love and fellowship, we believe that our Craft offers a bold example of how men of different races can love and respect each other.

Freemasons do not all think alike. We are formed from different races, different political and social backgrounds, and many different countries.

We all act and vote as individuals, and as our respective consciences dictate. But on one principle we are united.

Freemasons accept and respect one another regardless of our differences, and the Brotherhood we share is based solely upon the content of a man's character.



Vandals damage Fort Wayne, Indiana Temple



Vandals spray painted graffiti on statues in front of Philadelphia Temple

Our Ancient Landmarks, handed down to us through the ages, include two important truths:

- *All Masons believe in the existence of God as the Grand Architect of the Universe and in the existence of an immortal spirit that is His gift to every person.*
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- But we have since outgrown those divisions and forged between us the ties of Brotherhood that unite us as Freemasons. Freemasonry is strong and vibrant in Washington DC, and we have a role to play in the healing that our city requires.

Each Brother will make his own decision about how to mourn the death of George Floyd, and how to call out for justice.

But Freemasons will not succumb to the blind hatred of racial tension, nor contribute to inflaming those destructive passions.

We are united as a sacred Brotherhood.

We humbly request the aid and blessing of Almighty God on our City and Nation and ask for His protection of our loved ones.

Finally, we ask that all Freemasons redouble their efforts to heal the divisions tearing at our society, and we look forward to the time when we can meet together again.

(Signed)

Michael D. Nicholas, Sr.
Grand Master
The Grand Lodge, FAAM Washington, D.C.

Quincy G. Grant
Most Worshipful Grand Master
Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge
Jurisdiction of the District of Columbia



Joint Statement of Washington, D.C. Grand Masters

June 2, 2020

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A Statement of Unity



The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Washington and the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of Washington and Jurisdictions have both long recognized the benefit of mutual respect among all men particularly in the bonds of brotherhood, dating back to 1897, when Most Worshipful William H. Upton, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Washington, a white male, and judge, advanced a resolution recognizing Prince Hall Masons in the State of Washington. This bold move, given race relations of the era, caused withdraw of Masonic recognition from white Grand Lodges in the United States and Canada. Under pressure, the Grand Lodge of Washington reluctantly rescinded the resolution in June 1899.

MWB William H. Upton, died November 3, 1906 and because of his sincere belief in the recognition and acceptance of Prince Hall Masons, his will had a provision that no monument is erected over his grave until "both colored and white Masons could stand over it as Brothers." During those dark times of non-recognition, the two Grand Lodges did not stop collaborating, albeit in the shadows, they still shared mutual respect.

In June 1990, the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Washington passed Resolution 90-23, a month later, the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of Washington and Jurisdiction passed Resolution 10-90, both granting Masonic recognition to the other, further extending, the bonds of mutual respect, friendship and brotherly love. A monument was jointly erected over MWB Upton's grave site in July 1991. We continue to celebrate this union annually with the March of Unity.

Our membership includes men of different races, political views, social backgrounds and financial wherewithal. While we require that each professes a belief in deity, our membership includes Christians, Muslims, Jews and many other faiths. We therefore refer to deity as the Great Architect of the Universe. We are united by the belief that each of us is valued member of society and our hope that while we may disagree on some matters, we can be still be friends and Brothers.

Our Nation is again facing dark times. After enduring the impact of the coronavirus pandemic, we are again facing renewed calls to address the disparity, discrimination, and unequal treatment under the law due to race, color, ethnic background, sex, or national origin. Americans are banding together to peacefully protest to these injustices. We strongly support the right to do so, while we also rebuke those who have succumbed to blind hatred and engage in random acts of violence and property destruction.

We celebrate our diversity and seek to heal the divisions infecting our Nation. We ask every Mason to be a peaceable citizen and to help raise our communities to a place where society does not judge a man by his outward appearance, but by the quality of his heart.

We ask the blessing of the Great Architect of the Universe to watch over us and bring us peace.

Fraternally,

MW Charles E. Wood
Grand Master
Grand Lodge of Washington

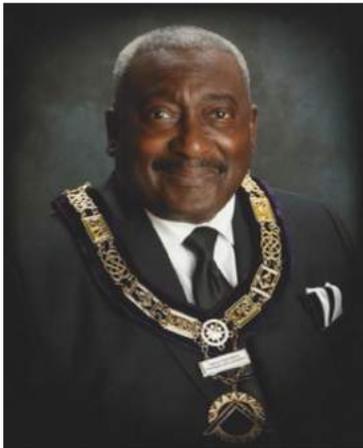


Fraternally,

MW Lester L. Dickson
48th Grand Master of Masons
MWPHGL, F&AM of WA & Jurisdiction



MW Lester Dickson is the 2020 Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F&AM Washington & Jurisdiction



RW Gilbert E. McClary, Sr. will be the 2021 Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F&AM Washington & Jurisdiction

Washington State's Prince Hall Grand Lodge

Prince Hall Masons have been in the State of Washington at least since 1870. In 1897 two Prince Hall Masons, **Gideon Bailey and Con Rideout**, residing in the State of Washington addressed a communication to the Grand Lodge of this jurisdiction, asking for recognition.

During the Grand Lodge session of 1889 the committee presented a resolution recognizing Prince hall Masons in the State of Washington to be "Regular, Just and Legitimate."

However, that recognition was revoked in June 1899.

It wasn't until June 1990, ninety-one (91) years later, the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Washington passed a resolution (90-23) recognizing the Prince Hall Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge's Washington headquarters is located in Tacoma.



The Prince Hall Grand Lodge does everything we do at Corinthian; serving the community and sponsoring youth activities, raising money for charitable causes

"The Old Black Shoes"

*RW Roger Pemberton PGM Province Shropshire,
England*

Submitted by VWB John Adamson

The old black shoes are looking glum
As I pass the lobby door.

"What's wrong with you?" they seem to say.

"We're going out no more.
We've taken not a single step,
Not third or even first,
And ne'er a sign we've seen you give,
Has Masonry been cursed?"

"It has", I said, "by virus vile,"

We have to stay at home
Until such time the plague has passed,
Then once more we can roam.

The Masons' Halls are empty,
Regalia put away,
Gavels now stay silent,
DCs hold no sway.
Volumes of the Sacred Law
On pedestals redundant,

Now Brother Jim contacts his friends
By social posts abundant.
No handshake, word or secret sign,
No friendly Festive Board
No Tyler's song to say Goodnight,
No organ's well-loved cord.

"Black shoes, I said, " Do not despair,
Our Chain is firm and strong
Our flag of love remains unfurled
We'll sing again our song.



2019 DuPont Unity Rally

And though our Brethren may have passed
To Grandeur Lodge Above,
We'll look upon their memories
With everlasting Love;

And in their name, we'll offer help
And soothe the burdened heart;
We'll comfort those who are distressed,
Thus Masons play their part.

And when this crisis is resolved,
We'll sing the old refrain,
Happy to Meet, Sorry to Part,
Happy to meet again."

COVID Report

Many of Pierce County's businesses can now open with limited capacity and other public health safety restrictions. But that does not pertain to Masonic activities and official meetings.

The Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department and Pierce County said even with relaxed restrictions, it is more important than ever that people continue to take safety measures like wearing masks, maintaining physical distance of six feet from others, washing hands frequently and staying home if sick.

Nearly every county in Washington is in some stage of reopening from coronavirus-related shutdowns. But new infections have been climbing statewide — up 20% since Memorial Day.

Since Memorial Day, Pierce County has had a 10% increase in the number of COVID-19 cases

The latest order from Grand Lodge canceled all Masonic events until Friday, June 12, 2020. At the recent Grand Communication, newly elected Grandmaster **MW Chris Coffman ordered all Masonic meetings canceled until further notice.** MW Chris did say any two brothers can use secure videoconferencing to practice ritual from secure locations.



Our Bad, No Good, Awful Days

*Bro. Maynard Edwards
Monday Morning Masonry
Host –Tyler's Place Podcast*

When history reflects on the year 2020, it will surely be viewed as one of the most challenging years in American history; to laundry list of the ills that we currently face is pointless - you know them as well as I. But I have hope that we as Masons will look at this as the year that Masonry became the saving grace of all of us; not Masonry as an institution, but rather as a system of ideals upon which we can rely with utmost assurance. The tenets of our profession-Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, these are more important than they were even yesterday.

We as Masons must honor our sworn duty to uphold these ideals and truly LIVE them each day.

You must be a leader in your home, your office, your town, your Lodge, your Valley; you must be the living example others look to. You must live these tenets every day as a habit, not just as platitudes recited in your Lodge.

A Great Reminder from The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania



The Right Worshipful Grand Lodge Of The Most Ancient And Honorable
Fraternity Of Free And Accepted Masons Of Pennsylvania
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June 12, 2020

Dear Brother District Deputy Grand Master:

I am sure you are all as encouraged as I am with news of COVID-19 cases slowing down and more businesses opening. While our state legislature approved a resolution ending Governor Wolf's coronavirus emergency declaration, it is unclear whether or not he can reject this measure. Regardless, we will follow the legal outcome. Whether we end up opening as a state or returning to color guidelines, it is important that our lodges wait two weeks after any change to lift additional precautions to the safety of our members. Please continue to use safety measures outlined by the Department of Health and Centers for Disease Control.

Our news and social media outlets lately are rife with political banter. Social media can be a great and useful tool for our fraternity, as well as for keeping in touch with family and friends, near and afar. Many of us have our own pages and blogs, where we proudly display the Square and Compasses identifying our membership as Masons. Before you post anything that could cause discord or division, please remember the oaths you have taken and the charges that detail our actions within and outside our lodges. While we are all entitled to our freedom of speech, religious beliefs and political choices, I strongly encourage you to exercise tolerance and show respect for other points of view. We must always be mindful of how our individual words and actions can reflect upon our fraternity as a whole. If we want to maintain harmony within our brotherhood and maintain a positive image to prospective members, we must always be kind, considerate and principled.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Thomas Gamon, IV
R.W. Grand Master

Job's Daughters

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

We invite you to join us for 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.

Jobie Love,
Bethel 30

Eastern Star

The best laid plans sometimes take several months to actually happen. Back before we were quarantined in March, one of Naomi's members was reaching a milestone in her Eastern Star membership. Plans were made to surprise her when the Rainbow Girls honored her at the Pierce County Grand Officer Reception since she would be honored as State Rainbow Mother Advisor and present her with her 50 year OES membership pin and certificate. Well...that didn't happen and so we've been waiting trying figure out when/where to present it. Now it has finally happened! On June 17th Puyallup High School staff organized a "drive by" celebration of Judy's retirement from PHS. Her sister, **Jeanette Turner**, jumped on the occasion and arranged for Naomi Chapter to join in the parade and finally make the presentation. Several from Rainbow were also a part of the celebration. So, congratulations to **Judy Dogeagle** for 50 years of membership in Naomi Chapter and your retirement from the Puyallup School District.



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 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 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 Amaranth is a Masonic-affiliated organization for Master Masons and their Ladies founded in 1873.

Rainbow

Hello all! Kate French here! I am currently the Worthy Advisor for Puyallup Assembly. Puyallup Assembly hasn't let COVID hold it back. From daily quizzes on Band to fun surprises showing up at the girls doors. We have kept our Rainbow connection with regular Zoom meetings and even a super fun virtual sleepover. We are looking forward to our virtual Hawaii trip on the 24th to bring in new members.

Rhododendron Court #8

Greetings from Rhododendron Court #8!

Since we have been unable to have a regular meeting, we decided to have a Parking Lot Get Together, which we did on June 6th. We were able to talk about a lot of different topics regarding the Court as well as other general matters and had a good time to boot! It was a well attended event.

We plan to have another gathering during our Summer break in either July or August. All the members of Grand Court of Washington are welcome to attend our weekend camping event at the Masonic Campground in Granite Falls, August 21st through 23rd.

Congratulations to **HL Judy Hartle and SK Warren Hartle** who celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary on June 4th. SK Warren states marrying Judy was the Best decision he's ever made.

Stay Safe. Wash your hands.



Senior Warden Bill Lowery

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.

Message from the West

Bro. Bill Lowery

Wow this is for the July newsletter...At the risk of being cliché what happened to the first half of the year?

I feel like specifically I should say Happy Father's Day {belated} to all the fathers and father figures out there. I also want to say if you haven't already, drop by the Lodge and see the new flagpole and its surrounding area. It's a big improvement and just a few of the ideas we have for beautification of our property. We need help from every brother to complete these plans and to assist in the general upkeep. So I ask that you ask what you can do to help, please.

As far as the business of the Lodge, the officers have been meeting, planning and trying to keep information flowing to the members.

I attended a DeMolay Zoom webinar on June 7th. Dad Jeff Brunson, Executive Officer, made an excellent presentation of the steps they will be taking when they make the decision to reopen their meetings.

I hope to see similar guidelines and edicts from the Grand Lodge after the communication in June.

I suppose by the time this newsletter is published we will be so informed.

I know some of us have been experiencing hardships of various kinds please do not hesitate to contact one of us, meaning your Masonic brothers, if you need assistance.

Brothers please stay safe and I ask Almighty God to pour His blessings down on us, our families and our nation for continued health and healing.

See you in lodge soon, jus bill.





Fourth of July 2020

The COVID pandemic has put a dampener on our 2020 July 4th festivities. The annual air show and celebration along Tacoma's waterfront has been postponed. A community-wide event may be planned for later in the summer when physical distancing mandates are lifted and it is deemed safe to host large gatherings.

In the recent past, Corinthian Lodge has held a local barbeque and picnic celebration. But that, too, has gone by the wayside.



Prince Hall Freemasonry is the oldest and largest (300,000+ initiated members) predominantly African-American fraternity in the nation.

The Ideals of Freemasonry and the Founding of Our Republic

Freemasonry's impact on America is rich and significant. 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 more than 244 years ago

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.

In a young America, Masonic ideals fully took flight—sometimes in unexpected ways.

In Boston in 1775, Masonic officials who were part of a British garrison granted local freemen of color the right to affiliate as Masons under the banner of African Lodge No. 1. The African Lodge later became known as Prince Hall Masonry, so named for the order's founder, Prince Hall, a freed slave.

Hall became the first African-American named a Grand Master.

Despite the African Lodge's segregated status, Prince Hall Masonry was a bastion of abolitionism. Its leader affixed his name to some of the republic's earliest anti-slavery petitions in 1777 and 1778. As such, African Lodge No. 1 represented the first black-led abolitionist movement in American history.

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Whatever its airs of mystery and images of skulls, pyramids, and all-seeing eyes, Freemasonry's most radical, even dangerous, idea was the encouragement of different faiths within a single nation.

Early in his first term, Bro. George Washington (Alexandria Lodge #22) communicated these ideals in a letter to the congregation of a Rhode Island synagogue:

"It is now no more that toleration is spoken of as if it was the indulgence of one class of people that another enjoyed the exercise of their inherent natural rights. For happily, the government of the United States, which gives to bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance, requires only that they who live under its protection should demean themselves as good citizens..."

In other words, in this new nation minority religions were not just guests at the table, but full householders.

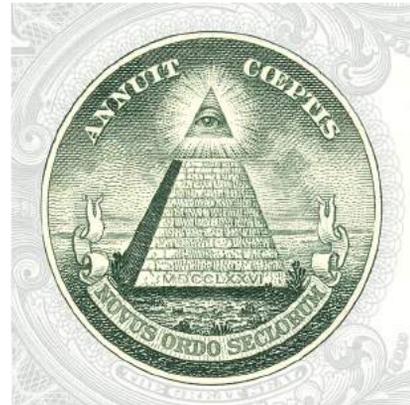
Washington and other early American Freemasons rejected a European past in which one overarching authority regulated the exchange of ideas.

And this outlook is found in one of the greatest symbols associated with Freemasonry: The eye-and-pyramid of the Great Seal of the United States, familiar today from the back of the dollar bill.

The Great Seal's design began on July 4th, 1776, on an order from the Continental Congress and under the direction of Bro. Benjamin Franklin (St. John's Lodge #1), Thomas Jefferson, and John Adams (St. John's Grand Lodge, Boston).

The Latin maxim that surrounds the unfinished pyramid—Annuet Coeptis Novus Ordo Seclorum—can be roughly, if poetically, translated as: "God Smiles on Our New Order of the Ages."

It is Masonic philosophy to the core.



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The pyramid, or worldly achievement, is incomplete without the blessing of Providence. And this polity of man and God, as Masonry saw it, required a break with the religious order of the Old World and a renewed search for universal truth. In its symbols and ideas, Masonry conveyed a sense that something new was being born in America: that the individual's conscience was beyond denominational affiliation or government command.

These days, we are a quieter organization, more given to charity events than grand political or religious causes.

But, historically, our voice and principles strengthened America's founding commitment to the individual's pursuit of meaning. It is not going too far to suggest that Masonry saw America as a republic that protected the spiritual search—from majority rule, from foreign meddling, and from sectarian restriction.

Beyond our current fascination with symbolism and secrecy, that ideal represents Freemasonry's highest contribution to our national life.





MW William Morris Seeman



MW Stewart Perry



MW Robert Lee Gilmore

Corinthian History Project

Four Point Five Washington Grand Masters have come from Corinthian Lodge

Corinthian Lodge has been a leadership breeding ground for The Grand Lodge of Washington having generated 4.5 Grand Masters and a host of deputies over the course of our history.

They include:

- **William Morris Seeman (Late 1800's, early 1900's)**
- **Stewart Edwin Perry - 1933**
- **Robert Lee Gilmore - 1956**
- **Sidney Kase – 1990**

Little is known about **William Seeman**. He was a three-term Master of Corinthian Lodge and one of the original members joining Corinthian in 1883.

Stewart Perry elected Master of Corinthian Lodge in 1933. He was later elected Grand Master 1947-1948. Most Worshipful Brother Stewart Edwin Perry was born on March 6, 1890 in Puyallup, the only son of Edwin and Annie (Stewart) Perry. He received his early education in the public schools of Puyallup, later graduating from the University of Washington.

Robert Lee Gilmore was elected Master of Corinthian Lodge in 1956. He later was elected Grand Master 1968-1969. Most Worshipful Brother Robert Lee Gilmore was born in Palisade Colorado on August 4, 1912. Our brother attended grade school and high school in Palisade, and was the salutatorian of his graduating class. His post-secondary education was at Mesa College at Grand Junction, where he studied Mining Engineering. A veteran of World War II, he served in the Navy Construction Battalion for three years in the South Pacific. After his discharge, he returned to his job in Los Angeles. In 1948 the family moved to Puyallup where he was employed as Land Records Supervisor for Weyerhaeuser. Our brother's service to the community included being a member of the School Board, Council President of the Cub Scouts, Executive Board of the Fruitland Grange, and service with the Fruitland Water Company.

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Grand Masters

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Most Worshipful **Sidney Kase** was born July 8, 1922 in New York City. He graduated from Stuyvesant High School, a science high school with admission by competitive examination, in the top 10% of his class, and was accepted into City College of New York. MW Sidney was drafted into the military as the United States entered World War II and became a medic. Following his military service, he enrolled in a medical school with the hopes of becoming a surgeon. Upon graduation, he began a medical practice in Shelton. He and his Loretta later moved to Puyallup where he joined Corinthian Lodge in 1970. In 1978, he was elected Master of our Lodge. In 1990, he was elected Grand Master. Bro. Sidney was also active in Scottish Rite, York Rite and Shriners.



MW Dr. Sidney Kase

So, we have four Grand Masters from Corinthian. But what of the .5 Grand Master we mentioned? That happens to be **MW Jim Mendoza**. Even though MW Jim is not a member of Corinthian, he had ties to our Lodge s because his father-in-law was WB **C. Richard Lee**, a prominent member of Corinthian who recently passed. **MW Jim** is a Puyallup resident, frequently attending our stated meetings. He is also married to WB Richard's daughter, **Laura Lee**.



*MW Jim Mendoza
2016 Grand Master*

In recent years, we have been blessed with other Corinthian members who have risen to accept Grand Lodge leadership roles including Junior Warden **WB Al Luberts**, who is a member of the Grand Lodge Legislative Committee, **VWB John Adamson** who was a district deputy and **VWB Brian "Red" Shields** who is wrapping up two years of being a district deputy.



Jacques de Molay (c. 1240-1314), was the 23rd and last Grand Master of the Knights Templar, leading the Order from 1292 until 1312. He is one of the best known Templars

The Seven Virtues of DeMolay

- *Filial Love*
- *Reverence for Sacred Things*
- *Courtesy*
- *Comradeship*
- *Fidelity*
- *Cleanness*
- *Patriotism*

The are 500 members of Washington DeMolay, There are 30 members in Puyallup

History of DeMolay

Bro. Brian Gross is the Asst. Executive Officer of Washington DeMolay and a member of Frank S. Land 313 and Port Orchard 98.

In 1919, a Scottish Rite Mason named Frank Land invited 9 local youth to tour the Valley of Kansas City and DeMolay was born.

As Frank answered the telephone he recognized the voice of Sam Freet a newly installed Senior Warden of Ivanhoe Lodge. "Frank, I have a favor to ask. One of our members, Elmer E. Lower, who had been initiated as a Fellow Craft, died a year ago. Could you find a part-time job for the oldest boy, Louis? He is one of the finest young men I have ever seen."

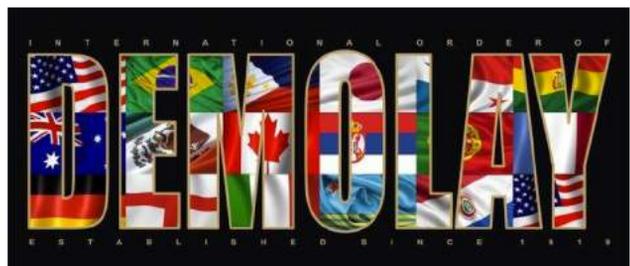
The next day Frank and Louis talked for a while about school. Louis told him of his aspirations for a place on the track team, of his position as a pitcher on a baseball team, and in response to a question said, "I am a fairly good student. Even with the hard time we are having, I want to finish high school and then help with the education of the others."

That evening talking Frank shared with his wife Nell. "This boy I talked to today is tremendous. One of the finest young men I have ever met. He is going to work with me in the office and I know I shall enjoy having him around." She said, "I suggest that you have him bring a few friends over to the apartment some evening. I would like to meet him."

The First Meeting

It was not until the middle of February that the opportunity for such a meeting took place. "Louis," said Dad Land, "How would you like to form a Club and meet here at the Temple?"

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Louis thought the idea had possibilities and showed up the next week with eight other boys. That was February 19, 1919. The boys came early that Wednesday evening and each in turn was introduced to Dad Land by Louis Lower with, "I want you to meet... There are nine of us."

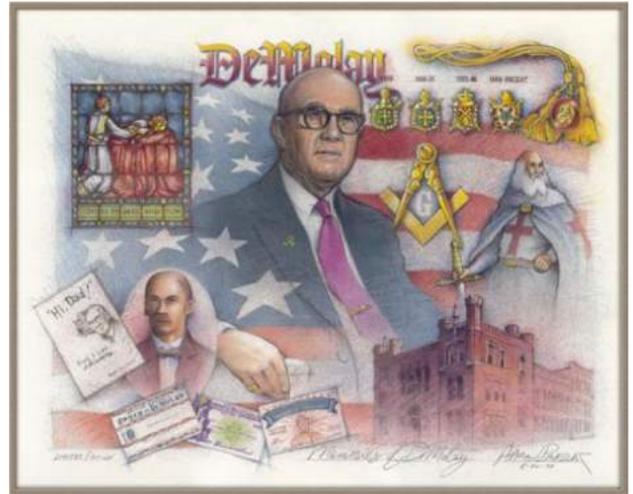
It was a radiant group that gathered about the long table in one of the meeting rooms that night. There was no doubt that they should continue to meet as a Club. The only question was a name. One suggested they use Greek letters as the college fraternities did but this was instantly voted down as making them only a part of other organizations. The name must be distinctive and carry meaning. They turned to Land for suggestions. He pointed to a recent series of prints on the wall that showed the adventures of Sir Galahad and the Knights of the Round Table. There was a negative shaking of heads.

History

Frank smiled, "This year I am serving as the head of one of the Masonic Groups. I am the Commander for the DeMolai Council of Kadosh.

There are many names and stories directly connected with Masonry, but I think I should tell you about the last leader of the Knights Templar. His name was Jacques DeMolay or as they say in history books, James of Molay."

The story and the name caught the imagination of the boys. Here was heroism. Here was a great example of loyalty, of courage. Here was a theme from knighthood and chivalry, at its best, and the name of a martyr to fidelity and toleration. The boys were ready without further consideration to accept this name as the name of the group. When talking with the boys Louis said, "Dad Land told me these men are concerned about only one thing and that is that we should grow into decent men who will be respected in the community."



March 24, 1919 was the day in history that launched the Order of DeMolay. During the next few years, however, the date of March 18, the date in the past that had witnessed the death of Jacques DeMolay, came to be more frequently used.

Thirty-one boys, all from the same high school, came to the Scottish Rite Temple that night. Frank Land made each boy welcome and then explained briefly his ideas of a Club. Land said, "This is your meeting. I will serve as an Advisor but it is your meeting. Why not proceed with organizing and elect a few officers. I will take charge until you have completed your election."

After concerns about growing too quickly the boys approached Dad Land. He said that if it was good for one boy, it must be good for all eligible boys. He reminded them that 'to become big, they must be big.' A motion to limit membership to 75 was rescinded. It was then that DeMolay was permitted to grow and develop, and grow it did.

Today these values and principles remain true as we evolve with society and our various communities. Young men drive our agenda and make the decisions surrounding their Chapters. Their experiences, and failures, fuel their learnings and growth. If you know a young man who can benefit or an adult who can provide mentorship, please reach out to the local leaders. Our arms are always open.

A message to all Corinthians who donated to the Puyallup Food Bank, Thanks from WM Kyle Foster

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO



and all of our COVID-19 Response Funders for their amazing generosity!

May
2020
Impact

308,294

MEALS
SERVED



4,706

HOUSEHOLDS
SERVED



9,404

INDIVIDUALS
SERVED



40.97

POUNDS OF
FOOD PER
PERSON



385,368

TOTAL
POUNDS OF
FOOD



May
2019
Impact

115,758

1,465

4,376

33.07

144,697

This year, the support of our Puyallup community has empowered us to give a hand up to our neighbors during this great time of need.





On our May Zoom Meeting, there was a lot of concern expressed over identity theft and data security. As one of several technology geeks who are members of our Lodge, I thought I'd take a crack at answering some questions and offering some easy advice, most for free, some include an investment of time and money.

For the past three years, we have been at war. It is a different kind of war being waged against us by sponsored operatives in Iran, North Korea, Africa, China and Russia. Add to that criminal elements around the world as well as international allies such as Israel and you can see how the card is stacked against us.

There are some easy steps you can take to protect yourself and your family. The fundamentals are:

- Invest in and install a good antivirus software package. [Use brand names](#) and not cheap no-name companies.
- Use a VPN; [virtual private network](#).
- Start using a [password manager](#). [Change your passwords often](#).
- If you have to pay for something over the Internet, use a [third-party payer](#).



- Check your [credit reports](#) on a regular basis. If you are not planning any new credit purchases, have the credit agencies freeze your credit.
- Never give out personal or financial information to anyone over the Internet or over the telephone. This includes social security numbers, bank numbers or credit card information. Never trust anyone who asks for this information without a good reason. The IRS, for example, will never ask for information online or on the phone. [Protect yourself against identity theft](#). [Protect yourself from fraud](#).
- This is hard for many but close all your social media accounts. This is a popular lead generator for crooks and hackers. In many cases, social media companies sell your personal information to third parties even though they claim not to.
- Never open emails from senders you don't recognize. [Just delete them](#).
- [Never click on links you don't recognize](#).
- If you have frequent spammers, [block them](#). Most e-mail services have the capability for you to block specific senders.
- Here are [some tips](#) if you've been compromised.
- Make sure your Internet provider has up-to-date protections against outside hacking.
- Never-ever let someone [take over your computer remotely](#) or in-person unless you absolutely know who it is and trust them implicitly.
- If you buy new software and you need help installing it, beware. Many software companies will provide you with install help and refer you to a number to call. In many cases, these will go to offshore call centers and the people answering the phone will ask you to give control of your computer over to them. [Don't do it!](#) Install it yourself or call a local IT company to do it for you. Or you can have your seven-year old computer literate grandchild do it for you. (This last suggestion is a joke; sort of).

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PHONE SCAMS

More than 70% of reported fraud attempts start with a phone call.

Source: Federal Trade Commission

RECOGNIZE



- An unsolicited call from a government agency or big company
- Threats of harm if you don't provide personal or financial info
- Product or travel offers that sound too good to be true

RESPOND

- **DON'T** answer calls from unknown numbers
- **DON'T** provide sensitive data to unknown callers
- **DON'T** follow instructions like "Press 1 to get off the call list"



REPORT

FTC: 877-382-4357 or <https://www.ftccomplaintassistant.gov>

FCC: 888-225-5322 or <https://consumercomplaints.fcc.gov/>

AARP Fraud Watch Helpline: 877-908-3360

AARP
Fraud Watch Network

stay

VIGILANT

Protect yourself from theft schemes targeting personal information, resources.



Prevent identity theft

- Check your credit report regularly.
- Shred unsolicited credit card applications.
- Monitor your account statements for unauthorized transactions.
- Follow up with creditors if your bills are missing.
- Keep your Social Security card and number in a safe location.
- Do not respond to spam email.



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We've talked mainly about computers. But there's another way scammers can get you, robo-calls. Just don't answer them. Most phones today have caller ID and unless you recognize the number, just let it go to voicemail. Some carriers offer [software](#) to block robo-calls. There's also [hardware](#) that stops calls cold. There's a federal law passed [outlawing robo-calls](#), but that hasn't stopped them. Register all of your phone numbers with the FTC's [Do not Call Registry](#) and file complaints when you do get calls. One final note, I don't have any financial interest in this company, but we use something called [CPR Call Blocker](#) at our house. It has cut down robo-calls by more than 90%. Some still get through. If it's a number you don't know, hit the "block now" button and no more future calls from this particular number.

Further Reading

[The Nigerian Fraudsters Ripping Off the Unemployment System](#)
[Coronavirus fraud is everywhere](#)
[Fake unemployment claims growing in WA; workers fear ID theft](#)
[What to do if your name is used by unemployment fraudsters](#)
[Steps to Prevent Identity Theft, and What to Do if It Happens](#)



*New sign on storage shed
courtesy of Puyallup Police.*



We never seem to recognize the folks who drop in unannounced to help fix up the Lodge or the surrounding property.

Seen on a summer morning, **WB Fred Docker** on his riding mower clearing out the lot behind the Lodge building, happy as a clam the sun was out. **WB Fred, Bro. Bill Lowery, Bro. George Sedlack, WM Kyle Foster** and **WB Bill Cooper** were dismayed at the trash that is being dumped by the shed. **WB Joe Einertson** also had some stern words with a lady he observed dumping stuff on our property.

Bro. Bill Lowery put his DeMolay grandsons to work on yard cleanup at the Lodge at the end of May. Not to be outdone **WM Kyle Foster** had **Quinten Foster** (QB) weed-whack the property and pressure-washed all of the sidewalks. **WB Joe Einertson** did the same in early May as he also wanded the curbs and cracks and is planning on doing something about the heavy moss.

Conspiracy Theory: [Free steak dinner!](#) Bro. David Aponte who is the General Secretary of Tacoma Scottish Rite has offered to cook a free steak dinner to the Lodge that generates the most new applications for Scottish Rite by October 31, 2020.

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IMPORTANT NOTE

Next Corinthian Zoom Meeting – June 18,
2020 – 7:00 p.m. PDT

[https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79555188917?
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z09](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79555188917?pwd=dWZvMjlsZ3MrM1BLRk00RzVqbtrdZ09)

Meeting ID: 795 5518 8917
Password: 0FJnkA

Name Droppers



*Recognition, Rumors and
Conspiracy Theories*

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Bro. David is a mighty fine cook and is an occasional visitor to Corinthian because he lives here in Puyallup. For more information and application, please see any of the brethren who are Tacoma Scottish Rite members. They include **WB Kyle Foster, WB Bill Cooper, WB Joe Einertson, WB Norman Ross, VWB John Adamson, Bro. Ken Woo**. Scottish Rite is one of the appendant bodies of Masonry that a Master Mason may join for further exposure to the principles of Freemasonry. Scottish Rite is also known as the "graduate school" of Masonry.



You can not do
all the good the
world needs,
but the world needs
all the good you
can do.

About Scottish Rite



The Supreme Council, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction, USA was the first Supreme Council of Scottish Rite Freemasonry. It claims that all other Supreme Councils and Subordinate Bodies of the Scottish Rite are derived from it. The local body is known as "The Valley of Tacoma." More information at <https://scottishrite.org/> and <https://www.tacomascottishrite.org/>

About 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. Royal Arch Masonry (also known as "Capitular Masonry") is the first part of the York Rite system of the Masonic degrees. Royal Arch Masons meet as a *Chapter*, and the Royal Arch Chapter confers four degrees: *Mark Master Mason, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, and Royal Arch Mason*. Contact **WB Al Luberts or WB Joe Einertson** for more information.

Cub Scout Pack sponsored by Temple Board wins Top Honors at Annual Awards Ceremony

Bro. Ron Hale

The Masonic Temple Board of Puyallup sponsors Cub Scout Pack 552. Earlier this year our Cub Scout Pack received two high honors from Rainier District (mainly Pierce County) of Pacific Harbors Council, Boy Scouts of America.

Pack 552 was selected as Cub Scout Pack of the Year for 2019 and at an Awards Dinner at the Tacoma Yacht Club and was presented with both a Certificate and an engraved display Crystal. Also, their leader, Laurel Monson, was awarded Cubmaster of the Year 2019 and presented with a Certificate and engraved display Crystal.



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Corinthian Cub Scouts

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In anticipation of these Awards, the unit flag for Pack 552, with Masonic Temple Corp of Puyallup on it, was paraded and posted with select other honorees in front of over 200 Scouts, Scouters, and family members during the opening ceremony and duration of the Awards Dinner.

Scouting is alive and well in Rainier District with 117 Units serving now over 2554 Youth. Some of these Units are all girl.

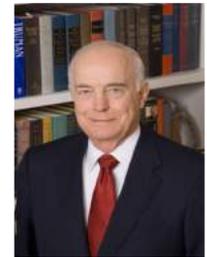
Most Scout Units are currently meeting virtually.

Financially, Pacific Harbors Council is free of debt and is coping fairly well with the current environment. Scouting can always use more donations!

Recently, Scouts of troop 598 sponsored by the American Legion Post #67 placed over 1,500 American Flags marking Veterans' Headstones in Woodbine Cemetery for Memorial Day. The American Legion Post is named after the late Bro. **Vernon Hill**, a member of our Lodge. **VWB John Adamson** and **WB Ben Heeb** have family ties to Troop 598.

Other Scouts participated in an over 100 vehicle procession with police and military escort through Orting and into and around the Orting Soldiers Home. These Scouts decorated their vehicles with flags, signs, banners and soaped on messages honoring Veterans. A local Eagle Scout Project was passing out masks at a local food store.

You should know that Scouting has the most stringent Youth Protection Training of any Youth organization in the country. It is mandatory for all adults involved in Scouting to take and pass this training and undergo a background check before they are enrolled.



Notable local Scout Leaders (Clockwise) Gary Locke, Robert Gates, Daniel J. Evans, Jack Creighton,

As a Masonic Family we are honored to have several active and recent Scouters within our Lodge. Noteworthy are **Brothers Ken Woo, WB Bill Cooper, and Mike Movius**. **Brother Rob Glenn** is also active Scouter. **Brother Ron Hale is the current Rainier District Chairman**. **Brother Scott Smith**, a current District Scout Executive for Rainier District, will be joining our ranks soon

Other local Scouters of prominence include former Governor, Commerce Secretary and Ambassador to China, **Gary Locke** (Chief Seattle Council), former National BSA President and Secretary of Defense, **Robert Gates** (Mt. Baker Council), former Senator and Governor **Dan Evans**, former **Weyerhaeuser CEO Jack Creighton** (Pacific Harbors Council) and former National BSA President **Wayne Perry** (Chief Seattle Council).

Scouting has a long History with Freemasonry

Masonry has long been a strong supporter of the Boy Scouts of America by supporting the development of Scouting units, serving as volunteers, and assisting their Masonic lodges in forming and sponsoring Scout units. The relationship between individual Masons and Scouting, which has existed since the founding of Scouting in America, has resulted in great benefits for both Freemasonry and Scouting.

Our relationship with the Boy Scouts started with Bro. Daniel Carter Beard. Bro. Daniel was made a Mason in Mariner's Lodge No. 67, New York City, NY, and later affiliated with Cornucopia Lodge 563, Flushing, NY.

In the late 1800's he founded a male youth program called the "Society of the Sons of Daniel Boone." By 1905, the program had become "The Boy Pioneers." The man who would create the first "Boy Scouts," and be known as its founder, was Lord Robert Baden-Powell of Great Britain. Lord Baden-Powell, who was not a Mason, read of Beard's program, and based on his own military experience, developed what is known as the "Boy Scouts."

In 1910, the Boy Scout program came to America when Beard merged his organization into the "Boy Scouts of America" and became its first National Commissioner.

Beard, known affectionately as "Uncle Dan" by millions of Boy Scouts, worked tirelessly to create the Scouting Program that exists today. He developed the elements of the Scout badge and the Scout uniform, and wrote and illustrated various early publications of the Boy Scouts of America. Beard exemplified the Masonic ideals throughout the Scouting program.



Bro. Daniel Carter Beard (1850-1941) shown here with a group of Scouts circa. early 1900's. The Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Award is an honor due to members of the Masonic Lodge who act as role models and provide dedicated service to the young people in the BSA. The Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Award not only supports the Masonic relationship through the man who brought Scouting to America, but proclaims the integrity of the recipient who is honored by receiving the award.



Lord Robert Baden-Powell, founder of the Boy Scouts. 1857-1941

Member Profiles

Mike Movius



Brother Mike is a retired executive and organization development consultant. He is the president and founder of the Civil War Roundtable Congress a nonprofit organization dedicated to assisting Civil War Round Tables become or remain sustainable.

Mike became a Master Mason in 2019 with Corinthian Lodge #38. He is a Life member of the National Eagle Scout Association and the National Rifle Association. He is an avid Seattle Mariners, Seattle Sounders and University of Washington Huskies fan. Mike holds degrees from the University of Washington and The Evergreen State College. He is a recipient of the Washington State Patrol's highest award for valor, the Award of Honor. Mike and his wife Denise have two sons, Steven and Kelsey, both Eagle Scouts.

Mike was born in Port Townsend, Washington. His father was as Washington State Patrolman and his mother worked for the school district. He is a 1967 graduate of Port Townsend High School, an Eagle Scout, a Past Master Counselor of his DeMolay Chapter and a graduate of the University of Washington in 1971.

Mike attended the 53rd Trooper Cadet Academy class and graduated July 1, 1975 as a Trooper. His first assignment out of the academy was the East beat in Grays Harbor County. Mike later transferred to the Tacoma-Pierce County freeway and the Olympia-Thurston County detachments. After completing several traffic accident reconstruction classes, he and another trooper formed a fatal accident investigation squad in Thurston County.

Mike was accepted into a masters degree program at The Evergreen State College in 1981. He continued to work 40 to 70 hours a week at traffic law enforcement and devoted another 60 hours a week doing school work, completing reading assignments and attending lectures. Mike's thesis project was entitled, Public Opinion and Economic Development Policy in the State of Washington.

Also in 1981, Mike became a member of the WSP Swat Team. He completed swat training with the FBI at Fort Lewis. The team had a number of interesting and hairy "missions". The most noteworthy was when they were asked to assist the local police and sheriff's office in a hostage situation at the Kittitas County Jail in Ellensburg in April 1983. The taker took control of the jail around 10 o'clock at night; shot out all the lights; shot the arriving chief of police; and began shooting at the prisoners through the bars. Thirty-two men were under his complete and utter control. Mike's team engaged the individual in a shootout that resulted in one fatality.

The State Patrol Chief and Governor Spellman later presented the Award of Honor to Mike and his two mates who made the entry into the jail. Mike also completed his master's degree and at his request was reassigned to the new Traffic Analysis Section. Mike completed a series of staffing and deployment projects for the Field Operations Bureau. He then developed a revolutionary approach to managing the traffic law enforcement efforts of the department called Traffic Enforcement And Management System

(TEAMS). TEAMS received national recognition from the Kennedy School of Government and the Ford Foundation as one of the top twenty-two management innovations in the country. In 1986, Mike received a promotion to WSP Sergeant and was assigned to manage a detachment in the Spokane Valley. He later returned to WSP headquarters and managed the Research and Development Section.

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Mike left the State Patrol in 1988 for a position in Governor Gardner's Efficiency and Accountability Commission. Mike conducted several reviews of state governmental programs and agencies. One significant assignment was the lead in the establishment of the Washington State Department of Health. Mike managed a team of over 100 and every aspect of the creation of the new department. In 1990, he became the Executive Director of the Office of Motor Vehicle Services within the Department of General Administration. In 1991, he transferred to the Department of Trade and Economic Development where he became the staff director of the Governor's Economic Development Cabinet.

In 1997, Mike left state government and became a principle in the technology firm of C&M Technology, Inc. As a consultant, he managed voice, video and data design new construction projects around the country, completed a project with the Nevada School of Medicine and was the CIO of the Washoe County School District for two years.

Mike joined the Federal Home Loan Bank of Seattle as a project manager/business analyst in 2005 where he managed the installation of a multi-million-dollar trade management platform. (The bank was making 100 million dollars-worth of trades per day, at that time.) He also completed the planning and design of a new accounting system and personnel/payroll system. Mike retired in 2008.

Since that time, Mike has become deeply involved in the study of the Civil War. He travels extensively throughout the United States visiting battlefields, museums, reunions, reenactments, parades, conferences and other historic sights. As an amateur photographer, Mike photographs these events extensively.



A very young Bro. Mike on the job.

In 2016, Mike observed that over 70 Civil War Round Tables were closing their doors and ceasing to exist. He formed a cadre of CWRT leaders who were successful in growing their organizations despite the collapse of others. That organization became the CWRT Congress. The Congress holds annual conferences designed to bring innovative ways of governance, marketing, operations and general management to beleaguered organizations. This year, CWRT Congress became a registered 501(c)3 and is holding online lectures by historians to assist during the COVID-19 crisis.

*Bro. Mike's father was a member of Port Angeles #69. His father-in-law WM George Wenzek was a three-time master of Riverside-Jett Masonic Lodge #112. Mike & Denise live in Olympia. When asked why he chose Corinthian, he replied: "I like the history of our lodge, the consistency and the fellowship. We all need to be reminded about respecting others. I chose the Corinthian Lodge because two friends from Scouting were members. It just seemed better to join with friends rather than strangers. Besides those two friends, **Ron Hale** and **Ken Woo** are extraordinary men. Their friendship is very important to me."*



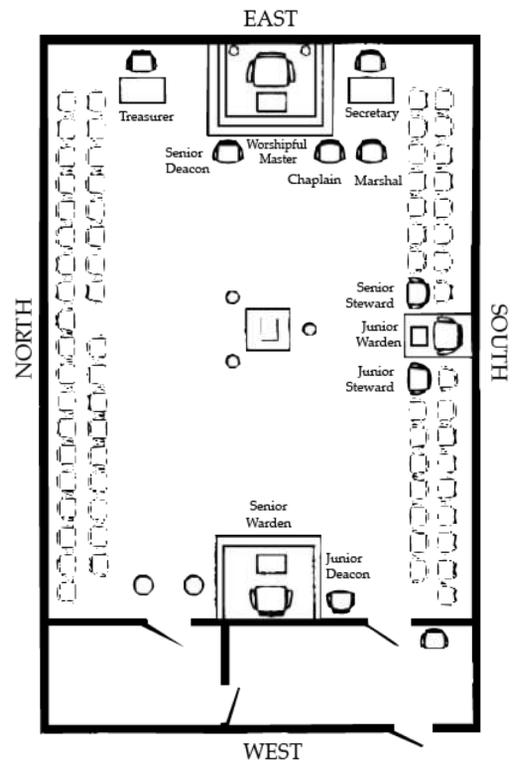
In operative times the four tassels that were suspended in the four corners of the lodge room represented guides, which were intended to assist a freemason to maintain a just and upright life, whence was derived the reference to the four cardinal virtues that traditionally are temperance, fortitude, prudence and justice.

In modern speculative lodges, those four tassels should commence in the southeast corner, which is on the Worshipful Master's left hand side, then proceed clockwise around the lodge room.

Nowadays tassels are not a common feature in lodge rooms, [and in some] lodge rooms the only representations of the tassels are those that appear at the corners of the first [degree] tracing board.

Operative lodges had a Master, a Senior Warden and a Junior Warden located in the East, West and South, and a Superintendent of the Work in the North. The tassel in the corner on the Master's right hand side should represent justice; on his left, temperance. The reason for this is that, when ruling in his lodge and managing his work force, the Master should rule with justice that nevertheless must be tempered with mercy. [The other officers also combine pairs of virtues.]

The Junior Warden is primarily responsible for people's welfare, especially when they are at rest and refreshment. The tassel on his right represents temperance, in allusion to the way refreshment should always be conducted.



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The tassel on his left represents fortitude because he is supposed to personify Hiram Abif whose fortitude should always be emulated by every Freemason.

The Checkered Pavement [in the tracing board on the left] represents the Deity. The light and dark squares represent paired opposites, a mixture of mercy and justice, reward and punishment. They also represent the human experience of life, light and dark, good and evil. These squares fit together with exact nicety to form the Pavement, a single thing, a unity. The whole is surrounded by the Tessellated Border, which binds not simply the squares, but the entire picture, into a unity. The Tassels can be thought of as representing Divine agency, which operates throughout the whole.

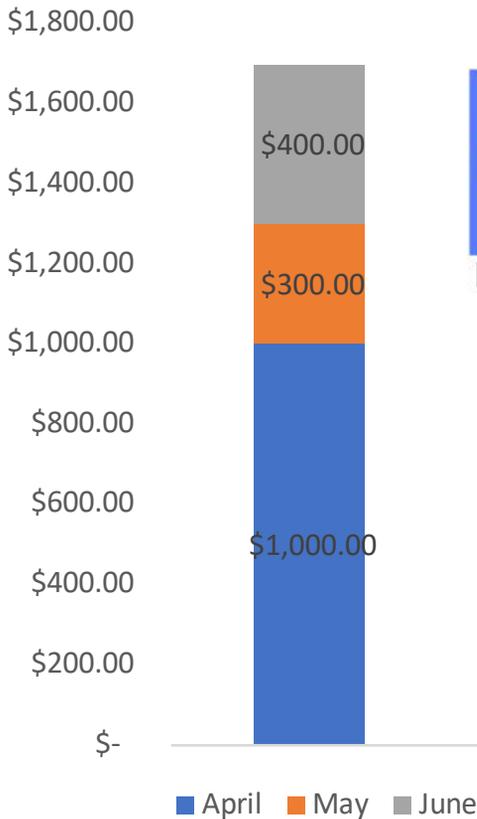
Our duty to ourselves—taught in the first degree of Masonry]— preserving our corporeal and mental faculties in their fullest energy, though requiring a well-regulated course of discipline, also requires a little wise advice which, as we would expect, is given: the practice of the Four Cardinal Virtues of Prudence, Temperance, Fortitude and Justice.



Those who have had the good fortune to visit the Grand Temple in London will have noted how these cardinal virtues are portrayed on the mosaic fresco to the ceiling as four angelic figures in the corners, which call to mind the four mighty archangels who preside over the four elements of Air, Fire, Water and Earth

-From the June 2020 edition, Fraternal Review, Southern California Research Lodge

Support Corinthian Lodge – Brick Fundraiser



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

The bricks will be \$100 each...

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/WN 2020, and these will be all one color different from the lodge bricks and have the past masters square & compass on them.

The last color will be Master Masons with the regular square & compass as artwork.
Example Bro. Bob Smith -- titles held -- date raised on 3rd line

Our Brick Fundraiser is off to a great start. 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.



July Birthdays

Douglas Storey	July 9
Elmer Gilman	July 11
Karl Ickes	July 15
Clyde Lee	July 16
Lawrence Nelson	July 19
Robert Carlson	July 23

July Membership Anniversaries

Andrew Bailey (12)	7/10/08
Hubert Lynch (55)	7/22/65
William Melville (65)	7/29/55
Kenneth Woo (4)	7/30/16

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.

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In these difficult times....

We support our law enforcement brothers **WB Warren Hartle (Ret.)**, **Bro. Mike Movius (Ret.)**, **Jake Stringfellow**, and **Steven Van Zanten**. Thank you for protecting our communities and our families. Words cannot begin to tell you how much we value and appreciate you.



LODGE SECRETARY

From the Desk of the Secretary

WB Fred Docker

I hope all are well. If you know anybody who needs a Get Well card, Thinking of you Card or a phone call? Please email me at fdocker@msn.com or phone at 253-332-5341.

Grand Lodge Communication was last Saturday. M.W. Chris Coffman is our new Grand Master. We wish M.W. Chris a wonder term.

*But I am given strength and skill
To do the work assigned to me;
Whatever my task, it is God's will
That I perform it worthily,
A living stone make fit to grace
The Temple's walls, and help them rise
Although it fill but humble place
A little nearer to the skies.*

George H. Free

Treasurer's Report

Bro. Ken Woo

The Lodge Finance Committee met on May 14, 2020 to review our investment strategies with our investment advisors, **WB Ben Heeb** and his associate **Susan Williams**. The Committee voted to not change our risk profile of "conservative" investments. We do note that under WB Ben's leadership, the Lodge recouped most of our investment losses during the March 2020 market meltdown. The market outlook continues to be volatile. Most economists expect continued downward pressure on [economic metrics](#) such as [GDP](#), [employment](#), [payroll](#) and [productivity](#). Consumer prices continue to rise especially for [food and grocery items](#). The outlook is for this to continue through the end of the year.

We do have \$1,311 in past due accounts. 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 May 31, 2020

Assets Under Administration - \$80,609.46
May P&L - **-\$570.00**
May Income - \$650.00
May Expenses - \$1,220.00
Major Expenses – Temple Board Rent,
Brick Fundraiser Expense.
Six Month Outlook – Minimal income
because of Lodge shutdown due to
Coronavirus Quarantine.

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

HOW TO ENFORCE "SOCIAL DISTANCE"



Why do they call it the novel coronavirus? It's a long story....

Remember the good old days, when washing your hands didn't take three hours?

This COVID-19, I tell ya. I didn't see COVID-1 through 18, so I don't really know what this is all about.

I went to the pharmacy today and asked the assistant "what kills the Coronavirus?" She replied, "Ammonia Cleaner" I said "Oh, I am sorry, I thought you worked here"

Back in the day the only time we started panic buying was when the bartender yelled "last call"

Never in my wildest of wild dreams did I ever think I would go up to a bank teller and request money with a mask on.

To the people who bought 20 bottles of soap leaving none of the shelves for others, you do realize that to stop getting Coronavirus, you need other people washing their hands too.

To those who are complaining about the quarantine period and curfews, just remember that your grandparents were called to war, you are being called to sit on the couch and watch Netflix. You can do this.

During self-isolation. Dogs: "Oh My God, you're here all day and this is the best as I can love you, see you, be with you and follow you! I am so excited because you are the greatest and I love you being here so much! Cats: "What the hell are you still doing here?"

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The science community has figured out that the spread of Coronavirus is based solely on two things.

1. How dense the population is
2. How dense the population is

The world has turned upside down. Old folks are sneaking out of the house, and their kids are yelling at them to stay indoors.

I washed my hands so much because of COVID-19 that my exam notes from 1970 resurfaced.

Whose idea was it to sing "Happy Birthday" while washing your hands? Now every time I go to the bathroom, my kids expect me to walk out with a cake.

BREAKING: The World Health Organization has announced that dogs cannot contract COVID-19. Dogs previously held in quarantine can now be released. To be clear, WHO let the dogs out.

Quarantine has turned us into dogs. We roam the house all day looking for food. We are told "no" if we get too close to strangers. And we get really excited about car rides.

After years of wanting to thoroughly clean my house but lacking the time, this week I discovered that wasn't the reason.

Day 70 of social isolation and it's looking like Las Vegas in my house: We're losing money by the minute. Cocktails are acceptable at any hour. And nobody knows what time it is.

If I keep stress-eating at this level, the buttons on my shirt will start socially distancing from each other.

Happy hour is starting earlier and earlier. If this keeps up, I'll be pouring wine in my cereal.

Day 95 at home and the dog is looking at me like, "See? This is why I chew the furniture!"

More Funny Stuff



News from Grand Lodge

Washington Grand Lodge held its Annual Communication via videoconference on Saturday, June 13, 2020 because of the ongoing coronavirus quarantine. Most of the business sessions were held on a secure Zoom conference. The outgoing Grand Master MW Charles Wood conducted a review of the Masonic year and the installation of new officers including MW Chris Coffman. The events were broadcast online via Facebook.

MW Charles "Woodie" Wood commended everyone for their commitment and flexibility to Masonry given this unprecedented year which upended many events as well as regular Lodge meetings. "I cannot remember a year that more directly challenged our commitment than this one. We have learned on the fly how to 'learn on the fly' to continue our obligated Masonic labors, individually and collectively. I could not be prouder of all of you for the fine and honorable way you showed your Masonic commitment during lockdowns, closures, shortages, and through community charity. No matter the curveballs thrown at you, you handled them with honor, dignity, grace, and the finest demonstrations of your commitment to our values and obligations. For that you have my deepest respect."

The outgoing Grand Master announced the election of new officers:

- Grand Master - Chris Coffman
- Deputy Grand Master - Cameron Bailey
- Senior Grand Warden - Edward Woods
- Junior Grand Warden - Steve Martin
- Grand Secretary - Clinton Brown
- Trustee, Washington Masonic Cemetery - Larry Foley
- Trustee, Kane Cemetery - Jonathan Caverly

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*Outgoing Grand Master MW
Charles E. Wood*



*Incoming 2021 Grand Master
MW Chris Coffman*

News from Grand Lodge

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The Grand Communication this year was broadcast online from Olympia Lodge No. 1. People from as far away as the UK tuned in.



MW Chris Coffman has a long tradition in Masonry in Washington. His father, Russell, and his grandfather were both Washington Masons as well as OES members. Chris was raised in the same lodge as his father and grandfather, Richmond-Haller Lake Lodge #248 He is a plural member of Phoenix Lodge No. 194. His family has been involved in Masonry. He and his son were in DeMolay and his daughter was in Rainbow. Chris and his late wife, Lynn, were very active with the youth groups and OES. Chris is a lawyer and retired from the State of Washington Department of Revenue.

Grand Master Wood also announced the following awards:

- Bill P Horn Memorial Masonic Medal - Aaron Michael Shoemaker
- Traveling Man - WB Bryan Bechler
- Mason of the Year - VW Dutch Meier
- Mason of the Year - RW Clint Brown

Newly installed Grand Master Chris Coffman thanked MW Charles Wood for his year of service. He also ordered all Masonic meetings canceled until further notice. The only exception would be for any two brothers practicing ritual be done on secure videoconference from secure locations. MW Chris also discussed the importance of growing our organization via television spots now running statewide and also online resources including a website as well as social media tools to seek out others looking for the "light of Masonry." He also ordered an organizational review of Grand Lodge committees to create a more efficient organization. More than 200 people at any point in time watched the live Facebook proceedings.



New 2021 theme of MW Chris Coffman



IN REMEMBRANCE





**GRAND LODGE
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June 13, 2020

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE TO ALL LODGES

Brethren,

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic and based on the recommendations of the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Washington State Department of Health, on March 19, 2020, M.:W.: Brother Charles Wood ordered the postponement or cancellation of all in-person Masonic meetings, events and activities throughout the jurisdiction of Washington. His directives were effective through June 12, 2020.

While progress has been made in combating the spread of this disease, there is still no effective treatment or vaccine available. Further, the State of Washington is still under orders to practice social distancing, avoid large gatherings and avoid non-essential travel. I am aware that some counties have moved to Phase 2 and Phase 3 of the Governor's Safe Start Washington four phase approach to recovery and reopening the State. However, several parts of the State are still not allowed to hold meetings of any size. We are all eager to meet again in-person.

Until further notice, all in-person meetings of Lodges in this Jurisdiction shall be cancelled. Further, this Directive encompasses all Masonic Bodies and groups in which a Mason must be in attendance. During this period, the following shall apply:

1. **Payment of Lodge Expenses:**
 - All usual and customary bills for utilities, taxes, fees, and services that are normally acted upon by the Lodge can be approved with the consent of the Worshipful Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Secretary, and Treasurer.
 - Approval of the payment of bills may be accomplished by telephone, email, video conferencing or other means.
 - All decisions to pay these usual and customary bills shall be recorded by the Secretary and reported to the Lodge at the next Stated Communication.
 - Expenditures for charitable purposes shall be considered usual and customary.
2. **Temple Corporations:** Temple corporations are encouraged to act in like manner as specified for the payment of Lodge expenses.
3. **Masonic Funerals:** Masonic Funerals may be conducted at the request of the family. However, all guidelines issued by Federal, State, and Local health authorities must be satisfied. Brothers who are considered at high-risk should not attend.

I, furthermore, direct:

1. **Washington Masonic Code, Section 14.07 B.L.:** Lodges will not be considered to have failed to meet due to neglect if the reason for not meeting was the directives issued by M.:W.: Brother Charles Wood, this Directive, or inclement weather.
2. **Use of Technology:** Lodges, Districts and other Masonic bodies are strongly encouraged to use video conferencing and other communication tools to stay in touch with their

members, conduct Masonic education and other non-esoteric matters. Many Lodges and Districts have been using these tools and it has been well-received.

3. **Esoteric Matters and the video conferencing:**

- One on One communications between a Mentor/Coach and a Brother preparing to advance to the next degree is allowed through video conferencing provided that both the Mentor/Coach and Brother have determined that platform is secure and the physical location of each is secure.
- One on One communications between Brothers to work on Opening, Closing or other Esoteric work is allowed through video conferencing provided that both Brothers have determined that platform is secure and the physical location of each is secure.
- No groups of three or more shall make use of the video conferencing to practice or conduct esoteric work.
- Recording of a video conference where esoteric matters are discussed is strictly prohibited.

The Executive Team continues to monitor the situation very closely and when it is safe to meet again, a further directive will be issued.

My Brothers, during this extraordinary time remember to reach out and contact your Brothers. Do what you are able to do assist those who need it. Remember our Gentle Craft has been in existence in its current form for over 300 years, long may it continue. We have survived hard times before and we will survive this.

Remember the Past, Visualize the Future.

Fraternally,



Chris Coffman
Grand Master
Free and Accepted Masons of Washington



cc: Grand Lodge Elected
Jurisprudence
Concordant and Appendant Bodies



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. During this quarantine period, we are hoping to have a newsletter sent out every month. August newsletter deadline is July 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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