



## Langley Lodge No. 218 F&AM

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## Trestle Board January 2012



### From the Worshipful Master

Fraternal greetings all,

I hope that the recent inclement weather finds you well. The thrust of Masonic Light for this issue is related to the basics of Lodge practices and respect for the ritual. As I have traveled and observed over the last few months, I find that as a group, District 9 performs the ritual very well and we have been complemented in our work.

As officers in our Lodge, and some more than once, we have been doing a great job of bringing young people into our fraternity and it is our duty to make sure they understand not only the words, but the meaning of the ritual; not just opening and closing, but all of the work we do.

In the readings I have found, “The first step in learning any ritual is to know what you are saying,” you must first seek to understand what is being said, once you have, “It’s mostly a matter of knowing how to do it, plus a lot of practice.” Once we understand the words and have dedicated our time to sufficient practice, there is the matter of how to comport yourself in Lodge.

By way of getting to the basics, I will quote the Lodge Officers Handbook as a guide to efficient and courteous procedure. “It is the duty and responsibility of those in charge to teach candidates in such a manner that they will have a genuine feeling that they are **proud** to be a **Mason**”. At this point I must address a couple of issues about which I feel strongly:

The first is levity in Lodge. In my opinion, ribald and lively discussion and cajoling in moderation is acceptable after Lodge is open. Such atmosphere keeps things interesting and fun. While opening and closing Lodge, however, we must adhere to and respect the ritual. In my mind, this means we must not engage in laughter or joking if a Brother has missed a line or a part in the ritual, but rather offer support later with a kind word. It is acceptable to remind a Brother in a friendly manner of the proper words or action, but let us make sure that we do so in a manner that that preserves the solemnity of the occasion.

The second, I know may ruffle some feathers. I recognize that we now live in the “Information Age” where technology is at our fingertips. To me, it seems appropriate that we enter information into our calendars and review information for upcoming presentations or proposals on our handheld devices during the meeting after Lodge is opened. Knowledge is power. I must however draw the line at using handheld devices during Opening and Closing. This undermines the sanctity of our timeless ritual. The same is true for open books. Either we know the work or we do not. Here comes that “P” word again: practice, practice, practice.

We must first endeavor perfection in ourselves...and then pass it on.

Let us make this Lodge, and our District, the best that it can be!

For our review, I have asked our Webmaster to post a great article on Masonic Etiquette on our web site. It can be found at: [www.langley218.com](http://www.langley218.com).

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## **From the South.**

Menu for January:

<i>Spaghetti</i>	<i>Green Salad</i>	<i>Garlic Bread</i>
<i>Sourdough Rolls</i>	<i>Jell-O</i>	

**We still need volunteers for salad, rolls and garlic bread.**  
**Please contact Jim Fulton**



## **Technology**

The new Langley Lodge website up and running at <http://langley218.com>. If there is anything that needs to be posted, send it to [webmaster@langley218.com](mailto:webmaster@langley218.com).

A new digital District Calendar is also on our website, available for any other lodge's use.

If you are not an officer, and wish to have an email account on our server, please email [webmaster@langley218.com](mailto:webmaster@langley218.com) to request an account.

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## Committees

**Bikes For Books** – Tony Gill, Thomas Gill

**Audit Committee** – Wayne I. Smith, Thomas Gill, Milo Milfs

**By-Laws** – Wayne I. Smith, Tony Gill, Albert Gustafson

**Scholarships** - Thomas Gill, Carl Fjelsted

**Widows and Orphans Fund** – Tony Gill, David Surface

**Island County Fair** – Carl Fjelsted, Milo Milfs, Jim Fulton, Paul Rempa

## **Langley Lodge #218 Past Masters**

WB William Smith 1975  
VW Charrison Lochaby 1978, 1995  
WB Art Phelps 1979, 1987  
WB Greg Smith 1984  
WB Myron Gabelein 1990

WB Jim Thorsen 1992  
WB Gene Seals 1993  
WB Gary Olkonen 1994  
MW Wayne I. Smith 1996  
WB Tony Gill 1997, 2007, 2010, 2011

WB Don McCabe 1999  
WB Bruce Anderberg 2000  
WB Mike Barham 2002, 2006  
WB John Watts 2004  
WB Jim Fulton 2008, 2009

## **Members who are Past Masters of other Lodges**

WB Mike Barham - Chateau Thierry Lodge  
WB Charlie Bash - Robert Burns Lodge

WB Denis Lane - Robert Burns Lodge  
WB Paul Steinsiek - Garfield Lodge

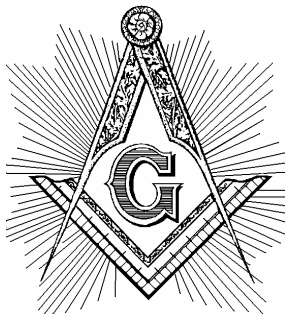
VW Marion Windell - Whidby Island Lodge

WB Dick Wilkinson - Greenwood  
and Northern Light/ Ravenna Lodge

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**Langley Lodge #218 is now meeting at  
Trinity Lutheran Church - Annex in  
Freeland  
(Original building)**

**Fourth Tuesday  
6:30 Dinner – 7:30 Stated Meeting**

**18341 State Route 525  
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