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Trestle Board February 2012



From the Worshipful Master

Fraternal greetings all,

First of all, I would like to extend a hearty Thank you to Bro. Thomas Gill and to the Brothers who filled in last month in my absence. Thank you Thomas, Tony, Charrison and Michael.

You will want to join us this coming Tuesday night, 2/28, for The Great Chili Cook-off. I have already heard some competitive language, most notably from our V.W. District Deputy in the general direction of our own M.W. Past Grand Master. You do not want to miss the fireworks!

The Fellowship Gavel is now back at Langley Lodge after a friendly visit to Whidby Island Lodge. Please join us this Tuesday to try to claim it for your Lodge. I have heard that Burlington United #93 will be making a run at it.

Speaking of our V.W. District Deputy, our meeting this month is the Official Visit of the District Deputy of the Grand Master for District 9. Join us in Lodge as we welcome V.W. Don Munks.

This last Saturday I attended the Regional Communication for Districts 2, 8, 9 and 10. There was very good discussion about growing participation between Lodges and promoting fellowship and attendance within our Lodges. I look forward to sharing ideas and working together to create an action plan for our Lodge in the coming months.

There has been a good deal of discussion recently about the "Widows and Orphan's Fund". The Trustees from our Lodge are W.B. Tony Gill and Bro. David Surface. They have collaborated on an article in this issue that reminds us of our commitment to the relief of our Widows and Orphans. Many of you contribute toward this most important cause. If you are not currently part of this effort, please consider it, the small comfort we can provide goes a long way.

Carl D. Fjelsted
Worshipful Master
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From the West

I would like to thank everyone who came to the January stated meeting, and supporting me during by first full meeting in the East. I think we did well, and inadvertently got some business done that hadn't been planned. I would like to express my appreciation to W.B. Tony Gill and V.W.B. Charrison Lochaby for filling in as Senior Warden and Junior Warden respectively, as well as Michael Belle Isle filling in for Junior Deacon at the last minute.

Bro. Thomas Gill
Senior Warden

From the South

Please join us for the Great Chili Cook-off at our Stated Meeting this month.

Competitors shall bring 2 quarts of their best recipe chili to be judged by all in attendance. Diners will vote and the winner will receive an apron from Langley Lodge in honor of his achievement.

The Lodge will provide the necessary accompaniments; beans, rice, onions, cheese, sour cream, corn bread and salad. If you have a side dish that you would like to add please feel free to add it to the mix!

Bro. David Surface
Junior Warden

Technology

I've been receiving reports from some of the brothers that you are having issues viewing certain items on our new website. If for any reason you cannot view something or it looks odd, first make sure you are running the most recent browser (Internet Explorer, Firefox, Chrome, Safari) and have Javascript on and cookies enabled. I have tested the site will all browsers, on multiple systems, and the only ones that seem to have any issues are iPhone, likely due to something with the display size, which I am working on. Each entry of the trestleboard does have a download link if the in-line viewer doesn't work for you. However, if you can't get it to work after checking those settings, feel free to give me a call or email me with your issue and we can try to fix it.

Bro. Thomas Gill
Senior Warden / Webmaster
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Widows and Orphans Fund

How often have we been asked “why do we do the ritual?”

I have always thought it was so we would have our guide with us at all times, (memorization). Remember the part that says “contribute their widows and Orphans?”

Or maybe the passing into the Second degree when the candidate hears these words “*Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.*

And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.

And though I bestow all my good to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing. Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up.

And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.” {1 Cor. 13.}

Brethren, Bro David Surface and WB Tony Gill have been appointed Langley 218’s trustees to the widows and orphans fund of District Nine and the San Juans. As your trustees we need to make sure that everyone is aware of the fund and its purpose. We also strongly encourage every brother in our lodge to participate in the widows and orphans fund.

The widows and orphans funds purpose is simple to give immediate financial assistance to the surviving loved ones of a dearly departed brother. This is accomplished by presenting the widow, orphan, or other designated person or entity a check for \$1,000. This money can be used for any expenses the recipient deems appropriate. This could mean defraying funeral/cremation expenses, costs associated with closing the estate or, just for living expenses until the estate is settled and joint assets become available. Life insurance will take time to be processed and paid.

The monies paid out by the Widows and Orphans trust fund come straight from the members of the trust. We pay a one time \$5.00 assessment upon joining the trust and are assessed \$2 for each brother who passes. Cards are mailed to the members after five brothers have passed. This really only happens about three or four time a year. Many of us pay in advance so we are always ahead.

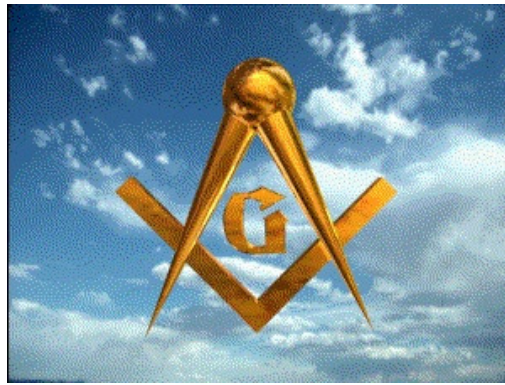
Most members don’t need the help but by the same token some do. This trust is for those that do need.

We really are talking about coffee money here brothers. Most of us spend more a month on coffee then it would cost us a year to support this worthy cause and help support our brothers loved ones in their most vulnerable time of need.

Currently there are only 250 Masons participating. Each member is access \$2 upon the passing of a brother. The fund pays out \$1,000 upon the passing of each brother. As you can see this creates a \$500 deficit upon the passing of member brother. Drawing down of the reserves in the fund is currently making up the difference but, this is unsustainable. We need to increase the participation simply to make the fund self-sustaining.

To that end we are asking that every member of Langley Lodge that is not a member of the widows and orphans fund join now and support your duty to the families our brothers. Even if you don’t have a family you can participate and designate a scholarship fund or other charity of your choice as your designee.

W.B. Tony Gill
Bro. David Surface



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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

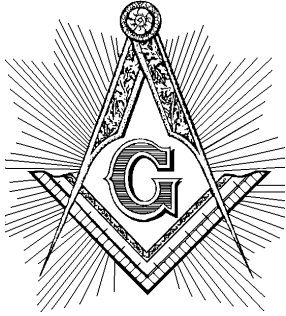
VW Marion Windell - Whidby Island Lodge

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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**

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