



Langley Lodge #218

F&AM of Washington

June 2013 Trestleboard

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From the East

June is off to a great start. With the assistance of the elected officers, WB Tony Gill, WB Denis Lane, and Brother Richard Bacigalupi we had an excellent trip to Everett 137 where we closed their lodge for the Summer. At our stated meeting on June 25, they will return the favor. As WB Jim Fulton will be out of town, WB Carl Fjelsted will be preparing Tri-tip steaks for dinner, with some assistance from Brother David Surface preparing salads, and WB Tony and Linda Gill in preparing strawberry shortcake for dessert.

June was also the meeting of the Annual Communion of Grand Lodge of Washington in Spokane Valley. Some excellent legislation and motions were

passed, and some wonderful fellowship was had with brothers from our district, and many of the others from the jurisdiction. The election of officers was completed. The results are on the page 2.

I would like to share that with the warmer weather, comes our annual switch away from jackets and ties. As the weather warms, jackets may become oppressive, but use your own judgement. I would ask that you eschew shorts, jeans, or T-Shirts unless of course you have no other choice.

In Closing, Welcome to Summer... or a close approximation.

See you in Lodge,
Thomas E. Gill

Grand Lodge Communication Results

GM - MW Bruce Vesper
DGM - RW Sam Roberts
SGW - RW Don Munks

JGW - RW Jim Mendoza
GSec - RW David Owen

Resolutions

2012-2 C/O - Pass

2013-1 - Fail

2013-2 - Fail

2013-3 - Fail

2013-4 - Fail

2013-5 - Pass

2013-6 - Fail

2013-7 - Pass

2013-8 - Pass (Ammended to be
3 brothers, and at the discession
of the Master)

2013-9 - Pass

2013-10 - Pass

2013-11 - Pass

2013-12 - Pass

2013-13 - Pass (Ammended, in-
cluded in GL Packets)

2013-14 - Pass

2013-15 - Recinded

2013-16 - Withdrawn, now E-2

2013-17 - Pass (Ammended to
\$5/day)

E1 - Pass

E2 - Pass

Motion to bestow upon late RW
Jerry Lingle, the title of MWGM
(Postimous) - Passed

Grand Lodge also bought a new building, details attached.

Upcoming Events

• June 25 - Everett 137 to Langley
to Close - Stated Meeting at 7:30 -
Dinner at 6:30

• June 26 - 7:30 - LOA Anacortes

• July 1 - Canada Day

• July 4 - Independence Day

• July 23 - 7:30 Langley July Stated
Meeting - Dinner at 6:30

Remember: You can check the District Calendar, and the newest
Trestleboard, along with all up-to-date information about Langley
Lodge at our Website: www.langley218.com

2012 Roster of Officers

Worshipful Master	Thomas E. Gill	master@langley218.com
Senior Warden	David Surface	captdave@whidbey.com
Junior Warden	W.: Jim Fulton	jrfulton@freeland.net
Secretary / Treasurer	W.: Carl Fjelsted	fjelsted@whidbey.com
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Marshall	Paul Rempa	templecarpenter@whidbey.com
Senior Deacon	Mark Williams	mark@islandhomerepair.com
Junior Deacon	W.: Albert Gustafson	ananda@gol.com
Tyler	W.: Tony L. Gill	tonylgill@gmail.com

Living Past Masters of Langley Lodge #218

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

WB Tony Gill 1997, 2007, 2010-11

WB Mike Barham 2002, 2006

WB John Watts 2004

WB Jim Fulton 2008, 2009

WB Carl Fjelsted 2012

Members who are Past Masters of other Lodges

WB Mike Barham - Chateau Thierry Lodge

VW Marion Windell - Whidby Island Lodge

WB Denis Lane - Robert Burns Lodge

WB Paul Steinsiek - Garfield Lodge

WB Albert Gustafson – Lafayette Lodge

If you have any comments or feedback about this Trestleboard, or anything to contribute, please send it to tb@langley218.com

MAY 30, 2013

MEMORANDUM FOR LODGES

SUBJECT: GRAND LODGE PURCHASED A NEW BUILDING

This year, working with the Grand Lodge Elected Officers and the Committee on Finance, along with the professional help of legal, environmental, surveyor and building inspection personnel, a building was purchased. The building is located in University Place (UP), approximately fifteen miles from 47 Saint Helens. The building was built in 2002 and will house both the Grand Lodge operations and the Washington Masonic Charities, Library and Museum and certain administrative staff.

In the history of the Grand Lodge we have never owned our building. At our previous locations we were tenants. It has been an ongoing effort to find a home for Grand Lodge.

In 1999-2000, then Senior Grand Warden, Robert Van Zee and Junior Grand Warden James N. Reid Jr., located a building on Pacific Avenue in Tacoma but were unable to structure a purchase. Again in 2005, Past Grand Master, John D. McNab and Grand Secretary, David Owen were given the task to, again, explore possible options. The Afifi Shrine building was a possible option. However, having a minority stake in the real estate subjected Grand Lodge to other Masonic Concordant Groups management. More recently, Grand Master, G. Santy Lascano, appointed WB Fred Wolfstone (Commercial Real Estate Broker) and Grand Secretary, David Owen to check the market for a possible building for Grand Lodge and the Library and Museum. The time was ripe for real estate, given the 2008 melt down in the financial and real estate market. In the past two years there have been five different properties to consider and the new building in UP will greatly enhance and support our operations for years to come.

Two of the possible properties that were considered were, again, the Afifi building and the Masonic Retirement Center. The Afifi building would cost too much to remodel to fit our needs. The Masonic Retirement Center (MRC) is also too costly to bring up-to-date. Changing the business use of the Masonic Retirement Center would require a tax liability in excess of \$170,000.00 per year. It was a practical and financial choice not to relocate to either of these locations.

The new building is located at 4970 Bridgeport Way West, University Place. It is approximately 10,700 square feet. Adjacent to it is a half-acre lot, which was negotiated into the price. The price of the two lots and the building was 2.1 million dollars. The list price was about 2.5 million. The money used to purchase it came from the Grand Lodge's General Endowment Fund, Capital Fund and a Note from the Home Endowment Fund. The Note will be paid back over thirty (30) years.

Financially the relocation of Grand Lodge makes sense. Our current lease payment is approximately \$55,000.00/year. When you add Washington Masonic Charities as a tenant and with the available lease space of 1,500 square feet, the total revenue generated is near \$130,000.00. The annual overhead (taxes, insurance, utilities etc.) from the prior owner was \$44,000.00/year. With a reduction in property taxes for Washington Masonic Charities, as a tenant, it is estimated that this number can be reduced. The repayment on the Note is \$48,000.00/year. When you add the overhead (\$44,000.00) and the Note (\$48,000.00) it equals

\$92,000.00/year against revenue of \$130,000.00/year, leaving \$38,000.00 to go into the Capital Fund for future uses. The Grand Lodge, Washington Masonic Charities and the 1,500 leasable space will each be tenants. If the 1,500 square feet is not leased, the revenue generated will be \$98,000.00, again leaving a positive cash flow but less. The half-acre empty lot is another potential revenue source, but at this time, nothing is planned.

The Grand Lodge has formed a Building Association similar to what is required of Lodges owning real estate. The Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws will soon be approved by Jurisprudence and the Grand Master. The name of the corporation is the Washington Masonic Grand Lodge Building Association. There are seven Trustees: two of which are the Senior and Junior Grand Warden; two appointed annually by the Grand Master and the other three are elected, one each year at the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge. The two Grand Wardens cannot serve as officers of the corporation.

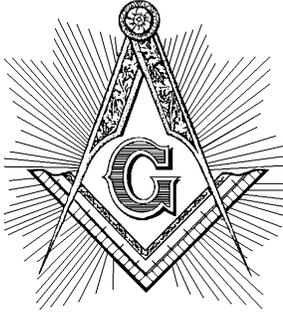
This summer will be our move-in period. The Library and Museum has already started the process. In early July, the Grand Lodge office will start its transition. The move will be completed by the end of September when our current lease at 47 Saint Helens Avenue expires. Please be patient during the transition.

In the near future (October 19, 2013 tentative) the new Grand Lodge building will be dedicated. Please make it a point to come and see our new Grand Lodge offices. You will be impressed with the Library and Museum's new layout. WB Todd Johnstone and the members of the Library and Museum Committee have done an excellent job. Thanks.

Fraternally yours,

David P. Owen
Grand Secretary

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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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