



Langley Lodge #218

F&AM of Washington

April 2015 Trestleboard

W.: David Surface, Master

W.: Carl Fjelsted, Secretary / Treasurer

From the East

Brothers, Greetings from the east. As it is spring and the season to sow the seeds it also is an opportune time to consider the sewing of Masonic seeds. Let's be perfectly frank. Our fraternity will not thrive much less survive if we do not raise new master masons. Our lodge's average age is probably around 50 if not older. This means that we must attract new brothers for our lodge and masonry in general to be a relevant force in our society.

The question then becomes how do we attract new brothers to the craft? With so many competing interests for our attention and time what is it that sets us apart from every other civic, charitable or fraternal organization? Why petition to become a Mason? I believe that what sets us apart and makes us unique is that we are concerned with making better men rather than doing good deeds. Our focus is philosophical and esoteric and our sense of community and charity derive from this. It is important to be able

to communicate not only our slogan "making good men better" but also how we do it. What is it we offer or do that makes good men better?

Going forward Langley 218 is going to work at becoming more visible and prominent in the community. We are going to take a position of leadership. We are going to address needs in the community that are in keeping with our core values and principles. We are going to become more active in civic matters and more visible through participation in community events. All of this will raise our degree of recognition and will open doors to potential candidates. Once men start asking us about masonry we need to have something more to tell them than "we make good men better". This is our challenge and what will determine the success of our lodge. What is it that masonry means to you?

See You in Lodge,
David Surface
Worshipful Master
Langley Lodge #218

From the Secretary:

Thank you to our Brothers from Camanio Lodge #19 who visited last month including Past Grand Master Carl B. Smith. Please visit the Grand Lodge website where you can find a page for our Past Grand Masters. For some Past Grand Masters there are links to video interviews. These interviews are quite interesting and shed further light on Masonry from each of the Past Grand Masters included.

All officers should have received information regarding registration for the 158th Annual Communication which will convene in Kennewick on Friday June 12th at 10:00 a.m. If you would like to

attend and have not received your registration packet please let me know.

We have also received a copy of the Resolutions to be voted upon at the Annual Communication as well as Statements of Availability for those members of Grand Lodge who have indicated their availability to serve as Junior Grand Warden. Relevant portions of this document will be read at our May Stated Meeting.

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Living Past Masters of Langley Lodge #218

VW Charrison Lochaby 1978, 1995	WB Tony Gill 1997, 2007, 2010, 2011
WB Art Phelps 1979, 1987	WB Mike Barham 2002, 2006
WB Greg Smith 1984	WB John Watts 2004
WB Myron Gabelein 1990	WB Jim Fulton 2008, 2009
WB Jim Thorsen 1992	WB Carl Fjelsted 2012
WB Gary Olkonen 1994	WB Thomas E. Gill 2013, 2014

Members who are Past Masters of other Lodges

WB Mike Barham - Chateau Thierry Lodge	WB Paul Steinsiek - Garfield Lodge
VWB Marion Windell - Whidby Island Lodge	WB Albert Gustafson - Lafayette Lodge
WB Denis Lane - Robert Burns Lodge	VWB Mark Wiggins - Garfield Lodge

Upcoming Events with Langley Lodge

- April 22 - Island County Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition Meeting - All Are welcome - 1pm at the County Commissioner's Meeting room in Coupeville
LOA at Fidalgo 77 - 7:30 - All Are Welcome - Whidby 15 Refreshments
- April 28 - Stated Meeting, Dinner at 6:30

April Birthdays:

- Albert Baldwin 4/16
- Charles Farmer 4/25

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

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