



Langley Lodge #218

F&AM of Washington

December 2012 Trestleboard

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I has been an incredible journey getting to this point, and with a little forethought and a good plan of action it will continue to be a journey for all of us.

As you may, or may not be aware, at the behest of our late brother, MW Wayne Smith, we changed our bylaws this spring to be dark in December. But that does not mean that we shouldn't be visiting the other lodges in our district, and attending the remaining installations, as all of our brothers deserve support.

Our January meeting will be the official visit of our District Deputy VW Paul Steinsick, followed by our Annual Chili Cook-off in February, and the official visit of our Grand Master MW Dean Hineman. It would be great if we could fill Grigwire Hall with brothers for these visits, and the more we have for the chili cook-off, the better the fellowship.

We also have a new Entered Apprentice in our midst, Bro. Terry Busby,

who seems genuinely excited for his journey into our ancient fraternity and our lodge family. Please help him in any way you can, so he can get the most out of lodge.

I would like to remind everyone, that I feel it is more important for you to come to lodge, rather than to worry about your state of dress, so don't feel that you can't attend lodge because you don't have time to get ready. I would much rather have you there in fellowship than at home.

As we are in the midst of the holiday season, remember to share your good fortune with the less fortunate, your cheer with those who have none, and your kindness to those who have never known it.

Have a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and a Festive Festivus,
See you in Lodge,
Thomas E. Gill

THE CANDIDATE

By: RW Alan R. Heath, Grand Lodge of Maine

It was his dream to become a Mason,
Though he wasn't sure quite why.
So he made an application,
Then waited months for a reply.

No committee came to pay a call,
To meet him and his wife,
No invitation to Mason's hall;
Nor offer of advice.

Finally a postcard in the mail,
Said, "come Monday night at six,
And bring us twenty dollars,
If you want to see our tricks."

He made that solitary journey,
And entered by the door,
But not one hand was offered,
As he slowly crossed the floor.

They fed him beans and hot dogs,
And a piece of apple pie,
Then lead him to a little room,
With no explanation why.

The work was done with care and skill,
No one could argue that.
But, the candidate was forgotten,
As they patted themselves on the back.

He came to the lodge hall two more times,
And was raised to the third degree.
That was the last time they saw him.
What could the trouble be?

They scratched their heads and wondered,
As again they cried and moaned,
"Our time has all been wasted!"
"We should have stayed at home."

It seems to me that they've missed the point,
But they need to understand.
It's not just how well you do the work,
It's how you treat the man.

Because you can only be a Mason,
When you're a Mason in your heart;
And along with his jacket seams,
They had burst his dream apart.

So, if you get an application,
Please, call on that man at once.
Invite him and his family,
To tour your hall and share some lunch.

Answer all his questions,
Let him share your pride.
A Mason's work, is honest work;
That's not a secret to hide.

And when it's time to present him,
With the gift of a degree,
Remember, genuine friendship is,
The true gift of masonry.

Pick him up and take him home.
Isn't he worth the trip?
No candidate should come alone.
Please, don't ignore this tip.

All should rush to greet him,
As he enters by your door.
Extend your hand in friendship,
That's what a Mason's grip is for.

Remember your obligation,
As you lead him to the gate.
It's up to you to guide him through,
Not to hurt or humiliate.

Now armed with proper instruction,
Masonry's door will open wide,
Thanks to you, his best example,
Of what a Mason should be inside

And? thank him sincerely for coming.
Invite him back to his new home,
For a brother will not be a brother,
If he feels unwelcome and alone.

2012 Roster of Officers

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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

From the Secretaries Desk

Brethren, I look forward to serving you as Secretary of our Lodge. WB Thomas has agreed to take on editing and publishing of the TrestleBoard which is a big job. You can help by forwarding to Thomas ideas for programs for Stated Meetings, suggestions for Masonic education, and items for the lodge and district calendar.

Dues cards for 2013 have been mailed or delivered in Lodge. If you have not received a Dues card for 2013, unless you are a Life Member, please contact me via email as soon as possible. Otherwise, please send a check to the

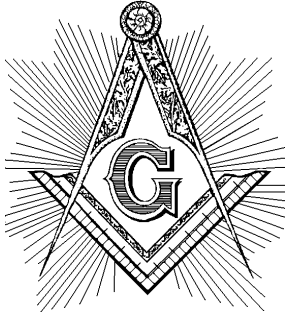
address below. January is coming very quickly. It is very important that everyone is current by January 1.

Please mail 2013 dues to:

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OUR VISION: Freemasons of Washington will be recognized as a relevant and respected Fraternity, committed to attracting and retaining all men of high quality who strive for self improvement and the opportunity to make a positive difference in their community

**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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