



Langley Lodge No. 218 F&AM

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Trestle Board November 2011



From the Worshipful Master

Brethren, it will be my great pleasure to serve Langley Lodge as Master for 2012. We have come a long way in the last few years. Before we move forward we should acknowledge and express appreciation for those who have come before us. A roster of Past Masters of Langley lodge is included in this Trestle Board. I would also like to express my sincere thanks and gratitude to all of the incoming elected and appointed officers for the coming year.

As I mentioned at our installation, my areas of emphasis for the coming year are:

COMMUNICATION, EDUCATION AND PARTICIPATION.

Communication - through the Trestleboard and our website, communication with schools through Bikes for Books and scholarships, and communication with other concordant bodies such as Shrine Club.

Education – through interesting programs in our Lodge meetings and practice in the ritual.

Participation – through travel to other Lodges, for programs and Degree work as well as the organization of a booth at Island County Fair to get the word out about what we do and how we benefit the communities in which we work.

In this spirit, our first order of business was to travel to Fidalgo Lodge earlier this month to recover the Traveling Gavel. It will be interesting to see which Lodge shows up at our next meeting to try to claim it.

I look forward to my trip to the East and guiding Langley Lodge #218 in the coming year. **Thank you all for your support and guidance.**

“Masonry is what we make it. Every good man and true who comes into a lodge helps the fraternity to be bigger, better, nobler.” Carl H. Claudy *Old Tiler Talks*

Carl D. Fjelsted
Worshipful Master
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From the South

Brethren, I am looking forward to a good year in the south and am excited to be a part of a growing lodge. Good food fosters good fellowship and I am going to provide the best food I possibly can to encourage attendance at the dinners before lodge and fellowship after lodge.

The menu for November is:

Spiral cut baked ham	Mashed garlic potatoes
Caesar salad	Garlic bread
Green Beans (volunteer needed)	Cranberry Jello Mold
Pumpkin pie	Chocolate cake

David Surface
Junior Warden
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Technology

Langley 218 is Online

The address for the web site is: <http://langley218.com>

The web site now has a current calendar so check in regularly for any changes.

If you are interested in having your own Langley218 e-mail address (which is organized by Google's GMail or can be forwarded to your personal e-mail account) simply e-mail me at thomas.gill@langley218.com or let me know at our next meeting.

Bro Thomas Gill
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Grand Lodge – What is it?

When you refer to “Grand Lodge” who are you really talking about? Are you talking about the Grand Lodge office in Tacoma; are you talking about the Grand Lodge Elected Officers; are you talking about the membership that attends the Annual Communication. The Washington Masonic Code is very specific as to who Grand Lodge is and what are its powers (WMC Sec. 1.03 Const. & WMC Sec. 1.04 Const.).[i]

There has been and probably will continue to be this perception that Grand Lodge is someone else, that Grand Lodge is something else and they do nothing for us. The Jurisdiction of Washington is large and very diverse. We have about 16,000 Masons and 183 Lodges that are located in the downtown sections of major urban areas, in medium sized cities and towns, in small rural towns and in unincorporated areas. To adequately grasp this diversity, it is necessary that one travel to these areas. By traveling outside our immediate areas, you will discover that even though the scenery will change the Brethren remain constant. We all have a common experience that we can share and celebrate. This is the joy of traveling.

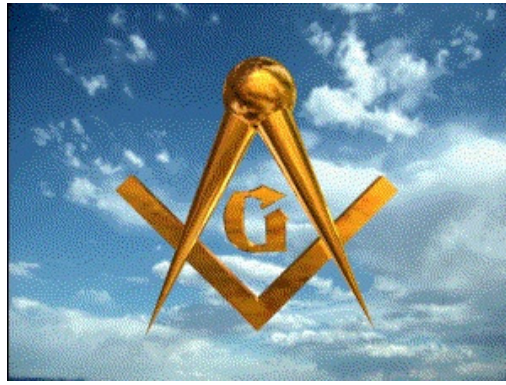
Grand Lodge attempts to serve the whole fraternity but it is a two way street. It is extremely important that communication flows in both directions for this to work effectively. It has become increasingly frustrating for me to get up to date information concerning Lodges and their activities. Please review the information that you have provided to Grand Lodge regarding your lodge location (no PO Boxes), stated meeting dates and times and contact information. Consider having a lodge web site; the Technology Committee will help with creating it and if you already have one review it and keep the information up to date.

Grand Lodge provides administrative tools and assistance to the Lodges and to the membership of the jurisdiction. Grand Lodge provides a diverse number of committees that are tasked to perform a variety of functions. Grand Lodge provides a clearing house for ideas and best practices that can be used in the Lodges and Districts. Grand Lodge provides a framework to allow the craft to learn and practice the teachings of Freemasonry. All this comes at a cost. That cost is referred to as “per capita”; that sum required to be paid by the Lodges which are set annually by the Grand Lodge for each enrolled Master Mason with some exceptions (see WMC Sec. 7.03 B.L.)[ii]. \$17.00 per member per year is a very small price to pay for the operation of the organization we call Grand Lodge; that’s 33 cents per week per member.

Lodges should serve a variety of roles; membership, education, mentoring new members, community involvement, family involvement. Successful lodges fulfill these roles for their members. In 1998, a survey of Masons raised in the previous 5 years was conducted with those who were considered inactive. In the survey, these Masons were asked why they were inactive and, what would help them get active? One of the reasons identified is that Masonic Lodges don’t always deliver what they promise. Which means that the lessons of Masonry were not communicated and explained to the new Mason beyond him getting his degrees, also in some cases the fellowship talked about and expected just wasn’t there.

It is time for each of us to make a commitment to our Lodges and to our Brothers; A commitment to become more active in Lodge meetings; A commitment to become more involved in the activities of our Lodges, our Districts and our Grand Lodge. We are in this together and together we can leave this Fraternity better than we found it.

RWB Dean W. Heinemann
Deputy Grand Master



Langley Lodge Officers 2012

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Langley Lodge #218 Past Masters

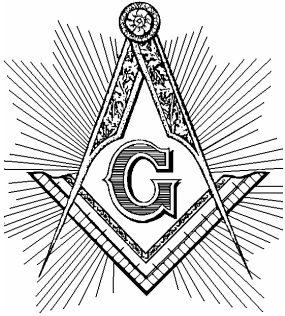
WB William Smith 1975	WB Jim Thorsen 1992	WB Don McCabe 1999
VW Charrison Lochaby 1978, 1995	WB Gene Seals 1993	WB Bruce Anderberg 2000
WB Art Phelps 1979, 1987	WB Gary Olkonen 1994	WB Mike Barham 2002, 2006
WB Greg Smith 1984	MW Wayne I. Smith 1996	WB John Watts 2004
WB Myron Gabelein 1990	WB Tony Gill 1997, 2007, 2010, 2011	WB Jim Fulton 2008, 2009

WB Robert Campbell – Honorary Past Master

Members who are Past Masters of other Lodges

WB Mike Barham - Chateau Thierry Lodge	WB Denis Lane - Robert Burns Lodge	WB Dick Wilkinson - Greenwood and Northern Light/ Ravenna Lodge
WB Charlie Bash - Robert Burns Lodge	WB Paul Steinsiek - Garfield Lodge	
	VW Marion Windell - Whidby Island 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
Freeland, WA**