

University Lodge 141

Trestleboard

April 2023



FROM THE EAST

Brethren,

We've hit the halfway mark of my year in the east and I'm proud of the work this lodge has accomplished in the past few months. At the end of this month, we'll be raising three brothers to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, which is always a highlight of any lodge and, especially, for the brothers receiving the degree. SW Rhys Nunnelee has been doing a great job of putting the degree team together and setting up practices. Our first practice went well and I have no doubt we will give these brothers a third degree ceremony that they'll always remember.

While there has been much good happening over the course of my tenure, it also seems we've hit a bit of the mid-calendar doldrums that can beset us around this time of year. Participation at the food bank and traveling have slowed down and I'm hoping to see us pick that up a little more. These are two areas where University Lodge puts on its public face. We risk becoming too insular when we should be trying to get out and affect our community and fraternity in positive, meaningful ways. I know we're meeting and doing a lot right now but there is so much work still to do for us to become a healthy and relevant lodge. It's going to take dedication from all of us to grow the lodge and bring it back to its prior glory.

I'll get off my soapbox now and look forward to seeing all who can attend the April stated.

WM Michael Champion

Master Mason Degree

University Lodge will be raising brothers to the Master Mason degree on Monday,
April 24th at 6:00pm.
All Master Masons are welcome!



Next Stated Meeting

April 3rd

Doors open 6:00pm

Dinner served 6:30pm

Lodge opens 7:30pm



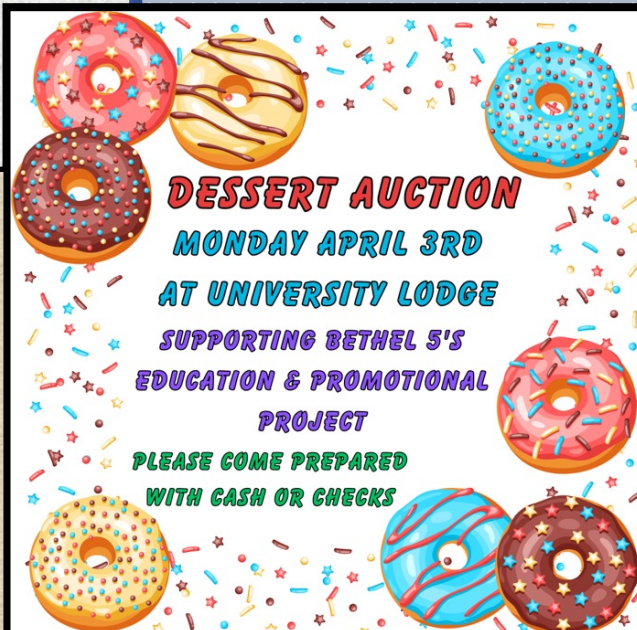
Upcoming Dates:

April 4 – Lodge visitation to Steadfast Lodge #216 in Bremerton

April 8 – Food Bank

April 24 – MM degree

May 1 – Stated Meeting



DESSERT AUCTION

MONDAY APRIL 3RD

AT UNIVERSITY LODGE

**SUPPORTING BETHEL 5'S
EDUCATION & PROMOTIONAL
PROJECT**

**PLEASE COME PREPARED
WITH CASH OR CHECKS**



University District Food Bank

CECIL WILLY SUNDBECK

Born: February 19, 1929
Raised: April 29, 1954
Died: January 7, 2023



Did you know...University Lodge supports the families that stay at the Ronald McDonald House by providing pizza dinner several times a year.

Last month, we continued our fruitful partnership with the University District Food Bank by having a group of five go in and work a 2-hour shift. It was a great time for fellowship as we helped the Food Bank with assorted tasks to prepare them for the following week. There has long been talk about our collective desire to do more in the community and contribute some Masonic charity to people in need so we are very excited for this to evolve and have us be a resource that the food bank can tap for help.

The next opportunity is Saturday, April 8th, from 12:00-2:00pm.

This is open to spouses, partners, friends, and children ages 14-up. For any that are interested in signing up for this shift or one in the future, please contact me by email at crowscall@gmail.com

-Bro. Scott Bohart



University Lodge #141 will be travelling to Steadfast Lodge #216 in Bremerton on Tuesday, April 4th at 7:30pm. Join us!



Brethren Raised in April

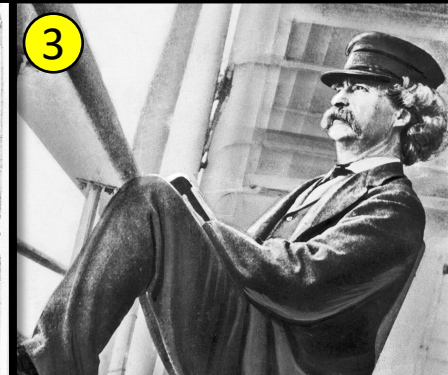
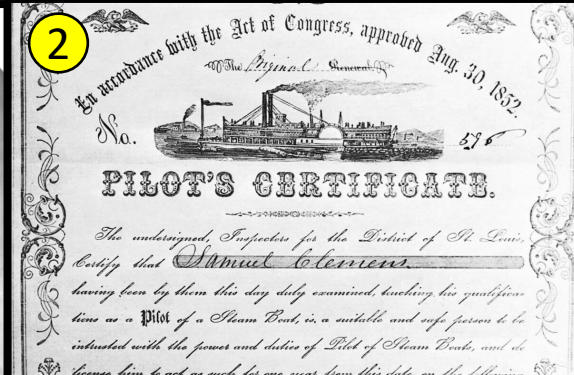
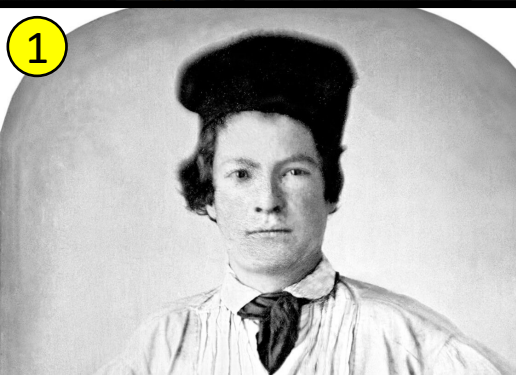
Joel Rindal	1957
Michael Brownell	1960
Ralph Watson	1962
James A. Smyth	1963
John Parks	1964
William Petrie	1965
Kenneth Ellingson	1977
William Booth	1979
Daniel Fisher	1986
Stephen Stewart	1992
Remy Valenzuela	1996
Mark Creed	2001
Alex Credgington	2012
Renick Hamil	2012
Adam Alsobrook	2019





5 Things You Didn't Know About Bro. Mark Twain

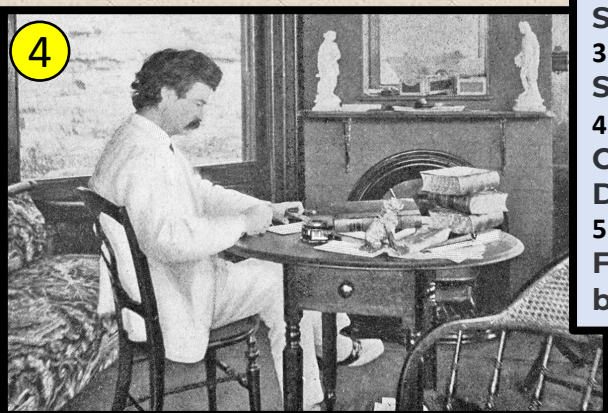
Mark Twain presented his petition to Polar Star Lodge No. 79 of Saint Louis on December 26, 1860. He received the first degree shortly after on February 18, 1861. Polar Star Lodge No. 79 was primarily made up of River Pilots at this time, giving us a hint as to why Mark Twain might have been inspired to join the Craft in the first place.



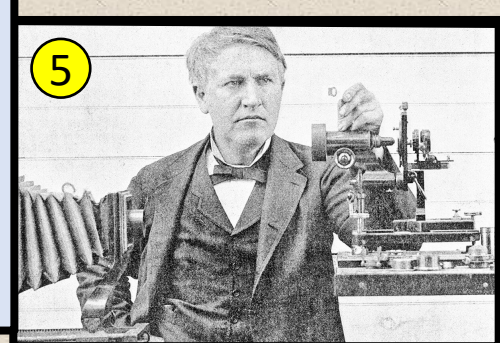
Twain was born Samuel Clemens on November 30, 1835 in Florida, Missouri. He was two months premature and was quite sickly for the first 10 years of his life. His mother, Jane Clemens, spoiled him to the extent that he became something of a mischief-maker — not unlike the young Tom Sawyer. When Twain's mother was in her 80s, he asked her about his early years of ill health and whether she was "uneasy" about him. "Yes, the whole time," she replied. "Afraid I wouldn't live?" asked Twain. "No," she said, "afraid you would."

As a teenager, Twain wanted nothing more than to be a steamboat pilot. "Pilot was the grandest position of all," [he later wrote](#). "The pilot, even in those days of trivial wages, had a princely salary—from a hundred and fifty to two hundred and fifty dollars a month, and no board to pay." Twain became an apprentice pilot and, after more than two years, received his pilot's license. He worked as a pilot until the Civil War in 1861.

Twain's childhood was marked by tragedy. 3 of his 6 siblings died from disease while they were still children, and his father died of pneumonia when Twain was 12. Later, while training as a steamboat pilot, he invited his younger brother, Henry, to come work with him on riverboat *Pennsylvania*. Henry was killed when one of the boat's boilers exploded; Twain wasn't on board, but he blamed himself the rest of his life.



1. Mark Twain Was Quite a Handful as a Boy
2. Mark Twain Was a Steamboat Pilot
3. Mark Twain Was No Stranger to Tragedy
4. Mark Twain's Pen Name Comes From His Steamboat Days
5. The Only Known Movie Footage of Twain Was Shot by Thomas Edison



The pseudonym Mark Twain first appeared in print in 1863. Twain himself wrote that his pen name came from his years working on the Mississippi River, where riverboatmen would cry out "mark twain" to indicate a depth of two fathoms (12 feet), which was safe for a steamboat to navigate.

In 1909, Thomas Edison visited Twain at Stormfield House, his home in Redding, Connecticut. Edison took his camera and shot what is believed to be [the only movie footage of Mark Twain in existence](#). The short film shows the writer walking outside his home, dressed in his characteristic white suit, and then seated with his two daughters, Clara and Jean. Twain died at Stormfield the following year at the age of 74.

Service Award

Jonathan D. Roger
10 years!!



Thank you brother for your years
of service to the craft!

1788 — April 28

Edmund Randolph, Grand Master of Masons in Virginia, grants a charter to Alexandria Lodge as the twenty-second lodge in Virginia. The charter names George Washington as the lodge's Worshipful Master. This charter is still in use by Alexandria-Washington Lodge № 22.

1789 — April 30

In New York City, George Washington is inaugurated President of the United States using a Bible from St. John's Lodge № 1. The oath is administered by Chancellor and Grand Master of New York, Robert R. Livingston. Inaugural Bible owned by St. John's Lodge № 1, New York, New York.

Wolf, Goat and Cabbage Riddle

"Once upon a time a farmer went to a market and purchased a wolf, a goat, and a cabbage. On his way home, the farmer came to the bank of a river and rented a boat. But crossing the river by boat, the farmer could carry only himself and a single one of his purchases: the wolf, the goat, or the cabbage. If left unattended together, the wolf would eat the goat, or the goat would eat the cabbage. The farmer's challenge was to carry himself and his purchases to the far bank of the river, leaving each purchase intact. How did he do it?"

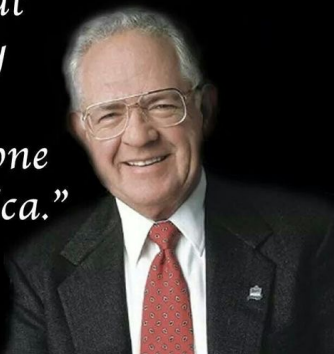


Answer: The first step that must be taken is to let the goat go across the river, as any other actions will result in the goat or the cabbage being eaten. When the farmer returns to the original side, he has the choice of taking either the wolf or the cabbage across next. If he takes the wolf across, he would have to return to get the cabbage, resulting in the wolf eating the goat. If he takes the cabbage across second, he will need to return to get the wolf, resulting in the cabbage being eaten by the goat. The dilemma is solved by taking the wolf (or the cabbage) over and bringing the goat back. Now he can take the cabbage (or the wolf) over, and finally return to fetch the goat.

"There is no doubt in my mind that Masonry is the cornerstone of America."



Brother
Dave Thomas



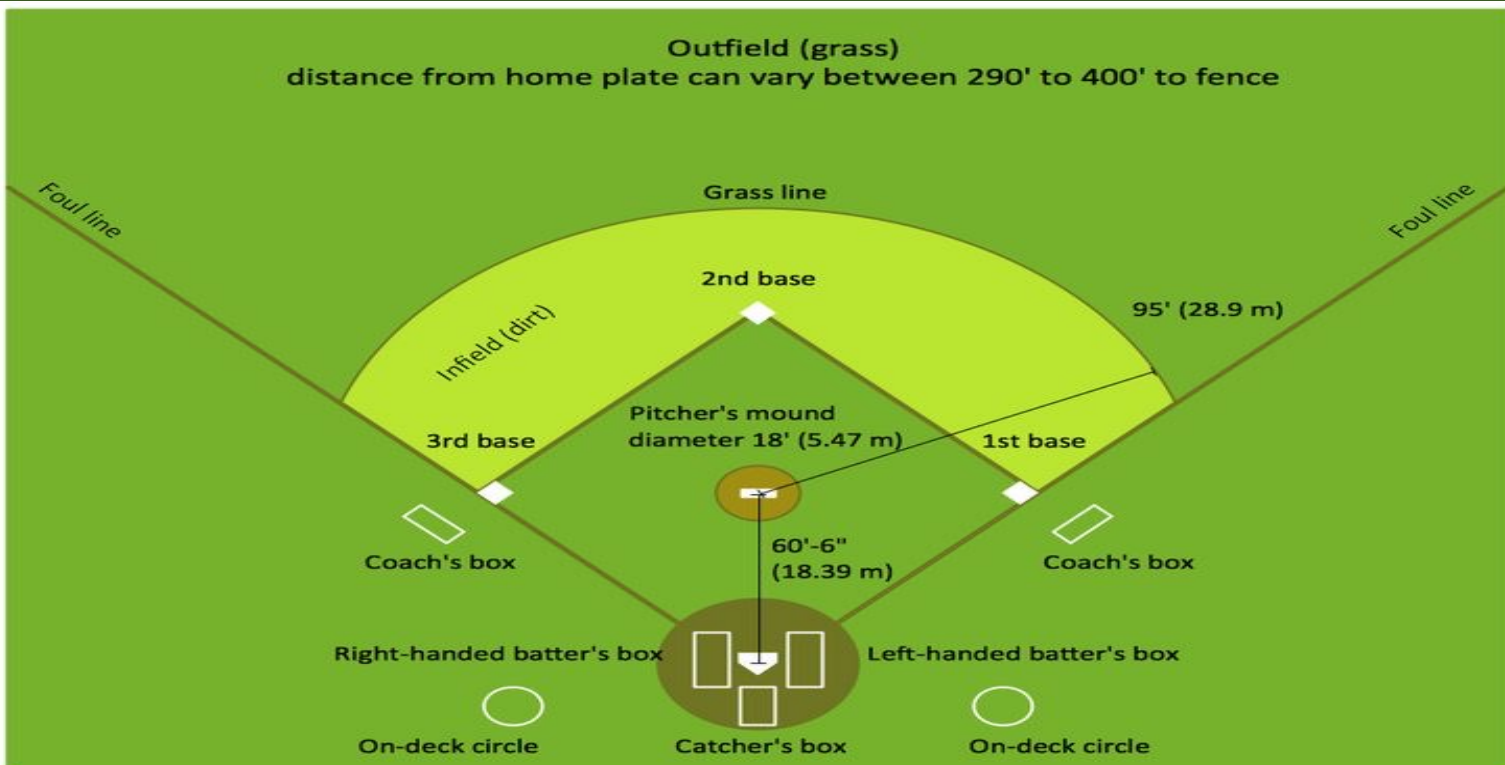
"I've only had two rules: Do all you can and do it the best you can. It's the only way you ever get that feeling of accomplishing something."

Brother
Harland Sanders



University Lodge No. 141, like the institution that is its namesake, holds up the ideals of lifetime learning, self-improvement and service, both for the benefit of its members and the community at large. Nothing less than excellence in ritual is acceptable and jovial fellowship will be its counterbalance.

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