



UNIVERSITY LODGE 141
TRESTLEBOARD
JANUARY 2023

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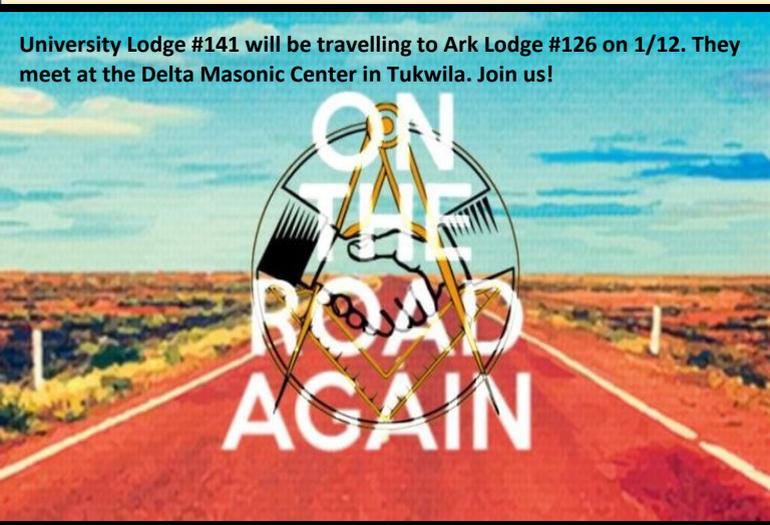
Happy New Year Brethren!

Hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and were able to spend at least some of it with people you love. We start the year by closing the previous Lodge of Sorrow and opening a new one for the coming year. This is the perfect time for us to remember brothers we have lost over the years, especially those who have influenced us personally and helped make us the men we are today. May these brothers live on in our hearts and memories as they rest eternally in that house not made with hands.

As stated last month, one of my resolutions for the year was to make myself and this lodge more active in the craft. To this end, we are implementing "Masonic Mondays" starting this month. Every Monday, the lodge building will be open from 6:30pm until the last person leaves for fellowship and any Masonic business which you would like to conduct. We will be holding building association meetings on the second Monday of the month (all are invited - you do not need to be a member of the building association to attend) and officers meetings on the third Monday in the library on the third floor. Practicing degree and ritual work can be held during or after these meetings in the lodge room or downstairs in the dining hall. The goal of this is to open the building up to more Masonic activity during the month and to promote fraternity within the lodge. I sincerely hope that this time will be used for us all to come together a little more.

May peace be with you this year brothers!

WM Michael Champion



University Lodge #141 will be travelling to Ark Lodge #126 on 1/12. They meet at the Delta Masonic Center in Tukwila. Join us!

University Lodge 141 - Next Stated Meeting

Friday, January 6th

Doors open at 6:00, Dinner at 6:30, Lodge at 7:30

In keeping with our lodge By-Laws, when a meeting lands on a national holiday, the meeting is moved to the following Friday. Since Monday, January 2nd is the day New Year's Day is observed this year, our meeting is moved to Friday January 6th.

We will be opening on the MM degree and conducting our annual Lodge of Sorrow ceremony.



Lodge of Sorrow



Each January, we hold our Annual Lodge of Sorrow, where we acknowledge the names of all the brethren that we lost during the previous year. In the spirit of this ritual and tradition, here are the names of the brethren we lost in 2022. *B=Born, R=Raised, D=Died*

**VICTOR
JOHN
ABDO**

B: October 16, 1915
R: May 13, 1971
D: February 25, 2022

**DONALD
ROBERT ALLEN
WEEKS**

B: January 20, 1925
R: October 31, 1960
D: February 24, 2022

**JAMES
HARVEY
ADAMS**

B: November 13, 1937
R: March 17, 1961
D: February 26, 2022

**KIRK
GUNNAR
STENSVIG**

B: August 3, 1971
R: May 27, 2010
D: May 28, 2022

**JOSEPH
ALBERT
FELT**

B: July 5, 1928
R: June 10, 1953
D: June 6, 2022

**DAVID
BUFORD
STONER**

B: April 6, 1936
R: January 27, 1977
D: July 11, 2022

**DWIGHT
ALBERT
JACKSON, Sr.**

B: October 17, 1934
R: October 18, 1976
D: March 1, 2022

**FRANK
ROSS
RAY**

B: April 6, 1932
R: December 1, 1955
D: December 13, 2022



Last month University Lodge 141 held its 9th Annual Toys for Tots drive. We donated over 95 toys and over 250 to Toys for Tots. Great job brethren, we are making a difference in the community!



Bro. Frank Ross Ray

B: April 6, 1932
R: December 1, 1955
D: December 13, 2022



Bro. Ray pictured with his 65-year Masonic pin.

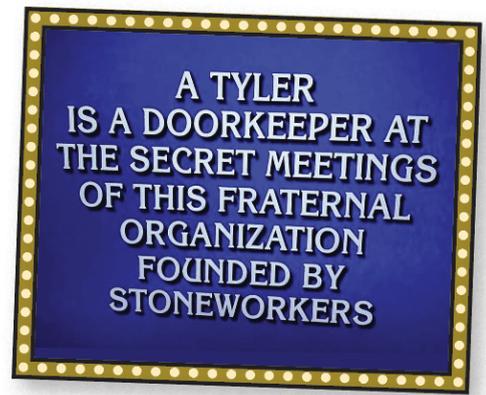
Bro. Ray's funeral service will be on Tuesday, January 3, 2023 at 12:30pm at Tahoma National Cemetery. University Lodge will be conducting the Masonic memorial service.

Brethren Raised in January

Robert O'Brien	1959	Richard Sommers	1992
Henry Herrmann	1960	Loren Ruud	1999
Armand Charbonneau	1988	Anthony Monaco	1999
William Vaughn	1988	Terry Nicholas	2001
James Maher	1989	Samuel Kent	2013
Phillip Chelsea	1992	Fillip Kitsak	2013



FOR MASONIC TRIVIA, JEOPARDY IS CLUED IN



Freemasonry has long enjoyed a reputation for being shrouded in mystery. But when it comes to *Jeopardy!*, Freemasonry is more like an old familiar standby. In fact, according to the website [J! Archives](#), which tracks clues and responses covering the 38-year history of the long-running quiz show, the terms *Mason*, *Masonic*, or *Freemason* have been referenced at least 70 times on the show. Among the most common clues are “Mozart’s *Magic Flute*,” “the Shriners,” and “the Anti-Masonic Party” (the early 19th century third political party).

Here’s a bit more *Jeopardy!* Masonic trivia: On at least three occasions, entire categories were devoted to Masonic themes, and in April 2015, contestant Tom Imler wore a Masonic lapel pin during the game and was introduced as a member of a lodge in North Carolina.

Curiously, however, according to the online archives, only once has Masonry been the answer to Final Jeopardy. Now that’s a mystery. Source: <https://californiafreemason.org/2022/12/12/jeopardy-freemasonry/>

Below are some actual answers from the Jeopardy show.
The correct questions are on the following page.

1. It's not a secret--one of the 2 branches of advanced freemasonry; both have British names
2. In 1717 the first "Grand Lodge" of this secret society was founded
3. This duo famous for their late 19th century operettas were both Freemasons
4. Country music legend & Grand Ole Opry star Roy Acuff was a member of Lodge No. 560 in this city
5. This Austrian's final opera in 1791 had a Masonic theme & a libretto by fellow Mason Emanuel Schikaneder
6. This composer & Freemason belonged to Suomi Lodge No. 1 in Helsinki
7. He invented an instrument named for him & was a member of the Belgian Lodge Les Vrais Amis de l'Union
8. For some reason the Anti-Masonic Party chose onetime Freemason William Wirt to challenge this incumbent president in 1832
9. In 1960 this acting legend & Freemason played another Freemason, Davy Crockett, in "The Alamo"
10. This American conjurer, escapologist & Freemason was born in Budapest in 1874 as Ehrich Weiss
11. He regularly attended Masonic lodge meetings until 1911 when he became England's First Lord of the Admiralty
12. This Austrian Freemason used references to Masonry in his "Magic Flute"
13. This former VP & Freemason launched a conspiracy to take over the U.S. Southwest
14. Don't mind the fezzes--millions of dollars are raised every year by this charitable auxiliary of the Freemasons.
15. You have to go through this ceremony in order to become a Freemason
16. Despite the democratic ideals of Freemasonry, this member declared himself dictator of Venezuela in 1813

FREEMASONRY'S FAMILY TREE

FRATERNAL SOCIETIES LIKE THE MASONS WERE BORN OUT OF ANCIENT TRADE GUILDS. THEY WEREN'T THE ONLY ONE.

In Europe today, there exists a secretive and ancient fraternal society of tradesmen whose progression from apprentice to master is one of elaborate rituals, and shrouded in mystery. And then there are the Freemasons.

Masonry is hardly the only trade guild to evolve into a “speculative”—as opposed to “operative”—form. Even today, a wide constellation of similar fraternal societies remain active, sometimes with as little as a few dozen members. Think of these as Freemasonry’s distant cousins, or branches on the same fraternal family tree. Each has its own initiation rituals and degrees of membership, and in that way shares DNA with our own lodges. Here, a few of the most notable.

Les Compagnons du Devoir (France)

This fraternal society of tradesmen includes [woodworkers, stoneworkers, leatherworkers, and textile workers](#), each with its own patron saint, feast day, and ritual customs. Collectively, there are an estimated 12,000 members today. Apprentices can spend six months in a particular town mastering their craft, only to move on to another to study under a new master. Most famously, members of the woodworking *compagnon* produce highly detailed miniature models of curved staircases. These miniatures are then paraded through town by their makers, their beauty serving as a showcase of skill and symbolizing the journey from apprentice to master.

The London Livery Companies (England)

London’s version of a [brotherhood of workers’ unions](#), the livery companies include 110 groups—including the Worshipful Company of Mercers, the Worshipful Company of Grocers, and the Merchant Taylors’ Company—each of which involves initiatory rituals. Many of the oldest livery companies still own ornate meeting halls and continue to govern certain aspects of regulation, wages, and credentialing within their field. Like Freemasonry, however, today the operative role of the fraternal society often takes a back seat in public life to charity and support for education.

The Operatives (Worldwide)

One of the many “side orders” of Freemasonry is the Worshipful Society of Free Masons, Rough Masons, Wallers, Slaters, Paviers, Plaisterers, and Bricklayers—also known as [the Operatives](#). The order is open by invitation to Master Masons, Mark Master Masons, and Royal Arch Companions and is “dedicated to the preservation of the history and workings of operative guild masonry.” The Operatives have a seven-degree structure and celebrate what they describe as an operative form of Masonry, according to their modern founder, Clement Edwin Stretton (1850–1915).



Miniature model winding staircases are the signature of the French Woodworkers' Compagnon, a fraternal cousin to Freemasonry.

Ronald McDonald House Charities

Each month, we provide pizza dinner for all of the families who are staying at the Ronald McDonald House. We recently received a thank you note.



*“Dear University Lodge No. 141,
Thank you so much for your generosity! The meals that you donated to the House in November were greatly appreciated and have helped us keep our families safe and cared for during this difficult time. Thank you so much!*

*Sincerely,
Ronald McDonald House Charities of Western WA & AK”*

1. Scottish Rite
2. Freemasonry
3. Gilbert and Sullivan
4. Nashville
5. Mozart
6. Sibelius
7. Adolphe Sax
8. Andrew Jackson
9. John Wayne
10. Harry Houdini
11. Winston Churchill
12. Mozart
13. Aaron Burr
14. The Shriners
15. The Third Degree
16. Simon Bolivar

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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