

University Lodge 141 Trestleboard

May 2023



FROM THE EAST

Brethren,

We raised two brothers to the sublime degree of a Master Mason this past month and it was a great night indeed. Although we showed a little rust and would've benefited from another practice or two, this lodge stepped up and performed admirably. SW Rhys Nunnelee had to step down from his organizing duties to tackle the demands of a new job so WB Ren Hamil stepped in to help out and whip us into shape. I can't thank these brothers enough for the job they did putting this thing together.

As many of you know, the May stated meeting will be a celebration for VWB Jim Smyth, a brother who has meant so much to our lodge as our past long-serving secretary. Jim doesn't get to see us too often these days and we're delighted to have him back in the building to recognize his 90th birthday and 60 years of serving the Craft. Jim's worthy successor, WB Matt Livingston, has been preparing for this evening with infectious enthusiasm and I'm looking forward to seeing if we can bring in as many of the old guard as possible for this special night. We hope you can make it out to honor a University Lodge legend.

Lastly, summer will soon be upon us and we have some activities upcoming to keep the fellowship flowing during the dark months. We're looking at going to a Mariners' game in June, the annual picnic in July, and a table lodge in August. Dates and details to come as we start discussing these in earnest at this next stated meeting.

Take care and see you on the 1st of May.

- WM Michael Champion

**Next Stated Meeting
Monday**

May 1st

**Doors open 6:00pm
Dinner served 6:30pm
Lodge opens 7:30pm**



Upcoming Dates

5/13 - Food Bank

5/18 - Occidental Lodge visit

6/6 - Doric Lodge visit

All brethren and families are invited to honor and recognize our mentor and brother

VWB Jim Smyth

as he celebrates his 90th birthday and receives his 60-year Masonic pin.



Monday, May 1, 2023

**Doors open at 6:00pm, Dinner served at 6:30pm
University Lodge 141
4338 University Way NE, Seattle WA 98105**

Let's show up in record numbers to show our brother how much he is appreciated, and the difference he has made to his brethren.

Please RSVP to the Secretary @
matthewmlivingston@gmail.com



University District Food Bank

Last month, we continued our partnership with the University District Food Bank by working a 2-hour shift.



The next opportunity is Saturday, May 13th, 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

Brethren Raised in May

Coe Tug Morgan	1956
O. Paul Marr	1957
Peter A. Sellen	1960
Howard O. Wilson	1963
Jerry N. Caldwell	1966
J. Richard Smith	1967
Donald A. Stumbaugh	1968
Fred P. Barnhart	1975
Jack E. Garton	1977
Bowman L. Chelette	1978
Clifford J. Gross	1982
Helmuth Svoboda	1987
Kenneth D. White	1989
Steven M. Gamber	1989
Edward S. Krigsman	1995
Kevin Benedict	2001
Srinivas Chokkakula	2008
Scott Bohart	2011



University Lodge #141 will be travelling to Occidental Lodge #72 in Ballard on Thursday, May 18th at 6:30pm. Join us!



Save the Date!

Our lodge visitation in June will be to Doric Lodge #92 on Tuesday, June 6th. See ya there!

WE ARE EVERYWHERE



Congrats to our newest Master Masons!



Congratulations to Brothers Darios Verdi Mortant, Wes Wakefield and Chris Lawler, who were raised to the MM degree on April 24, 2023.



On April 4, 2023, University Lodge brothers visited Steadfast Lodge in Bremerton. It was a great time had by all, and as a bonus, it was Jersey Night!! Might be a tradition we start back at University Lodge!



Honeymoon in Japan

JW Evan Lobenstein, and the travelling belt buckle, went to Japan for his honeymoon.

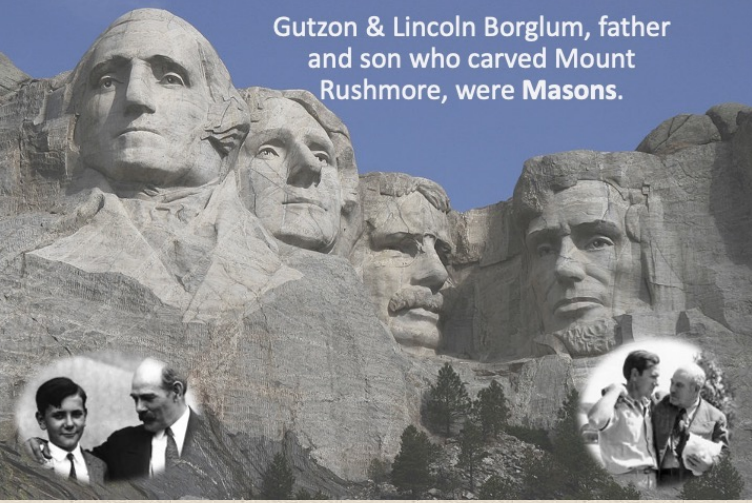
During the last week of my Japanese Honeymoon, Yvonne and I went unannounced to the Tokyo Grand Lodge near Tokyo Tower. While we were in the food court for the tower I saw 10 men in full Masonic regalia. Square and compass pins and full suits. I quickly walked over holding my Lodge card and Masonic belt buckle and in broken Japanese told them I am a Mason. And then in perfect English they started saying it was nice to meet me. I asked where the lodge was and they kindly directed me to it. I went over to the hall where I saw more Masons outside sitting down and asked if I would be able to get a tour. "We are in the middle of our lunch break of our Communication... but you could ask the Grand Master over there!" There I saw walking towards the building Very Worshipful Jimmy Vitung Gipson. We shook hands and took a picture with the traveling belt buckle. He had a Brother from Virginia Lodge, Renee, show me around the lower floor with their Scottish Rite room. It was somewhat quick and tumultuous but they each handed me a nice souvenir, Jimmy gave me a coin from his year as Grand Master and Renee gave me a key shaped pin from Virginia grand lodge. The feeling I remember most was one of welcoming and brotherhood. The lodge was certainly impressive, a big hall painted red and even their wall paper had the square and compasses. They also had a huge sculpted wall with a symbol from the third degree. It was so cool to be on the other side of the world yet feel at home. I would love to go back in a more official capacity. And next time I will be better dressed AND have jewelry of my own to hand out!

-Bro. Evan Lobenstein



Masonic Fun Facts

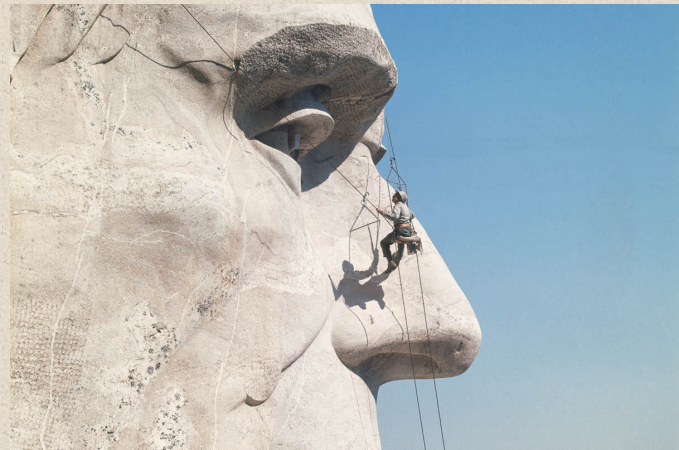
Gutzon & Lincoln Borglum, father and son who carved Mount Rushmore, were **Masons**.



More than 2 million people visit Mount Rushmore each year, making the towering presidential monument South Dakota's biggest tourist attraction. The sculptor behind the visionary memorial, Gutzon Borglum, called it "a shrine to democracy," with the carved granite faces of Presidents George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt, and Abraham Lincoln symbolizing the founding of the nation and its timeless values. Here are three fascinating facts about Mount Rushmore.

1 Each Head on Mount Rushmore Is Over Five Stories Tall

With such a large canvas, chipping away with chisels was not going to cut it. Borglum used dynamite to blast away 90% of the granite rock face, which left between 3 and 6 inches of granite to be carved more finely. Workers suspended in slings from the top of the monument drilled a series of closely spaced holes to weaken the rock, then removed the excess chunks by hand. The detailed facial features were achieved with hand tools that left perfectly smooth surfaces.



2 The 4 Presidents Represent Aspects of American History



The four Presidents depicted on Mount Rushmore were chosen for their key roles in American history. The carved face of George Washington, completed in 1930, is the most prominent figure on the memorial and represents the founding of the nation. Thomas Jefferson, dedicated in 1936, stands for the growth of the United States, thanks to his authorship of the Declaration of Independence and his roles in the Louisiana Purchase and the Lewis and Clark expedition. Borglum chose the figure of Abraham Lincoln, dedicated in 1937, to represent American unity for his efforts to preserve the nation during the Civil War. Theodore Roosevelt, finished in 1939, symbolizes the development of the United States as a world power and champion of the worker as he fought to end corporate monopolies.

3 There's a Semi-Secret Vault Behind the Sculpture

Borglum's initial plans for Mount Rushmore called for a grand Hall of Records within the mountain behind Lincoln's head. The 100-foot-long hall was planned to house the Declaration of Independence, U.S. Constitution, and other documents key to the nation's history, busts of notable Americans and a gigantic gold-plated eagle with a 38-foot wingspan over the entrance. But the twin tragedies of Borglum's death in 1941 and the start of World War II put an end to his vision. The half-excavated chamber sat empty until 1998, when officials placed 16 panels explaining the history of the monument and its sculptor — along with the words to the Bill of Rights, U.S. Constitution, and Declaration of Independence — in a box and sealed it inside the vault. The chamber remains closed to the public.



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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