

# TRESTLEBOARD

## UNIVERSITY LODGE 141

### OCTOBER 2023



#### FROM THE EAST

Brethren,

This month, we'll be having our election of officers for 2024 and I encourage everyone who is able to make it to lodge for the stated meeting to do so. As my year winds down, it feels like we've come to a crossroads with regards to our officers line and the direction we'd like to take the lodge. During my tenure, I've tried to stress the importance of participation and really digging into the work of running the lodge itself, while also getting back into our ritual work, and having brothers step up to take more responsibility, ensuring that we move forward with a purpose. Let's come together and give Rhys the support he needs as he moves to the East. We have the brothers to make some good things happen - I'd love to see us live up to that potential and keep this lodge vital in the years to come.

- WM Michael Champion

#### University Lodge 141 Stated Meeting

**Monday, October 2, 2023**

*Doors open at 5:15pm  
Dinner served at 6:30pm  
Lodge starts at 7:30pm*



The **Seahawks** are playing on Monday Night Football against the New York Giants. We will be projecting the game in the dining hall starting at 5:15pm through dinner. Come early and watch the game!

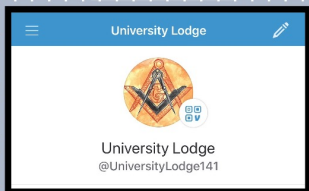


## Happy Halloween

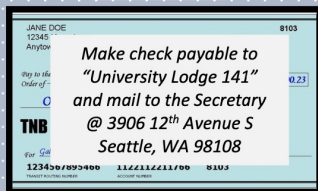


It's time to pay your 2024 dues!

### Venmo



### Check



### Dues Structure

Full paying member: \$143  
 Full paying member outside of county: \$69  
 Life Member: \$28 to pay Grand Lodge dues  
 50 Year Member: No dues  
 90+ years of age: No dues



### University Lodge 141 2024 Charity Budget

At the October stated meeting, the lodge will discuss the charity budget, which currently supports the following organizations:

Organization	Description
United Churches Emergency Fund	UCEF was created in 1986 to provide information, referral and financial assistance to people in need residing in Northeast Seattle and to the homeless, without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status or disability.
University Food Bank	University District Food Bank operates a walk-in food bank four-days a week to individuals and families from across Northeast Seattle. We offer food and toiletries, baby formula and diapers, pet food, and connections to important community resources to residents of zip codes 98102, 98103, 98105, 98112, 98115, and 98125.
Ronald McDonald House	Housing for families while their child is treated at Seattle Children's Hospital
DeMolay Foundation	DeMolay is the premier youth leadership organization building young men of character and dedicated to making young men better people and leaders.
Rainbow	Rainbow is a nonprofit organization that strives to give girls the tools, training, and encouragement to let their individual spirits shine bright.
Job's Daughters	Job's Daughters International allows girls and young women to bloom into their confidence to become the leaders of tomorrow. This confidence and leadership development lets Job's Daughters soar into adulthood with the set of skills needed in today's world.
Shriners Navy Day	The Nile Shrine sponsors up to 60 Navy personnel to a Free Day of Golf and BBQ during Seafair. In conjunction with Occidental Lodge 72 who supply the BBQ Lunch for the Navy. The donation helps cover the cost of the Navy's Green Fee's at the Nile Shrine golf course.

## Brethren Raised in October

Henry Cramer	1959
Gregory Smith	1961
Kurt Moss	1969
Terrance Talley	1976
John Whitcomb	1979
Dennis Archambault	1985
James Brainard	1986
Wayne Anderson	1988
HW Nagley	1992
Jerry Wilkins	1995
David Hakkinen	1996
Douglas Hoggatt	1997
John Ching	2003
Franklin Donahoe	2005
Jorge Vallejos	2014



## Upcoming Meetings

**November 6<sup>th</sup>**  
Step Up Night

**November 18<sup>th</sup>**  
Installation of 2024 Officers

**December 4<sup>th</sup>**  
Toys for Tots, Holiday Dinner

**January 5<sup>th</sup>**  
Lodge of Sorrow



# A FRIEND AND BROTHER



The initiatic process of becoming a Freemason is one filled with symbols, some of which are easier to interpret than others. It is easy to see the symbolism in the working tools of a stonemason, as, for example, when we present the new Entered Apprentice with a stonemason's hammer, known as the "common gavel," and a measuring stick, which we call a "twenty-four inch gauge."

We explain to the new Mason that he is to use the hammer metaphorically, shaping his life as he would a block of stone, by "breaking off and deleting" any habits in his life that are hindering him from becoming a better person. The gauge reminds him that he has only 24 hours each day to accomplish all the things he may want to do.

A more obscure symbol in the initiatic process requires a little more consideration to grasp its true meaning. In our present ritual, the senior deacon is the candidate's conductor through the degree. The lecture, which follows the degree, explains that his conductor was a "true and trusty friend, on whose fidelity [he] could, with the utmost confidence, rely." This statement refers to a much earlier tradition – a time before deacons were common officers of the lodge – when the candidate's conductor was his sponsor into Freemasonry. The Entered Apprentice degree teaches, in part, that in order to make progress in life we must trust others to lead us when we cannot otherwise know the way forward. The person leading us is often a "conductor," or someone who serves as a guide.

Another term for guide in Freemasonry is "mentor." A Masonic mentor is someone who conducts us through the process of understanding the meaning and importance of Freemasonry, not only in the abstract, but for each of us personally. A mentor can be the man who signed our petition to the lodge, and often should be. He can also be another "friend and brother" with whom the candidate is closely connected. He can, of course, be the senior deacon, and in many lodges the senior deacon takes the responsibility of mentoring candidates very seriously.

In addition to conducting the candidate through the ritual itself, the senior deacon is often assigned the important task of asking the ritualistic questions required of the candidate before he can advance to the next degree. Both of these responsibilities are metaphorically related to the deeper symbolism that every Mason needs a friend and brother with whom he has a personal relationship and through whose friendship he will learn the very important Masonic understanding of friendship.

Most Masonic degrees include someone who fulfills the role of conductor, and the symbolic meaning is the same. In the Royal Arch Degree this role is assigned to the principal sojourner, whose duties are defined as "to bring the blind by a way that they knew not; to lead them in paths that they have not known; to make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight; these things to do unto them, and not forsake them." Those words are but an expansion on the duties of the senior deacon, and by extension, of the duties of a Masonic mentor. We are each of us often blind to the duties we owe to God, our country, our neighbor, or ourselves. A mentor, a friend and brother on whose faithfulness we can, with the utmost confidence, rely, helps us to see those duties. He is expected to lead each one of us by a way that we knew not before the doors of Freemasonry opened a new vista to us. He is expected to make darkness light before us, and crooked things straight. And, above all, he is never to forsake us.

The role of a mentor who is a friend and brother is one of the most important responsibilities in Freemasonry. Mentors, and those whom they lead in Freemasonry, often develop a strong bond of friendship that lasts through many years. This is the secret that causes "true Friendship among Persons that must else have remain'd at a perpetual Distance," as the Constitutions of 1723 state it. **Being a friend and brother is the heart and soul of Freemasonry.**



## Autumn was once called “harvest.”

As beloved as the crisp fall weather seems to be, English speakers haven’t always paid attention to it ... at least not linguistically. Historically, the more extreme seasons have always been named — specifically winter, which was so important that it was used to mark the passage of time by the Anglo-Saxons, who counted their years in winters. But when English speakers of the past referred to summer’s end, they often used the term “harvest,” from the Old English (and ultimately Germanic) *haerfest*. The first recorded usage of “harvest” to mean a season appears in the 10th century, but the word didn’t stick around in common usage (it was considered outdated by the 1700s). It could be that it was just too confusing a term, considering it was used for both the time of year and the task of plucking crops from trees and fields.

Eventually, the English language began recognizing the transitional seasons. Spring was first known as “lent” or “lenten” in the 12th and 13th centuries, then “spryngyng time,” among other terms, around the 14th century. “Autumn” emerged around the 1300s, taken from the Latin *autumnus* and French *autompne*, and slowly pushing out “harvest.” “Fall” cropped up around the 1500s as part of “fall of the leaf,” mirroring the popular phrase “spring of the leaf” used for the vernal equinox, and it’s likely that these phrases were simply shortened to give the seasons their modern names. “Autumn” and “fall” have been used interchangeably ever since, with their popularity waxing and waning over time, though English speakers today primarily use one or the other based on their homeland. “Autumn” reigns supreme in the U.K., while most Americans typically use “fall.” The vocabulary variation harkens back to the Revolutionary period, when disgruntled colonists attempted to split both governmentally *and* culturally from the British, in part by modifying their speech. **Less than 100 years after the U.S. declared independence, “fall” was considered an entirely American word, used in a young country that would go on to establish its own season-defining traditions, such as trick-or-treating and Thanksgiving dinners.** [Source](#)



The best part about Halloween is that the cobwebs in my house look like decorations.



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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