



UNIVERSITY LODGE 141

DECEMBER 2022

TRESTLEBOARD



FROM THE EAST

Brothers,

It is with great humility and gratitude that I write this first "Master's Message" to you all. My journey to the East has been a long one but I am thankful for every turn along the road and for every Brother who has befriended and helped me on the way. As so many have attested to before, this is a special fraternity and we are all made better and stronger by the relationships we make within it. I am no different and look forward to serving the brethren over the next year and will strive to live up to the standards that have been passed down over the years in this lodge.

With service in mind, I would like to share my goals for the coming year and how I plan to implement them:

1. We will continue to serve our community through volunteering at the University District Food Bank and in a limited capacity with Ronald McDonald House. I would love to see us volunteer even more of our time and manpower so welcome any suggestions on how we can achieve this.
2. The pandemic was a trying time for all of us since we could not meet in lodge for business or fellowship and this took a dramatic toll on our ritual and floorwork. We need to get back to basics and re-instill all of the lessons lost during that time. Starting in January, all Mondays will be "Masonic Mondays" and I plan on being in the lodge on every Monday evening around 6:00pm and will remain as long as anyone else would like to. First Mondays of the month are always the stated meeting but for all others let's use this time to study the ritual, practice for upcoming degrees, or just have some fellowship. I encourage all who wish to come up to the lodge to please do so - let's get fraternal.
3. Lastly, I wish to carry on something that WB Ben Stagner was always wanting, but unable, to do during his years in the East due to the pandemic. We are not seen as a "traveling" lodge and both of us wish to rectify that. Every month, I will pick a lodge to visit and I hope to see as many brothers from our lodge join me. We visited Daylight Lodge last month and will continue with St. John's Lodge in December. Please look in the Trestleboard to see which lodge will be upcoming for that month. By attending the stated meetings of other lodges, we will see how they conduct and perform their ritual and make ourselves aware of what's going on in the fraternity around our area. This will promote a greater sense of brotherhood among all and will encourage others to visit us in return.

And speaking of WB Ben, I would be remiss to not thank him here for his three (count them, three!) years of dedicated service in such trying times. He did the most he could within the restraints imposed on him and we are so grateful as a lodge for the way he was able to hold us all together with such verve. His are tough shoes to fill and if I can move us forward with half as much charisma then I'll consider it a win. Thanks again Brother, you are an example to us all!

I'll close on that note and hope to see all of you who are able to attend our next stated meeting / installation. It will be a special night for me.

Fraternally,
WM Michael Champion

University Lodge #141 will be travelling to St. John's #9 on 12/21. Join us!



University Lodge 141 - Next Stated Meeting

Monday, December 5th

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

In keeping with lodge tradition, December is Holiday Sweater time! Come to the meeting dressed in your spirit! There may also be an egg nog and rum sighting!

We will be opening on the MM degree and installing the 2023 officers. Come and support them!



**Bring a
toy!**





9th Annual Toys for Tots Drive!

Each year, we collect toys and donate them to Toys for Tots. The toys are then given to local children who would otherwise not receive any presents for the holidays. Please contribute to this wonderful charity!

How can you support the cause?

Option #1 – bring a new unwrapped toy(s) to the next meeting on Monday, December 5th at 6:30pm at University Lodge 141.

Option #2 – Make a monetary donation via Venmo. The lodge Venmo address is **@UniversityLodge141** If Venmo asks for 4 digits, enter **4142**.

Option #3 – write a check to “Toys for Tots” and mail it to Secretary Matt Livingston at 3906 12th Avenue S, Seattle WA 98108.

The Secretary will collect all donations and make sure Toys for Tots gets the money. Donations need to be received by December 5th.

Thanks for doing your part to make a difference in our community. Even a \$5 donation helps.

“And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.”



Brethren Raised in December



Harold Mitchell	1947
Frank Ray	1955
Raymond Goodwin	1962
Curtis Ebbesmeyer	1965
Donald Pace	1991
Fadi Gergi Al-Chammas	2000
Jonathan Scott	2001
Ryan Casey	2005
George Albantov	2012

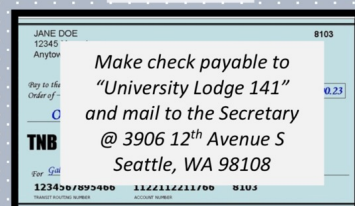
It's time to pay your 2023 dues!

Dues notices have been sent out. Thanks to the brothers who have already fulfilled this obligation. Deadline is 12/31!

Venmo



Check





Among Masonic symbols is the **beehive**, called the symbol of industry, for it clearly demonstrates how man should cooperate with his fellow men for the mutual development of all. It also contains a much deeper message, for each living soul is a bee that travels through life and gathers the pollen of wisdom from the environments and experiences of life.

A Lesson from Bees

-Unknown Author

My dad has bees. Today I went to his house and he showed me all of the honey he had gotten from the hives. He took the lid off of a 5 gallon bucket full of honey and on top of the honey there were 3 little bees, struggling. They were covered in sticky honey and drowning. I asked him if we could help them and he said he was sure they wouldn't survive. Casualties of honey collection I suppose.

I asked him again if we could at least get them out and kill them quickly, after all he was the one who taught me to put a suffering animal (or bug) out of its misery. He finally conceded and scooped the bees out of the bucket. He put them in an empty Chobani yogurt container and put the plastic container outside.

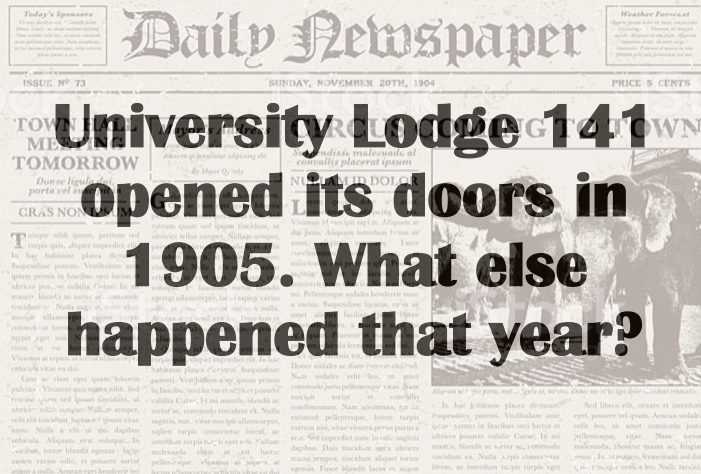
Because he had disrupted the hive with the earlier honey collection, there were bees flying all over outside. We put the 3 little bees in the container on a bench and left them to their fate. My dad called me out a little while later to show me what was happening. These three little bees were surrounded by all of their sisters (all of the bees are females) and they were cleaning the sticky nearly dead bees, helping them to get all of the honey off of their bodies. We came back a short time later and there was only one little bee left in the container. She was still being tended to by her sisters.

When it was time for me to leave we checked one last time and all three of the bees had been cleaned off enough to fly away and the container was empty. Those three little bees lived because they were surrounded by family and friends who would not give up on them, family and friends who refused to let them drown in their own stickiness and resolved to help until the last little bee could be set free.

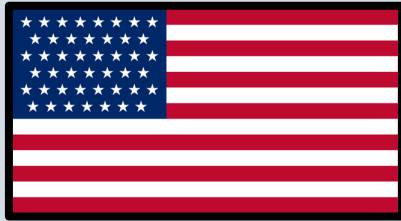
Bee Sisters. Bee Peers. Bee Teammates. We could all learn a thing or two from these bees.

Bee kind, always.

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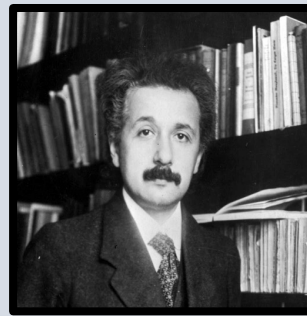


The US President was Teddy Roosevelt



The US flag had 45 stars

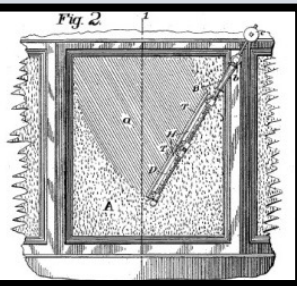
- 1907 Oklahoma
- 1912 New Mexico
- 1912 Arizona
- 1959 Alaska
- 1959 Hawaii



Albert Einstein published his famous paper on his theory of relativity, and the equation $E=MC^2$



The Wright Brothers Flyer III becomes the first flight to last longer than 30 minutes.



Mary Anderson invented the windshield wiper after being on a trolley ride in the rain and snow.



The NY Giants beat the Philadelphia Athletics in the World Series, 4-1. The series featured Christy Mathewson (NY) and Connie Mack (Phila).

...and the founding of...



Las Vegas!!!

“Watch your thoughts, they become your words; watch your words, they become your actions; watch your actions, they become your habits; watch your habits, they become your character; watch your character, it becomes your destiny.” — Lao Tzu

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