



UNIVERSITY LODGE 141

DECEMBER 2023

TRESTLEBOARD



FROM THE EAST

Brethren! Thank you to all who came to installation last month, it was a great time and an honor to be installed as Master for this upcoming year. On the other hand, I wish I had seen more brethren in attendance, which leads me to my focus for this year, brotherly love and fellowship. The biggest step for us is to show up. I can speak from experience, that since Covid, it has been hard to shake the tendencies and the "norm" of being secluded. I have some plans for us as a lodge for this next year and look forward to seeing you all at the December Stated Meeting to share more with you. Don't forget your toy to donate and your ugly holiday sweater!

Fraternally,

WM Rhys Nunnelee

University Lodge 141 - Next Stated Meeting

Monday, December 4th

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 eggnog and rum sighting!



**Bring a
toy!**



Egg Nog History



As we sip our eggnog at the December dinner, let us enjoy some fun facts about this special beverage. Eggnog may be the most popular Yuletide beverage, with a history dating back to the Middle Ages. Many food historians believe modern [eggnog is a descendant of posset](#), a milky, ale-like drink served warmed in medieval Britain. By the 13th century, posset had become popular among monks and was used in celebrations and toasts as a nod to good health and prosperity, since it contained sherry, milk, and eggs (all foods eaten by the wealthy). Sherry was eventually swapped for rum in the American colonies, though some early versions, like [George Washington's personal recipe](#), included bourbon whiskey instead.

Congratulations 2024 Officers!





10th 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 4th 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 4th.

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



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| Harold Mitchell | 1947 |
| Raymond Goodwin | 1962 |
| Curtis Ebbesmeyer | 1965 |
| Donald Pace | 1991 |
| Fadi Gergi Al-Chammas | 2000 |
| Jonathan Scott | 2001 |
| Ryan Casey | 2005 |
| Max Nazarian | 2009 |
| George Albantov | 2012 |

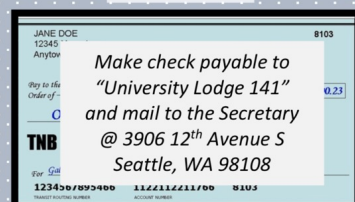
It's time to pay your 2024 dues!

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

Venmo



Check





Hello brethren,
On November 11th, WB Michael Champion, visiting brother Daniel Shapiro and I met up at the University Food Bank, and did our monthly volunteer shift. As usual, they really appreciated us showing up to help. Interestingly, it was a very busy day at the Food Bank. Not a big surprise because the holidays tend to draw in people to help at the food banks. Because of this, we will not be volunteering in December. They have enough folks to help out and many of the brothers tend to be busy.

We will, however, be volunteering again in January. So, mark your calendar for January 13 from 12 to 2 PM to participate in helping the food bank prepare for those less fortunate than ourselves. I'd also like to recognize John Bryan and Chris Lee who came in November but didn't stay because they felt they would've been in the way. Considering how many people were there, that wasn't a bad decision. Thanks, guys, for making the effort to come by.

Scott Bohart
Tyler

Two of the Tallest Masons

Shaquille O'Neal, at 7'1", stands next to a wax figure of Robert Wadlow, who was the tallest man to have ever lived at 8'11".

Wadlow was raised in Franklin Lodge No. 25 in Alton, Illinois in November of 1939. His masonic ring was the largest ever made. O'Neal is a member of Widow's Son Lodge No. 28 PHA, Boston, Massachusetts.



The Village Wine

A triumphal feast was scheduled in a village and, in order to ensure that all might enjoy in the feast without imposing upon any few, the villagers all agreed that each would put one bottle of his best wine into a great cask for the occasion.

However, upon reflection, one villager reasoned that, if he filled his bottle with water, the dilution would be so slight, no one would notice. So, the day of the feast arrived, and the great cask was tapped, and, wonder of wonders...nothing but water poured forth!

Every villager had reasoned alike – my bit will not be missed!

Brethren, we all know that life gets busy and we all need to prioritize our time. At the same time, the lodge does not run itself. It takes brothers to participate, to support the efforts of the lodge, and to strengthen our future by helping bring in new members. If you have been missing lodge, you might have been thinking, "that's ok, everyone else will be there." Well brother, that simply is not the case. Many brothers are thinking alike and our meetings have had all time low attendance. This is not sustainable. We need you to fulfill your obligation and participate in any way that you can. You matter and we miss you. You can start by showing up to our December meeting. Bring a toy. Make a difference. Help the lodge.



Every Mason has seen the painting of George Washington laying the cornerstone of the US capitol, but just how many capitols has the US had?

Washington, D.C. is the country's ninth capitol!

While Washington, D.C., is the U.S. capital we're most familiar with today, it's far from the country's first. In fact, it came at the end of a long road. When the Second Continental Congress declared the independence of the United States of America in 1776, its home base at the Pennsylvania State House (now Independence Hall) made Philadelphia the first capital of the brand-new nation. But arriving waves of British soldiers made life dangerous in the major coastal cities of the former colonies, and congressional delegates often found themselves on the move during the Revolutionary War years. Following a two-month stay in Baltimore, the Continental Congress returned to Philadelphia for six months before reconvening for one September 1777 day in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Next, they moved the capital a little farther west to York for nine months, before going back to Philadelphia again.

While the American Revolution was effectively over by summer 1783, a domestic threat from Continental Army soldiers seeking overdue wages again sent congressional delegates scurrying, this time to the campus of the College of New Jersey (now Princeton University). From there, it was on to Annapolis, Maryland, and then to the future New Jersey capital of Trenton through late 1784, before the government began to stabilize with the drafting of the U.S. Constitution and the election of President George Washington during its nearly six-year tenure in New York City.

Following the passage of the Residence Act in 1790, the seat of government again temporarily returned to Philadelphia, as a new federal city was built on land appropriated from Maryland and Virginia around the Potomac River. Although Philadelphians attempted to convince President Washington to stay with the offer of a lavish mansion, political horse trading had already ensured that the capital would be set in a more southern location. When Congress met for the first time in the brand-new U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C., in November 1800, shortly after President John Adams moved into what eventually became known as the White House, the government's days as a peripatetic entity were officially over.



“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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Circa late-1930s photograph from Real Property Record Card, Puget Sound Regional Archives, Bellevue, Washington.

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