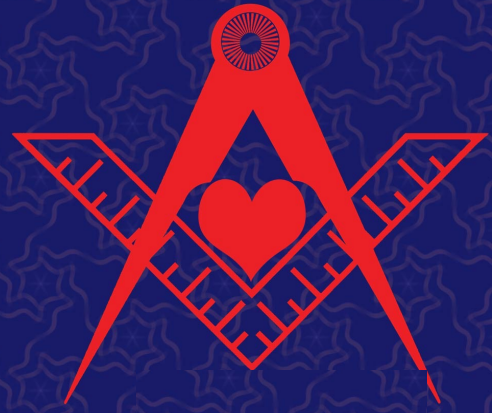


University Lodge 141 Trestleboard February 2024



FROM THE EAST

Brethren,

I hope 2024 has been treating everyone well so far. Now the holidays are over, and we are getting into the swing of things again and now is a great time for us to develop new routines. We have slowly had more attendance over the last 2 meetings and I'm glad to see everyone that has turned out! For our February stated, we will have VWB Bill Werner joining us to speak about the Washington Masonic Service Bureau and the work that they do.

I've spoken about this already, but a reminder that 90% of the work is just showing up. My focus for this year is looking at our approach on how we handle the process with interested candidates. One huge aspect of that is attendance on our part. We are a diverse group of Masons, and the candidates would benefit from interactions with all of us. We will have a healthy lodge if we all continue to be active. When I say lodge, it refers to two things. The lodge as a physical building and also us, as brethren. I urge every brother that reads this Trestleboard to try and make an effort to come to Stated meeting this month. Looking forward to seeing you all there!

-WM Rhys Nunnelee



Next Stated Meeting
Monday, February 5th

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



**University
District
Food Bank**

University Lodge 141 supports several of our community organizations, including the [University District Food Bank](#). Click the link to learn more about these wonderful people who are making a difference in our community.



Our next opportunity to help out at the Food Bank is Saturday, February 10th at 12:00pm.



**Wondering where you
are going to get your Girl
Scout cookies this year?**

Scan the QR code and order some cookies, and Girl Scout Wells will deliver them to Lodge!

The Vase in the Case

On the second floor of the lodge building, just outside the lodge room entrance, is a display case full of treasures. One item in the case is a beautiful hand painted colorful silver vase. A note in the vase says, ***“Presented to University Lodge No. 141 on March 4, 1974 by Eng. Khosrow Alavi of Avicenna Lodge No. 12 of Tehran, Iran. He was raised by University Lodge No. 141 on Feb. 15th 1974, a courtesy candidate. W.W.G. Sec.”*** So what is the story behind the vase?

George Khosrow Alavi was born in Iran, and at age 10, was shipped to England by his parents. After graduating high school, he came to Seattle to pursue a BS in Electrical Engineering (BSEE) at UW. During this time, George became interested in joining the Masons. In 1973, upon a visit to Iran, he mentioned this to his father. His father asked him pointedly, “How did you hear about the Freemasons!?!?” George did not realize that Freemasonry in Iran was not accepted by all, and that Masons did not publicly announce themselves as such. And then, his father told him, “I am a Freemason.” George’s father (RWB Dr. S. H. Alavi) was a founding member and Past Master of Avicenna Lodge No. 12 in Tehran, Iran. George’s father sponsored him for initiation into Avicenna Lodge No. 12, and George received his EA degree on September 17, 1973.

George Alavi returned to Seattle to pursue his Master of Science in Electrical Engineering (MSEE) at UW and made inquiries at University Lodge No. 141 about how to gain admission. After some discussion with some brethren, a formal process between the Grand Lodge of Washington and the Grand Lodge of Iran had begun, resulting in a request that George be allowed to complete his FC and MM degrees in a lodge within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Washington.

In a fraternal spirit, University Lodge No. 141 accepted the opportunity to stand in for George’s mother lodge, Avicenna Lodge No. 12, and in due form awarded him the FC degree on January 21, 1974, and the MM degree on February 15, 1974.

In appreciation for the fraternal friendship that University Lodge No. 141 showed to Bro. George Alavi, on March 4, 1974, he presented the lodge with the silver vase, hand crafted in Iran, as a token of his gratitude for his Masonic education, and the many hours that the brethren had spent with him in preparing for his FC and MM proficiencies.

Bro. George Alavi will be receiving his 50-year Service Pin at our Stated Meeting on February 5th. We have also broken into the display case and retrieved the vase so Bro. Alavi can hold it 50 years after presenting it to the lodge. We hope you will join us for the celebration!



Vase from Bro. George Alavi in the display case at University Lodge 141.



The oldest known Masonic Lodge room is said to be St John's Chapel in Edinburgh, Scotland (1736)

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The oldest known Masonic Lodge room in the United States is “Prentiss House” in Marblehead, Massachusetts (1760).

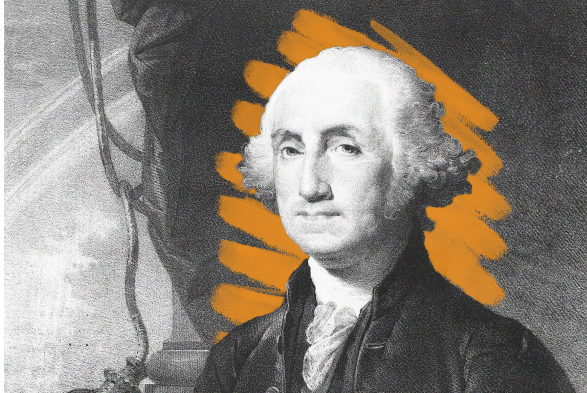
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St. John's Lodge (in Philadelphia) Ledger for the year 1731 is the oldest Masonic Lodge document in existence in the United States.

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George Washington had Reddish Hair!



Despite all the familiar portraits depicting George Washington with white hair, America's first President was closer to a natural redhead than many people realize. Though physical evidence is sparse, biographers have noted that the founding father boasted a reddish-brown mane. These darker locks can be seen in portraits of Washington as a young man, including paintings by artists Jean Leon Gerome Ferris and John C. McRae. There's also a locket at Washington's Mount Vernon estate containing a lock of reddish hair that was presented to Treasury Secretary Oliver Wolcott Jr. in 1797.

Another misconception about Washington's hair is that he wore a white wig, which was a common style choice at the time. But Washington was blessed with a full head of hair as he aged, which he powdered to look like the popular wigs of the time (his natural hair color eventually faded from reddish-brown to gray). The white color was favored by military men, and Washington often kept his hair at shoulder length and would tie it behind his head in a ponytail or with a ribbon. He would then fluff out the sides to give the appearance of a wig and grease the hair with pomade to add firmness to his fluffy curls. Lastly, Washington sprinkled a fine white powder over his scalp for color, and often bunched his ponytail into a silk bag to prevent the powder from dusting onto his back and shoulders.

Source: <https://historyfacts.com/famous-figures/fact/george-washington-had-reddish-hair/>

Brethren Raised in February

William Lyons	1950
William Harris	1958
Verle Bleese	1963
George Alavi	1974
Lawrence Michelson	1975
William Cummins	1985
Jim N. Baker	1989
David Anderson	1992
Glenn Bailey	1995
Dean Willard	2008
K.C. Gates	2008
Andrew Reynolds	2015
Harry Mittelholz	2018
Robert Cochrane	2018
Sergio Sadaba	2018
Matthew Peck	2020
Charles Gain	2020



Speaking of Masonic Presidents and Hair...

Theodore Roosevelt owned a lock of Abraham Lincoln's hair!



Roosevelt felt a lifelong admiration for Abraham Lincoln, a fondness that began when 6-year-old Roosevelt watched Lincoln's funeral train pass by the window of his family's New York City apartment on April 25, 1865. During Roosevelt's own presidency, John Hay, Lincoln's former private secretary and Roosevelt's secretary of state, presented Teddy with an unusual gift: a [gold ring](#) containing six strands of Lincoln's hair. (Hay had previously gifted rings containing George Washington's hair to Presidents Rutherford B. Hayes and William McKinley.) At the time of Lincoln's death, it was common tradition to remove some hair to be kept as mementos, and Hay acquired some of the late President's locks for \$100 (roughly \$2,500 today). Roosevelt was so grateful for the gesture that he proudly wore the ring during his second presidential inauguration in 1905.



BRUCE WILLIAM KEISER

Born: October 27, 1943

Raised: June 16, 2008

Died: January 10, 2024



Masonic Valentine's Day Quotes

"My most brilliant achievement was my ability to be able to persuade my wife to marry me."
– Sir Winston Churchill, Studholme Lodge No. 1591, England

"Love is a canvas furnished by nature and embroidered by imagination."
~Voltaire, Lodge of the Nine Sisters, France

"Two times a week, my wife and I go to a nice restaurant, have a little beverage, good food and companionship. She goes on Tuesdays; I go on Fridays."
~Red Skelton, Vincennes Lodge No. 1, Indiana

"If you are not too long, I will wait here for you all my life."
~Oscar Wilde, Apollo University Lodge No. 357, England

"I believe in the institution of marriage, and I intend to keep trying till I get it right."
~Richard Pryor, Henry Brown Lodge No. 22 PHA, Illinois

"Heaven grant us patience with a man in love."
~Rudyard Kipling, Hope and Esperence Lodge No. 782, India



Source: [Midnight Freemasons](https://www.midnightfreemasons.com)



The cornerstone of the Statue of Liberty in New York was laid by William A. Brodie, a Scots-American businessman and Grand Master of Masons of New York on the 5th of August, 1884.

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There are no regulations on how, when, or if a Masonic ring should be worn; however, it is customary to wear a ring with the points of the Square & Compasses pointing to your heart.

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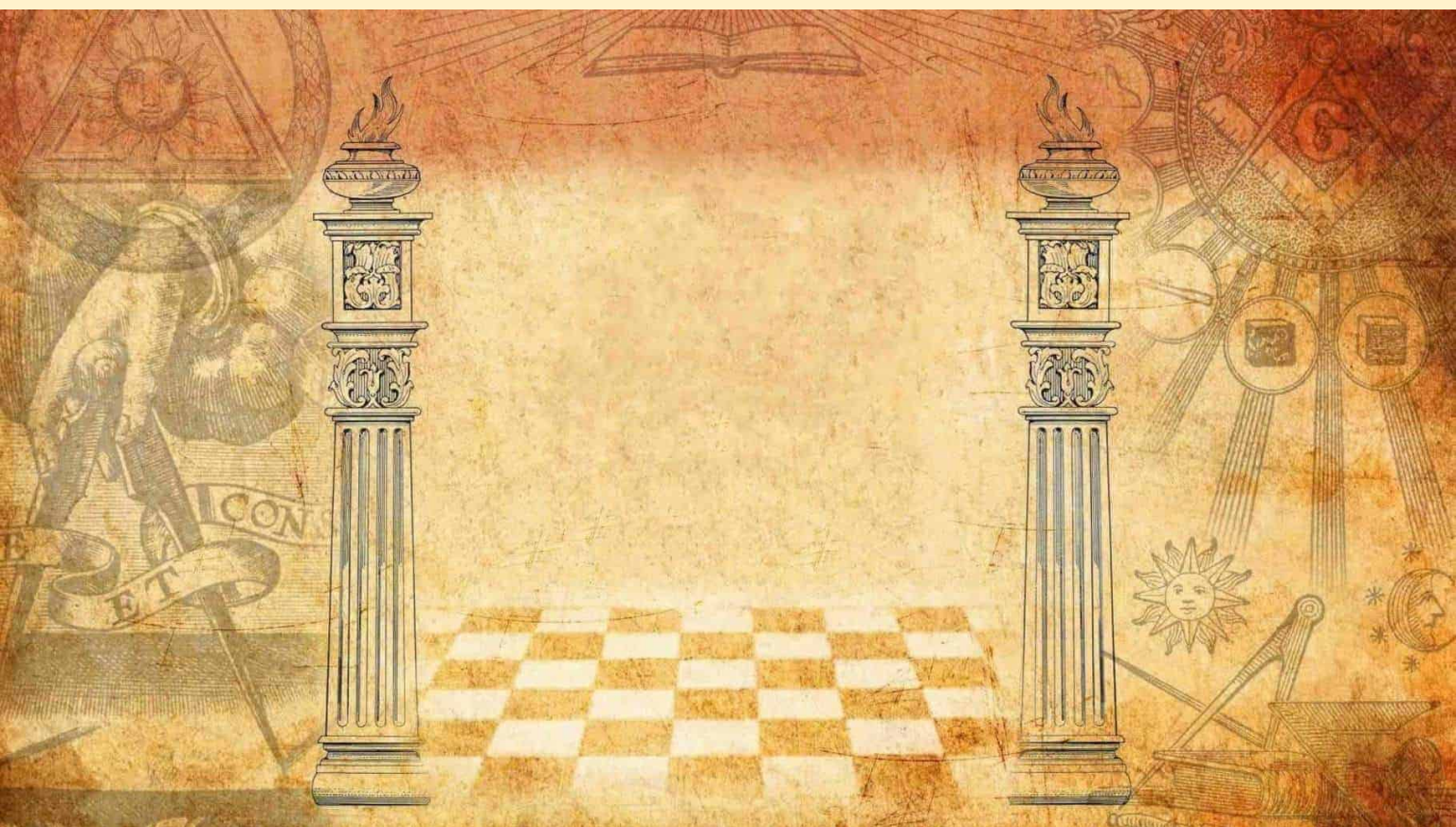


On his trip to the moon in 1969, Freemason "Buzz" Aldrin carried with him the Masonic Supreme Council flag and even took it out on his moonwalk.

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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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