



UNIVERSITY LODGE 141 TRESTLEBOARD FEBRUARY 2025



FROM THE EAST

As we round the corner at the end of this month and enter the middle of Winter, we also enter the season of love. The Greeks had ideas of many kinds of love. But among those, we as Masons practice that of friendship, brotherly love, and affection. Remember to use your Trowel often my brothers, to spread that cement of brotherly love that unites us. Speak a kind word or give some praise to someone who may need it. Remind someone of the better path that could be taken if their perspective is too narrow. And keep reminding those of whom you treasure in your life that they're important to you.

As the days brighten and become longer, we face the new horizon and we look toward our February dinner and stated meeting on Feb 3rd. As it is close (enough) to Valentine's Day, I encourage the brethren to invite their significant others to dinner for a fun evening. Whatever nickname they go by: your partner, your bae, your boo, your honey, your darling, your cutie, your lady, your main squeeze, your hottie boombalottie, bring them some cheer with a night out at University. I will be giving some education on an idea I've been refining, about how we can use the "level of time" in different ways, both to give us perspective on life and as a tool for correction in memory work. And there will also be some sweet treats for dessert.

The Saturday after Lodge we will have our in-person charity event, Food Bank. This is your opportunity to involve a friend or family member in the work we do for our community, this will be on Feb 8th from 12PM to 2PM at University Food Bank.

Fellowship night will happen as scheduled on the third Monday which is Feb 17th this month from 7PM to 9PM. Please come and join us as we get to know our prospects, and help us provide perspective on University Lodge by sharing your winning personalities with them. Snacks and drinks provided, and maybe a little table tennis or karaoke too.

I'm looking forward to another month of serving you as Worshipful Master and I hope to continue to make our lodge a fun and engaging place to be. I'm showing up, and when I see you, I'll let you know, I'm glad you're here.

Fraternally,
WB Evan Lobenstein



Next Stated Meeting

Monday, February 3rd

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 8th at 12:00pm.



EA Degree
 Monday, March 24th
 6:30pm

Come support our new brother as he begins his Masonic journey!

Brethren Raised in February

William Lyons	1950
William Harris	1958
Verle Bleese	1963
George Alavi	1974
Lawrence Michelson	1975
William Cummins	1985
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



University Lodge Building Association

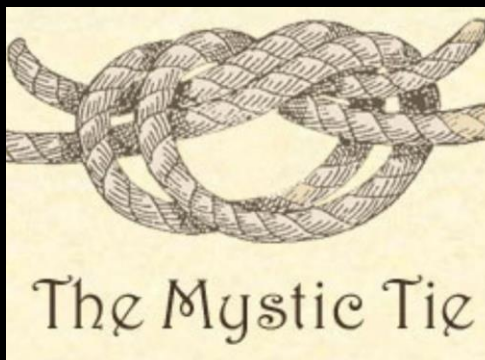


Due to the low number of responses to the survey announced in the January issue of the *Trestleboard*, we are keeping the survey open so that we can get as many responses as possible.

If you have not already done so, **please complete the [University Lodge Building Association Survey](#) by Friday, February 28, 2025**, so we can consider our Brethren's wants and needs while we plan for the future of our Lodge building in 2025 and beyond. A report on the responses will be shared in an upcoming issue of the *Trestleboard*.

Fraternally,

Bro. Adam S. Alsobrook
 Junior Warden



The term "Mystic Tie" stands for the Spiritual tie not easily broken, a fellowship amongst Masons.



In the Canal Zone, all land is owned by the US Government, except for one plot, which is a Masonic Temple and stands by the permission of Congress.



The first known use of “OMG” was in a letter to Winston Churchill.

Winston Churchill’s remarkable life was filled with genuine “OMG” moments, from withstanding the disastrous Gallipoli campaign during the First World War to leading Britain through World War II as prime minister. Churchill held a front-row seat to many history-defining moments, even including the little-known origin of the term “OMG” itself.

The expression “OMG,” an acronym for “oh my god,” became popular as early internet lingo during the 1990s. **But the first known use of the acronym actually dates back to a letter written to Churchill in 1917**, while he was serving as first lord of the admiralty in the British navy. The letter was written by John Arbuthnot Fisher, who, as first sea lord (the navy’s highest ranking officer), often quarreled with Churchill. In the 1917 missive, Fisher wrote, “I hear that a new order of Knighthood is on the tapis [table] — O.M.G. (Oh! My God!) — Shower it on the Admiralty!!” Sadly, for the linguistically hip Fisher, neither Churchill, the navy, nor the British people adopted his clever quip. It wasn’t until the arrival of the internet age some 70 years later that the “OMG” acronym exploded in popularity.

Winston Churchill was initiated into Freemasonry on 24th May 1901, into the Studholme Lodge No. 1591.

Military and political colleagues surrounded him. At the time, the brotherhood, just like other fellowship societies, was a fashionable social pursuit.

The Studholme Lodge records confirm the date above, his address at 105 Mount Street, age 26, and occupation as an MP (Member of Parliament.)

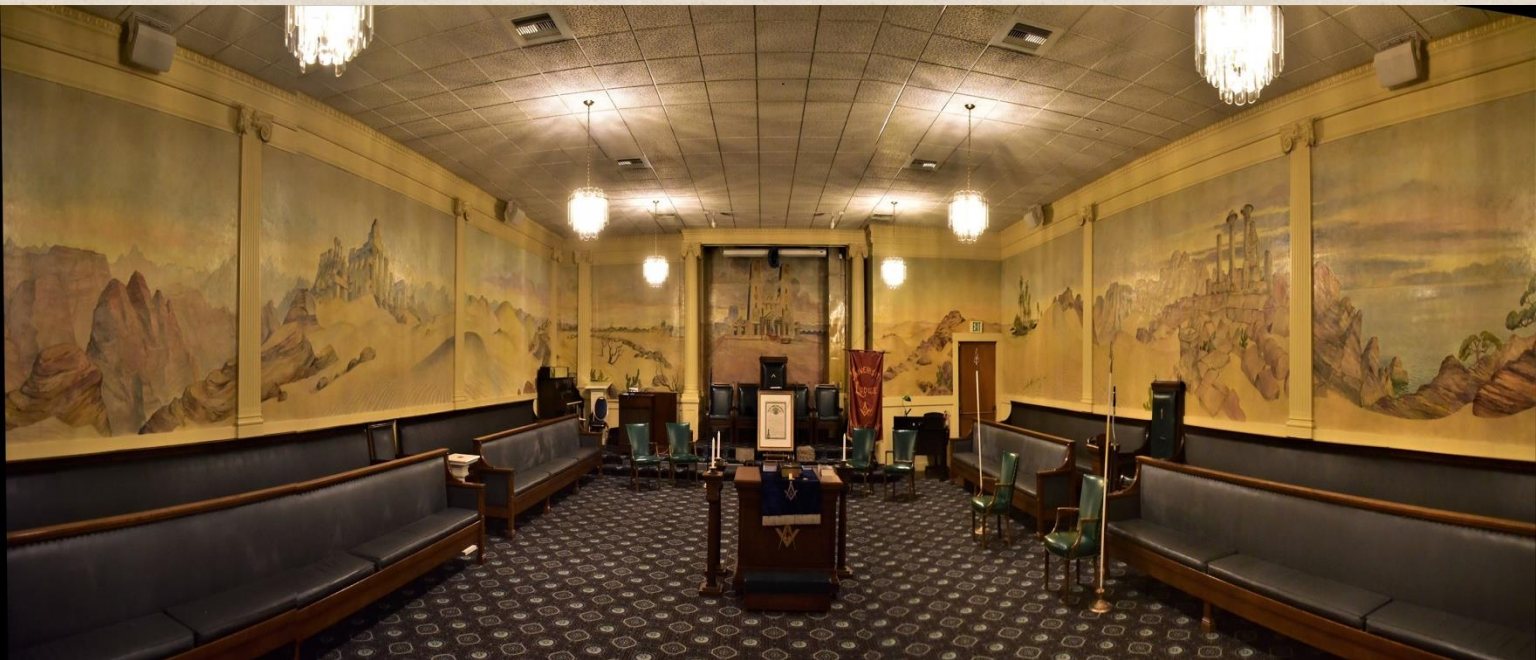


University Lodge No. 141, like the institution that is its namesake, holds up the ideals of lifetime learning, self-improvement and service, both for the benefit of its members and the community at large. Nothing less than excellence in ritual is acceptable and jovial fellowship will be its counterbalance.

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