UNIVERSITY LODGE 141 TRESTLEBOARD JUNE 2023





FROM THE EAST

Brethren,

I'll keep it short and sweet as we approach our summer break and go dark for the months of July and August. We've done so much as a lodge this year and I'm extremely proud to sit in the East and watch how all of you have put in the work to make this lodge thrive. We have events planned throughout the summer (Mariners Night, picnic, table lodge) - let's get together, celebrate, and carry the momentum to the second half of the year!

-- WM Michael Champion

University Lodge 141 Stated Meeting

Monday, June 5, 2023

Doors 6:00pm, Dinner 6:30pm, Lodge 7:30pm

June is our traditional Hawaiian shirt night! Leave the ties at home!



Upcoming Events

6/6 - Doric Lodge visit

6/10 - Food Bank

6/27 - Mariners Night!

7/30 – Summer BBQ

8/19 - Table Lodge

9/8 – September Stated Meeting





University Lodge is going to the Mariners game on **Tuesday**, **June 27**th vs the Nationals. Tickets are **\$10**. We are getting \$30 tickets, you pay \$10 and the lodge will cover the other \$20 per ticket.

Interested in joining us? Please RSVP to Michael.m.champion@gmail.com and buy your ticket via Venmo (@UniversityLodge141) or write a check made out to "University Lodge 141". Deposits must be received by June 9th. Hope to see you at the ballgame!



Last month, we continued our partnership with the University District Food Bank by working a 2-hour shift.



The next opportunity is Saturday, June 10th, from 12:00-2:00pm.

This is open to spouses, partners, friends, and children ages 14-up. For any that are interested in signing up for this shift or one in the future, please contact me by email at crowscall@gmail.com

-Bro. Scott Bohart

Brethren Raised in June

Edgar Regis	1954
Jack Fredrickson	1956
Gordon Fullerton	1956
Thomas Payne	1963
Michael Gordon	1967
William Nicklos	1967
James Erickson	1974
Gale Kenney	1981
S. Craig Shively	1981
Douglas Dotson	1988
Rand Koler	1991
Robert Wyatt	1994
Gary Stebbins	1999
Thomas Johnson	2008
Bruce Kieser	2008
Evan Lobenstein	2018
Jason Frazier	2018

Brethren Raised in July

4	Rodman Miller	1952
6	Paul Grantham	1971
6	Jack Davis	1983
3	Kenneth Ponder	1983
7	Justin DeWolf	2008
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Ω	Harold Kusulos	1957

Harold Kusulos 1957 Roger Crowley 1998 Lorenzo Manelli 2004 Donald Summers 2014 Shane Werner 2014

Eric Olson



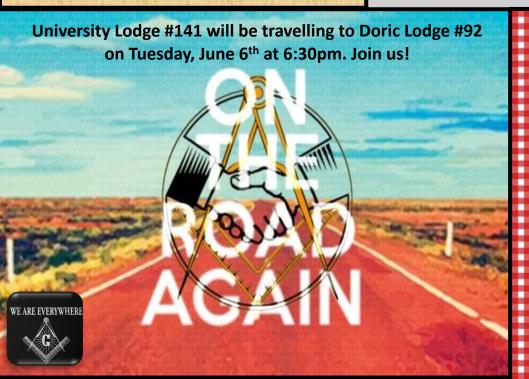
Per our by-laws, our September Stated Meeting will be on Friday, September 8th due to the Labor Day holiday.

In the spirit of kicking off football season, our September meeting will be Jersey Night! Feel free to wear any jersey from any sport!

Jersey Night!

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University Lodge Summer BBQ Picnic

Sunday, July 30th
Location and time: TBD

Food and drinks provi<mark>ded.</mark>
All are welcome!



Congrats to VWB Jim Smyth on his 90th birthday and 60 years of Masonic service!



Travels to Europe

MWB Gale Kinney, and the travelling belt buckle!



President's Palace Sofia, Bulgaria



Turkish Fortress Nils, Serbia



Sava & Danube Rivers Belgrade, Serbia



Tito's Tomb Belgrade, Serbia



Bran Castle (Dracula's Castle) South of Brasov, Romania

> The travelling belt buckle has now been to Antarctica, Scotland, Japan, Bulgaria, Serbia and Romania. Where next?

I spent twelve days in Bulgaria, Serbia and Romania. Of course two of those days were flying. Following is a very brief review of the belt buckle pictures.

Our first stop was in Sofia, the capital of Bulgaria for a couple of days. We explored the city and my first belt buckle was taken in front of the President's Palace. Rather reminded me of Buckingham Palace. At least the guards did.

After leaving Sofia, we headed into Serbia, and along the way, we stopped in the city of Nils, an important crossroad between Central Europe and the Middle East. We toured the city and visited the Turkish Fortress from the 18th century. Buckle No. 2.

After leaving Nils we traveled north to the capital of Serbia, Belgrade. We visited Kalemegdan Fortress, set at the confluence of the Sava and Danube rivers. This fort was built in stages between the 1st and 18th centuries and witnessed major defensive battles. Buckle No. 3.

While touring Belgrade, we visited Josip Broz Tito's Mausoleum built for his remains called the House of Flowers, which use to be his winter garden. It is located on the grounds of the Museum of Yugoslav History in Dedinje, Belgrade. Tito served as the President of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia from January 14, 1953, until his death on May 4, 1980. The countries that used to be Yugoslavia are now: Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Slovenia. I visited all but Kosovo and Macedonia. Buckle No. 4.

From Serbia, we traveled into Romania with many stops and south of Brasov in Transylvania, we visited Bran Castle, surrounded by an aura of mystery and legend, commonly know as "Dracula's Castle". Perched high atop a 200-foot-high rock, Bran Castle owes its fame to the commanding towers and turrets, as well as, to the myth created around Bram Stocker's character, Count Dracula. Buckle No. 5.

-MWB Gale Kinney





George Washington Had Wooden Teeth

Washington did indeed have terrible teeth, and had multiple dentures made. Those mouthpieces were made out of ivory, gold, lead, and even human teeth, but never any wood. Wood was not used by dentists at the time, because they could cause splinters, and are susceptible to expanding and contracting when moist.

Thomas Jefferson Signed the Constitution

It seems incomprehensible that a big-name founding father like Thomas Jefferson missed out on signing the U.S. Constitution, but he never inked the deal. He was actually absent during the Philadelphia Constitutional Convention in 1787, as he was across the Atlantic Ocean in Paris, France, as the U.S.'s envoy.





William Howard Taft Got Stuck in a Bathtub

Somehow, 27th President William Howard Taft became associated with an incident around getting stuck in a bathtub. While it's true that he was larger in stature, weighing in at 350 pounds, he never had to be rescued from a tub.

The Teddy Bear Named After Teddy Roosevelt For Saving a Real Bear

Theodore Roosevelt had long been a hunter, but didn't exactly show off his best skills on a bear hunt in November 1902. Everyone else in the group had a fruitful hunt, so to help Roosevelt, the guide tracked a 235-pound bear to a watering hole, clubbed it, and tied it to a tree so the President could claim it. As the story goes, Roosevelt refused to shoot the bear. The incident made its way to the *Washington Post*, which published a satirical cartoon about the President



sparing the bear. New York City store owners Morris and Rose Mitchom saw the cartoon, were inspired by the President's act of heroism, and created stuffed animals in his honor, appropriately naming them "Teddy's bear." The problem? **Roosevelt didn't shoot the bear, but he didn't save it either.** He saw that it had been mauled by dogs so savagely already that he asked for the bear to be killed with a hunting knife. Given the dark nature of this true tale, it makes sense that the details are often ignored when talking about this beloved childhood toy.



Abraham Lincoln Wrote Gettysburg Address on an Envelope

The 16th President was a brilliant orator, but the idea that he haphazardly scribbled one of the most important speeches in American history on the back of an envelope during a train ride sounds a little far-fetched. In reality, Lincoln toiled away at different versions of the Gettysburg Address, given November 19, 1863. It was anything but a solo project. He collaborated with others on it—and there are five original copies of the speech, none on an envelope.

Gerald Ford Was a Total Klutz

Throughout Gerald Ford's presidency, many joked that his Vice President, Nelson Rockefeller, was only a banana peel away from the presidency, since the 38th President was so often caught being clumsy. He tumbled down ski slopes, slipped in the rain, and fell coming out of Air Force One, so much so that he was spoofed by Chevy Chase on *Saturday Night Live*. Actually, Ford was quite an



athlete in his younger days. He was a football star at the University of Michigan, and during his White House years, he swam, skied, played tennis and golf, so all that falling was just to add to his relatability.

Zachary Taylor Was Poisoned

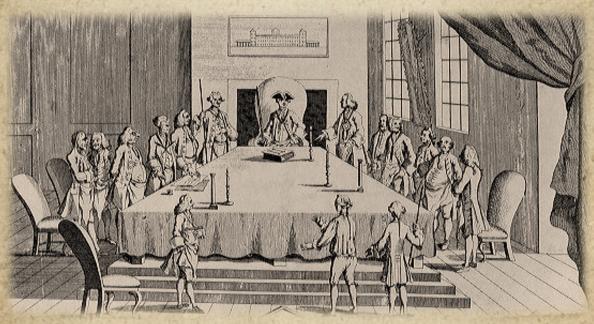


Just over a year and four months into his term, 12th President Zachary Taylor fell ill and died while in office. For years, many thought that he may have been the first President to be assassinated, since it was rumored that he was poisoned. Despite his death in July 1850, it wasn't until 1991 that scientists definitively concluded there was no arsenic in his blood. After leaving the Washington Monument dedication in 1850, he ate cherries and iced milk as a snack and likely came down with severe gastroenteritis, dying five days later.

University Lodge 141 presents The 5th Annual Ron Gage Memorial

XTable LodgeXX

Saturday, August 19, 2023 @ 4:00pm at University Lodge 141



Come join us for a special Table Lodge ceremony with ritual incorporating terminology from centuries ago. Celebrate with toasts and a great evening of fellowship and revelry!

- *Free food will be provided. Donations will be accepted.
- *Cannons will be available to use or to buy for \$20.
- *Bring your own ammunition!

Masons only please.

Please RSVP to matthewmlivingston@gmail.com

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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