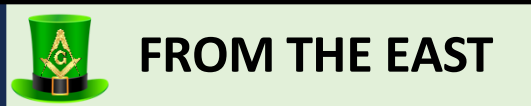




University Lodge 141 Trestleboard March 2025



FROM THE EAST

Greetings From the East,

Our March meeting is fast approaching. It used to be our annual Crab Feed night, one of the most well-attended nights of the year. Times and finances have changed, but we still meet in the same place as we have for the last 116 years. This time, however, we'll be having some pizza instead. Our District Deputy VW Doug Carr will also be making his Official Visit, so bring your game faces and polish up that ritual to give him a good showing.

After quite a cold snap, warmer weather is upon us, and so is our spring-cleaning initiative. At our meeting this Monday March 3rd we'll finalize a date to spruce up our lodge and get some layers of dust off the chandeliers, picture frames, and shelves. Your officers and I, in conjunction with the building association, have been cooking up a "honey do" list for us to put some sweat equity into making our Lodge a better place to be. Coming this April.

At the Stated Dinner, in our continuing Masonic Education Series, WB Ben Stagner, our Musician, and a three time Past Master, will be giving his Tattoo Working Tools presentation. A modern look at the tools we use today in particular professions, and how we can apply them to our lives along with the classically known Working Tools.

Later this March, on Saturday the 8th we have our in-person charity event with University Food Bank. I'd like to see greater attendance for this as we still need to help our community through more than just writing a check. While donations do help, we can get greater satisfaction and community feedback by putting our faces to our University Lodge name.

Monday, March 17th we will be holding our Fellowship night from 7 to 9PM. The last one was a rousing success! We had 10 members of the Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity at U Dub come by and share their experiences with us. And we got to show off our historical building and give them perspective on how brotherly love and friendship can carry on throughout a lifetime.

I'll continue to take feedback and commit my time to improving myself and the Fraternity. In that regard I'll be going to the Leadership Retreat in Wenatchee and taking classes from our more seasoned Masons. I'm hoping March treats you well and that we can continue on our journey of self-improvement together. I'm showing up, and I'll be glad to see you.

Fraternally,
WB Evan Lobenstein

Next Stated Meeting

March 3rd

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



Upcoming dates:

March 8th – Food Bank

March 17th – Fellowship Night

April 7th – Stated Meeting

Brothers! I'm honored to present the working tools of a tattoo artist/ Freemason. A small presentation and discussion using the tools of my craft to explore freemasonry in our daily lives and how our own personal working tools help affect us and those around us. Please join us this stated meeting for further light and fellowship!

-WB Ben Stagner

TATTOO WORKING TOOLS



Presented by WM Ben Stagner
University lodge #141



Seattle, WA



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, March 8th at 12:00pm.



Brethren Raised in March

Vollie Waggoner	1956
Terrill Henderson	1964
Frank Walters	1965
Parker White	1967
Robert Bodkin	1972
James Burnett	1974
Gene Budbill	1977
Raymond Murrell	1977
Peter DeSomma	1983
James Hall	1986
Kenneth Freeman	1989
Jerry Parton	1992
John Hayes	1996
Umit Eksioglu	2004
Chris Freeman	2007
Matt Livingston	2010
Michael Champion	2010
Jonathan D. Roger	2013
Brandon Rouge	2016
Harry Mittelholz	2018



EA Degree

Previously scheduled for ~~Monday, March 24th~~ is being **rescheduled**.
New date is TBD...
stay tuned!



“Elementary, my dear Watson” never actually appears in the Sherlock Holmes books!

It takes a little sleuthing to deduce that the iconic phrase “elementary, my dear Watson” never actually appears in any of the original Sherlock Holmes books. This oft-repeated misquote is generally believed to be what Holmes said to his trusted assistant, Dr. John Watson, when explaining how he’d solved a crime. But **Sir Arthur Conan Doyle** — who created the character of Sherlock Holmes and penned all the original stories — never wrote those four words in that exact order.

In 1887 at the age of 27, Doyle was initiated into Freemasonry at the Phoenix Lodge No. 257 in Southsea, Hampshire.





Only one person served as both U.S. president and Supreme Court judge.

FACT

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William Howard Taft is the only individual to serve as U.S. president and a member of the U.S. Supreme Court. His presidency lasted one term (1909-1913). Eight years later, he was appointed chief justice by then-President Warren G. Harding.

Freemasonry was a tradition in Taft's family. His father, Alphonso Taft, was a prominent member of Kilwinning Lodge No. 356 in Cincinnati and two of William's brothers had already been raised Masons, in ceremonies that included the participation of their father. But William Howard Taft didn't become a Mason in the traditional way, as his father and brothers did. Instead, he was "made a Mason at sight."

Taft became a Mason just a few weeks before his inauguration as President on March 4, 1909. On February 18, 1909, the Grand Master of Ohio, Charles S. Hoskinson, convened an Occasional Lodge at the Scottish Rite Cathedral in Cincinnati for the purpose of making the President-elect, William H. Taft, a Mason at sight. Fourteen Grand Masters of other jurisdictions were in attendance, along with many other Masonic dignitaries. Because making a Mason at sight is a relatively rare event, and because it was being done for a man who was to be sworn in as President of the United States the following month, this was, understandably, a remarkable occasion. The *New York Times* reported that there were 800 people in attendance, with 2,000 more being turned away. Taft affiliated with Kilwinning Lodge No. 356, the lodge that his father and brothers belonged to.

Yet this event, while widely celebrated, was not without controversy. After Taft was made a Mason at sight, hundreds of letters flooded Masonic magazines, written by Masons who decried the practice of making a Mason at sight. While most Masons appear to have supported Taft's being made a Mason at sight, some Masons were upset. Those who objected appeared to have done so because they believed that the practice went against the whole idea of meeting "on the level" and the tacit agreement that all brothers are equal in the lodge. By singling out a powerful individual to be made a Mason by another arguably powerful individual (the Grand Master), critics contended that this went against the very tenets of the professed equality within the fraternity.

Source: https://nationalheritagemuseum.typepad.com/library_and_archives/william-h-taft/



University Lodge Building Association



Thank you to the 21 Brethren who responded to the recent survey about our Lodge building. We really appreciate your thoughtful comments about your likes and dislikes about the building. Here are some highlights from the survey results:

Top 3 things that Brethren like about our Lodge building:

- Location: over 80% of the survey respondents live within 15 miles of the Lodge, and over 40% of the survey respondents live within 5 miles of the Lodge.
- Historical ties: it's our original building and many of us have deep connections with it.
- Architecture: Lodge room murals, historic clubhouse feel, comfortably sized building.

Top 3 things that Brethren dislike about our Lodge building:

- Bad neighborhood environment.
- Lack of interior amenities and comforts, such as kitchen, lighting, furniture, and decor.
- Lack of convenient parking.

Top 3 things that Brethren would like to see in our Lodge building:

- Improved bar / lounge space, like Doric and Green Lake.
- Operable kitchen.
- Better parking.



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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