





# University District Food Bank

Last month, we continued our fruitful partnership with the University District Food Bank!

The next opportunity is Saturday, May 9th, from 12:00-2:00pm.

Come join us and make a difference in our community!



## Brethren Raised in May

Coe Tug Morgan	1956
Peter A. Sellen	1960
Howard O. Wilson	1963
Jerry N. Caldwell	1966
Fred P. Barnhart	1975
Jack E. Garton	1977
Bowman L. Chelette	1978
Clifford J. Gross	1982
Helmuth Svoboda	1987
Kenneth D. White	1989
Steven M. Gamber	1989
Edward S. Krigsman	1995
Srinivas Chokkakula	2008
Scott Bohart	2011




## WHY IS IT CALLED A BLUE LODGE?

The Blue Lodge is the foundation of Freemasonry and the place where every Mason begins his journey through the three degrees of Craft Masonry.

-  ENTERED APPRENTICE
-  FELLOWCRAFT
-  MASTER MASON

WHY THE TERM "BLUE LODGE"?  
As Freemasonry grew and additional bodies and degrees were created, the term "Blue Lodge" emerged—especially in America—to distinguish the original three degrees from appendant bodies.

 IT DOES NOT MEAN "BASIC," IT MEANS FOUNDATIONAL.

### WHY IT MATTERS TODAY

-  BROTHERHOOD OVER DIVISION
-  CHARACTER OVER STATUS
-  TRUTH OVER OPINION
-  SERVICE OVER SELF

BLUE REPRESENTS THE HEAVENS, TRUTH, FIDELITY, AND WISDOM—THE IDEALS EVERY MASON STRIVES TO ACHIEVE.



THE WORK BEGINS HERE. THE LESSONS STAY WITH US FOREVER.



University Lodge Building Association

Brethren of University Lodge,

This is a reminder that the University Lodge Building Association is hosting a Lodge Spring Cleaning on Saturday, May 2nd between noon and 6:00 PM. Please join us to pitch in on various cleaning projects around our building. Refreshments and cleaning supplies will be provided. If you haven't already RSVPed, please let me know if you are planning to pitch in, even if you can only come for part of the time. Thank you for helping the University Lodge Building Association keep our building neat and tidy.

Fraternally,  
Bro. Adam S. Alsobrook  
University Lodge Building Association



## Beyond the Buckskin: The Legend of William F. Cody

William Frederick Cody—better known to the world as “Buffalo Bill”—is often remembered as a larger-than-life showman of the American West. Yet behind the legend was a dedicated Freemason whose life reflected the values of perseverance, loyalty, and brotherhood.

Cody’s early life was anything but easy. Born in 1846 in the Iowa Territory, he was forced to take on adult responsibilities at a young age after his father’s death. As a teenager, he worked as a rider for the Pony Express, braving long distances and dangerous conditions. He later served as a scout for the U.S. Army and earned his nickname “Buffalo Bill” while supplying buffalo meat to railroad workers—reportedly hunting thousands of bison in the process.

His greatest fame came with the creation of “Buffalo Bill’s Wild West,” a traveling show that brought dramatized versions of frontier life to audiences across the United States and Europe. Through sharpshooting exhibitions, staged battles, and reenactments, Cody helped shape the world’s image of the American West—turning history into legend.

Less widely known is Cody’s deep involvement in Freemasonry. He was initiated as an Entered Apprentice on **January 5, 1870**, passed to the degree of Fellow Craft on **February 2, 1870**, and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on **March 9, 1870**, all in Platte Valley Lodge No. 32 in Nebraska. His rapid advancement reflected both his enthusiasm for the Craft and the regard his brethren held for him.

Throughout his travels, Cody’s commitment to the fraternity extended far beyond the walls of his home lodge. He sought out the companionship of fellow Masons across the globe, often visiting local lodges while touring with his Wild West show and eventually advancing through the York Rite and becoming a Knight Templar. To Cody, the principles of the Craft were not merely ceremonial; they were a guiding compass that informed his legendary generosity and his unwavering sense of justice on and off the stage. This enduring connection illustrates that while the world saw a flamboyant performer in a Stetson, the heart of the man remained rooted in the quiet, foundational lessons of the square and compass.

Cody remained active in Masonry throughout his life, maintaining his membership and supporting the fraternity even as his fame grew. While he stood before crowds as an icon of the frontier, within the lodge he met on the level—as simply Brother Cody.



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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