

TRESTLEBOARD

UNIVERSITY LODGE 141

NOVEMBER 2022



FROM THE EAST

Happy November Brothers!

In this month of giving thanks, I am so thankful for having had the privilege of serving this lodge for the past three years. While I will technically be master until installation, the amazing officers will be stepping up this month to their well earned new roles. Mike Champion will be in the East and I hope to see many brothers there to support his first meeting and help make it a special night for him! I am so proud of the support these last three years and equally humbled by it.

With that said, the work is not finished. I will still be doing projects for the lodge and traveling to other lodges to share the energy we have created. I am excited to see the road Brother Champion takes us down and still offering whatever support I can. This call goes out to all of our past masters as well! Brothers Matt Livingston, Ren Hamil, Bryan Baldwin, and Dan Boren have all helped so much in making my years as impactful as they have been. I cannot thank them enough, I can only offer the same help and pay it forward.

Thank you brethren for your support and involvement. All my love to the lodge and here's to the years to come!

Outgoing,
WB Benjamin Stagner

University Lodge 141 Stated Meeting

Monday, November 7, 2022

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

Check out our
new website!

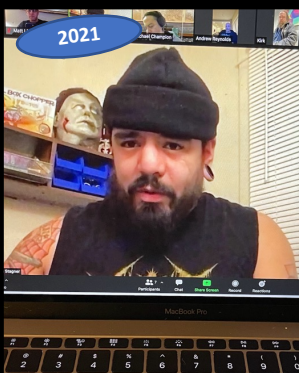


Thank you WM Ben for 3 years of your leadership, helping us stay together during Covid, always emphasizing the importance of brotherhood, responsibility, and appreciating different perspectives. The lodge is better because of your leadership, and your impact will continue for many years. Your brethren are grateful.

2020



2021

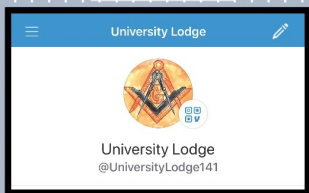


2022

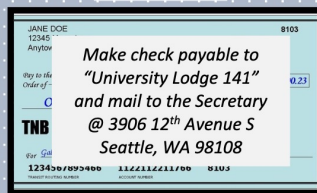


It's time to pay your 2023 dues!

Venmo



Check



Dues Structure

Full paying member: \$143
 Full paying member outside of county: \$69
 Life Member: \$28 to pay Grand Lodge dues
 50 Year Member: No dues
 90+ years of age: No dues



University Lodge 141 2023 Charity Budget

At the October stated meeting, the lodge approved the charity budget, which supports the following organizations:

Organization	Description
United Churches Emergency Fund	UCEF was created in 1986 to provide information, referral and financial assistance to people in need residing in Northeast Seattle and to the homeless, without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status or disability.
University Food Bank	University District Food Bank operates a walk-in food bank four-days a week to individuals and families from across Northeast Seattle. We offer food and toiletries, baby formula and diapers, pet food, and connections to important community resources to residents of zip codes 98102, 98103, 98105, 98112, 98115, and 98125.
Ronald McDonald House	Housing for families while their child is treated at Seattle Children's Hospital
DeMolay Foundation	DeMolay is the premier youth leadership organization building young men of character and dedicated to making young men better people and leaders.
Rainbow	Rainbow is a nonprofit organization that strives to give girls the tools, training, and encouragement to let their individual spirits shine bright.
Job's Daughters	Job's Daughters International allows girls and young women to bloom into their confidence to become the leaders of tomorrow. This confidence and leadership development lets Job's Daughters soar into adulthood with the set of skills needed in today's world.
Shriners Navy Day	The Nile Shrine sponsors up to 60 Navy personnel to a Free Day of Golf and BBQ during Seafair. In conjunction with Occidental Lodge 72 who supply the BBQ Lunch for the Navy. The donation helps cover the cost of the Navy's Green Fee's at the Nile Shrine golf course.

Brethren Raised in November

Julian Hilts.....	1960
Clyde Sparks.....	1961
Travis Keeler.....	1965
Wesley Uhlman.....	1965
Donald Gregory.....	1973
Michael Carmel.....	1980
Boyd Hanson.....	1994
Matthew Wingate.....	1994
Michael Cuadra.....	1999
Dale Miller.....	2000
G. Michael Peacore.....	2002
John Bryan.....	2011
Peter Stratiev.....	2011



Upcoming Meetings

November 7th
Step Up Night

December 5th
Toys for Tots, Holiday Dinner, and Closed Installation

January 2nd
Lodge of Sorrow





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

The expression was used by poet, lyricist, and Brother - Robert Burns in his farewell to the Brethren of Saint James Lodge, Tarbolton, Scotland.



Contrary to popular belief, the Great Seal of The United States has no Masonic significance.

Together, the two sides of the Great Seal are a unique combination of images from nature and culture. But no organization has an exclusive association with any of these symbols.

The sprig of acacia is used as an emblem in Freemasonry originating from a Jewish custom of planting a branch of acacia vera on the grave.

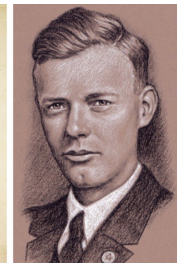
The acacia was esteemed as a sacred wood among the Hebrews and it symbolizes the immortality of the soul.



Due to the voting-in systems of Speculative Masonic Lodges, one can confidently say the "government system" used by Freemasons is democratic.

Charles Lindbergh, an American aviator, military officer, author, and inventor always wore a square and compasses on his jacket "for good luck".

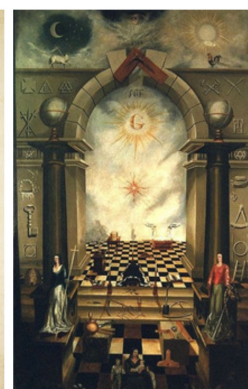
Lindbergh, as a Freemason, represents a long line of explorers and adventurers down through the ages who were members of the craft.



The now infamous term "A Beautiful System of Morality, Veiled in Allegory and Illustrated by Symbols" was coined by Samuel Hemming, the first Senior Grand Warden of the United Grand Lodge of England.



Freemasonry is said to be "veiled in allegory" because its teachings (and applications of those teachings) are infinite in how they can be applied.



9th Annual Toys for Tots Drive!



Thanks for doing your part to make a difference in our community. Even a \$5 donation helps.

"And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity."

Each year, we collect toys and donate them to Toys for Tots. The toys are then given to local children who would otherwise not receive any presents for the holidays. Please consider contributing to this wonderful charity!

How can you support the cause?

Option #1 – bring a new unwrapped toy(s) to the stated meeting on Monday, December 5th at 6:30pm at University Lodge 141.

Option #2 – Make a monetary donation via Venmo. The lodge Venmo address is **@UniversityLodge141** If Venmo asks for 4 digits, enter **4142**.

Option #3 – write a check to "Toys for Tots" and mail it to Secretary Matt Livingston at 3906 12th Avenue S, Seattle WA 98108.

The Secretary will collect all donations and make sure Toys for Tots gets the toys and money. Donations need to be received by December 5th.



LATIN AMERICA'S MASONIC LIBERATORS

In nearly every revolutionary movement in Latin America, Masons were front and center.

By Justin Japitana and Tony Gilbert [Source: California Freemason](#)

Wherever there's revolution, there's almost always a Freemason leading the charge. That's certainly the case when it comes to Latin American history. Here's a rundown of a few of the most important Masons and revolutionaries.



SIMÓN BOLÍVAR: Venezuela

Born in Caracas, in what is now Venezuela, Bolívar is the most important figure of the South American independence movement. He is responsible for liberating from Spain the nation of Gran Colombia—what would become Colombia, Venezuela, Ecuador, and Panama—and later Peru and Bolivia, which is named for him. Bolívar was initiated into Masonry in Cadiz, Spain, in 1803, and raised in 1806 at **Mother of St. Alexander of Scotland Lodge** in Paris. In April 1824, Bolívar received the 33° of honorary inspector general in the Scottish Rite. He founded and served as master of **Protectora de las Vertudes Lodge Nº 1** in Venezuela, and founded the **Order and Liberty Lodge Nº 2** in Peru in 1824.

JOSÉ MARTÍ: Cuba

The national hero of Cuba, Martí was a poet, journalist, and philosopher who advocated for the abolition of slavery. He is still widely seen as the father of Cuban independence. Martí's Masonic credentials are somewhat murky, but evidence suggests he was raised as a Master Mason in **Armonía Lodge Nº 52** in Madrid in the early 1870s.



BENITO JUÁREZ: Mexico

A liberal politician, a lawyer, and one of the most famous figures in Mexican history, Juárez was Mexico's first indigenous president and led the restored republic following the French invasion of the country. Juárez was initiated into Masonry in 1847 in **La Logia Independencia Nº 2** of the Mexican National Rite (which now bears his name). In 1854 he received the 9°, and in 1862 he received the 33°. Every January 15, a ceremony is held to celebrate his legacy by the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in Mexico.



MIGUEL HIDALGO: Mexico

The "Father of Mexico" and a hero of the Mexican War of Independence, Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla was a Catholic priest-turned-resistance leader. He is best remembered for his 1810 speech "Grito de Dolores," or "Cry of Dolores," which called for the end of Spanish colonial rule in Mexico. In 1806, Hidalgo, who was influenced by liberal ideas from the United States and Europe, was initiated into the first regular Masonic lodge in Mexico, named **Logía Arquitectura Moral**.



“Watch your thoughts, they become your words; watch your words, they become your actions; watch your actions, they become your habits; watch your habits, they become your character; watch your character, it becomes your destiny.” — Lao Tzu

University Lodge No. 141
4338 University Way NE, Seattle WA 98105
www.universitylodge141.org secretary@universitylodge141.org



2022 Officers

Worshipful Master	WB Ben Stagner	206-307-2883.	identmarkings@gmail.com
Senior Warden	Michael Champion	206-245-4458	michaelmchampion@gmail.com
Junior Warden	Scott Bohart	206-992-7224	crowscall@gmail.com
Secretary	WB Matt Livingston	206-890-4142	matthewmlivingston@gmail.com
Treasurer	John Bryan	206-817-4516	johncbryan@gmail.com
Senior Deacon	Evan Lobenstein	818-306-7387	evan.lobenstein@gmail.com
Junior Deacon	Adam Alsobrook	206-582-9989	adam.alsobrook@gmail.com
Chaplain	WB JD Roger	978-899-6990	jonathan.d.roger@gmail.com
Marshal	WB KC Gates	206-718-1012	kennethgates@hotmail.com