Trestleboard
University Lodge 141
October 2026

FROM THE EAST

Brethren, I bid you all a hale and hearty autumn!

This is my last Trestleboard missive before I happily retire from stewardship of this chair and depart the East. When I was installed, I offered the imperative, "The Hour Is Late, The Time Is Now." My hour is over; my time is past. We accomplished a few things and made plans to accomplish more. If the Fates favor us and our resolve remains strong, those plans may yet find fruition.

I am optimistic that the next few years will continue with a philosophy of building fellowship first, and that from it will flow the energy to channel toward higher aims. Things fall apart faster than they can be built, and without regular effort, all things succumb to decay. This is as true of our institution as of any physical edifice. Each chore, no matter how small or unnoticed, matters. Each outreach to a brother, or to anyone with a claim to your kind offices, is significant. If we do not regularly renew the ties that hold us together, they will fray. The next man will wonder how it came to be so, the man after him will accept that it has always been thus, and the man after that will expect it always will be. Only our efforts can stand in the way of this entropy, for it is an iron law of the universe.

At our next Stated Meeting, if time permits, I plan to speak a little about my observations from the vantage the East affords its stewards. My mind is a jumble of observations, analogies, aphorisms, and tangents that I am still struggling to orchestrate. If it be the will of the Grand Architect, they will coalesce into something approaching coherence by then.

At this meeting we will also vote in a new slate of Lodge Officers and a rotation of Trustees for the Building Association. The future of this Lodge will be in their hands. They need our support and counsel, so please plan to be generous with both your time and spirit. Dinner will be shepherd's pie with sides of green beans and salad. I look forward to seeing you there.

Fraternally and Gratefully,

WM John Bryan

University Lodge 141 Stated Meeting

Monday, October 5, 2026

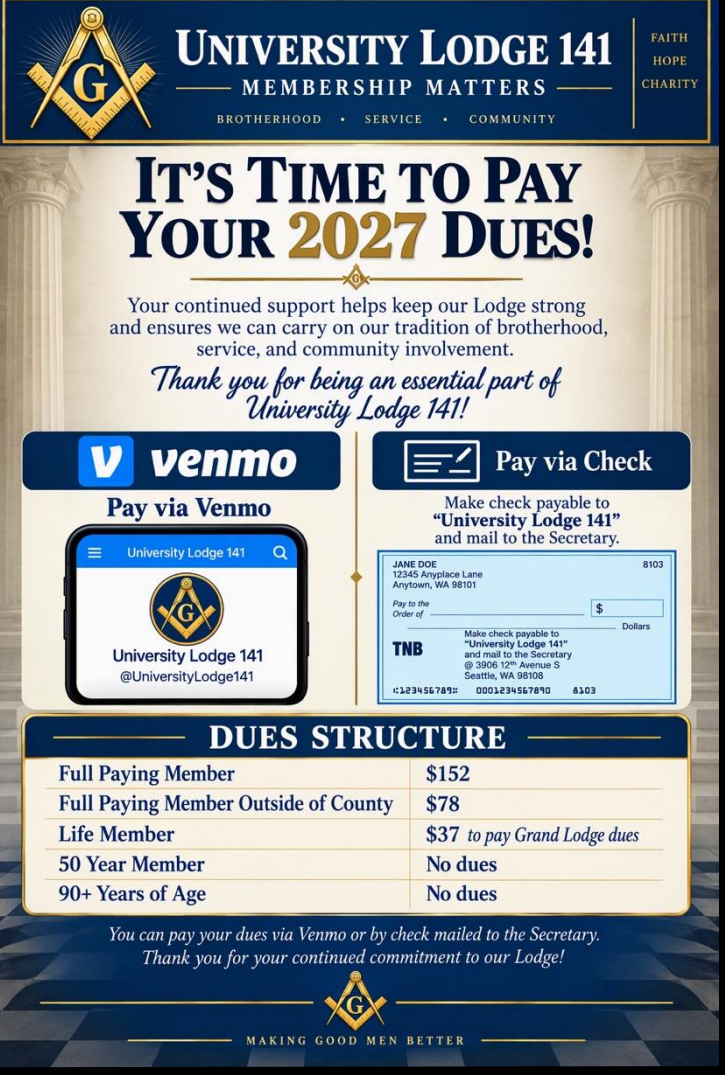
Doors open at 6:00pm
Dinner served at 6:30pm
Lodge starts at 7:30pm

Upcoming Meetings

November 2nd
Step Up Night

December 7th
Toys for Tots,
Holiday Dinner

January 4th
Lodge of Sorrow



Brothers attended the Suit Up for Charity gala at the Nile Shrine Center in September to support the Grand Master's charitable focus on mental health.

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, October 10th at 12:00pm.

Will you join us?

Brethren Raised in October

Gregory Smith	1961
Kurt Moss	1969
Terrance Talley	1976
John Whitcomb	1979
James Brainard	1986
Wayne Anderson	1988
HW Nagley	1992
Jerry Wilkins	1995
David Hakkinen	1996
Douglas Hoggatt	1997
John Ching	2003
Franklin Donahoe	2005
Jorge Vallejos	2014

MASONIC PUZZLE

Directions: Solve each Masonic clue below. Then take the **first letter of each answer** and place the letters together to discover a hidden Masonic word.

1. I am a legendary craftsman closely associated with the building of King Solomon's Temple and the lessons of the Master Mason degree.
2. We are the elected and appointed Brothers entrusted with the various leadership roles and responsibilities of the Lodge. Collectively, what are we called?
3. I am given when a Mason takes a solemn promise upon himself.
4. I am the person who stands at the door of the preparation room and assists candidates before entering the Lodge.
5. I am the title given to the Master who governs a Lodge.
6. I am what every Mason seeks as he progresses in Masonic knowledge.
7. I am the direction associated with darkness in the symbolic Lodge.
8. I was the great biblical king whose Temple plays a central role in Masonic symbolism.

🔎 **THE FINAL CHALLENGE:** Write the **first letter of each answer** below:

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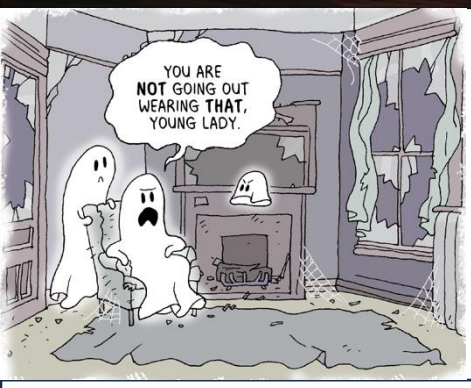
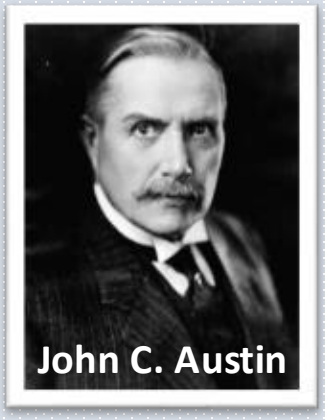
What Masonic word is revealed?



1. Hiram Abiff, 2. Officers, 3. Obligation, 4. Deacon, 5. Worshipful Master 6. Instruction, 7. North, 8. King Solomon 🔑 Hidden Word: HOODWINK


John C. Austin

John C. Austin: Helping Build the Face of Los Angeles

Few architects left a more recognizable mark on Los Angeles than **John Corneby Wilson Austin (1870–1963)**. An English-born architect who moved to Los Angeles in 1895, Austin became one of the city's leading architects and civic figures. His remarkable legacy includes work on four Los Angeles landmarks: the **Shrine Auditorium, Los Angeles City Hall, Griffith Observatory, and Hollywood Masonic Temple**.

Austin's connection to Freemasonry was more than incidental. UCLA's archival collection of his papers identifies him as a **32nd Degree Mason** and a **member of Al Malaikah Shrine**, the Masonic organization associated with the Shrine Auditorium. His architectural career therefore intersected directly with the Masonic community of early twentieth-century Los Angeles.

Perhaps the clearest expression of that connection is the **Hollywood Masonic Temple** on Hollywood Boulevard. The building was designed by Austin for Hollywood's Masonic community and completed in the early 1920s. The Masons of California describe it as a Greek Revival building designed specifically by "Mason and architect John C. Austin." The original temple included lodge rooms as well as a ballroom, billiard room and pipe organ, making it both a Masonic home and an important Hollywood gathering place.

Austin's influence extended far beyond explicitly Masonic buildings. He designed and supervised construction of the **Shrine Auditorium** and **Griffith Observatory**, and he worked in conjunction with other architectural firms on **Los Angeles City Hall**. Together, these monumental buildings helped define the civic and cultural identity of a rapidly growing Los Angeles.

For Freemasons today, Austin presents a fascinating intersection of **architecture, civic service, and Masonry**. His Masonic membership is documented, as is his role in designing some of Los Angeles' best-known buildings. While it would be speculative to claim that every architectural feature of these buildings carries a specifically Masonic meaning, Austin's life demonstrates how a Mason could apply the values of civic participation and public service on a truly monumental scale. More than a century later, his work remains an enduring part of the Los Angeles landscape.

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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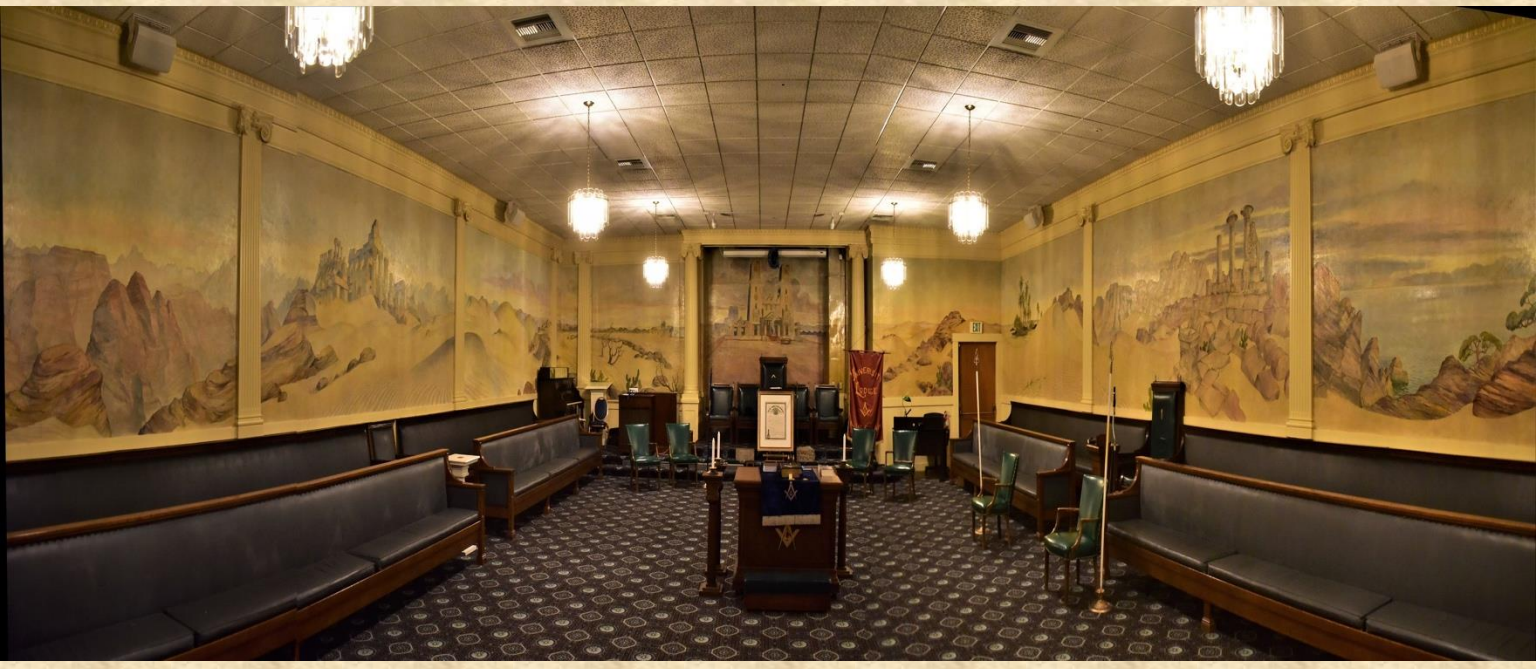

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Worshipful Master John Bryan

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