

The Mud-Hook



Maritime Lodge #239 F. & A. M. of Washington

December Edition 2006

From the East.

Welcome to the inaugural edition of The Mud Hook. The purpose of this newsletter is to keep the lodge informed of current events, to present topics of interest for the good of the lodge, and to provide a little light from its three principle officers.

According to the *Washington Monitor*, "A lodge has three principal supports, or pillars, denominated Wisdom, Strength and Beauty; for it is necessary to have wisdom to contrive, strength to support, and beauty to adorn all great and important undertakings. These pillars are represented in the Lodge by the W.M., S.W. and J.W."(p26).

With that said the appropriate forum to discuss material presented in The Mud Hook is the lodge room. Please bring your comments to the next stated meeting for further examination and discussion!

~WB Peifer

From the West.

Brother Senior Warden was unable to meet the publication deadline for this edition. We look forward to his contribution in the next edition!

~WB Peifer

From the South.

Hello Brothers, a few weeks ago we had an "all hands" meeting at the Lodge. One thing I observed was that all the Brothers were heavily engaged in social interaction. Every time we had a pause in the action or took a break, the conversation grew loud and intense. It seemed like the Brothers were starving for conversation, catching up on who has been doing what, Lodge politics, etc. Personally, I think this may be a product of our Lodge only meeting every other month. During my term as Master of the Lodge last year I tried to implement a Fellowship Night program on the off month to address this void. Unfortunately, I either didn't push this hard enough or maybe I was heading in the wrong direction, as the

turnout for the couple of events that I had planned really didn't get off the ground. As the Junior Warden this year I want to work with the Worshipful Master to figure out a solution to fill this social void that I perceive. Do we need to change our Standing Resolutions so that we meet every month again, will WM Rabi's initiative for visiting neighboring Lodges on the off month do the trick, do we try to implement a Fellowship Night with an appropriate agenda like Masonic Trivia night, I don't know. I am hoping that the Brothers of the Lodge will step up and voice their opinion. If my perception on this issue is unfounded let me know and I'll step down off my soap box. I believe that the main reason we joined the Craft was the pursuit of Brotherly Love and Friendship. Once we are fulfilled in that regard I believe that the remaining tenants of Masonry should flow like a well choreographed play.

~WB Miller

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From the Secretary's Desk

What you can expect from the Secretaries desk is information only as good and complete as that which he is provided with. Therefore, if this portion of the new electronic trestle board "The Mud Hook" is to be meaningful and informative it will depend on the quality of your input. If you have an event or announcement that you would like included, please submit it to me with a description of the event including the date and time.

Current/Upcoming Events:

Saturday, December 9th at 11:00am *OFF-MONTH ACTIVITY*

Winterfest activities for all ages at Seattle Center to include ice skating, a holiday train display and more. Shopping at Westlake Mall is preceded by a late lunch at P.F. Chang's.
RSVP no later than Friday December 8th.

Friday, December 15th at 7:30pm, dinner at 6:30pm

Walter F. Meier #128, Installation of Officers, (Tyled Installation, meets at Greenwood)

Saturday, December 16th at 7:30pm

Alki Lodge #152, Installation of Officers, (Bro. Marcel Maddox, WM-Elect)

Sunday, January 7th at Noon, Maritime Officers meeting

Monday, January 8th, dinner at 6:00 meeting at 7:30

Maritime Stated Communication

VW Blair Leckie's official visit!!! (Officer's-be prepared!)

Friday, January 12th at 6:00pm

District 4 & 5 Joint Reception for the Most Worshipful Grandmaster of Washington Charles W McQuery (Greenwood Masonic Center-distribution of tickets to be discussed at the next stated meeting)

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Health and Welfare: There are no bereavements to report this month.

Being that this electronic publication is new, if any member knows of a member or widow of a member that is ill, hospitalized or in need of assistance, please notify the secretary and that need could be made known.

Birthday of the Month: Following a little research birthdays of the month will appear, as will those members names raised in a given month.

~WB Corning

Season's greetings from Maritime
Lodge!!!

Have a safe and joyous holiday!