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A St. Valentine's Day serenade



Photo by W. Bro. Claude Roberts
Wendy Byrnes performed for the Nobles and guests of the Juneau-Douglas Shrine Club at its Valentine's Day lunch, held Feb. 11 at the Moose Lodge. Byrnes, a recent college graduate, is the granddaughter of Noble Harley Clough.

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Juneau Masonic Center Cornerstone Ceremony

Two o'clock in the afternoon ~ April 2, 2015

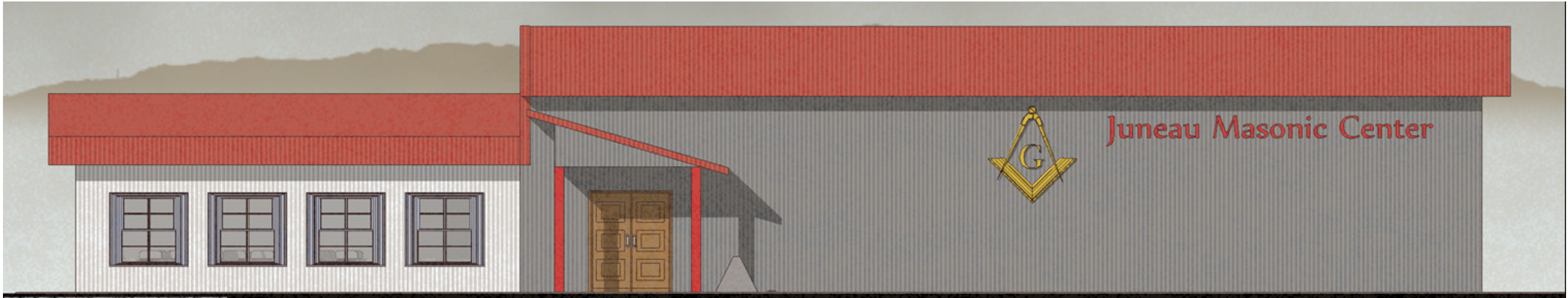
9315 Glacier Highway, Juneau, Alaska

Grand Officers of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska

Grand Master	Most Worshipful Doug Teninty	Grand Bible Bearer*	Very Worshipful Mark Sledge
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Grand Senior Deacon*	Worshipful Jeffrey Polizzotto	Honored attendees	
Grand Junior Deacon*	Very Worshipful Russell Shivers	Superintendents of Construction	Worshipful Ken Vaughan and Brother Michael Franks
Grand Marshal	Worshipful Steven Stewart	Escort of the Day	Very Worshipful Harley Clough
Grand Chaplain	Very Worshipful Jeffrey DeFreest	Juneau Masonic Center Association Board of Trustees	
Grand Lecturer*	Very Worshipful Donald Hale	Chairman	Worshipful Ken Vaughan
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Grand Sword Bearer*	Worshipful John Barnett	Trustee	Sister Vicki Atzei
		Trustee	Brother Edward Kalwara
		Trustee	Worshipful Dan Logan
		Trustee	Worshipful Paul Moran
		Trustee	Brother Larry White

Guests are asked to leave the front row of seats open for Grand Lodge officers and honored attendees.

A first look at our new home



Drawing by Bro. Michael Franks

Conceptual drawing of the Juneau Masonic Center.

By Bro. Michael Franks

One of the more exiting events occurring this spring is the beginning of our new Masonic home at 9315 Glacier Highway. JMCA has been working diligently over the past two years to explore all possible avenues that may be available to our family. After careful consideration, JMCA has now decided on a path that will give us a new home this year, which is extremely exciting and positive for our various groups.

Likely the biggest question on your mind is when will we start construction on our new home? Well there a few steps we must take care of before we can start. This month, JMCA will be working with

the city to go through the permitting process to get our building design approved. This will provide the required building permit to start construction. Typically this takes 30-45 days to complete. Concurrently, we've been developing a solicitation package to hire a competent general contractor to do the construction. This puts our timeline to start construction at about two months from now.

The next question that probably comes to mind is how long will construction take? That's a good question and a bit hard to estimate due to unpredictable weather and getting materials. Typically, building a house or building such as this takes approximately 6-8 months from start to finish.

The schedule for our building will follow this timeline, subject to weather material availability issues. Based on this schedule, this will put our new home ready to move into in mid- to late fall.

What are some of the features of our new home? The total size of our new building is right at 3,000 square feet of usable space. This is twice the size of a typical home here in Juneau, and more than three times the space we're currently occupying.

The building will feature two separate main spaces, which consist of the lodge room and the multipurpose room. There will also be a central restroom with two stalls and a fairly large storage area for prop storage and changing. The multipurpose

room will feature an area for seating approximately 60 people for dinner or meetings. To be able to serve people in the multipurpose room there is a galley-style kitchen with warming plates or slow cookers to provide warm food. There will also be a drink cooler and warming drawers. For easy cleanup there is a full apron sink situated beside an industrial dishwasher.

To make sure we can continue to afford our new home the design of the building has built-in money-saving measures. First of all, the building will be built with the materials that will provide long-term low maintenance costs. Secondly, to keep utility costs down, our heating and cooling equipment will be very efficient. The big-

gest idea is to pay more up front so we have lower long-term maintenance costs.

It's a very unusual occasion in the fraternity these days that a new lodge building is constructed. This home will be something to be proud of and serve our community for a long time. Keeping and maintaining our new building will take a collective effort from all bodies and members. It will also take a willingness to incorporate new ideas and ways of thinking in with the standard views, to achieve the best possible way forward for the Craft and its traditions. We have a rare opportunity to make a change and build new traditions while honoring the past.

From the JMCA Chair

Where we go from here

By W. Bro. Ken Vaughan

The past decade has been one of many changes to the Masonic community in Juneau. 10 years ago, it was clear the Scottish Rite Temple was in serious trouble. After much agony, the Temple Association made a difficult decision and sold the building.

Since then, we've moved our meeting place to a single rented room in Mendenhall

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Taking our tradition into the

FUTURE

A campaign for the Juneau Masonic Center

**READ ON TO LEARN HOW
ONE OF THESE A WEEK**



CAN BE A GIFT TO THE NEXT GENERATION

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April 4, 2015

To our Brothers and Sisters in the Juneau Masonic Community:

Today is a great day for the Craft in Juneau, as we lay the cornerstone of what will very soon be the home for all of the Capital City's Masonic family.

Please take a moment to think about what that means. A space for Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux Lodge No. 21, Juneau Chapter No. 7, Order of the Eastern Star, the Juneau-Douglas Shrine Club, the Juneau Valley bodies of the Scottish Rite, Juneau Chapter No. 7, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls and Juneau DeMolay. That's 11 meetings a month, not to mention Reunions, Ceremonials, degree practice, family gatherings, study groups, advisory boards and so on.

Not burdensome space. Not borrowed space. Our space.

As we begin physical construction of the Juneau Masonic Center today, we also now begin laying its fiscal foundation. We must consider this building a home for multiple generations of Masonry, and prepare for its needs for years to come. To that end, the Juneau Masonic Center Association is launching the "Taking our Tradition into the Future" campaign, with a goal of raising \$1 million during the next two years. This campaign is ambitious, but also necessary for the long-term health of this Center and the Juneau Masonic Community.

The details of this campaign are found in this edition of the Cable Tow. We ask you review them, and then consider how you might be able to best aid your Center. The campaign is structured to allow you to take ownership in the Juneau Masonic Center at your comfort level and with a schedule that best works for your situation — even after traveling to that Undiscovered Country, from whose born, no man returns.

We invite your questions and ideas about the Juneau Masonic Center and this campaign. Please feel free to contact Campaign Chairman Charles Ward at (907) 957-3582, JMCACampaign@gmail.com or visit tiny.cc/jmca to learn more.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Charles Ward
Campaign Chairman

V.W. Harley Clough
Honorary Campaign Chairman

What would you like to know about the campaign?

Why is JMCA fundraising now?

The Juneau Masonic Center Association — thanks in large part to Eve and Al Collais — has sufficient funds to complete the first phase of the renovation of the property at 9315 Glacier Highway. The end result of Phase I will be a Juneau Masonic Center with a much larger lodge room than our current space above T&S Welding, a multipurpose room, capacity for food service and expanded storage space. There is also a cushion against cost overruns.

However, to ensure the facility remains in prime condition and can grow our organizations, there is a need to provide for the long-term maintenance needs of the Center. Additionally, JMCA identified six projects that will make up Phase II of construction:

- Garage space for Juneau-Douglas Shrine Club vehicles and outdoor maintenance equipment.
- An operational storage unit to house equipment needed on an occasional basis.
- An outdoor kitchen and covered space.
- Cold storage for JMCA members and the Scottish Rite, to alleviate the need to rent storage space elsewhere in Juneau.
- Environmentally controlled storage for historical records.
- Office space for files in active use.

What will JMCA do with my donation?

The funds raised in the Taking our Tradition to the Future campaign will be split. Forty percent will be placed into a reserve account for the long-term major maintenance needs of the Juneau Masonic Center. The remaining 60 percent will be used for the Phase II construction projects identified above.

Can I earmark my gift?

You are welcome to designate the fund you'd

like to see your gift placed in: long-term maintenance or Phase II construction. All undesignated gifts will be placed in the long-term maintenance fund until it reaches an amount equal to 40 percent of the overall goal.

Gifts of a substantial nature can be further designated for a particular Phase II project. Please contact a member of the fundraising committee if you'd like to discuss this option further.

How will my gift be recognized?

Everyone who contributes will be remembered in the Juneau Masonic Center on a donor recognition monument. Further, donors of at least \$250 will be thanked with a gift, while members of the Cornerstone, Solomon, Constellation, Fez and Acacia societies will have further opportunities for recognition within the Juneau Masonic Center.

Can I make an anonymous gift?

Absolutely. Simply indicate on your pledge card you'd like for your gift to be made anonymously.

What if I can't make a contribution now?

While this campaign will need contributions from dozens of our brothers and sisters at every level to succeed, it is not beneficial to you nor to JMCA to give beyond your means. We would ask you to keep some things in mind when considering how you can contribute:

- The Taking our Tradition to the Future Campaign is a two-year effort, which will accept pledges until April 7, 2017.
- Most pledges can be paid out over a five-year period. This means a \$20 weekly contribution is a gift at the Solomon Society level!
- Most pledges can be paid via automatic bank draft or automatic credit card payment.
- Most pledges can be made on a schedule you choose: monthly, quarterly, semi-annual-

ly, yearly or all at once.

- You might consider joining the Acacia Society, which will allow you to remember the Juneau Masonic Center in your estate planning.

Are my contributions tax deductible?

While we cannot offer tax advice specific to your situation, JMCA is NOT a 501(c)(3) organization. It's designated as a 501(c)(2) non-profit title-holding corporation. Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux Lodge No. 21, the organization designated by JMCA to hold the long-term endowment and

construction funds, is a 501(c)(10) non-profit fraternal organization. Gifts to these types of groups are generally NOT tax deductible. Please talk with your financial adviser to determine how these gifts should be treated for your specific tax situation.

How will you enforce pledges?

We'll ask all donors to fill out a pledge card, and verify their gifts on the honor of a Master Mason (or as a sister of the Order of the Eastern Star). It's important to know JMCA will rely on promised gifts to create construction plans and

How can I help?

Giving Level	One-time Contribution	Yearly Contribution	Quarterly Contribution	Monthly Contribution	Weekly Contribution
Cornerstone Society	\$10,000	\$2,000	\$500	\$167	\$39
Solomon Society	\$5,000	\$1,000	\$250	\$84	\$20
Constellation Society	\$2,500	\$500	\$125	\$42	\$10
Fez Society	\$1,000	\$200	\$50	\$17	\$4
Square Society	\$500	\$100	\$25	\$9	\$2
Compass Society	\$250	\$50	\$13	\$5	\$1
Friends of the Fraternity	\$1-\$249				

Visit tiny.cc/jmca or fill out a pledge card today!

Where

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Mall. I remember that because it was in 2007, the year I started attending Mt Juneau-Gastineaux Lodge No. 21. We followed that with a move to the yellow building at 9315 Glacier Highway. Then, in 2008, we moved to the upstairs loft at T&S where we have one room with a bar and a restroom at the back.

Some members of our Masonic community remember only one of those places. Those who haven't been active in the Lodge or another body as of late missed out on the serious compromises of space that had to be made in our temporary locations. If you are one of the more than 50 Masons who joined the fraternity after 2006, you have had no experience of meeting at the Scottish Rite

Temple. This last group includes most of the active Rainbow Girls and all of the active DeMolays.

Now, we are going to have a place to meet that will not be temporary, or rented, and will not have stairs to navigate. It will be two main rooms with just enough storage for the regalia to handle our regular meetings, and the necessary facilities to function (heat, ventilation, water, toilets, etc).

One of the most important next steps we will need to take is deciding on rules and guidelines for using the new building. JMCA trustees Paul Moran and Dan Logan have agreed to lead these discussions, and those conversations will continue to pick up speed as we get

closer to opening the doors on our new home. It will be vital to get input from everyone so the maximum number of contingencies can be considered. Some guidelines will be dictated by design, but others will come from the wants of the individual bodies, and the need for all the groups to coexist in the new Juneau Masonic Center.

The JMCA Trustees recognize that the new facility has lots of things we want, but not everything we want. Some things have been deferred because of limits on funds, and to ensure we have enough reserve to run and maintain the building. There needs to be an ongoing conversation about what elements are important and how we can afford them.

Scottish Rite, Juneau Valley

Reunion is right around the corner

The Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Juneau, will hold its 2015 Spring Reunion on April 23-25. The Reunion will begin at 5:30 p.m. on April 23 with a meet, greet and light Fellowship Meal. At 7 p.m.

that night, our Sitka bretheren will put on the Fourth Degree.



will meet Friday night, with the Knights of St. Andrew

Degree communications, conferrals and performances will follow all day April 24 and April 25. A banquet will follow the 32nd degree ceremony on Saturday night. The Royal Order of Scotland

hosting their annual meeting and knighting Saturday night. Please be on the lookout for a detailed schedule, which is coming soon.

Master Masons interested in receiving the Degrees of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite should send petitions to the Valley as soon as possible. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to email or call Ill. John Barnett, 33°, at cresolve@gci.net or at (907) 500-2103.