

The Cable Tow

13 WMs share guidance, tales at Past Masters' night



Photo by Bro. Charles Ward

Thirteen Past Masters of Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux Lodge No. 21 gather following a night in their honor on Nov. 20. They are: seated, W. Jim Devon; first row, left to right, V.W. Al Brookman, W. Claude Roberts, W. Steven Stewart, W. Bob Cartmill, W. David Koko; second row, W. Donald Hale; third row, left to right, W. Dan McCrummen, W. Jeff Polizzotto, W. Harley Clough, V.W. Russell Shivers; fourth row, left to right, W. John Sandor and W. John Barnett.

By Bro. Charles Ward

The men who led Masonry in Juneau as two lodges became one, as it moved from one Grand Lodge to another and as it passed into a new century gathered on Nov. 20 as their brothers recognized their service to Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux Lodge No. 21.

Many of these former Worshipful Masters occupied most of the officers' chairs for the Past Masters' night. As Senior Warden Dan Logan opened the

lodge, W. Jim Devon and W. Steven Stewart joined him in the East, Devon being the most senior Past Master, and Stewart the most recent.

Other former Past Masters serving as officers on Nov. 20 included W. Don Hale as Senior Warden, W. John Barnett in the South, V.W. Russ Shivers as Senior Deacon, W. Bob Cartmill as Junior Deacon, W. Jeff Polizzotto and W. Claude Roberts

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Logan to lead Lodge in 2013

Officer installations set for Dec. 15

By W. Bro. Dan McCrummen

The members of Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux Lodge No. 21 elected Dan Logan to the post of Worshipful Master at its Nov. 6 meeting.

Joining Logan as elected officers for 2013 will be Ken Vaughan as Senior Warden, Paul Moran as Junior Warden and Brad Kiefer



Dan Logan

as Treasurer. This correspondent will serve as Secretary next year.

The installation ceremony for both the newly-elected and appointed officers is tentatively scheduled for 3 p.m. on Dec. 15 at the Lodge. All are welcome. Members are encouraged to check their emails, the Lodge's Facebook, Twitter and website, and their mailboxes for any updates to the schedule.

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A 'bruddah from down undah' sends greetings

Editor's note: Bro. Stig Hokanson sent this letter to Bro. Lawrence Schaufler following Hokanson's visit to Juneau.

Dear Lawrence,

May I take this opportunity to thank you most sincerely for your hospitality yesterday? While passengers jostled onboard, eager to share their tales about flying in sea planes or gold prospecting, and a host of other Juneau activities, Janette and I quietly enjoyed a retrospect of your fair city.

Funny, the weather never came into it. We rather concentrated on the four hours plus spent in your company. We thoroughly enjoyed the experience, including lunch at The Dive (The Sandbar), a unique fine dining experience no other passenger could equal in their culinary quest in Juneau. Meeting your Lodge Brethren meant a lot to us, chatting about Masonic matters even more.

Yet there were of course much more to the afternoon as a whole. The international aspect of Freemasonry was very much exemplified through your kindness, Lawrence. We were treated to an insightful afternoon and captured much to show back home.



Photo courtesy of Bro. Lawrence Schaufler

On Sept 7, 2012, Bros. Lawrence Schaufler, Ken Vaughan, Charles Ward, and Sister Cheri Schaufler greeted our "Bruddahs from Down Undah," Stig Hokanson and Bill Bouwmeester from Thespian Lodge No. 268 in Queensland, Australia. The visiting Brethren and their Ladies were taken around town to see the various sights, including the "hidden Lodge room," a.k.a. Simpkin's Store, and fine dining at the Sand Bar. Pictured above are, from left, Bouwmeester, Schaufler and Hokanson.

The presents you gave us will be treasured and – in the case of the Masonic necktie – worn with pride at our next Lodge meeting in November.

Should time and opportunity coincide, making a sojourn Down Under possible for your dear wife and yourself, I assure you of the same hospitality and friendship which you ably demonstrated yesterday during our wonderful day in Juneau.

In closing, may I convey to your Worshipful Master and

Brethren of your lodge, fraternal greetings and best wishes. Judging by the number of candidates you have lined up, Freemasonry is in resurgence mode in the Great State of Alaska. May it continue in the same mode in your temporary premises and flourish even more in your future temple.

Fraternally,

Stig R. Hokanson

Past Master, Thespian Lodge
No. 268, United Grand Lodge of
Queensland

Dues notices for 2013 are on the way

By W. Bro. Dan McCrummen

Dues notices for 2013 are forthcoming, and should be mailed out by mid-December. However, members can submit payments at any time. Annual dues are \$50. Life memberships

are also available. Dues for lifetime memberships are based on the age of the member. For more information about lifetime memberships, please contact this correspondent at mtjg21@gmail.com.

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Counsel from the Chairs

From the West

By Bro. Dan Logan

Thanks for electing me as Master for 2013. There is a lot of work associated with the job you have given me, and the responsibility is daunting. I will do my best to lead the Lodge this coming year.



Dan Logan

We have had a good year in 2012 with many challenges. I am sure that 2013 will have challenges too.

I've been asked what I wanted to accomplish next year. After thought, listening to Past Masters, and hearing from

several of the brethren, I want to lead us to movement on a new home for Masons in Juneau. The current arrangement was intended to be temporary and has many shortcomings. I would like to see an action plan with a contract for construction in 2013. That will entail fraternal fund raising and getting lots of tasks done. I have spoken with the Wardens-Elect and am assured they will be working to achieve this goal.

I am using the background of the Senior and Junior Wardens in engineering, construction planning and financial modeling. However, all our efforts will be needed to move this project, and the rest of the Lodge's goals, forward.

From the South

By Bro. Ken Vaughan

I appreciate the confidence you have expressed in electing me as Senior Warden for 2013. I am expecting a year of work and learning. I have enjoyed the learning and work of Junior Warden and thank all of you for your support and assistance this past year.

The Worshipful Master-Elect has tasked me to work with the Juneau Masonic Center Association to help move us towards a future with a different Masonic home. That will bring challenges, because as one of my mentors from the past advised, "you can have anything you want — you just cannot have everything you want."

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as the Stewards, V.W. Al Brookman as Chaplain, W. Dan McCrummen as Secretary and W. John Sandor as Marshall.

Also in attendance were W. David Koko and W. Harley Clough.

A meal cooked up and served by current stewards Ray Rusaw and Rob Baysden kicked off the evening. Before closing the lodge, Logan passed the gavel to Stewart, who urged the Past Masters in the room to pass on

some of their favorite memories or any bits of advice to the other Masons in attendance.

Past Masters' Night was just one of several events Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux Lodge No. 21 will put on to close out the calendar year. Following the year's final stated communication on Dec. 4, the Lodge plans to raise new Master Masons on Dec. 8. The current Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alaska, M.W. Jerry Pinion, his predecessor M.W. Ronald Ackerman and Deputy Grand Master R.W. James Harrington have all

expressed their intentions to attend the raisings on the 8th. A light breakfast will be served at 8 a.m., with lodge set to open at 8:30 a.m. A dinner will follow the rituals at about 5 p.m.

Finally, if that weren't enough, the Lodge will install officers for 2013 on Dec. 15. That ceremony is tentatively scheduled for 3 p.m., with a dinner to follow. Please check your email, the Lodge's Facebook site, the Lodge's Twitter feed, the Lodge's website or your mailbox for any updates or schedule changes.

Get ready for Grand Lodge Feb. 6-8 in Anchorage

Registration is \$25, with additional fees for extra events. Mention code "GLB04A" when booking at the Anchorage Sheraton Hotel and Spa, the official hotel of the Grand Lodge of Alaska's Grand Communication. Visit alaska-mason.org for more information.

Royal Order of Scotland adds 2 from Juneau



Photo provided by W. Bro. Don Hale

V. W. Brookman, far left and W. Don Hale, far right, at a degree conferral for the Royal Order of Scotland on Sept. 15. in Mobile, Ala. For more about the Order, visit roosusa.org.

3-month Juneau Masonic event schedule and planner

December

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- 4 - Blue Lodge Stated Communication, 7 p.m.
- 5 - Shrine lunch, 11:30 a.m., Moose Lodge.
- 8 - Blue Lodge Master Mason raisings, 8 a.m.
- 12 - Shrine lunch, 11:30 a.m., Moose Lodge.
- 13 - Scottish Rite Stated Communication, 7 p.m.
- 15 - Blue Lodge Officer Installations, 3 p.m.
- 19 - Shrine Ladies' luncheon, 11:30 a.m., Moose Lodge.

January

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- 9 - Shrine Officer Installations, 11:30 a.m., Moose Lodge.
- 10 - Scottish Rite Stated Communication, 7 p.m.
- 15 - Blue Lodge Stated Communication, 7 p.m.
- 16 - Shrine lunch, 11:30 a.m., Moose Lodge.
- 23 - Shrine lunch, 11:30 a.m., Moose Lodge.

- 30 - Shrine lunch, 11:30 a.m., Moose Lodge.

February

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- 5 - Blue Lodge Stated Communication, 7 p.m.
- 5-8 - Grand Lodge of Alaska Communication and events, Anchorage.
- 6 - Shrine lunch, 11:30 a.m., Moose Lodge.
- 13 - Shrine lunch, 11:30 a.m., Moose Lodge.
- 19 - Blue Lodge Stated Communication, 7 p.m.
- 20 - Shrine lunch, 11:30 a.m., Moose Lodge.
- 27 - Shrine lunch, 11:30 a.m., Moose Lodge.

All events are at the Lodge Room located above T&S Welding, 8401 Airport Boulevard, unless otherwise noted. Please contact Bro. Charles Ward at charlesward4@me.com or 957-3582 to have an item listed in the next Juneau Masonic Calendar of Events.

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printing costs, and cut down on environmental waste.

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record your email address. You'll also receive reminders of meetings and other upcoming events, along with other communications from the Lodge. Send your email today!

'56 time capsule contents unveiled

Editor's note: Recently, W. Don Hale posted dozens of photographs depicting Masonic history in Juneau. One set of pictures showed the placing of the cornerstone and a time capsule at the then-under-construction Juneau High School in 1956. Another group of shots came from the capsule's 2006 opening. The following story appeared in the Oct. 4, 2006 edition of the Juneau Empire. It is reprinted here with the Empire's permission. The photos accompanying it come from the Lodge's Facebook site. To see many more pictures from Juneau's Masonic past, visit facebook.com/mjglodge21.

By Will Morris

It took two men, a blow torch, a screwdriver and almost two minutes to break into a sealed copper time capsule from Juneau-Douglas High School on Tuesday.

Sealed when Masons placed the high school's cornerstone in 1956, the box yielded a mix of rosters from several different civic groups, including the Masons, the Elks, the Rotary Club and the American Legion. The box also had brochures from the Juneau Chamber of Commerce, pamphlets from a church, lists of local government officials and a May 11, 1956, edition of the J-Bird, the JDHS student newspaper.

The box and its cornerstone were covered up by a wall during renovations started in 1983, according to Juneau School

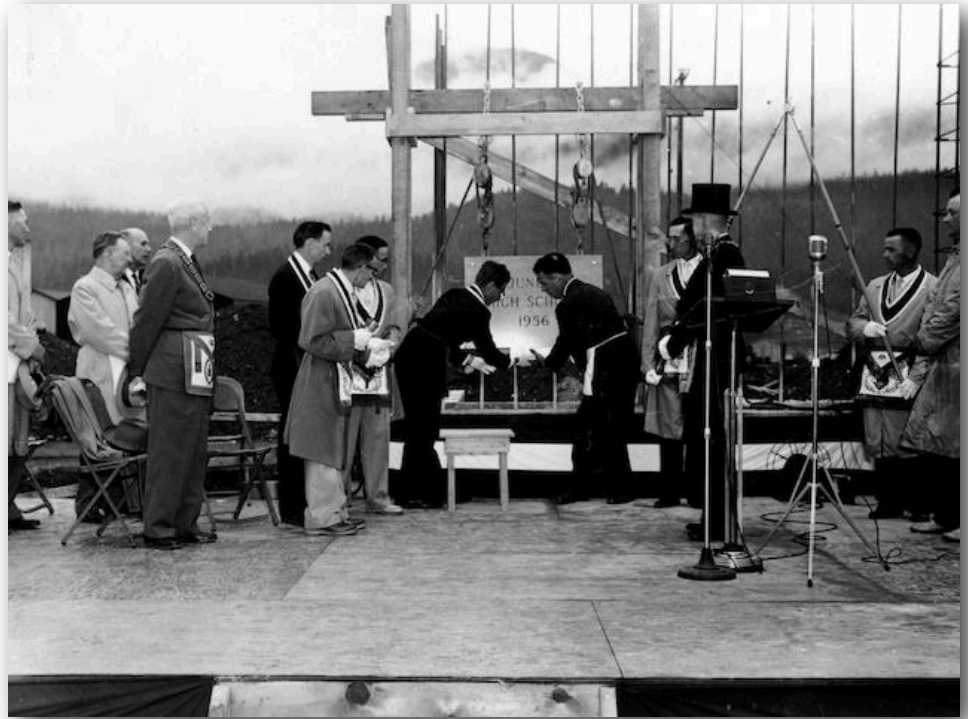


Photo provided by W. Bro. Don Hale

Two Master Masons lay the cornerstone of Juneau High School in 1956, while other Masons and dignitaries look on. Visible in the photo, among others are W. Bro. James Devon and M.W. Bro. Herbert Davis of the Grand Lodge of Washington.

Board member Mary Becker. The time capsule was discovered four years ago, when the school underwent another renovation.

Members of the class of 1956 said the contents of the box were interesting. "I was surprised the J-Bird was in there," class member Yvonne Guy said.

The newspaper garnered the most attention. While many shrugged off the rosters, people crowded around to see the stories in the paper.

Guy said she remembers her high school years fondly.

"I participated in a lot of sports and I enjoyed all that," she said. When asked about her classmates, Guy responded, "We were all a family."

Ralph Swap, one member of the Class of '56, talked about what the area and the high school was like in the 1950s. In '56, Elvis had his first appearance on the Ed Sullivan Show and released his first two hit singles, "Hound Dog" and "Heart Break Hotel." At the time there was no interstate highway system, and segregation was just being broken in public schools across the country. Swap noted that in 1956, there were only two buses running Juneau students to the high school. Swap sang the school song, and then the box was opened.

The items in the time capsule will go on display in the Juneau-Douglas City Museum.

Juneau Valley breaks out of 'dark' with Reunion plans and much more

By Bro. Lawrence Schaufler

With preparations for its Spring 2013 Reunion underway and Sword Team practice ongoing, The Juneau Valley Scottish Rite has come back from its summer "dark" period as busy as ever.

The Spring 2013 Reunion will take place in Juneau from April 25-27, splitting time between the Lodge room atop T&S Welding and the Aspen Hotel across the street. Members of the cast for the 18th Degree are also planning to present the degree's drama from memory, in order to enhance the meaning of the ritual for candidates and members alike.

The Valley of Juneau set aside a block of rooms for candidates and their families who are coming to Juneau for this event. Anyone interested in a room should contact this correspondent at (907) 209-8000.

The Valley's Sword Team is also starting to take shape and plan practices for the rising year, as it looks to present the Arch of Steel at important events. Contact Wise Master John Barnett if you would like to be on that team.

The second House of the Temple web event is set for early

2013, with more details to come. These events raise funds to perform much needed renovations on the historic Washington, D.C. landmark. The Juneau Valley expresses its thanks to those that donated to the House of the Temple web event last summer.

The Valley also reports dues for 2013 are now payable. Anyone needing to pay dues, or make arrangements to do so, should contact this writer at the number given above. Those members 80 years old and older should also confirm their exemption from Supreme Council per capita charges is still in place, following policy changes. If it's not, it may need to be renewed.

