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‘Ritual, Education, Communication’



Photo by W. Don Hale

M.W. James Herrington, center with cover, along with several of his Grand Officers, meets with members of Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux Lodge No. 21 on April 2. Herrington, Grand Master of Free and Accepted Masons in Alaska. The Juneau Valley of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite honored Herrington with a dinner and saluted him and other honorees with an Arch of Steel.

GM Herrington brings his message to Juneau Masons in April visit

By Bro. Charles Ward

With encouragement to make more good men better and to focus on improving performance of Masonic ritual, the Grand Master of Free and Accepted Masons in Alaska made his official visit to Juneau on April 2.

Grand Master James Herrington made remarks at a dinner held in his honor at the

Orca Room and later at a meeting of Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux Lodge No. 21.

Masons aren't allowed to recruit, and shouldn't, he said, but that doesn't prevent discussing the fraternity with worthy men and letting them know they might make good Masons. Ultimately, the decision to petition is up to the prospective member, but discussions about Masonry, its

appendant bodies and the role wives, girlfriends and children can play can be valuable in helping a man make a decision, Herrington said.

Education shouldn't be limited to introducing people to Masonry, he said. he also emphasized the need for Masons to continue their educations beyond the lessons

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learned in the three degrees. Learning more about the history and mysteries of Masonry can provide both practical lessons for life in the lodge and guidance for life outside of it.

Herrington also discussed the importance of communication, calling it the

single most effective arrow in a person's quiver.

Active listening and

probing questions

are key components to effective communication, he said.

Herrington also said new methods of communicating, such as Facebook and Twitter, can be great tools, but they shouldn't replace traditional methods of expression, such as phone trees, birthday cards and taking speaking roles in degree work.

The Juneau Valley of the Scottish Rite honored Herrington, and other dignitaries, with an Arch of Steel prior to the dinner. The Rite also sponsored the dinner, with Eastern Star members Carol Schriver and Anne Ward preparing it.



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M.W. James Herrington, Grand Master of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska, speaks at a dinner held in honor of his April 2 visit to Juneau. The Juneau Valley of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite put on the dinner, which was catered by Eastern Star members Carol Schriver and Anne Ward. Members of Juneau Chapter No. 3 of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls served the meal.

Members of the Juneau Rainbow Girls helped serve the dinner.

The stop in Juneau kicked off a tour of Southeast Alaska for Herrington and other grand

officers. They went on to make official visits at lodges in Sitka, Ketchikan, Petersburg and Skagway that week.

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6 new members capped as 32° Masons

By Bro. Lawrence Schauffer

The Juneau Valley welcomed six new members to the Scottish Rite during its 2013 Reunion, held April 25-27 at both the Juneau Lodge Room and the Aspen Suites Hotel.

The Juneau Valley dedicated the Reunion to Ill. Bro. Fred J. Weber, who passed to the Celestial Temple last year. The new 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Masons are Bros. Michael Franks, Doug Harris, David Lang, and Scott Willis from Juneau, and Bros. Chuck Olson and Bob Purvis from Sitka.

Three special guests made the Reunion all the more enjoyable and meaningful. Bro. Kyle Ferlemann, 32°, a Masonic author from the Valley of Topeka, Kan. served as keynote speaker. Ferlemann participated in various parts of the Reunion, and made several presentations on Masonic education and communication. He also signed copies of his books *The Bridge Builders Guide*, which is a study companion for the degrees of the Scottish Rite, and *Combat Power in Domestic Operations: The Role of the Military in Support of Civilian Authority*, a treatise by the lieutenant colonel in the Kansas National Guard. Ill. Bro. Dale Cain, 33°, Deputy of the Supreme Council in Alaska, and Bro. James Herrington, 32° KCCH, Grand Master of Free and Accepted Masons in Alaska, also traveled to Juneau and took active parts in the Reunion.



Photo by W. Don Hale

Bro. Lawrence Schauffer, 32° KCCH, left, presents Bro. Kyle Ferlemann, 32° with a pocket watch engraved with the Juneau Valley of the Scottish Rite's centennial logo as a thank-you gift for Ferlemann's efforts as keynote speaker and presenter during Juneau's 2013 Reunion.

The Juneau Valley also honored Herrington with a dinner on April 2, as part of his official visit to Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux Lodge No. 21. This well-attended event featured the customary Arch of Steel tribute to the Grand Lodge officers and other honored guests and was held at the Frontier Suites' Orca Room. Special thanks go to Anne Ward and Carol Shriver, who arranged the catering and decorating, and to Juneau's Rainbow Girls for their assistance in serving at the dinner.

The Valley entered its annual dark period following its May 9 meeting, but it will not be completely devoid of activity this summer. Bro.

John Barnett, 32° KCCH, started up a new group study class for the Master Craftsman program, which has now had two informative and productive meetings. Also, on June 6, a group of 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Masons met to discuss creating a chapter of the Knights of St. Andrew in Juneau. Anyone interested in participating in getting this effort off the ground should contact Bro. Ken Vaughan, 32°.

Finally, the Valley donated \$1,000 during the 2013 Celebrating the Craft event, held live in Washington D. C. and via webcast on May 18. The event, which raises money for the restoration of the House of the Temple in Washington D.C., was held on May 18, and features various speakers and interesting presentations on Masonic educational topics.



Nobles plow ahead into summer fun



Photo by Bro. Charles Ward

Noble Claude Roberts reviews ticket sales during a break in the action at Nugget Mall. The Juneau-Douglas Shrine Club is auctioning off a 4x4 ATV, with a drawing scheduled for June 22 at Gold Rush Days.

By W. Claude Roberts

The Juneau-Douglas Shrine Club is moving into what will be a very busy summer season. A raffle for a 4x4 Honda Forman ATV with power steering and a 50" snow plow is ongoing, and will wrap up when the winner is chosen June 22 at our table at Gold Rush Days. Tickets are still available for just \$20, and there are still opportunities to sell tickets and help run the Gold Rush Days table. Contact any Noble for more

information, or call Claude Roberts at 723-2256.

Along with the raffle and Gold Rush Days, the Club will take part in both the Juneau and Douglas Fourth of July parades. Additionally, some members of the Club will travel to Whitehorse for the July 1 Canada Day parade. Again, contact any Noble if you would like to participate.

Finally, the Club held its annual Mothers' Day luncheon May 15 at the Moose Lodge. A room full of Nobles, mothers and guests made the day a festive one.

Moulton earns Goldstein Trust scholarship

By Bro. Charles Ward

A Thunder Mountain High School graduate with plans to become a diesel mechanic is \$1,000 closer to that goal after his selection as a Goldstein Trust Scholar.

Marcus Moulton officially received his award at the TMHS senior awards breakfast May 24. Three students in all applied for the award, which is designed to aid the education of Juneau seniors who want to pursue vocations in technical or mechanical trades.



At the ceremony, Moulton also received seven other scholarships, along with the award for top senior from

TMHS' career and vocational education department.

The Juneau Valley, Orient of Alaska of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite has administered the Goldstein Trust since 1945. The heads of the valley's four bodies, along with the Almoner, serve as trustees, while this reporter administers the trust. This year, the trustees are Venerable Master Steven Stewart, 32° KCCH; Wise Master Claude Roberts 33°; Commander of the Knights of Kadosh John Barnett, 32° KCCH; Master of Kadosh Bob Cartmill 32° KCCH and Almoner Al Brookman, 32° KCCH.

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4 JDHS grads earn Stevens Trust scholarships



Photo provided

V. W. Don Hale, left and Bro. Ken Vaughan, right, present award letters to two of the four new recipients of Stevens Trust scholarships at the Juneau-Douglas High School awards reception on May 15. Pictured here are, middle left, Esra Siddeek and Gabriella Worden, middle right. Other new winners for 2013 were Philip Fenumiai and Anna Thompson.

By Bro. Lawrence Schaufler

The Stevens Trust Scholarship Committee recently tapped four Juneau-Douglas High School seniors to receive academic scholarships, potentially giving them \$8,000 with which to pursue their academic dreams.

Phillip Fenumiai, Esra Siddeek, Anna Thompson, and Gabriella Worden received the scholarships for the 2013-14 academic year. The scholarships are for \$2,000 each and are renewable for up to four years, assuming satisfactory academic progress and available funds. Two of the applicants, Fenumiai and Worden, enjoy family ties to Masonry; Fenumiai's grandfather is W. Ed Nygard, a member of Mt. Juneau-Gastineau Lodge No. 21, while Worden's grandfather is a member of Whitehorse Lodge No. 46 in Canada's Yukon Territory.

The Committee also granted continued funding for 11 renewal applicants, amounting to a total of \$19,500. Lodge No. 21's Senior Warden Ken Vaughan and W. Don Hale, Grand Lecturer for the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons in Alaska, announced the new recipients at JDHS' senior award ceremony on May 15.

The Raymond, Jess, and Rae Stevens Scholarship Trust Fund has generated nearly \$1 million in investment returns, awarded as student scholarships to Juneau high school graduates for higher education costs. These returns are dispersed annually in equal amounts to the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks Lodge No. 420 and Lodge No. 21. The Blue Lodge's share is managed by the Lodge Scholarship Committee, this year consisting of Chairman Bro. Lawrence Schaufler; W. John Barnett; W. Don Hale; and current Worshipful Master Dan

Logan. V.W. Al Brookman, and W. Bob Cartmill assisted in the application rating process.

"Rae Hoops was the owner and operator of a dress shop in downtown Juneau before tour ships and T-shirt shops took over that part of town," Vaughan said, passing on an accounting from V.W. Harley Clough. "She retired to Santa Barbara, married, and on her death left an estate to be managed for scholarships for graduating seniors from Juneau. There is a story that the bankers and estate attorneys in Santa Barbara were so bold as to suggest that Juneau was too small to be able to manage such funds. The recently departed V.W. Jim Taylor, a CPA, wrote and advised the scoundrels who had been milking the cash cow that the Alaskans were fully capable of handling that and much larger sums without any problems. The problem ceased to be a problem."

Summer slowdown doesn't mean the work stops

We are about six months into the year now and it does not look like work will slow down any time soon. Summer is upon us and as we go to one meeting per month, plenty of work will be done in those fewer meetings. Senior Warden Ken Vaughan writes about all the ongoing degree work [Editor's note: see page 7] and while that is very significant and is

keeping everybody in Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux Lodge No. 21 very busy, it is not the only work robbing everyone's time. Kudos go to Vaughan for taking on the chairmanship of the Juneau Masonic Center Association, as V.W. Russ Shivers has stepped down as he has much work to care for in his business. Shivers has very capably led the JMCA for numerous years now and though he is stepping down as chairman, he has thankfully not left the JMCA Board.

From the East



By W. Dan Logan

Vaughan has started developing a business model, appointed an investment committee and started putting together a plan to review options available to get into a permanent lodge building, while working within the fiscal restraints presented by our financial abilities.

'Tis a great thing we are seeing an increase in degree work as it seems we are constantly losing folks. Just last meeting we said goodbye to Senior Steward Rob Baysden since the Coast Guard is moving him to Bangor, Wash. We hate to see him go, especially since he brews great beer and as Senior Steward often supplied such refreshments after lodge. We wish him Godspeed and look forward to meeting him again in our travels.

With Baysden moving on, we see Lawrence Schaufler rejoining the line and stepping into the Senior Steward's role. I'm proud to have such quality people in the staff of officers as it makes my job so much easier. Charles Ward is not only working as the Junior Steward but is also carrying duties as the Secretary on JMCA, as a vice-president for the Juneau-Douglas Shrine Club and is currently coordinating an open house for all of Juneau's Masonic family and their friends out at Sandy Beach on July 30.

With everyone being so busy it is easy for duties and responsibilities to slip through the cracks and I have to thank everyone for the fantastic jobs they are doing. Much appreciation goes to the Scholarship Committee, headed by Lawrence Schaufler, who is assisted by Don Hale, Al Brookman, and John Barnett. Schaufler shepherded the evaluation of seven new applicants, and 13 returning applicants. This is no small feat when you start digging, sorting, and sifting through written application essays, transcripts in differing formats from numerous colleges and universities all over this country and recommendation letters from friends, teachers, employers, and faculty from the differing education centers.

To make it harder, your Worthless Master couldn't make the scholarship presentation night and stuck Vaughan once again with responding at the last minute to go over and present at Juneau-Douglas High School. I truly appreciate his willingness to do last minute work and again thank all who work so hard to make Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux Lodge No. 21 the best lodge I've ever been associated with. There are many more doing work, that I've missed here, but I appreciate their sacrifice also.

Friends and family welcome to July open house at Sandy Beach

By Bro. Charles Ward



Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux Lodge No. 21 will host a "Burgers with the Brothers" open house and social event from 6-9 p.m.

on July 30. The event is tentatively scheduled to take place at one of Sandy Beach's recreation shelters.

All are welcome to come to this event that will not only allow members of Blue Lodge, other appendant bodies and their families to socialize, but will also be an opportunity to introduce

friends to Masonry and answer any questions they might have.

The Widows' Sons will be cooking, but anyone is welcome to bring a side dish or dessert.

For more information, please contact Bro. Charles Ward at 957-3582 or at charlesward4@me.com.

Doing degree work is part of growing the Craft

We have had a solid stream of degree work with every meeting, excepting the Grand Master's

From the West



By Bro. Ken Vaughan

Official Visit in April, since December involving an initiation, passing or raising. The outlook is for continued activity with more petitions coming forward.

V.W. Harley Clough has a knack of catching me at lunch from time to time and making sure I really see all the yellow bricks on the path we are following. He recently prodded me to look at our capability and capacity related to degree work.

Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux Lodge No. 21 has two stated meetings a month for eight months of the year, and one stated meeting in December, June, July, and August.

We occasionally lose a meeting for a holiday such as the most recent New Year's Day, but that generally counts out to 20 stated meetings a year. In scheduling degree work, we can do two Entered Apprentice degrees in an evening, and likewise two Fellowcraft degrees in an evening. Master Mason raisings take a bit more time, and we only schedule one per evening. That adds up to four meetings, at full capacity to make two men Master Masons.

Twenty meetings a year, at maximum efficiency, we can do solid degree work and add 10 men to our rolls. That assumption includes doing degree work for the Grand Lodge visitation (not a bad idea, either).

To thrive, a lodge needs to attract and maintain new members at a rate equal to about 10-15 percent of total membership a year. That approximation accounts for those who drop out, those who move away and demit, and those who join the Celestial Lodge every year.

At the start of 2013, our rolls had 136 Master Masons in good standing. At the start of 2010 we had 142 Master Masons in good standing on the rolls. About half reside in Juneau and the rest are scattered across Alaska and the other states. Looking into trends as published in Grand Lodge information, a slow down trend has been in place for a number of years.

Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux Lodge No. 21 appears to be bucking the trend, and is moving to add members to our rolls. That brings with it a different set of challenges, requirements of time and effort, and perhaps a different way of looking at the bricks that our craft work with.

I had the opportunity to work with the Grand Lodge's long range plan this spring. How to grow the Craft is one of the themes in that plan. Degree work every meeting seems to one of the results of growing the Craft. There will be benefits and challenges of growth to discuss in our future newsletters.

District Deputy from Alaska Prince Hall Lodge visits Juneau



Photo by Bro. Charles Ward

R.W. Anthony April, District Deputy at Large for the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Alaska paid a visit to Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux Lodge No. 21 on May 21. April is an Alaska State Trooper on assignment in Ketchikan. W. Dan Logan invited April to join him in the East, and April brought greetings and a message of brotherly love from M.W. Curtis Harris, Grand Master of Alaska's Prince Hall Grand Lodge.

New faces and directions in the search for Masonry's home in Juneau

By Bro. Ken Vaughan

The Juneau Masonic Center Association held elections in April. Ken Vaughan was elected Chairman, Michael Franks Vice Chairman, Charles Ward Secretary, and John Barnett Treasurer.

With three new officers come different skills and focuses. Vaughan is an engineer by training and brings to the group a lot of years of project planning, project management and project implementation experience. Much of his project implementation work was with challenging circumstances. Franks is a building/facility planner with the Coast Guard. He is current in understanding building codes, energy conservation, and other current building requirements. Ward is a publications and communications professional with a broad background in related topics.

Meetings for the remainder of the year will be: June 24, July 22, Aug. 26, Sept. 23, Oct. 28, Nov. 25 and Dec. 23. The meetings are held in the lodge room at 5:30 p.m. and are open to anyone interested. There are 11 trustees, with two of those being non-voting: Sandy DeLong, Larry White, Ward (non-voting), Lynn Roldan (non-voting), Dan Logan, Barnett, Bob Cartmill, Franks, Brad Kiefer, Russ Shivers and Vaughan.

As the new chairman, I spent time with Shivers, our outgoing leader, and discussed current status

and needs for future action. I have also been talking to some of our long-time members and others about their thoughts.

Shivers said we need a work party this summer to go through the metal containers outside the



lodge room to evaluate condition and future of the contents. He added there has been significant deterioration in some of the contents.

JMCA is developing a business plan to pull together some of the alternative ways we can proceed and pull together information into a single document that can be shared. I'm taking the lead and have a draft outline out to the trustees. Business plans describe current situations, desired outcomes, and develop estimates of financial resources available and seek to bring it together and be followed by an action plan.

The current approach is dependent on finding what might

be called "Angel Capital." This current approach is the baseline to compare other approaches examined in the business plan. In the investment world, Angel Capital is money with extremely high risk of loss, and low chance of gaining a return. In JMCA's case, it is funds which would have to come from gifts or bequests from sources which are unidentified, and at dates that are not predictable. JMCA is currently testing the waters to seek to identify if there are any grant sources that might be available and what limits or conditions that might be associated with those funding sources. We have also been looking at commercial properties that may be effectively remodeled.

There are such properties on the market in Juneau. We are looking at capability and capacity available with the existing financial resources. We will be selecting a course of action, and engaging in some serious fund raising (pledges and donations) to implement the action plan. The expectation is that the outcome will likely be smaller than wished for, and not have all the features wished for, but we need an outcome that will allow all member to attend without the challenges of stairs.

Talk to the trustees. Ask questions. Call the officers and ask for a briefing. Attend the meetings, or invite the officers to come to your organization to talk about what JMCA is doing.

4-month Masonic planner

June

- **11:** Eastern Star Chapter meeting, 7 p.m.
- **12:** Shrine Club luncheon, 11:30 a.m., Moose Lodge.
- **19:** Shrine Club luncheon, 11:30 a.m., Moose Lodge.
- **24:** JMCA, 5:30 p.m.
- **26:** Shrine Club luncheon, 11:30 a.m., Moose Lodge.

July

- **2:** Blue Lodge stated communication. Dinner at 6 p.m., meeting at 7 p.m.
- **3:** Shrine Club luncheon, 11:30 a.m., Moose Lodge.
- **4:** Fourth of July parades, Juneau and Douglas.
- **10:** Shrine Club luncheon, 11:30 a.m., Moose Lodge.
- **11:** Master Craftsman study group, 5:30 p.m.
- **13:** Blue Lodge called communication, 8:30 a.m.*
- **17:** Shrine Club luncheon, 11:30 a.m., Moose Lodge.
- **24:** Shrine Club luncheon, 11:30 a.m., Moose Lodge.
- **25:** Master Craftsman study group, 5:30 p.m.

- **29:** JMCA, 5:30 p.m.
- **30:** Open house, 6-9 p.m., Sandy Beach.
- **31:** Shrine Club luncheon, 11:30 a.m., Moose Lodge.

August

- **6:** Blue Lodge stated communication. Dinner at 6 p.m., meeting at 7 p.m.
- **7:** Shrine Club luncheon, 11:30 a.m., Moose Lodge.
- **8:** Master Craftsman study group, 5:30 p.m.
- **14:** Shrine Club luncheon, 11:30 a.m., Moose Lodge.
- **21:** Shrine Club luncheon, 11:30 a.m., Moose Lodge.
- **22:** Master Craftsman study group, 5:30 p.m.
- **26:** JMCA, 5:30 p.m.
- **28:** Shrine Club luncheon, 11:30 a.m., Moose Lodge.



September

- **3:** Blue Lodge Stated Communication. Dinner at 6 p.m., meeting at 7 p.m.
- **7:** Rainbow Girls meeting, noon.
- **10:** Eastern Star Chapter meeting, 7 p.m.
- **11:** Shrine Club luncheon, 11:30 a.m., Moose Lodge.
- **12:** Scottish Rite Stated meeting, 7 p.m.
- **17:** Blue Lodge Stated Communication. Dinner at 6 p.m., meeting at 7 p.m.
- **18:** Shrine Club luncheon, 11:30 a.m., Moose Lodge.
- **21:** Rainbow Girls meeting, noon.
- **24:** Eastern Star Chapter meeting, 7 p.m.
- **25:** Shrine Club luncheon, 11:30 a.m., Moose Lodge.
- **30:** JMCA, 5:30 p.m.

All events are at the Lodge Room, 8401 Airport Boulevard, unless otherwise noted.

* Lodge will open on the 1st Degree. All Entered Apprentices and Fellowcrafts are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Bon voyage, Brother Baysden

Photo by Bro. Charles Ward

Bro. Rob Baysden, a lieutenant in the U.S. Coast Guard, received a new assignment and moved to Washington State with his family in May. Members of Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux Lodge No. 21 sent him on his way with a fond farewell — complete with chocolate cake — on May 7.



Lodge No. 21 and the Alaska Grand Lodge salute a super scholar



Photo provided

W. Don Hale, left, and Bro. Lawrence Schaufler, present 2013 Juneau-Douglas High School graduate Anna Thompson with a plaque recognizing her as a recipient of a Grand Lodge of Alaska Visual Arts and Music Scholarship. Thompson also earned a Stevens Trust Scholarship, presented by Mt. Juneau-Gastineau Lodge No. 21. For more on the Stevens Trust, please see page 5.

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