

# THE CABLE TOW

## Degrees, visits wrap 2012 and kick off 2013

By Bro. Charles Ward

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Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux Lodge No. 21 of Free and Accepted Masons enjoyed a busy end to 2012. On Dec. 8, the fraternity raised three new Master Masons: Michael Franks, David Lang and Scott Willis. The attendance of three dignitaries made the event even more special: Jerry Pinion, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alaska, Ron Ackerman, a Past Grand Master of Alaska and James Herrington, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alaska. Herrington said this was the first time he could remember seeing three men become Master Masons in the same day.

The following Saturday, Dec. 15, Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux Lodge No. 21 installed its officers for 2013. Dan Logan took his seat in the East as Worshipful Master, with Ken Vaughan and Paul Moran serving as Senior and Junior Wardens, respectively.



Photo by W. Don Hale

Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux Lodge No. 21 of Free and Accepted Masons raised three new Master Masons on Dec. 8, 2012. Seen here are, left to right, Ron Ackerman, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alaska; James Herrington, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alaska; new Master Masons Scott Willis and David Lang; Jerry Pinion, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alaska; new Master Mason Michael Franks; District 4 Deputy Al Brookman and Grand Marshal Jeff DeFreest.

Other officers include Secretary Dan McCrummen, Treasurer Brad Kiefer, Senior Deacon Torrey Jacobson, Junior Deacon Ray Rusaw, Senior Steward Rob Baysden and Junior Steward Charles Ward. Lawrence Schaufler will serve as Chaplain, Larry White as Marshal and Bob Heflin as Tyler.

The lodge kicked off 2013 where it left off, having initiated an Entered

Apprentice and passed four Fellowcrafts. Two more EAs are slated to be initiated on March 5, with a Master Mason to raise on March 19.

Finally, the lodge plans to welcome new Grand Master James Herrington to Juneau on April 2 for his official visit. The Juneau Valley of the Scottish Rite will host a banquet in Herrington's honor prior to his attending a lodge meeting on that date.



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# Fun, fellowship and the future serve as underlying themes of 2013 Grand Lodge

By Bro. Ken Vaughan

Several members of Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux Lodge No. 21 braved bad food and high banquet prices to attend the 2013 Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Alaska, which took place Feb. 6-7 in Anchorage.

Worshipful Master Dan Logan and Senior Warden Ken Vaughan made up the lodge's official contingent, but junior officers Lawrence Schaufler (Chaplain) and Charles Ward (Junior Steward) also attended. All four made the trip with the financial assistance of the lodge.

Those four men not only saw the installation of the newly elected grand officers, they also witnessed several of their Juneau brethren step up to play important roles at the proceedings and beyond into 2013. V.W. Al Brookman, W. Don Hale, W. Jeff DeFreest, and W. Steven Stewart have been appointed to roles. Stewart, as Grand Marshal, enjoys the privilege of carrying a baton presented to the Grand Lodge by Brookman. Brookman made the baton from diamond willow obtained from M.W. Ron Ackerman, making the baton a piece of Alaska wood shaped by an Alaskan for Alaskan use.

Brookman's value to Masonry in Alaska and the the Grand Lodge in particular is not limited to his skills as a woodsmith. After just completing a second term as Deputy for District 4 (Southeast Alaska), he will serve the state's Masons as Grand Orator. DeFreest will succeed Brookman



Photo provided by Bro. Ken Vaughan

Three men with ties to Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux Lodge No. 21 clown around during a break at the 2013 Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of Alaska, which took place Feb. 6-7 in Anchorage. They are, from left, current Worshipful Master Dan Logan, Past Master Jeff DeFreest and Senior Warden Ken Vaughan. They are clad in clown noses provided by Randol Brookshier, a Shrine Clown from Tacoma, Wash.

as District Deputy Grand Master for District 4.

Hale will be Grand Lecturer, charged with instructing and improving the ritual performances of lodges across the Great Land. He also put on a video presentation of the year's necrology report, a first in Alaska that enjoyed a praiseful reception. That presentation can be viewed at [on.fb.me/WjieIO](http://on.fb.me/WjieIO).

Those Masons that braved the mediocre, and long-delayed Chicken Cordon Bleu at Thursday night's banquet saw Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux Lodge No. 21 win a Distinguished Chapter

Award, earned for fulfilling at least eight criteria on an 11-point checklist.

Other names familiar to members of Lodge No. 21 include W. Bob Cartmill, who gave the report of the Committee on Youth and assisted with the Credentials Committee; Rod Tappe, who came to Grand Lodge from his home in Mesa, Ariz.; and Jerry Lewis, who visited from his home in Maine.

While the Masons conducted serious business during the tyled sessions, fun and fellowship proved easy to find



Graphic provided

The 2013 Grand Master's pin.

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# Polizzotto picked as 2013 Potentate

By. Bro. Charles Ward

W. Jeff Polizzotto added the title “Illustrious Sir” to his name, after being elected as the 2013 Potentate by the Al Aska Shriners at their January meeting.

He said he was pleased to be chosen, and even more pleased about the coming campaign from Shriners Hospitals for Children. The hospitals plan to spend \$60 million in an advertising and recognition campaign during the next three years, he said.

Shriners in Juneau have a reputation for doing things a bit differently than their counterparts from around the state, and, in that vein, Polizzotto announced he would oversee some changes during his term. Among those are his intention to coordinate the state’s Shrine activities from Juneau, moving the annual Potentate’s Ball away from Grand Lodge weekend and the presentation of a challenge coin in

lieu of a lapel pin as his introductory gesture as Potentate.

Other Juneau Shriners join Polizzotto on the Al Aska Divan. Noble Paul Moran is the Assistant Rabban, Larry White is Second Ceremonial Master and Russ Shivers is Jewels Director.

The Shrine Club is also planning to raffle off another 4-wheeler this spring, and will soon begin getting the mini cars, Model Ts and mini bikes ready for the coming parade season.

## Grand

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Photo by W. Don Hale

Officers of Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux Lodge No. 21 attend training with brothers from across the state Feb. 8 at the Anchorage Masonic Center, following the conclusion of the Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska. Seen here in the back row are, from left, Senior Warden Ken Vaughan, Chaplain Lawrence Schaufler and Junior Steward Charles Ward.

throughout the event. The Juneau contingent tended to gravitate

towards one of the back doors, a spot that proved cooler than much

of the rest of the crowded room. As it happened, this corner could have put on a rousing rendition of “The Farmer and the Cowman,” as three men there discovered they enjoyed ties to the state of Oklahoma. Randol Brookshier, a Master Mason and Shrine Clown originally from Healdton, Okla., joined Logan (Paoli) and Ward (Tulsa) and provided red clown noses to a few folks from the Capital City contingent.

There is business that goes on at Grand Lodge. A new slate of grand officers took their posts, led by Grand Master James Herrington. Other elected officers include Deputy Grand Master David Worel, Senior Grand Warden Doug Teninty, Junior Grand Warden Carl Lindstrom, Grand Treasurer James Grubbs and Grand Secretary Jerome Wasson. A list of appointed officers can be found at [bit.ly/VFn1Hb](http://bit.ly/VFn1Hb).

# Scholarship season is here

## Local, statewide Masonic award programs seek applicants

By Bro. Lawrence Schaufler

As the thoughts of high school seniors begin to turn towards prom and *Pomp and Circumstance*, several local Masonic bodies in are once again offering scholarships to help those students achieve their higher education goals.

The largest, and perhaps most well known of these scholarships is the Stevens Trust Scholarship Program, administered by Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux Lodge No. 21. Not only does the Stevens Trust award between \$1,500 and \$2,000 to its recipients, but those amounts are also renewable for up to four years, provided the winner remains in good academic standing at an accredited college or university.

“Without the Stevens Trust Scholarship, I would not have been able to afford to study abroad and take advantage of the limitless opportunities available to me through the study abroad program, said Hannah Everett, a winner in 2012. “I also would not have been able to leave Juneau and attend the college of my dreams in order to seek and obtain something greater than myself in the education I desire.”

Everett is currently a freshman at Florida State University, studying

international affairs and economics. She also earned acceptance to a study abroad program in Valencia, Spain.

There are also three scholarships available to Juneau students with a particular focus of study in mind. The first is the Goldstein Trust Scholarship, a one-time award of up to \$2,000 presented by the Juneau Valley of the Scottish Rite. The Goldstein Trust encouraged this scholarship to go to students pursuing vocational and technical careers after high school. Another is the ESTARL Scholarship, presented by Juneau Chapter No. 7 of the Order of the Eastern Star. The ESTARL is designated for students pursuing religious training, and generally offers scholarships in the \$500 range.

The final directed prize is the Masonic Visual Arts and Music Scholarship, awarded by the Grand Lodge of Alaska. The Grand Lodge typically gives one scholarship of between \$1,000 and \$2,000 each year to a senior planning to attend college with a focus in those areas in the coming fall.

For more information, please contact Dan McCrummen, secretary of Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux Lodge, at mtjg21@gmail.com.

## Catching up with ...

### ... past Stevens Trust Scholarship recipients

#### McLean Cannon

Sophomore • Journalism • University of Oregon

##### Academic achievements

- Dean's List.
- Currently holds a 3.59 GPA.
- Enrolled in UOs Robert D. Clark Honors College

##### Campus activities

- Producer of DuckTV Sports, a student-run TV station on campus.
- Reporter for KWVA, a volunteer radio station on campus.

#### Ethan Roemeling

Freshman • Civil Engineering • Washington State University

##### Academic achievements

- Member of the Honor College.

##### Campus activities

- Resident adviser for one of the campus residence halls.

#### Hannah Everett

Freshman • International Affairs and Economics • Florida State University

##### Academic achievements

- Member of the Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society.
- Selected for membership in the National Collegiate Scholars of America.

##### Campus activities

- FSU World Affairs Program (Model UN).
- International Business Club.

# Be on guard against selfishness

*[Editor's note: In lieu of a personal message, Worshipful Master Dan Logan asked for the following message to appear in this issue of the Cable Tow. He asked for those that read it to try to apply the message's teachings to the problems society faces today. The message comes courtesy of Bro. Bradford J. Stallworth of Bridgeport Lodge No. 181 of Free and Accepted Masons of Ohio. For more short messages for Masons, visit [bit.ly/VsOc7X](http://bit.ly/VsOc7X).]*

The teachings of our institution tells us that charity is the brightest gem that can adorn our Masonic profession. Happy is the man who has sowed in his breast the seeds of benevolence; the produce there of is love and peace. On the other hand, selfishness is evil and immoral in that it prevents the person afflicted with this dread disease from reaching spiritual perfection. He does not set worthwhile goals, and strives to keep others from reaching theirs.

As Masons we must remember that selfishness is in direct violation of the teachings of the Supreme Architect of the Universe. It is cancer that robs us of emotional and spiritual security, leaving us empty human beings. It is natural to look for security by taking from life through some useful goal, where you do no harm to yourself, your family, or others. The Supreme Architect of the Universe gave us the Great Book of Nature and Revelation as a spiritual, moral, and Masonic tresleboard. It teaches us to give to others who are in desperate need of good will and compassion. To relieve the distressed is a duty incumbent on all men, but particularly the Masons, who are linked together by an indissoluble chain of sincere affection.

Selfishness is a destructive trait that takes us away from this higher calling, and prevents us from obtaining perfection in the eyes of God. The selfish Mason prefers to be self-centered, petty and small. He forgets that it is by the square that we learn morality,

by the level equality and by the plum rectitude of life and conduct. He lets wrath, loss of reason and fair play govern his actions. He thinks in destructive terms and seethe with resentment at others good fortune, hurting himself in the process. He forgets that to soothe the unhappy, to sympathize with them in their misfortunes, to compassionate their miseries, and to restore peace onto their troubled minds is the great aim of every worthy Mason.

My brothers, we must forever guard ourselves against selfishness through the practice of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, the principal tenets of our profession. The person with only self-interest is doomed, since self-interest makes him less than what he really can be and leads to atrophy of the mind, spirit, and body. We must search our hearts, to ensure this disease is eradicated. We must forever be mindful that the use of self for self alone can never gain us access to the Grand Lodge on High. However, the use of selflessness to understand our needs and the needs of others allows us

to obtain that goodness of heart, that fair fame, that purity of intention and love of virtue of which, is the possession of every good Mason. Which shall it be for you? Will it be selfishness or selflessness? Will you be able to hail with joy the summons of the Grand Warden on high to repair from your labor here on earth to eternal refreshment in the paradise of God? Will you be worthy of being seated at the right hand of the Grand Architect of the Universe?

Remember brothers, we should forever use our trowel to spread the cement of brotherly love and affection, use the compasses to circumscribe our words and actions. It is through the proper use of our Masonic implements, that we shall protect ourselves from those selfish thoughts and actions which will block our path to the kingdom of God.





## Improvement, impression the goals of degree work

By Bro. Ken Vaughan

I enjoyed the privilege of conferring the Fellowcraft Degree on two men at our first stated meeting in February. I am gaining appreciation of the skills of prior Masters as I find the challenge of keeping the subtle differences between the degrees takes a great deal of focus and effort. To do it with stagecraft and assure that the depth of meaning intended is conveyed adds to the challenge. I find the comparison to the plays of Shakespeare to be useful. While each production of the Bard's play may use stagecraft in differing forms to present the materials and the players have the opportunity to use voice, movements, and body language to provide emphasis, none of them can change the words or order of the parts — or it just is not the Bard's work. As a group

of volunteers, our precision is not likely to be perfect, but should always be “damn good” and improving as a matter of respect to our heritage and our candidates. We have good number of candidates proceeding through the degrees of Masonry and will have frequent opportunities to practice and improve our skills.

I was able to attend Grand Lodge with the Master and others from the Lodge. Your generosity allowed two of our appointed officers to attend with two elected officers. Grand Lodge provides an opportunity to look into the many tasks that are ongoing necessities to keeping our craft functioning and consistent with the landmarks of masonry. While much was serious, and there was a fair amount of pomp and circumstance, there was humor, many smiles, and a lot of good conversation.

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## G.M.'s banquet, Reunion mean a busy spring for Scottish Rite

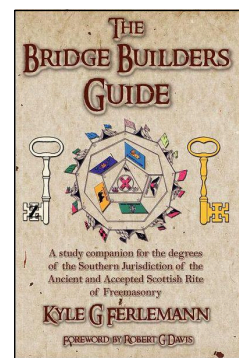
By Bro. Lawrence Schaufler

The Juneau Valley of the Scottish Rite is busily preparing for the upcoming spring. On April 2, the Valley will host its annual Grand Master's banquet to welcome M.W. James Herrington of the Grand Lodge of Alaska of Free and Accepted Masons, along with his entourage of grand officers.

The Valley is also preparing for its 2013 Spring Reunion, to take place on April 25-27. This year, the Valley plans to present the fourth degree on Thursday evening after a welcoming dinner for the traveling candidates and guests. The reunion will wrap up on Saturday evening with the Capping Banquet.

The sword team members and those assigned in the degree casts will be holding practices throughout the next two months. A new feature this year will be the presentation of the 18th degree from memory.

Finally, the Valley plans to have a special guest speaker at the Reunion this year. Bro. Kyle Ferlemann, 32°, is from the Topeka (Kan.) Valley. He is a Masonic educator and speaker that travels around the country supporting reunions and other events. He is the author of the book *The Bridge Builder's Guide*, and will be giving keynote talks at the Juneau Reunion, as well as assisting with degree communications.



Graphic provided

The cover of Bro. Kyle Ferlemann's book, *The Bridge Builders Guide*. Ferlemann will be a keynote speaker at the Juneau Valley of the Scottish Rite's Spring Reunion, April 25-27.

# 3-month Masonic planner

## March

- **2:** Rainbow Girls fundraiser: Dinner for Breakfast. 4-7 p.m.
- **5:** Blue Lodge Stated Communication. Dinner at 6 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.
- **6:** Shrine Club luncheon. 11:30 a.m. Moose Lodge.
- **12:** Eastern Star Chapter Meeting. 7 p.m.
- **13:** Shrine Club luncheon. 11:30 a.m. Moose Lodge.
- **14:** Scottish Rite Stated Communication. 7 p.m.
- **16:** Rainbow Girls meeting. Noon.
- **19:** Blue Lodge Stated Communication. Dinner at 6 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.
- **20:** Shrine Club luncheon. 11:30 a.m. Moose Lodge.
- **25:** JMCA Meeting. 5:30 p.m.
- **26:** Eastern Star Chapter Meeting. 7 p.m.
- **27:** Shrine Club luncheon. 11:30 a.m. Moose Lodge.

## April

- **2:** Scottish Rite hosts welcome banquet for M.W. James Herrington. Time and location TBA.
- **2:** Blue Lodge Stated Communication: Grand Master's Official Visit. 7 p.m.
- **3:** Shrine Club luncheon. 11:30 a.m. Moose Lodge.

- **6:** Rainbow Girls meeting. Noon.
- **9:** Eastern Star Chapter Meeting. 7 p.m.
- **10:** Shrine Club luncheon. 11:30 a.m. Moose Lodge.
- **11:** Scottish Rite Stated Communication. 7 p.m.
- **16:** Blue Lodge Stated Communication. Dinner at 6 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.
- **17:** Shrine Club luncheon. 11:30 a.m. Moose Lodge.
- **20:** Rainbow girls meeting. Noon.
- **23:** Eastern Star Chapter Meeting. 7 p.m.
- **24:** Shrine Club luncheon. 11:30 a.m. Moose Lodge.
- **25:** Scottish Rite Reunion: Reception and Fourth Degree drama. Time TBA. Aspen Hotel and Lodge Room.
- **26:** Scottish Rite Reunion: Fifth through 18th Degree communications and dramas. All day. Aspen Hotel and Lodge Room.
- **26:** Scottish Rite Reunion: Dinner and reception, 6 p.m. Aspen Hotel.
- **27:** Scottish Rite Reunion: 19th through 32nd Degree communications and dramas. All day. Aspen Hotel and Lodge Room.
- **27:** Scottish Rite Reunion: Dinner, reception and Capping Ceremony. 6 p.m. Aspen Hotel.

- **29:** JMCA Meeting. 5:30 p.m.

## May

- **1:** Shrine Club luncheon. 11:30 a.m. Moose Lodge.
- **4:** Rainbow girls meeting. Noon.
- **7:** Blue Lodge Stated Communication. Dinner at 6 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.
- **8:** Shrine Club luncheon. 11:30 a.m. Moose Lodge.
- **9:** Scottish Rite Stated Communication. 7 p.m.
- **14:** Eastern Star Chapter Meeting. 7 p.m.
- **15:** Shrine Club luncheon. 11:30 a.m. Moose Lodge.
- **18:** Rainbow girls meeting. Noon.
- **21:** Blue Lodge Stated Communication. Dinner at 6 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.
- **22:** Shrine Club luncheon. 11:30 a.m. Moose Lodge.
- **28:** Eastern Star Chapter Meeting. 7 p.m.
- **29:** Shrine Club luncheon. 11:30 a.m. Moose Lodge.

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# 2013 Blue Lodge officers



Photo by W. Don Hale

Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux Lodge No. 21 of Free and Accepted Masons installed its 2013 officers at a Dec. 15 ceremony in Juneau. This year's officers are, from left to right, Tyler Bob Heflin, Junior Deacon Ray Rusaw, Treasurer Brad Kiefer, Senior Deacon Torrey Jacobsen, Senior Warden Ken Vaughan, Worshipful Master Dan Logan, Junior Warden Paul Moran, Junior Steward Charles Ward, Chaplain Lawrence Schaufler and Secretary Dan McCrummen. Other officers not pictured are Senior Steward Rob Baysden and Marshal Larry White.

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