

THE CABLE TOW

From Labor to Refreshment



Above: John Barnett, center, holds court with, from left, Michael Franks, Alanna McGovern and Anne Ward. **Right:** Cheri Schaufler, left, gives Claude Roberts, right, some last-minute encouragement before he hits the grill as Dan McCrummen, center, looks on.



Dozens turn out for a sunny day on Sandy Beach

More than 60 people took to Sandy Beach on July 30 to enjoy food and fellowship at a cookout sponsored by Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux Lodge No. 21.

Those in attendance included Masons, their families and friends, along with members of the Rainbow Girls and the

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Hazelton installed as GWA of Rainbow Girls in Alaska

Sorcha Hazelton became Alaska's 52nd Grand Worthy Advisor at the Rainbow Girls' annual convention in Anchorage in late June. She previously served in three state-level positions and twice held the top office in Juneau's Rainbow Girls — that of Worthy Advisor. She continues to hold a local office.



Sorcha Hazelton

Hazelton, a member of Juneau Chapter No. 3, joined Rainbow Girls at the Alaska state convention in 2005 and has since traveled on behalf of Alaska Rainbow Girls to conventions in Washington state, California, Nebraska, Oregon, Michigan and Oklahoma. She will represent Alaska at the international convention in Baltimore and end her year at the annual convention in Juneau in June

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John Osborn prepares to toss some more burgers on the grill at the July 30 Masonic cookout and open house. Among the more than 60 people in attendance seen here are, from left, Lauren Osborn, Donn Heflin, Bob Heflin and John Leque.

Order of the Eastern Star. The Widows' Sons prepared the hamburgers, hot dogs and bratwursts for all to enjoy. The

weather cooperated nicely, with highs tickling 80 degrees and Juneau's infamous rain holding off for a day.

To close out the day's events, the Rainbow Girls taught several Masons a game involving passing a spoon on a string down a line.

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2014.

Her service project for the year will be to support the Scottish RiteCare Foundation. Under Hazelton's leadership, Alaska's Rainbow Girls will support the Foundation's mission of providing clinical support to children with language disorders, creating educational programs relating to childhood language disorders for the benefit

of affected individuals and for the education of the general public, and supporting the RiteCare Foundation research programs in their efforts to solve the problems associated with language disorders in children. For more information on the RiteCare Foundation, visit bit.ly/15OqWX4.

"I took American Sign Language this year," Hazelton said. "As well as being a beautiful language, it

opened my eyes to many things surrounding the deaf and hard of hearing cultures and the way they live their lives. Hearing loss is something that each of us encounters, whether it's the hearing loss of our grandparents or even our adult advisers."

Other state officers from Juneau are Megan Clough, Mikayla Stiner, Virginia Roldan, Holly Rose and Teresa Rose.



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Words from the past still shed light today

As I sit and ponder the latest goings on in the lodge, I wonder what the future will hold. I've been in the East now for eight months,



Dan Logan

and during that time we've seen many new Masons come into the lodge and several making it to the sublime degree of Master

Mason. I

wonder which of the new ones we've worked with will take the reins and guide this lodge after we, the current line has passed. As I age, I struggle at times to know which way to go and remember the younger days when I knew everything (or at least thought I did)! I see a few who feel they have all the answers and yet, their insights and passions are centered more on their own concerns and seldom reflect the majority of the body members.

The JMCA is taking some bold steps now to search out ways to get some affordable property that will allow the member bodies to have a place to call their own. We all know that it will never be all that we each want for a new lodge. Shortly after I was raised, I remember reading a farewell address from our nation's first president, George Washington, as he left the office of the first President of our nation. Brother Washington addressed the new nation and warned of several concerns he had at that time,

which seem to be perpetual and reflect concerns we should have in this day and time. He warned of getting too busy in our personal lives and giving in to the special interests of the few! He saw much danger in the desires of the minority taking over the direction and governing of the new nation and soon robbing the masses of power to pursue their own destiny. I try to often reflect on his philosophy as it reminds me to consider the needs and wants of others as equally important as my own! Only by considering the needs of others can I come close to being a true brother within the ideals of Masonry.

Washington warned also of keeping power in check and ensuring there were systems in place to ensure checks and balances of power so no one party or sect could rule over the rest and impose their will on the majority, or the minority. With this spirit in mind, the JMCA is headed for a more permanent abode to call our own. I was very pleased with the numbers of members from differing bodies that came to the August JMCA meeting. I presume they were there to ensure they had a voice in the proceedings of this body emplaced to do the will of

the member organizations. Only by being involved and pulling together can this organization achieve its goals.

Washington also warned also in his farewell address about the dangers of the nation getting itself embroiled in debt. He extolled the need to remain solvent, keep a balanced budget and not to accumulate debt that would have to be paid by the future generations. I applaud JMCA's attempts to seek some new abode that is "affordable" and within the means of the current members' to pay for as "hope" has never amounted to much of a strategy in my world.

If you never read George Washington's Farewell Address, I think it would benefit you greatly to read over it and compare it not only to the current state of affairs in our country, but to the affairs in our lodge, and in your own personal lives. It can be

found online at bit.ly/1ekGXrq.

Thanks once again for the opportunity to be the Worshipful Master for a few more months and I pray for the wisdom to lead this body until I'm replaced in December.

— Worshipful Master Dan Logan



George Washington in Masonic regalia.

Juneau Valley stays busy despite summer siesta

While the summer is typically a dark period for the Juneau Valley Scottish Rite bodies, more activity has been going on this year than usual. A number of “black hats” (32nd degree) members have worked on establishing a Juneau Chapter of the Knights of St. Andrew (KSA), a service organization dedicated to the support of the Masonic family and the community at large. It is believed there has never been an active KSA Chapter in Juneau. The new Knights will be decked out in distinctive attire. For more information about becoming a KSA member, contact Chieftan Charles Ward at charlesward4@me.com or (907) 957-3582.

The Juneau Scottish RiteCare Clinic continues to operate, having two contracted therapists available and a patient that is now being treated. If you know of other children in Southeast Alaska who are in need of speech-therapy services and do not have adequate sources of funding, please contact Lawrence Schaufler at (907) 209-8000 for more information on the program.

Three members of the Juneau Valley recently learned that they have been selected for honors by the Supreme Council. John Barnett has been elected to receive



Dignitaries from Anchorage join the newly made active knights of the Juneau Chapter of the Knights of St. Andrew. The KSA, which launched its Juneau Chapter on Aug. 17, is a service organization, with its active membership made up of 32nd degree Scottish Rite Masons. KCCH and 33rd degree honormen can join as honorary members. Seen here are, from left, Dale Cain, Deputy to the Supreme Council for the Orient of Alaska; Scott Willis, Secretary; Scott Carnahan, Venerable Master of the Anchorage KSA Chapter; Ken Vaughan, Vice Chieftain; Charles Ward, Chieftain; Doug Harris, Treasurer; Michael Franks, Quartermaster and John Osborn, Knight. Others joining as honorary members were John Barnett, Dan McCrummen, Lawrence Schaufler and Steven Stewart.

the 33rd (and final) degree this October. In addition, John Osborn and Ed Kalwara were elected to receive the distinction of Knights Commander, Court of Honor (KCCH). All of the honorees in the Orient of Alaska can be viewed at bit.ly/14w0opV.

Barnett has also been busy this summer conducting a new group session of the Master Craftsman program, an advanced Masonic education program focused on the degrees of the Scottish Rite, though it touches on many different aspects of Masonry in general. It consists of

six knowledge tests and essays, and represents a significant investment of time and energy in completing the program. There are five new graduates of the program: Michael Franks, Doug Harris, Bob Heflin, Charles Ward, and Scott Willis.

There are plans to begin a group session of the sequel program, Master Craftsman II, in the winter. This course expands further into the Masonic mysteries and requires multiple essays with each of the nine tests. To date, no one in Southeast Alaska has completed this program. Contact Barnett if you would like to enroll in the advanced program this winter.

Parades, giveaways highlight the Club's summer activities

The Juneau-Douglas Shrine Club finished its raffle of a 4-wheeler with plow at Juneau's annual Gold Rush Days on June 29. A newly raised Master Mason, Norm Bakkala won the ATV.

In other news, the Club will hold its next Ceremonial at 3 p.m. on Oct. 19 at the Lodge Room. There are at least four new Nobles in waiting to be created, and petitions can still be submitted. Contact Secretary Claude Roberts at grampe@acsalaska.net or (907) 723-2256 if you're interested in participating.

On July 1, Nobles Larry White Roberts rode in the Canada Day parade held in Whitehorse, Yukon Territory. It was a great parade with lots of people watching and taking part

On July 4, 12 nobles took part in the Juneau and Douglas Fourth of July parades. The Club had four mini-Corvettes, four mini bikes, and one big bike in the parade along with two support vehicles. The Club took first place at the Douglas parade.

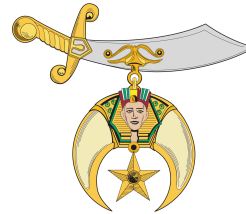
The Club meets at 11:30 a.m. every Wednesday at the Moose Lodge, 8335 Airport Boulevard. Business meetings begin at noon. All are welcome to attend.



A reporter from local NBC affiliate KATH interviews Juneau-Douglas Shrine Club members Claude Roberts, left, and John Barnett prior to Juneau's Fourth of July parade. Twelve Nobles took part in the event.

Stay tuned to learn more about a big fundraiser that will be co-sponsored by the Juneau-Douglas and Sitka Shrine clubs.

Under Sickness and Distress, Noble Jerry Lewis, who now resides in Newmarket, N.H., had a heart attack a couple of weeks ago. He is



doing fine now and is at home resting. If any one wants to reach out to him, contact Roberts for his phone number and e-mail address.

Finally, Club President Larry White has retired from the state of Alaska. He can be reached at LEWhiteOAE@gmail.com.

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Above: New Master Mason Peter Francillon, center, with Grand Lecturer Don Hale and Worshipful Master Dan Logan following his Sept. 3 raising.

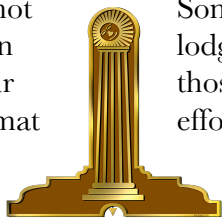


Left: New Master Mason Agustin Eshnauer, front left, with Senior Warden Ken Vaughan and Past Master Eduardo Quimpo following Eshnauer's Aug. 6 raising.

Degree work takes practice and dedication

Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux Lodge No. 21 has been doing a lot of degree work, and it does not look to slow down much in the foreseeable future. Our degree work follows a format similar to a script for a play, and are conversationally called rituals. One of the virtues and strengths of the fraternity is the consistency of the scripts and rituals over time.

One definition of ritual is “the body of ceremonies used by a fraternal organization.” Those who



partake in these rituals and learn to present them are called “ritualists.” Some grand lodges and some lodges have processes to recognize those who have spent the time and effort memorizing roles for our rituals. My “other” jurisdiction, South Dakota, has such a system based on a process of self-identification.

I have listed the various ritual roles for our lodge, and would be glad to share it with anyone who is interested in keeping track of roles.

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Trustees agree to put Old Glacier Highway property on the market

When I came to Alaska, I was assigned to work with a long time Alaskan, Bob Berryhill. He took the task of orienting a chechaquo with some license and shared a lot of personal philosophy. One day over coffee he advised me the nastiest word in the English language was “compromise.” It was nasty because it meant giving up strong convictions, lofty dreams, and personally important values to provide for a “greater good.” Another term that carries similar challenges is “trade-off.” That term always means you cannot have all you want or need and some good and important things must be given up to have other good and important things included.

JMCA trustees can appreciate Berryhill’s perspective on the word “compromise.” We are forced to look at all the compromises needed to move from the dream of a “100-year home for Masonry” to something we can afford with the resources we have. That is a hard transition and dreams are hard to compromise.

The trustees have done due diligence and have not found any source of achievable funds to build that which was dreamed of. Our best opportunity appears to be to find a member with outstanding luck and have them purchase a few Powerball tickets for us.

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While the current trustees have a role similar to that of sweeping up behind a parade, especially one featuring animals, we also have the opportunity to try to get the very best we can with the resources we have available. The best side is that we can get a lot, but we cannot get it all. For those with fond memories of the Scottish Rite Temple, we will never be able to replace it, or even come close to providing many of the special functions it provided.

For those who invested countless hours and effort to foster the dream of a “100-year home for Masonry,” we will seek to keep the

opportunity open for it to happen should angels bless us with the resources to make it happen. In the meantime, the trustees will appreciate your help and encouragement as we have to work with compromises and trade-offs to make the best of what we have.

At the August meeting, the trustees took a step towards finding a new future and authorized the JMCA officers to proceed to sell the property on Old Glacier Highway and move forward to finding a more satisfactory home for Masonry in Juneau, until the day that we can

find the resources to make the dream come true.

Some will like the choices the trustees make, and some will hate them. We will always appreciate hearing what you think, but may not be able to do all that you want, or include features that you find most important. As we move ahead, I think a central theme we have found is “affordable.” I hope we can all agree to gather around the reality of “affordable” and work to get the best we can with what we have to work with.

— JMCA Chairman Ken Vaughan

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We have a few Master Ritualists — brethren who have been there and done that, such as Harley Clough and Jim Devon. We have a few who are well on the way to getting there such as Lawrence Schaufler and John Barnett.

The good news is that there is always an opportunity to learn a new part as we seek to get two- and three-deep in our ritual skills. It takes time and practice, but does provide a personal sense of accomplishment. If you are

interested in learning a role or learning a lecture, talk the Master or one of the wardens. We can make suggestions and help you with practice.

— Senior Warden Ken Vaughan



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4-month Masonic planner

September

- **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.
- **12:** Knights of St. Andrew meeting, following Scottish Rite.
- **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 Grand Hosting Comm., 11 a.m.
- **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.

October

- **1:** Blue Lodge Stated Communication. Dinner at 6 p.m., meeting at 7 p.m.
- **2:** Shrine Club luncheon, 11:30 a.m., Moose Lodge.

- **5:** Rainbow Girls Advisory Board, 11 a.m.
- **5:** Rainbow Girls meeting, noon.
- **8:** Eastern Star Chapter meeting, 7 p.m.
- **9:** Shrine Club luncheon, 11:30 a.m., Moose Lodge.
- **10:** Scottish Rite stated meeting, 7 p.m.
- **14:** Columbus Day.
- **15:** Blue Lodge Stated Communication. Dinner at 6 p.m., meeting at 7 p.m.
- **16:** Shrine Club luncheon, 11:30 a.m., Moose Lodge.
- **18:** Alaska Day.
- **19:** Rainbow Girls Grand Hosting Comm., 11 a.m.
- **19:** Rainbow Girls meeting, noon.
- **19:** Shrine Ceremonial, 3 p.m.
- **22:** Eastern Star Chapter meeting, 7 p.m.
- **23:** Shrine Club luncheon, 11:30 a.m., Moose Lodge.
- **28:** JMCA, 5:30 p.m.
- **30:** Shrine Club luncheon, 11:30 a.m., Moose Lodge.

November

- **2:** Rainbow Girls Advisory Board, 11 a.m.
- **2:** Rainbow Girls meeting, noon.
- **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.
- **11:** Veterans' Day.
- **12:** Eastern Star Chapter meeting, 7 p.m.
- **13:** Shrine Club luncheon, 11:30 a.m., Moose Lodge.
- **14:** Scottish Rite stated meeting, 7 p.m.
- **16:** Rainbow Girls Grand Hosting Comm., 11 a.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, 5:30 p.m.
- **26:** Eastern Star Chapter meeting, 7 p.m.
- **27:** Shrine Club luncheon, 11:30 a.m., Moose Lodge.

- **28:** Thanksgiving.

December

- **3:** Blue Lodge Stated Communication. Dinner at 6 p.m., meeting at 7 p.m.
- **4:** Shrine Club luncheon, 11:30 a.m., Moose Lodge.
- **7:** Rainbow Girls Advisory Board, 11 a.m.
- **7:** Rainbow Girls meeting, noon.
- **11:** Shrine Club luncheon, 11:30 a.m., Moose Lodge.
- **12:** Scottish Rite stated meeting, 7 p.m.
- **14:** Blue Lodge and Eastern Star Officer Installations.
- **16:** JMCA, 5:30 p.m.
- **18:** Shrine Club luncheon, 11:30 a.m., Moose Lodge.
- **21:** Rainbow Girls Grand Hosting Comm., 11 a.m.
- **21:** Rainbow Girls meeting, noon.
- **25:** Christmas.

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

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