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Juneau's super summer skips the slowdown

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Sorcha Hazelton, Past Grand Worthy Advisor for the International Order of the Rainbow Girls for the Grand Assembly of Alaska, enters the Informal Opening of the Alaska Rainbow Girls' 52nd Annual Grand Session on June 24 at Juneau's Baranof Hotel. She entered under an Arch of Steel provided by the Knights of St. Andrew. For more on the Grand Assembly, see page 4.

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From the East

Building trust in the future of our Masonic Family

By W. Bro. Ken Vaughan

We are now more than halfway through our Lodge year. Summer is in full tilt, and it has been a good one by my measure.

On July 1, Matt Swift became the third Master Mason raised this year. We continue to do steady degree work, better enabling Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux Lodge No. 21 to continue to share the light of Masonry.

In June, Don Etheridge marked the 50th anniversary of his becoming a Master Mason. It was my privilege to send Don a letter congratulating him and asking how we can best get his certificate presented to him. Two other brethren reach their 25th anniversaries this fall: Ed Kalwara and Tom Laurent. We will celebrate these anniversaries with suitable pins and certificates at our October 7 stated meeting. For those not able to attend, or unable to be in Juneau, we will make arrangements for another time, or with another Lodge to make the presentation for us. We are likely overdue in making several such presentations and, with the help of

Secretary W. Bro. Bob Heflin, we will endeavor to remedy the situation that evening.

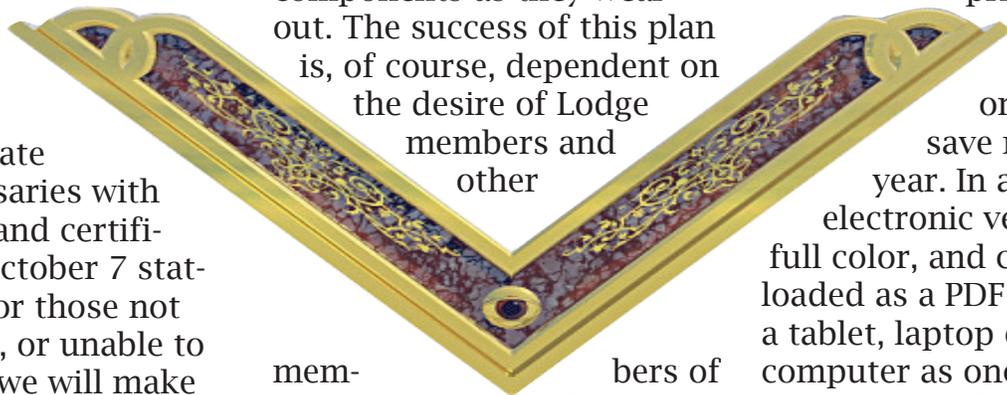
The Juneau Masonic Center Association (JMCA) asked the Lodge to create a Trust to endow the long-term periodic replacement and repairs that go with ownership of a building. As a property-holding company, JMCA cannot create or hold such a trust. However, the Lodge is able to create and hold such an endowment and, as 90 percent owner of JMCA is in the best position to do so. This trust will be managed by independent trustees and will aid JMCA in avoiding the history of deferring maintenance and having a crisis of building failure and no resources to replace the major components as they wear out. The success of this plan is, of course, dependent on the desire of Lodge members and other

members of the Masonic family to see the trust is well funded from the outset.

The Grand Master recommends we document the creation and core direction

for the endowment in the Lodge's bylaws. The Financial Planning Committee, consisting of W. Bro. Dan Logan, W. Bro. Dan McCrummen and Bro. Ken Cassell will present language for the Lodge's review and, hopefully, approval, for this plan and other needed updates for the bylaws.

I will make a pitch for those of you who have e-mail addresses and are getting a printed copy of the newsletter in the mail to consider taking the newsletter electronically. My wife and I were the ones who got to fold, seal and stamp those for the last mailing, and it costs about \$4 an issue for the printing and mailing of each one. If the Lodge could convert all print subscribers to electronic ones, it could save nearly \$800 a year. In addition, the electronic version is in full color, and can be downloaded as a PDF or viewed on a tablet, laptop or desktop computer as one would view a magazine. This version also contains active links to other content. If you have one, please send your email address to the Secretary at mtjg21@gmail.com.



Rainbow Girls make a Capital connection

By S.D. Gabrielle Hazelton

Juneau played host to the 52nd Grand Session of the Alaska Grand Assembly of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls at the Baranof Hotel. The event began June 23 and ran until June 27.

Attendees came from around Alaska and also from California, Oregon, Washington state and Idaho to an event overseen by Juneau's Sorcha Hazelton, who completed her term as the top Rainbow Girl in the state at the event. Her service project was to increase awareness for the Scottish RiteCare Foundation and the deaf and hard of hearing culture.

Throughout the year, she posted information and homemade videos on the Rainbow website. Her charity project was a coin drive that yielded \$1,000 to benefit the Supreme Temple in McAlester, Okla. This donation



Six Alaska Rainbow Girls "aged out" at a Majority Service held on June 27 during the group's 52nd annual Grand Session, which took place June 23-27 at Juneau's Baranof Hotel. Seen here are the girls who provided many years of service to the organization. They are, from left to right: Madison Mathews, Megan Clough, Annie Martin, Sorcha Hazelton, Teresa Rose and Heidi Sanderson.

honored Ila Hammond, who passed away in December. Hammond gave much of her time to service through the Rainbow Girls and Order of the Eastern Star.

Clau de Roberts led the organizing team, with events kicking off on June 23 with a welcoming picnic at Sandy Beach, hosted by the Ju-

neau-Douglas Shrine Club. A public opening followed the next evening, with Hazelton entering through an Arch of Steel, provided by the Knights of St. Andrew. Members of Juneau's new DeMolay Chapter presented their flag.

The highlight of the June 24 public opening might have been when M.W. David Worel, Grand Master of Masons in Alaska, was called onto the carpet, literally, as the girls required him to perform four sets of Ali Babas as penance for neglecting to wear his





Many Alaska Rainbow Girls enjoyed a picnic and fun at Sandy Beach on June 23, prior to the start of their 52nd annual Grand Session. The Juneau-Douglas Shrine Club provided the cooks and the food for the kickoff event.



Mayor Merrill Sanford declares June 23-27, 2014 International Order of the Rainbow for Girls Week in Juneau. To his right is Assembly member Mary Becker, a Majority Rainbow Girl.

Rainbow suspenders. Video of Worel's prostrations can be seen on Facebook at on.fb.me/1msHQib.

Other events included Alaska's outgoing Grand Rainbow Dad, John Barnett, presenting a new sister with her Rainbow Bible and giving the Lambskin Apron Lecture and an emotional Majority Service, where Juneau's Hazelton, Megan Clough and Teresa Rose, along with Madison Mathews, Annie Martin and Heidi Sand-

erson aged out and became honorary members.

Anchorage's Janelle von Birgelen was installed as Grand Worthy Advisor and, as his final duty, Barnett gave her the Gavel Lecture. von Birgelen will preside over the 53rd Grand Session in June, 2015 in Anchorage.

Photos of this Grand Session will be posted online or are available at bit.ly/1pqshKN.

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Juneau-Douglas Shrine Club

Fundraiser fantastic, flags fly and fez tassels flutter on the Fourth

By Noble Claude Roberts

With a fantastic fundraiser and parade season, there was no summer slowdown for the Juneau-Douglas Shrine Club.

This year, the Sitka Shrine Club made the arrangements and took the lead in obtaining a custom-built, 23-foot fishing boat with a trailer. The Juneau-Douglas Shrine Club partnered with the Sitkans to raffle the boat off, with proceeds benefiting the Al Aska Patient Travel Fund. The Fund helps families and patients offset the costs associated with travel Down South to visit one of 22 Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Members of both clubs gave up weekends and partnered with local businesses to sell nearly 7,000 tickets throughout Southeast, raising more than \$100,000 for the Fund. The efforts of the Sitka Shrine Club allowed many of the boat's components to be donated, while collecting and selling scrap metal to raise money for much of the rest. The Sitkans' efforts kept the overhead on the raffle project very low, allowing nearly all of the proceeds to go directly to the Fund.



Noble John Barnett points out the way for the rest of the Juneau-Douglas Shrine Club (along with nobles from New Hampshire and California) prior to the Douglas Fourth of July Parade. Photo courtesy of Erik Stimpfle.

On July 4, members from both clubs took the stage at Douglas' Savviko Park to select the winner.

The final day of sales and the drawing came on the heels of a pair of Independence Day parades, which the Juneau-Douglas Shrine Club took part in. The day opened with the Juneau parade before the Nobles in their mini-Vettes, on their mini-bikes and behind the Juneau-Douglas Shrine Club trailer took

off over the bridge to take part in the Douglas parade that afternoon. Nobles held three work parties in order to prepare the vehicles and load them up, while the Rainbow Girls came by T&S Welding to make the trailer shine.

The Rainbow Girls also enjoyed a picnic thrown for them by the Club on June 23 at Sandy Beach. This event served as the unofficial kick-

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From the South

Mentoring makes a big difference

By W. Bro. Lawrence Schauler

Mentoring is an important part of the Masonic experience. It benefits both the new



(or relatively new) member, as well as the one doing the mentoring. New members are excited to learn — or at least be introduced to — the many aspects of Freemasonry which have been veiled to them in the past, and find a collection of like-minded men interested in doing something beyond themselves. Mentors find the experience to be an opportunity to revisit some of the lessons they may not have thought about for some time. They hear questions and interpretations from those they mentor which may cause them to rethink some of the greater mysteries, and in many ways they are renewed vicariously in the enthusiasm that the new initiates bring to the table.

At least these are the

benefits when an effective mentor-mentee partnership is formed. However, as with everything else, things do not always work out as planned. Given the nature of most of the men who seek to become Masons, we are busy people, and often find ourselves over committed to the causes we support. Sometimes schedules can be nearly impossible to align and family considerations must often come first. Just because you try and fail several times to get together does not mean one should get discouraged. Keep in mind (on both sides) that we are all active, busy people, and difficulties in finding times to meet shouldn't be interpreted as a lack of desire.

Likewise, not every pairing of mentor and mentee results in a productive situation. In some cases, a new initiate may naturally be drawn to a different member of the Lodge — perhaps due to residential proximity, occupational connections, or many other factors in which we relate to one another. If a

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off for the Rainbow Girls' annual Grand Session, held this year in Juneau.

Though we were saddened by the Black Camel's calling for Noble Jake Hendricks earlier this year, Club members were proud to be asked to help with his estate sale. Nobles helped sort and price items, and served as clerks and cashiers during the two-weekend sale. Hendricks' family graciously gave the Club and other Juneau Masonic bodies many of Jake's treasured Masonic mementoes and records, and, in an even grander gesture, donated half of the proceeds of the estate sale to the Shriners Hospitals for Children.

If this sounds like a lot of work — and fun — it was both. Fortunately, the Club had a new set of helping hands. On June 28, Ken Cassell crossed the hot sands and became a Noble of Al Aska Temple. Potentate Dave Oaks came down to Juneau to oversee the Ceremonial.

If you are ever in Juneau on any Wednesday of the month, stop in at the Moose Club out by the Airport between the hours of 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. and join the Club's weekly lunch meetings.

Juneau Chapter No. 7, Order of the Eastern Star

Celebrating a century

By W.P. Lawrence Schaufler

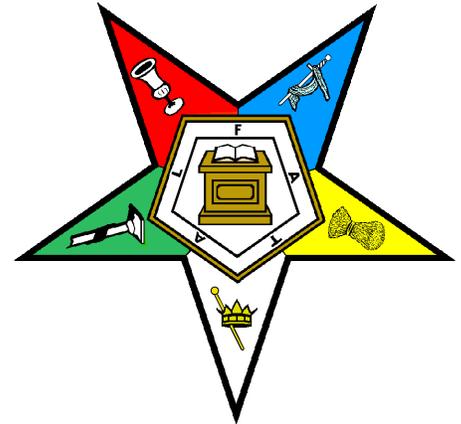
On May 17, Juneau Chapter No. 7, Order of the Eastern Star celebrated the 100th anniversary of its April 3, 1914 chartering date.

The Juneau Chapter first organized Dec. 15, 1913, under dispensation from the General Grand Chapter, before receiving its formal charter in the spring of the following year.

Members and families gathered at a Juneau restaurant for a celebratory banquet and a commemoration ceremony, including an OES trivia contest,

gifts, prizes and a slide show presentation presenting much of the early history of Juneau Chapter No. 7 as well as Nugget Chapter No. 2. Those bodies merged in 1996. Copies of the presentation and member photos shown in the introduction are available to anyone who would like them.

Those that attended and that are active in the chapter are now making history that will be reported at the next centennial banquet in 2114. As always, if you have photos of chapter events and members, please submit them to



Lawrence.Schaufler@noaa.gov to be included in our digital archives. Hardcopy photos can be scanned as well. Here's to the next 100 years!

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new member wishes to work with a Mason other than their assigned mentor, encourage them! We all have multiple teachers, and all of us have something different to teach. Take advantage of those

friendships that are spawned in Masonry, for ours is an organization where we work as a team. Every minute spent developing the thoughts of Masonry are beneficial, every conversation enriching. And

when you someday see the initiate you mentored volunteering to work with one of the brand new members, you will see your efforts come full circle and reflect upon a job well done.

Don't be left in the dark!

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From the JMCA Chairman

Financing falls into place for our new home

By W. Bro. Ken Vaughan

Your Juneau Masonic Center Association (JMCA) trustees continue to be busy, and the activity level will

be increasing in the coming months.

JMCA, with the concurrence of Mt Juneau-Gastineaux Lodge No. 21, has requested approval from the Grand Lodge to establish

a secured floating line of credit up to \$250,000. This line of credit would be used to fund construction at and renovation of our property

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2014 Stevens Trust Scholars

2 new students added to elite group

In mid-May, the Stevens Trust scholarship committee for the Lodge met and discussed the applications it received for new and continuing funding under this program. We had 13 requests for renewed funding from previous recipients. The committee also reviewed several new applications, however, the number of new applicants is lower than at any time in the past decade. The reason for this is not obvious, though Juneau-Douglas and Thunder Mountain high schools now share one scholarship advisor, where each had one in past years. Even with this change, all of our Masonic scholarships

were publicized in the school newsletters.

The committee decided to fund 12 of the continued funding requests for a total of \$22,000, and a Lodge member made a generous donation to help encourage one of our scholarship recipients get back on track for future funding cycles.

The newest Stevens Trust Scholars are Justin Bellagh from JDHS and Grace Stauffer from TMHS. Each will receive \$2,000 awards for each year they are found to be eligible, for up to four years of funding. Bellagh plans to study engineering at Oregon State University, and Stauffer will study biology at Brigham

Young University.

The committee also awarded a scholarship in memory of our brother Bob Cartmill, who passed away last November, to TMHS' Alexander Iliev (TMHS). He plans to study civil engineering at Michigan State University.

Unfortunately, though we filed all of our paperwork and required reports on time, the distribution of Stevens Trust funds from the bank was not made until late June. Therefore this prevented us from making our awards at the high school award ceremonies, as we traditionally do. However, we do congratulate all of our new and returning scholarship recipients.

2014 Scottish Rite Reunion

Valley welcomes 4 new brothers of the black hat

By Lawrence Schaufler, 32°, KCCH

On April 26, four Master Masons became 32nd degree Scottish Rite Masons, as part of the annual Spring Reunion of the Juneau Valley Scottish Rite. Bros. Agustin Eshnaur and Mer'chant Thompson from Juneau and Chad Foskey and Eric Swanson from Sitka comprised the candidate class, dedicated to the memories of Jake Hendricks, 33°, and Bob Cartmill, 32°, KCCH, both of the Juneau Valley.

As usual, the Valley members pulled together to put on an impressive show and we again welcomed Dale Cain, 33°, Deputy of the Supreme Council for the Orient of Alaska, to our event. Cain joined other traveling brethren such as Ken Creamer, 33°, Don Alexander, 32°, Tom Brown, 32° and Jack Ozment, 32° from Sitka; Ron Ackerman, 32°, KCCH from Skagway; and Jerry Hughes, 32°, KCCH from the Ketchikan Valley, who all performed



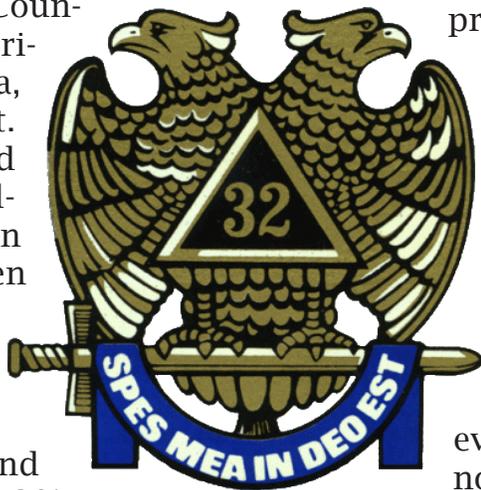
The Juneau Valley Scottish Rite bodies welcomed four new men to its ranks at its annual reunion, held April 24-26. They are, from left, Brandon Foskey, Eric Swanson, Mer'chant Thompson and Agustin Eshnaur.

in various roles for the degrees.

Special thanks also goes out to Ken Vaughan, 32°, for his help in making props, Don Hale, 32°, KCCH for serving as our first sound director, and to Anne Ward, who did a magnificent job preparing most of the meals for the event. For sure, no one went hungry during the three-day event.

Though the Valley is officially dark in the summer months, we have had a special request by our Skagway

members to hold a Fall Reunion this year, since some of their prospective candidates cannot make our customary dates of the last weekend in April. Due to the amount of effort required to make a Reunion happen, the Valley is looking for a minimum of four new petitions (with appropriate fees) to be received by Aug. 1. If you know of Master Masons who have an interest in joining and can attend a Reunion in Juneau from Oct. 9 until Oct. 11, please encourage them to get a petition mailed as soon as possible to P.O. Box 32558, Juneau, AK 99803-2558. You can also email the secretary, 32°, KCCH, at Lawrence.Schaufler@noaa.gov if you need a petition.



KSA grows in size and service

By Charles Ward, 32°, KSA

The ranks of the Juneau Chapter of the Knights of St. Andrew swelled at the Juneau Valley Scottish Rite Spring Reunion, as seven new knights were dubbed in a ceremony at the conclusion of the event.

The Valley's four newest 32° Scottish Rite Masons joined the KSA after receiving their black regimental caps on April 26. Juneau's Mer'chant Thompson and Agustin Eshnaur joined Sitkans Brandon Foskey and Eric Swanson as new knights.

Along with those four, Jim Robinson, 32° and David Lang, 32° also joined the service, while Donald Hale, 32°, KCCH, became a knight honorary.

Prior to the dubbing ceremony, the KSA assisted in unloading and setting up props and costumes for the degree dramas, set up the rooms at the Aspen Hotel for food service and presented a table read version of the 29th



Doug Harris, left and Scott Willis, both Knights of St. Andrew, work to clear brush at the Masonic section of the Old Douglas Cemetery on May 31. The KSA has taken on the task of revitalizing this plot of land.

Degree, the Knight of St. Andrew.

At its post-Reunion meeting, KSA elected Michael Franks as its new Chief-tain.

Following the Reunion, KSA began work on what will be a long-term service project: the reclaiming of the Masonic Section of the

Old Douglas Cemetery. The knights, joined by members

of Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux Lodge No. 21., cleared away brush and threw away debris during a June 28 outing. One or two more work days are planned for the summer. Eventually, the KSA hopes to make the plot a proper and peaceful place to honor the memories of our departed brothers.

Finally, KSA honored the request of then-Grand Worthy Advisor Sorcha Hazelton, and performed an Arch of Steel for her entrance to the June 24 public opening of the Rainbow Girls' Grand Session, which was held in Juneau.



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and buildings at 9315 Glacier Highway as it becomes our new home.

This line of credit would not be a mortgage, as it is secured against the investments and funds managed and held by JMCA. The Association has no intention of mortgaging our property holdings, nor of obtaining long-term debt. However, this line of credit is advantageous for several reasons, not least of which is it allows JMCA to liquidate investments as the market suggests best, not solely when bills come due.

At its June meeting, the JMCA trustees authorized payment for the creation of detailed designs needed for code review and building permitting. The trustees also agreed to reimburse Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux Lodge for the costs of establishing a trust for the purpose of accepting donations, inflation proofing the balance, and growing the fund to pay for non-routine, long-term maintenance of the newly renovated building. This will not be a fund for light bulbs and water bills, but instead to be ready for the large expenses that crop up from time to time, such as roof replacement and HVAC work.

One of the key facts guid-

ing JMCA's approach to designing our main building is the large amount of time it is vacant. We have scheduled meetings and regular uses that account for only about 5 percent of the hours in any year. In contrast, residential housing units are generally occupied between 50 and 100 percent of the time. The needs for heat and ventilation are dramatically different between periods of high occupancy and vacancy. Cost control suggests less expensive heating and ventilation practices most of the time, and more capacity when meetings are scheduled. This is a feast or famine situation that will either take more money or more adaptive use as we work out how to live in a low occupancy building. Energy efficient construction and design methods will abound in the new structure as we grow into how best to operate and not run up the operating costs.

Construction and renovation of the lodge and multi-purpose rooms is tentatively scheduled to begin in Spring 2015.

These areas are central to our missions and use requirements, but are only the first phase of the master plan for the property. JMCA is hopeful to be able to move beyond the first phase soon, but must be mindful of costs, both known and unknown. Future phases will include some or all of the following:

- Garage space for Juneau-Douglas Shrine Club vehicles and outdoor maintenance equipment. The Shrine Club has a 5 percent stake in JMCA, but only uses the building a few hours a year. Storage and workspace for a trailer and parade vehicles have been identified as the major need for the Shrine Club at the new

facility.

- An 800-square-foot operational storage unit to house props, regalia, and equipment needed on an occasional basis. There is already storage planned for the main building for items used in every meeting.

- An outdoor kitchen and covered space. This has been proposed as a place to prepare food for less formal settings. The shelters at Sandy Beach might give some idea as to the plans for this facility, though the cooking area would be enclosed with roll down doors to protect equipment and electrical circuits.

- Cold storage for JMCA members and the Scottish Rite. The various bodies rent storage space in Juneau and hold items in conexas outside the current meeting room at T&S Welding. This hodge-

podge could be better consolidated for easier use and cost efficiency.

- Storage for historical records. The century-plus of documents and artifacts from Gastineaux Lodge, Mt. Juneau Lodge, Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux Lodge and the appendant and concordant bodies need to be stored with some care.

- Office space. The various bodies could benefit from space to store active files and having secretarial work space.

The trustees are wrestling with this list and looking to see if some important function is missing. There will not be nearly enough funds to do it all. This list will need to be prioritized, and the trustees are hopeful to receive input in order to do so. If you have thoughts, talk to a trustee or come to the JMCA meeting Aug. 25.



Artist's rendering of the soon-to-be home of Masonry in Juneau.

Through the viewfinder

DeMolay's flag flies again in Juneau



Members of DeMolay conducted a flag ceremony at the public opening of the Rainbow Girl's Grand Session on June 24. DeMolay's Juneau Chapter is rebuilding itself after an absence of nearly 40 years. Seen here are DeMolays Festus LuChester, left and Jacob Osborn, right. The boys presented Sorcha Hazelton with a DeMolay Sweetheart pin.

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