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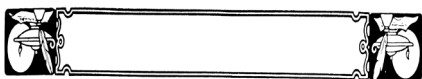
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Kristi Germain invests Eireen Anderson-Metz with the Chaplain's jewel at the Winter 2019 officer installation of Juneau Assembly No. 3, International Order of the Rainbow Girls on Jan. 12.

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deadline for submissions for
the next edition is March 15.



The gavel is passed



Photo by W. Bro. Jerald Neel

The 2019 officers-elect and designate of Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux Lodge No. 21 prepare to be installed on Jan. 12 at the Juneau Masonic Center. From left, they are W. Bro. Ray Rusaw, Chaplain; Bro. Jim Cartmill, Senior Steward; W. Bro. Charles Ward, Secretary; Bro. Mer'chant Thompson, Senior Warden; V.W. Bro. Jim Robinson, Worshipful Master; W. Bro. Allen Bell, Junior Warden; Bro. Jim Herr, Junior Deacon; Bro. Richard Marshall, Junior Steward and Bro. Torrey Jacobson, Marshall.

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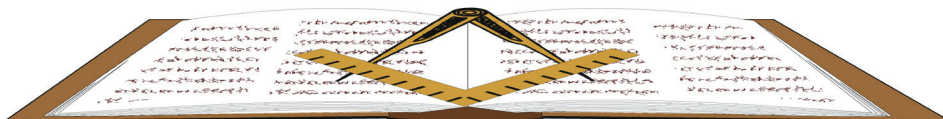
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I am looking forward to having an engaging, enlightening and interesting education program this year, as well as a fun and inclusive social program. I want to re-engage with our brethren who have gotten out of the habit of coming out to meetings. I also want to develop closer ties with our brother and sister organizations here in town as well as throughout Southeast. I will be looking to all of you for ideas, help and support this year as we strive to make our Lodge a better place to be.

"My Favorite Things" Term Calendar : Juneau Assembly #3



Rainbow Gets Girls Ready for Life!™

*Feel free to join us and bring along the little lady in
your life!*

January

12, 7pm - Installation
19, 7pm - Glow mtg
26/27 - Symphony
29 - 5th Tuesday Event
Workshop - Cooking

February

2, 12pm - mtg
16, 7pm - Shadow mtg
18 - Government Workshop @ Capitol

March

2, 12pm - Pajama mtg
16, 7pm - mtg
22-23 - Camp Hope
Workshop - Financial Literacy

April

6, 12pm - mtg, napover
20, 7pm - mtg
Workshop - Resume/Interview
(Ms. Gearhart)

May

4, 12pm - mtg, (Dress as your fav.
school subject)
18, 7pm - mtg
22 - Mystery Event
Workshop - Archery

June

1, 12pm - mtg, crafternoon
8/9 - Symphony
15, 7pm - mtg
15 - Father-Daughter Event
29 - Trash cleanup
Workshop - Sewing

July

4, 10am - Parade
6, 12pm - mtg, Elections
7 - Founder's Day Picnic
13 - Installation (Tentative)

TBD

Pool Party (Jan)
Donation Drive at Petco (Feb)
Kids Activity Fair with ZGYC (Apr)
Church in a Body (Apr)
Easter Egg Hunt at AWARE (Apr)
Litter Free (Apr/May)
Murder Mystery (May)
Volunteer Day at GHS

*Subject to changes/deletions/additions

This term has gone to the dogs

By Sister Sorch Hazelton

The Juneau Rainbow Girls will support the Capital City's animal shelters during its coming term.

In support of that effort, the Girls will collect one or two specific items the shelters need each month. If you'd like to aid the Girls in their efforts, you can drop items off at the Juneau Masonic Center.

The requested items are:

- January: One yard of fleece, or towels
- February: Copy paper and 3-inch Post-It notes
- March: Toilet paper
- April: Cleaning supplies
- May: Creamy peanut butter
- June: Ziploc bags (quart or gallon size)

The Girls have also announced their tentative schedule for the first term of 2019. Many of the events are open to all, and the Girls have made it known they welcome sideliners.



Curing chaos by committee

W. Bro. Charles Ward

“Ad-hoc.” Maybe that’s the sound you make when you’re asked to serve on another committee.

And that’s understandable. Too often, these bodies mean little other than long nights of pummeling dead horses. One or two members, who already do the work of three or four other boards, do what they can, but much of the labor remains incomplete.

Or worse, these committees do nothing at all.

This is an unfortunate, but all too common, state of affairs for committees in all organizations, including Masonic ones. Unfortunate because, when working properly, committees can make the work of the larger body go much more smoothly — and quickly.

Committees ideally will do most of the heavy lifting of lodge

business. They will draft budgets, plan social events, audit the books and other labor that takes time away from the lodge’s true labor — Masonry.

Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux Lodge No. 21 has such committees, but oftentimes brothers are unaware they exist or don’t know what they do. Here’s a sampling of those bodies and what they do:

Competition for these awards is fierce, and the committee often has to make hard decisions as to who will receive them. This program is an important part of the Lodge’s community outreach and youth support. The Committee also distributes other money donated to the lodge from time to time for scholarship purposes.

• Finance Committee: Three

or more Master Masons, one of whom is the Treasurer. This Committee has the ultimate responsibility of preparing the first draft of the Lodge’s budget each year. While

the day-to-day bookkeeping and investing is handled by professionals, this Committee provides general oversight and direction to those efforts as well.

• Audit Committee: This is a committee of three or more,

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• Scholarship Committee: This group of at least four’s primary duty is to award and otherwise administer the Stevens Trust Scholarships. This scholarship program provides approximately \$25,000 a year to Juneau-area high school seniors planning on post-secondary education.

2018 in pictures



Top left: Bros. Larry Fanning, 32°, KCCH; Ed Phillips, 32°, Ill. Tom Brown, 33° and Steven Stewart, 32°, KCCH prepare for the Fourth Degree Drama at the Scottish Rite Reunion on April 26, 2018. **Top right:** Members of Juneau Chapter No. 7, Order of the Eastern Star welcome Sister Helen Westmoreland, Most Worthy Grand Matron, and her traveling party at Mendenhall Glacier on May 24, 2018. Above: Then-Senior Warden V.W. Bro. Jim Robinson, left, after conferring the Fellowcraft Degree on Bro. Dedrick Smith on Oct. 16, 2018. Left: Santa's helper, Noble Craig Bumpus, with two good little girls at the Juneau-Douglas Shrine Club Christmas Party. **Middle left:** Noble Ray Rusaw greets a girl along the Juneau Fourth of July Parade route.



Top: The Juneau-Douglas Shrine Club gets ready for the Juneau Fourth of July Parade. **Middle left:** Bros. Jim Cartmill, left, and Richard Marshall, right, after being raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason by M.W. Bro. Keith Herve, Grand Master of Masons in Alaska, center, in Anchorage on Oct. 6. **Above:** W. Bro. Doug Harris, second from right, following his installation as Master of Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux Lodge No. 21 on Dec. 21. He was joined by, from left, his son Mason, his daughter Stacia and his wife Arlea. **Left:** Eight Past Masters of Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux Lodge No. 21, or one of its predecessor lodges, attended a Special Communication and dinner in their honor on Oct. 30.

2019 officers

Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux Lodge No. 21

Worshipful Master: V.W. Bro. Jim Robinson
Senior Warden: Bro. Merchant Thompson
Junior Warden: W. Bro. Allen Bell
Treasurer: V.W. Bro. Don Hale
Secretary: W. Bro. Charles Ward
Senior Deacon: Bro. Alex Simpson
Junior Deacon: Bro. Jim Herr
Senior Steward: Bro. Jim Cartmill
Chaplain: W. Bro. Ray Rusaw
Marshall: Bro. Torrey Jacobson
Tyler: W. Bro. Larry Fanning

Juneau-Douglas Shrine Club

President: Noble Larry Fanning
First Vice President: Noble Jim Herr
Second Vice President: Noble Ray Rusaw
Treasurer: Noble Jim Robinson
Secretary: Noble Allen Bell

Juneau Valley Scottish Rite

Lodge of Perfection 14°

Venerable Master: Bro. Doug Harris, 32°
Senior Warden: Bro. Charles Ward, 32°
Junior Warden: Bro. Jim Robinson, 32°
Orator: Bro. Allen Bell, 32°, KCCH

Chapter of Knights Rose Croix 18°

Wise Master: Bro. Charles Ward, 32°
Senior Warden: Bro. Doug Harris, 32°
Junior Warden: Bro. Jim Robinson, 32°
Orator: Bro. Allen Bell, 32°, KCCH

Council of the Knights of Kadosh 30°

Commander: Bro. Larry Fanning, 32°, KCCH
First Lt. Commander: Bro. Charles Ward, 32°
Second Lt. Commander: Bro. Doug Harris, 32°
Chancellor: Bro. Jim Robinson, 32°
Orator: Bro. Allen Bell, 32°, KCCH

Consistory 32°

Master of Kadosh: Bro. Jeff DeFreest, 32°, KCCH
Prior: Bro. Larry Fanning, 32°, KCCH
Preceptor: Bro. Charles Ward, 32°
Chancellor: Bro. Doug Harris, 32°
Minister of State: Bro. Jim Robinson, 32°

All Bodies

Personal Representative: Ill. Dan McCrummen, 33°
General Secretary: Ill. John Barnett, 33°
Treasurer: Bro. Don Hale, 32°, KCCH
Almoner: Bro. Larry Fanning, 32°, KCCH
Knight Laureate: Ill. Al Brookman, 33°



Committee

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usually but not necessarily Past Masters, who provides a yearly review of the Lodge's finances and documentation to ensure all spending has been approved by the Lodge and proper records are kept. While the Committee rarely finds major problems, it's the rare Master who goes through his year without a ding or two from this group. This is a good thing, as it keeps the Lodge's officers striving to create the perfect ashlar of best business practices.

There are two other standing committees: The Continuing Board of Trustees and the Past Masters' Committee. Their

memberships are defined in the bylaws, so the Master does not make appointments to them. The Trustees administer the Lodge's property. However, since its real property interests are managed by the Juneau Masonic Center Association, the material under its control is limited. The Past Masters' Committee oversees the Getchell Fund, and provides advice to the Lodge and its officers.

The Master also has the power to create ad-hoc committees. These often include social scheduling, long-term planning and bylaw review, though other special committees have been

created from time to time.

While the Lodge is much more than its business, it does need to ensure its financial and administrative needs are taken care of. Assigning the lion's share of this work to committees allows Stated Meetings to move beyond routine business and focus on education, ritual work, discussion, fellowship ... in other words, Masonry. If you get tapped to serve on a committee, consider choking back your initial "ad-hoc" reaction, and saying "yes" instead. This helps the Lodge improve itself so it can help you improve yourself in Masonry.