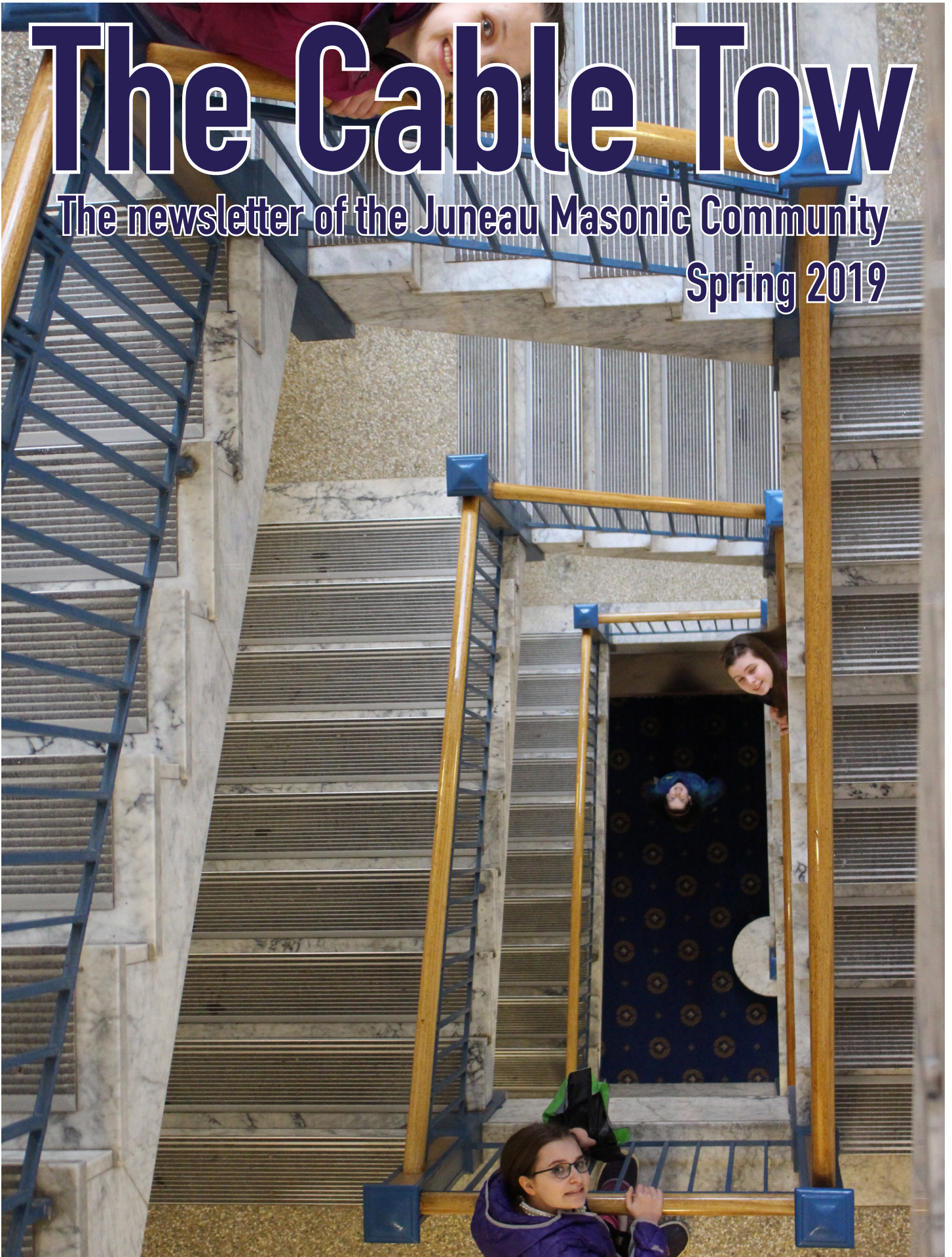


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Members of Juneau Assembly  
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visited the Capitol on Feb. 18.  
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the next edition is June 15.



# May its pure and spotless surface...



Photo by V. W. Bro. Donald Hale

Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux Lodge No. 21 welcomed a new man into the Craft when it initiated Bro. John Flood on Feb. 19. Senior Warden Mer'chant Thompson conferred the Degree. Pictured are, from left, Bro. Richard Marshall, Bro. Alex Simpson, Bro. Jim Cartmill, Bro. Larry Fanning, Flood, Thompson, V.W. Bro. Jeff DeFreest, W. Bro. Allen Bell, W. Bro. Ray Rusaw, Bro. Jim Herr, W. Bro. John Barnett and Bro. Torrey Jacobson.

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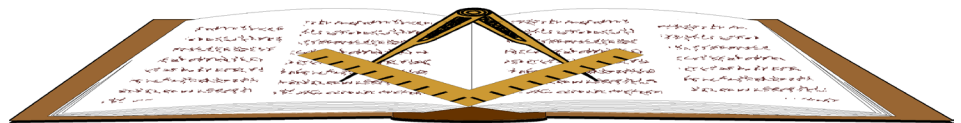
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# 'Charity' is more than money

By W. Bro. Allen Bell

"Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.

"And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.

And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.

"Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. . . And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of

these is charity."

This is the perambulation lecture given by the Senior Deacon in the Second Degree which is always used in the jurisdiction where I was raised. When I first came to Alaska and heard the

lecture from "Amos" most often used here, I was surprised because I had never heard it before. I understand the Amos lecture bears a lot of connection to the Fellowcraft Degree, but to me the "Faith, Hope, Charity" speech seems more meaningful and seems more of what Masonry is supposed to be about.

Let's examine each sentence and reflect on how it applies to what we ought to see in a Masonic Lodge: Sometimes we hear flowery speeches or bombastic words, but they aren't useful without kindness and

caring. Sometimes we witness great displays of knowledge of Masonic history or (worse) Masonic law, but if they aren't illustrative of brotherly love, they don't help our fellows and brothers. We could give away the entire content of our pock-

ets or of the charity funds of the Lodge, but if they are given without a concomitant spirit of brotherly love they aren't worth all that much. If we lose patience with some of our brothers, seek to obtain advantage at the expense of our brothers, brag about our own accomplishments instead of recognizing the accomplishments of others, take pleasure in the comeuppance of others or seek retribution against them, we violate our several obligations, especially those we took to aid and assist a distressed brother, to vindicate his character, and to whisper (not shout) good counsel in his ear.

In the past few months we have seen a lot of distress and pain among our brotherhood, through sickness, death, and all other sorts of misery. Most of us can't do all that much to relieve the distress or take away the pain. Sure, we can open the Almoner's box, write checks on the Past Masters' fund, raise money for the Shriners Hospitals, and that does surely help, but what we need to do is to remember that "charity" isn't limited to bestowing our goods to feed the poor; it also includes especially the cement of brotherly love and affection which unites us into one common band of who best can work and best can agree.





# Grand Lodge 2019

Photos provided



Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux Lodge No. 21 was well represented at the 2019 Grand Communication of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska, which was held Feb. 7-8 in Fairbanks. The Lodge had eight official representatives at the Communication, the second most of any lodge and the most for any lodge outside Fairbanks.

**Counterclockwise from left: 1)** V.W. Bro. Al Brookman received recognition as he enters his 50th year of Masonry in 2019. Grand Master Keith Herve presented him with a certificate noting his service to the Craft. **2-3)** The Lodge is also well represented in the Grand Lodge officer corps, with R.W. Bro. Charles Ward serving as Junior Grand Warden and V.W. Bro. Jim Robinson sitting as Junior Grand Deacon. Other brothers from Juneau in the Grand Line include Brookman as Grand Bible Bearer and W. Bro. Jerry Lewis standing as Grand Tyler.

**4)** Masons from Bulgaria have attended the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Alaska for the past several years. Many who attended the 2019 event are seen here with Bro. Mer'chant Thompson, W. Bro. Ed Phillips and M.W. Bro. Keith Herve. **5)** Members of Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux Lodge No. 21 and their wives at the Potentate's Ball. **6)** Members of District 4 (Southeast Alaska) lodges at the Thursday night banquet.



# Tools for the travelling man

## R.W. Bro. Charles Ward

The Lodge recently received its copy of the “2019 List of Lodges Masonic.” It’s a list of all known grand lodges, along with their constituent lodges and, perhaps most importantly, a guide to recognition between grand lodges.

Not only does its arrival let your Secretary channel

his inner Steve Martin, it’s also a good resource to check if you plan to visit a lodge or two while travelling (and if you aren’t, why not?) to ensure you don’t inadvertently attend a meeting of clandestine Masons. This is especially helpful when it comes to the sticky issues of Prince Hall recognition and foreign countries with more than one grand lodge.

The “List of Lodges Masonic” has been a dusty staple of the secretary’s stack of stuff for many years in many Masonic lodges (for the record, Mt. Ju-neau-Gastineaux Lodge No. 21’s copy is in the Tyler’s stand). However, like many if not most print products these days, the

List is likely to be replaced in the near future by a digital alternative. Chris Hodapp, author of “Freemasons for Dummies” and the eponymous blog, has recently written about Amity, which is an app available on both iOS and Android devices.

The app allows you to register your membership, then, with a few taps, check the status of a lodge you plan on visit-

ing. The app is free, so you can check it out without spending a dime, if you are so inclined.

Hodapp’s reporting, along with some scuttlebutt at the recent Conference of Grand Masters of North America, suggests Amity is the leading contender to replace the “List of Lodges Masonic.”

The timeline of conversion is a little uncertain, and will be driven largely by how soon Pantagraph — the publisher of the List — wants to keep doing so. And, while the function of the Amity app is pretty slick, there are still a few bugs to work out and some PR hurdles to overcome. Not everyone is aware the app exists, and, if you

read Hodapp’s reporting on this matter, there have been some concerns over data privacy. The former will take time and effort to overcome, while the latter worries have largely been addressed. Regardless, don’t be surprised if in five years, Amity is the primary way for a travelling man to learn about the regularity of the lodges he plans to visit.

## Get on to Grand View

A few years back, the Grand Lodge of Alaska partnered with Grand View to serve as the on-line database for member and lodge information. It’s a site largely used by lodge secretaries and the Grand Secretary, but one little-known aspect of it is brothers can go on it to view and update their own information. This comes in handy for both you and the secretary in case you move, so you can record your new mailing address (and update phone numbers and email addresses, if need be). This lets the Lodge stay in touch with you, and you with it. There are also spots to update your military and Masonic records, in case your service or a past Masonic post hasn’t been properly recorded.

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### Care to help the Cable Tow?

Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux Lodge No. 21 has about 30 Brothers on the rolls that either do not have email addresses or have not provided one. Most of these 30 are older members who may not use email at all, or may do so sparingly.

The Lodge sends those Brothers a printed copy of “The Cable Tow” at a cost of about \$30 per member per year. It also prints a few extra copies each edition to have on hand to hand to visitors, potential petitioners, and so on.

In order to continue this service, the Lodge is seeking Brothers (and others) to serve as underwriters of these printed editions. A donation of \$30 will print one “Cable Tow” for one year. An underwriting of \$60 will sponsor one annual “Cable Tow,” and give the donor a choice of receiving a printed copy of the newsletter for one year in addition to an electronic version, or donating their printed copy to a Brother or the Lodge.

Underwriters will be recognized in the pages of “The Cable Tow” for one year, with the option to renew, and may receive other recognition as well.

If you are interested in underwriting printed versions of the “Cable Tow,” please email Lodge Secretary Charles Ward at [mtjg21@gmail.com](mailto:mtjg21@gmail.com) or call him at (907) 957-3582. You can also contribute directly at [capitalcitymasons.org](http://capitalcitymasons.org).

### Capitol conversation



Photo by Sister Rachel Gearhart

Members of Juneau Assembly No. 3, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls visited the Capitol on Feb. 18. The visit included some of the Girls serving as guest legislative pages, an introduction on the Senate floor and a meeting with Juneau Reps. Sara Hannan and Andi Story.

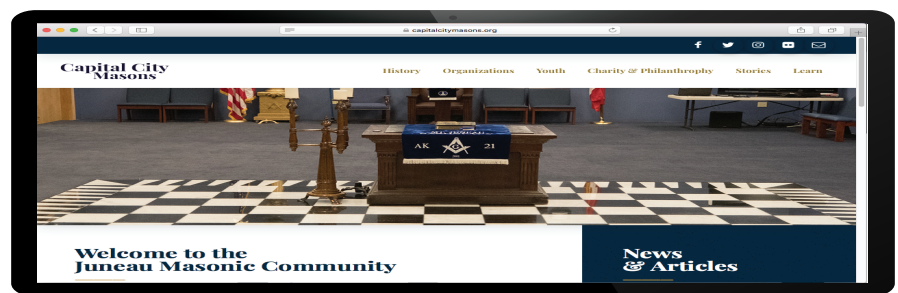
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To sign up for Grand View, visit [ak.gvsoftware.com/membership\\_registration](http://ak.gvsoftware.com/membership_registration). Note: for both Grand View and Amity, you’ll need your membership number. In many jurisdictions, membership numbers are a prominent part of one’s

Masonic record, but that’s not the case in Alaska. However, the Secretary can access your member number easily.

Hopefully, the use of these tools will make finding brotherhood in your travels a bit easier.



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