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Mt Juneau Gastineaux Lodge No. 21

Grand Lodge of Alaska

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Our Mission

The mission of Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux Lodge #21 is to raise the moral, social, intellectual, and spiritual conscience of society by teaching the ancient and enduring philosophical tenets of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth, which are expressed outwardly through service to God, family, country, and self under the Guidance of the Supreme Architect of the Universe within the Brotherhood of Man.



**From the East -
Steven Stewart,
Worshipful Master**

Greetings and Welcome; this year is already going by very fast. Our meetings have been filled with much instruction, brotherly love and friendship. As it should be. Our year began with and continues with many initiations and passings. As I write this there will be a raising soon. I hope to have this raising be our next Wilderness Degree.

We have developed a great team of Lodge Officers to assist the Brethren in providing support for one another and "good

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Grand Master's Visit on April 5

Lodge officers met arriving visitors Tuesday afternoon at the airport. All the Grand "Line" was present except for the Grand Treasurer.

The Scottish Rite hosted dinner at Mia Casa complete with Arch of Steel honors for Grand Master Ron Ackerman and the visiting Grand Lodge officers.



Photo courtesy of Cheri Schaufler

Lodge was opened at normal time, and after formal introductions and honors, the Grand Master closed lodge. An informal gathering with waiting guests convened in the lodge room, and presentations were made by Grand Lodge Officers. From his comments, the most memorable part of the evening for our Grand Master was being picked up and transported in the white stretch limo.

A page wide photo of Worshipful Master Stewart with the Grand Master and other Grand Officers is included on page 4 of this newsletter.

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and wholesome instruction”. Included in this are our esteemed Past Masters, for without their help and continued guidance I know that I would not be where I am today. Thank you so very much.

I have been often asked “What does Masonry mean to you?”.

The short answer is everything but I can never leave it there because Masonry is so much more. Masonry is the epitome of Teamwork.

The best definition of Team I have ever heard is this: “A Team is a group of people working together to make each other look good”. This encompasses my thought and vision of Masonry. We are here to assist each other, help each other when we are down, provide gentle instruction when we have erred or nudge us in the right direction so we do not get embarrassed.

Every one of us is a member of the team. We must strive to work together for that common goal. To make men better, but better what? The answer is this: we must, through our lessons and obligations work to make ourselves better husbands, fathers, friends, neighbors and pillars of the community in which we live. This is how we can spread the cement that binds us into that common band of brothers.

Additionally, this is how we can show others who we are and what we are about. We will be able to dispel any negative views about our organization. We are good men trying to do good deeds.

Guidance from the West

Bob Heflin, Senior Warden

Greetings from the West!

One of the tasks assigned to me by our Worshipful Master regards Masonic Education and I have been pondering how to proceed with this task. Where does our Masonic Education start and do we ever stop learning?

For many of us, our Masonic education probably starts just a little prior to our petitioning a lodge for membership. We had that curiosity about Masonry and did some research to determine if it was meant for us.

The first big learning curve is during our initiations as Entered Apprentices, Fellow Crafts, and Master Masons. Our Blue Lodge education continues as we progress through the chairs and from participation in the degrees and lectures.

Along the way we seem to start reading books (fiction and non-fiction) about Masonry. This was brought to mind because Worshipful Brother Ken Vaughan has taken it upon himself to distribute the Idiots Guide to Freemasonry to each new Entered Apprentice. What a great idea!

For many of us, our education continues as we become members in the appendant bodies such as Scottish Rite and York Rite. Each of which has additional degrees and symbolisms which expand our knowledge.

So I began to wonder, how does the Shrine Club contribute to our ongoing education? Well, one thing that all of our Masonic bodies have in common is the teaching of Charity.

Observations from the South

Dan Logan, Junior Warden

The Junior Warden has been traveling and did not provide any comments before he left. The newsletter team thought it was better not to put words into his mouth.

Secretary's Notes

Stephen Wright, Lodge Secretary

The Lodge gets to report a number of end-of-the-year statistics to the Grand Lodge of Alaska at the end of December each year.

- Members in good standing on December 31, 2010 = 143
- Members who signed Lodge Bylaws in 2010 = 4
(new master masons who completed proficiency)
- Members deceased in 2010 = 3

Educational Items & Thoughts

Ever wondered what can be discussed about ‘being a Mason’ with your family? A couple of books on the market help with the answer. One is The Complete Idiot's Guide to Freemasonry. This paperback book is sold by several booksellers as well as the Scottish Rite Bookstore. A little older is Freemasons For Dummies. These books are in the public arena and provide good information, giving a clear background for knowing what can be shared and discussed with others.

The Senior Deacon is trying to assure that each of our new Entered Apprentices have the resources for communication with family and will be presenting a copy of The Complete Idiot's Guide to Freemasonry to each candidate. There are a few copies in inventory so if you want one for the cost of \$14, it can be yours. Group orders will also be available through the Senior Deacon.

Grand Lodge Newsletter is available

The Grand Lodge of Alaska has a newsletter “hidden” at its website. To find it, go to the web page (search on Grand Lodge of Alaska or go to <http://www.alaska-mason.org/>) and scroll down to the Grand Lodge of Alaska Seal. Click on the seal just like the instructions under it say and you will get to the Newsletters. The 1st one for 2011 is ready for reading. Need a printed copy – Contact the Secretary.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

LODGE MEETINGS

8401 AIRPORT BLVD (UPSTAIRS 2ND FLOOR)

TIME: 7 PM

1st Tuesday all year, 3rd Tuesday Sept thru May

SHRINE CLUB MEETINGS

PLACE: MOOSE LODGE (NEAR THE AIRPORT)

TIME: MOST WEDNESDAYS 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Open to the whole Masonic family and all friends.

SCOTTISH RITE MEETINGS

8401 AIRPORT BLVD (2ND FLOOR)

TIME 7 PM

2nd Thursdays Sept thru May

LODGE MOVIE NIGHT

8401 AIRPORT BLVD (2ND FLOOR)

TIME 7PM ON 5TH TUESDAYS

Movies and good company for all. Friends and family are welcome.

MAY 31 is the next Lodge Movie Night

Appointed Officers

Senior Deacon - Ken Vaughan

Junior Deacon - Paul Moran

Senior Steward - Torrey Jacobson

Junior Steward - Brad Kiefer

Chaplain - Joe Baran

Marshall - Tom Broughton

Cable Tow Team

Lawrence Schaufler, Team Leader

Ken Vaughan, Editor

Joe Baran, Writer-Editor



*(Photo by
Koren Bosworth)*

Martin Woodby, Riley Westfall, and Bro. Lawrence Schaufler

Repair of the Columns The lodge has two columns that are representative of the columns on the porch of King Solomon's Temple. These have been through some tough times. One had repair work done a few years ago by VW Russ Shivers. The Senior Deacon said he would work on the repair of the other one (last year) and is investigating the background of the work that has been done before and estimating what work will be needed to repair and refurbish it. Ken has been testing some repair methods and has determined that some replacements will be needed. He is preparing to replace two broken, painted wood flowers from the top.

It would be very helpful if any members of the lodge know of any of the history of the columns and prior repairs and refurbishments. Senior Deacon Ken has identified that the core of the column is Basswood (also called Linden or Limewood), a wood popular with carvers because it is light and carves easily. The wood was coated with gesso and painted. If you have experience making moulds and doing resin castings, that skill would be greatly appreciated. Replacements flowers will be made & help from wood carvers would be appreciated. Bro. Rusty Shivers has offered to help with painting using airbrush technology. Airbrushing will bring the surface coat back to life, but we have a lot of work to do to get the surfaces ready for Rusty.

Science Fair On March 12, 2011, the Lodge sponsored two awards at the Southeast Alaska Regional Science Fair in Juneau (high-school level). Bro. Joe Baran and Bro. Paul Vidal donated their time and energy to meet and learn about students' projects on subjects ranging from wastewater treatment to the effect of music on test scores.

Traditionally, the Masonic Science Award is awarded to the top two students whose projects have the greatest potential benefit to mankind. This year, the first place winner was Riley Westfall with his project entitled "Solar Reflectors: How does the reflector's material and shape affect a solar panel's output?". The runner-up was Martin Woodby with his project "How Airfoil Design Affects the Drag Force on a Wing". Winners receive an engraved plaque and a check for \$75 (1st place) and \$50 (2nd place). The Lodge has sponsored an award in the science fair for over 10 years.

Sorcha Hazelton, Worthy Advisor for the Juneau Rainbow Assembly earlier this year, also competed in the fair with her project entitled "How does the type of water affect the height and mass of mung bean plants?". Sorcha won the Glacier Gardens Plant Award as well as a special achievement award for competing in the fair for three successive years. Sorcha voluntarily participated in the fair, one of only a handful of students who were not required to complete a project, and the amount of time and effort that goes into each project is significant!

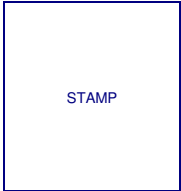
Congratulations to Sorcha, Riley and Martin for their achievements & dedication to seeing their projects through!



Annual Visitation by the Grand Master and Grand Line Officers, April 5, 2011. (Photo by Don Hale)

From left to right” M. W. Donald P. Frizzell, Honorary Grand Master; R. W. [Jerome P. Wasson](#), Grand Secretary; R. W. [Jerry W. Pinion](#), Deputy Grand Master; W. Steven Stewart, Worshipful Master; M. W. [Ronald L. Ackerman](#), Grand Master; R. W. [James R.Herrington](#), Senior Grand Warden; V.W Albert Brookman, District 4 Deputy; R. W. [David Worel](#), Junior Grand Warden.

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