

University Lodge 141 Trestleboard May 2024



FROM THE EAST

Brethren,
I hope the first 4 months of 2024 have been treating you well. I wish I could've been present at last month's stated meeting, but unfortunately, I was unable to make it. However, I was excited that we had a great turnout for dinner and the meeting as well!

This month is our annual taco night for dinner. We also will have Most Worshipful Steve Martin visiting us as well that evening! WB Ben Stagner has developed a playlist of music fit for the theme of Cinco de Mayo as well. I haven't seen too many significant others of Masons/visitors at our dinners before lodge in the last few months. Please remember significant others and families are welcome for dinner!

Looking forward to seeing you all there!

Fraternally,
WM Rhys Nunnelee

Next Stated Meeting May 6th

Doors open 6:00pm
Dinner served 6:30pm
Lodge opens 7:30pm



Upcoming Dates:

May 6 – Stated Meeting
Grand Master's Visit
May 11 – Food Bank
June 3 – Stated Meeting
District Deputy's Visit
June 17 – FC degree
July 22 – Mariners Night!



Fellowcraft Degree

University Lodge will be passing a brother to the Fellowcraft degree on Monday,

June 17th at 6:30pm.

All Fellowcraft Masons
are welcome!



University Lodge is going to the Mariners game on **Monday, July 22nd** vs the LA Angels. Tickets are **\$23**. We are getting \$46 tickets, you pay \$23 and the lodge will cover the other \$23 per ticket.

Interested in joining us? Please RSVP to Michael.m.champion@gmail.com and buy your tickets via Venmo (@UniversityLodge141) or write a check made out to "University Lodge 141". We only reserved 20 tickets, so the first to pay is who gets the tickets.



University District Food Bank

Last month, we continued our fruitful partnership with the University District Food Bank!

The next opportunity is Saturday, May 11th, from 12:00-2:00pm.



This is open to spouses, partners, friends, and children ages 14-up. For any that are interested in signing up for this shift or one in the future, please contact me by email at crowscall@gmail.com

-Bro. Scott Bohart



University Lodge Building Association



The University Lodge Building Association (ULBA) has been working to get our elevator inspected and certified as required by the City of Seattle. In addition to other routine ongoing maintenance tasks around the building, over the next few months the ULBA will be looking to install some cooking equipment in the kitchen. Finally, many of you may have heard about the City of Seattle's voluntary seismic retrofit program for unreinforced masonry (URM) buildings, of which our Lodge is one. The ULBA will continue to monitor the seismic retrofit requirements as they are enacted by the city, but for the time being, we will not be pursuing a seismic retrofit of our building for at least another year.

Brethren Raised in May

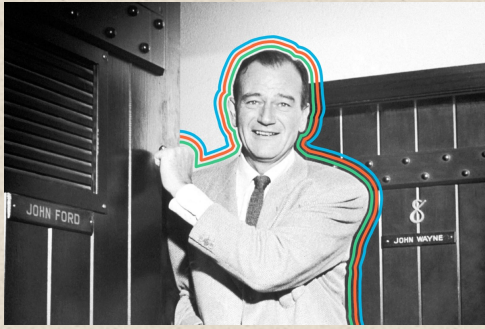
Coe Tug Morgan	1956
Peter A. Sellen	1960
Howard O. Wilson	1963
Jerry N. Caldwell	1966
Donald A. Stumbaugh	1968
Fred P. Barnhart	1975
Jack E. Garton	1977
Bowman L. Chelette	1978
Clifford J. Gross	1982
Helmuth Svoboda	1987
Kenneth D. White	1989
Steven M. Gamber	1989
Edward S. Krigsman	1995
Kevin Benedict	2001
Srinivas Chokkakula	2008
Scott Bohart	2011



Congratulations **Bro. Jack Davis** on receiving your 40-year pin! Looking good Brother Jack!



Bro. John Wayne



John Wayne, the shy son of a struggling pharmacist, wasn't all that much like the characters he played — he wasn't really a swaggering marshal, a brooding brawler, or prone to shooting up troublemakers in frontier towns. He didn't even respond to being called "John." Yet the commanding aura he used to mesmerize audiences eventually made his legend indistinguishable from the individual beneath the cowboy hat and drawl. Here are some fun facts about the larger-than-life actor who set the gold standard on the big screen.

He Wasn't Born John Wayne

Born Marion Robert Morrison in 1907 in Winterset, Iowa, the future movie star earned his longtime nickname, Duke (or "The Duke"), well before he adopted his famed stage name. After Wayne's family moved to California, they adopted an Airedale terrier named Big Duke, prompting local firemen to dub the skinny boy who chased after the dog "Little Duke." In his first starring role in *The Big Trail* (1930), Fox Studios head Winfield Sheehan renamed the young actor after maverick Revolutionary War General "Mad Anthony" Wayne, with "John" being an afterthought.



He Was One of the First "Singing Cowboys"

Wayne toiled away in dozens of forgettable feature films through the 1930s. That included a stint in talkies such as *Riders of Destiny* (1933) and *Lawless Range* (1935), as a singing cowboy, an archetype soon made famous by Gene Autry. While Autry was a legitimate musician, Wayne relied on the "movie magic" of a dubbed voice and guitar strumming to look the part. Embarrassed by the inability to perform his characters' songs during public appearances, Wayne informed his bosses that he was retiring from the lip-syncing business.

He Was Criticized for Being a Draft Dodger

Perhaps surprisingly for someone who represented American ruggedness, Wayne never signed on for military service during World War II. Even as peers such as Clark Gable, Henry Fonda, and Jimmy Stewart enlisted, Wayne was initially given a pass as the sole provider for his family, and later obtained additional deferment as a movie star who best served "national interest." When Wayne entertained American troops overseas on behalf of the United Services Organization (USO), he occasionally experienced a rude welcome from the servicemen who didn't appreciate the fake machismo he demonstrated on screen.



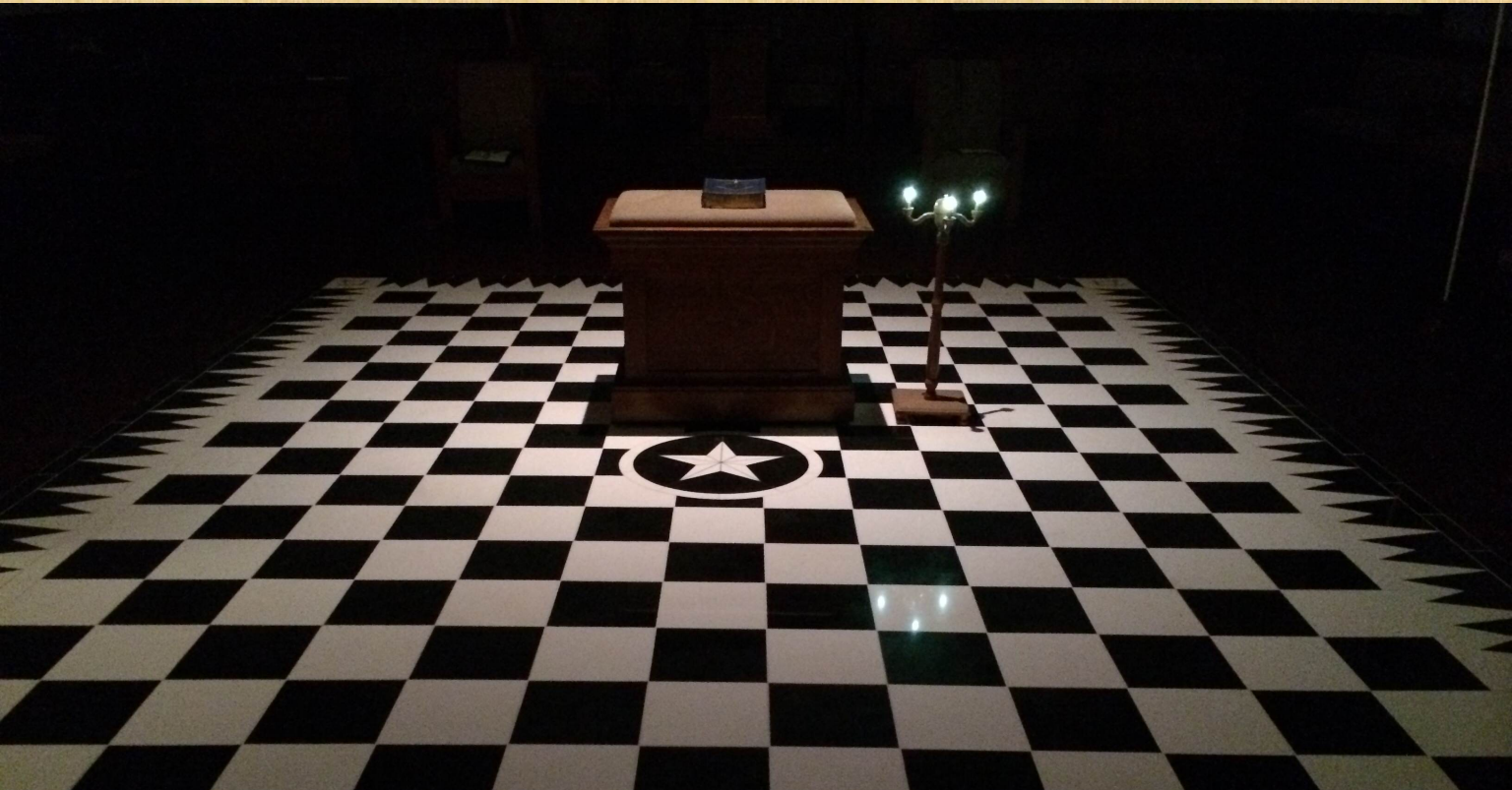
John Wayne the Freemason

John Wayne joined the Glendale chapter of DeMolay in his youth. After 30 years as an A-list actor, Wayne craved camaraderie away from the limelight and found it in Freemasonry in 1970. He knew of the craft from his father, who was a Mason before him. Duke's time in lodge with his brethren became a sort of sanctuary, recalling that he felt his fame melted away. His Masonic lodge was Marion McDaniel Lodge No. 56 in Tucson, Arizona. After being raised, he joined York Rite, became a the Al Malaikah Shrine in Los Angeles, and the 32nd-degree Scottish Rite Freemasonry.



University Lodge No. 141, like the institution that is its namesake, holds up the ideals of lifetime learning, self-improvement and service, both for the benefit of its members and the community at large. Nothing less than excellence in ritual is acceptable and jovial fellowship will be its counterbalance.

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