



MARK TWAIN AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE
TEMPLE LODGE #42

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Chartered 1883

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SUMMARY

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In January 2012 the Lodge decided to participate in the Mark Twain Award competition as we felt that the activities we participate in reflect the tenants of Freemasonry in particularly charity and community service. We also felt that the activities we are involved in not only help supported organizations but also provide valuable visibility for masonry within the community and surrounding area.

Temple Lodge 42, Cheney, Washington was chartered to do work in 1883. Historical records from the period indicate that the Lodge rented various properties for the meetings. Temple Lodge purchased a lot of property on which the Security National Bank was built and in 1910 the second floor was rented for the Lodge Hall. Additional property was purchased and in 1924 a building was built which would become our permanent Lodge Hall. The building is thirty feet by seventy feet, two story brick structure at a cost of \$12,574. Over the years the lodge obtained the bank building and two additional buildings which has allowed the Lodge to rent spaces to business activities. Our current renters are the Cheney Historical Society Museum, West Plains Karate School and a beauty and barber shop. Our rental spaces allow us to maintain and improve the facility and allows us to keep a very favorable financial position for the Lodge. Temple Lodge 42 currently have 68 members (20, 25 Year: 1, 45 Year: 10, 50 Year: 2, 60 Year: 1, 65 Year), 71 Life members includes active and deceased. We are truly honored to have 4 Grand Masters of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Washington as members of the Lodge, MWB W.J. Sutton 1914, MWB R.E. Tiejje 1936, MWB Robert L. VanZee 2001 and MWB Dean W. Heinemann 2012.

The Masonic Temple Association is the title holding corporation and as such is responsible for the real property. Leases, associated maintenance of the facility, financial management and building improvements. Our major project for 2012 is the complete remodel of the lodge room. Complete includes wiring, wall covering, lighting, ceiling fans, doors, storage spaces. We are doing as much of the work as possible using Lodge members as this instills a tremendous amount of pride in members and maintains the legacy that our forefathers established for us by purchasing and building the facility.

PLANNING:

Several years ago Temple Lodge decided to re-focus our resources to support and participate in community and surrounding area activities and support Masonic Youth Groups. We also decided at that time to contribute financially to youth groups, concordant bodies and to make financial contributions to local charity involved activities. This reorientation of priorities has resulted in many advantages to the Lodge. A very noticeable amount of interest within the community through visibility has generated petitions notably among younger men. The planning phase for actives involves appointing a chairman for each, draw up an implementation checklist, prepare and present at lodge meetings progress reports and present an after action report in Lodge for discussion and in particular areas for improvement and modification. A continuity book is maintained by the Chairman and subsequently given to the new chairman.

IMPLEMENTATION:

Throughout the 2012 year the lodge has been involved in the following activities. Each activity will be thoroughly explained at Appendix I. Photos of the events are at Appendix II.

1. Guilds' School Penny Drive
2. American Cancer Society Relay for Life
3. Pancake Feed
4. Highway Cleanup
5. Bikes for Books Program
6. Widows Dinner
7. Summer Picnic
8. Cheney Food Bank
9. Second Harvest Food Bank Turkey Drive
10. Eastern Washington University Athletic Scholarship Fund
11. Demolay
12. Jobs Daughters
13. Grand Assembly Wash/Idaho Rainbow Girls
14. American Legion Auxiliary for Girls State
15. Shriners Hospital
16. Past Masters night
17. Years of membership awards
18. Memorial Services
19. Grand Lodge
20. Before/after dinners and deserts

21. Wardens Conference
22. District meetings monthly
23. District Regional Workshops Annually
24. Eastern Star use of building
25. Youth groups use of building

EVALUATION:

Upon completion of each activity a detailed report is prepared and presented at the subsequent lodge meeting. This evaluation includes the event itself including a detailed financial accounting. Particular emphasis is placed on what was done good as well as what needs improvement, enhancements, expansion or a total overhaul are all on the table to insure that the best possible outcome can be obtained for the resources applied. During one particular evaluation we invited one of the youth groups to our lodge dinner to report and present to us as to what they did at the event to which we contributed to send two girls. This was excellent feedback for us to be able to evaluate the worth of our contribution.

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APPENDIX I

DETAILED EXPLANATION OF ACTIVITIES

Guilds School Penny Drive: The Guild' School in Spokane Washington is a school and rehabilitation facility for the treatment of children with developmental disabilities. It is a non-profit organization which is largely supported by their annual fund drive and by donations. The school has been very instrumental in the lives of some of our members and Cheney community families so this makes it all the more important that we support their efforts. Temple Lodge has been supporting this organization by operating the Cheney collection point. Collection for 2012 total dollars \$1864.00 and 169 pounds of coins. During the ten years we have participated we have collected \$15,147.00 dollars and a total of 3,281 pounds of coins consisting of dimes, nickels and pennies. This is a "Feel Good" activity and makes all participating Masons extremely proud.

American Cancer Society Relay for Life: The Lodge has been an active participant in this annual event for 10 years. In addition to fielding a team to collect money, operate a food concession and donate the profits to the relay, participate in the 24 hour walk, our primary function is the Luminary program. We are responsible for the sale of, recording of names and participating in the luminary ceremony. We place all the luminary bags around the walking track, fill the bags with sand and a lighted candle. Our average sale of luminary bags is between 350-400. The Lodge also decorates luminary bags for lodge members with the square and compasses and name. This is done for both our survivors and departed brethren as well as family members of our brethren. This event is very near and dear to many Brethren as many of us have had both survivors as well as departed Brethren as family members. Collection for 2012 was \$1954.00 and 327 luminaries. During the 10 years the Lodge has raised a total of \$17,761 through luminary sales and contributions.

Pancake Feed: Twice per year we sponsor a Lodge pancake feed for the public. It is also used for a fund raising project and the profits are dedicated to the financial support of youth groups.

Highway Cleanup: The Lodge has 2 1/2 miles of highway which we clean twice per year. This activity is also known by the participants as our semi-annual physical training test. This event provides us visibility to the community as well as free advertising in the form of signs which identify who is responsible for the portion of the highway in the State Adopt-a-Highway program. During the 2012 cleanups we collected a total of 89 bags of trash in 30 gallon bags. We have collected a total of 836 bags of trash and miscellaneous junk during our 10 years of participation.

Bikes for Books: Bikes for books is a program to enhance and encourage elementary schools in their reading program. Students read and pass a proficiency test to get credit for the book. We are currently doing the program for one school in 2012 where we provide 6 bikes, helmets and locks per school year, one to each boy and girl winner for a total cost of \$716.28. To date for the past 9 years we have provided 35 total bikes.

Widows Dinner: For the past 33 years the Lodge has held this dinner. Each of the widows are escorted to the dinner, given flowers and presents from drawings.

Summer Picnic: Each year to finish of the summer we sponsor a picnic for members, widows, families and invited guests. It has proven to be an excellent advertising event to the community that we are an active organization.

Cheney Food Bank: At each lodge meeting we collect food items for contribution. During 2012 we have collected 628 items and since 2010 we have collected a total of 2269 items. This is another one of our "Feel Good" projects to know that we are helping the less fortunate of our citizens in the local community.

Second Harvest Food Bank Turkey Drive: Annually at Thanksgiving there is this event which collects money to provide turkey meals. The Lodge provided a financial contribution of \$400.00 on November 1, 2012 based on the amount in the Lodge budget document, the Lodge also participates at the distribution centers to pass out the meals.

***Eastern Washington University Athletic Scholarship Fund:** We provide a financial contribution upon request from the university in the amount of \$125.00 normally in the month of December based on the amount in the Lodge budget document.

***Demolay:** We provide a financial contribution upon request from Demolay in the amount of \$150.00 based on the amount in the Lodge budget document.

***Jobs Daughters:** We provide a financial contribution upon request from them in the amount of \$150.00 based on the amount in the Lodge budget document.

***Grand Assembly Wash/Idaho Rainbow Girls:** We provide a financial contribution upon request from them in the amount of \$150.00 based on the amount in the Lodge budget document.

*American Legion Auxiliary for Girls State: We provide a financial contribution upon request from them in the amount of \$150.00 based on the amount in the Lodge budget document.

*These contributions have not been made due to the date of preparation and submission of this document.

Shriners Hospital: We provided a financial contribution of \$200.00 in the name of one of our members wife who contributes greatly with our meals and at events.

Past Masters Night. Annually we celebrate our Past Masters. Each Past Master is individually introduced, escorted west of the alter and welcomed by the master. All Past Masters are then afforded the opportunity to relate to the brethren their experiences and memories of their year in the East.

Years of Membership Award Ceremonies. The Lodge always recognizes the Brethren celebrating years of membership starting with 10 years. For the 50 Year celebration the Lodge performs the 50 Year celebration ceremony as prescribed in the Lodge Officers Handbook.

Memorial Services: During this year we have conducted 4 in Lodge memorial services and one service at a Funeral Chapel.

Grand Lodge: Our participation at Grand Lodge in June 2012 this year was attended by 6 members. This was a very special Grand Lodge for our Lodge, as our own Brother, Most Worshipful Brother Dean W. Heinemann was installed as the Grand Master. In addition for me personally, as the Secretary of Temple Lodge 42, MWB Dean is by Brother Brother and made me so very proud and honored to be able to attend along with 6 members of our family. In addition 2 Lodge Brothers were installed as Grand Lodge Officers, WB Dennis Dolle as Senior Grand Deacon and WB Timothy Steiner as Senior Grand Steward. WB Dennis Dolle is on the Leadership Training Committee and WB Robert Steiner is on the Military Recognition Committee.

Before/After Dinner and Deserts: The Lodge has a dinner prior to all stated meetings which allows all members to just be together and talk about anything but lodge business. Prospective members are invited so we can get to know them in an informal environment. Guest speakers are invited for special occasions. Desert is always served and some members refer to desert "as the best part of the dinner"

Wardens Conference: The Grand Lodge warden's conference and training activity is always attended by one or both of our wardens. It is a workshop conference and a valuable training opportunity for progression to the East.

District Monthly Meetings and District Regional Conferences: The Lodge always attends these and are put on by the District Deputy of the Grand Master. The monthly meetings provide District 27 lodges with information for that month and allows for the lodges to update the DDGM27 on our lodge activities. Regional conferences bring together the lodges in two districts to present to the Grand Master and Grand Lodge Officers what they are doing. Additional training sessions are conducted by the Grand Lodge Committees.

Eastern Star Martha Chapter 60: We share the building with them. We also include them in community activities in particular the American Cancer Society relay for Life. Many of the Sisters of Martha Chapter are wives of current members as well as widows of departed Brethren. The Lodge actively assists them with setup and tear down for receptions, ceremonies and their twice monthly stated meetings.

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Guilds' School Annual Penny Drive

American Cancer Society Relay For Life

Pancake Feed

Highway Cleanup

Bikes For Books Presentation

Widows Dinner

Summer Picnic