

Autobiographical Sketch of  
Dean W. Heinemann  
150th Grand Master of Washington – 2012-2013

M.:W.: Dean W. Heinemann was born in Seattle, WA on September 16, 1949 to Charles F. (Fred) and Wanda M. Heinemann. Dean has two older brothers; Robert who lives in Cheney, WA (current Secretary of Temple Lodge No. 42) and Warren who lives in Livermore, CA. Six months after he was born the family moved to Tekoa, WA where Union Oil employed Fred. This job was interrupted by the recall of Fred to active duty in the Army during the Korean War. The family moved to Cheney, WA to be close to family and awaited the return of Fred.

Dean attended school in Cheney and graduated from Cheney High School in 1967. Summers were spent in and around Cheney (on the farm with Granddad or on the farm with Great Uncle Henry) or in Seattle with Wanda's parents. In 1971, he graduated from Eastern Washington State College (now Eastern Washington University) with a Bachelors of Arts degree in Geography & Urban Planning and a Regular Army commission as a Second Lieutenant in the Corp. of Engineers. Dean attended several military schools in Washington, Georgia & Virginia. His first permanent duty station was Nurnberg, West Germany with the 16<sup>th</sup> Engineering Battalion of the 1<sup>st</sup> Armored Division. A wide variety of temporary duty assignments awaited him and he was rarely in one location for more than a few months at a time. It was a great time to be unmarried and a Lieutenant if you wanted to travel. His assignments took him to Greece, Turkey, Ethiopia, Norway, Belgium, all-around West Germany, West Berlin and some stops in between. After two and one half "fun-filled" years in the post-Vietnam military, he returned to Cheney and within a few years started work at the College in the Athletic Department. Dean stayed in that position for one year and then transferred to the new Engineering Services Office (Architectural & Engineering Services) in the Physical Plant Department and worked as an engineering assistant and then as a facilities engineer until 1988. He transferred to the Environmental Health & Safety Office (Risk Management Office) and worked there as a Safety Professional and an Industrial Hygienist until he retired in September 2004.

Dean's family has been very active in Freemasonry. Frederick William Heinemann, Granddad, was Master of Temple Lodge No. 42 in 1934. Great Uncle Carl Rudolf was Master in 1949. Charles Frederick Heinemann, Dad, was Master of Temple Lodge in 1959. Dean's first Masonic memories are from attending programs or installations for Temple Lodge or for Martha Chapter No. 60 OES or for Bethel No. 17 Jobs Daughters. His Mother told him that if he wanted to follow in the families' Masonic tradition he had to ask his Dad to become a Mason. Dean petitioned Temple Lodge in 1980 and was initiated on May 8; he was passed on June 12; raised on September 11; and did his degree proficiency on December 4. Dean's Dad was his coach, his mentor and his best friend. His first appointed position in the Lodge was Chaplain by WB John Mamanakis who was also his first supervisor at the College. Dean served as Master of Temple Lodge in 1986 and again in 2005. He is a life member of Temple Lodge. He is also an honorary life member of Spokane Lodge No. 34, a charter lifetime member of Grand Mound Historic Lodge No. 3 and a corresponding member of Walter F. Meier Lodge of Research Lodge No. 281.

MWB John McNabb appointed him to the Credentials Committee in 2003. This was followed by two years as a Deputy of the Grand Master in District No. 27 and two years as Grand Historian. Sandwiched in there was a two year appointment on the Long Range Planning Team and an appointment to the Long Range Planning Tiger Team. MWB Douglas Tucker appointed him Chairman of the Arrangements Committee for the 2009 Grand Lodge Communication and also appointed him Grand Marshal in 2008. He was elected Junior Grand Warden at the 2009 Annual Communication and installed Grand Master in June 2012.

He was awarded the Grand Master's Achievement Award and has received the DeMolay Legion of Honor (Honorary). Dean is a 32° KCCH Scottish Rite Mason. He is on the Board of Directors for Spokane RiteCare.

MWB Harold Tucker officiated at the wedding of Kerry and Dean on April 5, 2008. They have three sons: Jason, Andrew, and Jacob, two daughter-in-laws Heidi (Andrew's bride) and Emily (Jacob's bride) and two grandchildren (and one more on the way). Dean and Kerry currently live on the family farm outside of Cheney. Dean stays really busy doing "stuff" around the farm. He enjoys duck hunting with Ranger, fly-fishing the local streams or lakes, backpacking, hiking and cycling.

His year as Grand Master was marked with almost boundless joy but also great sadness. We lost three Past Grand Masters; MWB Wayne Smith, MWB James Vannice, MWB James Wood during the year. And dealt with the reality that Jerry Lingle would not be installed as Grand Master. Jerry passed away unexpectedly shortly after being installed Senior Grand Warden. A resolution was passed to elevate Jerry to Honorary Grand Master and we were finally able to view the tribute video to his life. They were able to attend the tri-annual session of the United Grand Lodges of Germany in Hamburg and celebrate the 275<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first Germany lodge. The joy came with the continuing emphasis on our youth. For the first time, the Grand Master's Class featured initiation ceremonies from all three youth groups; a truly inspiring and memorable event. The relationships that Kerry and I built with our youth will continue to grow over the years and it will be inspiring to watch them continue to grow and mature. The time spent with our kids at the fair and "dancing" at the Leader's Ball will be some of our fondest memories. One goal was to emphasize the importance of the business side of Freemasonry. This effort was not entirely successful but it did get the attention of the craft. In the final accounting, it should be noted that it was the relationships and the time spent with our youth, the membership and their families that we will hold dear. Each gift and artifact from the year carries with it the faces of those involved.