

BREMERTON LODGE #117

FREE & ACCEPTED MASONS OF WASHINGTON
12th Edition

News from the South:

Thursday, November 9th, VWB Todd Mears have conducted his last Stated Meeting as the Worshipful Master of Bremerton Lodge #117 for the Masonic Year 2022 – 2023. Many thank to Very Worshipful Brother for his dedication and love to our Craft, which is very instrumental to the success of our Lodge. The night was very inspirational with the presentation from Bro. Mac Macdonald and attended by 24 Brothers and 4 prospects.



We are looking forward and excited to see the new chapter as VWB Todd Mears hand the gavel to WB Percival Peregrino as the upcoming Master of Bremerton Lodge for the Masonic year 2023 – 2024.

November Masonic Birthday:

The following Brother(s) were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in the Month of November:

WB Rodger D. Jones Jr.	Bro. Kirk E. Dunn
Bro. James D. Sargent	Bro. Edwin J. Cagingin
WB Federico S. Victoria Jr.	WB John G. Lambert
WB Rogelio C. Ocampo	Bro. Oliver G. Smith

These 8 Brothers have a combined 148 Masonic Years

Happy Masonic Birthday to you all and May the Great Architect of the Universe bless you with more Masonic Birthdays and Great Health.

November 11, 2023

Masonic Calendar:

11/15: Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rites, Bremerton Valley: 29th Degree Conferral. Dinner @ 6:00 pm / Labor @ 7:00 pm.

11/16: Franklin Lodge #5: Stated Meeting. – Dinner at 630 pm / Labor at 730 pm.

11/18: Franklin Lodge #5: Annual Installation of Officers. Time: 2:00 pm

11/19: Bremerton Lodge #117: Benedict House Charity Work. Meet at the Bremerton Masonic Temple Parking Lot @ 2:45 pm.

11/20: Silverdale Lodge #311: Silverdale Lodge Annual Thanksgiving Party: Dinner at 6:00 pm

11/21: William H. Upton / Naval & Military Lodge #206. Stated Meeting & Annual Installation of Officer. Dinner @ 6:30 pm / Labor at 7:30 p.m.

11/23: HAPPY THANKSGIVING DAY!!!

11/25: District 3 & 12 Lodge Officer's Association Breakfast. Time: 9:00 am

** Kitsap Peninsula Shrine Club meeting @ 2:00 pm

Date to Remember:

12/02: Bremerton Lodge #117 Annual Installation, to be held in Bremerton Masonic Temple at 4:30 pm.

12/30: Bremerton Lodge #117 Annual New Year's Party in Bremerton Masonic Temple. Time: TBD.

Masonic Symbols:

The Plumb – symbolizes uprightness of life, acting with integrity, and spiritually. It teaches us not to take the easy way out of anything.

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Masonic Trivia:

According to WMC Sec. 15.03 B.L., every Officer of the Lodge must be a member of that Lodge except the:

1. Chaplain, Musician, Marshal
2. Chaplain, Musician, Secretary
3. Chaplain, Musician, Tyler
4. Chaplain, Musician, Treasurer.

Answer to previous Newsletter Trivia:

While surfing the Internet and you or a member of your Lodge sees a Membership or Educational program from another jurisdiction, you may contact them by..... (Ref: LOH 7-53)

- Contacting the Grand Secretary who will forward an inquiry to the Grand Secretary of the other Jurisdiction.

Word of Wisdom:

All good moral philosophy is but a handmaid to religion.

Francis Bacon

There is so much about Freemasonry that is positive and good. Look how it encourages us to be better people and to see our fellow human beings as brothers and sisters. Look at the charitable work that we do; look how we encourage learning and contemplation and the sense of community. There is so much that we can show to the world and say "Look, this is what we are."

But to just look at this and to think that this is all we are is to miss the point. All of these things are true but they are only given validity and depth by the fact that we have as our central tenet, our most important Landmark, the belief in Grand Architect. Without this belief we are just another social and charitable organization – not that there is anything wrong with being "just" that – but we are much deeper. Our moral philosophy is underpinned by true religion: love of God and of our neighbors.

**** The New Lodge Challenge Coins are in ****



\$20.00

Get them while supply last!!!

Bremerton Lodge #117 Leavenworth Weekend Getaway March 31, 2024 - April 7, 2024	
Stay at a 2 Bedroom fully furnished Resort Condo, Sleeps 6. Spend your week strolling the shop lined streets of the town, hiking or Skiing. All of this and more is possible while in Leavenworth. Need not be present to win \$10.00 Drawing December 30, 2023 Bremerton #117 Lodge meeting No.117	
No.117	Name _____ Email _____ or Phone _____

**** Do Not Forget to Get Your Ticket ****

- For \$10.00 you have a chance to win:
- 1st Place: Leavenworth Weekend Getaway
 - 2nd Place: Fine Aged Scotch whisky
 - 3rd Place: Vintage Pocket Watch

Keep Guarding the West Gate, my Brothers.

Fraternally,
Bro. Norman C. Jimenez
Junior Warden