

BREMERTON LODGE #117

FREE & ACCEPTED MASONS OF WASHINGTON
1st Edition

News from the West:

December 10, 2023

I cannot believe that we are already in the last month of the year 2023. It seems to me that this year flew by in fast speed. I guess that is what happened if we occupy ourselves with something that we love. But nevertheless, we should be truly grateful to the SAOTU for giving us the Breath of Life and Strength to fulfill our duties for the year 2023 with Peace, Harmony and Equal Regularity.

Looking back to the past 12 months, Bremerton 117 has raised Bro. Daryl Escano to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason; Bro. Fernando Popoca was initiated and passed to Fellowcraft degree, and have returned his Proficiency. Bro. Fernando Popoca is scheduled to be raised to Master Mason degree this coming December 15th. And Bro. Denis Labreque was initiated to the degree of Entered Apprentice Mason. Bro. Jason Hooper has affiliated to our Lodge from his Mother Lodge in Monterey, CA.

Bremerton Lodge #117 was once again a recipient of Eddie Fishler Award. Our WM received the Grand Master Award during the Grand Master's District Meeting that was held in William Renton Lodge #29, March of this year. Our Lodge has successfully competed to the Lecture portion of Ritual Competition. We have also organized a successful Table Lodge and were able to raise a significant amount of money that was donated to Bremerton Backpack Brigade. Our Charity work with the Benedict house, because the camaraderie that brought our Brothers together were conducted from every other month in the year 2022 to every month in the year 2023; thereby with great happiness prepared and cooked meal for the men of Benedict house who are on their way to recovery. And our Worshipful Master was selected to be the District Deputy to the Grand Master for District 12 for the year 2023 – 2025.

These are our Lodge accomplishments that we all need to be proud and thankful of. But there are also moments that we need to remember such as the loss of our WB Bill Gettle, his contribution to our Lodge and to Freemasonry in general is something that we should emulate.

With that my Brothers, as we celebrate the rest of this year; let us also all look forward to another great endeavors and accomplishments that we as a Lodge will bring for the year 2024. WE can do this, WE just need to commit ourselves and never forget our Obligations.

We will see you in the Lodge, my Brother.

December Masonic Birthday:

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

WB Joe Segrist
Bro. Jeffrey Cory Berdar
Bro. Bryan Lassiter

These 3 Brothers have a combined 56 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.

District 12 DECEMBER Calendar:

12/11: William Renton Lodge #29: Stated Meeting.
Dinner at 6:30 pm / Labor at 7:30 pm.

12/13: Bremerton Valley Scottish Rite: 32nd Degree conferral. Dinner at 6 pm / Labor at 7 pm.

12/14: Bremerton Lodge #117: Stated Meeting / Fill the Lodge Night. Dinner at 6:30 pm / Labor at 7:30 pm.

12/15: Bremerton Lodge #117: 3rd Degree conferral. Dinner at 6 pm / Labor at 7 pm.

12/16: Silverdale Lodge #311: Christmas Party at the Grange at 4:00 pm.

12/17: Bremerton Lodge #117: Benedict House Charity Work. Meet at the Temple parking Lot @ 2:45 pm.

12/18: Silverdale Lodge #311: 2nd Degree conferral. Dinner at 6 pm / Labor at 7 pm.

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12/19: William H. Upton / Naval & Military Lodge #206: Stated Meeting. Dinner @ 6:30 pm / Labor at 7:30 p.m.

12/21: Franklin Lodge #5: Stated Meeting. Dinner at 6:30 pm / Labor at 7:30 pm.

12/25: Merry Christmas!!! Peace on Earth, Goodwill to Men.

12/27: Steadfast Lodge #216: Feast of St. Johns followed by Rusty Mason Degree. Time: ???

12/30: Bremerton Lodge #117 Annual New Year's Party. Bremerton Masonic Temple @ 4:30 pm.

12/31: Happy New Year!!! So long 2023, Welcome 2024!!!

Masonic Symbols:



The Level – symbolizes equality. It reminds us that we are moving through time toward death, which is the ultimate equality. If a man is vain, or despises others because they are poor, or uneducated, or “come from the wrong side of the tracks,” he is not and cannot be a just and upright man until he truly confronts and changes those attitudes.

Masonic Trivia:

According to LOH 2-20 and 4-45, candidates for the Degrees are conducted leading them by their _

_____.

1. Cable tow
2. Left Arm
3. Right Arm
4. Garment

Answer to previous Newsletter Trivia:

According to WMC Sec. 14.03 Const: How many days notice must be given to members of the Lodge before voting on a By-Law Change?

- a) 10



**** Do Not Forget to Get Your Tickets ****

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| No.117 | Bremerton Lodge #117 Leavenworth Weekend Getaway March 31, 2024 - April 7, 2024 | | |
| | Name _____ | Email _____ | or Phone _____ |
| 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 | | | |

- 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
Senior Warden