

BREMERTON LODGE #117

FREE & ACCEPTED MASONS OF WASHINGTON

January 2024 Edition

From the West:

December 29, 2023

Happy New Year!! Manigong Bagong Taon!! Hau'oli Makahiki Hou!!

As we celebrate and plan for this New Year, let's give thanks every day to the Supreme Architect of the Universe for the life, strength, health and all the blessings that He unselfishly give to each of us and as we walk daily, let the teachings of our craft be our guide and do our very best to be the best stewards of His Blessings.

For a while, I have been thinking of a catchphrase and somehow the idea of "Strength through Unity" struck me, which I thought is a pretty good reminder to us all. That we cannot do things alone, that for us to be successful, we need to be in full force and work with common goal. The Supreme Architect of the Universe has created us with different strength and weaknesses but as we put all our strength together, we will overcome all those weaknesses and come up with a very positive result that will benefit our Lodge, so as our community.

As the Worshipful Master closes the Lodge, he states for us to "Do Good Unto All." It is amazing how, if we tied up all the teachings of our Tools, Implements, and our Tenets, the result of which is to "Do Good Unto All"; Not only to our Brothers but to all Mankind.

Brothers, it is with heavy heart for many of us, the passing of one of our great Brother, MWB Matt Martin; who throughout his Masonic Life had contributed so much to our Craft and to the Community and that he will be truly missed. Like many of our great brothers who passed to the Celestial Lodge above, let us not be saddened by such event but instead cherish their memories and learn from them. As I was reading the biography of our MW Brother, I was inspired by some of the contribution of our MW Brother, as it reads "During his tenure as Grand Master, the Grand Lodge Team in the course of their travels talked of Masonry as a Brotherhood, a Brotherhood not of Words but of Act and Deeds through the concept of being a "VIP" – Being Visible, Being Involved, and Participating with the officers and members of the Constituent Lodges. As Most Worshipful Brother Matt stated on his address to the Craft: "The most important things we must do as

Master Masons, as Lodge Officers, as leaders of our Craft, is to communicate, be enthusiastic, be ready to be more active, improve our participation and become more involved. We must constantly preserve and instill greater pride in our Masonic Fraternity by doing our Lodge work correctly and proficiently." These are the words of our Past Grand Master, who now clothed in White Gloves and Apron and in the presence of the Supreme Judge who invoked to him these welcome words "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

Brothers, as we tackle our daily endeavors, whether it is in our usual vocation or in our Craft, let us do so in the concept of being a "VIP."

2024 is another productive year for our Craft and Jurisdiction. To highlight some of the early events: District 12 Ritual Competition in January; Grand Master Conference on February; District Meeting with the Grand Master on March and so on.

My hope for this year is by "Doing Good Unto All", this will pave the way to increase the membership of our Lodge and see some of our Brothers, who we haven't seen in awhile.

December Masonic Birthday:

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

Bro. Cliff Labelle

Bro. Enrico Manguling

These 2 Brothers have a combined 52 Masonic Years

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

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District 12: JANUARY Calendar:

01/02: Steadfast Lodge #216: Stated Meeting. Dinner at 6:30 pm / Labor at 7:30 pm.

01/03: Bremerton Valley Scottish Rite: Stated Meeting. Dinner at 6:30 pm / Labor at 7:30 pm.

01/04: Warren G. Harding #260: Stated Meeting. Dinner at 6:30 pm / Labor at 7:30 pm.

01/05: **MWB Matt Martin** viewing. Time: 3 – 6 pm.
Where: Rill Chapel, Pendelton-Gilchrist Funeral Home.

01/08: Silverdale Lodge #311: Stated Meeting. Dinner at 6:30 pm / Labor at 7:30 pm.

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

** Hamma-Hamma Lodge #35: Stated Meeting. Labor at 7 pm.

01/11: Bremerton Lodge #117: Stated Meeting. Dinner at 6:30 pm / Labor at 7:30 pm.

01/13: **Memorial Service for MWB Matt Martin.**
Time: 2 pm. Where: Bremerton Masonic Temple.

01/16: William H. Upton / Naval & Military Lodge #206: Stated Meeting. Dinner @ 6:30 pm / Labor at 7:30 p.m.

01/17: Knight of St. Andrews: Stated Meeting. Labor: 6:30 - 7:30 pm.

01/18: Franklin Lodge #5: Stated Meeting / **Fill the Lodge Night.** Dinner @ 6:30 pm / Labor at 7:30 p.m.

01/27: District 3/12 LOA Breakfast. Time: 9 am

** District 12 Ritual Competition

Masonic Trivia:

WMC Sec. 6.01 Constitution states:

1. Every Lodge shall practice the Standard Work.
2. Every Lodge shall practice the Standard Work plus the California work as both are F & AM.
3. Every Lodge shall practice the Standard Work, except where it interferes with Lodge Tradition.
4. All of the above.

Answer to previous Newsletter Trivia:

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

GOT COIN???



Keep Guarding the West Gate, my Brothers.

Fraternally,

Bro. Norman C. Jimenez

Senior Warden

1st DEGREE CONFERRAL

When: January 10, 2024

Where: Mt. Moriah Lodge #11

Time: Dinner @ 6 pm

Labor @ 7 pm