

# BREMERTON LODGE #117

FREE & ACCEPTED MASONS OF WASHINGTON  
March 2024 Edition

*From the West:*

*February 25, 2024*

## There Are More in Masonry Outside the Lodge.

### (Part 1)

I missed the old days. Many moon ago I saw Masonic functions more often than what I see nowadays. The Brothers back then where everywhere; I saw them in the Parade in huge number and showing there banners. The Shrine in there yellow open-side vehicle with bench seat in the middle and the Shrine Clown giving away candies and balloons. You can find them in the county fair and most of the time in a booth or table with paraphernalias and pamphlets and other Masonic items to give away, and in many other community functions.

But what change? Many had said, time has change or the lifestyle has change and that technology played a big part on many things that changes our doings, but is it really? Is it because of Technology and Lifestyle that we cannot do what some of our Brothers have done before? Is it because of Time that many of our Brothers slowed down or sometimes stopped participating in many of our Lodge functions?

During the course of my Travel for many years, I have seen Lodges that in bare minimum to open and there are times have to operate with a brother fulfilling a double duty. I cannot help it sometimes but to wonder why. What happened or why is the Lodge(s) in such condition?

I am afraid that such condition could happen to any of us and could also happen to our Lodge.

In every Installation, we have heard from the Charge to the Lodge, it state that *“our Fraternity has been formed and perfected in so much unanimity and concord, in which we greatly rejoice.”* Unanimity an agreement by all people involved; and Concord meaning agreement and harmony between people or groups; in this case, Brothers. So if with agreement and harmony is what we have in the Lodge, why is it that many of our Brothers are not in attendance and what shall we do about it? These are the questions that we need to ask ourselves. What is needed to be done to prevent that from happening? Also how can we make ourselves visible again in our community?

### **March Masonic Birthday:**

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

WB Roland Abubo	Bro. Richard Abubo
WB Harry Boyd	Bro. Robert Harrison Lamb
Bro. Jeffrey Nokell	Bro. William Paul Rivard
WB Michael Schiano	Bro. Raymond Allen Scott
Bro. Kirk Andrew Smith	

### **These 9 Brothers have a combined 252 Masonic Years**

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

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## ***District 12: March Calendar:***

03/02: District 3 & 12 Annual District Meeting

03/04: Silverdale Lodge #311 Stated Meeting.

Dinner at 6:30 pm / Labor at 7:30 pm.

03/05: Steadfast Lodge #216 Stated Meeting.

Dinner at 6:30 pm / Labor at 7:30 pm.

03/06: Bremerton Valley Scottish Rite Stated Meeting. Dinner at 6:30 pm / Labor at 7:30 pm.

03/07: Warren G. Harding #260 Stated Meeting.

Dinner at 6:30 pm / Labor at 7:30 pm.

03/11: William Renton Lodge #29 Stated Meeting.

**Fill The Lodge Night.** Dinner @ 6:30 pm / Labor at 7:30 p.m.

Hamma Hamma Lodge #35 Stated Meeting @ 7 pm

03/14: Bremerton Lodge #117: Stated Meeting.

Dinner at 6:30 pm / Labor at 7:30 pm.

03/17: Bremerton Lodge #117 Benedict House Charity Work. Meet at Temple parking @ 2:45 p.m.

03/19: William H Upton / Naval & Military Lodge #206 Stated Meeting. Dinner @ 6:30 pm / Labor at 7:30 p.m.

03/21: Franklin Lodge #5 Stated Meeting. Dinner @ 6:30 pm / Labor at 7:30 p.m.

03/30: District 3/12 LOA Breakfast. Time: 9 am

## ***Masonic Trivia:***

**According to WMC Sec. 15.16 B.L., the Worshipful Master or one of the Wardens must be present for the Lodge to be opened, unless...**

1. The Deputy Grand Master or the Senior Grand Warden is present.
2. The Grand Master or his Special Deputy is present for that purpose.
3. The Grand Master or the Grand Lecturer is present.
4. The District Deputy or the Grand Secretary is present and conducting a special ritual.

## **Answer to previous Newsletter Trivia:**

What Masonic reference can be used to help you learn to correctly pronounce word and names in the Lodge ritual?

1. TSW 5-9

**\*\* Don't forget to join us at our upcoming Spring Reunion on March 27. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. then 4<sup>th</sup> Degree class will kick off at 7 p.m. Bring a Scottish Rite Brother and if you can bring a Brother Mason who would like to join the Scottish Rite and become the Master of the Royal Secret.**

Keep Guarding the West Gate, my Brothers.

Fraternally,

**Bro. Norman C. Jimenez**

Senior Warden

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## District 3 & 12 Fill the Lodge Night 2024

January 18 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	Franklin #5
February 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Friday	Port Orchard-JPJ #98
March 11 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	William Renton #29
April 11 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	Union City #27
May 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Wednesday	Mt. Moriah #11
June 27 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	Hood Canal #288
July 1 <sup>st</sup>	Monday	Silverdale #311
August 1 <sup>st</sup>	Thursday	Warren G. Harding #260
September 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Tuesday	Steadfast #216
October 15 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	Wm. H. Upton #206
December 12 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	Bremerton #117

## Bremerton Valley Scottish Rite

What: Feast of Remembrance  
When: March 20, 2024  
Where: Bremerton Masonic Temple  
Time: 6:00 p.m.

## Bremerton Valley Scottish Rite

What: Start of Spring Reunion.  
4<sup>th</sup> Degree Class  
When: March 27, 2024  
Where: Bremerton Masonic Temple  
Time: 6:00 p.m. Dinner  
7:00 p.m. Labor

## Silverdale Lodge #311

What: St. Patrick Dinner Fundraising.  
When: March 11, 2024  
Time: 6 p.m.

## Coins are still Available

**\*Bremerton Lodge Website is up and running\***

**Bremerton117.org**

## 2024 Lodge Leadership Retreat

When: March 15 - 17, 2024  
Where: Wenatchee Convention Center

## Bremerton Lodge #117

What: Benedict House Charity Work  
When: March 17, 2024  
Time: 2:45 p.m. (meet at Temple  
Parking Lot).

## Congratulations !!!

Port Orchard – John Paul Jones Lodge #98 for  
winning the 3-Man Team Ritual Competition.

They will be joining our Bremerton Lodge  
Brothers who won the Senior Warden and  
Lecture Competition in Wenatchee on April for  
the Jurisdiction Competition.