

December - 2008

Calendar December

2 nd Tue	Mt Baker 36 Christmas Dinner 6:30, Stated 7:30
3 rd Wed	Stanwood Chap. 76 OES 6:00 Pot Luck Diner (non-perishable food for food bank) Stated 7:30
4 th Thu	Burlington-United 93, Dinner, families and friends welcome 6:30 Stated 7:30 (Open Installation)
5 th & 6 th	Festival of trees Tazer Farms 7314 300 th St. NW Stanwood. 6:00 on 5 th , 11:00 to 4:00 on the 6 th
6 th Sat	Fidalgo 77 Christmas Parade, 12:00 Noon
8 th Mon	Dist 9 LOM, Burlington United 93 7:30 Langley 218 to host.
9 th Tue	Fidalgo 77 6:30 Dinner, Stated 7:30
10 th Wed	Masonic Study Group, at Camanio 19 Pot luck 6:00
11 th Thu	Camanio 19 Dinner for Stanwood Chapter No. 76 Order of Eastern Star and Camanio Members 6:30 Stated 7:30
13 th Sat	Fidalgo 77 Installation of Officers, 2 PM
14 th Sun	Scottish Rite Executive Council 2 PM
15 th Mon	Langley 218 7:30 Stated
16 th Tue	Whidby Island 15 7:30 Stated
18 th Thu	Garfield 41 6:30 Dinner, 7:30 Stated
19 th Fri	S. R. Christmas Party, Everett Masonic Center, 6:30, social, 7:00 Dinner. Program. Have the kids meet Santa. Please RSVP with children and ages. 888-530-0816 or clochaby@whidbey.com
25 th Thu	Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, may your Eid be blessed. May Brotherly Love bring us all together. May Peace finally reign upon the Earth and our planet be healed. Amen.
27 th Sat	Bremerton 177 St. John's Day Celebration, Grand Master Attending.

Master's Message

Brethren, welcome to 2009. For those of you who attended our Reconstitution and Installation on Friday night I thank you one and all. It was a wonderful program and ceremony that came off very well. I wish to thank VWB Mark Wiggins for all the work sweat and effort that he put into putting together the program that came off so well. It is now Monday and this morning VWB Mark told me that he attended a district meeting in Seattle over the week-end and that Garfield and their program was the talk of the meeting. For those of you who were unable to attend you missed a fine night with a fine meal provided by the Mt Vernon Rainbow, and a great program. I would like to congratulate WB Steve Osborn on his Hiram award, so very well deserved. I would like to thank WB Paul for the legacy that he has left us. We must now pick up the gauntlet and move on with making Garfield 41 a force in District 9 and in the Grand Lodge.

That is enough patting our selves on the back. It is now time for the beginning of a great year in 2009. WB Paul left me with big shoes to fill and the lodge with a great year to follow. As I said Friday, it is great to have new Masons filling offices in the lodge. We have two Brothers ready to prove up in December, each with an appointed office to fill. For the first time in a while we have a first time Junior Warden and Senior and Junior Deacons, a brand new Masonic Marshall and Sr. Steward. We must all assist these brothers as they progress through Masonry.

I am looking forward to continuing the great lodge that has been left to us. However, it is not mine alone to do. It will take us all.



Fraternally,
WB Bob Morrison,
Worshipful Master

Wisdom from the West

Brethren, the past year has been a memorable one for Adrienne and myself. I have been showered with honors, culminating in the Hiram Award at our Reconstitution and Installation. This has left me with two problems. One, I must buy a bigger hat, and two, I have so much to live up to, to warrant these honors. I promise all that I shall do my best. We have a lot of tasks to accomplish this coming year and it will take even more of the same support that you have shown Garfield this past year. Let's work together to make Garfield shine!



Fraternally,
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Senior Warden

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Refreshment from the South

Brethren, the torch has been passed to me and I hope I will be able to provide interesting and delicious dinners for the next year.

Our Reconstitution and Installation went over very well and I would like to thank the Rainbow Girls for their excellent dinner and service. It added to the glory of the occasion.

We all have a great deal to accomplish during the coming year, and we hope to see you all attending and helping. I will do my part by trying to ensure that all go away full and satisfied.

We've just completed a memorable year under the guidance of our WB Paul. Let us take the Lodge to yet another plateau under our WB Bob Morrison.



*Fraternally,
Marty Leukhardt
Junior Warden*

On the Secretary's Desk.

125th Anniversary Re-Constitution & Installation of Officers

With 125 years now behind us, we look forward to the next 125 or so years. The Re-Constitution and Installation was a wonderful and festive event with over 100 in attendance.

Huge Masonic "Thank You" is extended to the Grand Lodge Team and others who had a part in the ceremonies.

High Praise to VW Mark Wiggins in his planning and execution of the days' activities – you can be proud Mark because it was great.

Good on U! my Brother.

INVITATION

*You are cordially invited to
Join all in a wedding celebration
for
Sister Mary Gibson & WB Frank Nelson
on
Saturday, December 20th, 2008
at
2 o'clock p.m.
at
The Living Word Fellowship
490 NW Crosby Avenue
Oak Harbor, Washington 98277*

**RSVP: 360-675-9485, or
email: ldyeagle@verizon.net
By December 10th**

Reception Following

Annual Fees (Dues)

Brethren, 2009 is fast approaching and the time to remit your annual dues is the month of December. There are still a couple Brothers who have not yet paid their 2008 dues. Please remit in December to prevent being dropped for the Lodge rolls due to Non-Payment of Dues (NPD) in January. You'll be happy you did.

Winds of Fate

*One ship drives east and another drives west
With the selfsame winds that blow.*

*'Tis the set of the sails
And not the gales
Which tells us the way to go.*

*Like the winds of the sea are the ways of fate,
As we voyage along through life:*

*'Tis the set of the soul
That decides its goal,
And not the calm or the strife.*

Ella Wheeler Wilcox

The Lodge of Fate!

**One Lodge is in the west, traveling to the East
Where the zephyr winds blow.**

**'Tis the Lodge with goals
that stirs the men's souls,
And determines which way the Lodge will go.**

**Like the zephyr breeze is the way of fate,
As we travel to the East from west:**

**'Tis the set of the soul
That accomplishes the goal,
And contributes to his Quest.**

David A. McCuiston

The ornaments of a Lodge are the Mosaic Pavement, the Indented Tessel, and the Blazing Star. The Mosaic Pavement is a representation of the ground floor of King Solomon's Temple; the Indented Tessel, of that beautiful tessellated border or skirting which surrounded it. The Mosaic Pavement is emblematical of human life, checkered with good and evil; the beautiful border, which surrounds it, of those blessings and comforts which surround us, and which we hope to obtain by a reliance on Divine Providence, which is hieroglyphically represented by the Blazing Star in the center.

Take a look at Garfield's carpet and find the Mosaic Pavement, Indented Tessel and Blazing Star. Why is the Blazing Star-point pointed away from the Worshipful Master in the East, with the points directed toward the five elected officers of the Lodge?

**Do Good Unto All – or at least some.
Sponsor a Student at Christmas.**

Christmas is a time of opening presents and sitting down with family for a wonderful Christmas dinner. Some students and families won't have that luxury during the Christmas season.

You can make a difference by inviting someone over to share your meal. Or, you can find out from your local school the name of a student and their family who would enjoy the time in their own home. Or the chance is good that you already know some family in your local neighborhood.

Ask the Mom to meet you to Safeway, Albertsons or a similar food store. Let them pick out their own medium size turkey, and all the trimmings, including that pumpkin pie. As you go through the check-out, you pay for it and there is no embarrassment to the family. Put the food into their car and both of you are on your way.

You will feel better and they will have a good meal at Christmas. You will even enjoy the shopping experience with the Mom.

Do Good Unto All! It's a great Masonic virtue.

From your Senior Deacon

Brethren,

We had a monumental celebration on November 21, 2008 with our 125th Rededication and Installation of Officers. I must say that I found myself so very inspired and spiritually uplifted while observing all those just and upright Masons (over 50) filling the very seats that so many of our past brothers have sat in over the course of 125 years. Additionally, we had numerous loved ones and friends filling the remaining seats that sat all those in the past that have supported our vary institution.

On another note, I have finally passed onto further light in Masonry by being granted the supreme honor (in my opinion) of being appointed to the place of Senior Deacon. As Marshal, I always gave it my very best in order to honor those who have served in the past. As Senior Deacon, I intend to give this position the same dedication, so that I may honor those who have led the way for those of us seeking further understanding of what it takes to be a better Mason, or if you prefer a better human being. I sincerely hope that those of you who have stepped aside of Masonry will find it in your hearts to come back to your Lodge or perhaps our Lodge and assist me in seeking that light in which I find myself drawn too as Garfield's newest Senior Deacon.

Finally my brethren, I wish each and every one of you and your loved one's the blessings of Thanksgiving, the joys of Christmas, and the prosperity of a Happy New Year!



*Fraternally,
Norm Hamrick
Senior Deacon*

December Birthdays

VWB Mark Wiggins.....12/08
John John Lim.....12/14
Danny Canaria.....12/18
WB Richard Joyner.....12/21

December Masonic Anniversaries

Kenneth Cochran.....12/01/1975
Harold Rhude.....12/20/1977
WB Richard Joyner.....12/16/1980
WB John Noah.....12/03/1985

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