

NORTH BEND MASONS

*A Brief History of
Unity Lodge #198*

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Introduction

This collection of documents was originally collected by W.B. Robert Cokewell for the 75th anniversary of Unity Lodge #198 in 1988. Thanks go to at the Snoqualmie Valley Museum who loaned me the original for copying.

I apologize for any typos created during the digitization and editing, it is still an imperfect process and editing is very time consuming. Some typos were retained per the original documents.

Happy reading!

Brother David Bach

October 2016

75 Years

Request to PM's

UNITY Lodge No. 198 F.&A.M

Stated Communications, first Wednesday of every month 7:30 p.m.

NORTH BEND, WASHINGTON

August 16, 1985

To Past Masters of Unity Lodge # 198

From 1963 to Date

Dear Worshipful Brother,

The lodge has petitioned me to write a history of the past 25 years of our Lodge. I have studied in some depth of how best to accumulate the necessary information to accommodate the finished product. After discussing the subject with our Worshipful Master and several other officers, I have concluded and they all agreed, that each Master should forward to me within the next 60 days (by Oct. 31) what they consider to be the highlights of their year in the East.

With the help of this data, I feel confident that we can cover the subject properly by crediting those people and events that made our history, rather than me reading the minutes and picking out what I consider to be the most important events of the past 25 years.

I am relying on you "Worshipful Sirs" to furnish me with this information that I may get on with the task.

Fraternally Yours

Oscar B. Miller P.M.

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cc. W.M. E. Smith file

BY YOUR DEEDS YOU SHALL BE KNOWN

Early History - Addendum

I offer the following as an addendum to the already recorded fifty year History.

It was on the 21st day of January nineteen Hundred and twelve that Unity Lodges founding fathers, (already specifically mentioned in the fifty year History) met at the old Milwaukee depot in North Bend for the purpose of a discourse concerning the formation of a Lodge at North Bend.

The reason for such a request from the parent lodge, Falls City Lodge # 66 was not one of discontent with the affiliation but rather as set forth in the fifty year history, travel time was depriving the Upper Snoqualmie Valley members the compensation that a Lodge of Master Masons affords.

Since names of Charter members, first officers have already been mentioned in the fifty year history, to recapitulate would only serve as rhetoric and I will therefore refer it to the brethren for future reference.

The year of '1913' at Grand Lodge communications Brother Seward S. Morris appeared before that body with an account of the stewardship and as a result of that report, June 11, 1913 Most Worshipful Brother Prank N. McCandless granted Unity Lodge under dispensation a charter and gave it a number. Thus Unity Lodge NO. 198 was born.

Twenty five years ago, nineteen Hundred Sixty Two, Unity Lodge celebrated fifty years of Masonry in the Upper Snoqualmie Valley, where the Brethren were warmed in the knowledge of the number seeking men whom they have taken by the hand and led down the path of light, truth and knowledge to a more meaningful life, where compassion, tolerance and service to others becomes the spirit of their existence. The pure principals of our beloved fraternity embody these qualities in the deepest sense. How blessed we are for its existence and how grateful we should be to those whose foresight bequeathed us with such a precious gift.

The year of 1912 when our Lodge was formed, a more relaxed life style was more evident due to the lack of super highways, advanced transportation, radios and television, all these have left their imprint on the life style of man. So what was once considered a desirable pursuit has now been subjected to a highly competitive field of entertainment vying for mankinds attention and if we are to survive we must meet these challenges by seeking means to display our offerings in keeping with the dictates of the times.

It is comforting to note that in recent years the officers and brethren are rising to meet this competition with several on going activities which Valley residents are looking forward to with pleasure, for example

approximately fifteen years ago Unity Lodge joined Myrtle Lodge and Falls City Lodge in promoting a Scholarship program for High School Juniors, covering Mt Si, Issaquah and Carnation schools and lately Liberty High School. It is carefully designed so that the grading is done by numbers rather than names to insure the contestant that grading will be done on the subject matter, sans the tendency to favor a familiar name or personality. Rewarding scholars for outstanding performance is a noble pursuit and the combined Lodges are drawing much desirable commendation for their efforts.

Three years ago Unity began participating in the Alpine Days celebration by operating a Salmon Bake concession which has met with considerable success. The monies derived from the project are used to buy various supplies for the Lodge, with one half being used to purchase Life membership for deceased Past Masters and the balance being used for any worth while charity that may emanate from the community. The Royal Arch, a branch of Blue Lodge Masons has for some time now headed up a program named, Children Heart Foundation funded by the members from an initiatory fee plus individual donations at regular meetings. Monies then distributed to families who may have a child with a heart problem and is experiencing difficulty financing the needed care.

Several years ago Unity Lodge contacted Mr. Harley Brumbaugh the musical director of Bellevue Community College, who grew to manhood in the Snoqualmie area and was a graduate of Mt Si High School, to bring his musical show to the area which he did and proved to be an outstanding success and an affair that the people of the area look forward to with much pleasure, again the proceeds after expenses are put to good use in providing Life memberships and the balance for charity.

An indication of flexibility in recent years has become evident by the number of open installations, the appearance on occasion of members wives at the Home Coming and an occasional affair honoring Widows of deceased members. I am sure that the ladies felt the honor deeply as being the recipients of the relaxing of an age old tradition, which Masons cleaved to tenaciously, in the not so distant past.

The year of '1983' with Worshipful Brother Herman Schodde in the chair, he became aware that there were a number of delinquent posting lectures that were in need of being proved up on, so with the help of Worshipful Brother's Gordon Hearing, Alex Palola, Richard I. Trombley and Brother Fred Everett, he formed a team that properly coached and caused eight candidates to prove up and he added to our rolls.

The year of '1984' with Worshipful Master Elmer Smith, Master in the chair. The Lodge sponsored a Golf tournament and steak dinner, held at Si View Golf course for members and their friends which proved to be a success and is now looked forward to as an annual event.

The Home coming is the highlight of the year as always since its inception on Thanksgiving Eve '1914' the value to the members is demonstrated in its longevity and annual attendance.

Since the year '1912' to '1987' there have been sixty five Masters who have served Unity Lodge.

Ordinarily there would have been seventy five. but for various reasons eight of the Past Masters served two terms and they are as follows:

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| Charles H. Cooper | 1912 and 1913 |
| Robert W. Vinnedge | 1916 and 1917 |
| Seward S. Morris | 1919 and 1920 |
| Richard I. Trombley | 1952 and 1979 |
| Millard P. Folsom | 1946 and 1970 |
| G.Gordon Hearing | 1975 and 1982 |
| Kenneth D. Freese | 1978 and 1981 |
| Daniel E. Sater | 1960 and 1984 |

At this writing there are twenty eight still among the living.

The Glazier family with Brother W.W. Glazier, one of the founding fathers, son Brother Watt J. Glazier and his Grandsons Brothers John and William Glazier.

The Hearing family with Worshipful Brother Grover C. Hearing his son Worshipful Brother G. Gordon Hearing and Grandsons Kenneth and John Hearing.

The Trombley family with Worshipful Brother Richard I. Trombley son Brother Don B. Trombley and Grand son Don R. Trombley. Worshipful Brother Trombley informed us that his father was also a Mason though not of Unity Lodge, which made four generations of Masons in the family.

There are also numerous father and son duo's. There are families who don't fall under the three generation categories, one of these is the Sater family with Worshipful Brother Carl A. Sater and sons Worshipful Brothers Daniel and John Sater and their uncle Worshipful Brother Elmer G. Sater, who was a Master at Historical Lectures.

The number of members are many who have served notably in a variety of activities over this seventy five year span but none so long as Worshipful Brother Carl A. Sater who served Unity Lodge as Secretary for twenty seven years and a close runner up Worshipful Brother Alex Palola who has served as Treasurer for twenty two consecutive years.

It is most note worthy to mention that our lodge, small as it is has produced three members who have been appointed to the post of District Deputy. Very Worshipful Brother's Brent C. Saterbo, who heeded the call of the Supreme Architect before his term had expired. Worshipful Brother John Buchanan whose position caused him to retire and now Worshipful Brother Herman Schodde, and then as a further compliment to our lodge, Worshipful Brother Richard I. Trombley has been appointed by the Grand Master to the Grand Lodge Credentials committee, also to the Grand Lodge committees on Charities. Worshipful Brother Alferd D. Nicholas has been appointed as District Deputy by the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons.

In conclusion of the recording of the historical events of the twenty five years past our officers and members have not only served the lodge admirably but many have served their community in service oriented activities such as, Mayor for sixteen years (Oscar Miller), Council members, Volunteer Fire Department, E.M.T. Teams and others to numerous to mention.

In a conversation with Very Worshipful Brother Herman Schodde, he appraised me of a motto uttered by the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Free and Accepted Masons of Washington, at the Grand Lodge communication '1985' in his annual message to the brethren at large, 'to stay alive and well in these changing times, we must relax our philosophy that adheres to strict privacy in all our affairs and adapt ourselves to a more flexible approach which he dubbed, V.I.P. Visibility, Involvement and Participation.

I am sure there are those among us who still cleave to the scriptural principals, "Pray not in the Synagogues that ye may be heard of men or make your achievements and philanthropies known, Verily, I say unto you, you have your reward."

However, had the early principals of philosophy kept their achievements secret, how would future generations know of the good that ensued, every good deed or miracle that was performed by Christ was visible how else would anyone have known of his divine nature? His teachings and that of Moses, Abraham and others were scattered by the four winds that they may be scrutinized and sampled by the multitudes so that they may bask in the joy of living emanating from a life dedicated to love, sharing and service.

Involvement is that quality of life that sets us apart as creatures who care enough to sacrifice our time and patience to insure that life may be enjoyed in it's more abundant form. To be involved in the affairs of our government whether as an observer or as an active participant as a safe guard against apathy is a worthy pursuit, apathy on the part of the constituency is any governments number one enemy. For this has been the culprit that has caused the downfall of numerous advanced societies. Never fear to stand

up to be counted, how else can we practice the pure principals of our beloved fraternity? Involvement and participation are synonymous in so far as our duties to "God", our Country and our fellowmen, let us then demonstrate as did the founding 'fathers' of our beloved country, most all Masons, who formed our constitution and put their personal safety and fortunes in jeopardy to guarantee, that we will be a free people.

Participation in our free elections is a means by which the constituency may be assured that it will not be necessary to have armed guards at the voting polls. Let the inhabitants of the world know that Free Masonry stands strong against any threat to our freedoms, and then demonstrate our good intentions by the adoption of our Most Worshipful Grand Masters motto and be visible in our actions, involved in all facets of human endeavor, where so ever dispersed and participatory in it's deportment.

You will note I am sure that I have mentioned but a few names in this historical review mainly because organizations are made up of leaders and followers which all together formulate a team one relies on the other to accomplish any task however great or small. So to complement the leaders with out recognizing the efforts of the followers would not be in our standards, a fair evaluation and to strive for honorable mention for each contribution would be an impossible task.

I have noted in the past twenty five years our lodges are becoming more visible in their efforts to elevate mankinds lot and I am sure that if some of our efforts to accomplish the same, may become public knowledge that the Supreme Architect of the Universe in his infinite wisdom, won't mind.

Respectfully and Fraternally Submitted,

Worshipful Brother Oscar B. Miller

Public Ceremony

JUNE 8, 1988

75TH ANNIVERSARY

WELCOME

INVOCATION

FLAG CEREMONY

I WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME ALL OF YOU TO UNITY LODGE'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION. IT IS GREAT TO SEE SUCH A LARGE TURNOUT FOR THIS AUSPICIOUS OCCASION.

INFO- THE GAVEL IS FOR THE MASONS ONLY. THE GUESTS WILL BE ASKED TO RISE OR SIT AT THE APPROPRIATE TIMES.

INTROS- THE VISITIING MASTERS AT THEIR SEATS

APPOINTED GL OFFICERS IN THE EAST

ELECTED GL OFFICERS IN THE EAST

GRAND MASTER IN THE EAST

SD ESCORT MAXINE DOVENBERG AND DOROTHY BURNHAM TO EAST. EACH YEAR UNITY'S MASTER CHOOSES A CHARITY FOR HIS YEAR AND THIS YEAR I CHOSE "LIFELINE" AS UNITY'S MASTER'S CHARITY.

THE LODGE HAS VOTED TO SPONSOR ONE PERSON FOR ONE YEAR AND WITH PLEASURE I PRESENT TO YOU, ON BEHALF OF THE BRETHREN OF UNITY LODGE, THIS CHECK FOR \$192 FOR THAT SPONSORSHIP.

WOULD YOU PLEASE TELL THE AUDIENCE A LITTLE ABOUT "LIFELINE."

SD ESCORT WB GORDON HEARING TO EAST

IT IS MY PLEASURE TO INTRODUCE WB GORDON HEARING WHO I BELIEVE IS UNIQUELY QUALIFIED TO SPEAK TO YOU ABOUT THE 75 YEARS OF UNITY LODGE.

WB GH HAS SPENT HUNDREDS OF HOURS COMPILING MATERIAL, QUITE A BIT OF WHICH CAN BE FOUND BETWEEN THE COVERS OF THE LOOSELEAF BINDER WHICH IS

ON THE TABLE JUST INSIDE THE DINING ROOM. PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO LOOK IT OVER BEFORE YOU LEAVE TONIGHT

SD PLEASE ESCORT THE GRAND MASTER TO THE EAST.

IT GIVES ME MUCH PLEASURE...

DELIVER THE GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE.

BSW HAVE YOU ANYTHING TO ADD TO OUR CELEBRATION?

SJW HAVE YOU ANYTHING TO ADD TO OUR CELEBRATION?

WOULD ANYONE ELSE LIKE TO BE HEARD BEFORE WE CLOSE?

THANK YOU TO LADIES OF UNION CHARTER OES WHO PREPARED AND ARE PREPARED TO SERVE OUR FEAST.

AFTER WE CLOSE I WOULD LIKE THE ELECTED AND APPOINTED GL OFFICERS TO ASSEMBLE AT THE SECRETARIES DESK TO SIGN THE BACK OF THE CHARTER.

WOULD THE MEMBERS OF UNITY LODGE PLEASE STAY AND SIGN A ROSTER TO BE INCLUDED IN THE 75 YEAR HISTORY.

RETIRE THE FLAG

BENEDICTION

CLOSING CHARGE

Signatures

UNITY LODGE No. 198, F. & A. M.

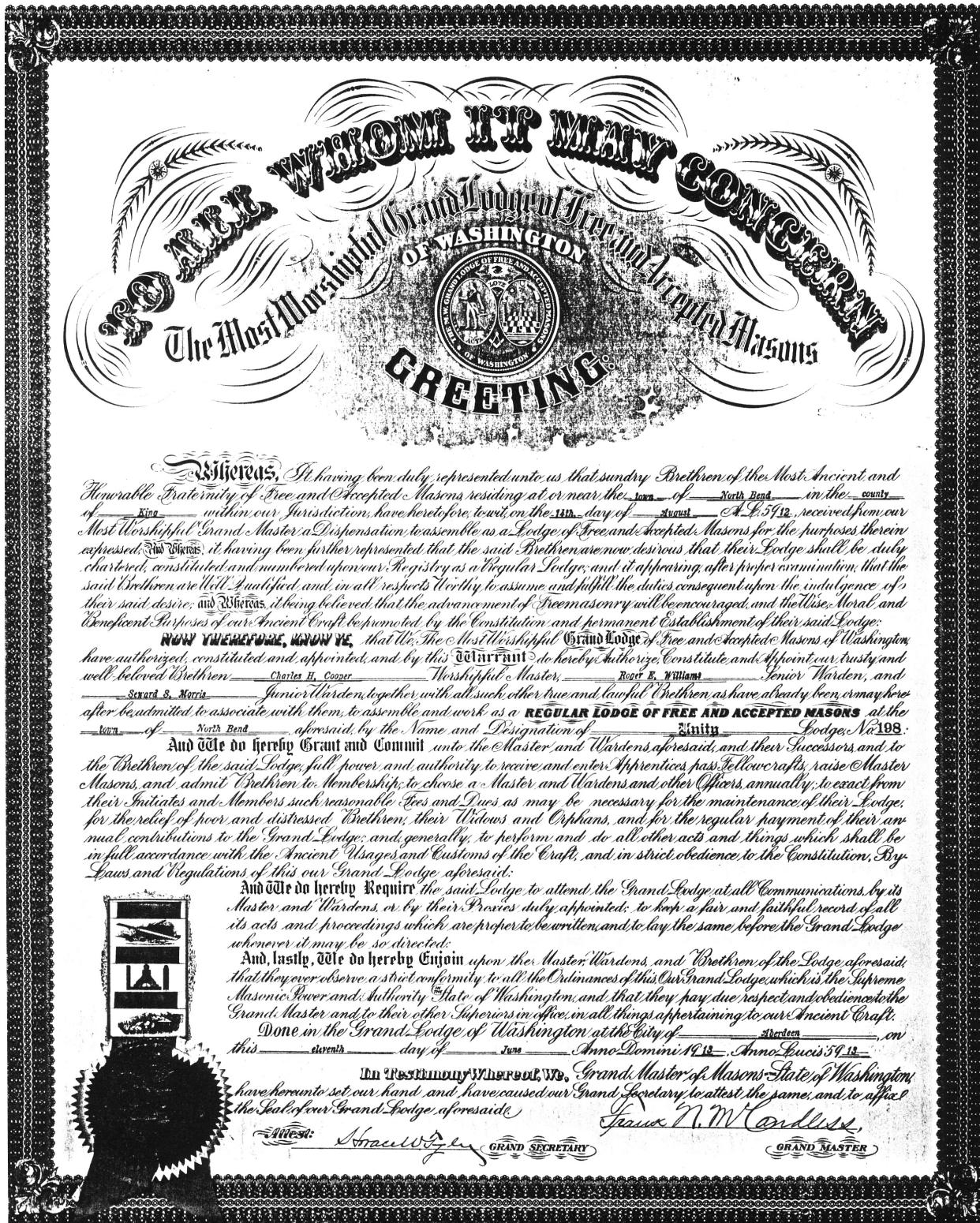


Stated Communications, First and Third Wednesdays of Each month, Except July and August.

NORTH BEND, WASHINGTON

Geo. P. Yerrie "Tony"
Roy V. Mahassari
John G. Cole
George Plute
Raymond E. Davis
Norman Parkinson
Alfred P. Nicholas
Les Pablo
Gordon Herring
Kenneth O'Grady
John D. Bean
Dan Sater
George Gabriezon
P. J. O'Connell
Robert Kachuk
Donald L. Connelly
Herman Schott
Cane H. Herring WM
J. W. Smith

Unity Lodge #198 Charter



50 Years

Early History - Addendum

Fifty Years of Masonry with Unity Lodge #198

Sunday, Jan. 21, 1912 was destined to become an eventful day in the history of North Bend and the upper Snoqualmie Valley, as it was on this day that our founding fathers:

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| Chas. H. Cooper | George B. Gregor |
| Seward S. Morris | Samuel D. Baldwin |
| Ward W. Glazier | Thomas S. Carlin |
| John E. Taylor | James G. Derby |
| Roger E. Williams | Robert W. Vinnedge |

Chose to meet at the "Milwaukee Depot" in North Bend for the purpose of a discourse concerning the possibility of the formation of a Masonic Lodge in North Bend. The reason not being one of discontent of their affiliation with Fall City Lodge No. 66, but because of the limited and time-consuming transportation facilities of the day which made, in most cases, Lodge attendance an arduous task involving most of the night in the process; therefore depriving upper valley members the benefits derived from regular attendance. Then too, there was the fact that the communities of the upper valley had grown to such proportions as to warrant the influence for good that an established Lodge of Masons could afford. So, with these pertinent facts in mind; with their eyes on the future; having little more than a prayer as collateral, yet with deep-abiding faith in their beloved Fraternity and their own Community, did petition Fall City Lodge #66 with 23 signers asking that it vouch for the petitioners and recommend that a Lodge be formed in North Bend. There were 20 charter members all of whom, but four, who demitted, have been called by the Supreme Architect to higher duty.

In order to facilitate the completion of a Building that had been started by the Eagles and abandoned before completion, twelve members namely:

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| Chas. H. Cooper | L. C. Mattall |
| R. T. Burke | S. S. Morris |
| R. W. Vinnedge | J. E. Taylor |
| W.W. Glazier | S. D. Baldwin |
| J. G. Darby | T. S. Carlin |
| R. E. Williams | E. D. Harris |

pledged themselves to contribute One Thousand Dollars to be used for the purchasing and completion of this Building. This was first to be a joint venture with the "I.O.O.F.", who later declined. However, undaunted by adversities, our founders pursued their goal, by presenting the "North Bend Timber Co.", then owners of the Building, One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) and a note for Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) to be given by the Lodge after its formation for a one-half (1/2) interest. The property was then to be mortgaged in the interest of securing funds for its completion. Within a short time such an arrangement was effected. The instrument set up to facilitate this arrangement was named, "The North Bend Construction Co." and said instrument, having been acted upon in good faith down through the years, has provided a dignified, comfortable and permanent home in which Unity Lodge #198 has spread the doctrine of the Fellowship of God through the Brotherhood of Man.

Worshipful Bro. Chas. Cooper being aware that "Clover Lodge" in Tacoma was disposing of its furniture was able to procure it for the new temple at a very nominal fee, Gracing the central portion of our Lodge room, around which all important masonic functions evolve, you will behold our altar, one of the original pieces.

Just prior to the Grand Lodge communication of the year "1912" our founders convened in the interest of selecting a name for the proposed Lodge, Out of this meeting "Unity" became the tool of our identity.

Out of the Grand Lodge session, the summer of the year "1912", came the decision that the petition for a Lodge of Masons at North Bend, namely, Unity Lodge, under dispensation be granted and was duly authorized by Most Worshipful Bro. Frank N. McCandless, Grandmaster of Masons of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of Washington, Aug. 12, 1912. However, due to the unfinished state of the Temple, it was impossible to hold a regular communication until the evening of Sept. 18, 1912. The officers serving "Unity Lodge under dispensation" at the first stated communication were:

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| Chas. H. Cooper, W.M. | Ward W. Glazier, Sec. |
| Roger E. Williams, S.W. | S. D. Baldwin, S. D. |
| Seward S. Morris, J.W. | John E. Taylor, J. D. |
| Robert H. Vinnedge, Treas. | Louis H. Vogl, Tyler |

The year of 1913 at Grand Lodge communication Bro. Seward S. Morris appeared before that body with an account of the stewardship and as a result of that report June 11, 1913, Most Worshipful Bro. Frank H. McCandless granted Unity Lodge under dispensation a charter and gave it a number. Thus Unity Lodge #198 was born.

To recall in full detail the minutes of each meeting down through the years would be a laborious task and serve no purpose. We propose, however, to acquaint you with the highlights of Unity Lodge history.

To date there have been 46 Masters, our current Master numbering 47. The roster shows, however, in those early years lack of membership made it necessary for Bro. Chas. H. Cooper to serve two terms, Robert H. Vinnedge two, and Seward S. Morris, three. This has not again been necessary since the year 1920.

There are thirty-five (35) living Past Masters, with none of the forty-six total having ever demitted, and each adding, in his own way, to the Lodge's growth and development. At this reading there have been three hundred seventy-three (373) poor blind candidates who have sought and received light in Unity Lodge,--Bro. James T. Bell being the first to receive the degrees. There are two sons of the original twenty who still live in the community and are members of Unity Lodge. They are: Watt Glazier, son of Ward W. Glazier; and Scoty Carlin, son of Thomas Stewart Carlin.

The year 1914, on the eve of "Thanksgiving Day", marks the beginning of a function to become known as Homecoming. It has become a tradition and while it has changed in its pattern from time to time, it has become no less effective and to this day is one of the outstanding functions of the year.

I believe we would be remiss in our Historical review not to mention the name of the Brother serving the longest number of years consecutively in office, and that honor goes to our Current Secretary, W.B. Carl A. Sater, who has served Unity Lodge in this capacity for twenty-one years.

At a special communication Nov. 28, 1931 a ceremony for the burning of the last note held on the lodge property was performed by W. B. Edward H. Kinker and Chas. Kelsko, approximately 18 years after the original indebtedness was incurred. W.B. Neil D. Jarrett was the presiding Master that year.

The year 1958 with W.B. W. W. Francis in the chair, marks another highlight in the History of the Lodge, for it was in this year the decision was reached, that, if our building was to serve as a proper place for Masons to meet and for the purpose of preserving the downstairs rental, a complete refurbishing of the existing facilities was in order. Then began the enormous task of working out the details of financing and carrying out the work to be done. I would be at a complete loss to endeavor setting forth a list of important contributions to this undertaking. As there were so many who figure in to the sum total as we see it today, Masons, Wives of Masons, Ladies of the Eastern Star, Attorney of other Lodges, a number of cash contributions, who can say which was most important. I am sure Wor. Bro. Francis will agree that it took many hands, much tolerance and cooperation of all who contributed to this venture. However, like the early struggles of this Lodge, the task was completed in true Masonic tradition, and

we are now enjoying the fruits of our labors in a fitting and dignified setting, bearing out the principle that good works are inevitably rewarded with a liberal Harvest.

There is one exception, however, that should be made in the decision not to mention names in this venture and that one of course is Bro. Harold Crouch, who asked only to hear the ritualistic work of the lodge and bask in the wisdom of it. He never aspired to the chairs; cheerfully done what he was asked; meticulously lived out the principles of Freemasonry, and when he was called to higher duties in the realm of the Supreme Architect, he remembered Unity Lodge with a comfortable legacy, without which the refurbishing of our facilities would have been impossible. We owe much to this man of quiet dignity who gave as much in death as in Life.

The year 1959 our Lodge was honored by the appointment of Very Wor. Bro. Bernt C. Saterbo to the position of Dist. Deputy to the Most Wor. Grandmaster of the Most Wor. Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Washington. Though the appointment came in the twilight years of his life, hampered by a grave illness rendering him far less capable of performing the duties of office than he once was, yet those of us who were close to him in this last year caught glimpses of enormous mental and moral fibre that only rising above a severe physical impairment would bring out, bequeathing us with a monumental lesson in strength, courage, and understanding that shall be long remembered and drawn heavily upon, from time to time, until we too shall answer the clarion call.

It has been noted down through the years of the growth and development of our members by the good influence they have exerted in our communities which are manifested in their services to the churches, city Councils, Volunteer Fire Depts., Schools; in fact anywhere a worthy cause is being consummated, Masons will be found in the very midst.

It almost goes without saying that the principal theme through these fifty years of Masonry, may be summed up by one word - "Service" - Service to God through our Country, and our fellowmen. So, in the interest of this service, I should like to dedicate this poem to all the people who made this Lodge possible, and have carried the message, by precept and example of its character building qualities down through the years.

In the words, then, of Elizabeth Barrett Browning:

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The sweetest lives are those to duty wed

Whose deeds both great or small are close-knit strands of an unbroken thread

Where Love ennobles all.

The world may sound no trumpets, ring no bells.

The book of Life the slurring record tells.

Thy love shall chant its own beatitudes after its own working

A child's kiss set upon thy lips shall make thee glad.

A poor man served by thee shall make thee rich.

A sick man served by thee shall make thee strong.

Thou shalt be served thyself, in every sense

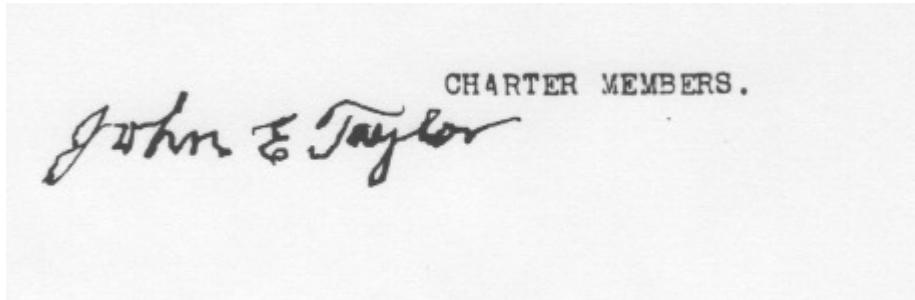
By the services which thou renderest.

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Written & Presented by W.B. Oscar B.

Miller, Nov, 1962

Signatures: Charter Members



Signatures: Master Masons

MASTER MASONs

I.W. Shaeffer
 G.P. Hall
 W.W. Crouch
 F.D. Farmar
 Evans Johnson
 Thompson
 J.L. Parker
 J.S. Dobson
 Robert P. Crowley
 Riley Krogh
 Roger E. Williams
 Edward A. Kess
 Isa J. Smith
 C.J. Hallman
 W.M. Cheney
 H.K. Allman
 E.C. Sampath

John S. Mattos
Joe Bertrand
 T.B. Dugay
 Roy Eide
 J.A. Grizzell
 Al Stohltz
 Walter H. Smith
 M.L. Shepard
 Linie M. Nye
 G.H. Harding
 Donald E. Harding
Wes Ouellette
 Watt J. Glazier
 Frank N. McCandless -
 C.W. Gillespie
 W.M. A. Drueke
 J. Gray
 Robert E. Nye

MASTER MASON

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| Chas Shaldorf | Owen Carter |
| J Queen | J V. Martin |
| Earl C Hoffstrom | A. Swenson |
| A.E. McElhinney | T. H. Brooks |
| J S Carter | Arthur Beall |
| D. Johnson | David M. Fisher |
| Carl Arthur Benson | J. B. Shelton |
| John William Best | George K. Whipple |
| Louis Albert Wade | Walter C. Phelps |
| Ethan Nelson Wade | John Heiloff |
| Geo. L. Gaines | J. H. E. Nichols |
| CRM aster | W A Lockhart |
| WM. Kelso | James Potts |
| A. O. Wagner. | J. S. Carter |
| K. L. Underwood | R. B. Wenzell |
| John Lindberg | James G. Dry |
| Alfred J. Church | Red Kennedy |
| Wm. Forsberg | J. H. Larson |
| A. M. F. | Earl Bochell |
| Glenn O Thompson. | Wm. Scott |
| Carl A. Sater | J. C. Heaney |
| W. Garrett | |

25 Years

Early History

A RECORD OF EVENTS SURROUNDING UNITY LODGE F.A.A.M. OF NORTH BEND PRIOR TO THE FIRST
REGULAR COMMUNICATION

FOREWORD

The axiom, 'All things have a beginning' is exemplified as an unquestionable verity in the following revelation of facts concerning the existence of Unity Lodge F.A.A.M. of North Bend Wash. It is thought to be more fitting and proper that a record of the lodge, beginning so to speak, be inscribed to serve as an authentic attestation of events transpiring in the interim between the birth of the idea and the first official record of the lodge. To posterity and future generations, this statement is reverently dedicated.

Genesis

Little did they think, those few good Masons who gathered together in the depot of the C.H.& St. P. Ry. Co., at North Bend, on Sunday the 21st day of January, 1912, that they were indeed making history; that they were, then planting the seed which was to spring into life and grow to a glorious fruition. The following were present:

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| Brothers | Charles Cooper | Geo. B. Gregor |
| | W. W. Glazier | S. D. Baldwin |
| | S. S. Morris | J. S. Carlin |
| | J. E. Taylor | J. G. Derby |
| | R. E. Williams | R. W. Vinnedge |

Brother S. D. Baldwin was elected temporary chairman, and brother W. W. Glazier temporary Secretary. It was recounted that the meeting had been called for the purpose of discussing the practicability or desirability of forming a lodge of Masons at North Bend; that there being none existing there at the time, it became necessary for those who availed themselves of lodge privileges to travel many miles to Fall City; that such travel being extremely arduous, it naturally followed that few received the benefits of lodge work which all present desired.

A petition to Fall City Lodge #66, asking that it vouch for the petitioners and recommend that formation of a lodge at North Bend which had been circulated previously, at this time bore 25 names, and

demonstrated the fact that the 15 petitioners necessary for the issuance of a dispensation, were available. Following is an exact copy of the petition:

We the undersigned Master Masons, in good standing in our respective lodges, being desirous of organizing a lodge near our homes where it will be possible for us to affiliate at all times, do ask that Fall City Lodge #66 vouch for the petitioners and recommend the organization of a lodge at North Bend.

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| R.T.Burke | | #66 Fall City |
| James G.Derby | Genesee Lodge | #174 Flint, Mich. |
| Seward S.Morris | Lockport | #538 Lockport, Ill. |
| T.S.Car1in | | #66 Fall City |
| S.D.Baldwin | | #66 Fall City |
| Geo.B.Gregor | | #66 Fall City |
| Roger E.Williams | | #66 Fall City |
| Louis H.Vogl | | #66 Fall City |
| W.W.Glazier | Crystal | #122 Marysville,Wn. |
| E.D.Harris | Gate City | #522 Kansas City |
| Harry W.Aldrich | Holden | #81 Balfour, N.D. |
| R.W.Vinnedge | | #66 Fall City |
| E.A.Kress | | #66 Fall City |
| T.R.Hill | Doric | #92 Seattle |
| James Potts | Green Lake | #149 Seattle |
| T.S.Weyer | George Washington | #62 |
| C.R.Gordon | Bethshan | # Churdan, Iowa |
| E.C.Reinig | | #66 Fall City |
| F.D.Harman | University | #141 Seattle |
| Geo.H.Clark | Staples, Minn. | #207 Crescent |
| Robert E.Nye | | #66 Fall City |
| John E.Taylor | Port Angeles | #69 Port Angeles, Wn |
| Chas.H.Cooper | | #66 Fall City |

The secretary was therefore instructed to communicate with M.W. brother C.D. Atkins, requesting him to meet the petitioners in North Bend at an early date and advise with them relative to the formation of a lodge. Realizing the prime requisit of such an organization to be an efficient complement of officers, a motion carried to elect temporary officers to act until the first regular election of officers, after the issuance of a charter by the Grand Lodge. Upon nomination, the following names were proposed for respective offices:

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| Brother | Charles Cooper | Worshipful Master |
| | Roger E. Williams | Senior Warden |
| | S.S. Morris | Junior Warden |
| | W.W. Glazier | Secretary |
| | R.W. Vinnedge | Treasurer |
| | S.D. Baldwin | Senior Deacon |
| | J.E. Taylor | Junior Deacon |

All nominations were carried.

On account of poor lodge room facilities in North Bend, it was decided after considerable discussion to appoint a committee to look into the feasibility of constructing a hall building, also to determine the financial requirement of such an undertaking. The committee appointed was as follows: Brothers Charles Cooper, W.W. Glazier, and R.W. Vinnedge. On motion made and carried, the meeting adjourned to convene on Feb. 4th, two weeks hence.

On Sunday, Feb. 4th, the same brothers attended as before, and in addition brothers L.H. Vogl and E.C. Renig, The secretary advised that brother Atkins would visit North Bend at an early date. The building and finance committee reported a tentative plan for completing the concrete structure begun some time previous by the Eagles Lodge of North Bend. A plan was proposed whereby the Odd Fellows Lodge was to be invited to join us in an undertaking which had for its object the completion of this building, each lodge to share equally in the undertaking. After considerable discussion, it became apparent that a personal sacrifice on the parts of the individual members was necessary in order to finance the project, and accordingly, the following members pledged themselves to contribute the sum of \$1,000.00 to be used for this purpose:

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| Brothers | Charles Cooper | R.E. Williams |
| | L.H. Vogl | L.C. Mattall |
| | W.W. Glazier | S.S. Morris |

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| R.T.Burke | T.S.Carlin |
| R.W.Vinnedge | E.D.Harris |
| J.G.Derby | |

The meeting then adjourned.

The next meeting of the petitioners was held in the North Bend school house on January 21, 1912, which was the occasion of the visit of brother Atkins to North Bend. He counseled with us as to the essential qualifications which go to make up a healthy and prosperous lodge and informed us along general lines with reference to formation, costs, method etc., and after a more complete survey on the following day of the country adjacent to North Bend, he informed us that he would recommend to the Grand Lodge at the coming meeting in June that a dispensation be issued for the operation of our lodge.

Realizing the necessity of perfecting the lodge work preparatory to holding the first regular communication, it was decided that from that time forward, the meetings should be devoted to the work of the three degrees.

The finance committee had from time to time reported slow progress with the work of perfecting feasible plans for the building. After considerable deliberation of the project proposed by the Masons, the Odd Fellows declined to cooperate in the joint building plan. However, the \$1,000.00 having been pledged by the individual members, it was thought best to still further endeavor to bring about the desired result by presenting to the North Bend Lumber Company, then owners of the Eagles Hall property, a proposition looking to the purchase of one-half interest in the property, by the payment of the \$1,000.00 which had been subscribed, and a note of \$200.00 to be given by the lodge after its formation. The property then to be mortgaged to secure funds necessary to complete it. Such arrangements were therefore affected, and so it came to pass that out of the mist of uncertainty and disappointment, there gleamed a silver beam of hope; a tangible entity which formed the nucleus for the ultimate achievement of that end which we all had so steadfastly sought; namely, a home of which we all might be proud and one which would stand as an abiding monument to masonry and our lodge in particular.

Realizing the financial obligations which would be forthcoming the application for a charter and the purchase of lodge paraphernalia and fixtures, it was unanimously decided that each petitioner advance an amount equal to 4 years dues, which would finance the lodge in its infancy.

About this time we received notice from Clover Lodge in Tacoma, of their desire to dispose of their lodge furniture and that an attractive price might be secured; whereupon brother Charles Cooper kindly

volunteered and was delegated to ascertain if the property were desirable and if so, to effect a purchase. Brother Cooper later reported an attractive offer had been made both as to price and terms, and that he accepted same tentatively. The purchase was immediately consummated, and has proven a fortunate one indeed. Brother W.W.Glazier volunteered to undertake the task of packing and shipping these goods from Tacoma, and devoted two days of his valuable time to its performance.

As the date on which the Grand Lodge was to meet was then approaching, it became necessary to select a suitable name for the lodge, and it was therefore decided that suggestions would be in order, after which ballot should be taken. After such procedure the name 'Unity' was chosen.

Notwithstanding the trials and vicissitudes which had thus far beset our pathway in our pursuit of our goal, we were still to be called upon by the Almighty to offer up a sacrifice to his omnipotence, for the Grim Reaper suddenly called from our midst our honored and respected brother, E.C.Reinig, stricken down in the performance of duty on 1912. To properly and fully attest our brotherly love and affection and the esteem in which our departed brother was held by all, we attended the funeral in a body as individuals and sent a suitable floral offering.

We received about this time a very welcome visit from brother James H. Begg, Custodian of the 'work' who favored us with an edifying Exhortation on the subject of harmony, and bade us ever keep this essential requisite before us in our lodge work.

Thus have the events representing the early struggles of Unity Lodge been chronicled, and this narration completes the chain of events preceding our first official record which appears on the first page of the Minute book.

Written and
Presented by
OSCAR MILLER
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