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“Real integrity is doing the right thing, knowing that nobody’s going to know whether you did it or not.” Reader’s Digest February 2002

Thanks, Ed.



Coffee Stops that I know about. Are there others?

- 1. 1/23-25/2010 Mt Moriah – Scatter Creek
- 2. 4/12-15/2010 Canal Ct. – Elma
- 3. 6/14-17/2010 Canal Ct. – Elma
- 4. 7/2-5/2010 Canal Ct. – Elma

- 5. 9/3-7/2010 Canal Ct. – Elma
- 6. 10/16-18/2010 UCMTC – Maytown
- 7. 11/06-08/2010 UCMTC - Maytown

This list is always subject to update/correction/addition. If you find any errors, please advise the Editor.



If I miss someone who should be listed in Memoriam, please advise me by e-mail, or letter to your secretary, and include the obituary. Secretaries, please advise the editor.

IN MEMORIAM





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Chartered November 29, 1864

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2010 Meetings are:

January 27; February 24; March 24; April 28;
 May 26; June 23; July 21; August 18;
 September 22, Past Masters & Widows Night.;
 October 20; November 17, Election of Officers;
 December 11, Installation of Officers –2PM;
 December 15, New Officers First Meeting.



GREETINGS FROM THE EAST:

My Mt. Moriah Brothers,

We had a great 146th installation of Officers for the year of 2010. Again I would like to thank all the brothers who came and showed their support. Also a special thanks goes out to all the Past Masters who were able to fill in the chairs and help with the Installation. It was nice to see you all in attendance. I would also like to thank the ladies of Amaranth for their help with decorations and supplying salads for the dinner. Thank you Brothers, from Union City Lodge #27, who helped with the clean up.

As any leader would tell you, he is only as good as the team that helps him. I will tell you we have a great team and will see good things to come in the future. Our first meeting was December 30th. All the Officers did a fine job. We are going to practice our floor work and get technically better. As a team, I take input from everyone. Therefore, we made a change to some floor work to get the SS and JS more involved. If you did not see it, you might want to be at our next meeting on January 27th, 2010. It is a really nice addition to what we do and I hope it becomes a custom in the future. Also on that night, VWB Tom Dangelo will be installing our four brothers who missed the Installation. We have a 1st Degree practice on January 6th at 7pm. That same night the Officers will also practice their floor work. Then on January 13th, at 7PM, Mr. Tim Allen will

become our newest Entered Apprentice. I hope to see a lot of Brothers there in support of our newest Brother.

Finally Brethren, we have a lot of work to do this year. With only 1 scheduled coffee stop, we will need to get creative and figure out new ways to generate funds to support the Lodge and our charities. If you have any ideas, please feel free to contact me. We are looking at selling ice-cream at different venues than we have in the past. VWB Bob Shaw could use some help getting information from the different fairs and city functions. There will be more information to come on this subject.

“GOAL SETTING ONLY WORKS FOR THOSE WHO HAVE COURAGE, DETERMINATION, PERSEVERANCE, DESIRE, AND DISCIPLINE TO MAKE THEIR GOALS A REALITY”

Thank you again Brothers for your support,
 Happy New Year.

WM Mike Gettle,
 Mt Moriah #11



SPECIAL NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

There are four (4) addresses in this newsletter. The first is the address the editor uses for bulk mail. The other 3 are for the Masonic Bodies serviced by this newsletter. To communicate with them, please use their address.

Ed.



Union City Lodge #27, F&AM

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Meetings are on the 2nd Thursday in the month except 1st Thursday in June.

GREETINGS FROM THE EAST:

How quickly the days pass on that level of time from whence no traveler returns!

This is our second “New Year”. Our first, this Masonic year for Union City Lodge, is half over, and we have much still to accomplish.

On the “Community Involvement Front,” our highest priority at present is Bikes – 4 – Books. Bro. Tim Wiseman is heading-up that project and working closely with the contact person at Hood Canal School. I am told that they are extremely grateful for our Project, and can incorporate into their incentive efforts all the bikes that we can provide them.

There are at least two current reading projects, or programs, in operation as we speak. Perhaps we can find our way to provide for three boys and three girls in each of these two programs at our January Stated meeting. We may also wish to give latitude to Bro. Tim to tailor the purchase of the bikes to the individual characteristics of the winners. By this I intend that we ameliorate problems of size of person vs. size of bikes and headgear.

I have been approached regarding many preschool children in the Hoodspout area and the Skokomish Reservation area that have inadequate footwear to protect them from the elements. We have Masonic families involved in this endeavor that have a finger on the pulse, and will guide us properly in this effort. Remember, “These generous principles extend further, for every human being has a claim upon [our] kind offices.” Let us pull together to bring relief to these distressed children and their families.

May brotherly love prevail, and every moral and social virtue cement us.

Stand tall, be proud, and look well to the East.

W. M. Dick



From the West looking East:

Happy and Prosperous New Year my Brothers and Sisters. We ready a new beginning and reflect on what is in the past. It is exciting to be in this chair, ready to serve you and our Lodge. I am making plans for next year, as we move forward together. Union City, Mount Moriah, the Order of the Amaranth, and the Order of Eastern Star must work together to thrive in concord in our Masonic Temple. We are Brother and Sisters working together for a common cause, to be better people.

The Coffee Stops are always listed on the first page of this Trestleboard, and we all need your help if

you are able. The fate of Oysterfest is not confirmed yet, but we worked well together last year and made a great profit. Hopefully Oysterfest will endure. Union City will be selling fireworks July 1st – 4th this year and we will need your help. We did well last year and want to do better this year. Please “Save the Dates”

It is also a time for atonement and retrospection, in this thought I realized that to break the word “atonement” down it transformed this elemental thought to “at one ment” or “at one with” inferring “at one with God”. So I broke out my dictionary and it said: “agreement; concord; reconciliation after controversy”. Let us All move forward in Peace Harmony for the New Year.

The Roster of Lodge Officers and concordant bodies for District 3 and 12 will arrive before our February Lodge meeting, possibly our Thursday January 14th Stated Communication. These Rosters will be available to our active members. Please come to Lodge. We miss you Brother, and your Lady.

There is a strong contingent of traveling brothers from our Lodge You cannot open a Tyler’s book in any Lodge in our districts without seeing Union City represented. Join us as we visit other Lodges, gaining knowledge and sharing brotherly love. Give me a call at 427-1999, as we are traveling about twenty nights a month. I am sure one of these dates will fit your calendar. We carpool from my house (402 West G St., Shelton) and other locations. Friday, February 5th, is “Fill the Lodge Night” at Port Orchard Lodge #98, less than an hour away! See you all soon. I’m off to Lodge.

Fraternally: Fred



Door Handle Loose in your Hand?

To all those who have a key to the Lodge Hall in Valley Junction, Greetings. Many of us have had the experience of opening the front door of the Lodge only to find we have pieces in both hands. The following instructions will prevent this from happening. To open the Lodge, first unlock the deadbolt. Then insert the key into the door handle and **do not touch the handle with your hand.** Turn the key 90 degrees, pulling slightly, **without touching the handle.** When the door opens, return the key to the neutral position and remove key. You have opened the door, but it is still locked. On the inside of

the door, turn the button so that the ridge is vertical and then operate this inside handle so that the button pops out. The door is then unlocked. *Ed.*



Note: There was a deadline for this newsletter. Things happened and I wasn't able to get it out as soon as I wanted to. Do you want this job? *Ed.*



From The Temple Board:

Another year has come to pass and we have a new Board member. We welcome Bro. Brian Bigelow, who has been elected by the Lodge to serve for {2} years. We thank Bro. Rick Anderson for his service this past term. Election of Officers was in Dec. and they are as follows; Chairman: Bro. Jerry Watters, Vice Chairman: Bro. Skip Hash, Sec-Treasure: Bro. Mike Gettle. It has been a great year. We got a lot done this year and hope to do more next year. We extend to all of you an invitation to attend our meetings. We meet on the last Monday of every month at 7PM at the Lodge. We wish all a very Happy New Year.

Fraternally

WB Jerry Watters, chairman
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Happy New Year members of Canal Court. Hope you all had an especially good Christmas. Speaking of Holidays, our first annual Thanksgiving dinner was a real success. When I started planning I thought we would be lucky if a dozen people came. Well, let me tell you, that dozen turned into nearly sixty. Everyone seemed to have a good time and asked if we were going to do it again next year. To answer that, YES we are doing it again. At our December 14 meeting it was moved, seconded and

carried that we make this a true annual affair. Plan on next Thanksgiving. More details will come later.

As you know Canal Court is "dark" January and February, but we always have a gathering sometime during those months. This year it will be a "no host" dinner at Royal Shanghai Restaurant in Shelton. Date is Saturday February 20th at 4:30pm. Yes, that is where we went last year. PLEASE call Dorothy Crick, 360-426-0285 if you plan to go. They do like to know how many are coming so they can plan accordingly.

Grand Officers for next year from our Court were announced. They are Allan Crick, Gr. Rep to Virginia; Dorothy Crick Gr. Rep to New Mexico; Vera Pollow, Gr. Rep. to Maine; Karin Lawson and Virginia Anicker, Assistant Gr. Lecturers.

We had a Card shower for Vera Pollow who celebrated her 99th birthday on December 8th. Here's to many more, Vera.

Another petition was read and we will be doing Initiation probably in April. If we keep it up we should be pretty good at it one of these days.

At Grand Court this year there will be a "Purse/Shoe" raffle. Instead of making up a basket the items are put in, or around, a shoe (shoes) or purse which become part of the whole. It will be interesting to see how many ways they can be used. Canal Court voted to make up one. We might even do more if someone comes up with ideas to use.

Hope to see you on February 20th at dinner. Take care, and stay healthy.

H.L. Dorothy Crick Royal Matron
S.K. Jerry Watters Royal Patron



From the Editor,

To keep the editor happy, please get your articles in before the deadline. NOTE THIS CHANGE: The DEADLINE is the THIRD MONDAY of each even numbered month. If I don't send them back to you via email, I haven't received them, so send them again.

This job is always open to anyone who wishes to take it over. The Editor serves at the pleasure of the Master of Mount Moriah Lodge No. 11, F. & A. M. That means, whenever he would like to make a change, it is his pleasure to make the change. Each Master must appoint the Editor.

If you would like to see something in this newsletter of a general Masonic nature, let the Editor know. If you want something particular to one of the organizations subscribing, contact that presiding officer.

Please note that the Editor has listed 2 email addresses to use for the newsletter. Please use both:

oyster7@hctc.com, & **skokmason@yahoo.com**,

Subject line: Trestleboard. Send to both e-mail addresses. Note that anything sent to **skokmason@yahoo.com** will go into the newsletter.

Ed.

