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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. 11/06-08/2010 UCMTTC – Maytown
2. 11/05-07/2011 Welcome Ch – Maytown
3. 12/03-05/2011 Welcome Ch – Maytown
4. 5/05-07/2012 Mt. Moriah – Maytown
5. 6/02-04/2012 Union City – Maytown
6. 8/04-06/2012 Union City - Maytown

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

“There’s a mighty big difference between good sound reasons and reasons that sound good”

Unknown



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

Jerry Watters, 15 October 2010



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2010 Meetings are:

- November 17, Election of Officers;
- December 11, Installation of Officers –2PM;
- December 15, New Officers First Meeting.



GREETINGS FROM THE EAST:

Brethren,

If you already did not know, WB Jerry Watters passed away. His Masonic Funeral went off without a hitch. He was well represented by his family, friends, and Masonic Brothers. He was well respected by many. He was a pillar of strength in Masonry. He was an example of which we should all live by in our walk in life. He had the biggest heart of anyone I know and would give the shirt off his back for anyone who needed help. His Cable Tow was long and vast. He enjoyed helping others in their walk in Masonry. Jerry was a mentor to us all. Brothers, he would not want us to be sad for long but remember all the good times we had. The many cups of coffee we drank together talking, fishing, Bar-B-Quing, and fellowshiping at Lodge together. Jerry was my friend, my brother, my father figure, and my mentor. You will be missed brother but you are in a better place. I know somewhere you are drinking a cup of coffee, fishing on the most beautiful water

somewhere with a big smile on your face. That's how I choose to remember you.

The month of November, brothers, we elect our new officers for the upcoming year. We all need to be present and vote as this is one of the most important things we do as Masons. This is also a way of showing our new officers our support for them during the next year. They have proven themselves worthy as they ran the Lodge on Step-Up-Night and did a great job.

Thank you, brothers, for your support this year. It has been a quick year. It has been a humbling year. Just when you think you know it, you learn more. Masonry is a progressive science. I will always be learning and growing.

Sincerely,
WB Mike Gettle



Greetings from the West:

I want to thank all of the brothers who assisted and attended the memorial service for WB Jerry Watters on 10/23/10. It was a very solemn day for everyone. We truly lost a very important member of Masonry. I am writing this thinking of how he impacted my life in Masonry. Where I am in Masonry today, I owe to WB Jerry. He will not be here physically to see me as Master, but I know that his spirit will be with me during my year as Master and throughout the rest of my Masonic life.

Just a reminder to the brothers that we will be conferring a First Degree on 11/04/10 at 7:00 P.M. at the Lodge. I hope to see as many brothers as possible for the Degree.

Brother Brian Bigelow
Senior Warden
Mt. Moriah Lodge #11

Greetings from the South:

This month has been a very busy and traumatic month for us at Mt. Moriah. We have had many fundraisers in the form of highway coffee stops and the infamous Oysterfest

We need the fundraisers to keep the Lodge afloat and do the philanthropic things that we do, but we need more help from all members of the various bodies. It seems that the same people step up to the plate when the call for help is given, but the fundraisers help us all.

The Oct. 20th meeting was Step-Up-Night and it was not a surprise that our Senior Warden, Brian Bigelow, stepped up to the East and did a terrific job. The new officers are ready and eager to assume their new duties after the Dec. 11 Installation. The meal was cooked and served by the Job's Daughters of Bethel 43 with the help of their Guardian, Peggy Rendt, and Associate Guardian, Wayne Souza. They put on a great spaghetti dinner for Mt. Moriah members and guests. The Lodge really appreciated the meal. It was a fundraiser for the Bethel and we hope to do it again.

It was reported that we are closer to the purchase of an AED device, or defibrillator, which will be kept in the hall in case of heart emergencies. All donations will be gratefully received. Please see WB Allan Crick, who will gladly accept any amount that you can give. We feel this item is essential and can make the difference between life and death.

Now on a sad note: As you all probably know by now, we lost a great friend of this Lodge and a Mason's Mason. WB Jerry Watters passed away this past week. It is going to be a long time before I forget his booming voice and knowledgeable presence in Lodge. Masons who never had the opportunity to witness WB Jerry's Degree work can never understand this comment. I had the good fortune of receiving all my Degrees from him and will never forget the third degree and the impression he made. WB Jerry was a friend to all of us. To me he was much more, for as I did my Lodge work he would give a kind word or a look of approval, but at many times disapproval for my struggling ways. He always tried to help and always gave a kind word of encouragement. I for one have a deep sense of loss. He was this way with all of us. He was the backbone of this Lodge and the source of knowledge and help that we all called on so many, many times.

Bro. James Clark
Junior Warden
Mt. Moriah



Good works are seeds that, after sowing, return to us a continual harvest; and the memory of noble actions is more enduring than monuments of marble.

Albert Pike 33°



SPECIAL NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

There are five (5) addresses in this newsletter. The first is the address the editor uses for bulk mail. The other 4 are for the Masonic Bodies serviced by this newsletter. To communicate with them, please use their address. *Ed.*



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

GREETINGS FROM THE EAST:

Brethren,

I am writing this in the dark of a crisp autumn morning at the Elma Coffee Stop, our home away from home. As I reflect on last night's Lodge meeting at Mt. Moriah and the Memorial for WB Jerry Watters. I am filled with warmth and love for our brothers. Jerry stood as one who could "best work",

and should be emulated as a man and a Mason. Our thoughts and devotion to Deity are focused on Shelly and his family.

Union City Lodge is Initiating a new Entered Apprentice into the Craft on Thursday, October 28, 2010 at 7 PM. Please come out and welcome Rodney James Thurman Jr. as our youngest Entered Apprentice.

Our Stated Communication is November 11th, Veterans Day. We will recognize the Veterans attending Lodge.

In December, we are visiting Bremerton Lodge #117 on Friday, December 10th. We will be carpooling from my home located at 402 West G St. in Shelton. The trip takes just under an hour. We will leave at 5:30 PM. Dinner is served at around 6:30 with meeting at 7:30. Please join us and the rest of the traveling brothers of Districts 3 & 12, as we enjoy the hospitality of our Bremerton Brothers, and continue our "Mystic Tie" with District 12.

Fraternally,
Fred W. Corbett W.M.
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From The Temple Board:

By-laws are in place for an orderly transition to fill vacancies in the Temple Board. We mourn the loss of Brother Jerry Watters while we celebrate his time with us.

The Temple Board requests that all doors be closed and locked when locking up and departing, including the transition door. Please note the exterior door locks are a little stiff.

All deadbolts need to be unlocked whenever the building is occupied. As a reminder, our meetings are the **last Monday of every month at 7 PM**. Hope to see you at one.

Respectfully,
Bro. Skip Hash, Vice Chairman
Lodge Phone 360-877-5964



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Established July 20, 1957

Meetings are the 3rd Monday of each month except 2nd Monday in December, Dark January & February.

Potluck Dinner at 6 PM.

From The Throne:

We have had a busy summer and are in full swing for Fall. Oysterfest was another success. We thank HL Mary Lou Hughes and all who worked the booth or helped in any way to add to our Court funds.

Love is in the air. If you have not heard, our SK George Yoder and HL Lillian Hoover will be married at high noon in the Masonic Temple in Port Angeles on October 30. Friends are welcome to come and extend their best wishes to this delightful couple. We wish them many years of happiness.

The Court was saddened by the loss of our Junior Past Royal Patron, SK Jerry Watters. His quick smile, gentle ways and wonderful cooking will be sadly missed. We extend to his family our deepest sympathy as they deal with this tremendous loss in their lives. If you know a member who is celebrating or in need of cheer please call our Sunshine Chairman, Phyllis Smith.

Remember to save pennies for diabetes and bring them to the meetings. Some of our members help with the Bingo in Port Angeles and raise quite a bit of money for our philanthropic projects. They can always use donations of full sized candy bars, and gently used paperback books.

Our November meeting will be our Advance Night. Each line officer steps up to the next station and exemplifies Initiation. Anyone needing a petition, please see the line officers or Secretary, Virginia Anicker. The Court is providing Thanksgiving dinner again this year. Contact HL Dorothy Crick to let her know how many to cook for.

Mark your calendars for our December meeting. It is not the third Monday, but on the 13th. Potluck at 6:30 with the meeting beginning at 7:30. Wear your Christmas colors. Please bring some of your favorite Christmas treats to share for refreshments after the meeting.

Come to our Potlucks before the meeting starting at 6:30. We have some great cooks and it is fun to share fellowship with our members. The meetings start at 7:30. If you haven't been to Court for a while, we have missed you and would love to welcome you back.

H.L. Judy Mosier, Royal Matron
S.K. James Clark, Royal Patron



Welcome Chapter #40, O. E. S.
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Established June 15, 1895.

Meetings for the 2010-2011 year:

Nov. 27, Dec. 18 potluck @ 6PM, Jan 22, Feb. 19,
Mar. 19 potluck @ 6PM, Mar. 26 Installation 2PM.



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. *Ed.*



Washington Masonic Code, Sec. 19.14 B.L.

Secrecy of Ballot and Penalty for Violation. Except to announce in open Lodge that he has cast a negative ballot by mistake or misapprehension, any Brother who shall make known in any way the type of ballot cast by himself or by another, or shall make any comment whatsoever regarding the type or number of ballots cast on a petition for the Degrees or for Affiliation, shall be deemed guilty of a Masonic offense and on conviction shall be suspended or expelled.



Why Is A Master Addressed As “Worshipful”?

Taken from the February 1995 issue of the Scottish Rite Journal.

Few Masonic matters are less understood by the non-Masonic public than this. The word “worchyppe” or “worchyp” is Old English, and means “greatly respected.” In the Wycliffe Bible, “Honor thy father and thy mother” appears as, “Worchyp thy fadir and thy modir.” English and Canadian Mayors are still addressed as “Your Worship.” In some of the Old Constitutions of Masonry is the phrase, “Every Mason shall prefer his elder and put him to worship.” “Worshipful,” therefore, in modern Masonry, continues an ancient word meaning “Greatly respected.”

Ed.

