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Words from our Worshipful Master

Whenever Masons talk or get together informally these days, it seems that it isn't long before you hear, "I sure miss Lodge". I feel the same way and that got me started thinking about what I actually miss.

Sure, I miss the ritual, the lectures, lessons and ceremonies. Those are all integral parts of our fraternity, but they only provide a framework. The thing that I miss most is being physically with my brothers. My brothers are my Lodge. I miss a brotherly handshake, I miss the face to face conversations, I miss sharing a meal or a cup of coffee, I miss the warmth of personal interaction. Those things, shared between us, are what make our Lodge what it is.

I know that I hear from some, "But I have 200 Facebook friends!", or, "I have 300 Twitter followers!" and on and on. Most of those "friends" and "followers" are really just unknowns. You wouldn't recognize them if you were standing next to them in the checkout line at the grocery store. Those "associations" may be all well and good for some, but for me, none of that is Masonry. Our fraternity in general, and our Lodge in particular, draws its strength from the personal nature of our relationships.

Likewise, social media doesn't come close as a substitute for personal interaction. Staring at a computer screen or talking to an image on a smart phone can't begin to compare with real, honest, physical communication. Social media may be an acceptable stopgap measure for some until our Lodge reopens, but it should never be considered as a long term, permanent replacement. Maybe I'm just old fashioned and hide-bound, but that's who I am. It's Masonry as I've known it for over 50 years and it's the Masonry that I love.

You can, of course, agree or disagree, but regardless, pick up the phone and at least have a one-on-one conversation with a brother. Meet somewhere acceptable for a cup of coffee if you're comfortable doing that. Wander around Costco with a brother or do whatever you feel comfortable doing to maintain our personal connections. If you run into me around town, don't be surprised if you hear me say, "I sure miss Lodge". You'll know what I mean.

WM City John

Secretary — 'Country' John Browne, [contact info on page 4](#)



Whatcom Lodge 151 meets on the 1st (special) and 3rd (stated-business) Thursdays of each month.

Whatcom Lodge emphasizes Masonic heritage and ritual proficiency. We are proud to support our Masonic Youth organizations and encourage members to practice charity outside the lodge. It is our intention to promote individuals to build their own strong moral and spiritual temples.

Up-coming Events

Our District Deputy Hosts a number of Masonic ZOOM castes and lets' us know about Grand Lodge sponsored internet programs. If you are not on his email list you can contact him at the email address noted below.

Kurt Gazow...kegazow@comcast.net...

IN MEMORIAM

Brother Charles "Chuck" Edward Anway was born on July 11, 1946 in Leon, Iowa and passed to the Celestial Lodge in his 74th year on Thursday, January 28, 2021. He served his country in the United States Army for 20 years, retiring in 1984 with the rank of Master Sergeant. Brother Anway's service included three and 1/2 tours during the Vietnam War, where he received a Bronze Star, Purple Heart, and a Meritorious Unit Citation.

Brother Anway was Raised a Master Mason on November 24, 1972 and maintained active membership for 49 years in the Fraternity. He was a member of Pierre B. Cornwall Lodge No. 289, Bellingham Bay Lodge No. 44, Lynden-Ferndale Int'l No. 56, and the Grand Mound Historical Lodge, F&AM of Washington; he was also a life member of Cariboo Lodge #4 in Barkerville, B.C. AF&AM, B.C. & Yukon. He received the Scottish Rite degrees in the Autumn of 1977 in the Bellingham Valley, Orient of Washington, and was invested as a Knight Commander of the Court of Honour on September 23, 2007. In addition to being active in the Scottish Rite, Brother Anway was also a Shriner, as well as being active in the American Legion and past Post and District Commander of our local VFW. Brother Anway was a great man and Mason and will be truly missed.

District Ten Annual Meeting goes Zoom



MWB Wayne Deming becomes a 70 year Mason on February 9th, 2021

Wayne was raised a Master Mason on Feb. 9, 1951. The dates of his EA and FC are not in Grandview.

He was Master of BB44 in 1960 and Wayne became District Deputy in 1963.

MWB Wayne was Grand Master for the 1970/1971 term.

He served for maybe 20 years on the Jurisprudence Committee and is still considered a member emeritus.

In 2001/2002, at the age of 82, he could be found up on scaffolding, in the Scottish Rite Dining Room, doing some of the electrical work involved in the remodel of that room.

Either Kurt or Ken Gass had an interesting conversation with him recently about owning his own business in Bellingham before becoming the regional State electrical inspector. You might ask them to give you the story.

MWB Wayne's Grandson; Roger Deming, is a Past Master of one of the California Lodges.

Sec'y BB#44, WB David Burn

The Annual District Ten Meeting was held on Saturday, January 9th, on the Zoom platform from 11 am to 12:30 pm. The meeting was pretty well attended with some 49 Brothers in on-line attendance. Of course the atmosphere in meeting on-line lacks the comradery one has when in person but it is certainly better than no gathering.

Each of the three District Ten Lodges was represented as the Grand Lodge line of officers. Our District Deputy VW Kurt Gazow is very proficient in computer and internet technology and the meeting went smoothly for the most part. Unless, like me, you have a slow internet download streaming capability. None-the-less I was able to follow along. We are all hopeful that once the vaccines are readily available and enough of us get vaccinated, we can begin to return to in-person meetings in the not to distant future.

Each of the Grand Lodge elected officers spoke and encouraged us to practice our Masonic ideals in our daily lives, that will help keep us a unified brotherhood. We will get through this situation and return stronger.

Sec'y, 'Country' John

Medical Up-date on Bro. Kristian Nason;

Early in January VWB Don called to let me know that Bro. Kristian Nason was in the E.R. VWB Don spoke with Kristian, but there really wasn't a lot of specific info at this point. Bro. Kristian was apparently having problems breathing, so he drove himself to the ER, although he doesn't remember any of the details of how he did it. Kristian told VWB Don that they had him in isolation, although he's had the breathing problems for some time. The hospital took no chance in case it was Covid related

A day or two later I got off the phone with VWB Don. He had again spoken with Bro. Kristian who'd earlier been transported to the ICU in Seattle. Apparently, Bro. Kristian had a collapsed trachea and there was blood in his lungs. Bro. Kristian said he was looking forward to being well enough to return home, but the hospital was keeping him for the time being. VWB Don again assured Bro. Kristian that we're here for him if he needed anything.

1/11/21

Just to bring everyone up to date, I spoke with VWB Don last night and Bro. Kristian is now back at home. Bro. Kristian called VWB Don and they spoke briefly. VWB Don said that Kristian sounded good, but understandably, a bit tired and that he was looking forward to getting back to work. Kristian is planning on easing back a bit and doing some delegating, which is probably a very smart move.

VWB Don agreed that at least for the present, he should probably remain as the single point of contact with Kristian so as not to over tax Kristian's throat. It all sounded positive and I'm sure that we're all glad that Kristian is out of the hospital and getting back to normal. If I hear any other major developments I'll have our sec'y send out word.

Presently, Bro. Kristian is resting at home and gaining strength. If you wish to send your well-wishes you may through VWB Don Higgeson email = don@higgeson.us phone = 605-924-0617

Fraternally ~ WM 'City' John

FMC = Ferndale Masonic Center; SRH = Scottish Rite Hall

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1	2	3	4 W#151 - Dark due to Covid-19	5 BB#44 - Dark due to Covid-19	6
7	8	9	10	11 LFI#56 - Dark due to Covid-19	12 <i>President Abraham Lincoln's Birthday</i>	13
14 <i>Valentine's Day</i>	15	16	17	18 W#151 - Dark due to Covid-19	19 BB#44 - Dark due to Covid-19	20
21	22 <i>President-WB George Washington's Birthday</i>	23	24	25	26	27
28	1	2	3	4	5	6

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for District No. 1**

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