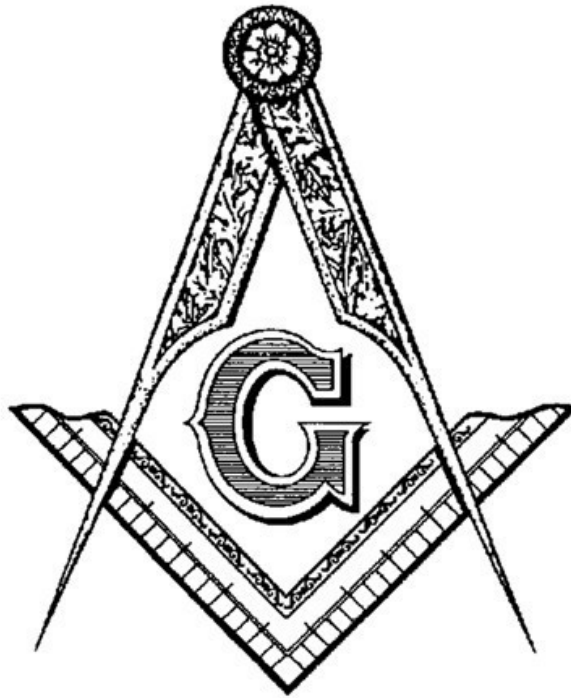


History of FIDALGO LODGE #77



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PREFACE

Compiling information for this Lodge's history has been a marvelous experience. The history of Fidalgo Lodge is the history of Anacortes and Fidalgo Island. Those men who organized and chartered Fidalgo Lodge were the same men who organized and formed the town. They were laborers in the vineyards of 'Public Service' and served in important positions at the city, county and state levels in the formative years of this area. It seems like many of them stepped down from the pages of history to settle in Anacortes. They came from the gold fields of California and Idaho, from the Indian Wars in Oregon and from opening the Great Plains to settlement. The Lodge was formed in 1891 and by 1900 most of the charter members had realized that opportunities had abated in Anacortes, so they moved on to other areas. Those charter members who remained in Anacortes should be commended for the hard work they put forth to ensure the success of Fidalgo Lodge and Masonry in general on Fidalgo Island. Each of them left his imprint on the "History of Fidalgo Lodge."

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My special "Thanks" goes to WB Gerald Myers, Secretary of Fidalgo Lodge #77 for his very capable assistance and willingness to provide specific information regarding Fidalgo Lodge and its membership.

Most of all I would like to "Thank" WB Monte R. Robinson who put together the short history of the lodge for the "Centennial Celebration" in 1991. His history forms the basis for this document. All I have done is add to his work. Monte, my hat is off to you.

THE BEGINNINGS

THE CITY

The site for Anacortes was platted and dedicated on January 15, 1890. Amos Bowman purchased 168 acres, built a newspaper office, a wharf and a store, and named the town after his wife, Anna Curtis Bowman. Her brother, Melville Curtis, later became a member of this Lodge and served the city as a Mayor and city councilman. Things looked very promising for Anacortes. The population soared, businesses were established, housing was booming and opportunities were present. Things were going very well for a small community on an isolated island which was only accessible by boat and speculators and opportunists were arriving on every incoming boat.

Land sold for 200 dollars per acre in August of 1890. The population of the United States was 64 million. The city grew from 25 people to 3000 in 3 months. The *Anacortes American* advertised for 300 good axemen to clear land around Anacortes for \$2.60 per day.

Things were really interesting in Anacortes and they had big hopes and even bigger plans. As early as early 1890 there were planning sessions and a lot of talk about organizing a I.O.O.F. lodge, a Masonic lodge, a Knights of Pythias lodge and a unit of the American Order of United Workmen most of which were ultimately accomplished.

In 1892 things started to go awry. Newspaper accounts of 1892 relate the soon-to-be depression. Thousands of notices for delinquent taxes filled the pages of the local newspaper for weeks. The Lodge also fell victim to hard times. Many of the members had to move out of the area and seek work elsewhere. The Lodge itself fell behind in the rent and offered to sell the carpet and furniture of the Lodge to pay its debt. The owners would not take the items but did accept partial rent payments.

Fortunately for the Lodge, some of the members were also owners of most of the businesses in town. This probably made it possible for the lodge to continue. Some of the early lodges fell to hard times and had to surrender their charter or merge with another lodge.

Good times returned soon after 1894 and prosperity returned to the city and to the Lodge. In fact, the state saw 50 new lodges constituted between the years 1890 and 1900.

THE LODGE

On the 28th day of March 1891, Garfield Lodge No. 41 at LaConner, Washington vouched for the 30 master Masons whose petition for a Lodge of Master Masons, to be known as Fidalgo Lodge, was presented to them. This petition was duly approved by Garfield Lodge No. 41 and a recommendation that it be granted was sent in with it to M. W. Brother Edmiston, Grand Master of Masons in Washington. On the 4th day of April 1891, The Grand Lodge issued a Dispensation to form a Lodge of Master Masons at Anacortes, Washington, to be known as Fidalgo Lodge No. 76.

On May 13th an application for a charter was submitted and the Grand Lodge on June 11, 1891, issued the charter to Fidalgo Lodge No. 76. Two brothers had withdrawn their names on May 31st leaving 28 charter members. The number of Fidalgo Lodge was changed when the Grand Lodge refused to let Oriental Lodge take the number 33. This number was originally given to a Lodge in Alaska which lost its charter and Grand Lodge decreed that the charters should be numbered consecutively as application was made. Therefore, Oriental Lodge was number 73, and the lodges which were numbered 74, 75 and 76 had to drop back one number. The charter to Fidalgo Lodge No. 76 was recalled and a new charter issued to Fidalgo Lodge No. 77 in its stead. .

THE FIRST MEETING

The first meeting place was located on the corner of 4th and P (Commercial Ave.). The building was built for the Lodge, but was not owned by the lodge. This building was known as Frechette Hall and was home not only to Fidalgo Lodge, but also to I.O.O.F. Lodge #94 which was chartered within weeks of the chartering of Fidalgo Lodge. Fidalgo Lodge rented from the owner for a year and then moved to a new brick building across the street from the Wilson Hotel on east side of Commercial Avenue between 8th & 9th. This building was built and owned by two members of the lodge who leased it to the Lodge.

The following article appeared in the *Weekly American* dated Thursday, April 16, 1891:

"The Masonic Hall on Avenue P was brilliantly illuminated last evening, and local members of the order were busy in completing the arrangements necessary to the proper observance of the first regular meeting of the order in this city. A large number of visiting members of the craft were present from the neighboring cities to take part and assist in the organization of the Lodge. It was effected, with twenty-five charter members, and starts out very auspiciously. The Hall, which was built especially for the Masonic order, is handsomely furnished, and is undoubtedly one of the best arranged buildings for the purpose on the lower sound. In connection with the newly organized Lodge there is talk of instituting a chapter of a higher degree and also an Order of the Eastern Star."

I think the Chapter of a higher degree they refer to is the Royal Arch Masons. There were Chapters of Royal Arch Masons in both Mt. Vernon and Bellingham and no doubt some of their members lived closer to Anacortes. It is also interesting that they were talking about an Eastern Star Chapter at that time as it took fifteen years to get an Eastern Star Chapter chartered in Anacortes and fifty seven years before a Royal Arch Chapter was chartered.

The Lodge was duly Constituted, Consecrated and the officers installed on July 21, 1891 by the Grand Master and other Grand Officers.

The first regular annual installation of officers took place in December 1891 at the new Westminster Presbyterian Church, located on the corner of 5th and R streets. Brother David M. Woodbury, a Past Master from Taylors Falls, Minnesota, installed the new officers of Fidalgo Lodge No. 76. The choir from the Episcopal Church sang, and Mr. J. H. Schively gave a talk on the subject "The Masonic Order, as viewed by an outsider." The news of the installation was carried by both newspapers in the city.

CHARTER MEMBERS & Early Members

It is a tribute to the principles and tenets of Freemasonry that twenty-eight men from across North America and representing diverse backgrounds and educational levels could come together in union and harmony to establish an organization which has prospered and endured for more than a hundred and twenty years. This was accomplished on a small, remote and somewhat isolated island which in 1891 was accessible only by boat. Many members have passed through Fidalgo Lodge #77 and remained for varying lengths of time, but regardless of how long they were members of Fidalgo Lodge #77 each one, in his own way, left his mark on the lodge and it is hoped that the Lodge left its mark on them.

I have listed the charter members and those who received their degrees while the lodge was "Under Dispensation" before the charter was actually granted and included some brief information about each one.

Allison, Henri David. He was born in Pontiac, Michigan in 1863 and came to Anacortes soon after completing his studies at the University of Michigan. He was a practicing attorney and served as the City Attorney of Anacortes for three years. After he moved to Seattle he was tax collector and served on the Port Commission. He moved to Los Angeles sometime before 1930 and lived as a widower with his son.

He was raised in Pontiac Lodge #21 in Pontiac, Michigan in December 1888 and demitted from that lodge in February 1891 to become a member of Fidalgo Lodge #77 where he served as the charter Junior Warden. He demitted from Fidalgo Lodge in 1903 and went to King County.

Bender, William Henry was born in Pennsylvania in 1856 and moved with his parents to northern Indiana as a small boy.

He received his degrees in Meridian Sun Lodge #49 in Sturgis, Michigan in 1885. He was appointed charter Senior Deacon of Fidalgo Lodge and served as pro tem Worshipful Master during 1893 when the installed Worshipful Master was absent due to his work. He moved back to the Chicago area and demitted from Fidalgo in 1896 and re-affiliated with Meridian Sun Lodge #49.

Best, Samuel Benjamin was born in Maryville, Tennessee in October 1832. He followed the Gold Rush and moved to California in 1850 and then moved to Oregon in 1852. Samuel remained in Oregon until 1872 which included four years he spent hauling freight between The Dalles, Oregon and Walla Walla, Washington. His time in Oregon also included two years spent with the Army in the Indian wars. He came to

Whatcom/Skagit County in 1872 and remained here until he died in 1916. He served as a County Commissioner, School Director and Road Overseer. He lived in the Lake Campbell area of Fidalgo Island and, with his brother, raised sheep.

He affiliated with Camanio Lodge #19 in 1873 on a demit from Union Lodge #43 in McMinnville, Oregon and then demitted from Camanio to become a charter member of Garfield Lodge #41 in LaConner, Washington. He demitted from Garfield Lodge in 1891 to become a charter member of Fidalgo Lodge.

Britten, James S. was born in Clinton County Michigan in Dec. 1859 and came to Walla Walla as a young man with his mother and step-father. He received his degrees in Blue Mountain Lodge #13 in Walla Walla where he was raised to the Master Mason Degree in December 1889. He was initiated, passed and raised by MWB Yancey C. Blalock. He moved from Anacortes in 1892 first to Athena, Oregon and then to Seattle where he died in 1907 from complications of Bright's disease. He was suspended from Fidalgo Lodge in January 1896 for NPD.

Caruthers, William S. was born in Madison County Tennessee in 1863 and came to Anacortes in 1890. He was a local merchant and served one term as a City Councilman. It was said of him that no Councilman ever retired from that body with a purer record. He left Anacortes and spent some time in Reno, Nevada before settling in Sacramento, California about 1914.

He petitioned the Lodge on April 13, 1891 and became a member of Fidalgo while the Lodge was under dispensation. He is listed in the charter information as a Fellowcraft as he did not receive his Master Mason degree until August 1891.

Crandall, George Nathaniel was born in New York in 1818 and started his journey west as a young man settling first in Illinois then to Sonoma County California. In the 1860's he paused long enough in the Idaho Territory to become a member of a lodge. He died in July 1897, at the age of eighty, as a result of complications following an accident with a deer trap.

He became a member of Idaho Lodge #1 in Boise, Idaho when it was Under Dispensation and demitted from that lodge to become a charter member of Garfield Lodge #41 in LaConner, Washington in 1882 and then demitted from Garfield #41 in 1891 to become a charter member of Fidalgo Lodge #77.

Edens, John J. was born in Marshal County Kentucky in 1840 and came to the Northwest via Missouri and Wyoming in 1870. He served in the Civil War as a member of the 10th Missouri Calvary and was apparently wounded in action as in 1889 he applied for a pension. He homesteaded on the north

shore of Guemes Island and he and his brothers started a lumber business. He later served at both levels in the state legislature and on the Board of Trustees of Bellingham Normal School (which became Western Washington University) and served as Chairman of that Board until his death in 1914. Edens Hall at Western Washington University is named in his honor.

John J. Edens was raised in Colony Lodge #168 in Missouri in 1866. He affiliated with Garfield Lodge #41 in 1883 from Colony Lodge #168. He then affiliated with Fidalgo Lodge from Garfield #41 to become a charter member in 1891. He then demitted January 12, 1898 from Fidalgo Lodge #77 to affiliate with Bellingham Bay Lodge #44 in New Whatcom, Washington.

Edens, William B. was one of four brothers who settled on Guemes Island where they established a lumber business. William Edens died in 1901, but he left the island a lasting legacy when he donated the land for the Edens Cemetery.

He was the charter Treasurer of Fidalgo Lodge. He was raised in Garfield Lodge #41 on April 27, 1889 and affiliated with Fidalgo from Garfield #41 in LaConner to become a charter member of Fidalgo #77.

Fraser, Gregor Grant. He was born in 1853 in Kingston, Ontario. He immigrated to the US in 1885. He left Anacortes in 1892 and moved to the San Francisco area where he remained for the rest of his life. He died in Ontario in June 1933 while visiting family.

He was raised on April 12, 1883 in Howard Lodge #391 Ridgetown, Ontario. He demitted from Howard Lodge #391 to become a charter member of Fidalgo Lodge in 1891 where he served as the Charter Secretary of Fidalgo Lodge. He was dropped NPD in 1910.

Goodwin, Benjamin was born in 1859 in Wilmington, Illinois. He came to Anacortes, via South Dakota, in April 1890 and, with a business partner, started a local insurance agency affiliated with "Fireman's Fund". He moved around as he advanced in his profession moving first to Seattle where he was associated with the Gazzam Insurance Agency. He became a special agent of the St. Paul and the American Central Insurance Co. in the Northwest and in 1900 was appointed Coastal manager of the company in San Francisco. He remained in San Francisco until his death in 1945.

He served as the charter Senior Warden of Fidalgo Lodge #77 having affiliated from Redfield Lodge #34 in Redfield, South Dakota and subsequently served as the second Worshipful Master of Fidalgo Lodge. He received his degrees in 1888 in Redfield Lodge #34 in Redfield, Dakota Territory and served that Lodge as Junior Deacon before demitting to affiliate with Fidalgo Lodge. He demitted from Fidalgo lodge and moved from Anacortes in 1893.

Hensler, Augustus was born in Audrain County, Missouri in 1864 and came to Washington in 1889. He received his education in the common schools of Missouri and worked as an Insurance agent and real estate broker.

He received his Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft degrees in Fidalgo Lodge while the Lodge was under dispensation and is listed as an FC on the charter. He was raised to a Master Mason in August 1891 and was the second person to receive that degree in Fidalgo Lodge. He holds the distinction of serving Fidalgo Lodge as Worshipful Master more times than any other man. He served as Master five times. His father August was also a member of Fidalgo Lodge #77. Augustus served as City Clerk of Anacortes and as Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners of Skagit County.

Howard, Henry Clay was born in Harlan County (then Knox) Kentucky in 1859 and came to Washington in 1883. He received his education in Union College in Kentucky and became a merchant in Anacortes. He served as Deputy Assessor, City Assessor of Anacortes and Skagit County Assessor. He died in 1928 and is buried in Edens Cemetery on Guemes Island.

He was made a Mason in Gibson Lodge #559 in Mt. Pleasant, Kentucky in 1882. He affiliated with Camanio Lodge #19 in 1885 and demitted in 1891 to become a charter member of Fidalgo Lodge where he served as Worshipful Master in 1901. He was a 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason and a member of the Shrine.

Johnson, John T. was raised in Coolidge Lodge #316 in Coolidge, Kansas on October 22, 1888. He demitted from Coolidge Lodge to become a charter member of Fidalgo Lodge. He moved to Seattle and afterwards to California. He demitted from Fidalgo Lodge in August 1895 while in the Los Angeles area.

Knapp, Velasco Joseph was born in Somerset, Vermont in 1842. He came to Anacortes via Parsons, Kansas and Baltimore, Maryland ca.1889. He was appointed in 1904 and served as Anacortes Postmaster for many years. He also served as Adjutant for the local group of the Grand Army of the Republic.

He was raised in Landmark Lodge #127 in Baltimore, Maryland in 1869. He later affiliated with Parsons Lodge #117 in Parsons, Kansas and affiliated with Fidalgo #77 from Parsons Lodge #117 to become a charter member where he served as Worshipful Master in 1896. Brother Knapp's original lambskin apron, from Landmark Lodge #127, is displayed in the Fidalgo Lodge room. His son Edwin L. Knapp was also a member of Fidalgo #77.

Lathrop, Austin E. was born in Michigan in 1866. He came to Anacortes in 1890 and petitioned Fidalgo Lodge while it was still "Under Dispensation" in 1891. He received his Entered Apprentice degree in 1891 and progressed no further and was still carried on the rolls as an Entered Apprentice in 1918. Sometime after 1900 he moved to Alaska and was still there in the 1930 census

Long, Thomas A. was born in Pennsylvania in 1850 and was a self proclaimed inventor by profession. There is some indication that he went to the silver mines in Leadville, Colorado for awhile. He came to Anacortes in 1890 from Pennsylvania and established an Architectural firm which was involved in much of the construction that went on in Anacortes in the early 1890's.

He was raised in Sylvania Lodge #354 in May 1888 and demitted in 1890 from Sylvania Lodge #354 in Shickshinny, Pennsylvania to become the charter Senior Steward of Fidalgo Lodge. He returned to Pennsylvania in 1895 and was subsequently dropped NPD from Fidalgo Lodge in 1900.

March, Charles Edward was born in Lincoln County Maine in 1861. He was the son of Fredric and Victoria March. Fredric was a marble carver and as a young boy Charles began working with his father to learn the trade. After he came to Anacortes he and a partner, C.W. Stevenson, operated a cigar and confectionery store on Commercial Avenue.

Charles received his degrees in Alna Lodge #43 in Demoriscotta, Maine and he served that lodge as Jr. Steward, Jr. Deacon and Jr. Warden before demitting in 1890. He affiliated with Garfield Lodge #41 in LaConner, Washington and then demitted from that lodge to become a charter member of Fidalgo #77. He died in February 1893 of the effects of typhoid fever and was buried with full Masonic Rites.

March, Hiram Alfred was born in 1826 in Vermont. He left his native New England in 1854 and went to California where he stayed for four years. He came to Whatcom County in Washington Territory in 1858 and worked as a builder and contractor and later served as a Deputy Sheriff and Probate Judge. In 1869 he returned to his farm and engaged in farming. He owned a substantial farm on what came to be known as March's Point on Fidalgo Island and where today the two oil refineries are located. He raised cauliflower seed and at one time was the only person in the United States to do that. When Skagit County was formed from the southern part of Whatcom County, Hiram A. March was appointed as a County Commissioner for Skagit County.

He affiliated with Fidalgo #77 from Camano #19. He demitted from Fidalgo Lodge in 1896 and re-affiliated in 1902. He died in 1905.

McCann, James Franklin was born in Nova Scotia in 1852. He announced his intent to become a United States citizen on October 20, 1883 in Seattle.

He received his degrees in Port Townsend Lodge #6 having been raised in that lodge on April 10, 1880. James McCann affiliated with Fidalgo Lodge #77 in 1891 becoming a charter member. He moved to Vancouver, British Columbia in 1895 and died there in May 1897. He was buried in Vancouver with full Masonic honors administered by Cascade Lodge #12 in Vancouver.

Merritt, Hamilton L. was born in 1864 in Maine and came to Anacortes in 1890. He worked as a banker. When the Anacortes banks closed in 1893 he moved to Seattle and continued in banking there and was involved in the formation of SeaFirst Bank in 1929. He lived in the Bellingham area later as he joined a lodge there in 1906.

He petitioned Fidalgo Lodge while the lodge was still under dispensation and subsequently received his degrees in Fidalgo Lodge being the third Master Mason raised in Fidalgo Lodge. He demitted from Fidalgo lodge in 1894 and affiliated with Arcana Lodge #87 in Seattle. In 1904 he became the Charter Treasurer for Everett Lodge #137 after which he became the charter Treasurer for Whatcom Lodge #151 in Bellingham in 1906 and remained a member there until his death in 1949.

Miller, George W. was born in Flint, Indiana in 1845. As a young man he worked in his father's blacksmith shop and after his military service he learned the carpentry and shipwright trades. He served in Co."K", 4th Minn. Infantry during the Civil War. As young newlyweds he and his wife settled in Howard Lake, Minnesota. He moved to Skagit County, Washington in 1882. George Miller was one of the original settlers in the Gibraltar area of Fidalgo Island and at one time owned most of the property on which the Gibraltar Townsite was platted.

He was raised in Howard Lodge #82 in Howard, Minnesota, in November 1873 and served in several offices before demitting to affiliate with Garfield Lodge #41 in LaConner, Washington in October 1879. He demitted from Garfield Lodge to become a charter member of Fidalgo Lodge in 1891.

Miller, Phillip John was born in New York and worked as a clerk and in construction, so he moved around quite a bit. During his stay in Anacortes he established a "Lodging House" which he operated. He moved several times after he left Anacortes living in Ellensburg, Washington, Chicago and New York before settling in Yuma, Arizona.

He was raised in Aztlan Lodge #1 in Prescott, Arizona on December 10, 1887. He demitted from that lodge and affiliated with Fidalgo #77 where he served as Charter Worshipful Master in 1891 and also in 1892. He demitted from Fidalgo Lodge in 1904 when he settled in Yuma, Arizona on a somewhat permanent basis and affiliated with Yuma Lodge #17. Later he

affiliated with Summerton Lodge #27 which was in the Yuma area. He demitted from that lodge in 1926 and there is no record of his affiliation with any lodge after that.

Perrin, Howard E. came to Anacortes in 1890 from Jackson, Michigan. He was a banker by trade and was appointed to the Board of Directors of the First National Bank of Anacortes before he came to town. He was also involved with building an electric street railway. Howard Perrin was the first Master Mason raised in Fidalgo Lodge #76 and subsequently served as Treasurer of the Lodge. When the banking boom collapsed in 1893 he moved to Seattle and then to San Francisco with some other former Anacortes bankers. He demitted from Fidalgo Lodge in 1903.

Platt, John M. was born in Virginia in 1863 and came to Anacortes in 1890 and built a bank on the SW corner of 4th St. and Commercial Ave. This building was the first all brick building to be constructed in Anacortes and is still standing and occupied. He also served as the City Treasurer of Anacortes during the short time he lived here. When the financial panic of 1893 hit Anacortes John Platt closed the bank and it was never to open again. He moved to Seattle in 1893 and then to San Francisco in 1896. He eventually studied law and became an attorney in Berkley where he lived until his death in 1953.

His petition for the degrees was received at the first meeting of Fidalgo Lodge held on April 15, 1891 when it was still "Under Dispensation." He was raised to the third degree in April of 1892. He was dropped for N.P.D. in 1900.

Randall, George W. was born in Minnesota in 1867 and traveled as a young man to South Dakota. He came to Anacortes in 1890. He moved from Anacortes to Middlesex County Massachusetts in 1892 where he remained the rest of his life.

He was raised in Redfield Lodge #34 in Redfield, Dakota Territory in 1888. He demitted from Redfield Lodge #34 to become a charter member of Fidalgo Lodge. He demitted from Fidalgo Lodge in 1902 and affiliated with Ancient York Lodge in Lowell, MA where he served as Master in 1920 & 1921. In 1929 he became a charter member of William Sewall Gardner Lodge in Lowell. He died in Lowell in 1939.

Shore, John Edward . He was born in Westminister, Ontario in 1858. He studied medicine at the University of Toronto and came to the United States about 1885 where he established a medical practice. He lived in O'Neill, Nebraska before coming to Anacortes.

He was raised in Garfield Lodge #95 in O'Neill, Nebraska where he received his degrees in 1887. He demitted from Garfield #95 in 1891 and affiliated with Fidalgo Lodge #77 as a charter member where he served as the charter Junior Steward of

Fidalgo Lodge . He demitted from Fidalgo Lodge to affiliate with Garfield Lodge #41 in LaConner, Washington (thus he was a member of two lodges named Garfield). He moved from Anacortes in 1892 and lived in Chelan County and became a charter member of Zarthan Lodge #148 when it was chartered in 1906 in Leavenworth, Washington. He later moved to upstate New York where he died in 1917.

Swerdfiger, John Harman was born in Ontario, Canada in 1852 and was a printer by trade. He came to Washington from Minnesota. He was an officer and active in the new Chapter of the International Organization of Good Templars in Anacortes. He moved to the Los Angeles area and worked as a printer for the government.

He was raised in Mt. Baker Lodge #36 in Mt. Vernon, Washington in October 1889 and affiliated with Fidalgo #77 from Mt. Baker #36. He demitted from Fidalgo #77 in 1902 after he moved to Los Angeles.

Taylor, Albert was born in New York in 1846 and served in the Civil War from that state. After the war he moved to Wisconsin and moved from there to Washington in 1874. He lived at Port Madison, Washington, Portland, Oregon and Seattle. He came to Anacortes in 1889 and built a hotel. In 1892 he built a much larger and finer hotel in Anacortes on the corner of 1st street and "P" Avenue. He also served Anacortes as a Notary Public.

He was raised in Kane Lodge #8 at Port Madison on Bainbridge Island in 1880 and affiliated with Fidalgo Lodge from that lodge as a charter member in 1891. He died May 27, 1896 in Anacortes and was buried with full Masonic and Grand Army of the Republic honors.

Uphus, Joseph Anton In some listings his initials are reversed. He was born in Meppu, Germany in 1864 and came to Washington in 1889 via Nebraska. He received his education in Germany and in St. Louis, Missouri. He followed the lumber manufacturing trade.

He was raised a Master Mason in Nebraska in Bancroft Lodge #124 in 1886. He demitted from that Lodge to become a charter member of Fidalgo Lodge. He demitted from Fidalgo Lodge in 1896 and affiliated with Peninsular Lodge #95 in Everett, Washington where he served as Master in 1899. He later moved to King County, Washington after spending some time in LaConner where he affiliated with Garfield Lodge #41 and served as Master of that lodge in 1915. Rada Uphus Chapter # 208 Order of The Eastern Star is named for his wife who was Grand Treasurer for the Grand Chapter of Eastern Star of Washington for many years.

Van Loon, Paul was born in Holland in 1848. He came to the United States and served with the 8th Wisconsin Infantry during the Civil War. He was involved with the hotel business most of his professional life.

He was raised in Onalaska Lodge #214 in Onalaska, Wisconsin and demitted from that lodge to affiliate with Ashlar Lodge #29 in Billings, Montana. He demitted from Ashlar Lodge #29 to become a charter member of Fidalgo Lodge #77. He demitted from Fidalgo Lodge in March 1893 and moved to the Oakland, California area and subsequently located in Stockton, California.

In December 1892 Paul and his family were involved in a very serious train wreck and it was very uncertain for a while whether his two sons would survive. Fortunately everything worked out fine.

White, John Burgess was born in Ontario in 1846. He was raised in Prince Edward Lodge #18 in Picton, Ontario in 1870. He demitted from that lodge and affiliated with Leeds Lodge #201 in Gananoque, Ontario. He affiliated with Fidalgo Lodge #77, after demitting from Leeds Lodge #201, in 1891 and served as charter Junior Deacon. He was suspended from Fidalgo Lodge #77 in January 1896 for NPD.

White, Thomas C. affiliated with Mount Baker Lodge #36 in Mount Vernon in 1890 from Camano Lodge #19 in Stanwood. He affiliated with Fidalgo Lodge from Mt. Baker Lodge #36 in Mt. Vernon, Washington in 1891 and served as Treasurer in 1893. He remained a member of Fidalgo Lodge after he moved to Puyallup in 1910 and later to Seattle where he died in the late 1930s.

Wilson, Thomas G. was born in Lindsay, Ontario about 1861 and came to the United States about 1887. He came to Anacortes in 1890 from New Whatcom, Washington where he had been associated with two different newspapers. He and his brother W.M. Wilson owned and operated a saloon in Anacortes and Thomas served as the first "Fire Chief" of Anacortes after assisting to form the Fire Company.

Thomas G. Wilson was raised in Valley Lodge #100 in Dundas, Ontario in 1883 and affiliated with Bellingham Bay Lodge #44 from that Lodge in 1889 where he served as an officer before demitting. He presented Bellingham Bay Lodge with a book of the Masonic Poetry of Robert Morris which I think they still have. He affiliated with Fidalgo Lodge #77 to become a charter member in 1891 from Bellingham Bay Lodge #44 and in 1892 he demitted from Fidalgo Lodge and moved to Burlington, Washington and affiliated with Mt. Baker Lodge #36 in Mount Vernon. He demitted from Mt. Baker #36 in 1895 and affiliated with Eureka Lodge #20 in Seattle in 1896. He died in Seattle in 1940.

Woodcock, Lafayette Monroe was born in Missouri in 1849 and came to Anacortes after 1880 and was living on Guemes Island in 1890. He married Florence Knickerbocker in Missouri in 1874.

He demitted from Lincoln Lodge #138 in Fillmore, Missouri to affiliate with Fidalgo Lodge as a charter member. He subsequently demitted from Fidalgo Lodge in Oct 1892 and moved to Seattle where he affiliated with Eureka Lodge #20. He also became involved in a crusade for clean dairies and clean milk and subsequently became a Milk Inspector for the City of Seattle Department of Health. He died in Seattle in 1917 and Eureka Lodge #20 conducted the Masonic services as his last rites.

During the months that the lodge was forming and also during the period of "Under Dispensation" six Brothers submitted their petitions to affiliate with this new lodge which was growing in their neighborhood. Their paperwork was not submitted in time to be charter members, but, in some cases, their petitions were submitted before the charter was granted and they were subsequently voted in as members during the first months under charter:

C.C. Parkman	Bolton Lodge #326	Bolton, Mississippi
J.O. Vassar	Constellation #95	Fredonia, Kansas
David Gillespie	Pequonga #414	Kenora, Ontario
John H. Stanley	One and All Lodge #330	England
Orlando Graham	Hope Lodge #42	Glencoe, Minnesota
John Morrow	Sherman Lodge #372	Sherman, Michigan

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RETURN OF

Fidalgo Lodge, No. **W.D. F. & A. M.**

Located at **Anacortes**, in **Skyut** Co
 for the year commencing May 1st, A. D. 18 **91**, and ending **April**
30th 18**91**.

THE REGULAR COMMUNICATIONS

are held on the **second Wednesday**
in each month

THE REGULAR ANNUAL ELECTIONS

are held on the _____

The distance from this Lodge to _____ is _____ miles.

The nearest Express office is **Anacortes**

OFFICERS.

Installed on the **15th** day of **April** A. L. 58**91**

P. J. Miller	Worshipful Master
B. Goodwin	Senior Warden.
H. D. Allison	Junior Warden.
Rev. _____	Chaplain.
W. B. Edens	Treasurer.
G. E. Frase	Secretary.
W. H. Bender	Senior Deacon.
J. B. Whitin	Junior Deacon.
E. A. Long	Senior Steward.
J. C. Shover	Junior Steward.
	Tyler.

This is a copy of the first page of the Return submitted to the Grand Lodge while Fidalgo Lodge was "Under Dispensation". The officers listed served only during the U.D. period and some of them did not continue as officers after the Charter was issued.

GRAND LODGE OF WASHINGTON, F. & A. MASONS
OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

Olympia, *July 3* 18*91*.

Received of *P. J. Miller, W.M.*
P. J. Miller DOLLARS,
for account of *Edalgo* LODGE, *M.D.*, in
payment of dues to Grand Lodge, as follows, to wit:

For Annual Dues for the year ending April 30, 18*91*, \$ *64.00*,
" *Charter fee 10. Blank 1.00* = *11.00*,
Total amount paid, \$ *75.00*.

No. *235*

W. M. Reed,
Grand Secretary.

A copy of the receipt returned from Grand Lodge for the Annual Return submitted for the Lodge while "Under Dispensation". Note the title of Grand Lodge and the signature of MWB Thomas M. Reed the Grand Secretary.

THE BUILDING

From the very beginning of Fidalgo Lodge the Brethren of the lodge had a goal. That goal was to own their own Lodge Hall. To this end they started a building fund when they could ill afford it, but it worked for them.

In 1892, one year after the Lodge was chartered, a committee of three Brethren was chosen to search for a permanent building. William H. Bender, Augustus Hensler and Benjamin Goodwin began the search. The closest they came to a permanent building was to lease space in the new building across from the "Wilson" Hotel on Commercial Avenue.

A building fund was started February 23, 1904 by assessing 25 dollars from each new initiation. Another committee was formed to find a way to increase these funds. Brothers Dodge, Allmond and Mathews were chosen for this task.

On February 11, 1908 a Committee was appointed to confer with the owners of two pieces of property, one at the corner of 10th Street and Commercial Ave. owned by Bros Knapp and Millett and the other at the corner of Avenue "O" and 8th street owned by Bro. E.S. Dodge. The committee was instructed to be prepared to make a report and recommendation at a special meeting to be called for February 14, 1908. They were to determine which site would be best for the lodge and recommend a plan for purchasing and paying for the property.

The committee investigated many areas regarding the Lodge and owning property and asked for legal opinions from both local attorneys and the Grand Lodge. It was determined that it would be necessary to form a corporation in order to comply with all existing rules. Based on this it was recommended that a "Masonic Temple Association" be formed. Bro Knapp imposed a restriction on his property as a condition of sale in that he would only sell it for a Lodge building if title could be conveyed directly to the lodge and not to any corporation. Bro. Dodge did not impose a like restriction.

The recommendation of the committee was to immediately form a "Masonic Temple Association" and purchase the property at 8th Street and Avenue "O" from Bro. E.S. Dodge. The recommendation was in form of a motion which carried on vote.

In 1908, the property at 8th and O streets was purchased for the sum of \$650 dollars from brother Edwin S. Dodge. On December 1, 1914, the lots were cleared. The weather was unusually dry during the construction of the building, which allowed work throughout the winter months. The roof was completed December 24, 1914 and the Brethren conducted their first meeting on February 9, 1915. The total cost of the building was \$4,000 dollars, which was raised among the members. The lodge issued trustee notes bearing 7 percent interest covering each subscription. Membership in 1915 was 86 and the annual dues were \$6 dollars.



The Fidalgo Lodge building as it appears in 2012

The building you see today is very different from the building which was first built in 1914. A Lodge Building much like a residence requires much upkeep and upgrading to continue to meet the needs of the organizations which meet there. The Fidalgo Lodge building has evolved over the years and is the result of a lot of work and effort devoted by the lodge Brethren and the Ladies of the Eastern Star.

The lodge members started in February 1915 acquiring the furnishings and paraphernalia required to outfit the lodge. Many of the items used in the lodge today were donated to the lodge by members or by members of a Brother's family during that time. The major alterations and enhancements to the building are identified in the Lodge minutes which have been encapsulated in the next section of this book, but many of the things which make the building a comfortable, cheerful and convenient meeting site were contributed by the organizations which have met there over the years.

In 1972 a "Temple Board" was formed and responsibility for the temple passed from the lodge to the "Temple Board." As a result of this all documentation regarding enhancements or alterations to the building since that date will be found in the minutes and proceedings of the "Temple Board". This would also include the details of the major renovation of the dining room which occurred in 2011/2012 and included the purchase of new tables and chairs for the dining room.

Madrona Chapter #89 Order of the Eastern Star, the Eastern Star Auxiliary, the Electa Club and the Past Matrons & Past Patrons Association of Madrona Chapter

have all made significant contributions toward making a building into a “Masonic Temple”. A tour of the building will point out many things which are in use today which have been provided by organizations other than Fidalgo Lodge, but are in place for the benefit of all. Most of the kitchen utensils, dishes and silverware have been donated by Madrona Chapter and its appendent organizations. The white chairs used in the lodge meeting room were a gift to the lodge from the Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron of Madrona Chapter during their 1966/1967 term of office. The cabinets in the kitchen were built by and with materials provided by the Eastern Star members who were employed at Anacortes Veneer, Inc., most of the appliances in the kitchen have been provided by the Eastern Star. We have, in Anacortes, one of the nicest, most well equipped Masonic Halls in the area. We can “Thank” all of the members of the Anacortes Masonic Family who have worked in the vineyards since 1915 to make it so, for it has truly been a unified effort.

**A CHRONOLOGY
of
MAJOR LODGE EVENTS**

LODGE EVENTS

04/04/1891

Dispensation was granted to Phillip John Miller. WM and 27 others by GM James Ewen Edmiston for a lodge to be formed at Anacortes to be called Fidalgo Lodge #76 F & A.M. The following were designated as officers; WM Philip J. Miller, SW Benjamin Goodwin, Jr., JW Henri D. Allison. Of the 25 other charter members, the following demitted from Garfield #41: C. E. March, G. N. Crandall, W.B.Edens, S. B. Best, G.W. Miller.

04/15/1891

P. J. Miller called the prospective members to order to read the Dispensation granted to him and to appoint officers. Applications for initiation were read from H. E. Perrin, A. E. Lathrop, H.L. Merritt, A. Hensler. J.M.Platt, W. Ogden, and W.S. Caruthers.

The first building was rented from Octave T. Frechette. The building was shared with the I.O.O.F. Lodge which was also formed in 1891. The second Wednesday each month was adopted as the regular communication.

04/21/1891

Bill received from Bailey and Uphus Manufacturing Co. Wholesale and Retail Sash and Door, Mouldings and Mill Work for:

2 Pillars@ \$15.00	= \$30.00
2 Columns@ \$1.50	= 3.00
3 Candlesticks@ \$1.50	= 4.50

05/13/91

Bro. C. E. March presented the Perfect Ashlar to the lodge. Bro. J.T.Johnson presented the Letter "G". The constitution, by-laws and rules of order were adopted — all members then signed the by-laws — Worshipful Master then read the petition for a charter and two first degrees were conferred.

09/09/91

A Lodge seal was purchased for \$5.00. First Tyler's book was purchased also. Dues were \$3.00.

11/11/91

The Lodge voted to allow the Scottish Rite Club to use the Hall at the rate of \$5.00 per month.

12/04/91

Fidalgo Lodge #76 under special dispensation from Grand Lodge laid the cornerstone of Methodist Church at the corner of 8th and Q Avenue with Worshipful Master Phillip J. Miller presiding. This was the first time that this honor had been passed to the Master of a subordinate Lodge.

The following items were deposited in the cornerstone:

Box of cards of WM P. J. Miller
Ode card of Fidalgo Lodge #76
Copy of Anacortes American
Copy of Anacortes Progress
Copy of Methodist Hymnal
Card of First National Bank
Card of Goodwin and Benedict
and other relics

The oration on the part of the church was given by W.V. Wells, Sr.

1890 — Washington State census was 53,232 and the Grand Lodge chartered 8 new lodges.

1891 Almost every meeting in the first year involved degree work

On January 28, 1891 The City of Anacortes was incorporated.

12/28/1891

WB David M. Woodbury installed the officers at the Westminster Presbyterian Church.

01/27/1892

Lodge made a motion to move to the second story of the Brick Building of Long and Merritt for a Hall. (New building was across the street from Wilson Hotel).

02/18/1892

Grand Master Thomas Amos approved of new location and granted his permission to move to the new location.

02/24/1892

After getting approval from the Grand Master to make the move, the lodge voted to have electric lights installed in the new hall. The Trustees were instructed to confer with the Scottish Rite and the Junior Order of United American Mechanics to determine if they were interested in leasing space in the new building.

04/13/1892

In new hall — \$30.00 per month rent. Also Fidalgo Lodge conducted its first Masonic trial. The trial recommended expulsion of the Brother.

Also on 4/13 the Junior Order, the Lodge of Perfection and the GAR signed leases for space in the new building.

06/08/1892

WM P.J. Miller stated that a young mason had asked him "What good is Masonry to a man?" and asked if the Brothers would give their ideas upon the subject. A lively meeting followed.

06/22/1892

WM P. J. Miller reports to Lodge that Grand Lodge changed the Lodge number to #77. WM gave a report of Grand Lodge proceedings.

12/27/1892

A few members had a hard time paying the \$4 per year dues.

02/10/1893

Fidalgo Lodge #77 conducted a Masonic funeral for Charter Member Charles E. March. Bro. Rev. C. McDermott officiated. A note of condolence sent to his father, F. S. March of New Castle, Maine.

05/10/1893

New lease for hall dating from March 1, 1893 through January 1, 1894:
Suggested rates of orders renting from "us:"

I.O.O.F. \$9.00 weekly

I.O.A.M. \$9.00 weekly

G.A.R. \$2.50 one night per month, or \$3.50 per night for use of the
Lodge room for social gatherings, musical societies, etc.

Scottish Rite \$2.50 per month

11/08/1893

Lodge purchased carpet from Bro. Vasser for \$107.45: \$34.45 cash, 6 months note for \$70.00 @ 10% interest per annum.

12/13/1893

J. N. Rully, W. H. Merritt asked for arrears rent.

NOTE: Benj. Goodwin was elected as 2nd WM 12/27/92.

02/09/1893

Bender was in the East pro tem. H. D. Allison was in the East most of the year, due to absence of WM Goodwin.

12/13/1893

Augustus Hensler elected WM on second ballot. Allison won first ballot.

12/27/93

Bro. Allison was presented a Masonic charm for his services at installation of officers.

NOTE: The Lodge is badly in debt. Old carpet was looked for to be sold; stove parts salvaged to be sold, etc., fired the janitor, special committee appointed to reduce expenditures and indebtedness of Lodge.

02/01/1894

Lodge could not get a loan for above problem.

03/01/1894

Lodge borrows \$200.00 to pay bills. Members assessed \$5.00 each to defray cost; 90 day note secured 1 % per month.

05/23/1894

The Brothers attended the Divine Services, as a Lodge, at the Episcopal Church in observance of St. Johns Day.

01/02/1895

Augustus Hensler re-elected WM.

Other Lodges, this year, have solicited money from us to help them out.

07/10/1895

Secretary ordered to write to the U.S. Savings and Loan Company and state that we can afford to pay and are willing to pay only \$5.00, that being the amount paid for the occupancy of the ground floor and ask if they will accept that.

12/25/1895

A letter was received from the Grand Chapter of Order of Eastern Star of Washington asking that steps be taken to form a chapter in Anacortes. On motion the letter was filed.

01/08/1896

Velasco J. Knapp elected WM

Lodge subscribed to [*Qualor Coronati*] 2.75 per year.

WM asked Bro. Varner about purchase of Lodge furniture.

02/26/1896

Bylaws changed to assess \$4.00 for dues paid semiannually, 06/24 and 12/27.

An application was received from Dr. G. D. Shaver of Tacoma, relative to the institution of an O.E.S. Chapter in Anacortes.

03/02/1896

Fidalgo Lodge #77 elected as members of *Quator Coronati Lodge* of London, England.

03/25/1896

Rent raised from \$6.00 to \$7.00 per month.

04/22/1896

Motion passed that no refreshments of any kind be served in the hall.

05/28/1896

Charter member Albert Taylor dies. Lodge convened May 31, 1896 for Burial and Service, the latter performed in the Episcopal Church under direction of Rev. Bro. Badger.

07/31/1896

United Lodge # 93 of Sedro-Woolley lost its records and building in a fire.

12/23/1896

Lodge attends Episcopal Church, clothed as Masons, by invitation from Rev. Bro. Badger to commemorate St. John's Day Divine Services.

01/13/1897

David M. Woodbury elected and installed WM.

01/27/1897

Rev. Bro. Badger answered a Seattle newspaper article (anti Masonry) and states Masonry is a "Handmaiden of Religion".

05/12/1897

Bro. J. F. McCann. a Catholic and a charter member of the lodge, dies and is buried in Vancouver, British Columbia. Masonic services were conducted by Cascade Lodge #12 of Vancouver.

09/22/1897

Rev. Bro. Badger who was the local Episcopal Priest and very active member of the lodge departs Anacortes to be the Rector at a church in Olympia.

10/13/1897

The Daughters of Maccabees expressed interest in renting meeting space in the hall.

12/22/1897

WM suggests it might be helpful to the attendance of the Lodge if the item of refreshment was introduced at least occasionally.

12/28/1897

Roswell K. Brown installed as WM.

02/09/1898

Bro. Benjamin Goodwin, second WM, returns for a visit after being gone four years.

01/11/1899

Moses G. Smith installed WM. He was the town marshal.

02/22/1899

Dinner and dance held at the Lodge for first time. "Just for fun".

04/26/1899

Mt. Baker #36 WM and visiting Bros. assist in conferring MM Degree.

06/27/99

David M. Woodbury appointed to Grievance and Appeals Committee of the Grand Lodge of Washington.

09/10/99

David M. Woodbury. Senior Warden of Fidalgo #77 dies. He was shot by Al Hamilton, alias Hawkins, Thursday. September 7. 1899, at 3:20 pm and died Sunday, September 10, 1899 at 10:15 a.m. He stepped between future member Douglas Allmond and the gunman. The shooting took place in the Platt Building on the SW corner of 4th Street & "P" Avenue.

David M. Woodbury was installing Master at the first and many other installations of Fidalgo Lodge.

09/12/1899

Funeral for D. M. Woodbury: JGW Arthur opened Lodge. WM Ferris of Mt. Baker #36 was SW, Rev. Bro. H. L. Badger (who came from Olympia) was Chaplain. Grand Lodge was burying the G.L. Treasurer the same day. (See G.L.Proceedings of 1899, page 390) for burial of Senior Warden. District Lodges #36, #41, and #93 sent delegates to the funeral.)

It was customary in our Lodge to leave a page blank except for the name of the deceased in memory.

The Lodge gets its first telephone in 1899, telephone no. MAIN 109.

12/13/1899

Robert P. Thomas elected WM.

11/28/1900

Another communication was received from the Grand Chapter of Washington Order of the Eastern Star regarding the institution of a Chapter in Anacortes.

12/26/1900

Henry Clay Howard elected WM.

Moses G. Smith elected SW and Augustus Hensler JW.

1900 The office of Grand Lecturer was established.

11/06/1901

William B. Edens elected WM.

11/27/1901

Fidalgo Lodge #77 orders electric lights.

1901 President McKinley assassinated

01/08/1902

Ed Dodge and Harry Dodge petition Lodge for Degrees.

R. P. Thomas installed WM. V. J. Knapp SW, J.W.Bird JW.

Lots of degrees this year.

04/09/1902

Rent paid to J. A. Kinghorn \$15.00 per month.

07/23/1902

Owner agrees to patch roof and cement outside wall, and to lease the rooms for \$6.00 per month.

12/09/1902

Lodge moved back to the Odd Fellows Hall (Frechette Hall) after being in the Long and Merritt building for ten years. This building came to be known as the "Old Masonic Hall".

01/13/1903

Gus Hensler reinstalled WM. R. P. Thomas SW.

WM decides to bring the Lodge "before the public".

06/23/1903

New Lodge Columns paid for by R.P. Williams: \$6.50 each. The Lodge just discovered they have not informed Grand Lodge where they are now meeting.

01/12/1904

W. T. Odlin and Melville Curtis petition the Lodge.
P. J. Miller, first Master, Demits.
J. P. Kinghorn offers Commercial Ave. property for sale to the Lodge.
Gus Hensler re-elected WM.
J. W. Bird SW and G. T. Strang JW
Bros, are upset about Phillip J. Miller asking for a Demit.

01/26/1904

A Motion to get option to purchase Kinghorn Building after a 6-month lease was presented.

02/09/1904

A Resolution to establish "Masonic Hall Fund" was introduced by Bro. Douglas Allmond.

02/23/1904

Masonic Hall Fund established using \$25.00 from each initiation fee. Purpose of fund was to purchase land or building.

04/26/1904

First visit by Grand Master to Fidalgo Lodge #77, GM desires proficiency of FC to be in open Lodge.
Richard E. Hardcastle receives MM degree.
Peter Williams receives MM from GM Charles U. Atkins.
Melville Curtis receives MM degree.
WM appointed PGM John Arthur and PM Thomas to escort GM Atkins into the Lodge room.
Wm. T. Odlin raised by Grand Master. (Wm. T. Odlin was the mayor of Anacortes).
Peter Lawson receives MM.
After six Master Mason degrees a banquet was held at the Hotel Taylor. United Lodge #93 loaned 3rd degree costumes for the occasion.

05/10/1904

WM appointed E. S. Dodge, V. J. Knapp and Bro. Brandon to inquire into organizing a chapter of The Order of Eastern Star.

12/13/1904

Bro. David S. Prescott, Grand Lecturer, visits Fidalgo #77 and informs Lodge of changes in the MM ritual work.

12/27/1904

William R. Burke installed WM.

PM Hensler given a PM Jewel and Grand Honors for his service to #77.

01/24/1905

Masonic burial ground was looked into.

James W. Bird appointed to secure burial ground.

Senior Deacon's Jewel purchased from Arcana Lodge #187 of Minneapolis, Minn., for \$3.00.

02/05/1905

Charter member H. A. March died.

03/14/1905

Lots 1 through 16 inclusive in Block 45, Lots 1 through 16 inclusive Block 46, Lots 1 through 16 Block 47 and Lots 1 through 16 Block 48 Section D are for Free and Accepted Masons only. The 64 grave plots were reserved for the Lodge, however, they were not free: consideration of \$7.00 per grave at the time of burial was the price given on Page 361.

Note: I became excited when I discovered this item in the minutes. Immediate research began on the status of these plots. City cemetery records revealed that most of the plots had been sold without permission of the Lodge. Most of the members had probably forgotten about cemetery plots as well. Negotiating with The city resulted in the Lodge retaining ownership of 3 plots. (This note from WB Monte Robinson.)

06/05/1905

Grand Lodge met in Bellingham.

11/14/1905

Old Masonic Hall leased for practice by #77 for \$25.00 per month, including lights and janitor, four nights each month.

11/23/1905

Bro. Knapp reported that progress was being made on repairing old Lodge hall and it was leased for 5 years.

12/26/1905

George F. Strang elected WM, W. T. Odlin elected SW.

01/09/1906

The lodge moved back to the Old Masonic Hall across from the Wilson Hotel.

01/23/1906

The first active step was taken to organize a Chapter of Order of Eastern Star by electing Bro. James. W. Bird to serve as Worthy Patron.

06/15/1906

Madrona Chapter #89 Order of the Eastern Star was chartered in Anacortes and will meet in the Masonic Hall.

9/09/1907

A Lodge committee met with a committee from Madrona Chapter to consider purchasing an organ or a piano for the lodge room.

1908

W. J. Odlin, W. R. Burke and D. Allmond Committee appointed to purchase the property. Purchase price of 8th and O property was \$650.00. W. B. Burke presented a \$200 check to start the building. Property was owned by Bro. E. S. Dodge. Alternate plan was to purchase property at 10th and Commercial owned by Bro. Knapp.

04/14/1908

Fidalgo Lodge #77 supported activity to organize and charter a lodge at Friday Harbor.

02/23/1909

Fidalgo #77 officially protested, in writing, to our Grand Lodge Secretary about the Grand Lodge of Ohio making W. H. Taft a Mason on Sight.

03/13/1909

Members of Fidalgo Lodge who were attempting to form a Lodge at Friday Harbor demonstrated their proficiency in conferring the ritual work in Fidalgo as preparatory to constituting a Lodge at Friday Harbor. A motion was made and carried that Fidalgo endorse their work and support them.

03/23/1909

Fidalgo approved a resolution and submitted it recommending the formation and chartering of a lodge at Friday Harbor.

09/25/1909

The Brethren of Fidalgo Lodge assisted members of the Grand Lodge team in laying the cornerstone and dedicating the new Carnegie Library

in Anacortes. The Brethren of San Juan Lodge #175 also participated in the ceremony.

12/10/10

Gus Hensler conferred with a Grand Lodge Committee in regards to a Masonic Home in Anacortes. Property to be considered was the Van Valkenburg home. Nothing further was ever mentioned about this.

04/25/1911

Lodge met to recommend to the GM to discontinue District Deputy system.

12/11/1911

Installation was public and banquet followed at Hotel Wilson (\$40.00) with the usual cigars.

02/13/1912

WM orders telephone removed — last bill for phone was \$4.50.

02/27/1912

WM Hensler made a resolution to raise dues to \$6.00. Rent of \$200.00 for 1911 was past due — Lodge was broke so Bro. Burke advanced \$100.00 to the Lodge.

The lodge signed a petition sent to the City Council asking for an extension of the sewer on "O" Avenue.

05/14/1912

Lodge discusses selling 8th and O lots to buy property at 7th and M. Madrona Chapter #89 OES invited the Lodge to an entertainment.

10/08/1912

V. J. Knapp introduced resolution to erect a building on the 8th and O property.

02/15/1913

Bro. Charles Quincy Adams affiliates (related to John Q. Adams) with Fidalgo Lodge #77. He was formally a member of Winona Lodge #18 in Winona, Minnesota.

04/08/1913

GM Frank McCanns visits Lodge. WM W. F. Coulson, V. J. Knapp and V. L. Hill escorted him in.

11/11/1913

WM Coulson makes an appeal to the Lodge members to do their utmost in making the proposition of a building a success.

12/19/1913

Committee of W. B. Burke, Knapp, and Maroni instructed to get a bid on the building costs.

02/10/1914

Received reply from Grand Lodge refusing a building loan to Fidalgo #77

05/26/1914

The Lodge received an invitation to attend the dedication of the new Masonic Temple in Friday Harbor scheduled for 06/06/14.

06/06/1914

San Juan Lodge #175 dedicated.

10/27/1914

A committee was appointed to try and get water and toilets installed in the existing Lodge Hall.

11/24/1914

WM Miller, Coulson, George and Knapp appointed Masonic Hall Committee. Construction began on Temple.

Membership for 1914 was 86.

01/12/1915

GM inquires when he can dedicate the new temple. WM says around March 1st, 1915.

Fidalgo Lodge members invited to Sedro-Woolley to attend a meeting regarding formation of a Masters and Wardens Club

01/26/1915

Communication from GM granting permission to move to new hall and again asking for a date to dedicate the new hall. March 9, 1915 was decided on. This was the last meeting in the old hall.

02/09/1915

First meeting of Fidalgo #77 in the present building.

WM J. George, SW J. Kidd and a Committee of 3 consisting of E. L. Squire,

W. F. Coulson and the Rev. Fred Taylor to arrange for dedication ceremony of the new Temple to be limited to Masons only.

The Lodge voted to invite Madrona Chapter #89 OES to join them in meeting in the new Temple.

02/23/1915

Dedication postponed because of delay of new carpet.

03/09/1915

A Resolution to lease ground floor to U.S. Post Office for a period of 10 years @ \$1296.00 per annum was prepared and presented to the Post Office, but I don't think anything came of the proposal.

Henri D. Allison represented St. John's Lodge #9, as a visitor.

05/11/1915

New carpet arrived and installed so secretary ordered to write GM concerning dedication.

05/22/1915

Thirty members of #77 attend dedication of the new Temple for United Lodge #93.

06/22/1915

The new Masters and Wardens Club was formed at Fidalgo Lodge with over one hundred Masons from all over the county in attendance. After the club was formed a "School of Instruction" was conducted. A dinner was then served and then they conferred the Third Degree on a real candidate with the visiting Brethren filling the chairs.

08/10/1915

Officer chairs were purchased for \$32.00 from Robert M. Smith.

09/14/1915

A letter was received from the Acacia Society at the University of Washington soliciting help for their organization.

The Lodge voted to place a "Question Box" in the Lodge room where members could place Masonic questions which would then be taken under general discussion on a not to interfere basis.

11/19/1915

Bro. Knapp bought 200 chairs for \$117.00 COD for the Lodge. \$4.50 purchased 3 ricks of wood. I believe these are the wooden "Fiddle Back" chairs which were sold in the 1990's and there are still three or four on the third floor.

12/28/1915

The Lodge and OES Chapter sent reciprocal invitations to attend their respective installations. This was the first installation of either organization in the new Temple.

1915 17 Degrees put on in 1915.

Membership was 96.

11/28/16

Last bill from Anacortes Lumber & Box for \$130.00 for new building was received.

12/28/1916

Last bill for building lumber was paid.

Membership was 101.

02/13/1917

Secretary was ordered to put notice of meeting in the local newspaper.

04/10/1917

WM John Kidd appointed George Strang, R. A. Pullen and Tony Naser as a Committee to raise a flag over our building.

08/16/1917

First visitation by #77 to a Canadian Lodge: Victoria/Columbia Lodge #1 of Victoria, B.C. (Visitation was by invitation.)

Order of Eastern Star requests permission to place a telephone in Ante room, at no expense to the Lodge.

09/11/1917

WM to see about establishing a fund for members sent to the front (WWI).

10/09/1917

WM orders notices stopped in newspaper after receiving bill for \$3.00 for 4 months.

10/23/1017

Madrona Chapter #89 extended an invitation to the Lodge members and their families to attend a social gathering at the hall.

02/12/1918

Lodge #77 went on record that no Brother be dropped NPD while in the service of his country.

Lodge wrote a letter to V. J. Knapp expressing sympathy because his wife was at "death's door".

The Lodge received a lettergram from Robert F. Warren just before he departed for France.

02/26/1918

Lodge received notice of Warren's death. He was a causality of the S.S. Tuscania which was sunk by a German U-Boat in the Irish Sea.

03/12/1918

Memorial to Robert F. Warren — "Lost at War".

07/09/1918

The Lodge received a letter from the Salvation Army thanking #77 for their donation to assist them in moving and paying for their new quarters.

08/13/1918

An invitation was received from Snohomish Masters and Wardens Club to Masons and their families to a picnic at Granite Falls.

09/10/1918

The Master was to see that the downstairs is offered to the Anacortes Red Cross for the duration of the war. This offer was declined by the Red Cross.

The Lodge held no meetings in October (1918) because of a ban by the State Board of Health due to Influenza Epidemic.

Received a letter from GM enclosing a message from President Woodrow Wilson appealing, to people, for cooperation in the conservation of food to relieve the needs of our allies and stricken people of the earth.

11/11/1918

World War I ended

Flu outbreak, all meetings and schools closed.

08/12/1919

Master to see about entertaining returned service personnel from Anacortes and surrounding area.

19/09/1919

V. J. Knapp announces his forthcoming visit to his home Lodge where he was raised 50 years ago. (1869)

03/09/1920

Skagit County Masters and Wardens Club proposed to do the work in the next degree that comes due.

1920 — Brother Warren G. Harding elected President.

03/18/1921

Resolution introduced which levied \$16.50 to every member of #77 to pay the indebtedness on the building by 04/12/21.

04/04/1921

Lodge voted to write Grand Lodge about the above resolution for advice and to write a letter to all members informing them of the debt and ask the members to write back with a substitute proposal.

05/24/1921

W. B. Percy H. Dunlap WM of Garfield #41 visited.

Bills: A. W. Miller - 4 ricks of wood, \$10.00; A. B. Cook - refreshments, \$4.25; cigars, \$4.65. Henderson — 12 aprons, \$16.55.

06/28/1921

Levying the members judged unconstitutional by Grand Lodge Judiciary Committee. The WM, after much discussion, announced that the Master would see that a voluntary contribution from \$1.00 to \$100.00 be asked for from each Fidalgo #77 member.

Fidalgo #77 received an invitation from Friday Harbor Lodge to picnic with them (families included) at Turn Point.

11/22/1921

Madrona Chapter #89 OES surrendered their Trustee note for payment of two years rent.

01/06/1922

Joint installation held with Order of Eastern Star Chapter.

01/10/1922

#77 annual dues raised to \$10.00 payable semi-annually was proposed, balloted on and “rejected 17 to 6”.

07/26/1922

Fidalgo Picnic held in LaConner with program of sports, music and dancing.

09/12/1922

The Master will see that the next time Fidalgo #77 puts on a Third Degree, an invitation will be extended to Victoria-Columbia Lodge #1 to visit us.

10/1019/22

Rental bill for steamer to Friday Harbor: \$13.00.

11/14/1922

Burlington Lodge UD invites #77 to the institution on Thursday evening, November 16, 1922.

Order of Eastern Star requested the Lodge to join with them in hosting an entertainment for the teachers of the City Schools to be held on 01/12/23.

11/21/1922

W. T. Odlin elected WM.

11/28/1922

Proposed by-laws change to meet on 2nd Tuesday of the month was rejected.

01/09/1923

Mt. Baker #36 invites #77 to visit and meet GM MWB James McCormack January 26, 1923.

05/19/1923

Plans for the annual picnic. (The Lodge also had an annual ball with music, dancing and banquet.)

06/26/1923

WM Odlin reported that he had met Bros. E. W. Cornell and J. A. McLead of Mt. Newton Lodge #89 Saanichton, B.C., and that they were desirous of visiting this Lodge on July 28, 1923. It was moved and carried that an invitation be extended to the members of Mt. Newton #89 Saanichton, B.C, to pay a fraternal visit to this Lodge on July 28th and to ask them to confer the First Degree at that time. The WM appointed Bro. W. H. Taylor to take up with the O.E.S. the matter of serving lunch to the Mt. Newton Lodge on Sunday July 29 — he also appointed Bro. Stafford, Chairman of a Committee on Transportation and Bro. Steffen, Chairman of the Lunch Committee.

(I have included an Appendix to this history regarding these visitations and some remarks on the life of Captain Sam Barlow.)

07/10/1923

Bro. C. F. Stafford and W. F. Steffen reported favorable progress — for entertaining Mt. Newton Lodge #89 — WM Odlin responded that the Lodge could have use of the banquet hall of the Eagles for this occasion.

07/24/1923

Letter read from Bro. R. MacAulay, Secretary of Mt. Newton Lodge #89, accepting the invitation of this Lodge.

WM appointed J. W. Bird Honorable Treasurer with no responsibilities for the rest of his natural life.

07/28/1923

Special Communication called for first visit of Mt. Newton #89 and for the conferring of the First Degree of Mr. Glen L. Bliss.

W. Bro. Stephens of St. Andrews Lodge #49 of Victoria and W. Bro. Knutsen of Garfield #41 sat in the East as visitors.

08/14/1923

WM reported that the Lodge had received an invitation to visit Mt. Newton Lodge #89 sometime in late September.

Luncheon was given at Eagle Hall for \$75.00.

08/28/1923

Fidalgo Lodge writes resolution as a Memorial for Bro. Warren G. Harding who died in San Francisco while on a west coast trip. The last time that Brother Harding signed his name was on the Tyler's Register at Lafayette Lodge # 241 in Seattle.

09/11/1923

The Lodge received an invitation to attend the Annual Grand Lodge Session in Bellingham in 1924.

09/25/1923

WM reported 35 members of this Lodge and other Lodges of this county visited Mt. Newton Lodge #89. Fidalgo # 77 conferred a Third Degree.

11/27/1923

On motion Bro. Thomas White and Bro. Henry C. Howard were proposed to be made "Honorary Members" for life. Both were charter members of Fidalgo Lodge. Motion was carried at the next meeting.

02/26/1924

W. E. Gilkey receives Third Degree with the following members of the degree team:

D. R. Gilkey WM

Charles Gilkey SW

W.W.. Gilkey JW

Frank Gilkey SD

Mark Gilkey JD W.

Bro. T.A. Esary of Mt. Baker #36 gave the Lecture and the Charge.

03/16/1924

Charter member Henry C. Howard dies and is buried in Eden Cemetery on Guemes Island.

03/25/1924

Fidalgo #77 is invited to attend Cornerstone Laying of Skagit County Courthouse on April 12th.

05/27/1924

A committee was appointed to work with the OES to build platforms and benches around the lodge room. The benches were built around the North and South walls of the Lodge room. The benches provided storage for paraphernalia. Madrona Chapter #89 OES bought 3" thick leather covered pads to go on the benches.

The secretary was instructed to send a letter to the OES Auxiliary thanking them for the drapes in the lodge room.

07/19/1924

Mt. Newton Lodge #89 members escorted in by VV. Bro, Odlin.

Mt. Newton Lodge #89 conferred Second Degree on John Crichton.

08/07/1924

Brother James W. Bird died. He was the charter Worthy Patron of Madrona Chapter #89 OES. The only service he requested was to have "Thanatopsis" read over his grave.

01/29/1925

The lodge remitted the rent of Madrona Chapter #89 for the year July 1, 1924 to June 30, 1925.

11/24/1925

The DeMolay Chapter from Mt. Vernon met in Anacortes and initiated five young men from Anacortes.

12/19/1925

Anacortes Assembly of Rainbow for Girls was "Instituted" with Mrs. A.H. Graham as Mother Advisor and twenty-nine girls initiated as charter members. Another thirty-two would join before the Assembly was "Constituted" as Anacortes Assembly #8.

10/12/1926

The Order of Rainbow for Girls sent a letter to Fidalgo Lodge thanking them for their kindness in allowing them the use of the hall for the balance of the year. The lodge members subsequently voted to donate the use of the hall on the 2nd & 4th Saturdays to the Rainbow Girls.

05/10/1927

The question of a fire escape for the lodge building was raised and the Trustees were empowered to do something about it in the best interest of the lodge.

06/14/1927

The Lodge celebrated Past Master's Night, the 36th anniversary of the Lodge and the WM's (WB David Gilkey) birthday. WB Gilkey presented the lodge with a book case and a Marshal's baton. The Past Masters then conferred a third degree. (The book case is the glass front one in the anteroom and it has a donation plaque at the top center of the front.)

12/27/1927

MW Bro J.H. Begg conferred Third degree on Emil T. Kynell.

MW Bro. Walter F. Meier, Special Deputy of MW Bro. Begg, Robert A. Wilson, gave the Lecture and MW Bro. J. Taylor gave Charge.

MWB Walter F. Meier and the other Grand Lodge officers then dedicated the Fidalgo Temple in proper ceremony.

V. J. Knapp (Charter Member) took part as Grand Historian.

V. J. Knapp was the last charter member to be active through the twenties.

01/14/1928

Anacortes Assembly #8 International Order of Rainbow for Girls was constituted with more than sixty members and will meet in the Fidalgo Temple.

03/27/1928

Fidalgo Lodge received a resolution to sponsor a DeMolay Chapter provided the State Councilor would issue a dispensation. A motion was made and carried on 05/08/28 to approve this action.

A motion was made and carried to make Bro. V.J. Knapp an "Honorary Member", he being the last active charter member.

12/11/1928

The Lodge voted to rent the Hall to the Royal Arch Masons although I am not certain which group it was.

Joint installation of officers held with OES.

06/11/1929

Bro. V.J. Knapp suggested that the windows be removed from the North side of the Lodge Room and be used to enclose the balcony on the West end of the building.

09/24/1929

There was discussion to use the lower floor for banquet room. A. B. Cook made the motion. Present banquet room is on third floor.

10/22/1929

Lodge voted to move banquet room downstairs.

Pacific American Fisheries communicated a desire to give some stock in the old Anacortes Hospital to Fidalgo Lodge #77. The lodge voted to accept this donation.

11/26/1929

Meeting acknowledged OES for a check for \$50.00 toward new kitchen downstairs Bro Ed Knapp contractor on kitchen, with other brothers, did the work..

12/27/1929

Joint installation of officers held with OES.

02/25/1930

The lodge paid the 7th annual installment to the City of Anacortes of the assessment for paving 8th Street and "O" Avenue.

03/25/1930

The Lodge gave permission for the Knights Templar to use the lodge room to meet in preparatory to attending the Presbyterian Church on Easter Sunday. The Knights invited the members of Fidalgo Lodge to march with them to the church service.

05/27/1930

Lodge voted to furnish a room at Anacortes Hospital.

06/14/1930

Questions arose of instituting a DeMolay Chapter.

V. J. Knapp honored for being the only charter member attending the Lodge at this time.

06/23/1930

The lodge conducted the funeral services for WB Augustus Hensler (he served five times as Master of Fidalgo Lodge). He was carried on the rolls of the charter as an Entered Apprentice.

07/12/1930

The Lodge conducted the funeral services for WB V.J. Knapp who was the last active charter member of Fidalgo Lodge. He was also a charter member of Madrona Chapter #89 OES.

09/09/1930

The Lodge approved the action of organizing a DeMolay Chapter and an advisory board was appointed.

10/14/1930

Bro. A. B. Cook presented to the Lodge through Bro. Ed. L. Knapp and Mrs. Flora Reilly, the apron of Charter Member V. J. Knapp who died July, 1930. (This now hangs on wall in Lodge Room.)

12/09/1930

Br. Samuel Barlow was elected to membership in Fidalgo Lodge as an affiliated member from West Gate Lodge #128 in Seattle. Brother Barlow was the skipper of the ferry which ran between Anacortes and Sidney, British Columbia and initiated the visitations between Fidalgo Lodge and Mt. Newton Lodge in Saanichton, British Columbia. These visitations were to continue annually for more than eighty years.

01/13/1931

WM Ellison reported that he had the Anacortes Hospital Association stock on hand which the Pacific American Fisheries Co. signed over to the Lodge. The officers of the Lodge were empowered to vote the stock at stock holder's meeting of Hospital Association.

04/12/1931

WM Fred Ellison suggested the Lodge buy an illuminated sign for the front of the Lodge Building. Sign was built by E. L. Knapp. On 04/28/31 the Lodge gave permission to include the OES logo on the sign.

01/12/1932

The Lodge noticed the first hint of a depression in this area. A job as janitor for the Lodge was offered to any needy brother. Grand Lodge sent out a questionnaire inquiring of financially distressed Lodges. Several Brothers dues were paid by the Lodge.

05/05/1932

Douglas Allmond died in Seattle after long illness. Rites were conducted at Fidalgo Lodge #77, they then marched to the Elks Home where the Scottish Rite conducted the rest followed by #77. Brothers Ben Driftmeir and J. E. Trafton accompanied body to Seattle for cremation. Bro. Allmond was founder of *Anacortes American*.

06/04/1932

Past Masters night was held . W. R. Burke, PM of 1916, presided with 30 visiting brethren.

08/13/1932

Annual visit to Mt. Newton Lodge with San Juan Lodge #175 going along too. WM Hutchins was given a token by our WM Frank Taylor — a silver trowel.

10/25/1932

148 members carried on Lodge Rolls. Dues were \$10.00 per year.

11/08/1932

Lodge retires to Elks Club to hear election returns.

12/13/1932

Eighteen members names read for NPD, which was more than 10% of the membership.

12/27/1932

During the regular meeting W. Bro. Burke called attention to St. John's night and said no one in this Lodge would see it fall on our regular meeting night again.

01/23/1933

Fidalgo #77 Choir sings at OES Installation.

It was not unusual for a chorus of Masons to present several numbers in the Lodge Room as well as in the Banquet Room. [This was written among the activities of 1923 also, and is not known how long this practice continued.]

1933

Motion was made to reduce dues but lodge expenses would not allow it.

05/23/1933

Bro. Sam Barlow suggested that the ferry could perhaps make some connections for the upcoming picnic on Orcas Island with the Bellingham Lodges.

07/12/1933

Death of H. D. Allison (Charter Member) reported.

09/12/1933

Mt. Newton was unable to make annual visit.

09/26/1933

Second time in as many years, Lodge members requested lower dues.

10/10/1933

133 members were on the Rolls. Lengthy financial report recommended dues be lowered to \$6.00. The Master to see about reducing initiation fees from \$50.00 to \$30.00.

12/26/33

A new ramp was installed on the front of the building.

01/23/1934

Bro. Leroy Todd suggested reinstatement of NPD brothers during hard times.

Ammunition shell flag stand was presented to Lodge. It was made by E.C.H Kemp, Andrew Bodner, Fred Ellison, E. L. Knapp. Frank Gilkey buffed *and* lacquered it. The shell came from Bro. Ed. Kemp

03/27/1934

The Lodge voted to re-decorate and re-paper the Lodge room.

The Worshipful Master directed that a Lodge history be written. (I don't think it ever was.)

11/27/1934

Grand Master Loomis Baldry visits and explained the new Deputy System. Brother Aaron Light of Mt. Baker Lodge #36 was the first appointed District Deputy Grand Master in our district.

04/03/1935

C. C. Barnett, contractor of present hall in 1915, and member of the Lodge, died.

1933-35

Fidalgo Lodge had a very popular "Masonic Quartet." Bros. Lyle Packard and Ray Lowman were members.

During these years, Past Masters' Night was held on the Lodge's anniversary, June 11th or the nearest date.

Masonic Play "John Brent" made its circuit during 1935.

02/26/1935

The Lodge invited the DeMolay Chapter to come and demonstrate their work.

Fidalgo Lodge voted to join the other lodges in the district and purchase regalia for the District Deputy Grand Master Br. Aaron Light. The new regalia was presented to Br. Light at the 05/01/35 stated meeting of Mt. Baker Lodge. (It now hangs in the dining room of Mt. Baker Lodge.)

11/01/1935

Brother William S. Caruthers died. He was one of the last charter members of Fidalgo Lodge and was listed on the charter as a Fellowcraft.

11/12/1935

Secretary writes to Treasury Department, Washington, D.C., and requests that the Lodge lay corner stone of new (proposed) Federal Building in Anacortes.

05/26/1936

45th Anniversary, PM night, DDGM Aaron Light. District #9, MWB Walter H. Steffey, MWB Loomis Baldry, PGM and DDGM Clifford Evans, District #4, conferred Third Degree

08/22/1936

Mt. Newton #89 visited with their own EA and performed the degree. WB Sand Berry, C, G. Jeffrey, RW F T. Taylor, W Hobbs and W. Clark sat in the chairs.

09/22/1936

Bill received from Guy Lowman for 24 cords of wood - \$84.00.

It was reported to the Lodge that the OES Chapter was giving a series of card parties beginning on September 30.

11/07/1936

Funeral for Sam Barlow, Pall Bearers for Sam Barlow were all Captains: Maugan, Anderson, Blake (Masons), MacKelson, Seigal and Bagard. His body was transported to Lopez Island by Larry Brotherton's yacht. Thanks returned from Mrs. Bernice Barlow Krisch.

02/05/1937

The Lodge voted to become a member of Research Lodge #281. This was renamed later as Walter F. Meier Lodge of Research #281 after the death of PGM Meier.

04/13/1937

First time suggestion was made to collect pictures of PMs to post in Ante Room. WM Lyle Packard appointed Bros. A. S. Huey and Pollom to obtain pictures. A motion was passed to this effect on 06/22/37. William F. Coulson sent a photo in September 1937. (Where is it?)

Early Past Master nights a red rose was given to each PM.

04/27/1937

The Demolay Chapter of Mt. Vernon requested use of the hall as they were forming a DeMolay Club in Anacortes. A committee was appointed to assist them.

05/25/1937

Brother C.F. Stafford was thanked for the Encyclopedia of Freemasonry which he presented to the Lodge.

11/23/1937

13 pictures of PMs obtained. W. T. Odlin presented Lyle Packard with a PM jewel.

02/22/1938

“Masonic Undertakers,” of Skagit County confer Third Degree in Fidalgo Lodge.

04/12/1938

Lyle Packard inquired about painting and re-shingling the building.
Mt. Vernon Commandery #16 of Knights Templar invited the Lodge and OES members to attend church with them at the Methodist Church in Anacortes on Easter Sunday.

05/24/1938

Report on condition of Lodge Building. Repairs and painting, Labor — \$250.00; materials — 864.00. Roof: Repairs to the dormers and North end of main roof, shingles @ \$2.75 a square — \$100.00. The roof is in too poor a condition to be worth oiling. The trimming on the building is in much need of painting.

10/01/1938

Visit to Mt. Newton by boat furnished by Ellsworth Trafton.

11/02/1938

Visit by GM W. Gale Mathews at first District #9 meeting held in Fidalgo Lodge.

05/09/1939

The Lodge received a facsimile of the account of death and internment of George Washington.

05/30/1939

WB William F. Coulson died. He was a very active member of Fidalgo Lodge and an active member of Madrona Chapter. He was instrumental in the building of the Temple. His remains were returned to Harper, Kansas for internment.

06/13/1939

Lodge complains *of* dues too slow coming in so might have to borrow from bank.

09/12/1939

Trustees borrowed \$200.00.

10/24/1939

First PM night held that was not on or near Lodge anniversary. June 11th, and gave each a carnation instead of a rose.

1939 — England and France declare war on Germany

02/13/1940

Ed Knapp honored for 40 years a mason and A. B. Cook for 36 years a mason.

During the 1930's and 1940's it was customary for lodges to write other lodges and have them check on sick or distressed brothers in their jurisdiction that belong to their lodge.

06/11/40

Past Masters Night, Fidalgo PMs put on Third Degree for William Lawrence Pollard.

06/24/1940

Fred Ellison attends as Fidalgo Lodge's first District Deputy.

09/10/1940

There was the first mention of spreading flowers on the waters of Lopez Landing for Sam Barlow's memory.

The 1940s became the "Age of Enlightenment". Harry Hunt and MacGregor Allen would choose up sides and have a Masonic quiz team of perhaps three PMs each.

St. John's Day celebrated with a card party.

11/30/1940

District #9 meeting of the Lodges was attended by DDGM of 8, 9, and 10, SGD, GStd Bearer, and GM Mathew Hill. GM signed book page 199.

02/11/41

The Lodge received a request from the Grand Mound Memorial Committee requesting a contribution to help build a Memorial at Grand Mound. Grand Mound Lodge #3 was one of four Lodges which formed the Grand Lodge of Washington. They subsequently surrendered their charter, but were later re-chartered as an historic Lodge.

06/11/1941

50th Anniversary. Six WMs present and W. Bro. Walter Higgins, Grand Standard Bearer, WB Warren J. Smith, Grand Tyler, RW G. S. Rose DDGM of District No. 8, RW F. F. Ellison DDGM of District No. 9, MWB Loomis Baldry PGM, RW John J. Ensign DCM, RWB J. W. J. Stedman SGW, and MWB Mathew W. Hill GM.

After Master's welcome, J. W. J. Stedman responded on behalf of visiting brethren. WM Frank Dunlop, Garfield #41, gave an address relative to sponsorship of this Lodge and called on WB Edwin Johanson of #41 to present a beautiful picture entitled "The Old Pioneer".

Active Past Masters formed a line west of the Altar. They were accorded a welcome and A. B. Cook responded. WB Wm. T. Odlin gave a history of Fidalgo Lodge. WB David Gilkey gave a statistical report of fifty years.

Fifty year Anniversary Committee was composed of WB Lyle Packard, Bro. Devere Pollam and WB David Gilkey.

MWB Mathew Hill presented certificates (Honorary) for their service to the Lodge: W. T. Odlin, O. A. Lenning and Ed Knapp. Certificate for John Kidd was to be presented at his home due to illness.

Mrs. Douglas Allmond presented a bouquet of Rosebuds with Anniversary Congratulations.

06/24/1941

A proposed amendment to the By-Laws was presented which would allow the Lodge to go dark in July and August. The resolution was adopted at the 07/08/41 meeting.

10/14/1941

Mrs. C. C. Barnett donated \$150.00 to the Lodge toward the purchase of a new carpet. She was the widow of the builder.

10/28/1941

W. B. Todd presents a 24" gauge (which he carved) to the Lodge on behalf of deceased WB John Kidd.

The Lodge conducted an "Honor Night" for RW Bro. Fred F. Ellison DDGM. Several musical selections were presented including some by Bro. W.V. Wells, Jr. playing the xylophone accompanied by Bro. Morganthaler.

11/11/1941

The Secretary was directed to send a letter of thanks to the OES Chapter for the lamp shades they had provided for the Lodge room.

11/25/1941

Questions were raised about increasing dues to keep up repairs to the Lodge.

02/24/1942

WB A. B. Cook, on behalf of Ed Knapp, presented the Lodge with two volumes of "MacKay's Encyclopedia of Freemasonry."

05/12/1942

A Brother was appointed to supervise the re-decorating of the dining room.

11/10/1942

Dues increased from \$6.00 to \$8.00.

01/12/1943

Question was raised as to the whereabouts of our 1000 shares of Anacortes Hospital Association Stock. The doctors wanted to purchase them.

03/09/1943

WM Ed Barker announces his departure "in the service of the Government."
(WB Barker's picture is the one of the Past Master in a Navy uniform.)

09/14/1943

The Lodge received a fifty year Certificate and Button from the Grand Master for Fidalgo Lodge's first fifty-year member, Bro. James Thomas Gander. This was presented on 10/12/43 by the DDGM.

03/14/44

WB Pollard mentioned that hereafter any brother raised in our Lodge would receive a Monitor.



Brother Jack Babcock about the time he received his degrees

03/1944

Brother Jack Babcock received all three degree by courtesy in Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. He was on active duty with the U.S. Army at the time. He subsequently retired as a Brigadier General and currently lives in Alexandria, Virginia as the senior member of Fidalgo Lodge.

04/11/1944

The lodge voted to redo the ceiling in the Lodge room.

05/09/1944

Question of Hospital Stock raised again. WB Todd agreed to try and straighten it out.

12/12/1944

Fidalgo Lodge and Madrona Chapter collected a total of 80 quarts of canned fruit and vegetables which were delivered to the Masonic Home at Zenith.(Masonic Retirement Center at Des Moines)

01/09/1945

Secretary reported Br. Harry Barney could get duplicates of Stock Certificates which are worth \$1,000.

01/26/1945

Bro. R. D. Turner furnishes oysters for Mt. Newton's visit.

01/30/1945

W. Bros. Burke and David Gilkey presented gift of new officers aprons and collars to officers.

WB Ed Barker sends greetings from New Guinea.

Communication received from Grand Lodge. There was limited communications during war time.

The Grand Lodge session in 1946 changed the name and title of the District Deputy Grand Master to Deputy of the Grand Master and title from Right Worshipful to Very Worshipful.

03/11/1947

Bro. A.D. Pollom presented the Lodge with some chandeliers which he had left from his store. They were installed in the dining room.

03/25/1947

A committee was appointed to bring the pictures of the Past Masters up to date.

04/08/1947

The WM reported that the new fire escape was finished and ready to be installed. At the 06/10/47 meeting it was reported that the fire escape had been installed.(I believe this was the wrought iron fire escape.)

09/09/1947

The Lodge received a letter stating that the name of the Research Lodge had been changed to Walter F. Meier Lodge of Research #281. This was to honor the memory of the founder of the research lodge MWB Walter F. Meier who passed away in 1940.

It was also reported that the new oil-fired furnace had been installed.

10/28/1947

Motions were made:

To raise initiation fees to \$75.00 and the annual dues to \$10.

To purchase a new carpet and paint the Lodge.

The Order of Eastern Star Chapter voted to help raise funds for the carpet.

(The carpet was purchased from the Bon Marche for \$1600.00)

02/10/1948

Motion was made to purchase brick siding for the Lodge building for the price of \$1000.00. Rainbow girls raised \$54 from a benefit dinner for the carpet fund. The new carpet was laid in March.

Grand Lodge will be held in Bellingham.

06/05/1948

Anacortes Chapter #59 Royal Arch Masons was chartered in Anacortes and will meet in the Fidalgo Masonic Hall. WB David R. Gilkey was the charter High Priest.

06/08/1948

The Lodge received a check for \$200.00 from the OES Auxiliary to be put in the carpet fund.

01/11/1949

Installation of Anacortes Chapter #59 Royal Arch Masons followed Fidalgo #77 installation on this night.

01/25/49

Secretary read a letter from Grand Lodge stating we had attained an all-time high in membership of 179 members.

It was reported that Fidalgo Lodge and Madrona Chapter #89 were each going to purchase folding chairs up to a maximum of 30 chairs each.

06/14/1949

Lodge received a letter offering \$1500 reward for finding the bodies lost in a crash of a B-26 bomber April 21, 1949.

06/28/1949

A Proposal was made to purchase asbestos shakes for the exterior of the building for \$2,437.00. Measure was adopted and new gutters were added to the project. This project also included enclosing the front porch.

09/27/1949

The lodge received a \$200.00 donation from the Brethren of Anacortes Veneer Inc. towards the costs of building repairs. The OES Auxiliary also donated \$50.00.

10/25/1949

The ladies of the OES requested that while the repairs were going on that a door be cut in the west side of the Temple allowing direct access into the kitchen.

02/28/1950

M. W. Bro. Loomis Baldry visited the Lodge to present 50-year certificates and lapel pins to Brothers Sellenthin and F.D. Knapp. The certificates were signed by M.W.B Baldry.

03/28/1950

WB Paul Wiseman presented the Lodge with a plumb made of stainless steel.

05/09/1950

Anacortes Assembly #8 Order of Rainbow exemplified their initiatory work for the Lodge.

09/12/1950

G. H. Griffith, Past Master of this Lodge in 1918, visited from California.

09/26/1950

The Lodge voted to amend the By-Laws and change to one stated meeting each month.

11/28/1950

The Lodge received a fraternal visit from United Lodge No. 93. Fidalgo officers vacated their chairs and the visiting Lodge conferred the second degree to their candidate.

01/09/1951

Plans were drawn up to build a powder room (I assume on the second floor) and were available for view and comments.

02/13/1951

The Lodge received a letter from Walter F. Meier Lodge of Research stating that we were one of the first lodges in their correspondence group.

05/08/1951

Lodge voted David R. Gilkey as Secretary Emeritus of Fidalgo Lodge No. 77. He had resigned the secretary's office earlier because of bad health.

06/11/1951

60th anniversary celebrated. R. W. Bro. Lemuel Sims, SGW, visited on this occasion accompanied by MWB Baldry and MWB Heal. MWB Baldry spoke on Egyptian Symbolism and its relation to Masonry. MWB Heal talked about The Right to Freedom and RWB Sims gave a talk on "Washington State Masonic History".

05/03/1952

WM Paul Wiseman received Grand Lodge permission to convene the lodge at the Masonic Home to present WB William R. Burke his 50-year certificate and lapel pin. Ten (10) members of the Lodge also attended.

06/03/1952

The Lodge held a special meeting honoring the Rainbow Girls and to have the girls exemplify their initiatory *work*. Mary (Hetzel) Hartsfield was an active candidate that evening.

09/09/1952

The Lodge received an invitation to help Olympia Lodge #1 celebrate their centennial on 12/06/52.

09/16/1952

Brother Paul Wiseman conferred the Entered Apprentice degree on his son George Wiseman. When the time came he also conferred the other two degrees on George.

1952

Stones taken from the White House during a major renovation project were given one to each Grand Lodge by direction of MWB Harry S. Truman who was President at that time.

08/22/1953

30th annual visit by Mt. Newton Lodge No.89.

10/08/1953

MWB Fred Winkles, Grand Master of Masons in Washington, and MWBs Baldry and Heal accompanied by VWBs Neil, Johnson, Peal and Higgins visited this Lodge for a district meeting.

02/08/1954

W. B. William R. Burke died at the Masonic Home. This was one of the finest members of the Lodge. Whenever the Lodge needed help of any kind, this Brother was there to serve. His name and memory well deserve a place in this Masonic Lodge.

05/08/1954

PGMs Baldry and Heal visited to present a 50-year certificate to WB Leroy Todd. (MWB Baldry died soon after this date.)

02/15/1955

WB A. B. Cook presented a Bible to the Lodge on behalf of Bro. Robert Wright.

02/22/1955

U.S. Navy Degree team from Whidby Island Lodge #15 put on a third degree for Bro. Donald Rowell.

10/11/1955

It was reported that the Widows and Orphans Fund raised the paid benefit level to \$400.00.

12/13/1955

Bro. Leslie Polis asked permission to erect a sign outside the hall to represent all of the concordant bodies who meet here. The new neon sign was erected on September 11, 1956 for a cost of \$629.

01/31/1956

The Entered Apprentice Degree was conferred by a cast of Brothers from Anacortes Veneer.

03/27/1956

Former Chief of Police and member of Fidalgo Lodge Bro. Al Sellenthin died at the Masonic Home. This brother was a member since 1916.

12/26/1957

The lodge conducted the funeral services for Brother Les Polis. Six Knights Templar, all of whom members of Fidalgo Lodge, served as pallbearers.

01/11/1958

The annual installation of officers was held and for the first time the Worthy Matron of Madrona Chapter #89 OES was introduced.

01/14/58

Bro. Gordon Jorgenson raised the question of life membership.

03/11/58

Bro. John Cox mentioned that by supporting the Square and Compass Club, it might be possible to start a DeMolay group at this lodge.

05/16/1958

Under the auspices of the "Square and Compass Club" a Chapter of the Order of Demolay was instituted. It was chartered as chapter number 48001 as charter number 2776. William H. Scott, Jerry Hoots and A. Frank Crossley were the principal advisors for the chapter. It was subsequently named the John E. Cox Chapter after his death in October 1958. Some of the charter members were:

William K. Hoots – Master Counselor (a member of William H. Upton Lodge #206 in Bremerton)

Thomas Hoots

Elmer Guthrie

Gary Mansfield

Virgil Taylor (a member of Warren G. Harding Lodge #260 in Poulsbo)

Paul Webber

09/09/1958

It was reported that the lower floor of the lodge had been re-decorated over the summer by Bro. W.H. Scott.

10/22/1958

The Lodge held the funeral services for Bro. John E. Cox. Bro. Cox was the driving force behind the attempt to get a DeMolay Chapter in Anacortes and was also serving as Senior Steward of the Lodge at the time of his death.

12/02/1958

The Lodge was called up and a team from Anacortes Veneer, Inc. conferred the Fellowcraft degree on Bro. Keith Horner. His father Ralph was ill and unable to get his Fellowcraft degree.

01/13/1959

The WM appointed a committee to investigate the possibility of having a Bethel of Job's Daughters in Anacortes.

01/10/1959

The Worthy Matron of Madrona Chapter OES, The Worthy Advisor of the Rainbow Assembly and Bro. William H. Scott representing DeMolay were introduced at the annual installation of officers as being leaders of Concordant organizations.

01/16/1959

The degree team from Anacortes Veneer, Inc. conferred the third degree on a father and son Brother Ralph Horner and his son Keith.

02/07/1959

The annual District #9 meeting was held at Fidalgo. Many members of the Grand Lodge team were present. The Grand Master thanked the District for a wonderful meeting. It was reported that the Lodge ran out of aprons and that everyone did not get to attend the closed meeting.

04/11/1959

The Lodge conducted the funeral services for Brother John Henry O'Brien who was the installed Junior Warden of Fidalgo #77.

04/1959

The lodge assisted the Grand Lodge Team in laying the cornerstone for Skagit Valley College.

06/09/1959

The Lodge voted to renovate the kitchen over the summer vacation.

10/15/1959

A report was given that the lighting fixtures in the dining room had been replaced.

Also it was reported that the Widows & Orphans Fund had again increased the benefit paid from \$400.00 to \$500.00.

01/12/1960

WB Ed Eriks suggested that this lodge become a member of the Masonic Service Bureau.

04/12/1960

A vote was taken and carried to install new floor covering in the kitchen.

03/14/1961

A committee was appointed to investigate the possibility of establishing a Temple Fund to replace the existing Temple.

04/11/1961

The Lodge voted to buy 50 metal folding chairs at \$9.93 each.

06/01/1961

Very Wor. Bro. Claude Jeffery and WB Bill Edge of Mt. Newton Lodge #89 and Very Wor. Bro. John Ostraat of Camanio Lodge #19 were made honorary members of this lodge.

11/14/1961

The lodge decided to build a ramp on the east side of the temple. The cost was \$1100.00. A motion was also passed to start a building fund. This was passed and the fund established at the 12/12/61 meeting.

01/09/1962

WB Loren Duranceau of Mt. Baker Lodge #36 presented a traveling gavel to the district. This gavel is still used today and is carried to each lodge in the district during the installation of officers. The gavel is thereafter used as a token gift to the lodge which visits with the master and has the most visitors. In case of a tie, the lodge that traveled the farthest takes the gavel home.

02/23/1962

The WM was presented with a special gavel by Bro. Delbert Mason. The gavel was made by William Eldridge of Mount Vernon Lodge in Cranston, Rhode Island. Bro. Eldridge now lives in Anacortes. He was a silversmith by trade but now applies those techniques to working with wood.

05/08/1962

It was reported that another new fire escape was finished and installed.

03/01/1963

YMCA inquired about shares we owned in old hospital. Bro. Glendinning moved that we wait until we know for sure if we have any shares to dispose of.

04/09/1963

WB Sid McKee reported he had one share of old hospital stock.

WB Harry Hunt received his fifty-year certificate and as it was the custom of this lodge, his dues were remitted.

05/14/1963

WB Sid McKee reported that he had been informed the lodge has 10 shares of old hospital stock and that he had made out an affidavit for the same.

10/08/1963

Wor. Master Ali M. Eriks reported he had collected a great number of school books for the Philippine Islands.

12/03/1963

Wor. Master Ali M. Eriks called up the lodge for prayer in memory of President Kennedy.

02/11/1964

WB Eldon Baker introduced the members of the Anacortes School board to the lodge refreshment table for an exchange of ideas.

03/10/1964

The steps to the east and the platform were rebuilt to extend to the width of the room.

09/12/1964

Junior Warden Don Glendinning received a three-year certificate for proficiency from the Grand Master.

09/19/1964

RWB Claude Jeffrey gave a history of Mt. Newton's visits since 1923 on their annual visit. The Canadian Brethren were piped in by Bro. Captain Wilson of their lodge.

In general, many times through this year, the lodge had invited school officials to visit and they were warmly received. WB Eldon Baker proposed we sponsor a coffee hour for the school faculty to promote better relations and to show our appreciation for their efforts.

04/13/1965

WB Ed Eriks gave a school committee report which included plans for moving offices from the Columbia Building and then the building would be torn down. This building was built by Fidalgo Lodge members Long & Merritt in 1892.

The OES asked permission to re-decorate the anteroom. Permission was granted. This was when the ante room was re-decorated in red carpeting with white wicker furniture.

05/18/1965

The Temple was reroofed with new sheathing and shingles for \$2,537.00. An elevator was proposed but was deemed too costly.

10/12/1965

Fidalgo Lodge subscribed to the Northwest Masonic News.

Members of the lodge were in disagreement over a letter received from Grand Lodge concerning the changes in the ritual. A long meeting followed.

02/08/1966

Dues were raised from \$10.00 to \$14.00. Members were also to donate \$1.00 a month toward the new building fund.

02/08/1966

The Lodge held a special meeting to allow the DeMolay Chapter to perform two of their degrees as a program for the members.

06/11/1966

This was the 75th Anniversary of Fidalgo Lodge #77. There were 198 people for dinner and it was the 43rd annual visit of Mt. Newton Lodge, also, Past Grand Master Matthew Hill, and Past Grand Master Walter Higgins, (both had attended the 50th anniversary in 1941) along with the Grand Tyler, Senior Grand Deacon, Grand Lecturer, Junior Grand Warden, Senior Grand Warden and the Grand Master MWB George Bovingdon.



Reading from left to right: Park Fournier, S.D.; Ralph Horn, Acting S.W.; Donald Glendinning, Worshipful Master; Eldon C. Baker, Deputy District No. 9; Rollin Hawes, J.W.; Lloyd Sanderson, J.D.; Back row: James Hinchcliffe, Tyler; Robert Howard, Treasurer; Paul Wiseman, Secretary; Richard Raikula, S.S.; Ali Eriks, Acting Chaplain; (not pictured) James Pitner, J.S.; James Knudson, Marshal.

Fidalgo Lodge #77 officers for the 75th Anniversary Year

09/10/1966

District #9 meeting; held in this lodge. In attendance were MWB Haskell Johns, Grand Master, and many elected and appointed officers of the grand lodge.

Prior to having the District Meeting the Grand Lodge team assisted by members of Fidalgo Lodge #77 performed a cornerstone laying ceremony on the new Methodist Church. This was really history repeating itself as Fidalgo Lodge members had performed the same ceremony 75 years earlier at the old Methodist Church. William V. Wells Sr. gave an Oration at the 1891 dedication and cornerstone ceremony. Today his son William V. Wells, Jr. performed the same task at this ceremony.

09/13/1966

The Lodge received a letter from the Cove Hotel inquiring about an option to purchase the property where the hall is.

09/23/1967

Annual visitation of Mt. Newton Lodge involved a cornerstone laying at a new Temple for United Lodge #93. After the ceremony the brethren were then taken to Ault Field at the Oak Harbor Naval Air Station for a tour of the facilities. This was followed by a dinner prepared by the ladies of the OES at this lodge. The members of Mt. Newton were then piped into the lodge room by Captain Wilson, a charter member of Mt. Newton.

10/10/1967

WM Rollin Hawes appointed a committee to consider the purchase of property for a new temple.

04/30/1968

Walter F. Meier Lodge #281 opened this communication at Fidalgo Lodge #77 to explain the purpose of the Lodge of Research. The meeting was well attended by Grand Lodge officers and members of District #9.

05/14/1968

At the request of Bro. Ralph Amsberry, the secretary Paul Wiseman presented a serving tray in memory of Bro. Boyd H. Amsberry, who had recently passed away. The tray is handcrafted and is made of butterfly wings which form the square and compasses.

Note: In the 1960's it was not unusual to have a Texaco, Shell, or Plywood night. This usually involved the members from these companies doing degree work, showing a film or doing other lodge work.

09/10/1968

The heating system in the hall was completely reworked.

09/10/1968

Brother Steinburg. Secretary of Walter F. Meier Lodge of Research #281, gave a talk on "Mormons and Masonry". Bro. Steinburg wrote a paper on the subject and presented it to the lodge.

09/20/1969

46th annual visit of Mt. Newton Lodge #89. Brothers from Fidalgo met the Canadian brethren at the Tsawwassen ferry and brought them to Blaine for lunch. They then proceeded to the Skagit Steel Corporation for a tour which was then followed by a dinner at Fidalgo Lodge. After dinner Bro Paul Luvera presented a large picture of the officers of Mt. Newton Lodge and Fidalgo Lodge. (This picture hangs in the preparation room.)

The brethren then went to Whidby Island Lodge #15 to attend their Centennial celebration. Senator Bro Henry M. Jackson was the guest speaker.

12/09/1969

WB Paul Wiseman elected "secretary emeritus" by members of Fidalgo Lodge #77.

03/10/1970

WB E.R. Raikula honored this lodge's oldest living member Bro. R Davis. VWB Fred Ellison spoke about the brother's contribution to the lodge and receiving his fifty-year award February 9, 1965.

Lodge voted to contribute \$75.00 toward the purchase of a new refrigerator for the kitchen.

06/09/1970

Mt. Newton Lodge #89 members Capt. Charles Wilson and Robert Mercer elected as honorary members of this lodge. They are the last two of the Mt. Newton Brothers who made the first visitation in 1923. WB David R. Gilkey is the only living member of Fidalgo who made the first visitation.

11/10/1970

It was reported that theatre seats were available for the Lodge. A committee was appointed. A subsequent investigation revealed that these seats were unacceptable due to cost and condition. A report was made on 12/08/70.

03/09/1971

Grand Master Wayne Deming presented 25 year service pins to 22 Brothers all of whom had from 25 to 46 years of service to Masonry.

04/15/1971

It was reported that theatre seats had been purchased and would be renovated and installed.



L to R: R.W. Claud Jeffery, Sec. Mt. Newton, Ron Frampton, SW. Mt. Newton, Sid Renstrom WM Mt. Newton, Bill Ellin WM Fidalgo, Bill Barker SW Fidalgo, Park Fournier Sec. Fidalgo. This was taken during the annual visitation in 1971.

10/12/1971

Anacortes Assembly #8 Order of Rainbow asked permission to build a new chair for the north side of the Temple. Permission was granted.

1971

Theatre seats in the lodge room are reupholstered. WBs Paul Wiseman and Park Fournier discovered in the 1926 OES files details concerning the purchase of the seats that are now in the lodge.

01/18/1972

First closed installation of Fidalgo Lodge in several years was held.

03/14/1972

Annual dues increased to \$16 dollars.

05/09/1972

Bro. Darrell Franks proposal to form a temple board is adopted. WB Park Fournier presented the Lodge with a picture given to him by Bro. Cecil Weyrick. The picture is of the 1928 Grand Lodge session visiting the Masonic Home at Zenith. Fidalgo Lodge members Neely, Lenning, and Deane were present at that 1928 meeting.

09/12/1972

It was reported that problems existed regarding the Charter of John E. Cox DeMolay Chapter in Anacortes with the Supreme Council.

01/09/1973

WM Darrell Franks appointed a school committee with the hopes of forming a school awards program.

03/19/1973

It was reported that the charter of John E. Cox Demolay Chapter had been surrendered due to inactivity of the chapter.

09/11/1973

WBs Paul Wiseman and Rollin Hawes presented a flag to the lodge. This gift was from Senator Bro. Henry M. Jackson and was flown over the nation's capitol. (This flag is in a cabinet on the third floor.)

09/22/73

50th annual visitation of Mt. Newton Lodge #89. The only living members present at the first visitations were honored at this event. WB David R. Gilkey of this lodge and RWB Claude Jeffery and WB Bob Mercer of Mt. Newton. 42 members of Mt. Newton Lodge were present.

11/12/1974

The Fidalgo Temple Board was incorporated.

01/14/1975

WB Reed Burt asked the lodge for permission to have a special night set aside for the widows of masons. The master was granted permission and the widows' dinner was held on February 14, 1971. This Tradition continues today and is one of the highlights of each master's year.

02/14/1975

The first Widows/Sweethearts dinner was served with 102 people in attendance. The widows were presented with a certificate. The lodge is in contact with about 32 widows.

01/14/1977

RWB James O. Wood, Deputy Grand Master, was invited to speak at past masters' night. He agreed with a statement made previously by WM William P. Bean "that the lodge records should be preserved for historical reasons". Amen.

06/14/1977

WB Geoffrey Bone secretary of Peaks Downs Lodge #32, Clermont, Queensland, Australia, was introduced as a first time visitor and was asked to compare our work with the work "down under". He said there were some differences, but that basically, masonry was the same the world over. His visit to this lodge prompted WB Monte Robinson and the secretary, E. R. Raikula to visit WB Bone's lodge in Australia in 1984.

Brass belt buckles are introduced to the members of this lodge as a means to raise funds for the building maintenance.

10/15/1977

54th annual visit of Mt. Newton included RWB Dick Glidden, the first member to receive the third degree at his lodge. The degree was conferred by members of Fidalgo Lodge in 1923.

01/14/1978

VWB Eldon Baker was presented at the altar and congratulated on being elected mayor of Anacortes. 79 masons signed the register at this installation of officers.

05/08/1979

Newly acquired organ is dedicated to VWB Eldon Baker, who had recently passed away. VWB Baker had hoped to play for the lodge during labor.

09/11/1979

New aprons purchased for the officers.

11/13/1979

MWB Mike Matsumoto, PGM of Japan, visited the lodge and gave a talk on masonry in Japan.

12/11/1979

Lifetime memberships discussed for the first time.

01/22/1980

WB Bill Bean gave a talk on Masonic Landmarks. Fifty miles was the distance required to attend Lodge when notified. (The length of a Cable Tow.)

02/12/1980

WB John Buchanan reported on the sound system for the Lodge. All the needed parts are here and the installation will be done this week. Cost \$1400.00.

06/10/1980

Discussion held regarding the issue of liquor in Blue Lodges: It was moved, seconded and carried that our 3 officers who will attend Grand Lodge be instructed to vote against all liquor resolutions.

09/09/1980

The Lodge voted to provide Masonic Bibles to all newly raised members.

01/13/1981

The Lodge approved the purchase of a new set of Officer aprons. The old ones were purchased 01/09/69.

02/10/1981

MWB Wayne Sparger, Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Washington, was the evening's guest speaker. MWB Sparger reported that there is now a Grand Lodge of Alaska, comprised of 12 of the 19 Alaska Lodges.

03/10/81

It was approved by the Lodge that a \$40.00 petty cash fund be established for use of the Junior Warden to provide refreshments.

04/14/1981

An Officers' apron cabinet was constructed and donated to the Lodge by Wor.Bro Joe Laiche.

06/08/1981

VWB Bud Gilbert told of his travels in District #9 and how he was pleased with the healthy state of the District, especially Fidalgo #77.

09/12/1981

The brethren of Mt. Newton Lodge made the 58th annual visitation. Our Grand Master Herbert Edman and a group of elected and appointed Grand Officers also made an official visit. The Grand Master assumed the East and instructed the Junior Deacon to invite the MWB Donald MacLaurin and his Grand Officers, of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, to enter the Lodge room. RWB Robert W. Mercer who is the last living member of either lodge who made the first visitation in 1923, made the introductions.

WB Buster Locke explained the ceremony performed off Lopez Island honoring Captain Barlow.

06/12/1982

WB MacGregor Allen and Darwin Smith were presented at the altar and given their 50-year pins and cards.

WB Ernie Brooks noted that Fidalgo Lodge will be observing their 100th year only nine years from now and plans should be started now to celebrate the occasion.

03/09/1982

Bro. Bingham gave a report on the progress of the School Awards Program. WM Laiche expressed an opinion that the initial cost of the program could be borne by proceeds from a ham dinner. The School Awards program was initiated during the year of WM Laiche's term as Master in 1982.

06/08/82

Work on the Lodge room ceiling is being considered and hope is expressed that it will be completed by the time the Centennial comes around in 1991.

It was announced that our Grand Master would be laying the cornerstone for the new jail in Bellingham June 12, 1982. Following this he would make his way to Mt. Vernon to help Mt Baker #36 celebrate their Centennial.

09/11/1982

At the annual visitation of Mt. Newton Lodge, WB Buster Locke was made an honorary member of Fidalgo Lodge #77.

Also present at this meeting was MWB George Bordewick, Grand Master.

09/14/1982

It was reported that a supplement would be inserted into every major newspaper in the state sometime around Washington's birthday. This supplement tells the story of Masonry and has been favorably received in those areas where it has been tried.

10/12/1982

WM Laiche stated that he has scheduled a potluck dinner for our members and wives and the members of the Knights of Columbus and their wives to be held in November.

11/09/1982

The Lodge voted to put a sign on the welcome board at the city limits.

01/28/1983

Special Communication called so that District #9 could host the official visit of GM Bordewick. 74 brothers in attendance.

03/08/1983

Report made on the sign at the entrance to Anacortes. The State highway department gave a large number of stipulations that must be met before such a sign can be erected.

04/13/1983

SW Bell reported on the Masonic information booth being proposed for the Skagit County Fair. Fidalgo Lodge's share will be \$23.00.

05/10/1993

WM Robinson proposed forming a Fidalgo Masonic Scholarship Foundation to administer the newly initiated School Awards program. Articles have been filed with the State.

11/08/83

Ballot was favorable, 23 to 3, to raise the dues from \$20.00 to \$30.00.

WM C. Crisman of Delta Lodge #172, with a group of his members, presented a 50-year membership pin to Bro Jim Dewar.

02/14/84

Bro. Jones, of Tanana Lodge #1 of Fairbanks, Alaska, presented the Lodge with a drawing thought to be the plans for the second temple at Jerusalem. Bro. Jones had obtained the copy on a trip to the Holy Land.

(This drawing is displayed on the east wall of the Tyler's room)

03/13/1984

Members of Madrona Chapter #89, Order of Eastern Star, purchased a new dishwasher for the kitchen.

03/27/1984

Special Communication to honor the visit of our Grand Master Donald Brons.

Lodge was called from labor to refreshment and the members of Fidalgo Lodge #77 presented the play "A Rose Upon the Altar". The players were given a round of applause.

05/01/1984

Bro. Mark Gilkey who first joined Mt. Baker Lodge #36 in 1917, was made an Honorary Past Master of Fidalgo #77. He was seated in the Oriental Chair and given Private Grand Honors. Bro. Gilkey is 100 years old.

05/08/1984

Mr. Markus Johanson presented the Lodge with 3 handsome gavels made of acacia wood.

05/29/1984

Members of Fidalgo Lodge #77 presented for the first time their Memorial Service honoring those who gave their lives in the service of our nation. The service was introduced to the Lodge by WB Robinson and WB Raikula. They received the format from Australia (Peaks Downs Lodge #32).

01/26/1985

The District meeting to host the official visit of the Grand Master, MWB Matt Martin, was held at Fidalgo. There were 9 Worshipful Masters present and 36 Grand Lodge team members.

02/11/1985

The WM reported that the money received from the Avenell estate would be put in the building repair fund.

03/12/1985

Sidewalks on the North and West of the temple were completed at a cost of \$1,087.00. Bro. Bill Scott was given a warm thank you for his heading up the project.

04/09/1985

The Lodge approved a \$2,500.00 contribution to the Temple Board for the refurbishing of the temple during the summer dark.

This included refurbishing the Lodge room by lining it with plaster board and then painting it.

06/04/1985

The Lodge held an "Honor Night" for VWB John Buchanan who is finishing his term as Deputy of the Grand Master for District #9.

05/13/1986

The Masonic Golf Tournament was renamed "The John Buchanan Golf Tournament" in memory of VW John Buchanan who came up with the original idea.

Bro. William H. Scott was made an "Honorary Past Master" of Fidalgo Lodge.

10/11/1986

Fidalgo Lodge #77 hosted the official visit of the Grand Master MWB G. W. Ensworth. All District #9 WM were present with the exception of one as well as 37 members of the Grand Lodge Team.

02/10/1987

The Lodge established a plaque to display the names of the members who have purchased an Endowed Life Membership.

03/10/1987

It was reported to the Lodge that Fidalgo Lodge would be receiving \$10,000.00 from the estate of Mabel Dowdle. This ultimately paid for the chair lift and it is designated as a memorial to her husband.

03/24/1987

The evening was declared Old Timers Night. Eight old timers came for the dinner and one more came to the meeting. Old timers were: WB Reed Burt, WB Gilbert Stevenson, Bro. Charles Cary, Bro. George Sumption, Bro. John Coulter, WB MacGregor Allen, Bro. Paul Luvera, Bro. Lanche Crow, and Bro. Jim Dewar.

04/14/1987

The Lodge plans to serve a breakfast on 05/16/87 with the proceeds going to a fund for Grand Lodge to place a statue of George Washington in the capitol at Olympia.

05/12/1987

It was reported that we now have a flag pole on the northwest corner of the lodge property.

09/19/1987

PGM Alden Jones presented his slides of Mt. St. Helens; before and after the eruption on May 18, 1980. MWB Jones lived in the Centralia area so he was close to the action when Mt. St. Helens erupted.

11/24/1987

After a dinner in his honor, Paul Luvera was made an Honorary Past Master of Fidalgo Lodge #77.

1988

Lodge building is prepared for future centennial.

1989

Kitchen facility is improved.

03/13/1990

A motion was made and carried to put new carpet in the Lodge room.

04/06/1991

PGM Alden Jones presented his slides of Mt. St. Helens; before and after the eruption on May 18, 1980. MWB Jones lived in the Centralia area so he was close to the action when Mt. St. Helens erupted. Cornerstone laid and rededicated by MWB Sidney Kase and Grand Lodge officers. WB John Keliher was the Grand Orator and gave a very nice talk. MW Grand Master closed the lodge in ritualistic form without asking the guests to retire. This resulted in a lot of interesting communications between the lodge and the Grand Lodge as well as with several Past Grand Masters.



This stone is located at the North East corner of the lodge building and was placed there for the Dedication Ceremony

06/04/1991

A Master Mason degree was conferred at Fidalgo by the retired military degree team from Whidby Island Lodge #15.

06/1993

MWB Kenneth S. Robinson, a member of Fidalgo Lodge, was installed as Most Worshipful Grand Master of Washington.



MWB Kenneth S. Robinson

09/14/1993

Fidalgo Lodge voted to discontinue their subscription to the Northwest Masonic news.

10/11/1994

Two Brothers gave their proficiency in the third degree. They were the first to do so using the "Alternate Proficiency".

04/23/1995

Fidalgo Lodge conducted the Masonic portion of a Memorial Service for singer/actor Burl Ives. There were over 250 Masons in regalia in attendance.

05/09/1995

The Lodge voted to purchase a chair lift for the lodge and pay for it from the Memorial Fund with an appropriate plaque mounted on the wall near the lift.

09/12/1995

Brother Peter Rasmussen was presented with a 50 year service pin and certificate in full ceremony.

07/27/1996

The Lodge conducted a "Rusty Mason" degree and invited sojourning brothers from the community.

09/10/1996

Lodge built a new office for the Secretary and placed a plaque by the door listing the names of the Brethren who have served the Lodge as Secretary.

06/10/1997

It was reported that the Lodge had moved into the electronic age and the Fidalgo Lodge website was up and operating.

09/08/1998

The Brethren were informed that Fidalgo #77 would jointly celebrate the Mt. Newton visitation with Whidby Island #15 and their Canadian Visitation with Trinity Lodge from Vancouver.

The District Deputy reported on opening Grand Lodge in an old dairy barn in Oak Harbor and then having a cornerstone and dedication ceremony to dedicate the building as the Oak Harbor Youth Activity Center.

09/23/2000

Bro. Locke from Mt. Newton Lodge reported that Sidney Lodge in Sidney, British Columbia had sold their lodge building in downtown Sidney and was now meeting with Mt. Newton Lodge.

October 2000

Fidalgo Lodge started sponsoring a "Halloween Party" for community children. This was continued for several years.

02/13/2001

Fidalgo Lodge contributed \$500.00 to the Causland Park in Anacortes to help in the restoration project.

06/12/2003

For the first time Fidalgo Lodge held the ceremony of the seven toasts or, as it is called, a table lodge.

06/10/2003

The Lodge voted to pay the dues of Lodge members who were deployed in the military.

The Lodge also voted to purchase a sign which could be carried in parades.

09/14/2004

It was reported that Mt. Newton Lodge #89 and Sidney Lodge had merged together and are now Saanich Peninsular Lodge #89.

02/08/2005

The Lodge held an "Open House" for the public. Representatives from the Lodge, OES and Rainbow were present.

10/11/2005

Lodge voted to participate in a "Turkey Shoot" as a fund raiser.

01/10/2006

The Lodge voted to discontinue membership in the Masonic Service Bureau.

Dr. Suzanne Baker presented the Lodge with an Anti Masonic book and two English copies which was written in German by the NAZI Regime. The Lodge in turn presented the original book and one of the translated copies to VWB Richard Bish to be placed in the Grand Lodge Museum and Library.

06/13/2006

The Lodge received an invitation to attend the Centennial Celebration of Madrona Chapter #89 OES to be held on 06/17/06 at the Fidalgo Masonic Temple.

07/06/2006

After a By-Laws change the Lodge is now meeting in July and August instead of going dark for those two months.

09/12/2006

Fidalgo Lodge initiated the "Bikes for Books" program.

A report was received from the committee regarding efforts to form a Fidalgo Lodge Trap Shooting team.

11/14/2006

The Worthy Matron of Madrona Chapter #89 Order of the Eastern Star was the guest speaker for the meeting.

08/14/2007

WB Gerald Myers reported on his trip to Cariboo Lodge #4 in Barkerville, British Columbia. (See attached sheet regarding the gavel.)

12/11/2007

An ornamental Claymore style sword was given to Fidalgo Lodge.
Bro. Lee Dawes agreed to make a display case for the sword.

12/09/2008

The Lodge collected money to plant a tree at the Washington National Masonic Memorial in memory of WB Ward T. Koeberle.

Lodge reported as having received \$19,051.00 from the Walter Prange estate.

03/10/2009

VWB Rex Hartsfield presented the Lodge with a copy of a book he had written on the history of Columbia Lodge #31 in Tennessee.

July 4th, 2009

The members of Fidalgo marched in the Anacortes 4th of July parade dressed as famous masons.

10/13/2009

A memorial was held for Brother James Vyskocil. Bro. Jim was a Pearl Harbor survivor where, as a young navy signalman, he watched the entire attack from the top of the Pearl Harbor mid-channel signal tower looking down on the attacking aircraft.

11/10/2009

WB Gerald Guthrie was presented with his 50 year service award. The lodge was called to refreshment and several members of WB Gerald's family came in to witness this momentous occasion

1/12/2010

WB R. Dale Fluaitt made up notebooks in binders and presented them to the Lodge Officers. These notebooks delineated and outlined the duties required of each officer in his appointed or elected station.

02/09/2010

WB Lee Dawes reported that he had made a wooden display case for the ceremonial dagger.

09/17/2010

VWB E.S. "Red" Bell and VWB J. Rex Hartsfield attended Saanich Peninsula Lodge #89 in continuation of the long standing tradition of visitation between the two Lodges. Both of them sincerely hope that this was not the last official visitation between Fidalgo and Saanich Peninsula Lodge which would end a

tradition of annual visitations which began in 1923 and lasted for more than eighty years.

This was also the occasion of the annual visitation between Madrona Chapter No.89 O.E.S in Anacortes and Ruth Chapter No.22 in Saanichton. Both Brothers Bell and Hartsfield participated in the O.E.S. visitation also.

06/09/2012

VWB Donald Munks of Fidalgo Lodge #77 was elected to serve the Grand Lodge of Washington as Junior Grand Warden.

PAST MASTERS
of
FIDALGO LODGE #77

PAST MASTERS

Miller, Plijlip John	1891-92	Stephenson, Louis A.	1945
Goodwin, Benjamin	1893	Morganthaler, Louis A.	1946
Hensler, Augustus	1894-95	MrKee, Sidney T.	1947
1903-04-12		Lewis, Jess.	1948
Knapp, Velasco Joseph	1896	McQuary, Herschel	1949
Woodbury, D.M.	1897	Carl, OttoWilliam	1950
Brown, Roswell K.	1898	Lang, Edward E.	1951
Smith, Moses G.	1899	Wiseman, Paul	1952
Thomas, Robert P.	1900-02	Evans, Willard R.	1953
Howard, Henry Clay	1901	Forsyth, Thomas G.	1954
Burke, William R.	1905-11-16	Eriks, Edwin J.	1955
Strang, George F.	1906	Smith, Marshall	1956
Odlin, William T.	1907-10-23	Pollard, W. Lawrence	1957
Hardcastle, Richard E.	1908	Cole, Virgil	1958
Draper, Alfred E.	1909	Harker, Clarence E.	1959
Coulson, William F.	1913	Jorgensen, Gordon	1960
Miller, Arthur W.	1914	Baker, Eldon	1961
George, Josias	1915	Cameron, John	1962
Kidd, John	1917-30	Eriks, Ali M.	1963
Griffith, Griffith H.	1918	Tidrington, Fred	1964
Ruhe, Frank	1919	Horner, Ralph	1965
Wright, James Frank	1921	Glendinning, Donald.	1966
Brisky, John W.	1933	Hawes, Rollin	1967
Lenning, Osmond A.	1924	Fournier, G. Park	1968
Stafford, Charles F.	1925	Sanderson, Lloyd	1969
Cook, Arthur Bacon	1926	Raikula, E. Richard	1970
Gilkey, David R.	1927	Ellin, William L.	1971
Neelv, B. Lee.	1928	Barker, William E.	1972
Lenning, Charles O.	1929	Franks, Darrell E.	1973
Deane, Dwight E.	1930	Jones, William H.	1974
Ellison, Fred F.	1931	Burt, Reed E.	1975
Taylor, Frank	1932	Bean, William P.	1976
Gilkey, Frank	1933-34	Mead, H. Wayne	1977
Farrell, John C.	1935	Brooks, Ernest E.	1978
Todd, Leroy L.	1936	Buchanan, John	1979
Packard, Lyle D.	1937	Yount, W. David.	1980
Edwards, Harry G.	1938	Mason, Delbert.	1981
Worden, George Z.	1939	Laiche, Herbert J.	1982
Allen, MacGregor.	1940	Robinson, Monte R	1983
Hunt, Harry	1941	Bell, E. S.	1984
Pollam, Dee.	1942	Guthrie, Gerald L.	1985
Barker, Edwin M.	1943	Mondhan, C. Stanley.	1986-87
Hatley, Lloyd L.	1944	Ellis, Robert	1988

Etter, Bill G.	1989
Eichenlaub, Leon	1990
Beatty, Danny	1991
Jacot, W. Kenneth.....	1992
Little, Cecil.....	1993
Koeberle, Ward T.....	1994
Hartsfield, J. Rex.....	1995
Lambeth, Edward.....	1996
Kinsel, Kenneth.....	1997
Lee, W.L.....	1998
Paulson, Bradley.....	1999
Koeberle, Ward T.....	2000
Arthurs, James.....	2001
Minturn, Ray.....	2002
Myers, Gerald L.....	2003
Fluaitt, R. Dale.....	2004
Nelson, Frank.....	2005
Munks, Donald.....	2006
Lee, W.L.....	2007
Munks, Donald.....	2008
Nelson, Robert L.....	2009
Munks, Donald.....	2010
Munks, Donald.....	2011
Johnson, Eric.....	2012



Phillip J. Miller

WM 1991 & 1992

Received degrees in Aztlan Lodge #1

Prescott, Arizona Territory



Benjamin Goodwin, Jr.

WM 1893

Received degrees in Redfield Lodge #34

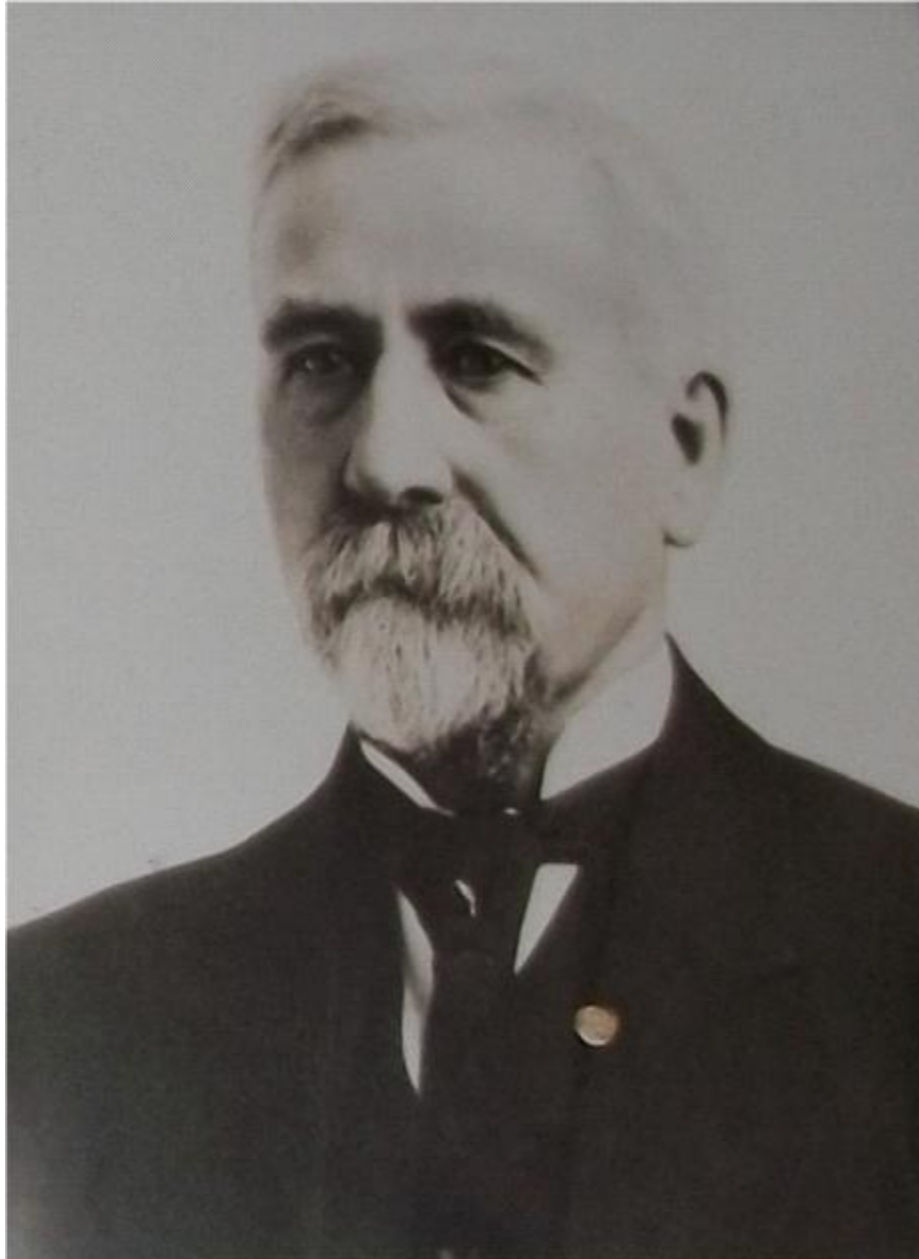
Redfield, Dakota Territory



Augustus Hensler

WM 1894 & 1895

Received degrees in Fidalgo Lodge #77



Velasco J. Knapp

WM 1896

Received degrees in Landmark Lodge #127

Baltimore, Maryland



David Morse Woodbury

WM 1897

Received degrees in Zion Lodge #55

Taylors Falls, Minnesota



Roswell Keeler Brown, Sr.

WM 1898

Received his degrees in Fidalgo Lodge #77



Moses G. Smith

WM 1899

Received degrees in Cohoes Lodge #116

Cohoes, New York

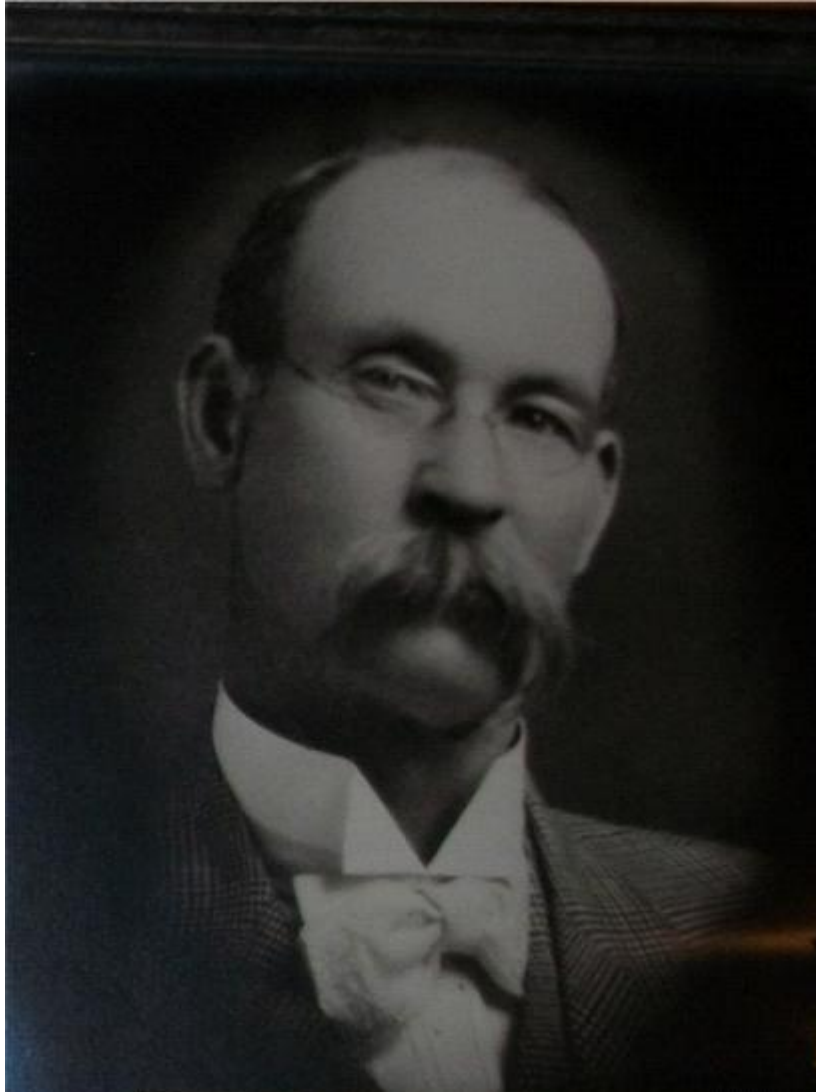


Robert P. Thomas

WM 1900

Received degrees in Summit Lodge #163

St. Paul, Minnesota



Henry Clay Howard

WM 1901

Received degrees in Gibson Lodge #559

Mt. Pleasant, Kentucky



Robert P. Thomas

WM 1902

Received degrees in Summit Lodge #163

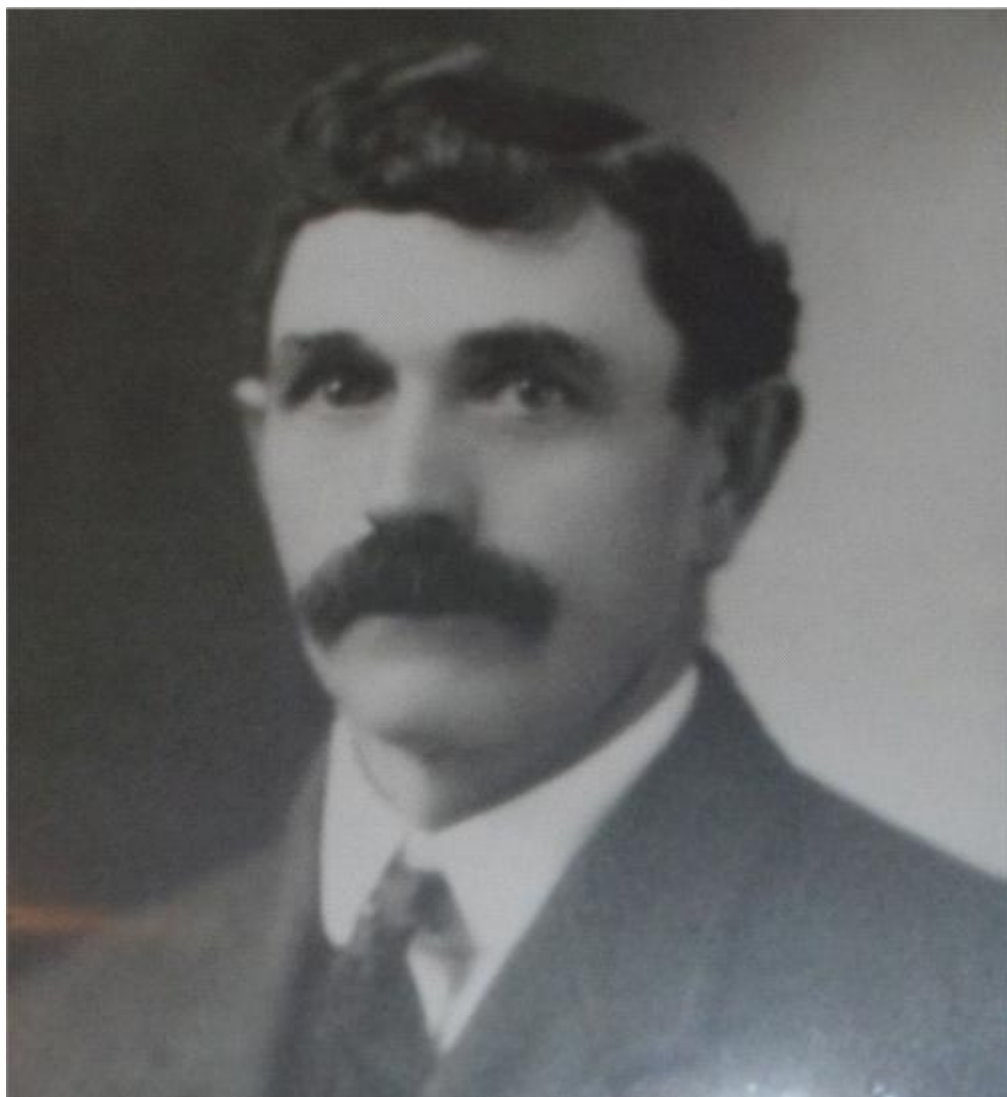
St. Paul, Minnesota



Augustus Hensler

WM 1903 & 1904

Received degrees in Fidalgo Lodge #77

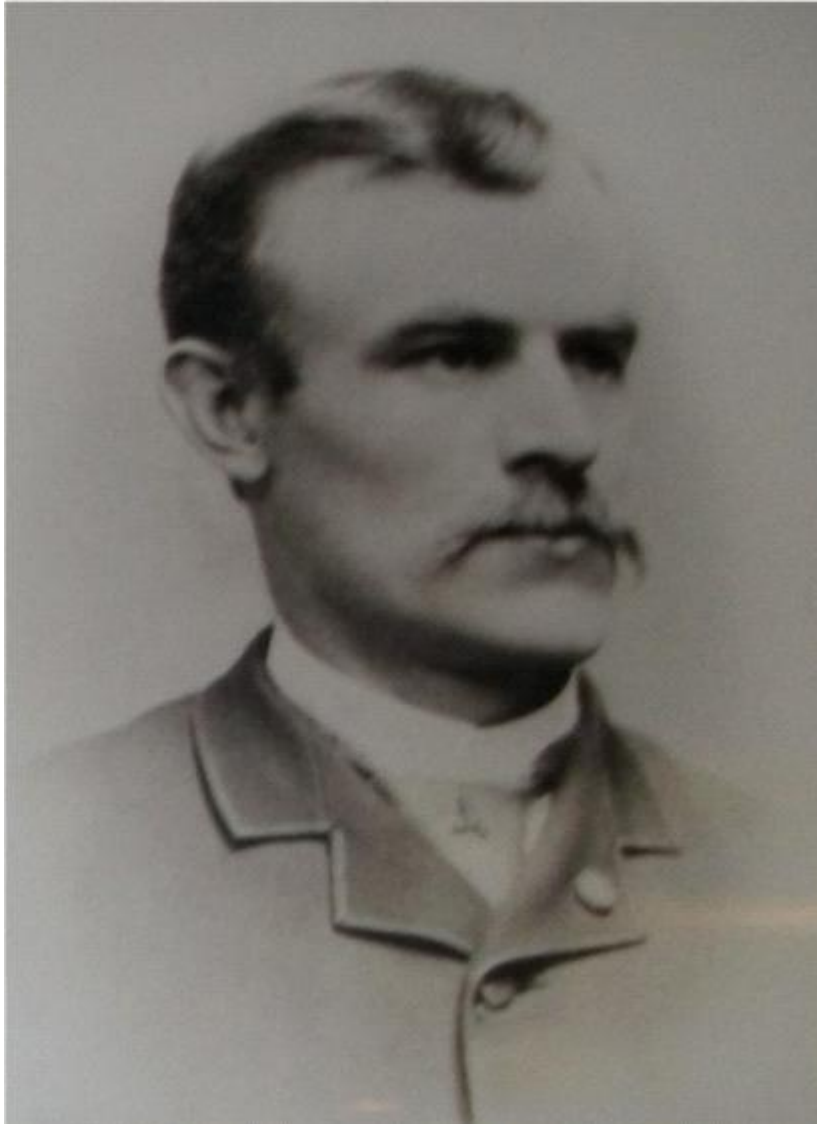


William R. Burke

WM 1905

Received Degrees in Falls City Lodge #66

Falls City, Washington



George F. Strang

WM 1906

Received degrees in Fidalgo Lodge #77



William T. Odlin

WM 1907

Received degrees in Fidalgo Lodge #77



Richard E. Hardcastle

WM 1908

Received degrees in Fidalgo Lodge #77



Alfred E. Draper

WM 1909

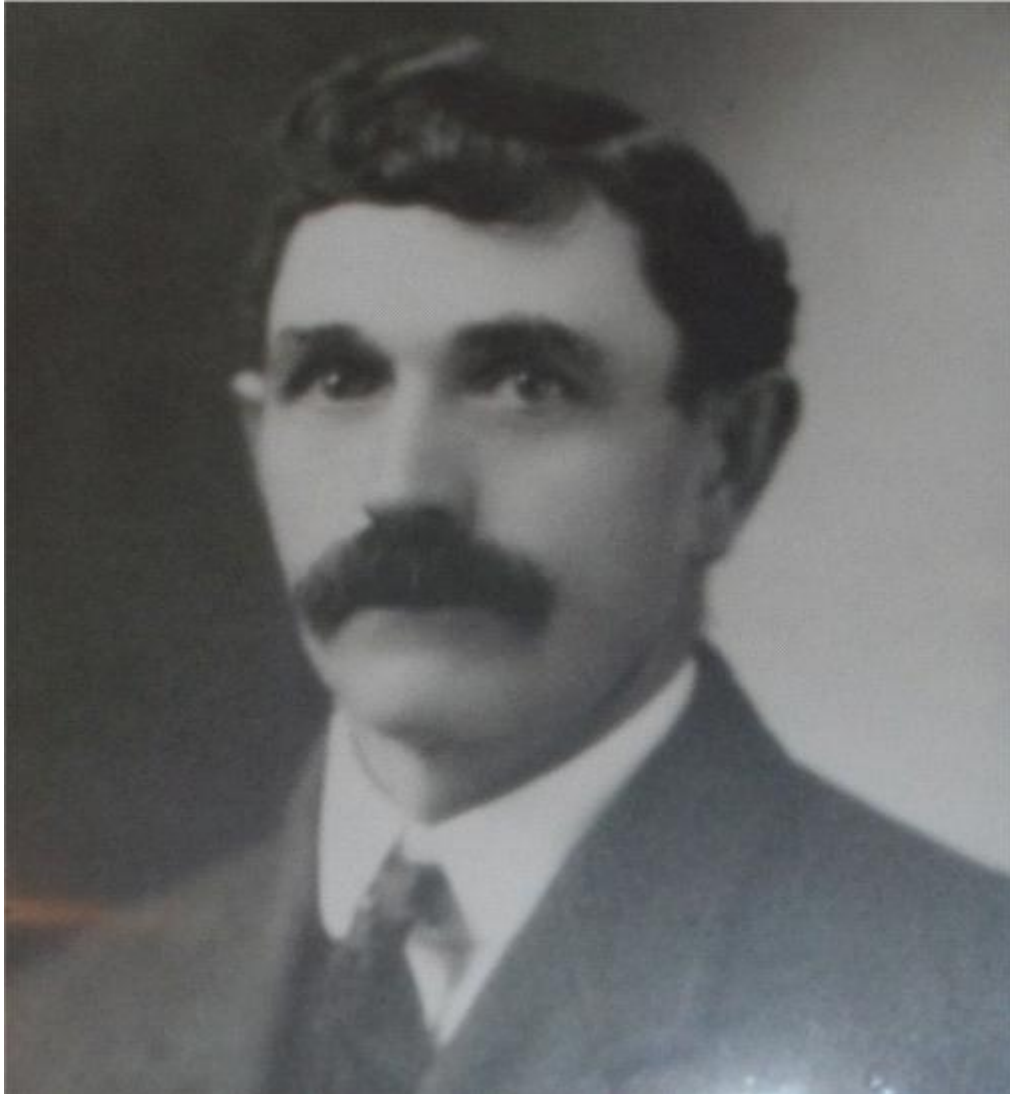
Received his degrees in Fidalgo Lodge #77



William T. Odlin

WM 1910

Received degrees in Fidalgo Lodge #77



William R. Burke

WM 1911

Received degrees in Falls City Lodge #66

Falls City, Washington



Augustus Hensler

WM 1912

Received degrees in Fidalgo Lodge #77



William Franklin Coulson

WM 1913

Received degrees in Siloam Lodge #225

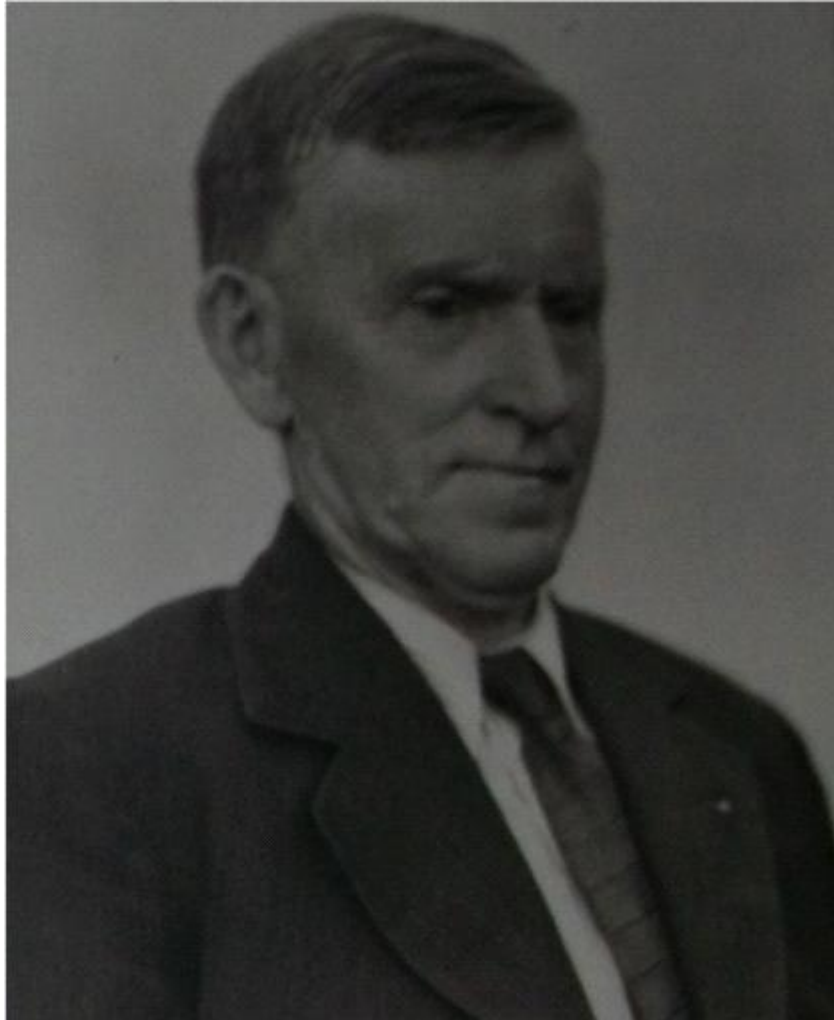
Topeka, Kansas



Arthur Winslow Miller

WM 1914

Received degrees in Fidalgo Lodge #77

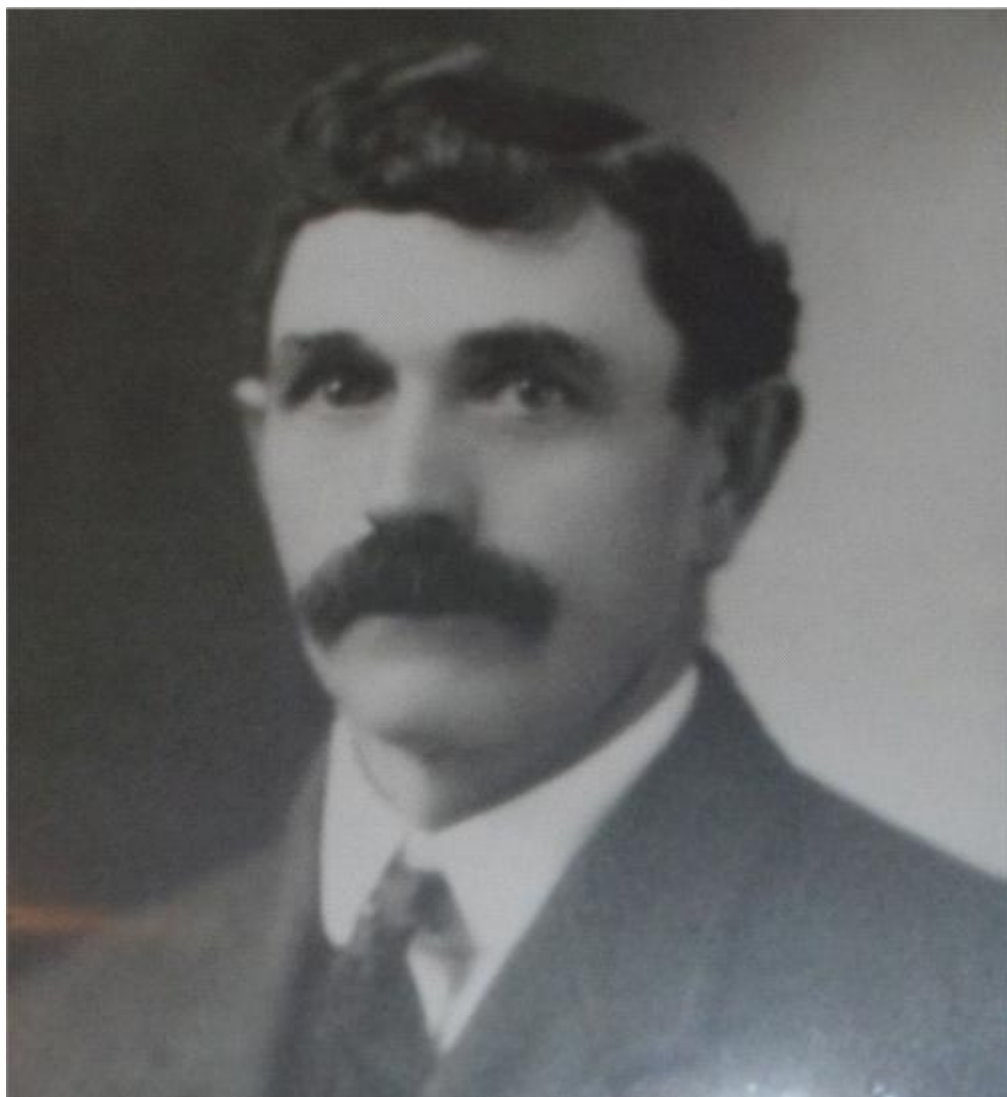


Josias George

WM 1915

Received degrees in Riverside Lodge #112

Wenatchee, Washington

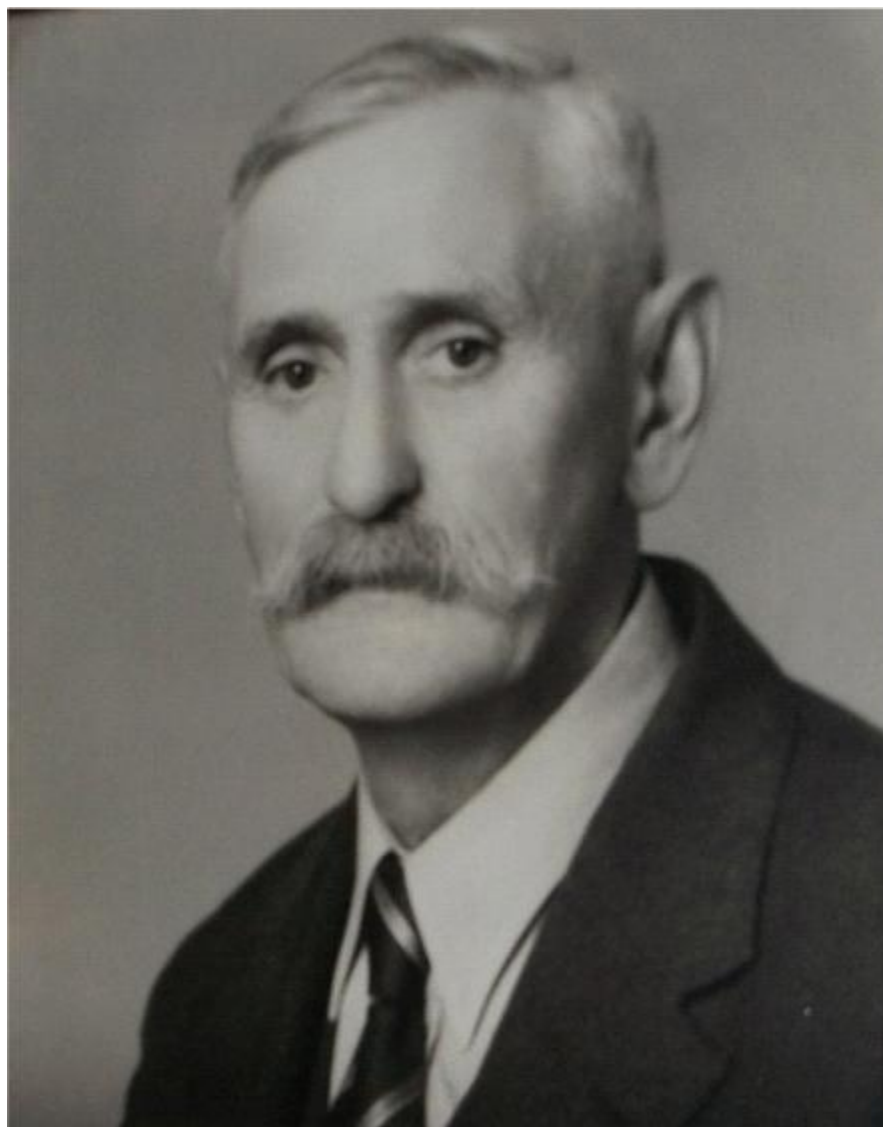


William R. Burke

WM 1916

Received degrees in Falls City Lodge #66

Falls City, Washington



John Kidd

WM 1917

Received degrees in Fidalgo Lodge #77



Griffith H. Griffith

WM 1918

Received degrees in Arcana Lodge #87

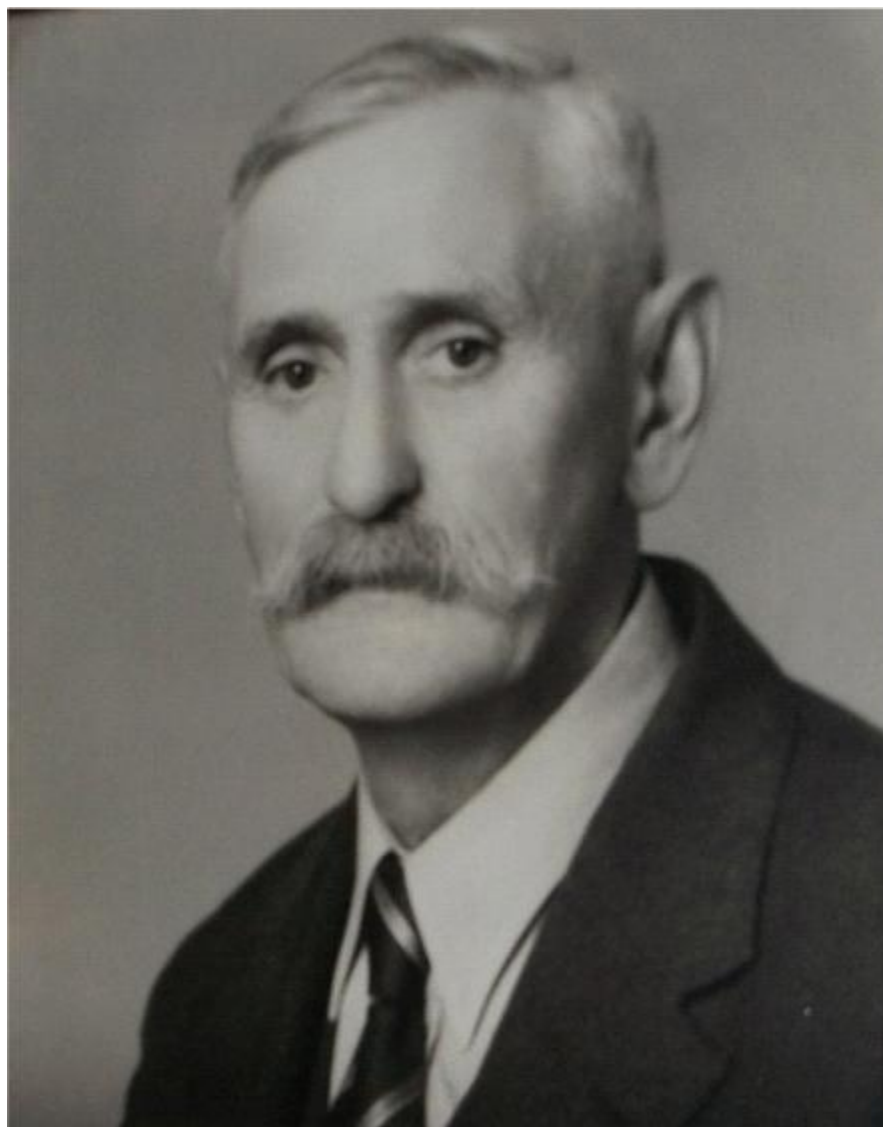
Seattle, Washington



Frank Ruhe

WM 1919

Received degrees in Fidalgo Lodge #77



John Kidd

WM 1920

Received degrees in Fidalgo #77



James Frank Wright

WM 1921

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John W. Brisky

WM 1922

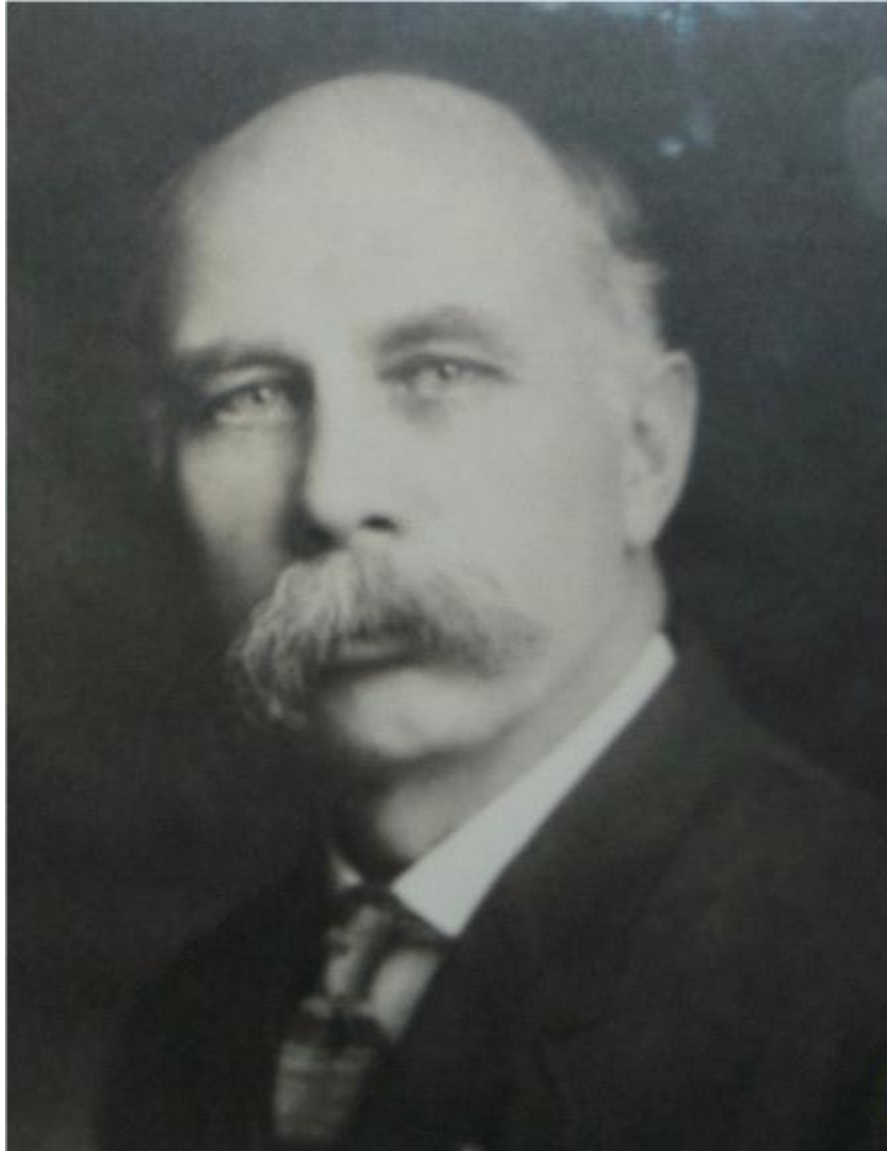
Received degrees in Fidalgo Lodge #77



William T. Odlin

WM 1923

Received degrees in Fidalgo Lodge #77



Osmond A. Lenning

WM 1924

Received degrees in Fidalgo Lodge #77



Charles F. Stafford

WM 1925

Received degrees in Fidalgo Lodge #77



Arthur Bacon Cook

WM 1926

Received degrees in Colville Lodge #50

Colville, Washington



David R. Gilkey

WM 1927

Received degrees in Mt. Baker Lodge #36

Mt. Vernon, Washington



Bertram Lee Neely

WM 1928

Received degrees in Waukomis Lodge #161

Waukomis, Oklahoma



Charles O. Lenning

WM 1929

Received degrees in Fidalgo Lodge #77

(degrees conferred by courtesy in Bremerton #117)



Dwight Edward Deane

WM 1930

Received degrees in Fidalgo Lodge #77



Fred Forrest Ellison

WM 1931

Received degrees in Fidalgo #77



Frank Taylor

WM 1932

Received degrees in Fidalgo Lodge #77



Frank Gilkey

WM 1933 & 1934

Received degrees in

Prince of Wales Lodge #100

Vancouver, British Columbia



John Charles Farrell

WM 1935

Received degrees in Fidalgo Lodge #77



Leroy Levi Todd

WM 1936

Received degrees in Milledgeville Lodge #345

Milledgeville, Illinois



Lyle D. Packard

WM 1937

Received degrees in Fidalgo Lodge #77



Harry Guston Edwards

WM 1938

Received degrees in Fidalgo Lodge #77



George Zephaniah Worden

WM 1939

Received degrees in Fidalgo Lodge #77



MacGregor Allen

WM 1940

Received degrees in Fidalgo Lodge #77



Harry Hunt

WM 1941

Received degrees in Mount Adams Lodge #227

Yakima, Washington



Arthur Devere Pollam

WM 1942

Received degrees in Chehalis Lodge #28

Chehalis, Washington



Edwin M. Barker

WM 1943

Received degrees in Fidalgo Lodge #77



Lloyd LeRoy Hatley

WM 1944

Received degrees in Fidalgo Lodge #77



Lee Stephenson

WM 1945

Received degrees in Fidalgo Lodge #77



Louis Arthur Morganthaler

WM 1946

Received degrees in Fidalgo Lodge #77



Sidney Thomas McKee

WM 1947

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Jesse Rowe Lewis

WM 1948

Received degrees in Fidalgo Lodge #77



Herschel McQuary

WM 1949

Received degrees in Fidalgo Lodge #77

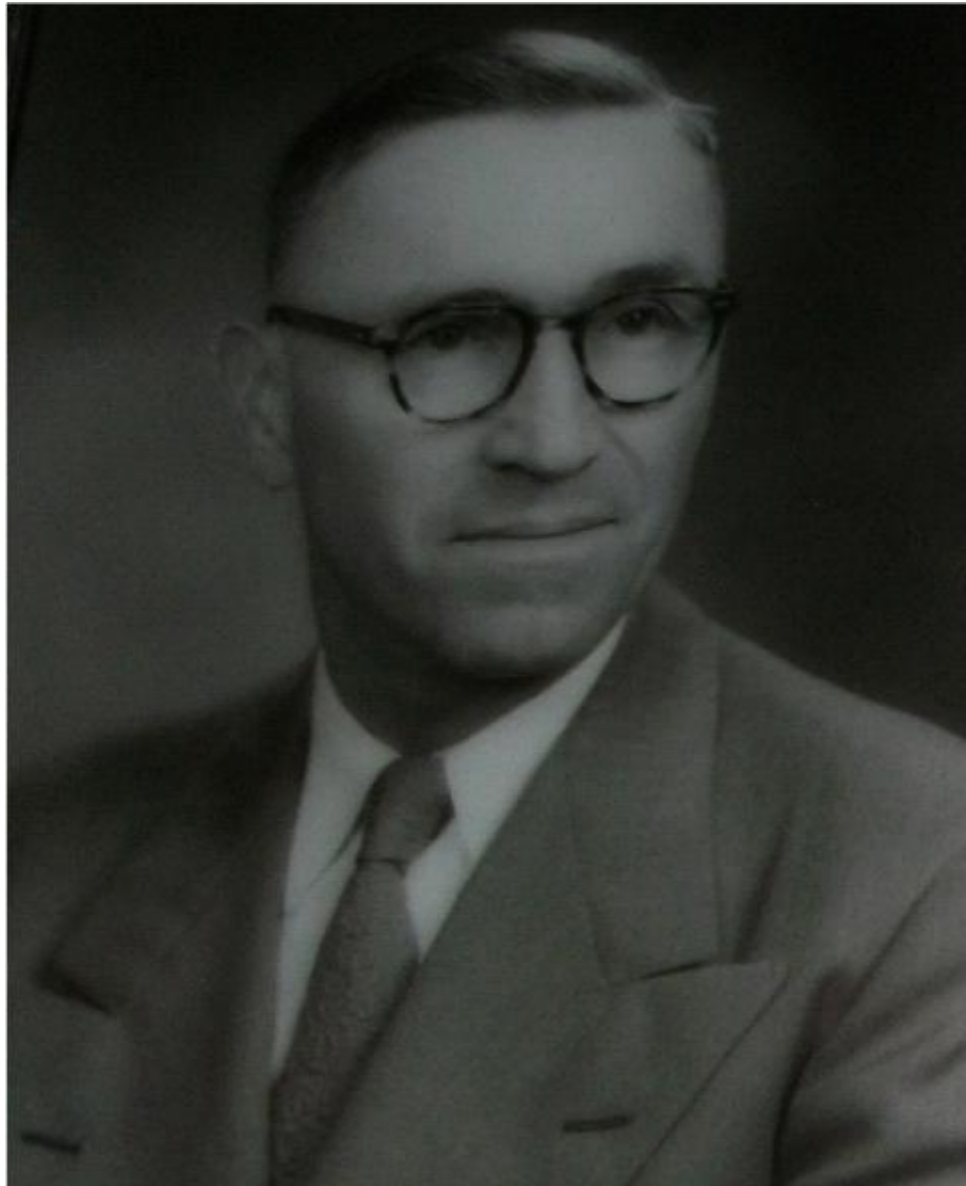


Otto William Carl

WM 1950

Received degrees in Bellingham Bay Lodge #44

Bellingham, Washington



Edward E. Lang

WM 1951

Received degrees in Fidalgo Lodge #77



Paul Wiseman

WM 1952

Received degrees in Fidalgo Lodge #77



Willard R. Evans

WM 1953

Received degrees in Fidalgo Lodge #77



Thomas G. Forsyth

WM 1954

Received degrees in Fidalgo Lodge #77



Edwin J. Eriks

WM 1955

Received degrees in Fidalgo Lodge #77



Robert Marshal Smith

WM 1956

Received degrees in Fidalgo Lodge #77



William Lawrence Pollard

WM 1957

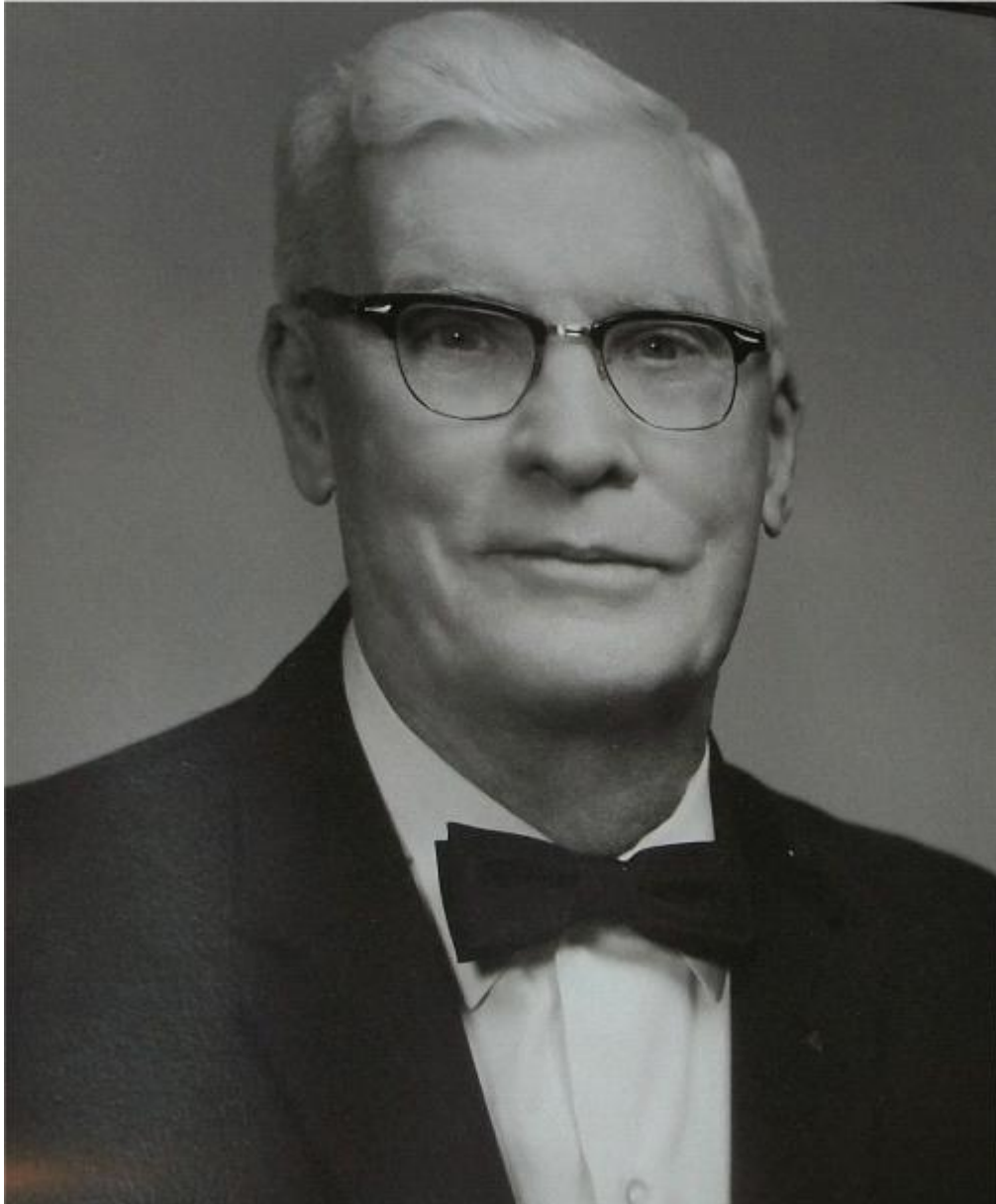
Received degrees in Fidalgo Lodge #77



Virgil Cole

WM 1958

Received degrees in Fidalgo Lodge #77



Clarence E. Harker

WM 1959

Received degrees in Occidental Lodge #178

Sac City, Iowa



Gordon Jorgenson

WM 1960

Received degrees in Fidalgo Lodge #77



Eldon C. Baker

WM 1961

Received degrees in Fidalgo Lodge #77



John E. Cameron

WM 1962

Received degrees in Fidalgo Lodge #77

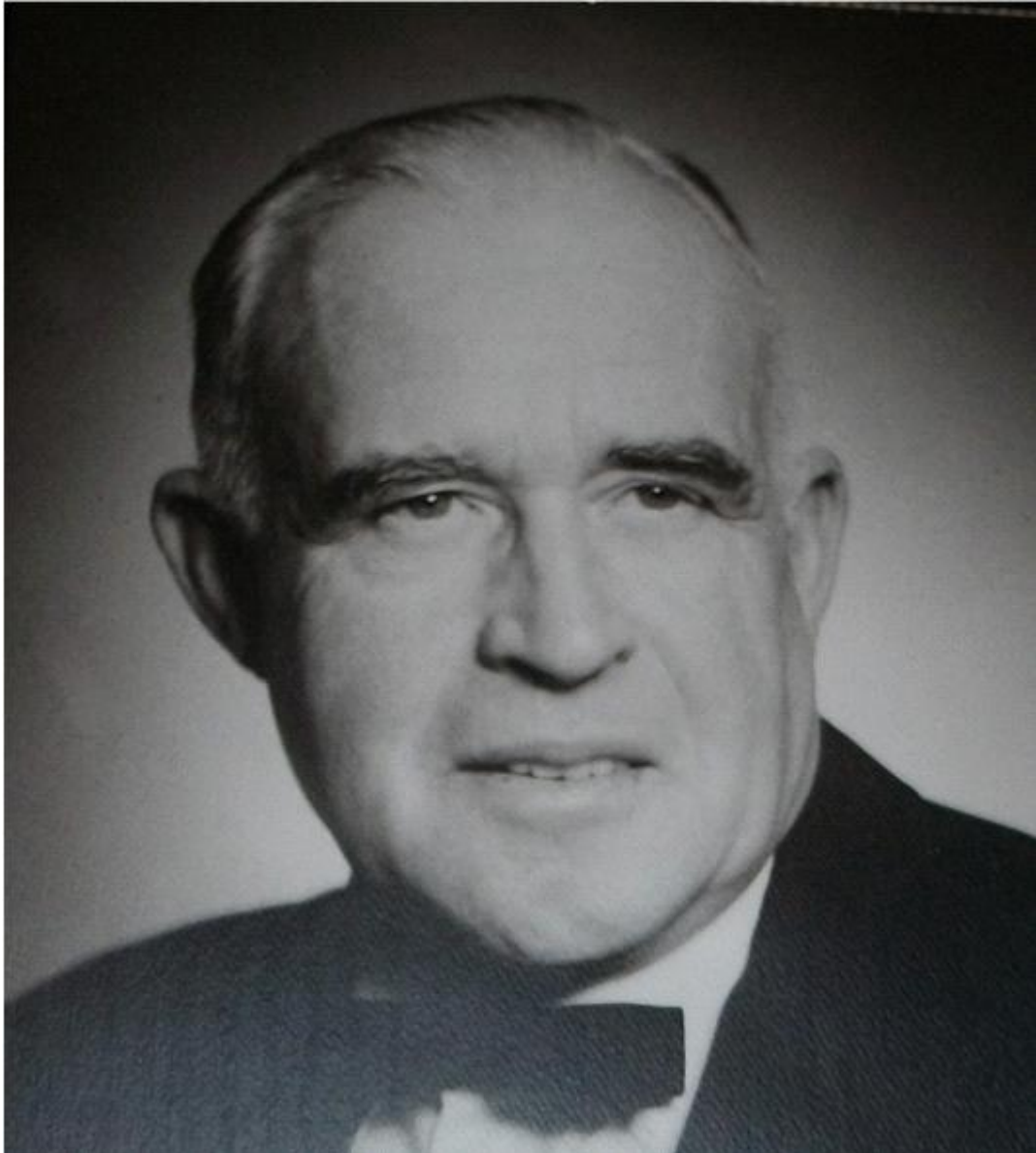


Ali M. Eriks

WM 1963

Received degrees in Tenino Lodge #86

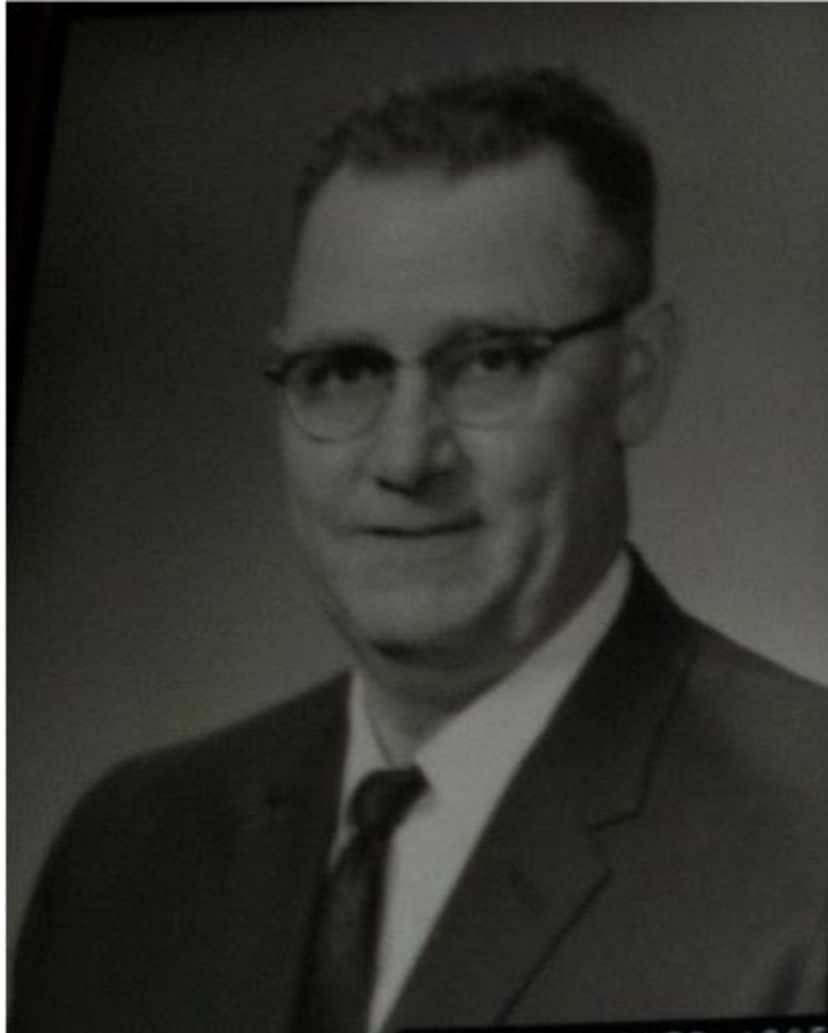
Tenino, Washington



Fred Tidrington

WM 1964

Received degrees in Fidalgo Lodge #77



Ralph Horner

WM 1965

Received degrees in Fidalgo Lodge #77



Donald Glendenning

WM 1966

Received degrees in Martinez Lodge #41

Martinez, California



Rollin B. Hawes

WM 1967

Received degrees in Friendship Lodge #210

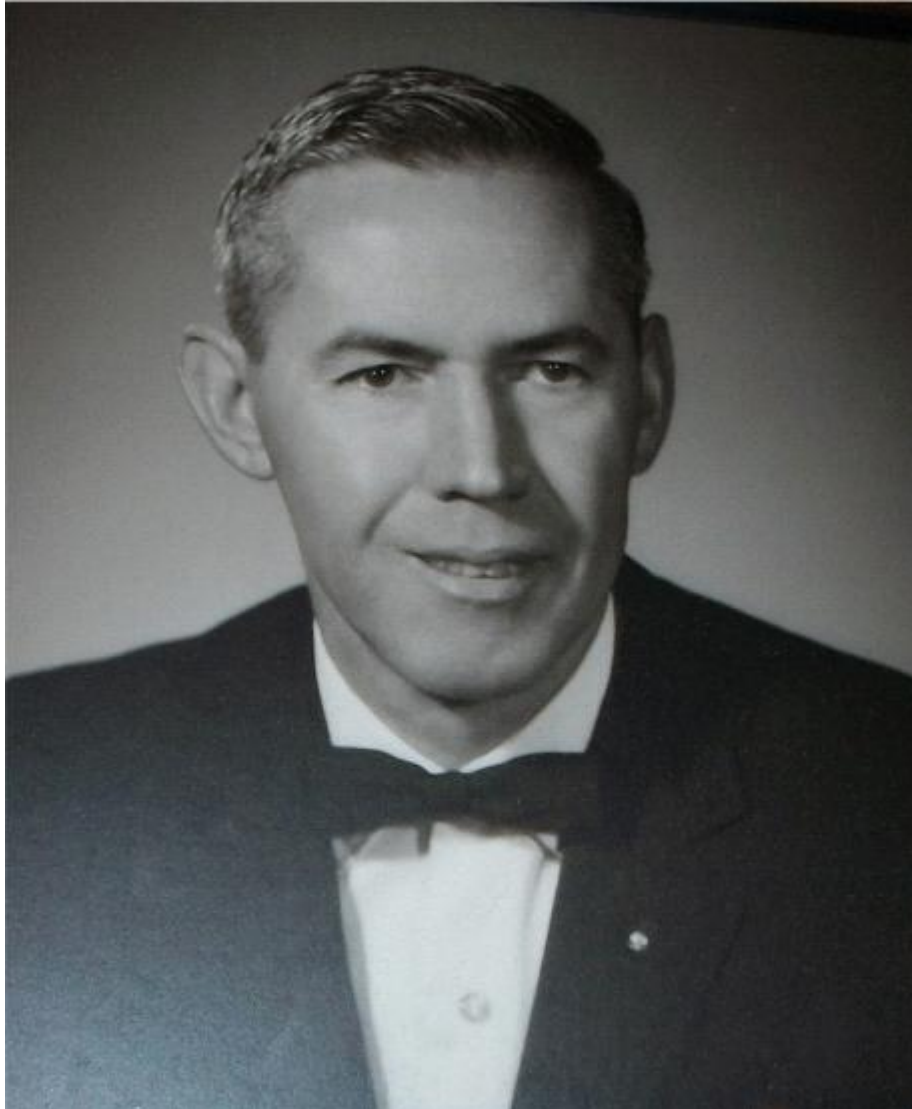
San Jose, California



George Park Fournier

WM 1968

Received degrees in Fidalgo Lodge #77



Lloyd E. Sanderson

WM 1969

Received degrees in Fidalgo Lodge #77



E. Richard Raikula

WM 1970

Received degrees in Fidalgo Lodge #77



William L. Ellin

WM 1971

Received degrees in Fidalgo Lodge #77



William E. Barker

WM 1972

Received degrees in Fidalgo #77

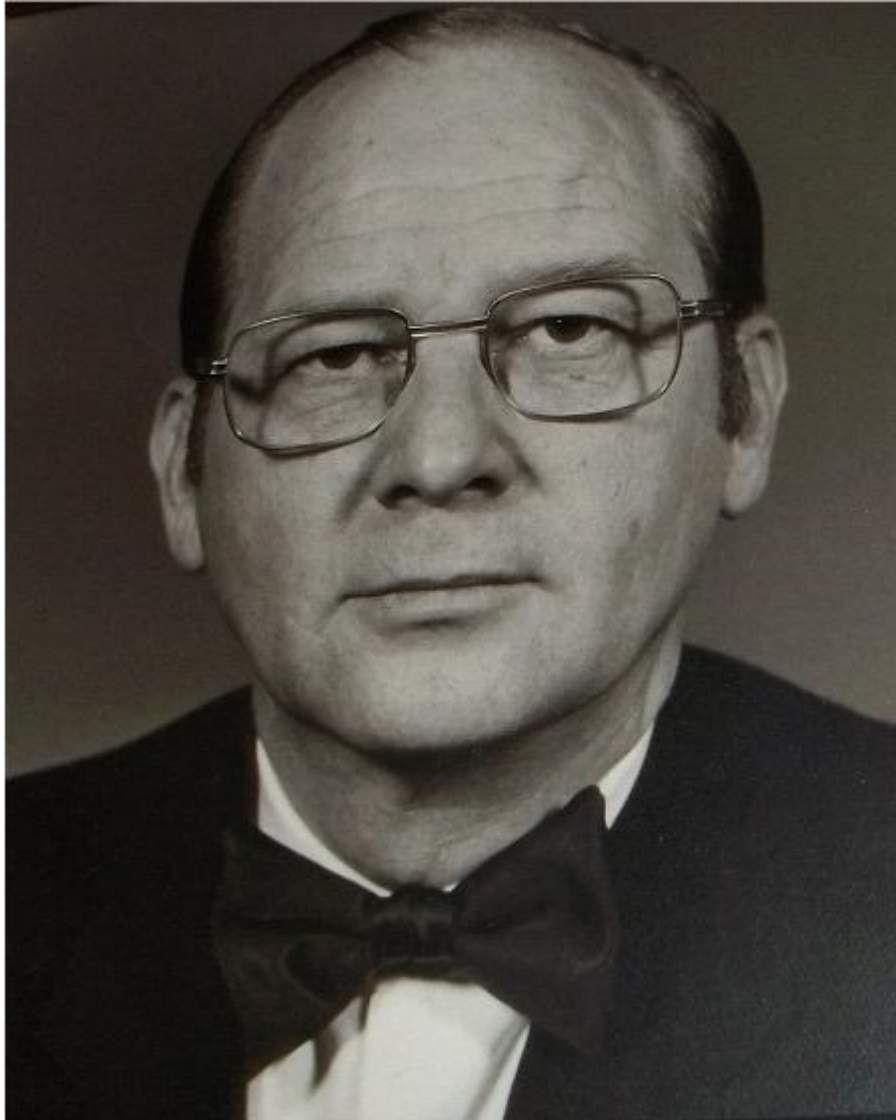


Darrell E. Franks

WM 1973

Received degrees in Calloway Lodge #718

Hulen, Kentucky



William H. Jones

WM 1974

Received degrees in Fidalgo Lodge #77



Reed E. Burt

WM 1975

Received degrees in Occidental Lodge #72

Seattle, Washington



William Paul Bean

WM 1976

Received degrees in Fidalgo Lodge #77

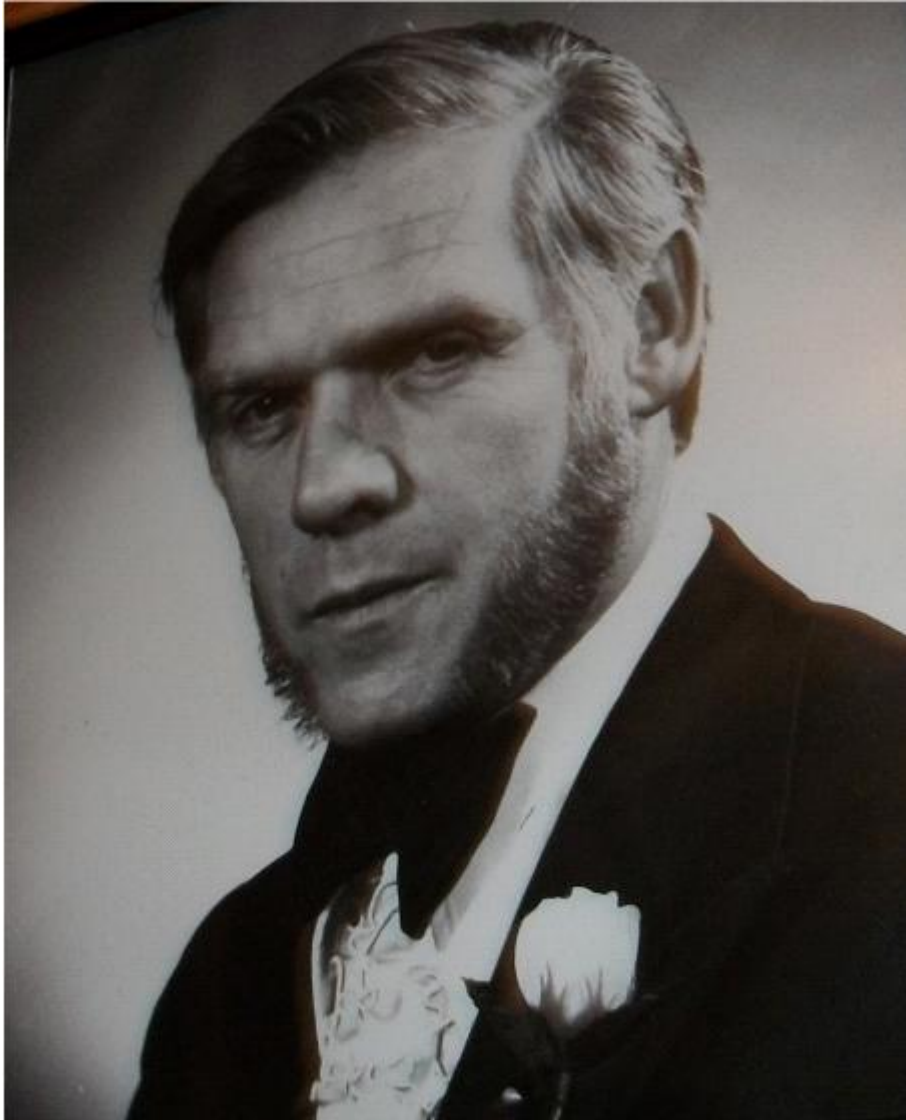


H. Wayne Mead

WM 1977

Received degrees in Bellingham Bay Lodge #44

Bellingham, Washington



Ernest E. Brooks

WM 1978

Received degrees in Fidalgo Lodge #77



John Buchanan

WM 1979

Received degrees in Reno Lodge #13

Reno, Nevada



W. David Yount

WM 1980

Received degrees in Whidby Island Lodge #15

Coupeville, Washington



Delbert Mason

WM 1981

Received degrees in Fidalgo Lodge #77



Herbert Joseph Laiche

WM 1982

Received degrees in Whidby Island Lodge #15

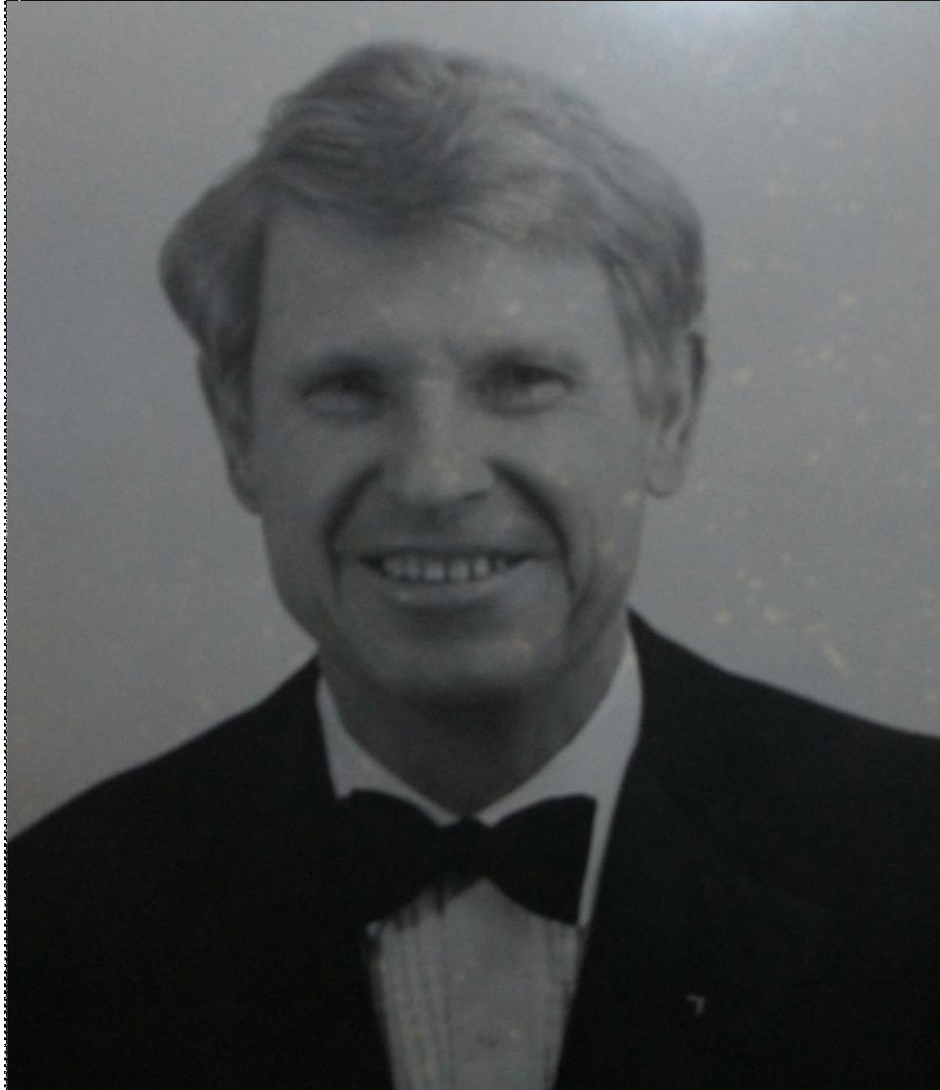
Coupeville, Washington



Monte R. Robinson

WM 1983

Received degrees in Fidalgo Lodge #77



E.S. "Red" Bell

WM 1984

Received degrees in Fidalgo Lodge #77



Gerald Guthrie

WM 1985

Received degrees in Fidalgo Lodge #77



C. Stanley Mondhan

WM 1986 & 1987

Received degrees in Fidalgo Lodge #77



Robert L. Ellis

WM 1988

Received degrees in Fidalgo Lodge #77



Bill G. Etter

WM 1989

Received degrees in Lawton Lodge #184

Seattle, Washington



Leon Eichenlaub

WM 1990

Received degrees in Whidby Island Lodge #15

Coupeville, Washington



Danny Beatty

WM 1991

Received degrees in Ferndale Lodge #264

Ferndale, Washington



W. Kenneth Jacot

WM 1992

Received degrees in Fidalgo #77



Cecil Little

WM 1993

Received degrees in Fidalgo Lodge #77



Ward Thomas Koeberle

WM 1994

Received degrees in Fidalgo Lodge #77



J. Rex Hartsfield

WM 1995

Received degrees in Fidalgo Lodge #77



Edward Lambeth

WM 1996

Received degrees in Fidalgo Lodge #77



Kenneth Kinsel

WM 1997

Received degrees in Fidalgo Lodge #77

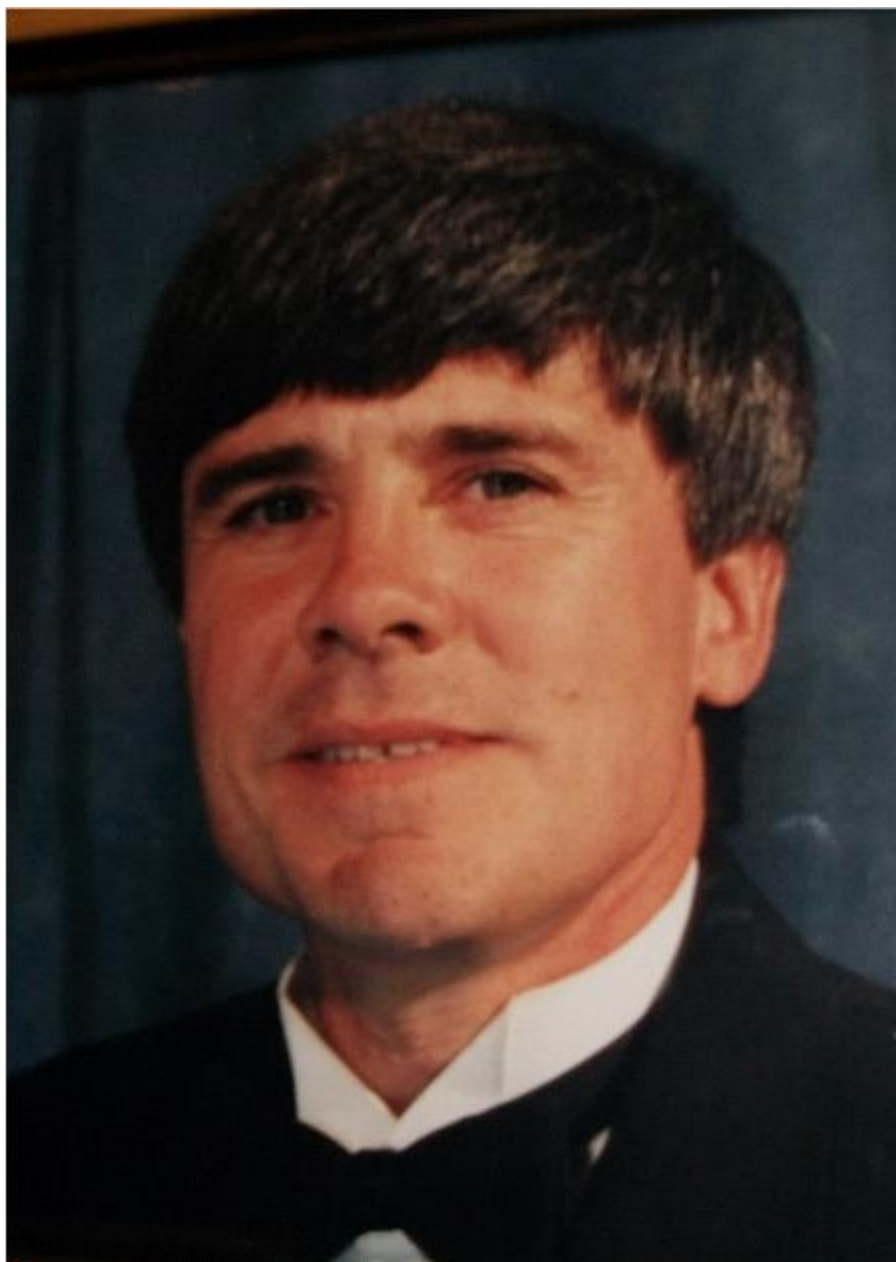


Warren A. Lee

WM 1998

Received degrees in Centennial Lodge #25

Snohomish, Washington



Bradley Paulson

WM 1999

Received degrees in Fidalgo Lodge #77



Ward Thomas Koeberle

WM 2000

Received degrees in Fidalgo Lodge #77



James Arthurs

WM 2001

Received degrees in Birmingham Lodge #44

Bloomfield Hills, Michigan



Ray Minturn

WM 2002

Received degrees in Fidalgo Lodge #77



Gerald Myers

WM 2003

Received degrees in Fidalgo Lodge #77



R. Dale Fluaitt

WM 2004

Received degrees in Fidalgo Lodge #77

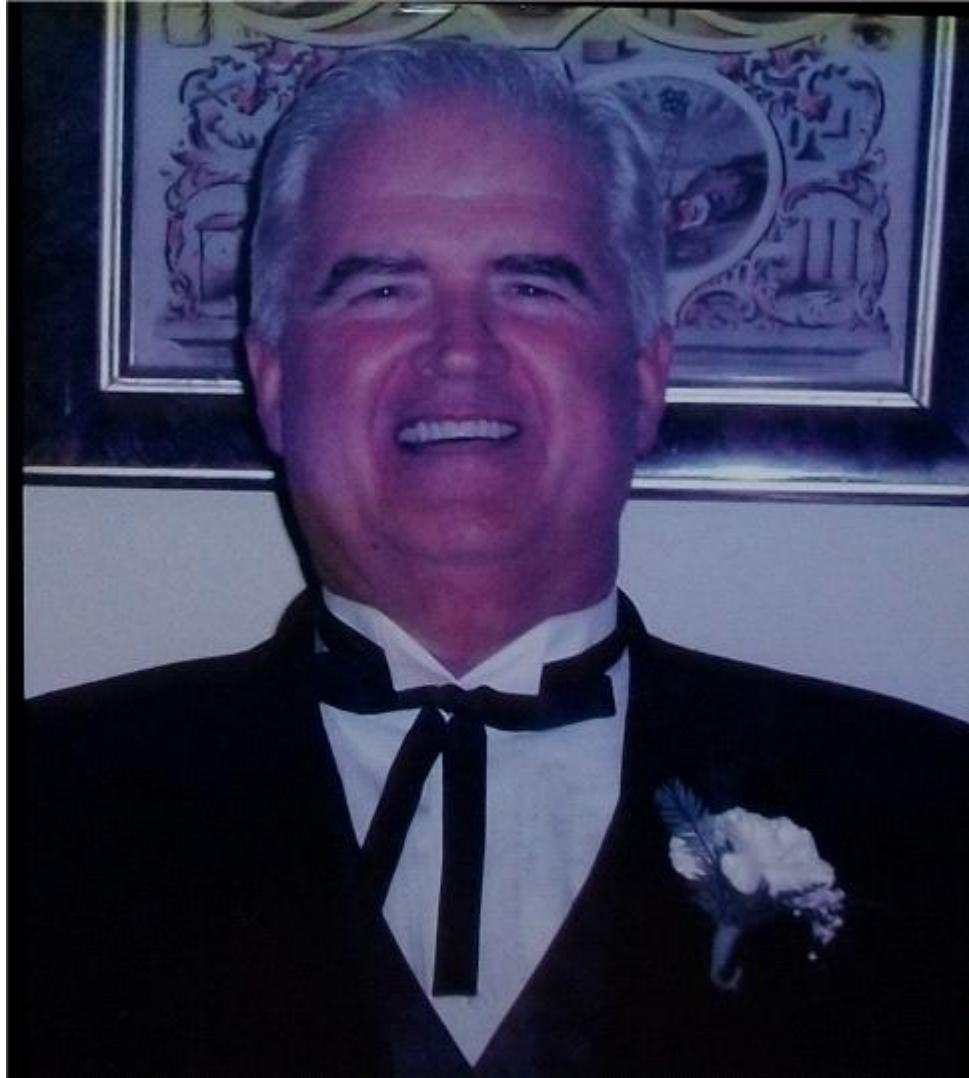


Frank John Nelson

WM 2005

Received degrees in Hearts Content Lodge #1275

Hearts Content, Newfoundland



Donald G. Munks

WM 2006

Received degrees in Fidalgo Lodge #77

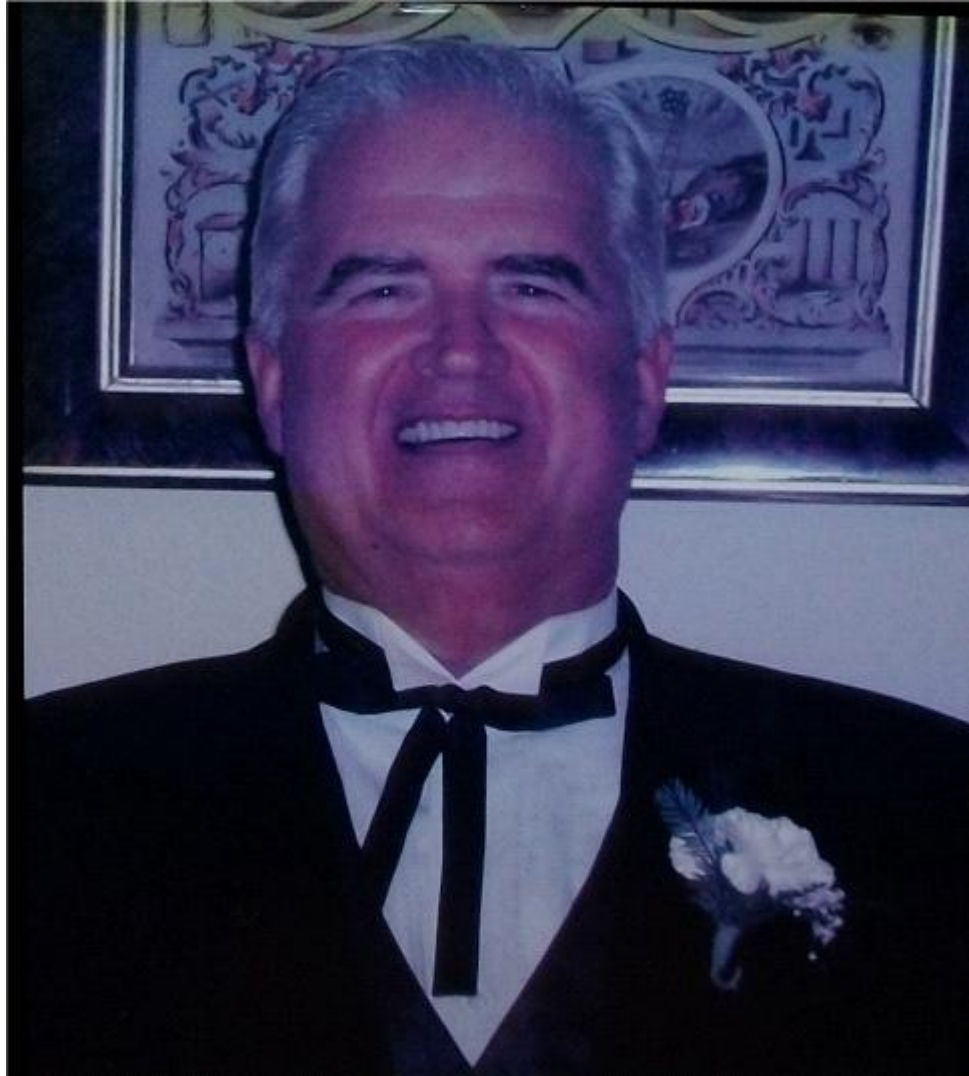


Warren Lee

WM 2007

Received degrees in Centennial Lodge #25

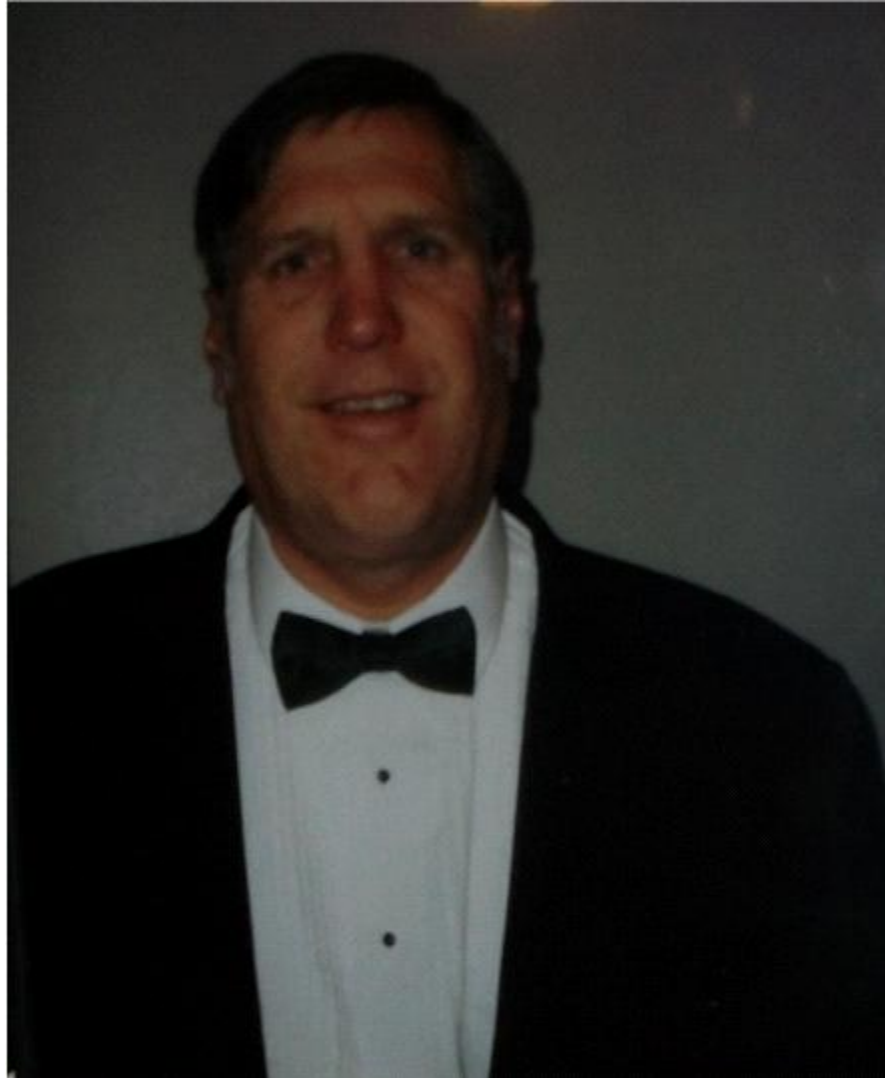
Snohomish, Washington



Donald G. Munks

WM 2008

Received degrees in Fidalgo Lodge #77

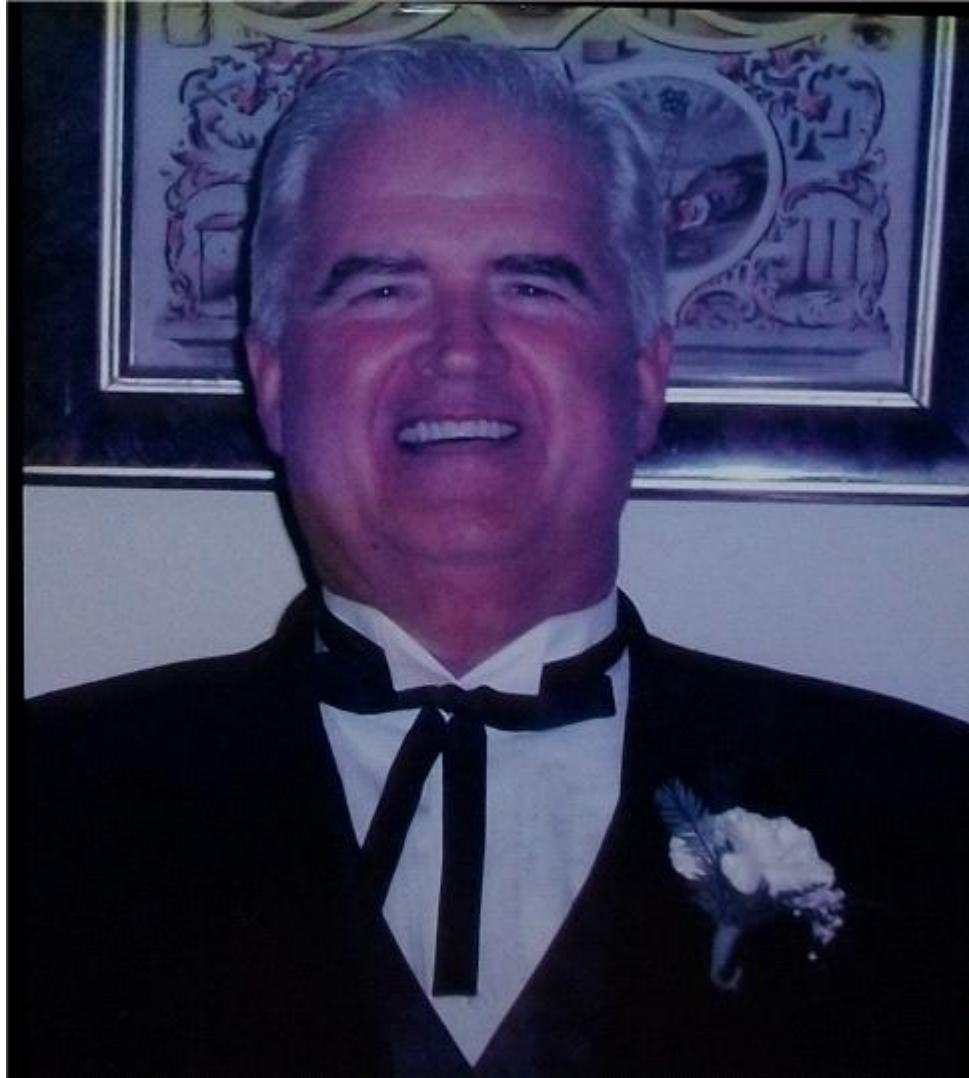


Robert Nelson

WM 2009

Received degrees in Whidby Island Lodge #15

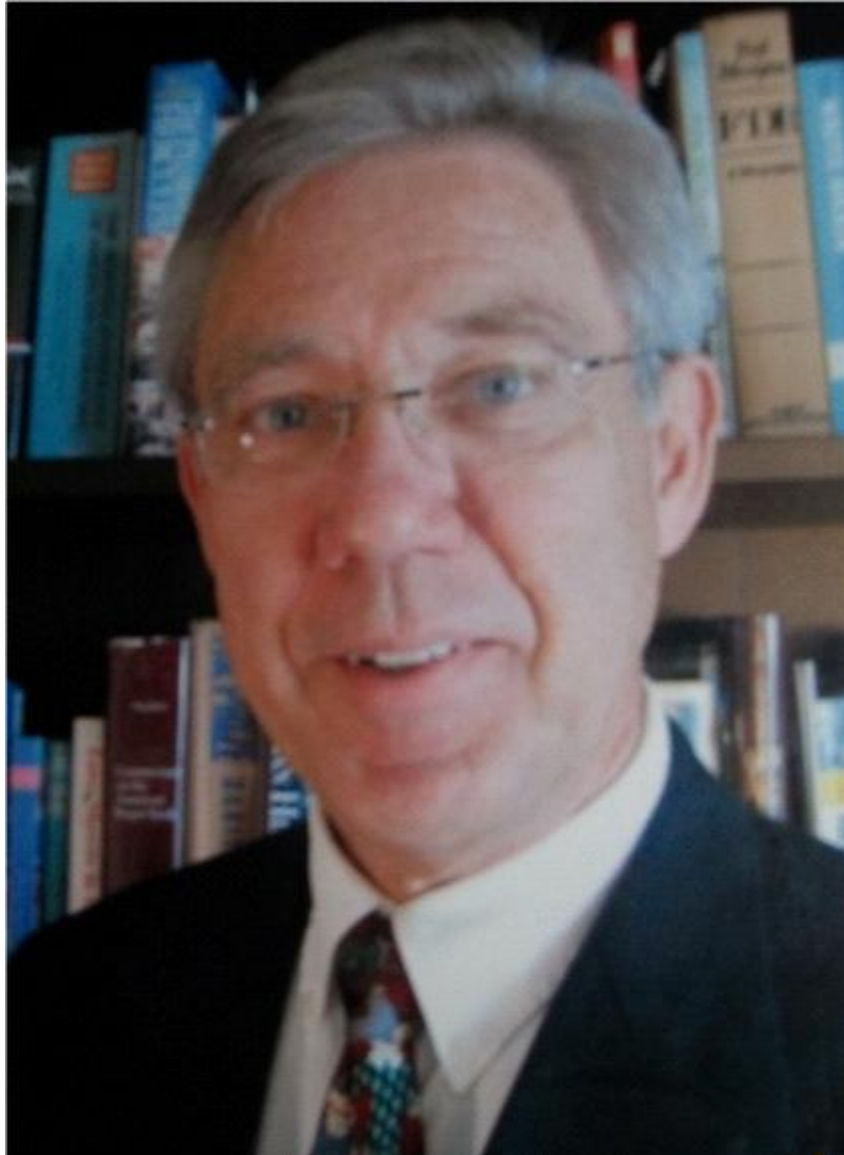
Coupeville, Washington



Donald G. Munks

WM 2010 & 2011

Received degrees in Fidalgo Lodge #77



Eric N. Johnson

WM 2012

Received degrees in Medford Lodge #178

Medford, New Jersey

HONORARY PAST MASTERS

of

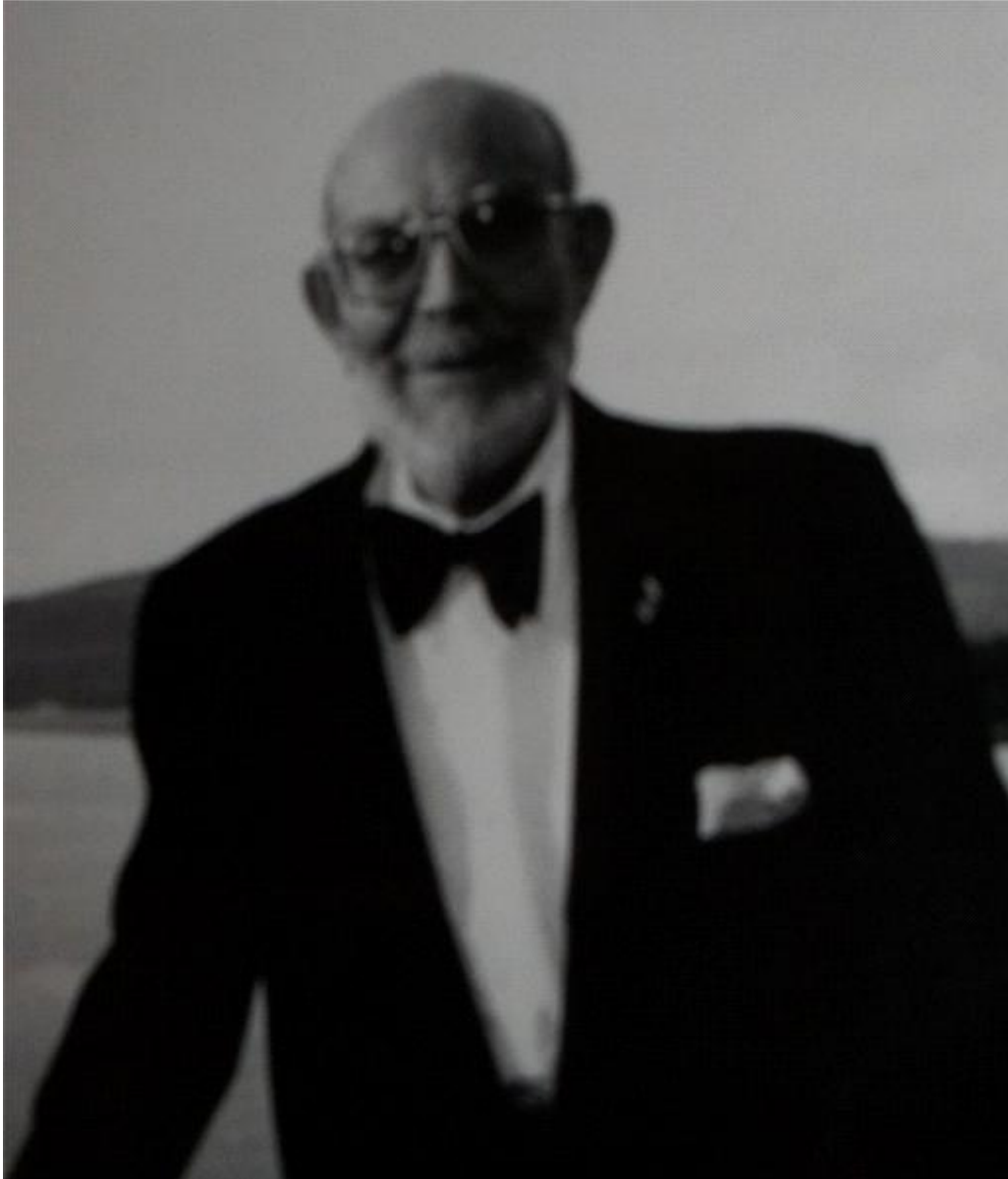
FIDALGO LODGE #77



James A. Hinchcliffe



Mark Gilkey



Paul Luvera



William Henry Scott



Peter Rasmussen



John Foss



Grant G. Coggin



John Loveless



Leland Dawes

EPILOGUE

The history of Fidalgo Lodge is a history of service, service to the lodge and its members and service to the community. For one hundred and twenty-two years Fidalgo Lodge has been an integral part of the community of Anacortes and Fidalgo Island. The members have served active roles in service to the community at every level of civic responsibility. From the beginning of the lodge, the community members have served at every level of city, county and state government. They have also served in leadership roles in the other fraternal, professional and community service organizations.

While one hundred and three of the members of Fidalgo Lodge have had the privilege to serve the Lodge as Worshipful Master, many others, as well as many Past Masters, have served the principle Masonic Appendent and Concordant Bodies as presiding officers at both the subordinate and Grand levels and in some cases the International level. These members have demonstrated by their dedication and service to the various orders of the Masonic Fraternity their understanding and support of the tenets of Freemasonry.

Members of Fidalgo Lodge assisted in forming Madrona Chapter No.89 Order of the Eastern Star in Anacortes in 1906 and to date almost 70 Fidalgo members have served Madrona as Worthy Patron. In addition Past Master Ernest Brooks served the Grand Chapter of Washington Order of the Eastern Star as the Worthy Grand Patron.

At least two Fidalgo Past Masters have served the Order of Amaranth as Royal Patron and Rex Hartsfield served as Grand Royal Patron of the Grand Court of Tennessee Order of the Amaranth. Also, Bro Dan Kelly served as Royal Patron and as Grand Royal Patron of the Grand Court of Amaranth of Washington.

Several Members served as Excellent High Priest of Mt. Vernon Chapter* of Royal Arch Masons and then organized and formed Anacortes Chapter No. 59 in Anacortes in 1948. Since the formation of Anacortes Chapter twenty-four members of Fidalgo Lodge have served that Chapter as Excellent High Priest. Past Master R. Dale Fluaith served the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Washington as the Grand High Priest.

Fourteen members of Fidalgo Lodge have served as Illustrious Master of the two area Councils of Royal and Select Masters, three in Mt. Vernon Council* and eleven in Bellingham Council. Past Masters Rex Hartsfield and R. Dale Fluaith served as Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Washington.

Eight members have served as Eminent Commander of Knights Templar in Mt. Vernon Commandery* and Hesperus Commandery. Also Past Master Warren A. Lee served as Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Washington.

* The Mt. Vernon York Rite organizations merged with the Bellingham York Rite Bodies in 1969.

Members of Fidalgo Lodge have also been instrumental in the organization and formation of Masonic Concordant and Appendent Orders, not only in Anacortes, but in the surrounding areas and have served as officers and committee members in numerous national and international organizations.

APPENDIX

Fidalgo Members Who Have Served Grand Lodge

<u>Member</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Office</u>
David M. Woodbury	1897	Obituaries
	1898, 1899	Grievances & Appeals
William F. Coulson	1913	Return & Work of Lodges
J.W. Brisky	1929	Return & Work of Lodges
	1931	Credentials
John Kidd	1932	Charity Committee
David R. Gilkey	1935	Charity Committee
Fred F. Ellison	1940-1941	District Deputy Grand Master
Thomas G. Forsyth	1957-1959	Deputy of Grand Master
Ali M. Eriks	1963	Charters & New Lodges
Eldon C. Baker	1965-1967	Deputy of Grand Master
John Buchanan	1983-1985	Deputy of Grand Master
Monte R. Robinson	1985	Masonic Res. & Education
	1986	Grand Historian
Kenneth S. Robinson	1981	Youth Committee
	1984	CMN Masonic Res. & Ed
	1985	Grand Chaplain
	1986	Grand Lecturer
	1987	CMN Deputy Liaison
	1988	CMN By-Laws
	1989	CMN Drug Foundation
	1990	Long Range Planning
	1991	Junior Grand Warden
	1992	Senior Grand Warden
	1993	Deputy Grand Master
	1994	Grand Master
	Most Worshipful Brother Ken served on a committee almost every year until about 2006	
E.S. (Red) Bell	1989-1991	Masonic Res. & Education
		Deputy of Grand Master
Delbert Mason	1993-1984	Credentials
Ward T. Koeberle	1995	Mas. Inter. Communication
J. Rex Hartsfield	1995	Military Recognition Comm.
	1996	Senior Grand Steward
	1997-1998	Deputy of Grand Master
	1999	CMN By-Laws
	2000	Grand Lecturer
H. Leroy Ditton	1998-1999	Military Recognition Comm.
Warren A. Lee	2002	Public Schools
	2003	Trustee Mas. Ret. Ctr.
Gerald Guthrie	2002-2003	Credentials
Donald C. Munks	2006-2008	Membership Development C
	2010	Leadership Devel. Committ.
	2011	Deputy of Grand Master
	2012	Junior Grand Warden

Captain Sam Barlow

In 1923 Mount Newton Lodge #89 of Saanichton, British Columbia and Fidalgo Lodge #77 of Anacortes, Washington began a tradition of visitation which has endured for almost ninety years. This tradition was initiated by Capt. Sam Barlow who was the skipper of the ferry which plied between Anacortes, Washington and Sidney, British Columbia and the Worshipful Master of Fidalgo Lodge in Anacortes.

Sam Barlow was initially a member of Westgate Lodge #128 in Seattle and later transferred his membership to Fidalgo Lodge in Anacortes. When it was necessary that he lay over for the night in Sidney he attended Mount Newton Lodge #89 in Saanichton. He enjoyed the fellowship of the brethren in Mount Newton lodge very much and he thought that his brothers of Fidalgo Lodge would also enjoy that same fellowship. He proposed the visitations and they have continued and been enjoyed by the brothers of both lodges since 1923.

Capt. Sam Barlow was born April 13, 1873 on Lopez Island. He was one of ten children of Arthur and Lucey Barlow. His father Arthur was the second settler on Lopez Island and Barlow Bay on the south end is named for him. History has it that Arthur was serving on the British ship the H.M.S. Sadillac which was surveying the many channels in the islands. In 1855 he and three other sailors jumped ship just before the ship was returning to England and swam ashore. He later settled on Lopez Island and married an Indian girl and they raised a family of ten children.

Captain Arthur Barlow taught his sons seamanship by making them deckhands on the three ships that he owned. Sam began his maritime career at the age of thirteen and earned his Master's License at the age of twenty-four. He skippered steamers and tugs all around the sound and in 1903 joined the Puget Sound Navigation Company and the Black Ball Line.

In the early years the visitations were conducted solely by the brothers riding ferry between Sidney and Anacortes usually, until his death in 1936, with the sure hand of Captain Sam at the helm. In later years some of the visitations were made by car in combination with the Tsawwassen ferry. These visitations occurred twice each year for many years with Fidalgo Lodge visiting Mount Newton in the late spring and Mount Newton visiting Fidalgo in the early fall. Usually there were always members from both lodges attending each annual installation of officers. Often there would be fifty or more Masons attending these visitations and many times the Grand Masters from both jurisdictions were in attendance. Friendships were forged during these visitations which have lasted a lifetime.

Every Mason who attended one or more of these visitations has his own personal memories of the event and these memories are indelible and forever. The visitations always included a dinner and an evening meeting which most of the time included degree work of a special nature such as having the Grotto from Seattle do exemplifications of the work or something equally special. In 1969 during the visit of Mt. Newton to Fidalgo Lodge after a dinner in Anacortes everyone went to Coupeville and assisted Whidby Island Lodge #15 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of their lodge. That meeting was held in the Coupeville High School Gymnasium and Senator Henry M.(Scoop) Jackson was the speaker for the event. When Mt. Newton Lodge built a new lodge building the first third degree conferred in the new temple was conferred by Fidalgo Lodge during their 1923 visitation and the Brother who received that degree was very proud of being the candidate that evening and he later attended the 54th annual visitation.

It was not unusual to have 40 to 50 members making these visitations and it was always given a lot of attention. When the ferry terminal was downtown Anacortes the members of Mt. Newton would be piped up "O" Avenue to the Masonic Hall by Cap Wilson of Mt. Newton Lodge. He would also pipe reveille on Sunday morning so that they would be sure and catch the ferry. They usually stayed at the old hotel on the corner of 8th and Commercial and I have often wondered what the other people in the hotel thought when he went up and down the hallway piping early on Sunday morning. This tradition was modified slightly and they were piped from the motel on 9th Street to the Masonic Hall in later years. Also in later years they would stay in the homes of the other Lodge members.

When the visitation was made to attend the annual installation of officers it was the custom for the Master of the Lodge to participate, in some manner, in the installation ceremony of the other lodge. Over the years several members of both lodge have been presented with an "Honorary Membership" in the other lodge and there are still members of both lodges who are "Honorary Members" of the other lodge. These Honorary Memberships are a coveted honor and those members of both lodges who received them always wore them with much pride and honor. During the introductions the visiting members were marched into the lodge room as a group and the "Honorary Members" always very proudly marched in with them.

From 1923 to the present these visitations have been an important occurrence in the Masonic year of both Lodges. The last living member of Fidalgo Lodge who had made the 1923 visitation was WB David Gilkey who died in 1976 and he was still attending the visitations as long as he was physically able. W.B Robert Mercier and RWB Claude Jefferys were the last two living members from Mt. Newton Lodge and WB Mercier attended the 60th annual visitation and may have attended after that.

For many years whenever the Brothers of Mt. Newton Lodge #89 came over to Anacortes, on the San Juan ferry, to visit their Brothers of Fidalgo #77 they have paid homage to the memory of Captain Sam Barlow. This was accomplished by halting the ferry off of Lopez Island near the ferry slip and there near the area that he loved so much they tossed a floral wreath in the water as a memorial to the memory of Captain Sam Barlow whose love and influence for Masonry and mankind is still being felt after almost ninety years.

A few years ago Mt. Newton Lodge #89 at Saanichton merged with the lodge at Sidney. They are still meeting at the old Mt. Newton Temple, but a few changes occurred as a result of the merger. There are now newer members in the lodge who are not wholly familiar with the traditions and also the lodge voted to use one of the other rituals authorized by the Grand Lodge of British Columbia. Because of things like this and the inevitable march of time if we are not careful we will allow this important tradition to lapse into the old minute books. I really hope this doesn't happen for we have two or more generations in both lodges who have enjoyed this sterling example of what Masonry can be.

Annual Visitation of Fidalgo Lodge Members to Saanich Peninsular Lodge

In continuation of a tradition which began in 1923 VWB Red Bell and VWB Rex Hartsfield visited Saanich Peninsular Lodge #89 on Vancouver Island Canada on September 17th, 2010. Both of these brothers have made this visitation many times and consider it to be one of the highlights of a Masonic year in Fidalgo Lodge #77. Over the years many things have changed. Many of the once familiar faces are no longer present as the Brethren have laid down their working tools. We no longer stay in the old hotel in Victoria, the number of Brethren participating has diminished and even Mt. Newton Lodge has a new name and more importantly they now use one of the other Grand Lodge of British Columbia & Yukon authorized "Rituals", but the most important thing which has not changed is the spirit of Brotherly Love and friendship which has existed between the two lodges since Captain Sam Barlow initiated these visitations in 1923.

This was the 88th visitation by Fidalgo Lodge #77. The two lodges now alternate visitation annually, but up until a few years ago each lodge visited the other one annually. These visitations were always memorable with each lodge endeavoring to provide some special activity for the other during the visit. My Masonic memories are filled with thoughts of some of these visitations. In 1969 the members of Mt. Newton and Fidalgo joined their Brethren in Coupeville at the 100th anniversary celebration of Whidby Island Lodge #15. We met in and filled the Coupeville High School Gym and Brother Henry (Scoop) Jackson, who was a U.S. Senator at that time, was the featured speaker. Another year Angora Grotto of Seattle did an exemplification of the third degree and I was a very last minute substitute for the candidate thereby receiving my third degree a second time.

Times have changed!! The Mt. Newton members no longer march from the old ferry dock at the north end of "O" Avenue to the Masonic Hall to the music of Cap Wilson playing the bagpipes to the entertainment of most of Anacortes. Nor do they arise in the morning to Cap Wilson piping reveille up and down the halls of the old Cove Hotel. Each Lodge still meets the other one at the ferry dock with a brotherly hug, a warm handshake and a smile of genuine welcome and the time and events since the last meeting just slip away. A few years ago Mt. Newton Lodge #89 merged with Sidney Lodge #143 and the result was Saanich Peninsular Lodge #89 which meets in the old Mt. Newton Hall. With this merger came a decision to practice what is called the "Emulation Ritual" instead of the "Ancient Ritual" which was practiced in Mt. Newton Lodge #89. This year they conferred the 1st degree on three candidates using the "Emulation Ritual". This was an eye opener for both VWB Red Bell and me as neither of us had observed that work before. It was an educational evening as we both learned a lot.

This year's visitation was a joint visitation between the members of Ruth Chapter #22 OES who welcomed the members of Madrona Chapter #89 OES to a very interesting and enlightening meeting. After the OES meeting and before the semi-formal banquet the members of Ruth Chapter #22, dressed in lodge regalia, treated the visitors from Anacortes to a skit based on their perception of what occurs during a Masonic Lodge meeting. To say that this skit was merely entertaining would be a gross understatement. The ladies really got into it and could give instructions on the use and discipline of the gavel (one gavel required major repairs after the meeting).

In what could only be described as a spirit of unity the members of Ruth Chapter #22, Madrona Chapter #89, Fidalgo Lodge #77 and Saanich Peninsular Lodge #89 met for a farewell breakfast at a local restaurant before the Anacortes visitors were provided with transportation back to the ferry dock. As September 18th has now passed into history so has this year's annual visitation by Fidalgo Lodge & Madrona Chapter passed into our memories with the farewell phrase of "See you next year".

VWB Rex Hartsfield

St. Roch - Larsen Gavel

This gavel was made from the wood of the RCMP vessel "St. Roch", a Canadian National Historic Site.

A Canadian National Historic Site stands at the entrance to False Creek in Vancouver and is part of the Vancouver Maritime Museum. This is the St. Roch, the second ship to sail the Northwest Passage, and the first ship to sail it in a single season, and was in the command of Brother Henry Larsen.

The first conquest of the North West Passage was made by a Norwegian explorer and Freemason, Brother Roald Amundsen. It took him three years, from 1903 to 1906.

More than thirty years elapsed before another mariner successfully challenged the passage; - it was a fellow Norwegian and Freemason, Brother Henry Asbjorn Larsen.

In 1927 Larsen took out Canadian citizenship and in 1928 he enlisted in the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. It was at this time that a new R.C.M.P. patrol vessel, the St. Roch, was near completion at Burrard dry-docks in North Vancouver. Larsen was assigned as its master.

The first years of service for the St. Roch were spent patrolling the western Arctic, supplying northern outposts and providing a floating detachment available for emergency service.

The Canadian government became concerned about asserting its sovereignty over the Arctic seas, and decided that it should send a Canadian ship through the Northwest Passage.

Sgt. Larsen was ordered to leave from Vancouver with supplies for eighteen months, to visit the northern outposts, and then attempt to navigate the St. Roch through the Northwest Passage from west to east for the first time, with the aim of reaching Halifax.

With her crew of nine men, she left Vancouver on June 23, 1940. Conditions were bad and the ship spent two winters in the ice before reaching Halifax on October 11, 1942.

It was decided to fit the St. Roch with a more powerful engine for the return trip. At the time of this refit, the pieces of wood became available, and Brother Larsen made this gavel.

The St. Roch set sail for Vancouver from Dartmouth, Nova Scotia on July 22, 1944. Taking a more northerly route and encountering favorable ice conditions they arrived in Vancouver on October 16, 1944. The voyage was completed in the amazingly short period of 86 days in which time she logged some 7295 miles.

Sgt. Henry Larsen was promoted to the rank of Superintendent in 1953.

On October 18, 1954 a dinner was held by the Grand Lodge of British Columbia at the Georgia Hotel in Vancouver, BC to honour Larsen and celebrate the 10th anniversary of his historic voyage.

A cross section of Freemasons was in attendance, including Vancouver Mayor Fred Hume and The Most Worshipful Grand Master Kart Warwick, as well as members of the Bar, the RCMP, Vancouver City Police and the Provincial Legislature.

Brother Henry Larsen was a member of Mount Newton Lodge #89, A.F. & A.M., Royal Arch, Western Gate Preceptory, and Gizeh Temple Shriner's.

Henry Larsen passed away October 29, 1964, at the age of 65 years. His ashes were sent to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Cemetery in Regina.

A crew member of the St. Roch on these historic voyages was the Great Uncle of Wor. Bro. Jeff Blodgett, PM of Cariboo Lodge #4.

Brother Henry Larsen was the second cousin of Worshipful Brother Richard Trippel, the Worshipful Master of Cariboo Lodge #4, Barkerville, BC and owner of the St. Roch Gavel.

Brother Henry Larsen also participated in first Masonic Lodge meeting held north of the Arctic Circle. The meeting was held on August 30, 1938 when Ivanhoe Lodge No.142 of Edmonton, Alberta initiated a candidate by dispensation of the Grand Lodge of Alberta. Brother Larsen served as Senior Deacon for the initiation.

This information is included in the history of Fidalgo Lodge No. 77 because of the close connection existing between Fidalgo Lodge and the former Mount Newton Lodge No.89, thus it is entirely possible that members of Fidalgo Lodge have sat in lodge with Brother Larsen. Also for many years a contingent of Masons from Fidalgo Lodge and District No. 9 traveled to Barkerville, British Columbia to attend meetings of the very historic Cariboo Lodge No. 4, which is located in the gold fields of Northern British Columbia.

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