Thornton F. McElroy
Lodge #302
F. & A. M.

25th
Anniversary

1984

Pete Mortensen W.M.

W.·. Bro. Ralph W. Hose Secretary

PROGRAM

Prelude, Organ Music – W.·.Bro. Frederick W. Root

Invocation – W.·.Bro. Raymond E. Brown

Flag Salute – W.·.M.·. Pete Mortensen

Presented by W.·.Bro's. C. Stanley Maple and Ralph Hose

Address of Welcome W.·.M.·. Pete Mortensen

Introductions – W.·.M.·. Pete Mortensen

Presentation of Traveling Trophy to Ionic #19
W.·.M.·. Pete Mortensen

Introduction of Charter Members
by W.·.Bro. Ernest Lavorini

Introduction of M.·.W.·.G.·.M.·. Donald Brons
by W.·.Bro. Ernest Lavorini

Retiring the Flags
(W.·.Bro's Douglas Storey and Wendal Kuecker)

Invitation to Refreshments and Dance
W.·.M.·. Pete Mortensen
Closing Benediction – W.·.Bro. Raymond E. Brown

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Oh say, can you see by the dawn's early light
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?
Whose broad strips and bright stars thru the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming?
And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Cave proof through the night that our flag was still there.
Oh, say does that star-spangled banner
yet wave O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

O CANADA

O Canada, our home and native land!
True patriot love in all they sons command,
With glowing hearts we see thee rise,
the True North strong and free!
From far and wide, O Canada,
We stand on guard for thee,
God keep our land glorious and free!
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee,
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

A BRIEF HISTORY
THORNTON F. McELROY LODGE NO. 302
FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF WASHINGTON

THE 1950's.....A TIME OF PREPARATION

We are taught that "Time, patience, and perseverance accomplish all things." This was a lesson well learned by the pioneers of Thornton F. McElroy Lodge No. 302. For nine long years they labored to receive a Dispensation to form a new Lodge in the Federal Way area.

It all began in April of 1949. Several Masons met to discuss the possibility of forming this new Lodge. Included in the group were: Brothers Ernest Lavorini, Merrill Gates, Lee Kress, Ralph Fleming, Carl Mull, Godfrey Ottosen, Ed Alexander, Doug Stevenson, and others. Bro. R. E. Higgins, a member of Eureka Lodge, presided as chairman. Several problems arose and a year or so later the club ceased to function.

In January of 1952 another attempt began. The Pyramid Study Club was formed and many more Masons became actively involved. Most of these additional Masons were recruited through the efforts of Bro. Ernie Lavorini, chairman of the group at that time, and Bro. Merrill Gates.

This club had a number of meetings where the ritualistic work was practiced so they would have the proficiency required to operate a Lodge. However, in November of that year they were informed by the then Grand Master, M.∴W.∴Bro. L. W. Sims, that in his opinion the Lodges in the surrounding cities could adequately provide the Masonic needs of the Federal Way area.

Disappointed, but not discouraged, by this turn of events, they continued to meet occasionally. Several facilities were used for these informal meetings including the Harding School, Ralph Fleming's Real Estate office, Carl Mull's office, a former chicken coop in Algona, the Lake Haven Water District office, and the homes of various Masons.

By February of 1957, approximately fifty Masons had been recruited. They again began to meet on a regular basis. W.∴Bro. Rex Weick assumed the chairmanship and a period of intensive study of the Ritual occupied their time. Members of the club made every effort to visit the neighboring Lodges as often as possible. Meetings were held with several Grand Lodge Officers and representatives, seeking their advice and support.

On June 24, 1958, a delegation met with the Grand Master, M.∴W.∴Bro. Frank Fulton, and the Grand Lecturer, V.∴W.∴Bro. Raymond L. Peel. As a result of that meeting, V.∴W.∴.Bro. Peel conducted a Ritual proficiency examination on July 22, 1958. Sometime after midnight he was satisfied that the Pyramid Masonic Club was ready to conduct the affairs of a Lodge.

A Dispensation to Pyramid Lodge U.D. was granted by the Grand Master on December 8, 1958. This was the date of the formation of the Grand Lodge of Washington 100 years earlier.

W.∴Bro. Carl Mull was named Worshipful Master, with W.∴Bro. Ed Alexander as Senior Warden, and Bro. Ernie Lavorini as Junior Warden. Each of the original Lodge Officers could fill any station or place in the Lodge. That all twelve officers were so qualified is a tribute to the dedication to Masonry each of them possessed.

On December 17, 1958, W.∴Bro. Carl Mull called an assembly of Master Masons together to receive the Grand Lodge Dispensation and be constituted as Pyramid Lodge U.D. with fifty-three Master Masons as members. This meeting was held in the King Solomon Masonic Temple in Auburn.

Lodge work began immediately. At the Stated meeting of January 7, 1959, seven petitions for the degrees were received. Because of the waivers of jurisdiction required at that time, only five candidates were elected to receive the degrees at the meeting of February 4, 1959. Charles Weick, Robert Perry and Leonard Thompson were initiated on February 11, and every week more degrees were conferred. Bro. Ernie Lavorini gave the lecture of the first degree performed in our Lodge.

The same three candidates received the Fellowcraft degree on March 11, 1959. The lecture was given by Bro. Lloyd Stewart. Bros. Weick and Thompson received the Master Mason degree on April 8, 1959, with Bro. Walter C. Ostendorf delivering the lecture.

On April 29, 1959, at a Tyled meeting of the Lodge, Bros. Charles Weick, Leonard Thompson, and Lyle McElhinney were given the proficiency examination by Bro. Marvin Howes, and all did an excellent job. They then signed the Bylaws and paid their dues. Pyramid Lodge U.D. had their first Master Masons they could call their own.

On April 1, 1959, Bro. Lee Kress submitted a Bylaw change to substitute the name "Thornton F. McElroy Lodge" for the name "Pyramid Lodge". At the Stated meeting of May 6, 1959, it came to a vote of the Brethren and passed, but not unanimously. Thornton F. McElroy was the name of the first Worshipful Master of the first Lodge established in the present State of Washington, and the first Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Washington. By coincidence, M.∴W.∴Bro. Frank Fulton, who gave us our Dispensation, was a Past Master of that same Lodge.

On April 1, 1959, Bro. Lee Kress offered the Lodge a parcel of land located just west of our present Temple. The cost was to be $1.00, which was immediately paid by Bro. Phil Hall. The clearing of the land began at once and soon a building, a former school house at Fort Lewis declared surplus, was moved to it to serve as our Temple. It served us well for about fifteen years.

At the Grand Lodge Session, on June 17, 1959, we were granted a Charter by action of the Grand Lodge.

The Charter was officially presented to our Lodge by M.∴W.∴Bro. Robert H. Guthrie on August 28, 1959, at a meeting held at the Federal Way High School. At that time, membership had grown from the fifty-three who signed the Dispensation to seventy-five Master Masons.

It was on October 7, 1959 that we held our first meeting in our own building. There was no plumbing, no cooking facilities, and no heat. A few electric heaters were borrowed which, added to the warm fellowship of the Brethren assembled, kept everyone comfortable on a cold evening.

The office of Secretary was a particular problem the early years of our Lodge. Bro. Merrill Gates was replaced by action of the Grand Master in July of 1959. The members granted him the title of Secretary Emeritis which he held until he died in 1970. He had been a Master Mason for more than sixty years.

Bro. Lee Kress was appointed as Secretary in August of 1959 and, upon his death in October, was replaced by Bro. Alan Lane on November 4, 1959.

Bro. Phil Hall assumed the station on May 4, 1960, and Bro. Alan Lane returned to it on December 29, 1960. Because of a terminal illness, he asked to be relieved of the duties of Secretary in September of 1961, and Bro. Roland Gosland acted as Secretary for the balance of the year. On January 1, 1961, Bro. Gosland was trying to learn the posting lecture of the Entered Apprentice Degree so he could advance to the Fellowcraft degree. Advancement was fast in those early days of our Lodge.

When the 1950's drew to a close, we had eighty Master Masons on the roster of the Lodge, and seven candidates at various stages of the degrees. The long hard years of preparation were over, and we could look forward to a bright future.

THE 1960's....THE YEARS OF GROWTH

As the 1960's began, the Lodge leadership passed to W.·.Bro. Ed Alexander. The Lodge was meeting twelve months a year with Stated Meetings on the first Wednesday of each month. Degree work was done almost every week. Much of the business of the Temple Association was conducted at the Lodge sessions.

The Masonic family also began to grow. Job's Daughters was organized in February 1960, the Order of Eastern Star in July, followed a short time later by Rainbow for Girls, then the Amaranth, and finally a Chapter of DeMolay.

In 1961, W.·.Bro. Ernest Lavorini assumed the duties of Worshipful Master. W.·.Bro. Rex Weick, who was to have been our first Worshipful Master, but due to a provision of the Washington Masonic Code was disqualified, was granted the title of Honorary Past Master of our Lodge. W.·.Bro. Lavorini scheduled a special Education and Information Night on the last Wednesday of each month. These meetings proved highly successful.

At the March Stated Meeting we paid an unusual bill. It was for $5.74 for playing cards. We also were informed that our building was not entirely situated on our own property. Every thing east of a line between the Senior Warden's station and the Altar was on the neighbor's property. The problem was not resolved for several years.

W.∴Bro. Marvin Howes was Worshipful Master in 1962 during the World Fair in Seattle. The Masonic Fraternity had a Hospitality Lounge at the Fair and several of our Brethren assisted as hosts.

During the year we conferred our first Courtesy work for another Lodge, received new officers' aprons, and for the first time, Brethren of our Lodge served as officers in the Tacoma Masters and Wardens Association and Masonic Service Bureau.

At the Grand Lodge Session in June, several Brethren of our Lodge presented a Resolution to change the Washington Masonic Code. One of our candidates had received the Master Mason Degree in our Lodge, but before there was an opportunity to pass the proficiency lecture, had been killed in an auto accident. As he had not signed the Bylaws and paid his dues, he was not entitled to a Masonic funeral requested by his family. Deeming this to be morally wrong, the Resolution was presented, which with a few changes, received a favorable ruling.

1963, when W.∴Bro. C. Stanley Maple became Worshipful Master, was a money raising year. With Bro. Fred Root as chairman of the Building Fund, we held a Luau, Salmon Bake, Car Raffle, and Auction. Bro. Chet Rees and Bro. Curt Jones were of great assistance in all projects. The Auction alone raised over $7,500.00.

At a meeting held in Sumner in Phoenix Lodge Hall, we hosted the Wednesday Night Lodges of Tacoma and vicinity, together with Alki Lodge from Seattle. This was a well attended annual event during those years.

The Lodge assumed sponsorship of the Chapter of DeMolay which had previously been sponsored by the Pyramid Study Club. We also purchased the slides that we now use during the lectures of the degrees.

W.∴Bro. John "Kelly" Cline assumed the duties in the East in 1964. We participated with the Grand Lodge in laying the cornerstone of Adelaide School on May 9, 1964. Honorary Past Master titles were granted to M.∴W.∴ Bros. Frank Fulton, Robert Guthrie, and Raymond Peel. W.∴Bro. Rex Weick was installed as Senior Grand Deacon at the Grand Lodge Session.

It was also in 1964 that we had the first of our annual pancake breakfasts. W.∴Bro. Milton Ploeger had agreed to furnish all food required as a contribution to our building fund. Tickets sold for $1.00 with the entire amount going to the Lodge building fund. The offer by W.∴Bro. Ploeger was made through Bro. Roland Gosland who was appointed chairman of the event. About $600.00. was raised, with about 540 people being served. In the early years, these breakfasts were held at Ploeger's Spring Valley Farm.

Another first began in 1965 when W.∴Bro. Ralph hose was presiding as Worshipful Master. The members received a letter instead of the previous postcard as a trestle board notice. He devoted his own time and money to this innovation. In some future years when a Worshipful Master suggested curtailing this service to the Brethren, the hue and outcry attested to the popularity of the letters.

W.:.Bro. Chris Madsen, a member of Royal A. Gove Lodge, was granted Honorary Membership in our Lodge because of all the assistance and support he had given us until this time.

On October 20, 1965, a special meeting was held as directed by the Grand Master, M.:.W.:.Bro. George Bovington, to listen to and respond to the Oration delivered at Grand Lodge the previous June. W.:.Bro. Rex Weick acted as moderator for the discussion concerning the alarming loss of membership in various Lodges, and the relatively poor attendance of members at our meetings.

It was in 1965 that we got involved in the sale of fireworks. After a few years, this money raising project was discontinued.

W.:.Bro. William Miller began his year in 1966 as Master by having a contest based on Masonic Knowledge. The first prize, a complete set of Mackey's Encyclopedia of Freemasonry, was won by Bro. Roland Gosland, the second prize, by W.:.Bro. Ernie Lavorini, and the third prize, by Bro. Ted Hamor.

It was also W.:.Bro. William Miller who began the practice of presenting each candidate of our Lodge, the three volume set of Claudy's "Introduction to Freemasonry".

The property that we now own, including the home for our caretaker, was purchased during this term. This settled the long standing problem of having a portion of our Temple on land not owned by us.

V.:.W.:.Bro. C. Stanley Maple was appointed Deputy of the Grand Master in District 13 at the Grand Lodge Session. He was presented his apron by the members of the Lodge.

In 1967, under the leadership of W.:.Bro. Charles Weick, we raised our dues for the first' time. Dues had been $10.00 plus $2.00 for the building fund. They now became $12.00 with $3.00 additional for the building fund.

During 1967, we joined the Seattle Service Bureau for the first time. The possible need of their blood bank prompted this move.

At the Stated meeting in July, we received the Traveling Bible from Cascade Lodge No. 61. It was eventually passed on according to the rules attached to it.

Our Bylaws were again changed in 1968 while W.:.Bro. Lloyd Williams was Worshipful Master. We eliminated the Stated meetings that were usually held in July and August.

The Worshipful Master and Wardens were all Dual Members with other Lodges in 1968. As a consequence, a visitation was arranged for each of these Lodges. We attended Elma Lodge No. 65, the Worshipful Master's other Lodge, Arcana Lodge No. 87, for our Senior Warden, Bro. Fred Root, and Walter F. Meier Lodge of Research No. 281, our Junior Warden's, Bro. Roland Gosland's Lodge. Because of an endorsement on the Charter of the Research Lodge allowing them to meet in any Temple in this jurisdiction, their meeting was held in our Temple.

We also instituted the visitations with Ionic Lodge No. 19, on the Registry of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, which is located in Chilliwack, B. C. Because of the exchange of these Fraternal visitations, we have developed many rewarding friendships in our Sister Lodge.

Worshipful Master Fred Root in 1969 started our Annual Junior Class School Awards Program which has proved so successful. Beginning with the Federal Way High School and Thomas Jefferson High School, we have since added Decatur High School and Fife High School

M.∴W.∴Bro. Robert Gilmore was added to our roster of. Honorary Past Masters of our Lodge in 1969.

W.∴Bro. Fred Root had very special entertainment for us at the refreshment hour after each of our Stated Meetings. This included a violinist, radio sports announcer, American Legion commander, Catholic Naval Chaplain, and many other interesting speakers. A portion of the Washington Masonic Code was read and then discussed at each Stated meeting.

A long history of service to Grand Lodge began for W.∴Bro. William Miller in 1968 when he was appointed Senior Grand Steward. The following year he was the Grand Historian.

V.∴W.∴Bro. C. Stanley Maple received the first appointment for a member of our Lodge to a Standing Committee of the Grand Lodge when he was made a member of the Credentials Committee.

During the 1960's, members of our Lodge were appointed to Sessions Committees of Grand Lodge five times. V.∴W.∴Bro. Maple served on a Bylaws Committee, W.∴Bro. Hose on the Segregation and Reference Committee, and W.∴Bro. Miller to Charters and New Lodges Committee and the Segregation and Reference committee twice.

As this decade drew to a close, the membership of our Lodge numbered 132 Master Masons, an increase of 52 members during the ten years.

THE 1970's WE BECOME OPERATIVE MASONS AS WELL AS SPECULATIVE.

W.∴Bro. Roland Gosland, Worshipful Master in 1970, began many new traditions in the Lodge. The first Friends Night was held resulting in some new petitioners. Many members wore their white lambskin aprons for the first time since receiving their degrees when they attended a rededication night and to the first Go To Church as Masons Sunday. A Special meeting to Honor the Youth Groups of our Temple was held. The first All Masonic Dinner was a success. He was the first Master of our Lodge to receive the Past Masters degree in Ionic Lodge in Chilliwack, B.C.

At a joint meeting with our Mother Lodge, King Solomon Lodge No. 60 in Auburn, a certificate for 60 years membership as a Master Mason was presented to our Secretary Emeritis, Bro. Merrill Gates.

At the September Stated meeting, the mortgage on our property was burned, the flame being applied by W.·.Bro. William Miller who had been responsible for its purchase. Payments had been completed many years earlier than planned or required.

It should also be noted that for the first time in the history of our Lodge, the Installation of Officers was conducted entirely by members of our Lodge. The Worshipful Master was installed by V.·.W.·. Bro. C. Stanley Maple. The newly installed Master proceeded to install the balance of the officers.

Seven members of our Lodge passed to the Celestial Lodge above during the year, the largest number of any year in the history of our Lodge.

W.·.Bro. Ben Robertson, the 1971 Worshipful Master began the task of constructing our present Temple. It was decided that because of the wealth of talent available among our membership, that we would use a minimum of hired labor. We would become operative Masons. Bro. Kenneth Figg was named Architect. His untimely death in our lower Lodge room while working on the Temple, caused numerous problems. Eventually Bro. Doug Storey assumed the responsibility for completing the work.

The cornerstone of the Temple was laid by the Grand Master, M.·.W.·.Bro. Milton Poe, with the Grand Lodge Officers assisting, on November 6, 1971.

Fund raising became an urgent priority. Building bonds were sold. Donations received from the various groups meeting in the Temple helped. Rentals of our Temple to non—Masonic groups was encouraged. Very little delay was caused because of lack of funds.

When W.·.Bro. Loren E. Gee was Worshipful Master (1972), several attempts were made to raise the dues of the members of the Lodge. Finally at the Stated meeting in December, the members agreed that they should be increased to $20.00, 20% of which should be given to the building fund.

All during this busy time of working on the new building, the degree work continued. Among the petitions received during the year was the first from a former member of Federal Way Chapter of DeMolay, Dennis Gosland.

We always remember 1973 as the year of visitations, both to and from our Lodge. More than 250 Masonic visitors attended the meetings of W.·.Bro. John Snypp. The Worshipful Sir visited other Lodges almost every night that he was not busy attending meetings in cur Temple.

Our first Worshipful Master, W.·.Bro. Carl Mull, died during the year. A substantial portion of his estate was donated to the Lodge, insuring adequate funds to complete our Temple.

An unusual meeting of our Lodge was held on June 6, 1973. Lodge was opened in our old Temple and under Good of the Order, the Lodge moved to the Downstairs Lodge room of

our new building. A moment of silence was observed in memory of Bro. Ken Figg, who had died in that room, as the first act of the members in our new Temple.

Mr. Michael Petitt received the Entered Apprentice degree on June 13, 1973, the first degree conferred in our new quarters. The lecture was delivered by our Worshipful Master John Snypp.

W.∴Bro. Douglas Storey held the Installation (Tyled) of Officers for 1974 in the new building. The Lodge was called to Refreshment immediately after the Installation, and the Brethren were invited to assemble in the old Temple for the balance of the program, for entertainment, fellowship, and refreshments.

During the year, the officers' collars to which their jewels are attached, became a complete set. This process was started with the presentation of the Worshipful Master collar to W.∴Bro. Charles Weick in 1967, and completed with the presentation of the Marshal's collar September 4, 1974. All collars were gifts of various members of the Lodge.

The operation of Bingo for the public in the old Temple, by a group of Masons who worked for the benefit of our building fund, was moderately successful. The lack of volunteers for the operation of the games eventually forced us to cease operations. In all, $3,500.00 or more was raised.

A program for widows of our former members was accelerated by our Worshipful Master. A dinner was held in their honor, and cards were sent to them on their birthdays and other special days.

In 1975, W.∴Bro. Norman Funk served as our Worshipful Master. During the year, a motion to informally and unofficially create the office of Immediate Past Master was offered. A committee was appointed to study the proposal and after much discussion and debate, the idea was rejected.

On March 5, 1975, W.∴Bro. Roland Gosland was presented with his second Certificate of Proficiency in the Ritual, the first having been received in 1971.

W.∴Bro. Harry Hayes assumed the duties of Worshipful Master for 1976. He tried valiantly to complete the work on our new building, but, although a great amount of progress was made, the finished product eluded him.

We had a lack of degree work during this term, no degrees being conferred between February 25, 1976 and September 10. However, by the end of the year, seven candidates were waiting to receive the degree.

At the Stated meeting in March, members of Angora Grotto in Seattle presented us with an antique altar which was over 90 years old. It had been presented to them from Tyee Lodge.

In 1975, W.∴Bro. Robert Fry, a former member and officer of our Lodge was installed as Worshipful Master of Ferry Lodge No. 111 in Republic, Washington. In 1976, W.∴Bro. Clare Sperline, a former member of our Lodge, was installed Master of Cascade Lodge

No. 61 in South Prairies Washington, and our own Past Master, W.:.Bro. Roland Gosland was installed Master of the Walter F. Meier Lodge of Research No. 281 in Seattle. We do produce leaders.

Our Worshipful Master W,,Bro. Ed Gregersen had the honor of conducting the first Stated meeting in our Main Lodge Room on April 6, 1977. The room had been initiated by members of the Eastern Star when they held a reception for Sister Nancy Tutino the previous week.

On October 1, 1977, our Temple was Dedicated and Consecrated to the purposes of Freemasonry. This ceremony was performed by M.:.Bro. James Wood assisted by the Officers of the Grand Lodge.

W.:.Bro. Horace Suinn, Master in 1978, felt the need for a suggestion box. A noticeable lack of suggestions convinced him that the Lodge members were happy with the way things were being done.

A study Club was formed to meet monthly. The results of their research and discussions were reported at length by W.:.Bro. Suinn at each Stated meeting.

At the last meeting of the year, a motion was made, seconded, and passed that we grant the title of Secretary Emeritis to V.:.W.:.Bro. C. Stanley Maple. He was invested with this rank by R.:.W.:.Bro. John Murie at our Annual Installation of Officers.

In 1979, Worshipful Master Charles Massey began the practice of having a dinner preceding each Stated meeting. These dinners were produced by the Masonic groups meeting in our Temple as fund raising projects. They proved to be a welcome attraction.

W.:.Bro. Massey was only able to preside at six meetings during his term. He was transferred by his employer to Salt Lake City on March 1, 1979. On April 4, 1979, our Junior Warden informed us that he would be unable to perform the duties of his office because of personal and family problems. For the balance of the year we fervently prayed for continued good health of our Senior Warden. Without his presence, we could not legally hold Lodge. Bro. Marlin Personette, our Senior Warden, accepted the responsibilities of leadership and did an outstanding job the balance of the year.

Life Membership plans were adopted by the Lodge during this term. We now have eleven members who have availed themselves of this privilege.

We also voted to pay per diem and mileage to our Secretary to go to Grand Lodge in the future. It is important that he attend.

As the 1970's drew to a close, we had a membership of 154 Master Masons.

Our members continued their work in Grand Lodge. V.:.W.:.Bro. Miller was assigned to the special committee to formulate suggested Guidelines for the Floor Work. This assignment lasted two years. V.:.W.:.Bro. Maple served on the Code Commission in 1977-73.

V.·.W.·.Bro. William Miller served as Grand Lecturer for a portion of 1971, as Grand Orator in 1976-77, as Grand Marshal in 1977-78, and as Grand Lecturer during 1972-73. He served on Standing Committees of the Grand Lodge in 1970-71, Masonic Public Relations, Credentials in 1973-74, and as Deputy of the Grand Master in District 13 during 1971-72.

W.·.Bro. Fred Root was Grand Organist in 1973-74. He had served on the Public School Committee in 1971-72 and again in 1972-73.

V.·.W.·.Bro. Ben Robertson was installed Grand Chaplain in 1974-75 and as District Deputy in 1978-79 and again in 1979-80. He also served on the Grievance and Appeals committee in 1976-77.

V.·.W.·.Bro. Stanley Maple served on the Credentials Committee from 1968 until 1971.

W.·.Bro. Ralph Hose was on the Representative Expenses Committee during 1977-78 and again in 1978-79.

THE 1980's WE TAKE TIME FOR REFLECTION

W.·.Bro. Marlin Personette, who had been acting Worshipful Master for most the previous year, finally had been installed as our Worshipful Master for 1980. We again had a full corps of officers.

M.·.W.·.Bro. Robert Gilmore presented a complete set of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Washington to our library. This gift is much appreciated and used by the Brethren of the Lodge.

W.·.Bro. Horace Suinn became the second member of our Lodge to receive a Certificate of Proficiency in the ritualistic work.

A motion to establish a Perpetual Endowment Fund for the Lodge was introduced. After several revisions and with advice from the Grand Lodge officers, it was adopted in 1981.

W.·.Bro. Wendal Kuecker, our Worshipful Master in 1981, had the most profitable Pancake Breakfast to date. Over $1,000.00 earnings was turned over to our Treasurer.

Our DeMolay Chapter was reactivated during this year. Bro. Al Riggs was named Dad Advisor.

In 1982, under the direction of our Worshipful Master, W.·.Bro. Raymond Brown, a regular schedule of degree practices were instituted. Much improvement in the officers' work was noted.

The practice of giving a Brother his Masonic apron after he has passed proficiency in the Master Mason degree was discontinued. In the future it will be given to him when he receives the Entered Apprentice degree as stated in the Ritual.

Worshipful Master William Vidunas sponsored an All Masonic Party soon after he was installed in 1983. The entertainment was furnished by the adult groups with the youth groups as our guests. The groups reversed the procedure the following year. These parties will long be remembered.

We found it again necessary to raise our dues and fees for the degrees during the year. However, for the first time, we make an allowance for those who pay their dues promptly.

On May 25, 1983, our Lodge celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of receiving our Dispensation. A souvenir program booklet was presented to all who attended.

During the year, many interesting facts concerning our Lodge and its members were discussed. Considerable research by the planning committee for our twenty-fifth anniversary celebration has been accomplished.

Now in 1984, under the direction of our Worshipful Master Peter Mortensen, all this planning comes to fruition.

He also has some firsts to remember. We began this year to give a $100.00 bond to the winners of our school awards. We had a special meeting to exemplify a mock Masonic Trial. W.·.Bro. Mortensen was the first Senior Warden of our Lodge to receive an appointment to a Standing Committee of the Grand Lodge. He was appointed this year as a Public Relations committeeman.

Our members continue to be of service to Grand Lodge. V.·.W.·.Bro. Ben Robertson was appointed in 1981-82 and again in 1982-83 to a special committee concerning a Grand Lodge Library. He served on the Charity Committee in 1980-81, on the Masonic Public Relations Committee in 1981-82 and again in 1982-83, and is presently on the Masonic Fraternal Relations Committee.

W.·.Bro. Wendal Keucker also served on the Public Relations Committee in 1982-83 and Chairman in 1983-84.

V.·.W.·.Bro. William Miller was appointed to the Finance Committee for 1981-82, 1982-83, and is serving as Chairman again this year.

There are 110 committee appointments made statewide. Four of those appointments went to members of this Lodge this year, with three of the Brethren serving as Chairman of their committee.

W.·.Bro. Ralph Hose has been serving as Assistant Grand Secretary. Thornton F. McElroy Lodge No. 302 can indeed be proud of the volume of leadership that the Lodge has produced and of the assistance they have given to the Grand Lodge of Washington.

The membership of the Lodge as of May 31, 1984 stands at 178 Master Masons. The honor, reputation and usefulness of our Lodge will materially depend upon the skill and assiduity with which they managed its concerns, while the happiness of our members will be generally promoted in proportion to the zeal and ability with which they propagate the

genuine principles of our Institution. Thus we pray that our Lodge will continue to flourish, our union to strengthen, and our happiness to abound!

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Past District Deputy

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