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From the East

Brethren,

Greetings from the east: We're drawing down yet another year and the first thing I'd like to tell you all is my sincere thanks for letting me serve you.

At our September stated we voted in Mathew Zyllstra for the degrees of Masonry. I have asked our pals at Mt. Baker 36 to assist us and set a tentative date of October 3rd - a Saturday - to start at 1100hrs. SW Brett Sandstrom will confer with me as a backup. Every lodge in the district knows how much I stress a large attendance for the EA degree. It's a new member's first introduction into the fraternity and if there are only a couple of guys sitting on the sidelines it doesn't send the right message. Please make every effort to come.

September 22 we make our visit to Fairhaven 73. They'll be conferring a FC degree on one of their candidates so, again, let's make a good showing.

Next month we have our oyster stew night and our yearly visit from Abbotsford lodge. Our SW is putting that together. Jumping to November, my last official stated, I'll be throwing a Thanksgiving dinner. Brother Jonathan Brown and his wife Rochelle will be helping me cook. Dinner at 1830 and other lodges, of course, are welcome. During the stated communication, I'll go off session so I can present my Power Point documentary of WWII The Philippines. Those who have seen it believed it to be a valuable resource for young people who know nothing of WWII or Korea.

JW, George will fire off an e-mail if the date for our EA degree doesn't work out. Matt confirmed the date works for him. If anyone needs to get a ride down to Mt. Baker 36, let me know and I'll arrange for you to get there. It'd be real nice to see some of the brothers who haven't made it lodge in a while.

See you all at the Fairhaven get together

Scott F-F Slater, WM

Greetings from the West!

It was Sedro-Woolley Founders' Day on September 13th and it was a weekend full of fun, even though I was sick with flu! Aside from the big old car show, we held our 1914 Bank Robbery Reenactment. I have been participating in the robbery shoot-out since I moved to Sedro-Woolley in 2005. It is a blast, literally, black powder guns blazing and fake gold tossed in the street for the kiddies! It is always a grand family event!

Now you might start thinking to yourself, "Where is this going?" or "How is this relevant to Freemasonry?". Well, let me get there. The actual historical event is pretty impressive and does hold a pang of tragedy. The shoots that October night rang numerous. There were over fifty shots fired in the bank and when the robbers entered into the street about two-hundred shots more riddled buildings and skipped down streets. This gunfire tragically kills the robbery's only victim, a young boy named Melvin Wilson. The robbers got away in the dark and with about \$12,000 in gold and silver. Remarkably the bank teller survives. That bank teller, John Guddall, affiliated with United Lodge in Sedro-Woolley the year before and was elected Worshipful Master in December 1915. Now if luck wasn't on his side that fall evening, his tenure as Master may not have been and who knows what state our Lodge would have been without his thirty years of dedication and enthusiasm.

This is just one local event in our past that has a direct relation to our Masonic Lodge, and I love to connect with those stories, even if they did happen eighty-five years ago!

Look Well ~ Brett C Sandström

As seen from the South

Well, Dan Brown's new book "The Lost Symbol" is out. It's a good, fast moving story and it shows masonry in a good light. It also describes several Masonic buildings in Washington, DC such as the House of the Temple and the George Washington Masonic Memorial. You can take an internet tour of the House of the Temple at <http://www.scottishrite.org/visitors/vtour.html> and the George Washington Masonic Memorial at <http://www.freemasonlostsymbol.com/>. It will be interesting to see if the book attracts any new members.

~ George W Foster

Upcoming Events

- 1) Fairhaven 73 Stated 9/22 @ 1930 B-u 93's official visit
- 2) EA degree for Matt Zylstra @ Mt. Baker 36 10/03@ 1100hrs Sandwiches and potato salad afterwards.
- 3) Oyster Stew 10/27 @ 1930 Abbotsford 70's official visit (We'll open lodge do introductions then go to refreshment)