

YEARS IN SHELTON

# 100 YEARS IN SHELTON

1864 - 1964

Program Commemorating the One-Hundredth Anniversary of

Mount Moriah Lodge No. 11 F. and A. M.

Saturday, November 28, 1964

Open Lodge ..... 4:00 p.m.

Call from Labor to Refreshment

Dinner ..... 6:30p.m.

Invocation ..... Rev. Arthur Lord

Call from Refreshment to Labor ..... 8:00 p.m.

Introductions

Address of Welcome ..... V.W. Bro. Clarence Grunert

Response ..... R.W. Bro. Geo. Bovington, Dept. G.M.

Historical Comments ..... W. Bro. Bernhard T. Winiecki, P.M.

Address ..... M.W. Bro. Morton Gregory, P.G.M.

Address ..... M.W. Bro. Raymond L. Peel, G.M.

Address ..... M.W. Bro. Mathew W. Hill, P.G.M.

Closing the Lodge



M.W. Bro. Raymond L. Peel  
Grand Master of Masons of Washington 1964-65



M.W. Bro. Mathew W. Hill, Supreme Court Justice  
Grand Master of Masons of Washington, 1941-42

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## PREFACE

We your committee on Research and Education beg leave to report that we have carefully and diligently inquired into the doings of Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 11, F. and A. M. of Shelton and have found much of interest which we hope you will enjoy. Certainly some of the facts may be valuable in years to come.

In presenting "A Short History of Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 11", F. and A. M. of Shelton we have continually run into situations where little or no information is available. It has been a matter of finding in "Which Trunk in Whose Attic" the information is hiding.

The following booklet contains all the information available as of November 4, 1964. No real effort has been made to classify and evaluate the material. It has been merely set down in "As I heard it," fashion.

It was our intention to present a short sketch of each master and as many other members as possible but time caught up with us. As the story was being put together some new sources of information became available but time did not permit further investigation. This suggests a revised edition or a supplement must be forthcoming wherein a sketch of the masters not covered in this book, will be treated together with more complete and thorough coverage of some already mentioned.

Furthermore omission of someone's name was not intentional as we have endeavored to do an impartial job of reporting.

This, then, is a true and correct account but necessarily incomplete, of our search to date.

Such as it is we hope you will enjoy it.

Respectfully Submitted  
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Original Lodge Hall Located at Oakland  
Occupied 1864 to 1888

## Chapter I

### A SHORT HISTORY OF MT. MORIAH LODGE

#### No. 11, F. and A. M.

Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 11 had its beginning in this community when the development of the area was in its infancy. The town of Shelton had not been born altho David Shelton and his family occupied the 640 acre donation claim which in 1884 became the town. site of Shelton and in 1888 was made the county seat of Mason County. The Shelton family arrived during the early part of 1853.

At about the same time the Sheltons settled on the point, a William Morrow and his family along with other members of a party settled about two miles up the bay where Morrow staked a donation claim. He called his settlement Oakland. It became the seat of county government and also had the post office and school.

By way of further background the vast area in which these original settlers had located became known as Washington Territory on March 2, 1853 and in 1858 the four Masonic Lodges in the territory formed the Grand Lodge of Washington. This was done in Olympia on Dec. 8. Thornton F. McElroy was elected Grand Master.

The four lodges which formed the M. W. Grand Lodge of Washington Territory all had been chartered by the Grand Lodge of Oregon. They were Olympia No. 5 chartered Dec. 11, 1852 which became W. T. No. 1, Steilacoom No. 8 chartered June 12, 1854, was No. 2, Grand Mound No. 21 chartered July 13, 1858, W. T. No. 3 surrendered its charter Sept. 19, 1868, and Washington No. 22 chartered July 13, 1858 (Vancouver) W. T. No. 4. There followed in order:

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Franklin Lodge No. 5 Port Gamble in Kitsap County chartered on Sept. 6, 1859.

Port Townsend Lodge No. 6 at Port Townsend in Jefferson County chartered on Sept. 6, 1859.

Walla Walla Lodge No. 7 at Walla Walla in Walla Walla County chartered on Sept. 3, 1860.

Kane Lodge No. 8 at Port Madison in King County chartered on Sept. 3, 1860 - Surrendered its charter May 4, 1908.

St. Johns Lodge No. 9 at Seattle in King County chartered Sept. 4, 1860.

Lewiston Lodge No. 10 at Lewiston Idaho chartered Nov. 26. 1863 - surrendered its charter Dec. 1, 1865.

Mount Moriah No. 11 at Shelton in Mason County chartered at "Oakland" on Nov. 29, 1864.

In the years from 1853 to 1863 as the population increased the number of Masons with membership in other lodges had increased

to the point where it was deemed expedient and practical to petition for a charter and form a lodge~

A petition for dispensation was signed by William Champ, J. Mitchel Elson, J. L. Morrow, Joseph H. Misener, John T. Knox, M. T. Simmons and B. F. Shaw together with a letter of recommendation from Olympia Lodge No. 1 was submitted to M. W. Thomas M. Reed.

On January 18, 1864 Ivi. W. Grand Master Reed issued a dispensation authorizing the above named brothers to procede with the business of making Masons at Oakland.

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The roster of Officers and members as shown on the first Annual Report to the Grand Lodge follows:

Name	Rank	Date Initiated	Date Passed	Date Raised
1. William Champ	W.M.			
2. J. T. Knox	S.W.			
3. J. M. Elson	J.W.			
4. V. P. Morrow	Treas.	April 30	June 23	
5. E. A. Willson	Sec.	Mar. 5	Mar. 19	Apr. 9
6. J. H. Misener	S.D.			
7. J. L. Morrow	J.D.			
8. M. T. Simmons	T.			
9. D. C. Cooper	M.M.	June 29	July 9	Sept. 10
10. B. F. Shaw	M.M.			
11. L. D. Shelton	M.M.	Sept. 9	Oct. 1	Oct. 15
12. Thos. Webb	M.M.	Sept. 9	Oct. 1	Oct. 15
13. C. L. Miller	M.M.	Oct. 1	Nov. 12	Nov. 26
14. E. L. Willey	E.A.	Sept. 10		
15. Jas. Ferguson	F.C.	Nov. 12	Nov. 26	
16. David Shelton	E.A.	Nov. 26		

A brief description of the settlement at Oakland is necessary to serve in locating the site of the original lodge hall.

About two miles from Shelton on the Bayshore road are three houses about equally spaced, occupied respectively by Marvin Lund, Dr. Berwyn Thomas and Phil Fredson. The Thomas home is essentially in the middle of the old settlement. Lund's house is near the south end and Fredson's is on the north end. The old Morrow-Willey-Fredson home (Original torn down and rebuilt in 1895 - this was razed in the early 1950's) was located about halfway between the Thomas and Lund homes. The old post office was situated almost directly in back of the old house and would be near the present highway. Near the water's edge and slightly to the south of the old house was a store operated by — Swindle. In this

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building the first meetings of Mt. Moriah No. 11 were held until the lodge hall was built.

The original lodge hall was situated in what is now an alder swamp halfway between the Thomas and Fredson houses. The courthouse - schoolhouse - community center etc. building stood on the slope above the lodge hall above and on what is now the highway.

Remnants of the old orchard can be seen above the road slightly south of the Thomas garage. Many of the old trees still bear fruit in spite of neglect and encroachment of second growth forest trees. On the hill above and to the south of the old orchard can be found the remnants of an old logging skid road. -

The first cemetery was located on the eastern edge of John's Prairie above the settlement of Oakland to the southwest of this and adjoining it was an Indian burial ground. In the White cemetery only two graves remain distinguishable. One, a mystery grave, with no marker but surrounded by a fence. According to Phil Fredson, who states that for twenty years he has watched the grave until dark on the day before Memorial day in an effort to learn the identity of the person or persons who care for it. He has not found anyone yet on the morning of May 30, the grave is always clean with a bouquet of flowers thereon.

The other grave is that of V. P. Morrow. This has a marble monument and until recently was surrounded by a fence. Both these graves have been vandalized in the past year. Fences were torn down and the stone on the Morrow grave has been taken apart and the shaft pitched into a hole which had been dug alongside the base. Many of the remains and markers were moved to the new cemetery but an unknown number of monuments have been stolen. One in particular was the marble shaft that marked the resting place of E. A. Willson the first secretary of Mt. Moriah No 11. It was taken at some time during the second World War.

A search of the lodge records disclosed that the original minute books and other records were destroyed by fire on Sept. 7.

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1882. There is no evidence that the hail burned so it must be assumed that the charter and other valuables were kept in the officers homes.

When Walter Willey, the secretary in 1882, started a new Minute Book on October 21, 1882 he made the following:

### Note

All Records and Accounts (except Treasurer's Record Book) previous to October 21, 1882 were lost by fire September 7th, 1882.

Signed: W. E. Willey, Secretary

It is recorded that in September of 1869 the charter was suspended until the brethren could make it known that they had a safe and suitable place in which to meet. Conditions warranting the charter's suspension were corrected and the charter restored the following month.

Beginning with the October 21, 1882 meeting the record of the minutes is fairly complete except for June, July, August, and September of 1884. There must have been some discussions during these months relative to moving the lodge from Oakland to Arcadia, for on October 4, 1884 the membership voted unanimously in favor of the change and a committee was appointed to investigate buying a lot and building a hail. Nowhere in subsequent meetings was the proposed move ever mentioned again.

At the meeting held October 21, 1882 it was noted in the minutes that the lodge voted to pay the burial expenses of Brother A. G. McClure. In the same meeting they refused to pay a bill for \$15.00 to Union City Lodge for conferring the Fellowcraft Degree on Brother A. S. Vincent. They paid \$1.00 Grand Lodge dues considering the remainder as "extorcious and unjust."

In the latter part of 1885 a group of Masons in Sheltonville petitioned for a dispensation to start a lodge. This was presented to the Grand Secretary December 9, 1885. In the minutes on November 14, 1885 it states that, "a petition from Bro. David

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Shelton and eight other Masons was read and not being in form was ordered to be returned to said petitioners.”

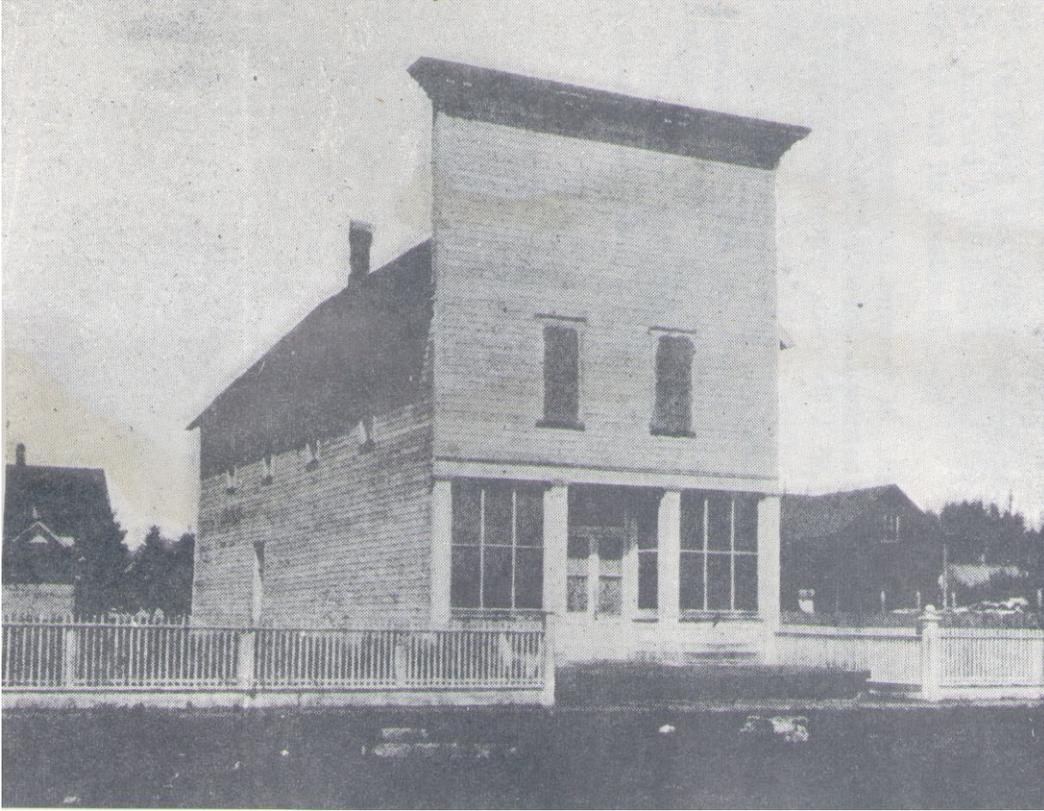
No mention of this is made in succeeding meetings.

On May 2, 1885 a funeral was held for the burial of Worshipful Bro. Edward A. Wilson who was the first secretary of Mt. Moriah No. 11 and its Master in 1874.

The minutes of January 16, 1886 show that F. F. Williamson and E. L. Willey were appointed to investigate the possibility of leasing the upper story of J. R. McDonald's store in Shelton~ville.

On February 13, 1886 the lodge allowed a claim to McDonald Simmons for \$2.50 for rent of a boat to go to Arcadia to get brothers to open lodge.

The lodge contributed \$50.00 to the E. A. Willson family on November 6, 1886.



Lodge Hall on Front Street in Shelton  
Occupied 1888 to 1926

## Chapter II

### *We're Moving*

Thomas Bordeaux, J. A. Heugheus and M. P. Hilton were appointed February 5, 1887 to procure suitable lots in Shelton for a building. They reported on March 3, that two lots had been purchased from David Shelton for \$100.00. These were lots 7 and 8, Blk. 16 of Francis Shelton's addition to the town of Shelton.

At the same meeting Bros. D. Morrison, M. P. Hilton and Thos. Bordeaux were appointed to get an estimate of the cost of a two story building 24 x 60 feet and March 19 was set as the meeting date for discussion of matters pertaining to building the new hall. After hearing the committee report, an estimated cost of \$1000.00, the same committee was delegated to proceed with building of the Hall. The same committee was also given the task of disposing of the old hall. The lodge also declined a gift tendered by the citizens of Shelton to the lodge for the building fund and a vote of thanks was sent for this friendly and generous offer.

On June 11, 1887 Brother Thomas Bordeaux presented a bill for \$10.00 for the cash he paid W. T. Morrow for clearing the new hall lot. Renting of the lower story of the new hall was discussed and the matter placed in the hands of the building committee to act at their discretion.

Also at the meeting on the above date each of the brothers started paying \$10.00 dues plus an additional \$10.00 for the building fund.

Discussion and plans for a new cemetery near Shelton was held at the July 2 meeting and also a committee, consisting of Bros. W. H. Maxwell, John Griffin, and A. Lamareaux, was appointed and instructed to procure the paint and put one coat on the new hall and the brothers were asked to donate the cost of the paint. The matter of insuring the new building was postponed.

It seems a bit strange that after all the above related activity was in progress the Master instructed the Secretary to summon all the brothers to attend the next meeting, July 30 for the purpose

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of voting on the question of moving the lodge to Shelton when the new Hall was completed.

At this most eventful meeting July 30 the lodge voted to empower the building committee to have the building insured for five years, also apparently in the same motion the committee was authorized to raise money to pay for the building. This process was already going on as at the two preceding meetings the brothers were shelling out \$10.00 a head to pay for the building.

The committee on the cemetery project reported that Brother David Shelton had offered to donate two and one half acres of land and the committee was instructed to select the ground and have it surveyed, procure the title and present the bill for the services to the lodge.

A unanimous vote was recorded on the question of moving the lodge to Shelton. Then they voted on the motion of holding the October meeting in the new hail providing it was accepted by the Grand Master.

Brother D. Morrison presented a bill for \$38.75 for the material to paint the hail, which was allowed and ordered paid.

“On motion the question of insuring the hail was reconsidered and the committee was instructed to insure with such company and for such a time as they thought for the best interest of the lodge.”

“The Secretary was instructed to notify Alex McLoud to re•~move the stumps and logs that he hauled from his lots on to the Lots of this Lodge at Shelton and that if he did not do so at once that they would be moved at his expense.”

“On motion the Building Committee was instructed to have a pump put in a water closet built for the new hail and a platform put in front of the lower story and such grading as they think necessary and also cloth paper and such other articles as they think necessary as far as the funds go.”

October 1, 1887 the cemetery committee reported that its as•

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assignment had been completed. A bill for \$3.00 was presented to cover surveying and the details of closing the deal.

At the same meeting the dispensation to move the lodge was received from the Grand Master but no date was given only the secretary was again instructed to summon the brothers when word was received of the date the Grand Master could come for the dedication.

At the October 29, 1887 meeting a letter from the Grand Master was read stating that he could not come for the dedication before the middle of November. A committee, consisting of Bros. W. H. Maxwell, Frank Fredson, and W. E. Willey, was given the task of seeing that the Public did not bury in the old cemetery at Oakland without permission from the committee and that a notice to this effect be posted on the premises.

December 24, 1887 "Bro. E. L. Willey put in a bill against the lodge for (\$60.00) sixty dollars that he claims he paid the Lodge in 1869 for the old Hall and lot at Oakland known as the Swindle property and which it seems now that the Lodge never owned. The W. M. appointed a committee consisting of Bros. W. H. Maxwell, H. Morrison, and M. P. Hilton to investigate the case and ascertain what this lodge has owned and how disposed of and what it now owns." Across this paragraph was written in red ink. "Bro. E. L. Willey withdraws this bill on the grounds that he receive a deed to the Swindle property at Oakland as payment in full." Signed by W. H. Maxwell, Sect.

The above appears to have disposed of the matter of the old Lodge Hall at Oakland as no further mention is made in succeeding meetings.

No mention was ever made of the Grand Master's visit to dedicate the new Hall but all meetings were held there beginning with the October 29, 1887 communication and on January 28, 1888 an item of \$25.00 paying G. M.'s expenses for dedication appears in the bills. From this it must be deduced that at some time between November 15, 1887 and January 28, 1888 the Grand

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Master appeared, dedicated the Hall and left only his bill to mark that very significant step in the development of Mt. Moriah No. 11.

From the Grand Master Joseph Smith's report the following is offered to fix the date of the celebration:

This was taken from the Grand Master's Report.

### Special Communications

On January 27, 1888, I convened the M. W. Grand Lodge in Special Communication and dedicated the new Masonic Temple at Shelton, Mason county, to the true principles of Freemasonry with due forms and ceremonies.

On this occasion I was ably assisted by R. W. . N. S. Porter, D.G.M., R.W. . Thomas M. Reed, Grand Secretary; R.W. . William McMicken, P.D.G.M.; W. . William Billings, P.G. Tyler; Brother George M. Forster, of Spokane Lodge, No. 34; Brothers J. M. and E. M. McReavy, of Union City Lodge, No. 27 and the members of Mt. Moriah Lodge, No. 11. Able and eloquent addresses were delivered by R. W. . N. S. Porter, D.G.M., and R.W. . Bro. Thomas M. Reed, Grand Secretary. After the ceremonies were over, all sat down to an elegant banquet prepared by our brethren of Mt Moriah Lodge, and the occasion will long be remembered with pleasure by all who participated.

The lodge passed a motion on March 24, 1888 to advertise the dates of the regular communications in the Mason County Journal at the cost of \$5.00 per year.

The carpet and laying same cost \$250.00 and on July 21, the lodge voted to pay \$20.00.

A committee, consisting of Thos. Bordeaux, Frank Fredson, and Chas. Leake, was given the task of having the cemetery cleared and fenced. This was on August 18, 1888.

On October 13, a committee was appointed to ascertain if it would be constitutional to rent the lodge hall to outsiders. On

Selling points.

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**MT. MORIAH LODGE, No 11,**

**F. & A. M.**

**R**EGULAR Communications Saturday eve.  
On or before the full of the Moon. A cor-  
dial invitation is given to all brethren in good  
standing. Masonic Hall, Shelton, W. T.  
C. F. TOWLE, W. M.,      W. H. MAXWELL, Secy.

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November 17, the lodge met and without further discussion passed a motion to rent the hail to the Odd Fellows for their meetings.

Times have changed since Dec. 15, 1888 when G. W. Huntiey was paid \$26.25 for 10½ days work building a wood shed for the new hail and the secretary of the lodge received \$2.00 for his services at the stated communications.

On January 12, 1889 the lodge extended a vote of thanks to Bro. David Shelton for his generosity in donating the land for the new Masonic Cemetery.

Work on preparation of the cemetery appeared to have been completed by June 20, 1891 as on that date the lodge was seeking information from the Grand Master regarding a dedication. The Grand Master replied that it was not customary to dedicate or consecrate Masonic Cemeteries in this jurisdiction.

With the transfer of location from Oakland to Shelton the lodge was well on the way in its second epoch. Life during these times went on smoothly for the most part. Some of the dissidents came into the lodge one by one and an era of expansion was ahead. There were no unusual events until growing pains began to manifest themselves in the early 1920's. The town of Shelton had been growing slowly as a logging center, but with the coming of manufacturing plants a minor population explosion was in the making.

Since the lodge membership had in it many of the progressive citizens it is natural that the organization should keep pace with the community.

Life in the lodge~ from 1888 to December, 1925 went on at an even pace, many of the years were very prosperous but a few were hard especially during the early 1890's. According to W. Bro. Eugene Taylor many wonderful evenings were spent in the hail On Front Street.

## Chapter III

### *We're Building a Temple*

While the lodge physically occupied the old Hall on Front street until Dec. 26, 1925 the last Epoch of the three in the One Hundred years of its life began on June 24, 1920. It was about this time that Little signs began to show in the minutes that crowded conditions made it mandatory that a new home was fast becoming a "must".

We found that the washroom in the hail had been converted to a cloakroom. Some of the brothers were for moving the old Hall to a new site with alterations and updating.

Past Master Chas. Runacres was a bit bolder than the others and moved that a committee be appointed to locate a suitable site for a new Masonic Temple. The spirit of progress was really being born. No longer would the meeting place be known as a hail, the thinking was on a broader scale and we find them dealing in terms of a Temple after the manner of the ancients. To start this new movement W. Bro. Ransom appointed P.M.'s W. M. Beach, E. Frank Brown, and Chas. E. Runacres.

The committee was instructed to find a suitable site and they did exactly that. On July 24, only a month from time zero they had the northwest corner of 3rd and Cota. They were asking the lodge if this site would be acceptable for the consideration of one dollar. Bro. Fieser moved acceptance and the motion carried.

On October 23, the Worshipful Master appointed A. N. Ward, W. H. Maxwell and Joe Deer, all past masters, to formulate a plan for financing the building of a temple and to present plans and specifications for same. At this meeting, November 20, 1921, W. Bro. Deer made a motion that a warrant be drawn for \$900.00 to pay for the lots. This motion carried and a report of the building committee accepted, but no details were given. The actual price of the lots was \$924.00.

The passing of W. Bro. W. H. Maxwell on February 16, 1921



Present Masonic Temple on Cedar St. in Shelton  
Occupied Jan. 1926

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left vacant the treasurer's office and a position on the building committee. W. Bro. Taylor appointed W. Bro. B. S. Barger to fill out the treasurer's term and Bro. G. W. Rex to work on the building committee.

Fifty dollars was donated by the lodge to the cemetery association on April 16, 1921.

At a called communication on May 16, the building committee was not able to give a complete report. The secretary was asked to notify the membership that at the next regular meeting the plans would be discussed and action taken. This was done and much discussion was had on May 21.

Most of the talk was concentrated on the proposition of making a bid for the Post Office. It appears that the rental fee would be \$2,000 per year. From this it can be assumed that the building would be commercial as well as a lodge building. A motion finally was passed unanimously that a bid be made for the Post Office and that W. Bro. Joe Deer be appointed to make the bid for the P.O. This was done.

The Lodge of Perfection of the Olympia Scottish Rite Bodies donated \$250.00 to the building fund on August 13, 1921. A resolution introduced by Bro. Rex to move the lodge hall to the lots on 3rd and Cota was rejected by the membership. At the November 12, 1921 meeting it was moved to increase the membership of the building committee to five and the W.M. appointed W. Bro. W. M. Beach and W. Bro. F. C. Mathewson to these newly created posts. The expanded committee was instructed to formulate plans for money raising and present them at the November 26, meeting. November 26 arrived and the committee asked for more time to complete its work and an extension of two weeks was granted.

W. Bro. Ward reported for the committee on December 10, 1921 and his report was adopted. He explained that the committee would introduce a resolution amending the section of the By-Laws regarding fees and dues. The amendment proposed raising the annual dues to \$10.00 and the initiation fee to \$100.00, \$65.00 of which

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would be placed in a sinking fund to retire the building bonds. The amendment was perfected and read in its final form on January 7, 1922. It fixed the fees as follows; Initiation \$50.00 plus \$10.00 for the Masonic Home for a total of \$60.00 but the annual dues were raised to \$15.00 per year, effective for the year 1922 and thereafter. The fee for affiliation was set at \$10.00. It created a sinking fund to be known as the Mount Moriah Temple Fund for the sole purpose of retiring obligations incurred or to be incurred in the erection of a new temple. It stipulated that there be set aside into the fund 75% of all dues and fees collected.

Articles of Incorporation were prepared and the building committee announced on March 11, 1922 that it was ready to receive subscriptions. W. Bro. A. N. Ward explained the articles of incorporation and told how subscriptions might be made. A report from the building committee on May 20 informed the lodge that the lowest bid received on the temple was \$22,876.00. After much discussion a motion was passed that the lodge not build a temple in 1922 and a motion offered by Bro. A. C. Bayley that the matter be given back to the building committee for further study.

Bro. W. G. Rex of the Building Committee gave notice to the lodge on December 30, 1922 that at the next stated communication the committee would ask permission of the lodge to commercialize the new temple. A motion to the above effect was made and carried at the meeting of January 27, 1923. At the same time W. Bro. Fredson appointed an Entertainment Committee to hold dances, etc. proceeds to go into the building fund. This committee consisted of G. F. Kneeland, H. E. Loop, Eddie Getty, Mack Stewart and Frank Brown.

At a meeting December 22, 1923 a motion carried that the W.M. appoint a committee, Bros. Rex, Munson, and Pierson, to determine the approximate cost of improving the lodge building as suggested by the brethren during the evening and report in 30 days. It was moved and carried that the building committee be discharged and that the Mount Moriah Temple Association Corporation be allowed to die by default.

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On December 27, 1923 it was moved and passed that the committee appointed to ascertain the cost of improving the lodge hall be discharged. Then a new motion was introduced and passed to the effect that a one story building ten feet by 20 feet be constructed adjoining the northwest corner of the lodge building. This was to consist of a cloakroom, washroom and toilet. No committee was appointed to implement this legislation.

At the February 16, 1924 meeting it was moved and seconded that an entertainment committee be appointed to raise money for the building fund. From a study of the bills submitted at this meeting it appears that the washroom had been built.

The lodge moved to reject Mr. W. F. Graham's offer of \$5,000.00 for the lots on 3rd and Cota. This was at the meeting on August 28, 1924. At the same meeting the lodge officers were authorized to sell the above lots and purchase lots from Tremper for lodge purposes. The lots on 3rd and Cota were sold to W. F. Graham on November 8, for \$7,000.00.

On September 13, 1924 a warrant was drawn to reimburse W. C. Rex in the amount of \$26.98 which he paid in the purchase of the Tremper property.

The \$1,500.00 purchase price for lots 3 and 4 of block 6 of Francis Shelton's addition, September 2, 1924, was met from money raised by the entertainment committee. This hard working committee gave card parties, dinners, dances, rummage sales and donations. W. Bro. Geo. Fredson appears to have been the driver in this movement. The secretary was also instructed to notify the membership that on September 27, the lodge would discuss preparations for the new temple.

At this special meeting (September 27) all aspects of the new temple building were discussed. Lodge was called from labor to refreshment and Contractor Dawley was invited to explain in detail the different types of construction and their respective Costs. He also emphasized that now was the time to build. Following Mr. Dawley's presentation labor was resumed and a committee of

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five appointed and given full authority to settle the building question. The committee consisted of George Fredson, Eugene Taylor, W. G. Rex, Chairman, F. C. Mathewson and W. M. Beach.

After much discussion it was decided not to build the temple by contract. W. G. Rex made the drawings and acted as supervisor and the job went ahead on a day labor basis; it was a Temple with no commercial aspects.

Financing was handled by a committee consisting of C. E. Runacres, F. Fieser, H. Ashfield, W. Waldrip and N. C. Pierce, appointed April 4, 1925. At the same meeting the Treasurer was instructed to make available the \$7,000.00 in savings for the building committee.

Rapid progress was made on the construction and laying of the cornerstone was scheduled for July 11, 1925.

This was done by M. W. Bro. Morton Gregory, with the assistance of the Grand Lodge officers.

Grand Lodge officers assisting Most Worshipful Brother Morton Gregory were as given in the minutes of the meeting shown below:

### MINUTES

of

### SPECIAL COMMUNICATION

Shelton, Washington, July 11th, 1925

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Washington was called in Special Communication and opened in Ample Form on the Third Degree of Masonry in the Masonic Hall, city of Shelton, at the hour of 3 o'clock p.m. on the 11th day of July, A.D. 1925, A. L. 5925, with the following officers and specially appointed officers in the stations and places, as named:



M.W. Bro. Morton Gregory, P.G.M. 1925-26  
Laid Cornerstone of Mt. Moriah No. 11 Temple July 11, 1925

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M.W..Bro. Morton Gregory (197)	Grand Master
M.W..Bro. Tom W. Holman (107)	as Deputy Grand Master
M.W..Bro. Frank N. McCandless (22)	as Senior Grand Warden
R.W..Bro. John E. Fowler (52)	Junior Grand Warden
W..Bro. Berry S. Barger (11)	as Grand Treasurer
R.W..Bro. Horace W. Tyler (9)	Grand Secretary
Bro. Walter H. Thomas (15)	as Grand Chaplain
M.W..Bro. George Lawler (22)	as Grand Orator
M.W..Bro. Charles D. Atkins (91)	Grand Lecturer
W..Bro. Harry C. Ashfield (11)	as Grand Historian
W..Bro. Joseph Bell (22)	Grand Marshal
W..Bro. Eugene E. Taylor (11)	as Senior Grand Deacon
Bro. C. Frank Harrier (11)	as Junior Grand Deacon
W..Bro. F. C. Mathewson (11)	as Grand Standard Bearer
W..Bro. William J. Long (250)	as Grand Sword Bearer
W..Bro. Levi G. Shelton (11)	as Grand Bible Bearer
W..Bro. Thomas S. Johnson (24)	Senior Grand Steward
W..Bro. Edward M. McClintic (1)	Junior Grand Steward
W..Bro. George N. Adams (27)	as Grand Tyler

The Grand Master announced that the Grand Lodge was convened in Special Communication for the purpose of laying the cornerstone of the new Masonic Temple being erected in the city of Shelton. The Grand Lodge was then formed in procession and proceeded to the building where the cornerstone was found Square, Level and Plumb, and was laid in Ample Form; W..Bro. Waldo G. Rex, W.M. of Mount Moriah Lodge, acting as Master Architect.

Memorials were deposited within a cavity in the stone, as follows:

Photographs of Mrs. Irene S. Reed, Advisory Architect; W..Bro. Mark E. Reed (1), Friend; Elective Officers of Lodge and Building Committee; M.W..Bro. Morton Gregory, Grand Master, with Autobiography; Original Masonic Hall at Oakland; Present Masonic Hall at Shelton. Annual report of Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 11; COPY of Constitution and By-Laws of Grand Chapter of Washing-

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ton, Order of Eastern Star; Membership Badge, Welcome Chapter No. 40, Order of Eastern Star; Short History of Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 11, and List of Past Masters; Coin of 1884; Coin of 1925; Copy of Proceedings of Grand Lodge of Washington; Washington Monitor and Freemasons Guide; Mason County Journal; List of Grand Lodge protein at this corner-stone laying; Roster Card of Mount Moriah Lodge, appointive officers and dates of stated communications for 1925; Invitations to this Ceremony; Letter from Grand Secretary, giving dates of dispensation and organization, with list of first officers ~nd members.

M.W..Bro. George Lawler, acting Grand Orator; delivered the Oration, and the Grand Lodge then returned to the lodgeroom, where, after several short talks by visitors and members, it was closed in Ample Form at the hour of 5:30 o'clock p.m.

A picnic dinner was served by the ladies of the Eastern Star on the grounds of the lodge hail.

Attest:

Signed H. W. Tyler      Signed Morton Gregory  
Grand Secretary      — Grand Master

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Following the cornerstone laying work went on at a steady pace so that the dedication and formal occupation of the new temple was scheduled for January 23, 1926. The Most Worshipful Grand Master and his officers dedicated the new temple in Ample Form and then installed the officers for 1926. The list' follows:

W.M. C. F. Harrier	S. S. Floyd Fredson
S.W. John L. Pearson	J. S. Allie Robinson
J.W. M. M. Stewart	Tyler Chas. Wiss
Treas. George E. Fredson	Chaplain W. H. Thomas
Sec. H. K. Blake	Musician R. Werberger
S. D. Gilbert Rucker	Marshall W. S. Valley
J. D. John L. Catto	

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Now that the new temple had been duly and truly occupied

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MORTON GREGORY  
M. W. GRAND, MASTER  
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the craft turned its attention to ways and means of paying for the beautiful structure.

In addition to money obtained from the sale of property the old lodge hall to Clarence H. King for \$4,300.00 and the sale of the lots on Third and Cota for \$7,000.00 the finance committee received a gift of \$2,500.00 from Mark E. Reed, The Simpson Logging Company, The L.M. Company, Mrs. Sol. Simpson, and Mrs. Mark E. Reed. In addition to these there were many small gifts from the members of the lodge. The entertainment committee turned in some sizable checks from the dances they held.

It should be recognized that Frank Fieser, Geo. Fredson, Frank Brown and others whose names do not show were indefatigable workers on the various entertainment projects.

On July 24, 1926, W. Bro. Chas. Runacres was appointed assistant Secretary to give a hand in taking care of details in connection with the sale of bonds and to wind up the affairs of the building committee. The building committee was discharged and the lodge voted their thanks to this group of faithful workers.

Work on furnishing the new temple began in earnest on January 17, 1927 with the adoption of resolution outlining the procedure and the appointment of a committee consisting of Bros. I. H. Woods, Sol S. Reed and C. E. Runacres. It was pointed out that there would be much cooperation from the Order of the Eastern Star as this group also had a committee set up to assist with the project.

A note of thanks was extended to W. Bro. George Fredson manager of Kaufman-Leonard Furniture Company for his tireless efforts in behalf of the temple furnishing committees. At his own expense he had the old chairs of the stations re-upholstered and the wood re-finished.

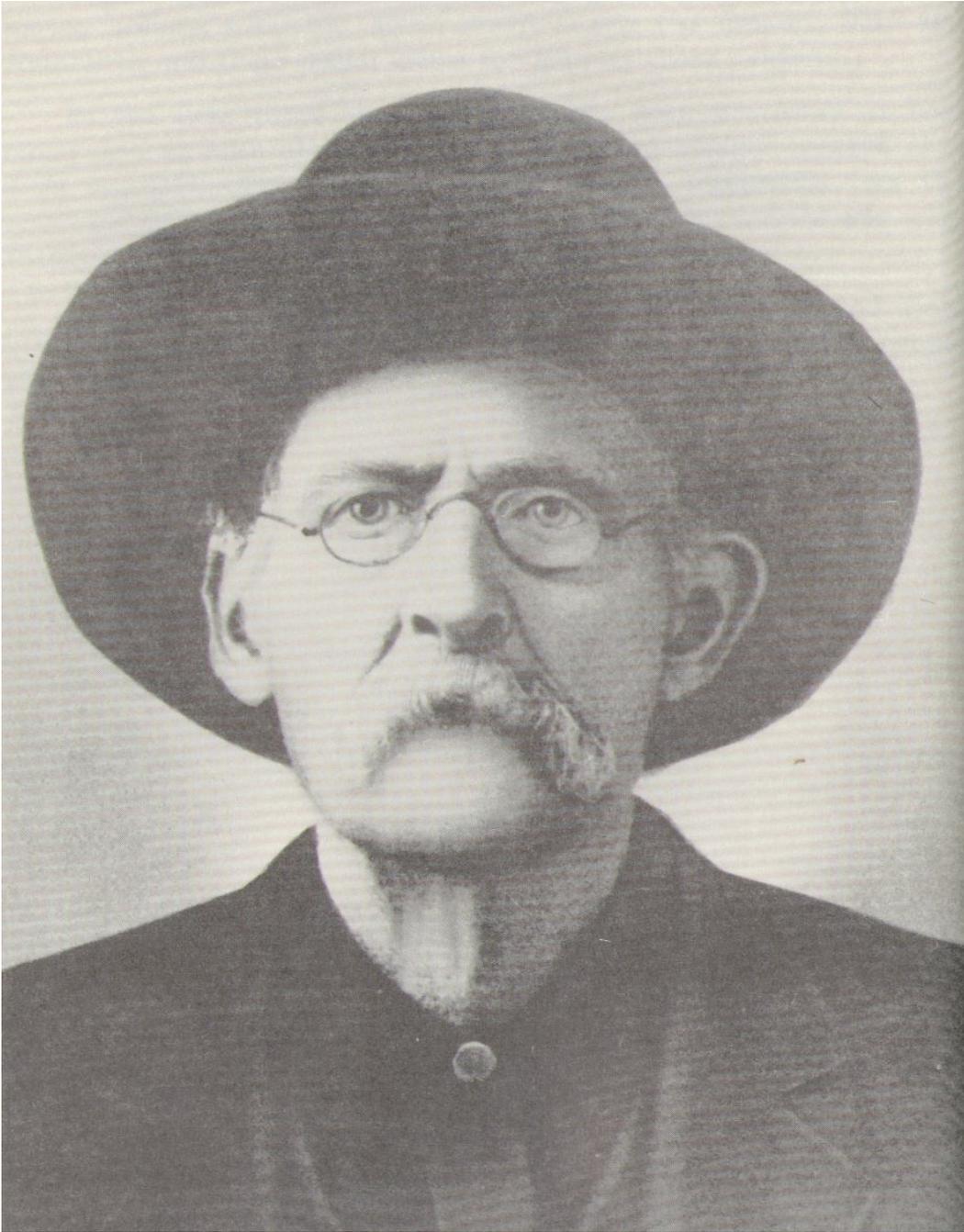
The mortgage for \$5,000.00 to the Mason County Savings and Loan Association was paid in full on June 26, 1931. Indebtedness remaining in the form of bonds was retired piecemeal as the money became available from the portion of the annual dues of each member. The last bonds were called on 1955.

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Furnishing the temple and grooming the grounds went on as money became available. Much credit is due the Eastern Star and Amaranth and their Social Clubs for help on these projects.

In the first three short chapters has been presented as concisely and as accurately as possible from the meager records that were available, the physical growth of the institution. As the story moves along credit has been given to those individuals who, from the records appeared to be carrying the load.

Having gotten the lodge safely settled in its new and final home our attention may now be directed to a study of the people who made its history.



William Champ, Petitioner and First  
Worshipful Master of Mt. Moriah No. 11

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#### WILLIAM CHAMP

It is unfortunate that in spite of much research there remain many loopholes in the story of the famous individuals who served Mt. Moriah No. 11.

The paragraphs that follow will give you as much information as is presently available. An attempt will be made to keep it chronologically correct.

Beginning with William Champ who came to Oakland in W. M. Morrow's party in 1853, this stalwart personage not only helped found Mt. Moriah No. 11 and was its first master but also was active in founding Chehalis No. 27 in 1878 being elected its second master. A few years later he moved to Winlock where he was again a petitioner and the first master of Winlock Lodge No. 47 in 1885. Greater zeal for Masonry hath no man. It was Mt. Moriah's good fortune to find that he left Winlock No. 47 a picture of himself otherwise our collection would have been minus man No. One. The master of Winlock No. 47 is a prudent fellow. In response to our request for the loan of the picture he invited our committee to visit his lodge and photograph their picture of Worshipful Bro. Champ. This they insisted be done without removing the picture from the lodge room or the frame. During a refreshment period our photographer Bro. H. Lance Crosby cleaned the glass and with his superb knowledge of lights and photography obtained for us the picture we have.

Careful checking with W.B. Dan Simmons Grand Secretary, discloses that the story that Champ was also Grand Lecturer in 1864 was incorrect as the Grand Lodge had no Grand Lecturer in 1864, 1865, and 1866 but he was Master of Mt. Moriah No. 11 for its first three years.

In between lodge foundings W. Bro. Champ raised cattle and

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did some farming. Some of his descendents still reside in the Winlock area.

### MORROW

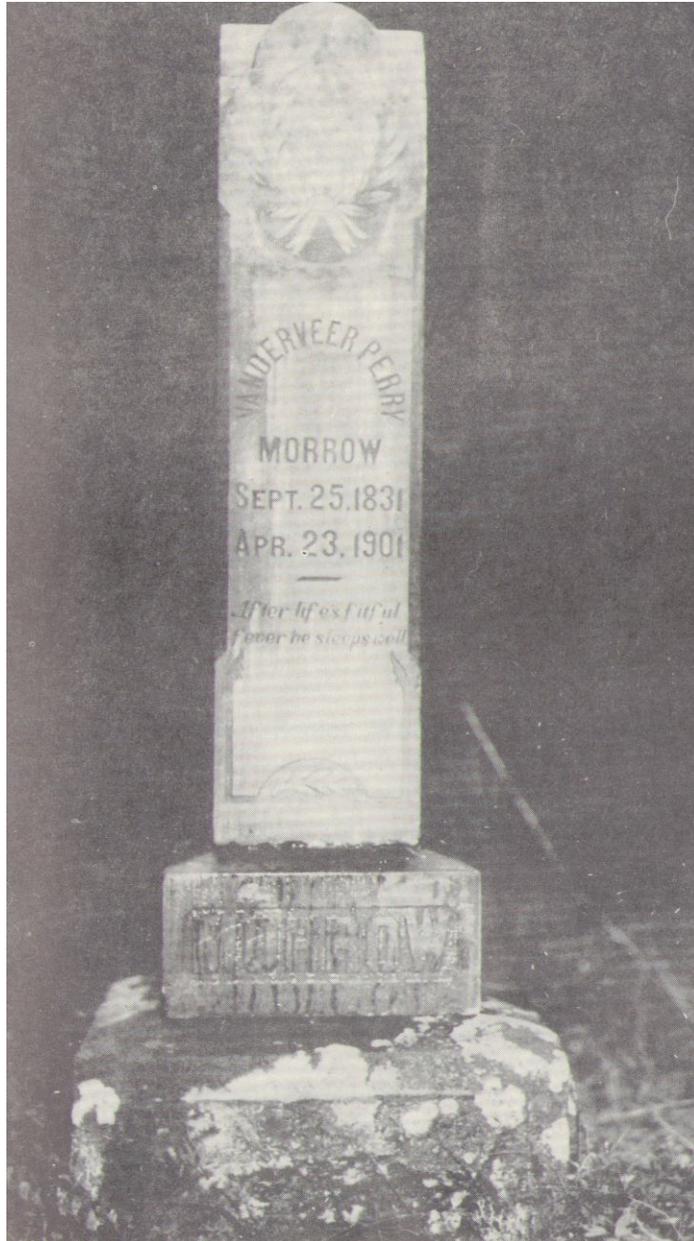
Next in line are the various Morrows all of whom sprung from William McMillan Morrow, a Baptist Minister, who led an ox team expedition across the great plains arriving in Olympia sometime prior to 1853. In that year he abandoned a plan to start a store business in Olympia and pushed on to a place about two miles north of "The Point" where the town of Sheltonville later developed. The elder Morrow named his settlement Oakland. Until 1888 the village was the county seat, had a post office and school.

In 1864 it became the birthplace of Mt. Moriah No. 11 and the center of a thriving logging community. From here the Morrows fanned out over the countryside.

Vanderveer Perry Morrow was the first treasurer of Mt. Moriah No. 11, and was a son of William McMillan Morrow by his first wife. Our search disclosed that he was associated with Champ in the raising of cattle. His is the last remaining monument in the old Masonic Cemetery above Oakland. He also served as the first Auditor of Mason County. He died April 23, 1901.

John L. Morrow was the first Junior Deacon of Mt. Moriah No. 11. As with V. P. Morrow he was one of the older sons of William McMillan Morrow.

William Thompson Morrow, a son of old Win. McMillan Morrow, became master of Mt. Moriah No. 11 in 1871. His Masonic career was somewhat varied between Mt. Moriah and Olympia No. 1. For what reason, not given, he demitted February 8, 1868 and affiliated with Olympia No. 1, demitting from No. 1 and affiliating with Mt. Moriah No. 11 on February 9, 1870. On December 30, 1876 he again demitted from Mt. Moriah No. 11 and went to Olympia No. 1 but was not affiliated until January 3, 1883. Then he demitted from No. 1 on January 6, 1888 and apparently did not return to Mt.



Vanderveer Perry Morrow Tombstone  
Last remaining marker in original Masonic Cemetery

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Moriah No. 11. He served as Auditor of Mason County for several terms.

Felix Grundy Morrow was a younger brother of William T. Morrow. He served as master of Mt. Moriah No. 11 in 1876, and demitted therefrom on August 18, 1877, was elected to affiliate with Olympia No. 1 on September 15, 1883, was expelled on February 19, 1887, reinstated in No. 1 on January 17, 1896 and remained in that lodge until his death in 1927. Here endeth the story of the four Morrrows.

### ELSON

J. Mitchell Elson was the first Junior Warden of Mt. Moriah No. 11 and after Champ, he served four years as master from 1867 to 1870 inclusive. He was a prominent member of the Democratic party, at one time for a number of years he served as County Commissioner and County Superintendent of schools. His principal occupation was farmer and he had one of the better farms in the Lake Isabella area.

### KNOX

John T. Knox the first Senior Warden of Mt. Moriah No. 11 was an Indian Agent whose name does not appear after his service in founding the lodge. He was the first superintendent of the Skokomish Indian School and grandfather of C. W. Leake.

### WILLSON

Edward A. Willson, the first secretary of the lodge listed his Occupation as a trader. His activities ranged from operating a store and trading post at Union City in 1858 then at Arkada (Arcadia) Point and later in Oakland. He also taught school at Oakland, Served as Post Master and County Auditor before 1888. The story is told that he was a "Remittance man". Many families in England in the old days had the practice of sending their boys who were trouble makers to the United States, Canada or Australia where their escapades could not upset the staid course of life in "Goode

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Olde England.” He received regularly every month a check from home. The amount of the stipend was not known. It is apparent from his activities that he could not have been very bad as his activities in the various communities here were none but good and constructive. He married one of the daughters of Moses S. Kirkland, who had located as far up the South Fork of the Skokomish River as possible without climbing the mountains. He and his wife were missed very much when they moved from Union City to Arkada.

He served Mt. Moriah as its master in 1874. All indications are that he was a model citizen and raised a fine family in spite of a tendency to like strong liquor which was frowned upon by many of the early settlers.

## SIMMONS

Michael T. Simmons, one of the most outstanding characters of the Mt. Moriah founding fathers was its first Tyler. It seems strange that he never attained the mastership of the lodge. This colorful genius of the frontier listed himself as farmer on the first Annual report of the lodge when actually he had many talents.

The following three paragraphs are taken from Joseph T.

Hazard’s “Companion of Adventure.”

It was almost a stroke of genius that lead Governor Stevens to pick Colonel Michael T. Simmons, “Colonel Mike” to his friends, the Indians; Benjamin Franklin Shaw, “Ben” or “Frank” to his friends, the settlers; and Orrington Cushman, “Old Cush,” friend and enterainer, to both the Indians and the settlers; as the heart and brain of his emergency INDIAN SERVICE.

It was neither accidental nor casual that “Colonel Mike” Simmons was known as “The Daniel Boone of Washington Territory”. In July, 1845, the year before the “Treaty of Old Oregon,” he moved north from Columbia River to the most southern inlet to Puget Sound. This was against the direct orders of Hudson’s Bay, illegal



Col. Michael T. Simmons, 1814-1867, Indian Agent, Pioneer Industrialist,  
Legislator, First Tyler of Mt. Moriah No. 11

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but forceful, to “Stay south of Columbia River.” Mike, afraid of “nothin’ nor nobody,” probably moved up there because of, and in defiance of, those orders. He settled New Market, which became Tumwater, and is today a suburb of Olympia. In 1846 Colonel Mike started the first store and gristmill, and in 1847 the first sawmill. He had the confidence of all the whites of Puget Sound, and the trust and liking of all Puget Sound Indians.

“Frank” Shaw was the most reliable and resourceful interpreter of Coastal-Northwest Indian languages. More than that, he was a big and genial man, six-feet-four, and a tireless giant. He was only seventeen when he reached Tumwater in 1846. He helped Colonel Mike in building both the gristmill and the sawmill. In 1848, age nineteen, he became owner of the Puget Sound steamer, ORBIT, with Isaac N. Ebey and Edmund Sylvester. In 1892, at age sixty-three, he was elected by unanimous vote to the STATE Legislature, after serving many terms in the TERRITORIAL one. He was a friend of Indians—but the Northwest’s greatest Indian fighter, when events made it necessary—on a white charger, with streaming red hair and whipping red beard!

“Freemasonry in the state of Washington” says this about: “Michael T. Simmons, a petitioner and first Junior Warden (Olympia No. 1) was one of the most prominent of the early settlers. He led the first party which reached Puget Sound via the Naches Pass; was a Colonel in the Indian War, etc., was one of the founders of Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 11, in 1864 and its first Tyler; demitted in 1866; was buried by the Fraternity, November 15, 1867 aged 53.”

His activities as a lumberman were of much interest. Together With associates he built the first sawmill and also a gristmill at New Market (Tumwater) in 1846. In 1853 in partnership with Smith Hayes and Nicholas Delin he built a sawmill at the head of Commencement Bay just east of the site of what was the New Tacoma and the other on Big Skookum Bay (Hammersley’s Inlet) at the mouth of Mill Creek (also called Gosnell Creek).

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Wesley Gosneli and Orrington Cushman were associated with Simmons in the mill on Big Skookum.

Colonel "Mike" was among the largest contributors to the building of the first Hall of Olympia Lodge No. 1 which he had helped to found. Likewise he was a worker in Mt. Moriah No. 11 during his nearly three year membership. It comes to us verbally but from a very reliable source that Mike Simmons was one of the best citizens of the territory. It is unfortunate that unlike many pioneers his years were not too many.

### SHAW

The second member of Gov. Stevens' Indian Service, "Trouble shooters," was Benjamin Franklin Shaw, who like his friend Simmons was also given to Masonic Lodge founding. This appears in "Freemasonry in the State of Washington."

"Benjamin F. Shaw, initiated in Olympia No. 1 February 5, passed March 5, raised April 2, 1853; J.W., 1854; demitted December 20, 1862; joined in forming Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 11, 1864 but his name was not returned as a member of that Lodge in following years. In later years he was a prominent citizen of Clarke County."

He was a stockholder in the Puget Sound Milling Company at New Market (Tumwater).

### MISENER

A search has not produced much information about J. H. Misener one of the petitioners and first Senior Deacon of Mt. Moriah No. 11. He served as postmaster at Oakland before 1866.

### COOPER

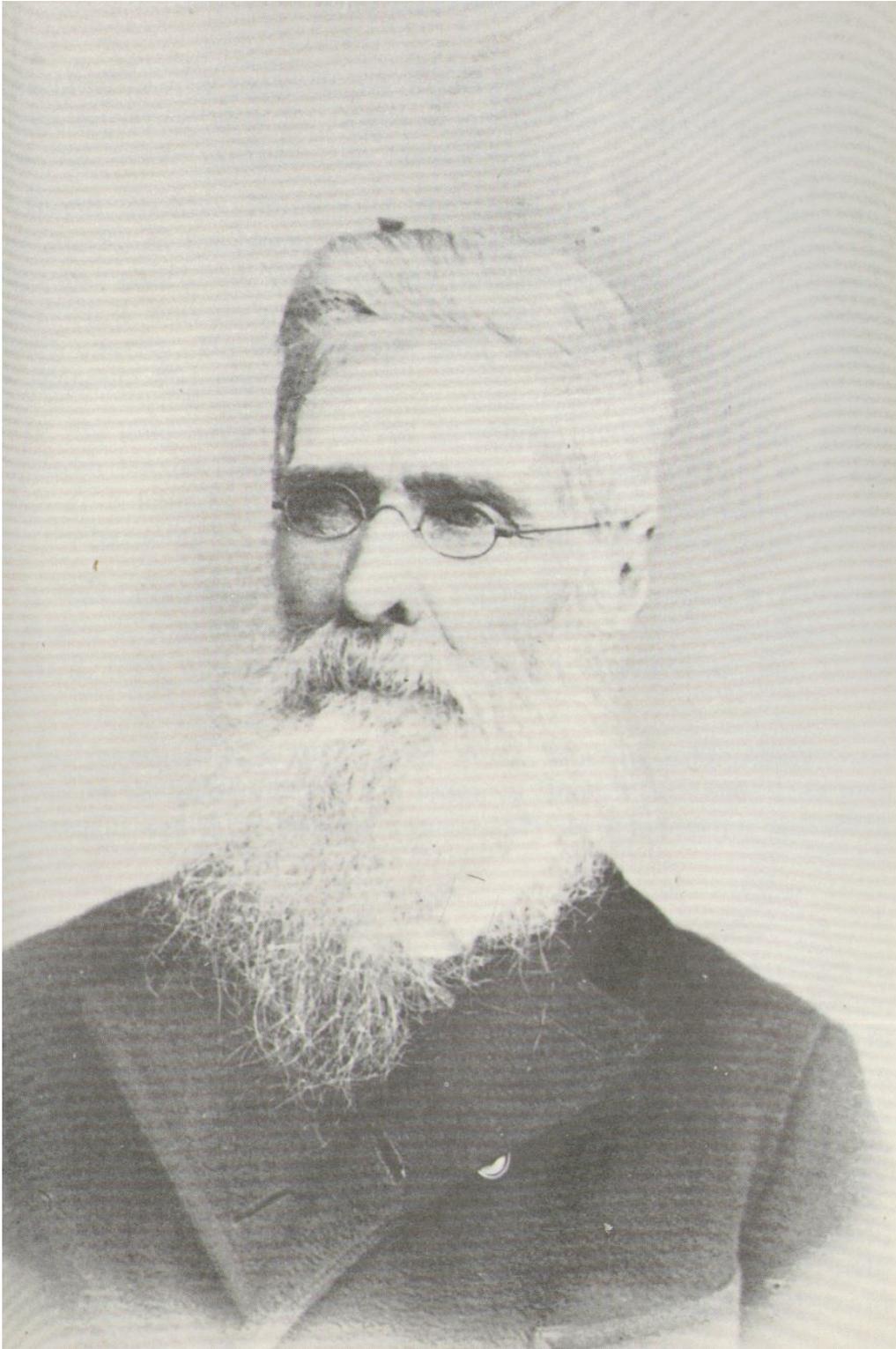
The same trouble regarding information was experienced with D. C. Cooper who received the degrees of Masonry while the Lodge was Under Dispensation.

### SHELTON

Lewis D. W. Shelton, a son of David Shelton, preceded his father



Col. Benjamin F. Shaw, Indian Agent  
Helped found Mt. Moriah No. 11. Prominent in Indian Wars 1855-56



David Shelton, 1812-1897  
Founder of Shelton, Legislator, Mason, Humanitarian

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in Masonry having received his degrees while Mt. Moriah was U. D. He was raised October 15, 1864 and served the Lodge in many capacities but never attained the Master's chair.

David Shelton, founder of the town, bearing his name, was made an E. A. on November 26, 1864 just three days before the Lodge was chartered. While he did not become Master of the Lodge he served it well in many capacities and was noted for his many acts of charity. He donated the land for the first section of the new Masonic Cemetery.

In his long career he served as school director, as state legislator from Mason County and as Mayor of Shelton. Space does not permit an adequate and complete story. To do justice to this important character he should be treated in a volume by himself.

It was found that on December 14, 1872, he demitted to Olympia Lodge No. 1, was elected and affiliated March 1, 1873, demitting on March 7, 1890 and being reaffiliated with Mt. Moriah No. 11 in 1891.

He, together with W. T. and F. G. Morrow and others, was involved in the attempt to get a lodge in Shelton in 1885. This was unsuccessful and later became unnecessary as Mt. Moriah moved to Shelton.

### WEBB

Thos. Webb one of the most successful of the early farmers in the Skokomish River Valley was made a Mason while the Lodge was U.D. being raised October 15, 1864. He was also engaged in the hotel busine~ in Shelton and in addition to his residence on the farm, also maintained a home in Seattle. Along with farming he also held many political offices being elected sometimes from either the Republicans or Democrats and once as an Independent.

Thomas Webb Sr. was born in Bandon, County Cork, Ireland in 1827, came with his parents to Ontario, Canada and in 1848 he came to Galena, Illinois. In 1853 he joined an emigrant train

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coming to Northwestern Oregon, thence to Port Ludlow. From there he came with Franklin C. Purdy and they both took up donation claims near the mouth of the Skokomish River. In 1865 he planted a cheery tree which grew to enormous proportions and attracted much attention from the people of the area. It has been reported that he had land yielding 825 bushels of potatoes per acre. That is fabulous when the normal yield is between 400 and 500 bushels per acre.

Our sources of information indicate that P. Webb was one of the foremost citizens of the region throughout his lifetime.

### MILLER

G. L. Miller lists, his occupation as "mail carrier". He was raised in Mt. Moriah No. 11 on November 26, 1864. Unfortunately there is very little information on his work in the community.

### WILLEY

Enoch L. Willey who was one of the E.A.'S. when the Lodge was chartered became its master in 1872. He and Michael Quinn Fredson bought out the Morrow interests in Oakland. William M. Morrow moved his family to Scio, Oregon. In addition to farming, Enoch was postmaster while Mike Fredson engaged in carpentry. Later they also took up logging, with Enoch running the woods and Mike looking after the camp and doing carpenter work. In time Enoch decided to build a sawmill. This he did at the mouth of John's Creek with the aid of his Sons Ben, Eli, and Fred.

Mike Fredson was not interested in sawmilling so the partnership was dissolved with Fredson taking the Oakland show and Willey continuing the lumbering business.

In addition to pioneering Enoch Willey took much time to promote Masonry and he was active in county affairs. Mrs. Warren Lincoln is his granddaughter. He died in 1888.

### FERGUSON

James Ferguson was the only Fellowcraft on the list of founders.

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He was passed on November 26, 1864. As in several other instances there is nothing available except he was a farmer.

#### McREAVY

John McReavy came to the Pacific Coast in 1863 from his native Maine and landed in Port Gamble. In 1864 he started logging on the head of flood Canal. In 1868 he purchased a half interest in the store owned by E. A. Willson at Union City. From this time until his death he became one of the outstanding citizen's of the State. He served as postmaster, state representative from Mason County and was a moving force in the Democrat Party. In addition to the above he served as master of Mt. Moriah No. 11 in 1873 and was one of the founders of Union City Lodge No. 27 in 1878 and served as its first Worshipful Master. McReavy also served in the State Senate. He was widely known and respected for his sagacity in politics and his kindness to his fellow man.

#### WILLEY

In 1875 Walter E. Willey, a son of Enoch Willey served as Master of Mt. Moriah No. 11. The office was bestowed on him again in 1879 and in 1880. He also served many years as secretary. His tour as postmaster in Oakland ran from August 29, 1871 to November 28, 1887 just 4 years before it was closed. This was four years after the post office in Shelton was opened. Walter was born in 1850 and it is noted from the minutes of the Lodge that he visited on August 9, 1924 giving a very interesting talk on his then 53 years as a Mason. He was called to refreshment in June of 1939 at the age of 86 making a career in Masonry of 65 years, a record which is Seldom equalled.

#### TOWLE

In 1877 Chas. F. Towle became master and served well for seven terms. They were 1877, 78, 81, 83, 86, 87, 88. The last three of these 'Vele very busy ones as he was master during the building of the Hall O~ Front Street and the year following its occupation on January

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27, 1888. Apart from his good and faithful service to the fraternity our search disclosed nothing.

### VINCENT

Aaron C. Vincent held the master's chair in 1884. Again the search for information was fruitless.

### PERRY

George R. Perry, master in 1885 left no trail or clue for a search.

### HILTON

Melvin P. Hilton was a successful hotel operator. He served as master in 1889 the year Washington Territory emerged as a state of the union. Mel Hilton was a native of Maine who came west in 1867. He worked in the timber until 1890 when he built the Hilton Hotel in Hoodspout. In 1894 he purchased the Commercial Hotel in Shelton and with the help of his wife operated it successfully for many years.

### MORRISON

Hugh Morrison, a logger and business man, was runner up in the years as master race. He served six years as follows: 1890, 91, 92, 94, 95, and 97.

### MAXWELL

In 1893 William H. Maxwell, a man of many talents took the Oriental Chair and later served as secretary for a number of years. He was a native of Ottawa, Canada coming to the United States in 1878 and he settled in Michigan until 1884 when he came to Mason County to engage in the lumbering business. He married Miss Mary M. McLarty also a Canadian. They built a very fine home and raised three children in Shelton.

Bill served as county treasurer and many terms on the town council. In 1901 he was bookkeeper and scaled logs for the Pen-

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insular Railroad Company. His talents were always valuable to the Lodge. From a study of the minutes it was found that Bro. Maxwell became Worshipful Bro. in 1893 and from that time on until his death on February 16, 1921, he held some office and or committee assignments. He had been reelected to the treasurers office fQr 1921 but was never installed. At the time of his death he was also on the Temple Building Committee. It is noted that his brother-in-law, Bro. Thos. McLarty a member of Olympia Lodge No. 1 died on February 16, 1921 and that on February 20, 1921 Mt. Moriah No. 11 held a double funeral.

W. Bro. Taylor appointed Bro. W. G. Rex on the Building Committee and W. Bro. B. S. Barger to serve as Treasurer thereby passing some of the labor to other hands.

#### BARGER

Bro. Berry S. Barger became W. M. in 1896. He was a watch-maker and gunsmith and conducted that business in Shelton for many years. His name appears frequently on committee assignments over a long term of years. The Barger home on the N. W. corner of 5th and Franklin St. was torn down about 1962 to make way for a new business building in the latter part of 1964.

#### LEE

Edward Lee became master in 1898. He was raised October 17, 1896, appointed Senior Deacon 1897 and during the year he held that office he did not miss a single meeting but when he took the highest office his name appears as master until August 27, 1898 and from there on no mention of his name. This mystery remains unsolved pending receipt of further details.

#### LEAKE

C. W. Leake became master in 1899. His was an interesting history. He came from California as a very small boy with his mother, Mrs. Amanda Leake and her father Col. J. T. Knox. The Col. had charge of the Skokomish Indian Reservation and his daugh

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ter served as interpreter for the school. In 1866 Mrs. Leake married Thos. Webb Sr. thereby starting another family which became a pillar in the pioneer history of the territory.

Charlie grew up to be a logger and spent a good portion of his time as a log scaler in various sections of the Puget Sound country. The minutes show that he was one of the more active members of the Lodge.

### BEACH

In 1897 a young country doctor by the name of William Morton Beach came in the quest of light and in the 45 years that followed became the most outstanding figure in Mt. Moriah history. The following sketch was prepared some years ago as an assignment from the Grand Historian. It is presented here:

#### DR. WILLIAM M. BEACH 1861-1942

William Morton Beach was born December 8, 1861 at Cow Creek, Kansas where his boyhood was spent until his father, Dr. Abijah I. Beach, moved with his family to Black Diamond, King County, Washington. In this thriving coal mining town of early days the elder Beach served as the company doctor. The son followed in his father's foot-steps by preparing himself for a career in medicine, first at the University of Washington and later at the College of Physicians and Surgeons in Chicago, Illinois.

Dr. Beach was active in athletics at the University, particularly baseball, for which he gained one of the first coveted "W" blankets. This he treasured greatly.

He was married to Anna Morgans at Black Diamond on March 7, 1888 following her graduation from Mills College at Oakland, California. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Morgans. Mr. Morgans was superintendent of the mining company in Black Diamond.

Shortly after his marriage he located in Bucoda, Thurston



Dr. William Morton Beach  
Country Doctor and 7 times Master

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County, a mill town and site of the Territorial Penitentiary. From Bucoda he moved to Olympia and thence to Shelton in October of 1889, just before Washington became a state. Here they lived continuously celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary on March 8, 1938. Mrs. Beach passed away December 22, 1939. The good doctor survived his wife until October 23, 1942.

His was the hard life of a typical country doctor in a pioneer community. He was blessed with a remarkable sense of humor and had the gift of a phenomenal memory. It was his great pleasure to entertain the younger generation with stories of his trips through the virgin forest on horse back on many missions of mercy.

On one occasion he related how after many years of service to a certain family for which he had never been paid nor had he asked for payment, the head of the household brought him a milk cow and insisted he accept it as a gift. "Doe" as he was affectionately called said, "That was one of the biggest payments I ever got in all my years of service."

Many were the times that his horse brought him home asleep in the saddle. On one occasion a cougar jumped between the horses and the lighted lantern hanging on the buggy was the only thing that saved him from destruction.

He was very active in early day politics as a staunch Republican. His service in the State Legislature as Mason County representative from 1907 to 1911 saw the beginning of the fight to start work on the Olympic Highway. His interest in local affairs started before the turn of the century when he served as Shelton City councilman and finally as Mayor in 1897.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Arden (Ivessa) Hall of Turlock, California and Mrs. Harold (Sadie) Munson of Shelton, and one son, Morton Beach of Marysville.

The Masonic career of this illustrious fellow began on October 9, 1897, he was passed on November 6, 1897 and became a Master Mason on November 20 of the same year. He served Mt. Moriah No.

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11 as its Master for seven terms - 1900, 1901, 1902, 1912, 1913, 1914, and 1917. On May 10, 1930 he was voted an honorary life membership. He also had the 32 Degree of Scottish Rite Masonry.

Perhaps his most outstanding characteristic was his determination to see that all young Masons were properly instructed. His phenomenal memory and his zeal for accuracy coupled with the stern belief that all teaching should be “mouth to ear” made him a great asset to the lodge. The writer happens to be the Last pupil he had for the lecture on the third degree. With him it was not just a matter of learning the ritual and making a recitation. It was necessary that one know the history and the background for every part of it. He had studied it so well that his teaching involved a course in philosophy and ethics. He was able to inspire his pupils to seek out the hidden meanings and to emphasize the many beautiful points. He insisted that the lecture had to become a part of the individual before it could be properly imparted to the candidate.

Without doubt his greatest peeve was the many attempts on the part of Grand Lecturers and others to change the wording of the ritual. On this subject he would discourse at length about changes in the Monitor and how he had argued with Charlie Atkins and others on this subject. When the sixth edition of the Washington Monitor appeared he vowed that it would be the last time he would make any changes. It was issued in 1909 and with him it was the last word.

As a token of his regard for the writer, “Doc” presented him with this well worn old genuine leather covered Monitor. It will always be the most highly prized of all Masonic books.

A mark of his distinction and as a measure of the high regard for him, his is the only picture of a past master to hang in the lodge room. It hangs in the north over the chair he used when he attended lodge meetings.

In the history of Mt. Moriah No. 11 he will always stand out as the Master among the masters for his inspiration and kindly hand extended to all who sought his teaching and council.

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### DEER

In 1903 genial Joseph Deer became master. He had served the Lodge well in many capacities before and after this date and came back to occupy the Oriental Chair during 1916. His principal interest besides Masonry and his family was raising oysters. Joe was a civil engineer by profession and worked on the Great Northern Railway tunnel before coming to Shelton in 1889.

### FREDSON

Arthur M. Fredson occupied the Master's chair in 1904 and 1905. He was a son of Michael Q. (Mark) Fredson one of the early settlers of Oakland. He purchased the William McMillan Morrow interest in company with Enoch L. Willey. Arthur moved to California and thence to Montana where he died.

### KNIGHT

Marcus F. Knight had a long and interesting career in Masonry as well as being a power in the community. In addition to his serving as master in 1906 he spent many years as secretary and held many committee appointments until his death in 1921. Marcus was a professional school teacher having taught at various places in different states and he was principal of the Shelton schools for two years. He is also credited with having introduced the first thoroughbred Jersey cow into Mason County. Offspring from the animal are said to have formed the foundation stock for the famous Wivell Dairy herd.

### McGEE

C. S. McGee was Master in 1907. His occupation was Manager of the Lumbermen's Mercantile Store. His widow resides with her brother, E. K. Bishop in Aberdeen.

### MATHEWSON

Frederick C. Mathewson served as Master in 1908 and 1909. For many years he was prominent in the management of the Simpson Logging Company along with C. E. Runacres and A. B.

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Covey. His tireless efforts helped make the present home of Mt. Moriah No. 11 a reality.

#### GUINET

In 1910 a Victor Guinet took over the gavel and served well. Searching disclosed very little, but it was learned that he was a cook by trade and that he migrated to the north after his year as master. No trace has been found of his doings or whereabouts.

#### BROWN

Longtime locomotive engineer, Eugene Frank Brown served as master in 1911. He was a student of Masonry and a teller of "Tall tales of the Woods." His daughter Winifred (Mrs. Angus O'Neil) still lives in Shelton.

#### WARD

Asa N. Ward, an accountant and brother of "Longtime County Engineer Arthur Ward" served as master in 1915. Asa was also very active on the various committees that worked on the new Temple project. His name appears on many committees prior to the last major project. He was killed in an automobile accident in Oregon about June 12, 1963. His home at that time was in Cottage Grove, Oregon.

Arthur L. Ward, Asa's brother and longtime Engineer of Mason County (now retired) is a life member of Mt. Moriah No. 11 and a member of the 50 year Masons. He still lives in Shelton at 527 Bellevue Ave. The brethren would do well to call on this interesting old brother.

#### ASHFIELD

The 28th man to assume the Master's chair was Harry Ashfield in 1918 which was the 54th year of the Lodge. According to his own story he was one of the last ox team drivers or "Bull Punchers" of the old "ground logging" days. In his later days he lived in a large old house with many fireplaces. It was situated

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on the north side of Harnmersley Inlet across from Walker Park and a bit to the east. In the late thirties he still persisted in rowing across the inlet and walking to Shelton to attend Lodge. On these occasions one of the brothers would take him by auto to his boat for his return home after the meeting. This was “old stuff” to Harry but to us “Newcomers” it was a lesson in how the founding fathers of the Lodge traveled and again a manifestation of their zeal and devotion to Masonry. Many times after Harry was no longer able to attend Lodge, Dr. Beach, Chas. Wiss, Axel Anderson and the writer would take the fraternal spirit to him in an evening of visiting. Be it known here that we drove the 12 miles around the head of Oakland Bay rather than bother with a row boat and the “ash breezes.”

### WISS

Another of the old timers who made use of the row boat as a means of transportation to Lodge was Charlie Wiss who lived about a mile farther east on the same side of the Inlet as Ashfield. Charlie gave up his rise to the east when he was Senior Warden because of deafness which was becoming very troublesome. Having known Chas. for many years it can be said that there has never been a more dedicated Mason. After giving up his place in the line of succession through the chairs Charlie held the Tyler’s post for many years. He once said it was the best station for him because he had a wonderful opportunity to visit with the brothers, especially the late corners as they were waiting to be admitted to the Lodge room. It is also important to note that Bro. Wiss was one of the “visitingest” members of Mt. Moriah.

### RUNACRES

The Brother, who presided in 1919 was one, Charles E. Runacres, who came from England and obtained employment with the Simpson Lugging Company in its early days. He was one of the trio, Govey, Mathewson and Runacres who ran the business office of the company. In his later years he was Comptroller of the Simpson Timber Company. Always a staunch and tireless worker in the

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craft he held many offices and committee assignments. The nature of his occupation made his an ideal treasurer, the office which he held for many years. His knowledge of finance enabled him to help with many of the Lodge's financial problems. His ~quiet manner and wise council did much to enrich the lives of his brothers in the fraternity.

### RANSOM

Nineteen Hundred Twenty found J. B. Ransom in the east. In addition to his duties as Master he was cited by the Lodge for going beyond the duties of his obligation when he gave blood for transfusion to Brother Henry Droscher, who died April 26, 1923. A resolution spread on the minutes April 28, 1923 recognized Bro. Ransom for his unselfishness. In the same resolution Bros. H. K. Blake, C. F. Harrier, George Fredson of the Lodge and Sister Carrie Hurley of the Eastern Star were recognized for their willingness to give blood to a stricken brother.

The above is offered here to show the good feeling that existed among the people in the old days when giving blood was considered a risky undertaking.

W. Bro. Ransom was an adventurous fellow and toured the United States on horse back as an ambassador of Good Will from Mason County.

During his term the first committees were appointed to start action for a new Temple. On June 24, 1920 he appointed W. Bros. W. M. Beach, E. Frank Brown and Chas. E. Runacres to find a site. This committee negotiated for the lots on Third and Cota streets. On October 23, he appointed W. Bros. Asa N. Ward, W. H. Maxwell and Joseph Deer to formulate finance plans. On March 19, 1921 W. Bro. Taylor appointed Bro. W. G. Rex to take the place left vacant by the passing of W. Bro. Maxwell on February 16, 1921.

### TAYLOR

In 1921 Eugene E. Taylor, member of another pioneer family succeeded to the reins of governing the Lodge. His was the task of



Eugene E. Taylor, W.M. 1921, Senior Past Master  
His memory helped make this history possible

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keeping the committees going on the Temple project. On November 19, 1921 work had advanced to the stage where he appointed W. Bros. Asa N. Ward, Joseph Deer, W. M. Beach, F. C. Mathewson and Bro. W. G. Rex on the Building Committee.

W. Bro. Taylor has been active thru the many years since his tour as master. He is now the oldest living past master and is still very active being a member of the committee delegated to produce this history of Mt. Moriah No. 11. In spite of failing eye sight he has given time to the many tasks assigned to him. His service has been very valuable when it comes to "Remembering when and who" an essential part of this sort of business.

### JACOBS

Lou H. Jacobs served as master in 1922 keeping the work of preparing for a new Temple going on at a fair pace. Jacobs was town Marshal in the early 1920's and lost his life in the line of duty after he finished his term as master.

### FREDSON

In 1923 George W. Fredson, the step son of Thomas Edgar Fredson, the third son of Michael Q. (Mark) Fredson, was seated in the East to guide the Lodge thru further work on preparation for the new Temple. Some of his work has been mentioned in the foregoing part of this story. It can be added that he never tired of work for the fraternity and altho he has been in California for many years he still keeps in touch thru interesting letters to the older members. Even though he is far away he volunteered to help locate information on some of the early members manifesting again his dedication to Masonry and Mt. Moriah No. 11.

### DICKINSON

Earl F. Dickinson, a Civil Engineer and at the time he became master in 1924 was engaged in the Real Estate and Insurance business in Shelton. He kept things rolling toward the Ultimate goal of a new Temple. It was fitting that a Realtor be

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master at this time for on September 2, 1924 the lots on which the Temple stands were bought from — Tremper for \$1500 and on November 11, 1924 the lots on the corner of third and Cota Streets were sold to W. F. Graham for \$7,000. Much credit is due the committee and the masters handling these deals.

### REX

Fortune smiled on the Lodge in 1925 when Wallace G. Rex became master for he was indeed the Master Builder. It was he who assumed the task of building the Temple when the Lodge and the committee decided not to have a contractor do the job. Being master and at the same time building the Temple was a monumental undertaking but Wally did an excellent job.

Thanks to his efforts and the tireless assistance of a dedicated staff of helpers the Temple stands as a shrine Erected to God and dedicated to the Holy Saint John. It is no less also a monument to the many willing hearts and hands whose work helped make it a “dream” come true.



J. William Grisdale, W.M. 1930. Oldest Past Master  
Still going strong at the age of 90 years

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The dedication and occupancy of the Temple in January 23, 1926 and the installation of the officers for 1926 marks the beginning of another epoch in the History of Mt. Moriah No. 11.

From 1926 to 1936 the activities of the Lodge were directed toward furnishing the Temple, paying off the mortgage, and retiring the bonds. This was done without too much strain.

Because the Lodge had passed its last high hurdle the general operation again became routine, that of making Masons, holding interesting meetings and promoting good fellowship in the craft.

In the period 1926 - 1964 the name of John L. Catto stands out. He came to Shelton as an employee in the Shelton State Bank. After many years of service in banking in 1942 he embarked on a venture in the hardware business from which he retired in 1956. His Masonic career started before he came to Shelton. He was raised in Fairweather Lodge No. 80, Tacoma in 1919.

A short resume' of his Masonic career is given in the section for 1958. Since that time he has served further as Treasurer from 1961 thru 1964 inclusive making his "Office holding year's" total 33.

### GRISDALE

One of the Past Masters who now holds the record for piling up many years in one lifetime is W. Bro. J. W. Grisdale who was master in 1930. "Uncle Bill" as he is known to all of his many friends has passed his 90th birthday and is still hale and hearty. He lives in his home at Arcadia and raises a garden that would do credit to a man half his age. In summer the profusion of flowers is wonderous to behold. Bill was voted a life membership and has long passed the 50 years in Masonry mark.

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### FIESER

Among those who labored long and faithfully but did not attain the master's distinction is Francis Fieser, who was a pillar in the fund raising efforts of the dances and other entertainment functions.

He was killed October 14, 1926 in a logging accident. At the time of his death he was engaged in assisting W. Bro. Geo. Fredson with a fund raising project to pay for the seats in the Lodge room. His efforts are also represented in the money which was raised to pay for the lots on which the Temple stands.

Since the Grand Lodge has instituted the office of District Deputy Mt. Moriah No. 11 has been favored three times. William E. Stevenson was first and served in 1935 and 1936; Wilbert S. Catto served in 1952 - 1953; and Clarence H. Grunert served in 1957 - 1958 and 1959.

Two members have attained certificates of proficiency. They are W. Bros. W. E. Stevenson and Arnold Cheney.

At this point it should be noted that in 1957 and 1958 a brief annual account of the activities of the Lodge was written: This record follows:

#### Outstanding Events of 1957

This communication will serve the dual purpose of a report of your committee on Research and Education and the History of the Lodge for 1957.

During the early part of the year two events occurred which rarely happen. By themselves they rarely happen so that having two such events in the same lodge in the same year is very worthy of note.

W. M. Warren J. Tobey had the unique pleasure of initiating his son Alvin G. Tobey. It is quite common for fathers to see their sons become Masons but to have this happen while the father is master rarely takes place. The feeling of gratification in bringing

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ones own to light can be truly one of life's finest moments. Further comment so that the record will be complete demands that it be recorded here. The younger Tobey was an apt pupil and has to date conducted himself very creditably. Present indications are that he has already become imbued with the attributes of service and it is without hesitation that this prediction is made: He should become one of the stalwarts of Masonry.

Second on the list and of equal importance was the honor bestowed upon our Brother Arnold Cheney who had attained the rank of Junior Deacon and for his untiring study and diligence was awarded a Certificate of Proficiency. This achievement is most remarkable for one so young in the lodge. Brother Cheney has been a member for only six years. So far as can be ascertained W. B. William Stevenson is the only brother who has earned this distinction in the past twenty-seven years. This award is made for something which unfortunately very few Masons in our age possess. This package contains the following—i, Zeal for the institution, untiring effort, determination and patience, inspiration beyond the average and lastly a desire for perfection.

By reason of attaining his unique position Brother Cheney is in an excellent position to help everyone in the lodge with the task of improving their knowledge of the ritualistic work of Masonry.

Distinguished visitors during the year were District Deputy W. B. Monte Porter, who favored our lodge with a visit on May 11. R.W.B. Frank Fulton Senior Grand Warden came on June 8th, both of these distinguished brothers made interesting speeches and provided much to make the meetings on these dates very interesting.

On June 24th announcement was made that W.B. Clarence Grunert had been appointed deputy of Dist. No. 17 succeeding W.B. Monte Porter. W.B. Grunert is the third member of Mt. Moriah to be so favored since the practice of having Dist. Deputies to the Grand Master was inaugurated.

R.W. Brother Frank Fulton Deputy Grand Master visited again on July 6th for the purpose of installing W.B. Grunert as Deputy

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of Dist. No. 17. A very fine program was prepared in honor of W.B. Grunert.

September 11th M.W. G.M. Walter T. Higgins favored the lodge with a visit and brought with him many of the members of his official staff. This was the outstanding meeting of the year. The most noteworthy improvement to the physical property of the lodge was the installation of fluorescent lighting in the dining room. This added considerably to already pleasant surroundings and the committee is to be commended for a job well done.

Another of the more interesting events was a visit from Brother Harry Christopherson on June 8th. Brother Christopherson had recently returned from an assignment in Arabia and Jordan. While in many interesting places in the Near East he took many pictures especially in the Holy Land. As a token of his esteem for Mt. Moriah and Masonry in general, he presented the lodge with a set of emblems made of stone taken from King Solomon's quarry. The members will long remember his entertaining lectures and will prize his gift for its symbolism and the fact that a bit of that historical stone came nearly half way around the world to rest in our lodge.

On June 24th Brother William C. Batchelor entertained the lodge with an account of his trip to the Orient. This was most interesting and it is here noted that Brother Batchelor made a distinct contribution to the brothers in taking time to present such an instructive account of his journey.

In the latter half of the year the brothers were saddened by the loss of two of the pillars of Masonry.

W.B. Leon D. Hack was called from our midst on September 20th and W.B. I. H. Woods answered the final call to refreshments on Nov. 8th.

Let it be recorded here that both of these brothers served Masonry well and diligently for many years.

W.B. Hack had attained the unique and distinguished position of serving Masonry for 68 years. Even in his last year he staunchly

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attended Lodge and attempted to contribute his share by taking part in the ritual occasionally. His record is rare indeed and the memory of this fine old gentlemen will live in Masonry without further eulogy.

W.B. I. H. Woods, though not favored with as long a career in Masonry was a tireless worker, a sage councilor, and a true Mason. His kindly admonition, his quiet assistance wherever needed, and his faithful services are recorded on the tablets of time and in the minds and hearts of those who are better men and Masons because of his having passed this way.

The final night of the 1957 regime was highlighted by the presence of R.W.B. Frank Fulton, Deputy G.M. who came to our lodge on St. John's night, forsaking his own lodge to favor Mt. Moriah with his services as Installing Officer for our 1958 leaders.

The meeting was well attended in spite of bad weather. Everyone enjoyed the rare treat of having a high officer of the Grand Jurisdiction consent to launch the new slate of officers on their strenuous tour of duty.

Many other events of lesser importance transpired during the year each of which lent a part to making 1957 a very successful year but your humble servant feels that this account has gone on long enough.

Your committee on Research and Education spent many hours searching the old records and sorting out useful material for the forthcoming History of Mt. Moriah. Much of this has been classified and we feel that shortly the task of writing can begin. Considerable gains were made in obtaining pictures of the past masters. This part of our project will be pushed hard in 1958 with the hope of completion. I, your chairman of this committee, B. T. Winiecki express my thanks to W.B. H. Crary, W.B. Eugene Taylor, Brother Richard Holland, Brother John Stevenson and W.B. R. Halbert for their excellent work on this project.

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OUTSTANDING EVENTS IN MT. MORIAH NO. 11 1958

The Lodge prospered throughout the year. Much of the normal activity went on in a routine pattern with the conferring of degrees and the last sad rites.

Two new members were added to our circle and eight were called from labor to refreshment.

No changes or major repairs were made to the physical structure of the Temple.

Contrary to 1957 when most of the news was made by our own members, in 1958 it was provided by members of the craft outside our lodge.

On May 31 - The Honorable Harry Ellworth Foster, a Washington State Supreme Court Judge enlightened the brethren with a very fine address on the life of our illustrious Bro. Theodore Roosevelt.

June 28, the lodge enjoyed a very fine dramatic presentation entitled "A Rose on the Altar". Actors in this show were members of Jacobat Grotto of Tacoma.

Mrs. L. D. Hack, wife of the late "Dad" Hack presented a pair of cymbals to the lodge on July 27th. These had been highly prized by our illustrious departed brother. The memory of our brother lives on in the thoughtfulness of his wife.

A real highlight of the year was the exemplification of the Third Degree by a team from El Zoro Grotto of Bremerton, on October 2nd. All the participants were in full regalia and the work was done with remarkable precision. Our brother Joseph Benjamin Kilbourne Jr. was the candidate being treated by the experts.

On November 22, Worshipful Brother John L. Catto announced he would not be a candidate for office in 1959. With his last term as treasurer he finished 29 years of service to the lodge.

Starting in 1931 as master, he held the secretary's chair from

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January 1, 1933 to December, 1946, 14 years and then went on to be treasurer for 8 years, January 1, 1951 to December, 1959.

The finest tribute that can be paid to our Worshipful Brother is: He was the most diligent and meticulous workman in the craft His knowledge of the Code had no equal and his thoroughness and careful attention to details smoothed the way for many a master. The “likes” of Jack Catto are rare. Thanks to you John for a job well done.

During the same meeting W.B. John Catto read a very interesting letter from W. B. George Fredson (Master of Mt. Moriah No. 11 in 1923) telling the story of the acquisition of the seats in the present lodge hail. This was the single handed effort of W.B. Fredson.

On a motion by W.B. Catto the lodge voted a life membership for W.B. Fredson.

Exerpts from the letter will be incorporated in the History of Mt. Moriah.

M.W.G.M. Frank Fulton honored Mt. Moriah No. 11 on December 27th by bringing some of his grand officers to Shelton to install the 1959 officers. Those accompanying M.W.B. Fulton were V.W. Bro. Clarence Grunert, Deputy Dist. No. 17, W.B. Bro. John Wayne Huson, Sr. CR. Steward, W.B. Wilfred L. Reeves Gr. Marshal.

Reminiscent of the old days when Masons helped each other in tangible ways was the gift of a load of fireplace wood to the lodge by Bro. Howard Townsend.

## HACK

This story would not be complete without an account of the activities of one of the Honorary Past Masters, Leon D. Hack.

Worshipful Brother L. D. Hack came to Shelton, Washington from Livermore, Iowa on September 4, 1926. He established a

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very successful pharmacy business and became a very useful and highly respected member of this community.

He demitted from the Lodge in Livermore, Iowa and became a member of Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 11 on February 8, 1930. His greatest contribution to Masonry in this community was done indirectly by the tremendous amount of time and energy he devoted to the service of the local DeMolay Chapter as Dad Advisor serving during the first ten years of the life of the chapter in this community. His exemplary conduct and his aptitude as a teacher has influenced many young lives. He also gave unstintingly of his time to assist his wife in the work of the Order of Rainbow for girls. Rarely does one find a man who will sacrifice so many hours in the up-bringing of the youth of our country. This alone would serve to make him a candidate for our little hall of fame.

In addition to his service as Mayor of the town and service in the State Legislature, he has acted as Eminent Commander of Olympia Commandery No. 24 and also the High Priest of the Royal Arch, Olympia Chapter No. 7 R.A.M. in 1943.

## FORREST

Mention should also be made of the wife and mother of two of the members. She is Mrs. Helen Forrest wife of Joseph Forrest and the mother of Joe C. Forrest Jr. This grand old lady practically adopted the Lodge individually and collectively.

Shortly after the Lodge occupied the new Temple Mrs. Forrest became the Custodian. She was so effective and diligent in the discharge of her duties that she might better have been called the "House Mother". For many years she waited on the members and presided in the kitchen even on occasions when it was not required. Many are the Stewards who owe their success to "Lady Forrest" for her solicitude and tireless attention to details. Her span of service extended to 1946 when she became unable to serve and reluctantly gave up her position. She lived to be 92 years of age and died in November of 1951.



Mrs. Helen Forrest, 1863-1950  
Friend of Masons and faithful guardian of the Temple

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MARK EDWARD REED  
1866-1933

The life of this stalwart pioneer was one of the most interesting of all that vast throng of people who laid the foundations for the great State of Washington. His interest in people sprung from the inspiration of his illustrious father, Thomas Milbourne Reed, one who needs no introduction to Masons of Washington. The following biography was prepared by Mark's son, William G. Reed, now residing in Seattle, who has his membership in St. Johns No. 9.

“Mark Edward Reed was born in Olympia, Washington, on December 23, 1866, the second son of Thomas Milbourne Reed, who had come West in 1849 to join the California gold rush. Mark Reed attended the public schools in Olympia and a military academy in California. As a young man he returned to Olympia where he worked for a few years, first in a grocery store and then in the State Land Office. From his experience in the land office he became interested in timber and went to Mason County in 1893 to engage in the logging business as a member of the firm of Ellis & Reed.

The venture was not a success, but Mr. Reed had met Mr. S. O. Simpson, who had founded the Simpson Logging Company and other businesses in Shelton, and Mr. Simpson employed him as manager of Lumbermen's Mercantile Company.

In 1902 Mr. Reed married Mr. Simpson's daughter, Irene, and established his residence in Shelton. Shortly thereafter he went with his bride to Nome, Alaska to manage Mr. Simpson's mercantile and shipping interests there. In 1903 he returned to Seattle as general manager of the Simpson Logging Company, a position he held until 1914, when he was elected president of the company after the death of Mr. A. H. Anderson, who had filled that office since Mr. Simpson's death in 1906.

Mr. Reed continued as president of the company until his death in 1933. During this period the company prospered, Shelton grew, and extensive industrial development of the Shelton waterfront

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was begun under his guidance. He intensified logging activities and forestry management by the Simpson Company in Mason and eastern Grays Harbor Counties, and laid the ground work for the sustained yield operation, which now exists there.

Mr. Reed was active in public life, being Mayor of Shelton from 1912 to 1916, and serving continuously in the state legislature from 1914 to 1930, including two terms as speaker of the House.

Mark E. Reed was a member of Olympia No. 1. His work in the community and his kindly relations with all men reflected the constant application of the principles of right and fair dealing. This is best shown by the short stories selected from many which came to light in our research.

In the January, 1950 "Simpson Lookout" A. E. Hillier, long-time friend of Mr. Reed, wrote:

"Many a man still working for the Simpson Logging Company can tell you about some personal matter he took to Mark for an answer. I don't think there ever was a time when Mark was too busy in the affairs of his company or matters of state to sit down and listen to his men.

Mark didn't care for trifles or idle talk. You had to offer something to think about. But once you opened the subject, he listened and gave his opinions. His kindnesses on the side helped countless persons.

Mark's consideration for his workmen was displayed in many undertakings. He improved the camps. He was one of the strongest advocates of industrial insurance, and sponsored legislation which created this protection for workmen in Washington. He obtained for Shelton one of the best-equipped hospitals in the land.

In what we call the "old days," a logger who got hurt would be brought into town from camp on a crummy car. He would be taken to the hotel Shelton for a checkup. Then a Lumbermen's Mercantile truck would be rigged with blankets and the injured man would be hauled over rough roads to a hospital in Olympia. There were no ambulances, no emergency wards in Shelton.

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Mark acted to halt those conditions. He went out to get a hospital, and he'd take nothing but the best. He worked for this in the interests of not only his own employees but of Shelton and Mason County. His efforts to bring paved roads into Shelton from Olympia grew out of the same bond of interest in his home community. Mark, who served many legislative terms, including a period as Speaker of the House, was a practical politician. He was for Mason County.

Mark advised commissioners in Mason County to build the present courthouse before the taxable timber was all logged. He looked forward to the future and demonstrated always his willingness to support measures which benefited the majority of the people. Not an acre of Company land was ever "let go" to the county after logging. Mark believed it to be morally wrong to clean the timber off land and then return it to the county stripped and valueless.

The contribution of the Sol G. Simpson public library and the Irene S. Reed high school to Shelton were measures of Mark's interest in education. It was upon his advise that the estate of Alfred H. Anderson, second president of the Simpson Logging Company, built Anderson Hall for the forestry college at the University of Washington.

These monuments are serving generations who now know little of the man himself."

"Once Mark went into a cookhouse at camp while the men were eating. The cook, aiming to please "the boss," sent out a steak. Mark ordered it back to the kitchen. He said, "I'll eat what the men eat." It wasn't a show. That's the way Mark was.

Mark raised his sons, Sol, Frank and Bill, to learn the business the way he learned it. They worked and learned by trial and error the same as any other beginners.

Mark Reed made possible Shelton's industrial future by building the Reed Mill in 1924. He influenced Henry McCleary to build a sawmill here and made his own mill facilities available for the

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Rayonier pulp plant. Mark served as Mayor of Shelton at one time and could have been, had he wished, governor of Washington. He declined this public honor to devote his remaining years to his business and community, which always came first.

When Mark Reed died in 1933, he was 67. He had served his fellow man as few are privileged to do.”

In 1927 the writer became acquainted with Mark Reed and was pleased to have short visits with him. Usually, these meetings occurred in the morning at the post office. The subjects of the conversations always impressed the writer with the kindness and depth of interest this great man had for the welfare of his neighbors. It seemed as though everyone in Shelton was Mark Reed's neighbor. As busy as this man was he never seemed to be in a hurry. The man truly was master of himself.

Once on an early morning drive to Grays Harbor, the writer chanced to pick up an old logger who was walking along the road in the Kamilche Valley apparently headed for Elma. I didn't ask his name but the conversation soon turned to timber and almost immediately to logging and Mark Reed. I should have taken notes - for again there was an unsolicited recitation of the good deeds reflecting the kindly treatment, the warm human interest, and understanding of a great man for persons of lesser fortune.

History has recorded his achievements in the business and political life of the community but the innumerable deeds of his personal kindness are recorded in the minds and hearts of many an unknown logger who cherished the memory of a man who recognized human values.

One of the highlights of 1923 was the entertainment accorded the Grand Lodge Officers when they were in Shelton to lay the cornerstone of the Irene S. Reed High School Building. This was done on August 25, 1923, Tom W. Holman was Grand Master at the time.

Throughout its first 100 years of life, Mt. Moriah No. 11

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has been essentially prosperous and peaceful. One subject which comes up for discussion at more or less irregular intervals is the meeting time.

The custom of meeting on the Saturday night on or before the full of the Moon has been preserved throughout the 100 years except for 1927. During 1926 several brothers introduced resolutions to amend the by-laws section on meeting time. None of these were successful until late in the year Bro. Sol Reed introduced a resolution calling for a change to Monday night on or before the full moon. This was accepted and the Lodge met in regular communication on Monday nights for the year of 1927. Late in 1927 W. Bro. W. M. Beach introduced a resolution calling for a return to Saturday night on or before the full moon and also making Saint John's nights June 24 and December 27th regular communications. This passed and the Lodge returned to meeting on Saturday and so far has kept this date. Attempts were made in 1939 and in 1956 to make a change.

At the meeting held in 1956 during Rolla Halbert's term as master wherein the meeting time was discussed a record turnout of Past Masters was noted. Somehow with one or two exceptions the Past Masters favor leaving the meeting night on Saturday as a tradition that ought not to be disturbed.

During the early days the meeting was Saturday night on or before the full moon for several very practical reasons:

No. 1. Many of the members traveled considerable distances on foot, horseback or by boat to attend lodge. In this region the weather is generally more clement during the full phase of the moon than at any other time during the lunar cycle. This enabled them to utilize the light of the moon in travelling.

No. 2. Being on Saturday it was convenient to return home on Sunday and not have to be concerned with work as many of the meetings lasted far into the night judging from the amount of work that was done at some of the meetings.

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Many have argued that another night of the week would induce better attendance. This has been proven to be untrue.

Mt. Moriah No. 11 and Steilacoom No. 2 are the only lodges in Washington which still hold to the old tradition.

Some years ago there was much effort put forth by the Grand Lodge to have all the regular communications on the same date of each month to avoid confusion. Many lodges in this Grand Lodge as well as other Grand jurisdictions did change from Moon Lodges to the fixed date.

Some have argued that it adds a certain charm which other lodges do not have. Certainly it is unique.

It is interesting to note the growth in membership.

There were 16 founders in 1864, 29 members when the Lodge moved to Shelton in 1888; 130 when it moved into the present Temple in 1926 and today there are 254 members.

As we look forward to 2064—A.L. 6064 what will the conditions be?



Lawrence H. Fisher, W.M. 1964  
Busy with plans for the Centennial Celebration

## Chapter VI

In the last chapter of our history it is fitting that there should be included a story of the growth of the organizations which are closely related to Mount Moriah No. 11 of Shelton, Washington. These bodies hold their meetings in Mt. Moriah Temple and have Masons in their membership or are supervised by Masons.

### Welcome Chapter No. 40 Order of Eastern Star

The early days of Mt. Moriah Lodge, from 1864 until 1890 were probably very similar to those of many other infant organizations with the struggle and effort to provide for its fundamental needs. As the town of Shelton began to grow and the lodge increased its membership and its activity in the social life of the community: the wives, mothers, daughters, sisters and widows of the Masonic brethren desired to assume a more active part in assisting the lodge and planning and providing for the social functions. Soon a group of these ladies met to form an auxiliary and they decided to petition for a charter in The Order of The Eastern Star.

This national organization had its beginning about 1855 but had not made any extensive progress especially in the West until the 1880's when it experienced a considerable growth.

So on November 27th 1894 a small group of eighteen met to plan for this petition to The Order of The Eastern Star. The names of these along with the offices or stations which they filled during that first year, are as follows; - Ida Rogers, Worthy Matron; William Maxwell, Worthy Patron; Minnie Leake, Assoc. Matron; Berry S. Barger, Sec.; Thomas Bordeaux, Treas; Rose Durell, Conductress; Catherine Barron, Assoc. Condt.; Leroy Jones, Chaplain; May Bordeaux, Ada; Mary Maxwell, Ruth; Bertha Morrow, Martha; Manson Rogers, Warder; Charles Leake, Sentinel; Hugh Morrison, Marshal; George Barron and Harvey Durell together with Hugh Morrison drafted the By-Laws. A special meeting was called for July 8th, 1895 by The Worthy Grand Matron, Alice Taylor to constitute the new chapter. Past Grand Patron, J. M. Taylor acted as Grand Sec. and Assoc. Grand Patron Thomas Mairs was Grand Marshal. At the

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presentation of the Charter the names of Esther Webb and Jean Todd (later Fredson) were added to the charter membership roU. Mr. Mark E. Reed who was a member of the Olympia chapter and Associate Grand Patron in 1895 and Grand Patron in 1896 Was very helpful in shaping the policies of this chapter during those early years.

During the following thirty years the lodge was greatly assisted by the Eastern Stars in adding much to the kitchen and dining equipment and to the Temple furnishings. They also added greatly to the beauty and dignity of so many occasions having purchased and worn the beautiful, ceremonial robes which have become famous throughout the whole state. And without doubt they aided greatly in the planning for this beautiful Temple which was about to be built.

From that small beginning of 18 members this chapter has now grown to a membership of 284 in 1964 and ranks as one of the outstanding chapters in the entire state. Many of the members of Welcome Chapter have been honored by being appointed to various offices in the Grand Chapter of the State of Washington; one, Mrs. Esther Callow Gridale having advanced to the next to the highest elective office, that of Associate Grand Matron before her untimely death in 1939. Others have rendered long and loving service to the local chapter especially in the offices of secretary and of treasurer. Miss Jessie Knight (Gridale) was secretary for twenty five years besides being Mother Advisor in Rainbow for twelve years and she was succeeded as secretary by Mrs. Florence Weeks who has held that office for fifteen years. Mrs. Martha Jacobs served as treasurer for eighteen years and the present treasurer, Mrs. Florence Taylor has served for seven or eight years. Thus the chapter has touched and influenced the lives of many people during its seventy years.

## Laurel Court No. 26 Order of Amaranth

Less than ten years after the end of World War I, the town of Shelton experienced a large industrial expansion with a consid-

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erable increase in population and after the building of this present Temple in 1925, the lodge and the Eastern Star gained many new members. As a natural result many of the members of the O.E.S. together with newcomers in Shelton desired further additional activity in lodge affairs and on December 17th, 1927 Grand Royal Matron Ruby C. Bell of Seattle and Grand Royal Patron Jesse F. Russell met with a local group and Laurel Court, Under Dispensation, Order of Amaranth was formed with the following officers;

Royal Matron .....	Dr. Belle B. Dearborn
Royal Patron .....	John William Grisdale
Associate Matron .....	Esther Callow Grisdale
Associate Patron .....	Frank A. Travis
Secretary .....	Ada Y. Travis
Treasurer .....	Charles E. Runacres
Conductress .....	Ida Rex Loughnan
Assoc. Conductress .....	Jean Shorter Bennett
Trustees .....	Mrs. W. G. Rex, Mr. Leon D. Hack, & Mrs. A. Runacres
Prelate .....	Mrs. Florence Frisken
Marshal in the East .....	Jessie Knight (Grisdale)
Marshal in West .....	Mrs. Minnie Hack
Standard Bearer .....	Catherine Harrier
Historian .....	Mrs. Mae Lusk
Truth .....	Mrs. Jeanne Zintheo
Faith .....	Mrs. Verda Mannes
Wisdom .....	Miss Alta Deer
Charity .....	Mrs. Anna Kneeland
Musician .....	Neal Zintheo
Warder .....	Mrs. Jean Graham
Sentinel .....	Dean Coleman

The membership roll also included the following:

W. G. Rex, Mrs. Doris Fortnum, Mrs. Bertha Grisdale, Mrs. Martha Deer, Mrs. Carrie Elliott, Mrs. May Jensen (Winiecki), Mrs. Mary ~(. Knight, Roy Loughnan, C. O. Mannes, Mrs. Laura Plumb, Mrs. Nellie Pugh, Mrs. Emma Coleman, Alex Miller, Mrs. Ethel Miller,

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Mrs. Vera Duffield, Mrs. Emma Kidwell (Jordan), Mrs. Delia Parker, Mrs. C. Olive Tucker and Mrs. Inez Afdem.

The charter was received on May 30th, 1928 and the new court received many gifts from other nearby courts. During its thirty six years since its organization, Laurel court has been a very active addition to the colorful lodge life in Shelton and they have contributed greatly to the Temple furnishings and to all Masonic Lodge activities. Many of its members have held appointive offices in the Grand Court of the State of Washington and the court holds a prominent place among the members of the Order of Amaranth in Washington. Its current membership is about one hundred and thirty six.

*Assembly No. 19*

*The Order of Rainbow for Girls*

Soon after the completion of the new Temple some of the ladies of The Eastern Star and others became interested in organizing a group of Teen age girls into a society where the fine moral and spiritual lessons exemplified in the O.E.S. could be passed on to the girls. Among those active in organizing these girls and directing their early meetings were the following; Mrs. Mary M. Knight, pioneer school teacher and early day superintendent of schools of Mason County; her daughter, Miss Jessie Knight (Grisdale), Postmistress; Mrs. Anna Kneeland, Mrs. Florence Frisken, Mrs. Carrie Callow Hurley, Mrs. Esther Callow Grisdale, and others. Meetings were held during the late 1926 and early 1927 and it was decided to petition for a charter in The Order of Rainbow for Girls and on April 2nd, 1927 Assembly No. 19 was constituted with Anthony J. Swindle, Supreme Deputy, Margaret Alleman, Grand Worthy Advisor and the Bremerton Assembly installing the following officers:

Mother Advisor ..... Mrs. Mary M. Knight  
Worthy Advisor ..... Catherine Harrier

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Worthy Associate Advisor .....	Louise Simpson
Charity .....	Gertrude Grisdale
Hope .....	Priscilla Jensen
Faith .....	Janice Roberts
Recorder .....	Rhea Rucker
Treasurer .....	Margery Jones
Chaplain .....	Martha Pearson
Drill Leader .....	Lucille Combs
Love (Red) .....	Margaret Beveridge
Religion (Orange) .....	Ida Coleman
Nature (Yellow) .....	Alma Hillman
Immortality (Green) .....	Myrtle Pfundt
Fidelity (Blue) .....	Ida Moore
Patriotism (Indigo) .....	May Johnson
Service (Service) .....	Emma Wivell
Confidential Observer .....	Mable Mead
Outer Observer .....	Doris Myhre
Choir Director .....	Eva Macke
Musician .....	Ruth Brown

Almost every year since its charter some member of Assembly No. 19 has held some appointive office in the Grand Assembly of Washington and in 1941 Juanita Miller was advanced to the highest elective office, that of Grand Worthy Advisor. During all of its existence many members of Welcome Chapter O.E.S. have served as Mother Advisors; Miss Jessie Knight having held that office for twelve years from 1931 to 1943. Likewise many members of Mt. Moriah Lodge have served as Father Advisors; with William (Scotty) Anderson holding that office for seven years from 1939 to 1943.

The popularity of the Rainbow Girls organization was evident from the start and with its average membership touching seventy five to one hundred girls every year it has had an influence in many lives.

Mark E. Reed Chapter  
Order of DeMolay for Boys

After the organization of the Rainbow Girls which was sponsored by Welcome Chapter O.E.S. some of Mt. Moriah Lodge became much interested in establishing a chapter of The Order of DeMolay for teenage boys and young men. This case was somewhat more difficult because at that time no Masonic Lodge was allowed to sponsor any youth organization. However a group of Masons decided to unofficially supervise such a group and to obtain a charter for it. The names of the Masons who were most active in those early days were: L. D. Hack, Wilbert S. Catto, I. H. Woods, E. E. Brewer, R. L. Kettenring, Charles Peters, Bernhard T. Winiecki, H. Enzo Loop, and Michael Kennedy. The initial cost of the official robes and other lodge paraphernalia was considerable but this problem was happily solved when the Mark E. Reed family gave it as their gift and thus it was not strange that in January, 1939 when the chapter was instituted its name was given as The Mark E. Reed Chapter Order of DeMolay. The officers and members of that first chapter were as follows:

Dad Advisor .....	L. D. Hack
Master Councilor .....	Chester Valley
Senior Councilor .....	James Huff
Junior Councilor .....	Eugene Loop
Treasurer .....	Robert Kimbel
Scribe .....	Leonard Walton Jr.
Chaplain .....	Gordon Bennett
Senior Deacon .....	Gene Stark
Junior Deacon .....	Jack Roles
Senior Steward .....	Don Satra
Junior Steward .....	Bill McComb
Almoner .....	Clarence Michaelson
Marshal .....	Walter LeDrew
Standard Bearer .....	Jack Catto
Sentinel .....	Lloyd Brewster
Orator .....	Tom LeCompte
1st Preceptor .....	Dean Palmer
2nd Preceptor .....	Bill Batstone

*Bethel No. 37*

- 3rd Preceptor ..... Don Woods
- 4th Preceptor ..... Robt. Geo. Eager
- 5th Preceptor ..... Roger Stoy
- 6th Preceptor ..... C. Kelly
- 7th Preceptor ..... Bill Levett

And the following members: Elwyn Oppelt, Glenn Landers Jr., Allen Daniels, Warren Hunter, Walter Eddy, Kenneth Latham, Edgar Cole, Ralph Droscher, Norman Harris, Clinton Williams, Herb Ellison, James Forrest, Archie Dittman, Bill Miller, Bud McDowell, Don McKay, Arnold Cheney Jr., Marvin Smith, Warren Woods, and Jim McComb.

The chapter Bible was presented to them by the Bremerton Chapter. The first candidate from the Mark E. Reed Chapter of DeMolay to petition Mt. Moriah for the Master Masons degrees was Maurice H. Needham Jr. and since that time many of Mt. Moriahs members have come to us and decline in membership and all of its activities depending very greatly on the amount of interested leadership given to it by the Master Masons of Mount Moriah.

Since no Masonic Lodge was permitted to sponsor any youth organization when the Chapter was organized and yet the lodge's by laws required a sponsor for any group to meet in the temple; The Olympia Chapter No. 7 Royal Arch Masons which had moved or was about to move their meeting place to Mt. Moriah Temple offered to sponsor them and this sponsorship was continued until a fairly recent session of The Grand Lodge of Washington when the by-laws were changed to permit Masonic Lodges to become sponsors of DeMolay Chapters. Therefore considerable credit for the development of Mark E. Reed Chapter belongs to Royal Arch Chapter No. 7 now of Shelton.

Bethel No. 37

Order of Job's Daughters

In late 1948 or early 1949 Bro. Dess Haines and Bro. Joe Huntley, both members of Union City Lodge No. 27 and Edna Haines

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and Hattie Huntley members of Elinor Chapter O.E.S. started proceedings to organize a chapter of the International Order of Jobs Daughters and on June 19th, 1949 Bethel No. 37 was instituted at Union, Washington with the following Officers:

Guardian ..... Hattie Huntley, Union  
Associate Guardian ..... Dess Haines, Union  
Honored Queen ..... Dorothy Lockwood, Hoodspout  
Recorder ..... Frances Suhr

There were 48 girls in Bethel 37 at that time.

In December, 1951, nineteen girls formed a new chapter, Bethel No. 43 located at Belfair. Although usually Jobs Daughters require no sponsor, in order to comply with the By-Laws of Mt. Moriah and meet in this temple; Laurel Court Order of Amaranth sponsored Bethel No. 37. The first set of Officers after they had moved to Shelton was as follows:

Guardian ..... Hattie Huntley  
Associate Guardian ..... Joe Huntley  
Honored Queen ..... Doloras Smith  
Recorder ..... Ernestine Crane

The annual membership has averaged between fifty and sixty five and many members of Mt. Moriah Lodge, Welcome Chapter OES, and Laurel Court Order of Amaranth have devoted many hours in directing, assisting and advising these girls in all of their activities both in lodge and in their outside activities.

Brother George Howard, Senior Deacon of Mt. Moriah and his wife, Dorothy have devoted a lot of time and effort during the past ten years to this organization and many local girls will always remember them for their wise counsel and guidance.

## Olympia Chapter No. 7 Royal Arch Masons

During the first hundred years of Mount Moriah many of its members have taken the advanced degrees of Masonry and most of these have organizations or branches which hold their meetings in the Temple of Olympia Lodge No. 1. Many of these groups had received their charters in the early days when the State charters were beginning to build up.

In 1885 the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was formed in Olympia with Walla Walla, Spokane, Seattle and Tacoma chapters forming the Grand Chapter of Washington. At the first grand convocation held in June, 1886, Olympia Chapter No. 7 was given a charter, with the meeting place in Olympia at the temple of Olympia Lodge No. 1.

This arrangement continued for fifty-five years with the Shelton and vicinity members travelling to Olympia for all convocations, but in June, 1941 during the term of Wilbert S. Catto as High Priest it was decided to change the meeting place to the Temple of Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 11 in Shelton and this arrangement still continues. The membership in this chapter averages about one hundred members.

## Past Masters of Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 11

Free and Accepted Masons of Washington

1864 William Champ	1895 Hugh Morrison
1865 William Champ	1896 Berry S. Barger
1866 William Champ	1897 Hugh Morrison
1867 J. M. Elson	1898 Edward Lee
1868 J. M. Elson	1899 Charles W. Leake
1869 J. M. Elson	1900 William M. Beach
1870 J. M. Elson	1901 William M. Beach
1871 William T. Morrow	1902 William M. Beach
1872 Enoch L. Willey	1903 Joseph Deer
1873 John McReavy	1904 Arthur M. Fredson
1874 Edward A. Willson	1905 Arthur M. Fredson
1875 Walter E. Willey	1906 Marcus F. Knight
1876 Felix G. Morrow	1907 C. S. McGee
1877 Charles F. Towle	1908 Frederick C. Mathewson
1878 Charles F. Towle	1909 Frederick C. Mathewson
1879 Walter E. Willey	1910 Victor C. Guinet
1880 Walter E. Willey	1911 Eugene F. Brown
1881 Charles F. Towle	1912 William M. Beach
1882 Enoch L. Willey	1913 William M. Beach
1883 Charles F. Towle	1914 William M. Beach
1884 A. S. Vincent	1915 Asa N. Ward
1885 George R. Perry	1916 Joseph Deer
1886 Charles F. Towle	1917 William M. Beach
1887 Charles F. Towle	1918 Harry Ashfield
1888 Charles F. Towle	1919 Charles E. Runacres
1889 Melvin P. Hilton	1920 J. B. Ransom
1890 Hugh Morrison	1921 Eugene E. Taylor
1891 Hugh Morrison	1922 L. H. Jacobs
1892 Hugh Morrison	1923 George E. Fredson
1893 William H. Maxwell	1924 Earl F. Dickinson
1894 Hugh Morrison	1925 Wallace D. Rex

1926 C. Frank Harrier  
1927 John L. Pearson  
1928 Mack M. Stewart  
1929 J. Gilbert Rucker  
1930 J. William Grisdale  
1931 John L. Catto  
1932 Inard H. Woods  
1933 William E. Stevenson  
1934 Eugene W. Putnam  
1935 Claude Logan  
1936 Elvis E. Brewer  
1937 Andrew Hopland  
1938 Michael E. Kennedy  
1939 Bernhard T. Winiecki  
1940 Thomas R. Rowe  
1941 Maurice H. Needham  
1942 Horace H. Crary  
1943 Donald H. Clark  
1944 William S. Valley  
1945 Ernest Dahlgren  
1946 Clarence H. Grunert

1947 Wilbert S. Catto  
1948 Harland P. Jordan  
1949 Leo E. Martin  
1950 Earl A. Jordan  
1951 Frank E. Willard  
1952 Claude H. Rhodes  
1953 Joseph C. Hansen  
1954 William T. Pierce  
1955 Orville Oppelt  
1956 Rolla Halbert  
1957 Warren Tobey  
1958 Marvin Carter  
1959 Thomas Watts  
1960 Archie Adams  
1961 Arnold L. Cheney  
1962 Richard Holland  
1963 Glenn Hufnail  
1964 Lawrence Fisher  
**Honorary P.M.**  
1950 Leon D. Hack  
1952 Paul D. Case

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Celebrating The  
1864 Seventy-Fifth Anniversary 1939  
of

Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 11 F. and A. M.  
on

November 29th, 1939  
Shelton, Washington



First Masonic Hall of Mt. Moriah  
at Oakland, Washington, built in 1864



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And led where of peace. the sweet Messenger  
lay,  
May its light, still to virtue and Masonry true,  
Mark the path that with Strength, Wisdom  
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## Program

- Invocation ..... Rev. Robt. Brumblay
- Song ..... “America”
- Address of Welcome ..... B. T. Winiecki, W.M.
- History of Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 11 ..... Wm. Beach, P.M.
- Vocal Duet ..... Mrs. Kay Jordan, James Needham  
Accompanied by Mrs. B. T. Winiecki
- Mason County ..... G. C. Angle
- Violin Solo ..... Gene Burgoyne  
Accompanied by Mrs. Donovan Palmer
- America and Masonry During last 75 Years ..... James P. Neal, P.M.
- Song ..... “Auld Lang Syne”
- Benediction ..... Rev. Robt. Brumblay

Group Singing directed by Bruce Wilcox



Who can unfold the Royal Art,  
Or show its secrets in a Song:  
They are safely kept in Mason's hearts,  
And to the Ancient Lodge belong.

1864 Commemorating The Eightieth Anniversary 1964

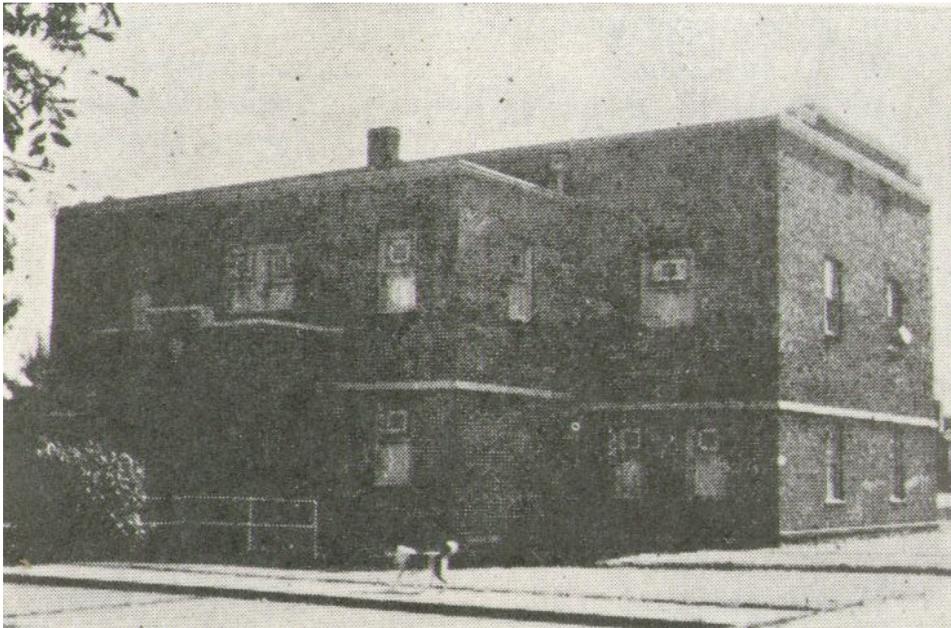
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October 28, 1944

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MASONIC TEMPLE SHELTON, WASH.



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full moon in each month

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J. T. KNOX ..... *Senior Warden*  
J. M. ELSON ..... *Junior Warden*  
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J. L. MORROW ..... *Junior Deacon*  
MICHAEL T. SIMMONS ..... *Tyler*

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L. D. Shelton  
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G. L. Miller

**Fellow Craft**

James Ferguson

**Entered Apprentices**

David Shelton  
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We are proud of our brothers of Mt. Moriah  
who are serving that Masonry may survive.

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