

WASHINGTON

Sixteenth annual Communication held at Olympia, Sept. 3rd, 1873. M. W. Bro. Granville O. Haller, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Thomas Milburne Reed, Grand Secretary.

In his annual address, the Grand Master recommends the appointment of District Deputies, and the adoption of the system of dropping for the non-payment of dues. He reports that he had revoked the charter of Alaska Lodge, and concludes as follows:—

“The good Mason is ever studying the hidden meanings of our symbols—perfecting himself in speculative Masonry—and practicing the precepts of our Order. He is the brother ‘who can best work and best agree.’ He is no sluggard, but is ever passing from the W. to the E. in search of Light; by careful study and industry purifying his intellect and rising higher and higher in the scale of humanity. He, when reviled, reviles not, for a soft word turneth away wrath. He can listen, without being offended, to the criticisms of his enemies and of the envious, as they are more likely to expose the weak points in his nature and conduct than the criticisms of friendship, and thereby enable him to become a more perfect ashlar. He will, by little acts of kindness and of charity, make himself dear to his brethren and perhaps to the people at large, so that when he enters upon the Level of Time in that undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveller returns, he will be missed—the void will be felt,—and we may be proud of our departed brother.

“The higher teachings of Masonry, say truly,—‘Those things that can survive us—our works—our words—our immortal thoughts—our influences—and the effects of good deeds—are more to the world that survives us, *than we ourselves are.*’

“But even more might be positively affirmed of a good Mason, and, then there is a negative point of view, which should not be overlooked, but I have already trespassed largely on your time and patience, and must be brief. The true Mason *will not* let the left hand know what the right hand bestows in charity, while he may reprehend and admonish his erring brother, he *will not* expose the faulty brother unnecessarily; in short, he will do unto others as he