

at the turn of the Century, Washington was considered open territory and any Grand Lodge could establish a lodge or lodges here. Washington Lodge and Trinity Lodge often questioned each other's legitimacy. Finally, Trinity Lodge had a major catastrophe at their meeting place. The building was destroyed by fire and Trinity Lodge lost their personal property. Washington Lodge in the true spirit of brotherly love opened their doors and invited Trinity Lodge to meet in their facilities, to use their paraphernalia thus ending a long standing difference of opinion. Harmony existing between the two lodges replaced controversy with unity. This working relationship contributed to the merger talks and the final decision to combine the two lodges under one name. Much of the history of Washington and Trinity Lodges came from an interview of two (2) members of Harmony Lodge who were members of the lodges that emerged. One served as Worshipful Master of Harmony Lodge in 1917, also served as Grand Master in later years.

The consolidation of Washington Lodge No. 2 and Trinity Lodge No. 7, to form Harmony Lodge No. 2, F. & A. M., Seattle, Washington was as follows: Trinity Lodge voted for the union June 14, 1910 and Washington Lodge voted for the union June 20, 1910.

Harmony Lodge No. 2, F. & A. M., came into being on March 6, 1911 after the two previous lodges had met, transacted their business and dissolved their lodges. They then voted to return their charters to the Grand Lodge and petition for a new charter. This charter was granted by the Most Worshipful United Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Washington and its Jurisdiction on March 23, 1911.

On April 3, 1911, at a communication of Harmony Lodge No. 2, Most Worshipful Grand Master Henry J. Asberry, with his staff, proceeded to open a Grand Lodge in ample form for the consecration, dedication and constitution of Harmony Lodge No. 2, and for the installation of its officers. This having been completed the Grand Marshall proclaimed that Harmony Lodge No. 2 was regularly constituted and dedicated and its officers regularly installed. Harmony Lodge No. 2 has been continuously in operation from this date until the present, having weathered all the storms that beset any organization. Here, tonight, we are proud to celebrate our Seventy (70th) Anniversary.