

M.W. GRAND LODGE OF F.&A.M.
OF WASHINGTON

Seattle 7, Washington
Feb. 5, 1952

Mr. Melvin B. Neil, P.M.
Whidby Island Lodge No. 15, F. & A. M.
Oak Harbor, Washington

Dear Bro. Neil:

In the event of my election to the Grand East next June it will be necessary for me to appoint a Deputy of the Grand Master in District No. 9.

I am happy to offer you the appointment, being assured by your masonic friends that you have the qualifications, time and willingness to devote to the office. I'm sure that I will have your complete loyalty during the coming year.

Trusting that I may have your acceptance at your earliest convenience. I am

Sincerely yours,
Lem
Lemuel W. Sims
Deputy Grand Master.

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Seattle 7, Washington
Feb. 21, 1952

Mr. Melvin B. Neil
Box 417
Oak Harbor, Washington

Dear Brother Neil:

It is with pleasure that I acknowledge your acceptance of the office of Deputy of the Grand Master in District No. 9, for the coming year.

I am looking forward to seeing you at Grand Lodge and our close association in the future.

With kindest personal regards and every good wish for you and yours.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Lem
Lemuel W. Sims
Deputy Grand Master

LWS/gs

East 3016 Fifth Avenue
Spokane 31, Washington.



March 21, 1953

Mr. Melvin B. Neil
D.D.G.M. District No.9
Box 417
Oak Harbor, Washington.

Dear Brother Mel;

In the event I am elected Grand Master at the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, I would be very happy to have you accept the re-appointment as Deputy of the Grand Master in District No.9

You are doing a "swell" job and I am looking forward to receiving your favorable reply at an early date.

With every good wish, I am

Yours

Fred Winkels

Fred Winkels
Deputy Grand Master

FRED WINKELS
F.W.M.



W.M. KNOX AND MAYER
1823 East 4th Avenue
Spokane 31, Washington

December 28, 1954

Mr. Melvin B. Neil, P.M.
P.O. Box 417
Oak Harbor, Washington.

Dear Mel;

Thanks for the pictures; they arrived here just before Christmas. It was so very kind and thoughtful of you to send them, yet so characteristic of the consideration and many courtesies you have shown me on every occasion. I do appreciate these things so much, Mel, believe me.

Some days ago I read a short article in our daily newspaper to the effect that Alden B. Whelan's car was found near the Deception Pass bridge and that there was reason to believe that he had committed suicide by jumping from the bridge. I have read nothing further and have often wondered whether there was any truth in the article regarding the suicide or if it was another case of an abandoned car whose occupant appeared on the scene later.

The past thirty days have been busy ones for me; last night I conducted my ninth Installation since December 4th. Fortunately the weather and road conditions have been especially favorable, mild temperatures and no snow or ice on the highways. Last night was the opposite; six to eight inches of roadside snow, highways icy and slick as grease and the thermometer trying to get down to the zero mark. We made our trip without incident, however, and it has moderated considerably since last night with every promise of more snow.

Mel, I shall never forget the enjoyable times I had in your District, the fine men and Masons it was my privilege to meet there and the many courtesies you showed me. Truly your year as Deputy was an outstanding one and I sincerely hope that you enjoyed your place on our "team" as much as I did in having you as one of our "Gang".

With every good wish and kindest personal regards, I am

Yours

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fred".

P.S. Please give my very best regards to Ben, Paul and the rest of the "gang".

MATTHEW W. HILL, JUDGE

The Supreme Court
State of Washington
Olympia
September 14, 1955

Dear Brother Neil:

I certainly got a kick out of the fact that some of our Olympia boys got away with your cap at Burton, thinking it was mine. I understand that the cap has been returned.

With kind personal regards and best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Matt
Matthew W. Hill

Mr. Melvin B. Neil
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Oak Harbor, Washington