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PORT GAMBLE GHOST CONFERENCE

FRANKLIN LODGE NO. 5

LODGE

HISTORY

1871-1872

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Franklin Lodge is the oldest active Masonic lodge in Washington.

It was chartered September 6, 1859 when its eight original members carried a petition by canoe to Steilacoom.

The hall originally stood where the store is today. It wasn't turned around when it was moved here in 1907, so its original front entry is now on the back.

BUILT 1871

**ORIGINALLY
LOCATED WHERE
GENERAL STORE
WAS BUILT**

MOVED IN 1907

**FOUNDED BY
CYRUS WALKER IN
1859**

**ORIGINAL
BUILDING BURNED
DOWN IN 1867**



REPORTED ACTIVITY

There are two floors to this building.

Lodge: Franklin Lodge No.5 was only investigated for the Paranormal at the 2018 Port Gamble Ghost Conference. No hard evidence has been presented from the initial investigation in 2018. There were, however, many reports of personal experiences throughout the Lodge, but mostly the Lodge Room located on the second floor of the building.

One particular experience stands out...During an investigation of the Lodge Room, many people witnessed the shadows of feet pacing outside the Lodge Room door. Investigator Pete Orbea quickly opened the door and found nobody in the vicinity of the doorway, downstairs, or even outside the building. Many people witnessed this experience. One of the Masons has spoken about the "presence" of a long-time lodge member who is felt near his old desk in the Lodge Room. We hope to continue investigations to see what evidence may come out of this historic location.

