

MEMORANDUM TO MEMBERS OF THE BOARD:

The Society has gained another Life Member and there's a very interesting story behind the incident. President Odlin felt it would be very appropriate to give a Life Membership to some one who otherwise could not afford it, as his own memorial to the late Mr. Weyerhaeuser.

Charles Parker was selected for this honor.

To most of you the name of Charley Parker means very little, if the name registers at all, but Charley Parker is probably this Society's Number One Booster.

Charley works at the Tacoma Smelter. For half a dozen years Charley has brought groups of crew members from foreign ships docking at the Smelter to the museum for a trip through the building. About 20 languages are represented in these groups but Charley doesn't know more than one or two extra languages. It's a case of pointing, smiling and leading and when the group meets me it's another case of smiling and a handshake.

Sometimes Charley brings two or three groups in a week, just depends on the ships that are docked. He wants these men from all over the world to know something about Washington. we know of no "welcome" service to match it and Charley never seems to tire of bringing his parties to the museum. In fact, we caught him here alone one day,- said he wanted to have time to enjoy the visit by himself.

Proud-- we haven't a Life Member more proud of his rank. I told him the news the day before Christmas and the news left him just about speechless. A fitting memorial to a great man and it couldn't have been done for a more deserving Tacoman than Charley Parker.

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