



Horace W. Tyler Lodge #290  
Free and Accepted Masons of Washington  
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## August 2012

“A trestle board is a design board for the Master Workman (Architect) to draw his plans and designs upon to give the workmen an outline of the work to be performed. As Freemasons, we use the Trestleboard to inform and enlighten our lodge brethren.”

FROM THE EAST: I hope that each of you has had an enjoyable summer and that you've been able to do the things you were planning. Your lodge has had a great summer. We've attended a couple of Rainier's games and, although I wasn't able to attend the last game, I'm sure that everyone who did attend had a great time. Our picnic in July was an outstanding success and everyone who was able to attend had great food and a good time. I especially want to thank everyone who brought the wonderful food and who helped out with the setup and cleanup.

As we move from the months when your lodge is dark there are many things going on. We continued to have open houses through the summer and plan to carry them on this fall as they we are starting to see some results from this effort. I continue to believe the most important thing we can do in the near term is to help men find out about Freemasonry and give them the opportunity to gain all the good things the fraternity offers. We will have our garage sale again this year. It's scheduled for September 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. If you have things you'd like to donate please let us know so we can arrange to get it into the sale.

As you all know our next stated meeting is Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. I look forward to seeing you there. We will have our Past Masters dinner September 18<sup>th</sup>. The Eastern Star Chapter is going to cater the dinner and the cost is planned at \$10. I understand that the main course will be a beef stew in bread bowls. I'm sure this will be a great meal and a great time for everyone. Please plan to attend and spend some time with your Past Masters. I look forward to seeing all of you this fall. We'll present a scholarship to a deserving young person at the Past Masters dinner.

I'm looking forward to the coming fall and hope to see you in lodge. As always, if you have a challenge in getting to lodge please let me know and I'll be sure one of your brothers picks you up and gets you home.

Dick Taylor, Worshipful Master

FROM THE WEST: As the summer days are getting shorter and fall is slowly descending upon us, we need to start thinking about degree work in the next few months. Our summer picnic was a great success and we are already planning for the bigger and even better one next summer. W.M. Dick Taylor did an excellent job at the grill and hopefully we can entice him to do a repeat performance next summer! An addition to the Tyler Lodge "extended family" arrived on August 16<sup>th</sup> at 7lbs 15oz, Ezra David, son of David Brusch and his wife. CONGRATULATIONS to the new family! This message is for all the brothers who are going through the chairs. Don't forget to prepare yourself for "Step Up Night" in October. I have no doubt you will be ready. We have the most talented young brothers moving through the chairs in the whole Tacoma area. See you soon at the September meeting!

W.B. Rufus C. Allen, Senior Warden

FROM THE SOUTH: Brothers; all. Welcome back from the dog days of summer. We have a good deal of activities starting with the Garage Sale in Sept. After that, the past masters dinner on the 18<sup>th</sup>. The stated meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup>. That's just the beginning. Come to lodge and bring a brother with you. New brothers are learning the craft and we owe it to them to help. Come one, come all. We would love to see you in lodge.

W.B. Steve Turner, Junior Warden

FROM THE SECRETARY'S CORNER: The date is set for our Lodge Garage Sale for 7-8 September. We may still need helpers to sign up for two hour shifts on each day from 7am to 3pm, with an additional shift on Saturday from 3 to 5pm to clean up. We could also use volunteers interested in bringing lunch for the crew on each day. Contact me! There is also still time to get some of your old stuff to the sale. Please make sure it's clean, functional, and sellable.

It's also that time of year again for me to sound like a broken record and remind those brothers who have not yet paid their 2012 dues (which were due January 2012) to please bring that payment up to date. I will be sending out new dues notices next month for year 2013. If there are any questions, please contact me at 503-3814 or email: [truittbljt@comcast.net](mailto:truittbljt@comcast.net)

W.B. Bud Truitt, Secretary

Tyler Chapter # 248 OES meets at 7:30 PM on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month except July and August.

**September 6 Short Form** and wear Chapter dress. It will be Education night for the DI. Grand Chapter Report

**September 20 Short Form** and wear Chapter dress. There will be an Initiation. The Treasure and Chaplain will furnish refreshments.

**October 4 Long Form** and wear Chapter dress. Entertainment is scheduled. Adah and the Secretary will furnish refreshments.

**October 9, Saturday** An advance reminder for our 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Penny Auction . Come on out and drop a few pennies for some interesting items, it will be one of our money makers for this year's budget.

**October 18 Short Form** and dress of choice. Electa and the Associate Matron will furnish the refreshments.

**November 1 Short Form** and dress of choice. **Friends Night**, theme is "My Favorite Things." Martha and Warder will furnish the refreshments (with help from members)

**November 15 Short Form** and with Chapter Dress. Entertainment is scheduled. The Associate Patron and the Sentinel will furnish refreshments.

That's about it for this time.

Thanks,

Ken Estess

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