



Horace W. Tyler Lodge #290  
Free and Accepted Masons of Washington  
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## February 2013

“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: Once again we are starting a fresh new year. Several programs that have been put in place the last couple years will continue. Their value to the lodge has proven beneficial to the growth of the lodge and warrant their continuance. Open house has brought interest to the lodge and new candidates. Visitation to other lodges has brought visitors to us and thus increased stated meeting attendance.

The annual summer picnic will be held in the Gig Harbor Crescent Valley Park, same location as we used the past couple of years, on Saturday July 27<sup>th</sup>. The date for the annual garage sale has yet to be made but start looking around and see what you can donate. Last year the donations were not as good as previous years. Let's do better this year.

We will be holding degree work on several new candidates and hope to have a good attendance in support of these, our brothers. Those brothers moving through the chairs are showing great promise to the future of the lodge. They are very bright, come prepared to each meeting and demonstrate a real dedication to the lodge and the Masonic craft. They are not only involved in the meetings but show a willingness to help beyond their elected positions. The feedback we receive from other lodges and Masonic organizations describe Tyler Lodge as having a bright future.

Don't forget February 9<sup>th</sup>. Eastern Star is having a fund raiser Spaghetti Dinner. As they support us with our various projects we need to support them as well. And, let's face it –Those gals can cook!!!

W.B. Rufus Allen, Worshipful Master

FROM THE WEST: Greetings my brothers from the intrepid West. We had a great installation for WB Rufus Allen displaying the private Grand Honors for him. Lots of Brothers there for a very special time. We have been fortunate to have two 2<sup>nd</sup> degrees last month. All positions were expertly handled. We are looking forward to the year with much anticipation as Bro Rufus is at the helm again and it looks to be a very good year for the Lodge. Lots of things to do like the July picnic, lodge visitations, scholarships and much more. The lodge is your lodge. Come on down and join the brothers for their open house. Call Bro Gary Grahm for all of the dates. As you know Brother Jim Truitt passed to that temple not made with hands. We had a very well attended Masonic memorial for him. It was touching and tender and full of love and good memories. We will miss him.

It is my honor to serve you again as your SW. I always enjoy the interaction from that perch. Bring a brother to lodge and have some good fellowship. We enjoy all who attend and miss all who don't. See you at lodge.

W.B. Steve Turner, Senior Warden

FROM THE SOUTH: With a new year starting, I would like to thank the brethren for electing me to the South. I will do my best to uphold the standards that have been set at Tyler that has made us a respected lodge in the area. We have a lot of degree work coming this year. Please attend as much as you can to support our new brothers as they advance, as we have all had the same support during our degrees. It is always a good time and my sweet tooth brings us some excellent refreshment. Look to the calendar on the lodge website (<http://www.horacetyler290.org>) for the most up to date schedule of events, we will be having a busy, busy year!

Gary Grahm, Junior Warden

FROM THE SECRETARY'S CORNER: Well a new year is upon us! It promises to be a good one for our lodge — I expect a great year under WM Rufus Allen. However, we still need to concentrate our efforts this year to locate good new candidates. Our membership is holding at 80 members, down from over 100 four years ago. Most of our loss has been through deaths — we've had 22 brothers pass away since January 2009 (only two were in 2012). But the good news is that our stated meeting numbers remain strong and we have several new enthusiastic Master Masons in the line. We have a very good open house program that WM Dick Taylor started last year (chaired by our JW Gary Grahm) to make the community aware of our existence and how to join. Due in part

to those efforts, we have a few candidates coming in the pipeline, as well as some affiliations in the offing. Please come join these new brothers in our lodge and make them feel welcome. And as usual, please pay your 2013 dues if you haven't already. They were due this month (January) and I still have numerous brothers who need to attend to this duty (and it makes my Secretary life sooo much easier if you pay on time). As usual, please don't hesitate to contact me or the Worshipful Master if you are experiencing financial difficulty and cannot pay right now.

W.B. Bud Truitt, Secretary

From Tyler Chapter #248 OES

Feb. : 7 Short Form, Dress in RED. The men will do refreshments.  
9 Spaghetti Dinner, Noon to 4:00pm, Bazaar Tables, Bake Sale, Cake Walk.  
A donation of \$7.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children is requested.

20 Short Form, Chapter Dress. The Secretary, Chaplain & Treasurer will  
do refreshments.

March 7 Short Form, Dress in Green.

21 Short Form, Chapter Dress. The Worthy Matron & Worthy Patron will  
do refreshments.

Thanks,

Ken Estess

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