

# TRESTLEBOARD January 2012

## From the East

I want to thank the brothers for again giving me a chance to lead to our lodge. I want this to be a great year for the lodge and the brothers in the lodge. I'm going to put the majority of my emphasis this year on building our membership by trying to find ways to make Masonry more visible to the men in the area around the temple. We will have a number of open houses through my term, with the intention of sparking some interest and inquiries from our local area. I am also issuing a challenge to the brothers to replace yourself in our membership. If each of us can interest one man in our fraternity we will have done a great service to our community.

Freemasonry is the only organization I know that encourages men to learn about themselves, do good in their community and doesn't tell them how they have to do this. Masonry requires each of us to learn and grow, and gives us guidance without telling you what you "must" do to be best person you can. This is where the brothers in the lodge become the most valuable asset we have. You will guide the men in our future to be all they are capable of being in their personal and business lives.

Once again I'll ask that you take some time and, if you haven't been to lodge in some time, come and participate. I know that our stated meetings are "business" and can be boring, what we should really be taking advantage of is the time we have together after the meeting to visit and enjoy each other. I promise that I will make a serious attempt to keep our stated meetings as short as possible so we can enjoy each other.

Please keep in mind that we, as always, plan on our widow's brunch on Memorial day. I know you would enjoy visiting with the ladies of your brothers who have passed. We are planning our lodge picnic for the last Saturday in July and the Past Masters Dinner for September. Once again we are planning to go to a couple of Rainier's games this summer (dates to follow).

Worshipful Master Dick Taylor

## A BIG HELLO FROM THE WEST:

This year Tyler Lodge is shaping up to be more active than it has been in several years. We have some new bright young Brothers advancing in the chairs that will keep this lodge alive and well for many years to come. We hope the older, more senior Brothers, will offer their support and guidance to these young men in learning the Masonic trade and various positions within the lodge. We also plan to visit several lodges this coming year. This has already started with an excellent turn out and visit with John Paul Jones Lodge in Gig Harbor. Plans are already being made to visit Defiance Lodge in January. So, this year should be an exciting and busy year! If there are any senior Masons that need a ride to and from lodge meetings let the secretary, Bud Truitt, know and he will help arrange transportation. To our military Brothers who are in active duty, "Thank you for your service", we are keeping you in our thoughts and prayers.  
Fraternally, Rufus Allen, Senior Warden

## **Nothing from the South.**

### **FROM THE SECRETARY'S CORNER:**

As the new year is starting, I would gently remind those brothers who have not yet paid their 2012 dues to get them sent to me as quick as possible, as your lodge relies on your support. They are due by Jan 1 or as soon as possible after that. But certainly, if you find yourself experiencing difficult times, please do not hesitate to contact me and let us know as much, for your fellow members value your brotherhood regardless of your financial situation - but do so early in the year. Unfortunately we as a lodge have little choice but to drop those brothers from the fraternity when they do not pay their dues AND they do not contact us in time to react. For those few brothers who have put off paying their 2011 dues, that time to contact me (or the Master) is now. If you value this brotherhood as I do, please do not let yourself be dropped from the roles. Contact me anytime. My home phone is (contact the lodge or website -admin) and my address is: (contact the lodge or website for more information -admin). Also please let me know if any of your contact information changes and provide me an email address if you have one.

### **Eastern Star News:**

Here's the information furnished by our Worthy Matron.

Regular Meetings, All at 7:30pm and Short Form:

January 5, 2012 - - - Friend's Night, Chapter Dress, Brown Bag auction.

January 19, 2012 - - - Balloting, Initiation, Dress of Choice, presentation of 25/50 year pins.

February 2, 2012 - - - Fun Night, Initiation, Letters of Intent to be read, Dress of Choice, presentation of 25/50 year pins.

February 16, 2012 - - Fun Night, Wear Red, presentation of 25/50 year pins.

March 1, 2012 - - - - Election of Officers, Dress of Choice.

March 15, 2012 - - - - Chapter Birthday, Dress of choice.

Special Meeting:

March 16, 2012 - - - - 7:30pm, Installation of Officers, Dress to be announced.

Thanks, Ken Estess, Treasurer, publicity