

# TRESTLEBOARD March 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**

We've started a busy year at Horace W. Tyler lodge. I'm planning to try to visit a lodge every month during this year so far several of the brothers have enjoyed going along. Visiting is a great way to get to know the brothers in our area and a great time is had by all. In March we are going to visit Fern Hill Lodge. If you're interested in going to dinner before the meeting please let me know so we can let them know how many visitors to expect .

We are in the process of planning a number of open houses for the lodge. These will be on Saturdays and we're making an attempt to publicize these in the area around the lodge. I think it's important that men in the area around the lodge be aware the lodge is here and that we offer them the chance to learn about Freemasonry. The open houses are intended to be informal and a chance to let the community know we exist, what we do and who we are.

We again plan to attend two Rainiers baseball games this summer. The games will be July 26th and August 23rd. If you're interested we'll have more information on ticket prices in the next month or so.

We have several other events planned this year and as the time approaches for these we'll send out information about them.

I'm beginning to learn how unusual Horace W. Tyler lodge really is. Although we're a small lodge we have an active membership. I'm surprised when I visit a lodge and they need visitors to sit in chairs so they can open on a degree other than the Master Mason degree. You've created a lodge that represents what I believe many men enter Masonry to find; friendship, community service, a chance to learn about themselves and how to be a better man.

If you attended the last stated meeting you are aware that, with our smaller membership, we have a very tight budget this year. One thing that will help us is to be able to deliver coming Trestle Boards by way of your email. Our mailing expenses are high and if we can email these out rather than send them regular mail will be helpful. If we don't have your email address all ready please let the lodge know what it is so we can deliver more of our communications via this medium. Of course for those brothers who don't use or have access to a computer we will continue to mail these to you.

As always I will end with the request that you attend lodge if you can. If you need a ride let someone in the lodge know and we'll arrange one for you and if you are concerned you may not know how to get back into lodge come anyway we'll make sure you can get in.

Dick Taylor, Worshipful Master.

**GREETINGS FROM THE WEST:**

With spring time just around the corner, we are already planing some of our summer activities in the lodge. It's time to start boxing up those garage sale items for our annual garage sale. So, remember the lodge when you do your spring cleaning – one man's trash is another man's treasure. We are planning a Chile Cook Off on June 2. Impress your lodge brothers with your cooking expertise or just come and sample their recipes for a fun time of fellowship. Everyone is invited!!! Additional information will be included in the next Tyler newsletter. For all our active brothers in the lodge—if you know of someone who needs transportation to and from our stated meetings, don't wait for them to call you. Why not call them first and offer them a ride. Also thanks to all our brothers who are participating in our monthly visits to other lodges. It is paying off big time. Our last stated meeting we had 38 brothers in attendance. WOW!

Fraternally, Rufus Allen, Senior Warden

**FROM THE SOUTH:**

Greetings my brothers. As you can see, WB Taylor is starting out the New Year with all cylinders in action. His open house schedule and visitation program along with “replace yourself” with a new brother program is ambitious but so very necessary and worthwhile. Come join us at baseball. See brother John Lunkes for details. We are looking toward increased fellowship. Our picnic and events will help build the kind of bond that Horace W. Tyler is noted for. If you (or your spouse) have a favorite dessert considers bringing it to the stated meetings so we can enjoy it during fellowship after the meeting. If you do, please let me know when you plan to bring it for all to enjoy. Please contact any of the lodges officers should you have any question regarding anything Masonic and we will try and finds you an answer. Looking forward to seeing all of you during the stated meeting and events. Bring a brother to lodge with you.

Steve Tuner

**FROM THE SECRETARY'S CORNER:**

Welcome to 2012! I've noticed that many brothers don't quite understand the formal processes of membership in Freemasonry. This is of course not a typical club where you simply stop paying your dues when you move or cannot attend anymore.

Freemasonry requires a formal process to “DIMIT” (withdraw from membership) when you feel that you can no longer remain a member or wish to join another lodge and not maintain multiple memberships. This insures that you remain in good standing with Freemasonry, so that you may rejoin this or another lodge when your circumstances permit. If demitting, you need simply send a note (email is fine) to me requesting a dimit and your Master will honor it; no explanation is required. Please be sure that you dues are up to date at the moment you request a Dimit. You will receive a formal Dimit certificate. Now of course we value all memberships and would rather you not dimit, but we understand that it is sometimes necessary. However, if your reason is difficult finances, please contact the Master of the Lodge first – there may be other options to maintain your membership.

Bud

**Tyler Chapter No. 248 OESs:**

March 1, 2012, 7:30pm. Stated Meeting, Short form, Dress of choice. Election of Officers

Birthdays for Jan., Feb., and March.

March 15, 2012, 7:30pm. The last Stated meeting for this fiscal year. Short form, Dress of choice. 6:00pm Pot luck dinner.

March 16, 2012, 7:30pm INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS  
Spaghetti Dinner, March 2, 2012 at 6:00pm with a cake/pie walk following dinner. \$5.00 donation requested.

As many of you know our mailing expenses are high and getting higher. If you can receive future communications by email please let the Chapter know your email address so we can start delivering these by email. If you don't have a computer or use email we will continue to send everything to you by US mail.