

TRESTLEBOARD May 2011

“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

Greetings brothers: Well, it has taken us longer than all of us had hoped, but we at last have a Trestle Board to publish. Hopefully this newsletter will provide all of you with a little insight into what each of your elected officers are thinking and what they hope to accomplish. We also look forward to having appointive officers contribute as well as any brother that has something they wish to write. This newsletter is a very valuable instrument our Lodge can utilize to communicate, especially with those who are unable to attend regularly scheduled meetings. Please feel free to submit your pieces.

Wow! It is fast approaching the six month mark since the new slate-of-officers were installed and began their stint at serving you in Lodge. A lot has transpired since then and there is more to come. I know that I have been simply overwhelmed with the exalted position with which you have bestowed upon me, but I am trying my best to work for the benefit of the brothers and the Lodge in general. Though I have found myself behind the proverbial eight ball on some things I, with the help of the other officers am working my way out. We now have a budget committee that is working on the new budget and we are looking forward to their report. We also are looking forward to the Widows' Luncheon and Memorial Day service, Garage Sale, construction for parking curbs at the Lodge, the Play Ground on the Sound Bridge and our monthly stated meetings. We are also looking into ways we can build our membership, and of course that always comes right back to the entire membership of the Lodge to keep their eyes and ears open to talk to prospective men who would make both good Masons and great members of our Lodge.

I would be remiss not to mention how it saddened all of us to see Bro. Paul Koppe moves to Arizona and have to relinquish his position as JW. His absence is truly felt. Out of this however, has stepped a new brother willing to make himself available for election and installation to replace Bro. Paul. Rt. W. Bro Jon Forman, originally from the Virginia jurisdiction has indicated he is willing to step up. I, for one welcome this move.

There is so much more I know I would like to express, but space is limited and I should save some of my thoughts for the next publication. In the mean time I look forward to see as many of

you as possible at our stated meetings and the meal before hand. Remember, if you are going to attend the meal and you do not have a standing reservation please let WB Chuck Craig know you would like to attend. We shop for the meal on the Friday before the stated meeting, so having a count by that time helps us purchase food in a more economical manner.

Until then, brotherly love and peace be with you all.

WM Bruce Hopkins

From the West

Greetings from the West. Last month I was tasked to pick up a couple of friends at Sea-Tac airport. I arrived early to a packed lobby but managed to find a single empty seat. I asked the elderly gentleman sitting next to the empty seat if it was being saved for anyone. He said no and with a nod of his head toward the seat he said "sit." No sooner than I had sat down he looked at me and said, "You're a good man."

With a quizzical look on my face I thanked him but somehow he knew I really wanted to know how he could make a statement like that in such a sincere way. He answered me by reaching over and touching my masonic ring. He told me that he was from Texas, that he was 92 years old and, that he had been a Mason for 70 years. He shared other information about his masonic journey until his flight was called to board.

When I returned to my seat I thought long and hard about my years as a mason and what my masonic association has meant to me, but more importantly, what my being a mason has meant to others. The most lasting impression I had was what a powerful and informative symbol the Square and Compasses are, that at just a glance of the Masonic jewelry we wear, someone can immediately tell the content of our character.

Fraternally, Victor Puleo, SW

Nothing from the South.

From the Secretary's Corner Alec Douglas and I ate dinner one night several weeks ago after I coached him on the first degree. I found Alec to be an engaging young man (34 years old) with a fascinating past, a solid future, and a sure bet to be an involved, active mason. I also knew

we would be good friends. I called him one week later to make another appointment and his fiancé answered and told me that Alec had passed away. It's still hard to believe even after I attended his service, which was attended by over a hundred mourners who celebrated a relatively brief but wonderful life. In spite of all of Alec's accomplishments, activities, and obviously adoring friends and family, he sought even more brotherly love and friendship through Freemasonry in our lodge. We can honor Alec's memory by getting to know and appreciate our fellow brothers. Come to lodge.

In other news: Note that our Lodge website after numerous attempts and hiccups is finally in a working condition due to the good work of our Junior Deacon Gary Grahn. Please check it out at www.horacewtyler290.org We will maintain the Temple calendar on that website as well as post the Trestleboard.

I am putting together an updated 2011 Tyler Lodge address booklet, including emails and phone numbers. Please contact me if you have had any recent changes.

WB Bud Truitt

Calendar

Please see the calendar located at http://www.horacewtyler290.org/?page_id=8

- If you desire to have items placed on the lodge calendar, please contact Gary Grahn via email.