

# TRESTLEBOARD May 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**

Spring is once more upon us. I know that I'm looking forward to the things we've planned here for activities this spring and summer. Our next stated meeting is very important as we will be joined by the Grand Secretary, David Owen who will speak about several of the resolutions to come before Grand Lodge in June. There are issues which may have a direct impact your lodge and you.

As we have done every year we will have a brunch for the widow's of our members on Memorial Day (5/28). It's planned for 11:30AM at Massimo's (formerly Captain Nemo's) on Bridgeport Way in University Place. This is always a good time and I want to be sure that if you're able to attend you do. The next weekend, Saturday June 2nd, we are having a Chili Cook off here at the temple and we're asking for a \$5.00 donation to help us fund our scholarships and donations to the University Place Food Bank during the holidays. Please see what our Senior Warden WB Rufus Allen has to say.

Our new web site is up and running and it's great. Brother Gary Grahn has worked a great deal on this so we have something to be proud of. We have a calendar of all the events and activities going on at the Temple, as well as other information about our lodge and Masonry in general. The web address is [www.horacewtyler290.org](http://www.horacewtyler290.org). Bookmark the site and keep up on what we're doing.

My primary goal for this year is to start work to increase our local membership. We've done a good job in raising a number of men to be Master Masons in the time I've been in this lodge, however many of them are, as you know, in the military, and move on to other assignments. I'm proud of all of these men, however we also need to cultivate membership in our local community to keep the lodge going and growing. I'm challenging you to help us with this goal. Talk with one man you know and ask if he knows anything about, or has considered Freemasonry. You're not asking him to join, only if he's considered the craft. If he has, get him a petition, if not talk with him about the value of Freemasonry.

We're continuing to visit lodges each month. Please come and join us if you can, and as always if you haven't been to lodge in a while come and sit with us.

[Dick Taylor, Worshipful Master.](#)

## **GREETINGS FROM THE WEST:**

A "Big Hello" from the West! As summer is fast approaching we need to start planning our different activities for the lodge. Some involve a little work but most are just fun, fun, fun. A

little touch up paint is needed here and there. The annual garage sale that comes later in the summer allows you to start collecting your donations in preparation of the big sale. It is a lot of work but generates income for the Tyler charitable programs. Our Chili Cook Off is planned for June 2, 2012, 1:00pm - 4:00pm. Anyone can participate—Everyone is welcome. So, bring your family, friends, neighbors and a hearty appetite. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place—best tasting chili!!! If you have any questions regarding the Cook Off call Rufus. This year we have been visiting a different lodge every month and Wow, has it been paying off. It is great to see so many brothers from other lodges at our stated meetings. So, thanks to all of the Tyler brothers who have been participating in this endeavor.

Fraternally, Rufus Allen, Senior Warden

**FROM THE SOUTH:**

The year is starting off to a rocking start. The Master has instituted new programs that seem to be resonating with the brothers and the public. Open houses at the lodge (four inquiries last Saturday alone), increased visitation to other lodges (with increasing reciprocal visits) scheduled Rainier baseball games, the picnic, whew! Repair of the building upper walkway was completed. The construction company did an outstanding job. We are powering into the middle of the year and increase the fun and interest in Masonry. Come to lodge. Bring a brother. We can help in transportation, just give us a call and we can make arrangements. Be sure and check the [calendar](#) on the Web for events happening at our lodge and come join us.

Junior Warden WB Steve Turner

**FROM THE SECRETARY'S CORNER:**

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 your 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.

WB Bud Truitt