

TRESTLEBOARD NOVEMBER, 2010

FROM THE EAST: Fall is one of my favorite times of the year. I especially enjoy the change of the seasons, even though we didn't have much summer this year. Our lodge is in the middle of a variety of engaging projects and activities. Our next stated meeting is the election of our 2011 officers. It's, in my opinion, one of the most important stated meetings a lodge conducts. I encourage you to come and enjoy a good meal and great brotherhood and participate in the selection of your new officers.

We are continuing to work with the University Place Schools to implement a Bikes for Books program in one of the elementary schools. This is a long term project and I expect it will provide for both good community visibility for our lodge and work toward one of the most significant goals of educating our children. Children who learn to enjoy reading can learn to be well informed and great citizens.

I endorsed the commitment our lodge made in giving the University Place food bank gifts of \$250.00 for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. Our neighbors continue to adjust to changed economic reality and who better than Masons should support the needs of our neighbors whose lives are changing so rapidly. Please join us in this effort by attending lodge and bringing a non-perishable food item or your own donation to go with our donations.

The past year has been one of the biggest challenges and most rewarding times I've experienced. I appreciate all the support and help I've received as your Worshipful Master. We've accomplished some of what I wanted to do during my term, though I now realize how quickly a year passes. Those activities I didn't accomplish are a result of my personal limitations and schedule. I, as one of my last request to you, is to ask that you attend lodge occasionally and continue to support Masonry.

Fraternally, Dick Taylor, *Worshipful Master*

FROM THE WEST: Nothing at this time.

FROM THE SOUTH: Our last stated meeting was step-up nite. Each year when step-up nite is announced I have concerns as to how the next line of officers will do, so I was very pleased to see how well everything went for next year's officers. The ritual was seamless. It showed me that passion for the craft is alive and well, and that the officers have been in the books so that on day one of 2011, lodge business will not skip a beat. This is important because we need to believe in ourselves as well as project a favorable image to our visiting brothers and our new initiates. By the time this is published our latest initiate should have completed his 1st degree. Let's project to

him, our guest, our community, and to ourselves, that we as Masons of Tyler Lodge are making the most of this incredible journey of individual enlightenment!

Fraternally, Victor Puleo, *Junior Warden*

FROM THE SECRETARY'S CORNER: Greetings brothers! We are into dues season .Notices for the year 2011 have gone out. The annual dues are \$95, which includes a \$15 per capita assessment that goes to the Grand Lodge. The remainder supports your lodge, the physical structure through rent to the Temple Board (building corporation), and our charitable efforts. Please pay by January 1. However, don't hesitate to let me know if your financial situation prevents payment in full by then. Please note that January 1 is also the payment deadline for those who are late with their 2010 dues to prevent being dropped from our rolls. Members who have purchased Life Memberships should already have their 2011 cards. And as of the September stated meeting, Life Members no longer have to pay the Grand Lodge Per Capita assessment! If there are any questions, please contact me.

Fraternally, Bud Truitt, *Secretary*