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TRESTLE BOARD

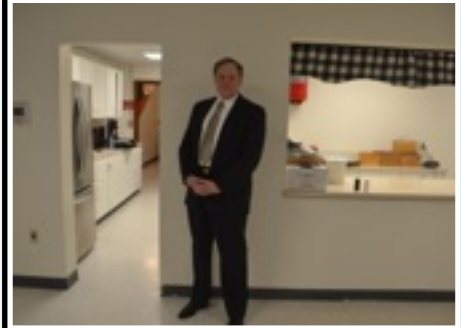


2016 Lodge Officers; front row, l. to r.; WB Ken Estess, SS, Bro. Scott Seitz, SW, WB Victor Puleo, Tiler, WB Bruce Hopkins, JD, Bro. David Brusch, JW. Middle row, l. to r.; WB John Langlow, Organist, Bro. Pete Cole, Marshall, VWB Chuck Craig, SD. Back row: l. to r.; Bro. John Lunkes, Treasurer, WB Charles Covington, WM, WB Bud Truitt, Secretary. Missing; WB. Rufus Allen, Chaplin, Bro. Bill Tammaro, JS.

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Lodge Calendar

- **Stated Meetings:** 2nd Tuesdays at 7:30 PM except July and August. Dinner at 6:30 for \$8.00 per person and guests are welcome. **Dinner RSVP's to Bro. Bill Tamaro at (253) 474-3480, btgunsmithing@comcast.net or (253) 531-2930.**
- **Open Houses:** 2nd Saturdays; Noon to 4:00 PM.
- **Temple Board:** 1st Mondays at 6:30 PM.
- **Poker Nights:** Contact **Bro. Scott Seitz at (253) 353-4959 or scott@solomanins.com.**
- **Adopt-A-Street:** Litter pick-up as required. Contact **Bro. John Lunkes (253) 312-1695 or jlunkes@wamail.net** for current information.
- **Esoteric Lodge:** Study sessions on the 4th Saturday, 1:00 PM.
- **Tacoma Rainiers Game:** July 20th, 7:00 PM at Cheney Stadium. Contact **Bro. John Lunkes (253) 312-1695 or jlunkes@wamail.net** for details.
- **Lodge Picnic:** July 30th, Noon to 5:00 PM, The City Park at Crescent Creek, 3303 Vernhardson St., Gig Harbor.



WB Steve Turner, Temple Assn. Pres., shows off our refurbished kitchen and social hall.



District Meeting held at Tyler Lodge on January 15, 2016.

Recent Passings

WB Tom Jones, died June 2, 2015.

Bro. Max Spangler, died July 12, 2015.

Bro. David Burrough, died August 4, 2015.

WB. Sherm Edwards, died October 10, 2015.

Bro. Charles Jorgenson Sr., died March, 14, 2016

From the Secretary's Corner:

Brethren, well it is so nice to be back on the rehabilitated lodge with all of our things back in place. Our Worshipful Master, Charles Covington, who is also our building maintainer, has done a wonderful job in putting together nice little touches to make our facility feel more like home than ever. This is our home, second one, at least, please help to keep it clean and organized.

It's past dues season, so if you have paid your 2016 dues, you by now have the new plastic card issued by Grand Lodge. Although you still must pay your dues annually, you keep this card for five years. This will save us an amount on postage over those years (over \$200) and every bit helps. For those who haven't yet paid your 2016 dues, they are past due now. As usual, if you find yourself in financial difficulty, please don't hesitate to contact the WM or I and we can make temporary or permanent arrangements to excuse them.

Every month I find that email addresses go bad, so please remember to send me updated contact information when it changes. I will try to get better at emailing out the meeting minutes. If you need to **call me, please from now on use my cell phone number 253-312-1149. You can always email me at truittbljt@comcast.net.**

WB Bud Truitt, Secretary

From the Temple Board

Brothers, well the day has arrived (after 17 months) that we and Belfor, the restoration contractor, part ways. The work is done and we have arrived at the point of reviewing their schedule of work completed and paying only that portion of the bill of work that they did once to our standard. We will be completing this process as soon as possible as we wish to separate ourselves from them as soon as possible. Please enjoy your lodge and care for it because it is yours.

Thank you for your understanding and trusting your board to do the right thing with this important home.

WB Steve Turner

Board President

Masonic Outreach Services

Masonic Outreach Services (MOS) is the replacement of the Masonic retirement home in Des Moines, which closed 10 years ago. We support members of the Masonic Family and elderly community members through the stages of aging. We bring care and support to you to help you reach your goals for continued independence.

Services Provided

- **Information & Referral** - staff are available to assist individuals in identifying trusted resources including care providers, housing options, transportation, support groups, nutrition and more.
- **Assessments** - Staff can visit individuals to assess their physical, financial, and social needs to make recommendations.
- **Care Planning & Home Visits** - Based on assessment, staff will prepare recommendations for individuals and assist in connecting them with services. When possible, our staff will visit people in their homes on a regular basis.
- **Financial Benefits Application Assistance** - Staff can assist in the preparation of benefits and entitlement applications for qualified individuals.
- **Emergency Needs** - Washington Masonic Charities can assist with one time emergency needs requests. We do this in coordination with their local lodge and the Grand Lodge.

Services are provided at no cost, however donations are accepted. Funds received go towards helping another person in the future.

New Support

- **Minor Home Repairs** - MOS will match or reimburse 60 Lodges a year up to \$500 for performing minor home repairs for older Masonic Family members and community members in need. Application must be signed by the Lodge's Worshipful Master and approved by MOS Outreach Director Byron Cregeur, 253-442-2505, Ext. 404, byron@wa-masoniccharities.org

Do we have your **current** contact information?

Please provide us with your current address and phone numbers. As a cost saving to your lodge, we will attempt to send as much communication as possible by email. If you use email, please provide your email address. Your help with our budgeting efforts will be **greatly** appreciated. Thank you.

From the West



The Senior Warden Jewel is The Level - One of the immovable jewels and one of the Working Tools of a Fellowcraft mason. It is an instrument to lay horizontals; but we as Free and Accepted Masons are taught to make use of it for more noble and glorious purposes. For me, one of those noble and glorious purposes is approaching everyone on the level. This is how to create Harmony among the Brothers or any other group for that matter. Truly, it is the strength of all institutions.

To lay horizontals, everything needs to be level or even. Many equate this lesson too mean equality among men and masons. That's mostly correct. However, make no mistake about it: we are not all equal. Anyone telling you otherwise is selling snake oil (cont).

We all have differences, vast differences. Our economic means may be vastly apart. Our social and business acumen can be worlds apart. Our physical, mental abilities are not equal either. That's just the way God made us.

However, when we come together as brothers, we should understand we are traveling upon the level of time to that undiscovered country from whose bourne no one returns. So 'to lay horizontals' means the ability to approach and accept one another on the level. When we enter the Lodge, we are free from all social chains. In this way, a Masonic Lodge has been a sanctuary since the start of time. Remember our promise to befriend and relieve our brothers? And to defend his character? You cannot do this without accepting them as an equal travel partner to that undiscovered country.

Brothers, you do not have to like everyone. You do not have to share their opinions. You do not have to approve of their approaches. But you are expected to meet on the level. If we can meet upon The Level, we can make ourselves, our fraternity and humanity better.

Bro. Scott Seitz, Senior Warden

Recent Candidate Degree Progress

It has been very encouraging to witness the level of interest in Masonry being expressed by younger candidates. Tyler Lodge is pleased to acknowledge these most recent degree conferrals:

- **Bro. Derrick Deathridge**, raised Jan. 5, 2016 and proved up Feb. 9, 2016.
- **Bro. Rodelio Polintan**, raised Oct. 6, 2015 and proved up Nov. 11, 2015.
- **Bro. Jeremy Butler**, raised June 17, 2015 and relocated to Hawaii.
- **EA Pedro Colunga**, initiated Mar. 24, 2015, 2nd Degree scheduled.
- **EA Edwin Davis**, initiated Feb. 24, 2015, awaiting 2nd Degree.
- **EA Jared Montgomery**, initiated Sept. 17, 2015, awaiting 2nd Degree.
- **EA Jacob Larson**, initiated June 23, 2015, awaiting 2nd Degree.

We are indebted to those brothers who have encouraged friends and associates to petition the lodge and be accepted as candidates. We have also found that our monthly open houses provide a venue for those non-Masons interested in Masonry to broaden their knowledge and petition the lodge.

From the South

Brethren,

I, David Brusch, have the pleasure of sitting in the South this year as Junior Warden. I am looking forward to our events for the year and hopefully our newer members will attend. Join us for refreshments after our stated meetings.

From the south,

Bro. David Brusch

Junior Warden

Greetings from the East

Brethren, first I'd like to thank every brother of Tyler Lodge for the opportunity I've been given to sit in the East this year as Worshipful Master. It's been a humbling experience and an honor to sit in the Oriental Chair and I'll do my best to live up to the standard set by the Past Masters that have come preceded me.

The building restoration is finally complete and with it many changes have been made to the aesthetics of the downstairs and Temple rooms. We now have, in my opinion, the nicest and most tasteful Temple in the area. It's an absolute beauty to see the deep red carpet throughout the upstairs, the refinished beams in the Lodge room itself and even the addition of the blue accent to the heaters and pipes throughout the downstairs dining area. The inside of the building looks like a completely different facility. VWB Dick Taylor and Temple Board President WB Steve Turner took the lead on this project and deserve ultimate credit and appreciation for their time and patience dealing with the project over the past 18 months. Thank you, Brothers, for all that you do for every one of us here at Tyler.

There is still much to be done over the course of the next year, Brethren. We have the outside of our newly remodeled building to paint, for example. We will do this task ourselves in our ongoing effort to contain costs. Probably the biggest and most daunting task ahead of us is the state we find ourselves in financially. The fire and subsequent cost associated with it made us take a long hard look at the revenue and expenditures as well as the future **sustainability** of the Lodge. Just like any home or business, the day to day costs of operation continue to rise and, without a plan of action on how to generate funds, the Temple may not be able to keep itself solvent beyond a few more years. There are many plans in the works but we need all the help and ideas we can get from you Brothers. Our SW, Bro. Scott Seitz, has stepped up and been put in charge of the committee handling development and implementation of a business model to keep us in the black. It's not a task for him to take on alone, my Brothers. Any ideas or input can be submitted by any member of the Lodge or concordant body and I fully encourage all of us to take some time and come up with at least one idea that they think would be a benefit our goals allowing us to keep the doors here at Tyler Lodge open to both the local and Masonic communities. We are one of only three or four Lodge buildings left in the Tacoma area and I hope, that, for the future of Tyler Lodge, we can rally together in order to save our Masonic home.

It's not all bad news here at Tyler Lodge though, Brethren. There are plenty of new and wonderful things we have been doing and have planned for this year. We had our first dance at the Lodge in 20+ years with another in the works later this year. During the Stated Meetings, we are reading the Minutes from the past starting with the very first meeting in 1951. We are also reinstating a monthly masonic lesson when time allows. Thanks to WB Bruce Hopkins professional efforts, our stated Meetings are now preceded by a dinner which family, friends and prospective candidates are welcome to attend. We are also mandating a higher level of proficiency in our degree work and we have added some amazing young minds to our Lodge. We have even added a monthly Poker Night which is proving to be popular. We are headed in the right direction

Lastly, I'd like to personally thank the newly installed Lodge officers who all willingly stepped up to assume leadership roles in your Lodge. I also wish to thank Jessica Gaking the woman in my life and the reason I became a Mason while striving to be a better man. Thank you for your support and help behind the scenes. You are my rock and inspiration.

Thank you, My Brothers, and I hope to see you at Tyler Lodge very soon.

Fraternally,

WB Charles Covington

Worshipful Master