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## Up Coming Events

\* Officers Meeting Feb 12,2012  
(EMC)

\*Sweethearts Dinner and Stated  
Communication Feb 13,2012

(rsvp, to the Secretary, Please)

Dinner 6:30 PM Lodge at 8:30 PM

\*Special communication

Feb 27,2012

Dinner 6:30 PM

Lodge 7:30 PM

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## The Cornerstone; What is Charity? WM Andre Dewald

I bring you greetings, my Brethren, and best wishes for a Happy New Year. This is my first of what I hope will become a regular column in this year's Trestle Board for Everett Lodge #137. I am using it as a means to pass on ideas and thoughts for us all to consider. It is called "The Cornerstone" because I hope these thoughts and ideas will spur each of us to better become what we claim to be as Masons; the cornerstones of our society. It has been said both within and without the Lodge doors that Masons represent something special. They are men who all should emulate because they reflect the character of a good man. When one man looks upon a Mason and thinks, "I want to be like him," he has just begun his own journey into Masonry, whether he knows it or not. By bringing these ideas to the forefront of our thought processes, I hope to make us each aware of the example we represent to others, not just at meetings and functions, but every day in every circumstance.

Recently, our Lodge has experienced some unsettling undercurrents of emotion. These emotions have led some Brothers to react in ways that seem contrary to our Masonic oath to each other as Brothers. In our rituals and oaths, reference is often made to the concept of *charity*. We are to seek it, embrace it and practice it. When many of us hear the term, we think of monetary contributions to organizations and helping the poor and destitute. But I would suggest that it goes further than that. What we refer to as *charity* is actually much more. We use the verse from scripture that says: "*If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have charity, I gain nothing. (Corinthians 13:3).*" Therefore, charity must be more than an act of giving worldly goods, such as money or your time. No, charity is not an action verb. It is a condition, a state of mind. C.S. Lewis, in his book, Mere Christianity, says "Charity means 'Love, in the Christian sense'. But love, in the Christian sense, does not mean an emotion. It is a state not of the feelings but of the will; that state of the will which we have naturally about ourselves, and must learn to have about

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### What is Charity (Cont.)

does not mean an emotion. It is a state not of the feelings but of the will; that state of the will which we have naturally about ourselves, and must learn to have about other people.”

Lewis goes on to say, “...Christian Love (or Charity) for our neighbors is quite a different thing from liking or affection. We *‘like’* or are *‘fond of some people’*, and not of others. It is important to understand that this natural *‘liking’* is neither a sin nor a virtue, any more than your likes and dislikes in food are a sin or a virtue. It is just a fact. But, of course, what we do about it is either sinful or virtuous.” Notice that? It is ***what we do about it*** that is a sin or virtue. How you feel is your business, but what you do about it is what reflects your virtue as a Mason and as a Man. The guide to our actions is contained in our oaths and charges. Let us consider those as we choose what we think is a virtuous path,

Something for us all to work on this year, wouldn't you say?

Fraternally yours,

### Look to the West ,from your Senior Warden, Bro Jay Morris AKA, Honorable Bike Master

Brethren , Hope that your first day of the year (2012) has gotten you off to a grand start , and that you will add to it each day you wake up.

My first day was to take a ride on the old Harley over to Snohomish and beyond . Any one that rides knows that the faster you ride the colder it gets BRRRRR . Riding fast is the best , if you are on two wheels on a road with lots of curves ! But when you come to a stop the temperature just seems to change to 70 degrees right now . Plus a good cup of coffee and your ready to head down the road .

Loree always worries about me . And when I get home it is either , I'm so glad you are home , or why didn't you call and let me know that you were all right . Its good to be wanted , RIGHT? ( Not the Post Office )

Happy New Years to all of you . And remember that every day is the first day of the rest of your life !



Fraternally  
BJW Jay Morris

## Thibodaux's Moment ( Past Masters Rant) W Greg Outman

“So, when I was Master.....” Ha! That’s a good one . Here’s the truth... I had a good time, and thanks go out to all who participated in a great year. You sure do learn a lot , both the good and the, well, challenging. One thing for sure, there’s not a lot of time to sit around and lament about things. After all, there is work to be done . So that being said:

I have just taught myself to do this Trestle Board. It was supposed to have been out in January, but the Microsoft Publisher intimidated me until 5:45 PM, on the 5th of February, 2012. Then after a mere 8 cups of Java, I did assault this project.

My apologies to the Worshipful Master, for the delay I hope I have restored his faith. Look forward to the “Boudreaux Post” getting better and better.

PS. Past Masters-Either submit articles or listen to me rant... FOREVER.

Yours, until I’m expelled. For now, I’m out on a ride!

Greg Outman



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**And just when you thought it was safe to go back into the bayou.**

## Boudreaux and Marie take a vacation

Boudreaux and Marie take a vacation to the Cajun Riviera, Holly Beach Louisiana. They had a great time. Boudreaux buried Marie in the sand on the beach. Then Marie buried Boudreaux in the sand. It was so much fun. Boudreaux buried Marie in the sand. They had so much fun. A year later Boudreaux sat back and was thinking of how much fun they had on the beach. He thought it was so much fun that maybe he would go back there and dig her up.



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