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Up Coming Events

Regional Communication

"Region 8"

Everett Masonic Center

11 AM -6:30PM

(See Agenda on page 4)

*Special communication

Feb 27,2012

Dinner 6:30 PM

Lodge 7:30 PM

The Cornerstone; Year of Recognition WM Andre Dewald

Fraternal greetings from the East, my brothers.

Those of you who were at the last stated meeting know that I have proposed a different type of program for Everett Lodge this year. For those of you who were not present, let me bring you up to date. We all know how great it feels to be recognized when we make a very concerted effort on some project or activity. And our Lodges do an admirable job of internal recognition. The Grand Lodge also recognizes outstanding Masons in our Jurisdiction. But what seems to be missing, in my humble opinion, is recognition given by one Lodge to brother in another Lodge. Wouldn't that level of recognition make your heart fill with sentiment to think that brothers of another Lodge recognized you for your contribution to masonry...unannounced and unexpected.

That is the program I would like Everett Lodge to undertake this year. So I have proposed that on visitation where the Worshipful Master, Senior Warden or Junior Warden is in attendance, they will be empowered by the Everett Lodge to award a Blue Bullet pen to the most deserving brother of the Lodge being visited. Why the "Blue Bullet," you ask? Good question.

I have related the story during my installation about my childhood love of the Lone Ranger TV show. I always loved that this man, who hid his identity, would arrive to find people in need and then help them, with no expectation of reward other than to leave things better than he found them. I have always felt this epitomizes the attitude we as Masons should foster and promote. And when the Lone Ranger left town with his hearty "Hi Yo, Silver!," everyone would say, who was that masked man? I don't know but he sure helped us out, didn't he? And all he left was this Silver Bullet. Well I am proposing the Blue Bullet for those Masons who we all recognize, not in our Lodge but in other Lodges in our District and surrounding districts. This is to let those brothers know that they are an example to all of us and we are proud to call them brother.

I want to thank those brothers present at the last stated meeting for accepting this program. Now all we need to do is fund it. (There's always a catch, isn't there?) Several ideas have been proposed and we will discuss them at the next stated. So be ready to contribute your ideas. I have already contributed the first batch of pens and we have awarded several to deserving brothers in our district. Let us show our deserving Brothers that the Brothers of Everett Lodge see their works and are proud.

Thank you, my Brothers, for allowing me to be a part of such a great Lodge and Everett #137. You all make me proud every day!

Fraternally,

WM Andre' Dewald

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Brethren ,

Greetings from the West.

I want to start off by thanking all of you for your vote of confidence when you elected me as your Senior Warden .

All of us know how important it is to be acknowledged by our brethren . From the newest EA , to the Oldest honored member of the Lodge coming through the front door . We all want to be part of this great Fraternity , And we also want to make our Lodge better in or own way .

My being elected as Junior and now Senior Warden has prompted me to sign up for the PiLM course . This has helped me in so many ways .

I can only imagine how much harder it would have been to prepare myself for the next possible step up in the Lodge , and would like to strongly recommend it for all the MM .

This would be a great step for you and your history as a Freemason , and would make you a strong member of your Lodge .

Fraternally,
Brother Jay Morris



Look to the South , from your Junior Warden, WB Jim Hamlin

Musings from the South

Brethren, thank you for allowing me to be a part of your Masonic labors. It is an honor and pleasure to be a member of Everett #137.

A few months ago I intensified research into my family's roots. I was fortunate that all my grandparents and great grandparents were alive when I was born but only have a couple a memories of the earlier generation. Through census and other records the facts of my predecessors are being discovered. But looking at a picture of one of my great grandfathers, Guy Hamlin, I miss knowing his thoughts and experiences. Much of my youth was spent with my grandparents. Just through idle conversation they were not only able to share the facts of their lives but also how they were raised and some of what I now view as wisdom.

We Freemasons are also fortunate in that facts of Masonic history are pretty well documented and our rituals & landmarks are relatively unchanged. But history and facts are just the who, what, when and where's. (Continued Page 3)

Musings from the South (Continued)

Wisdom is gained by answering the why's. We find wisdom in listening to each other. We find wisdom in the study of history and ritual not looking just for facts but trying to answer the why's. We gain wisdom by sharing and discussion. Brethren, is not our quest for Masonic Light the quest for wisdom?

Fraternally,
WB Jim Hamlin

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Thibodaux's Moment (Past Masters Rant) WB Greg Outman

Greetings Brethren,

Upon exiting the East, the now Past Master is removed from the ultimate position of power with the lodge. He thinks, “Wow, the pressure is off, and I know I can go be Chaplain or Junior Deacon or Tyler or Side Liner,” or, probably the biggest hazard of all, “I don't HAVE to go anymore.”

True, and you didn't have to go in the first place.

I would submit to all, that the time when a Master is most needed, is AFTER his year. Sitting on the side lines mumbling, “That's not how I did it in my year,” Doesn't work for me, and I wouldn't recommend that to any Past master.

On the contrary, Past Master follows along side the current Master. Where there is a deficiency, the Past Master fills it. When brethren go wayward, MIA, the Past Master gently brings them around . He creates dimension in the lodge environment , by suggesting and inserting himself into programs from fundraising to degree work and mentoring.

From where is sit, and where I sat, a Masters year is all about him. He is honored at every event and is the focal point of all lodge efforts.

While that was seemingly fulfilling , I personally am enjoying myself much more in the service of the lodge as a Past Master. To those Past Masters who are serving selflessly in the capacity, I salute you. And there is always room for more service.

I'll be in there laboring as well, it's one of the few times when I know I'm absolutely doing the right thing.

Yours, until I'm Expelled,
WB Greg (AKA, and Laughably so, The Road Warrior)





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Region Eight
DISTRICTS 2, 8, 9, & 10

January 2012

To: Grand Lodge Officers, Past Grand Masters, Deputies of the Grand Master, Standing Committeemen

Subject: Region 8 (Districts 2, 8, 9 & 10) Special Meeting of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of F. & A. M. of Washington

Where: Everett Masonic Center
234 Olympic Blvd.
Everett, WA

Date: Saturday, February 25, 2012

Time: 11:00-12:00 Call to Order by Host Lodge-Skykomish #259
12:10-1:10 District #2 Meeting- Educational/Informational Breakout Sessions
1:20-2:20 District #8 Meeting- Educational/Informational Breakout Sessions
2:30-3:30 District #9 Meeting- Educational/Informational Breakout Sessions
3:40-4:40 District #10 Meeting- Educational/Informational Breakout Sessions
4:50-5:50 General Session
6:00-6:30 Social Hour

Brethren,

You and your lady are cordially invited to join the members of Districts 2, 8, 9 & 10 to participate in our Region 8 Communication and Special Communication of the Grand Lodge. Refreshments will be served during the event at a cost of \$10.00 to cover food cost. Additional monies collected will be donated to the Grand Masters Fundraiser (to support the Youth Groups). This is a great opportunity to renew acquaintances and make new ones. Please join us for this special occasion.

Fraternally,

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