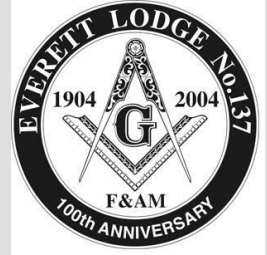




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From the East *By WB Greg Outman, WM*

Brethren,
I bring you warmest Fraternal greetings from the East.

I'd like to start by thanking you for the opportunity to lead the lodge this year. Yes, there are many responsibilities but none that are any greater than endured by Past Masters and their administrations. Labor, is a matter of perception. And this labor is an endeavor I truly enjoy.

Many of you are aware of the recent events of my life, and also of the changes in the lives for many of the brethren of our lodge. Many of you have assisted me and these brethren in their

time of need, and for that, you have my profound thanks.

We all know that times are changing, and with that change come challenges. This lodge has seen a challenge, in the form of time that we have been asked to invest into it, for the purposes of assisting its brethren and in the conferring of new members. In January, I eluded to my belief that Masonry would see its numbers rise, as freeborn men began to rediscover the incredible value of its teachings and precepts. This is happening, and as a result, our dedication is being put to the test. I too, feel the strain and I understand the sacrifice that I ask of you and your time.

I also recognize the sacrifices of all those who came before us. Our labor honors them and

declares to all that their labor and sacrifice was noble and not in vain. When I enter our lodge, I truly believe that I am on hallowed ground, 107 years of noble sacrifice and selfless service. A powerful incentive to re-dedicate myself to the important works that lay ahead.

Armed with that knowledge, I am invigorated and energized, and very much look forward to the challenge of the labor, with the greatest confidence those future Masonic generations will, though their labor and selfless dedication declare, that our labor and sacrifice, was not in vain.

Brethren, let us labor...

I am always at your service.

An Urgent Request from the Worshipful Master

Brethren,
WB Haage is preparing to receive surgery again on his hip. He is in a lot of pain and will be away from lodge for some time. While the lodge will send a card to him and his lady, we will all need to send him our own personal cards. Here what I'd like to see; A card of your choice, addressed to him:

WB George Haage
C/O Everett Lodge # 137 F&AM of WA.
234 Olympic Blvd
Everett, WA. 98203

In the card, please put your phone number and tell him how much he has meant to you, and encourage him to call you for anything he needs.

We will gather the mail and insure it is transported to WB Haage. With all his doctor's appointments, it will be hard to get a visit in. With these cards, we can show him our affection.

This Brother defines Masonry. Brethren, let's get these cards in the mail. I expect to be delivering many cards very soon.

Thank you,

From the West

By WB Andre' DeWald, SW



Hello, my brothers.

I have been asked to provide a brief update on my employment situation so that everyone is up-to-date. As many of you know, I have been unemployed since February, 2009. That has been a long dry period, my brothers, but many of us have been in these circumstances lately. Several brothers in our district have been struggling even longer. With that in mind, I ask you to remember our charge, brothers..."at this alter, we have promised to relieve a brother in need..." These brothers are all around you and you may not even know it because very few Masons will talk of their OWN needs. It is the nature of their character.

When you discover a brother in need, help that brother in whatever capacity they may need. Their need may not be strictly financial. No brother likes to accept a handout. Masons are givers. So give to your brother in other ways that may help them. Invite them to a Masonic func-

tion, your treat. Offer to drive them to Lodge. Or better yet, if possible, help them find work by passing their resume on to people you know. Help them network with other Masonic brothers in their particular line of work who may be able to help them. Helping a brother can take on many forms. Your kindness will be remembered and appreciated. As for me, during that dry spell, I started my own promotional products printing business. That business is growing but still not providing a living wage. We are building it as fast as we can and learning much in the process. Fortunately, I am now working at AT&T again as a project manager, with a living wage to supplement the printing income so I can stop spending my 401K money. Good thing because it is all gone now anyway.

Thank you, as always, for your support.



From the South

By Bro Kal (Kalvin) Schroder, JW

Brethren,

I thought I'd introduce myself to those I have not personally met. I was born in the last few months of WWII in Germany. My father was a German soldier during that war, and

he met my mother in France while the Germans occupied that country. Shortly after the war my parents divorced. Mother and my older sister moved back to France, while I went to grade school in Germany. When I was 10 yrs old, I emigrated (with my dad) to Calgary Alberta in Canada where I learned to speak English. I met my wife there, whose background was similar to mine, although she's not of German descent.

I have always joked with my wife Zena that we are not gypsies, but perhaps we may be internationalists. Outside of the US, I have lived in Germany for 12 years, in Canada for 12 years, and in the UK for 8. I was made a Freemason in Calgary in 1967, got married in 1969, and shortly afterward we moved to Spokane. I became quite active in the Blue Lodge there, went through the Scottish Rite as well as becoming a member of the El Katif Shriners. In 1983, with a newborn daughter and a 3 yr old son, we moved to Birmingham, England to start a catering business. Our youngest son was born there a year later, and with 3 young children and 3 offices in different cities, I never became active in Ma-

sonry until moving to Everett. I believe the reason I became Junior Warden was because someone had remembered me saying I was a "caterer". That may have been true, but I never did learn how to cook! You see, the closest thing to dinner in my catering business was selling Ham and Cheese sandwiches! ...and I didn't have to make them! Zena maintains that "if you can read, you can cook"... so I am learning to read as I write this..

Kal (Kalvin) Schroder, Junior Warden
Everett Lodge No 137

Membership Committee Report *By Bro David Harper*

Brethren,

2011 has only just begun and already it is off to an outstanding start. Although 2010 was a banner year, initiating 19 new brothers, 2011 is promising to be an even bigger year for Everett Lodge #137.

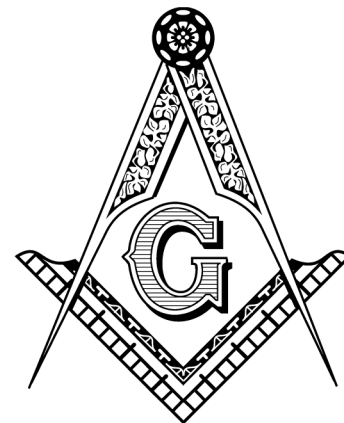
At our January 3rd meeting, we entertained 3 guests who are interested in taking a closer look at Everett 137 and we held one initiation. As of January 17, we already have four 1st degrees scheduled and one Fellowcraft. All this and it is just the first month of 2011!

If you have any prospects speaking to you about Masonry, you

may want to print out this brochure titled *Freemasonry - An Overview* and designed by the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Washington for helping brothers explain Masonry. The brochure is available as a Word document at <http://www.freemason-wa.org/Committees/ResearchAndEducation/BROCHURE%20ELECTRONIC%20R3.rtf> or at <http://tinyurl.com/273qf89>.

Finally, I believe building the lodge through new memberships is only part of the process. Our long-term goal must focus on retention of current members and keeping these brothers engaged and active in the lodge as well as developing mentorship programs for newly initiated

Brothers. I will work with the other members of the Membership Committee to ensure that we have an action plan in place to not only build our membership with new members, but will work to maintain and keep our current roster of members.



Ritual Committee "A Degree of Study" *By WB Greg Outman, WM*

Brethren,

I have good news and even better news, I am studying and I am still studying. Hopefully, that should make for some very good degree work.

So, for all the brethren involved in Degree Work, I will be at the Lodge on Mondays "Degree of Study" to study all the degrees. We need to get good, the better we get, the smoother the Degree goes, and there is nothing wrong with a quick, efficient degree conferral.

Now, for all those who do not know, Everett Lodge # 137 is moving it's Charter to the Masonic Park for the purposes of a Third Degree "Open Air" conferral, in August. (Yes, you'll have to look it up at

www.everett137.org to find out the details. But, I will begin confirming parts in the Degree on our Stated Communication on February 14th, 2011. So, if you want to participate, announce! And let me know. This is going to be cool.

Ok. Lastly but just as important. Some of the brethren that are involved in moving up the degrees have expressed "discomfort" about being asked multiple times about "proving up" and returning there work.

I have assured these brethren of two things; It is NOT about the work, rather the fellowship, that we value, correct?

And that the inquiring brethren are just excited about their progress. Yes, so I am one of these as well and I have promised

these brethren that ONLY their mentors will be communicating with them on this. I will refrain and I'd appreciate your cooperation on this as well. Thank you!

In regards to the lodge, I'd like to see a quick gathering of officers after each communication, in the lodge, for a critique of the ritual and meeting in general. I can take it, so it's all good.

I aim to get good at this, it helps to make the lodge experience better for all.



Masonic Light Committee *By Bro Paul Rentner*

Brethren,

This is a new committee whose mission is to maintain contact with the Brethren and to support the elderly and infirmed Brethren, their widows and orphans. The Masonic Light Committee members are: Bro. Paul Rentner, Chair; WB George Hagge, Bro. Joe Murphy, Bro. Mike Standerfer, and Bro. James Wilcox.

We will be bringing you news of Brethren and their families who are sick or in distress and provide timely notice of the passing of a brother. We will also let you know of *News Around the Lodge* – especially awards, accomplishments, promotions, honors, etc.; of brothers and significant events of their family members occurring either in or out of lodge. For those brothers who no longer live in the Everett vicinity, including those deployed service members, we'd love to hear from you – so drop us a note and let us know what's happening in your life. We will read those notes in Lodge and acknowledge awards, honors, etc., in a future issue of the Trestle Board.

This committee is the Lodge's contact for the Washington Grand Lodge Masonic Outreach Services Program. Outreach Services can help open doors for those who are growing older, are alone, or find themselves in circumstances which could be improved if they had help from within their own communities.

We request that if any of you have knowledge of members, widows, or their family members that are sick, hospitalized or otherwise infirmed, please let us know including information on how we can contact them. If direct contact with them is inappropriate or not desirable at this time, please provide us information on their status and how we can contact you for further information and what assistance may be needed. You can contact Paul Rentner, committee chair, by email at prentner@frontier.com, or by phone at (425) 357-0984. In the near future the Masonic Light Committee will have its own email on the everett137.org site.

Masonic Trivia **Did you Know ?**

1. "'3 TIMES 3' - In ancient times the Entered Apprentice Degree was alone prevalent amongst the generality of our Lodges; for no Brothers could be passed and raised except in the Grand Lodge, and few availed themselves of the privilege. Hence they had only one sign, one token, and one word, and these three constituted the honors. But the members of the Grand Lodge had three signs, three tokens, and three words, and therefore, three times three were appropriately termed the Grand Honors."

From the "Fraternal Review", Southern California Research Lodge F&AM.

2. When asked how he came to be a Mason, President McKinley explained:

"After the battle of Opequam, I went with the surgeon of our Ohio regiment to the field where there were about 5,000 Confederate prisoners under guard. Almost as soon as we passed the guard, I noticed the doctor shook hands with a number of Confederate prisoners. He also took from his pocket a roll of bills and distributed all he had among them. Boy-like, I looked on in wonderment; I didn't know what it all meant. On the way back to camp I asked him:

'Did you know these men or ever see them before?'

'No,' replied the doctor, 'I never saw them before.'

'But,' I persisted, 'You gave them a lot of money, all you had about you. Do you ever expect to get it back?'

'Well,' said the doctor, 'if they are able to pay me back, they will. But it makes no difference to me; they are brother Masons in trouble and I am only doing my duty.'

"I said to myself, 'If that is Masonry, I will take some of it myself.' "

From "The Truth is Stranger than Fiction," by Alphonse Cerza, Masonic Service Association, 1967.

Sites to Visit

Everett 137:

<http://www.everett137.org/>

District 8:

<http://district8ofwashington.org/>

Grand Lodge:

<http://freemason-wa.org/>

Masonic Anniversaries

1945 - Richard Lueth
1953 - Robert Karlstrom
1978 - Stephen Boyer
1981 - Howard Erickson
1988 - Bruce Biddlecome
1997 - Steven Myers
2003 - Joseph Costanzo
2007 - Paul Metzentsoff

February Birthdays

4 - Eugene Hasson
7 - Edwin-Jay Mortega
13 - Casey Mulivrana
20 - William Hood
28 - Calvin Schroder

News Around The Lodge *By Bro. Paul Rentner*

Brethren,

We ask that any Brother, widow or family member that has news input for this committee, please pass it to any committee member or by email to me, Paul Rentner at prentner1@frontier.com, or by phone at (425) 357-0984.

Under The Weather *By Bro. Paul Rentner*

WB George Hagge, our Marshal, is having back and hip problems such that it now appears likely that he will need a hip replacement shortly. Bro. Chris Nippard, our past Jr. Deacon, was in a car accident on Christmas Eve that resulted in a concussion and damaged ribs. He is recovering and anticipates being able to return to work shortly. Our prayers and wishes are with you Brothers.

Scholarships *By Bro. Jay Morris, JD*

Brethren,

The applications for the two scholarship funds have been sent, received and acknowledged by Sky Valley Education Center, and thank the Lodge for this opportunity to continue their Education. The applications are being filled out by the students as we e-mail

Fraternally BJD Jay Morris

For the Ladies

LADIES: The Lodge wants you to enjoy your husband's year as a Mason. There are several events scheduled through-out this year that will include dinner and a program for the ladies. Check the calendar of events at www.everett137.org or send Vickie an email at vickieand-sam@comcast.net for a printable version that highlights only the ladies activities. The next upcoming event is the Sweetheart's Banquet, scheduled for February 14th. Dinner starts at 6:30p; dress is holiday festive. We hope to see you and your Mason there!

Fundraiser

THINK PINK! The ladies liaison group is hosting a dinner-theater event on September 26th as a fundraiser for the Lodge's scholarship program. "**Merry K Lodge #29...again**" is a "think pink" spoof on a Masonic Lodge Meeting as portrayed by a group of very zany women! This is going to be FUN! There are still some Lodge Officer roles available, so give Vickie a jingle if you want to take part in this hilariously good time: vickieand-sam@comcast.net / (425) 710-7637. No theatrical experience needed...just a zany sense of humor that you are willing to share!

