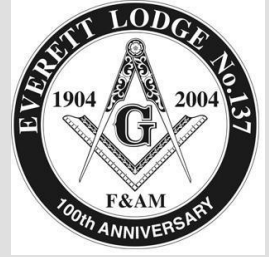




# Everett Trestle Board

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## From the East *By WB Greg Outman, WM*

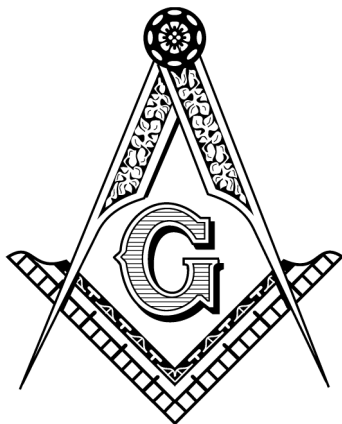


Fraternal Greeting to all the Brethren,

In the last Trestle Board, I had talked of what I believed was a general societal resurgence in interest in the Craft,

As of now, I am pleased to report that in my Masonic travels, the brethren on other lodges have reported an notable upswing in petitions and degree work scheduled. I was also pleased to hear that Fellow Craft and Master Mason degrees were also on the rise, alluding to passions of the newly obligated to continue seeking Masonic Light and Truth.

If I was not so busy with our own degree work, I would be helping them with theirs. To me, this is getting fun; this is why I became a part of this fine Fraternity to begin with.



There is a reason for all this; Most of the Brothers we have initiated recently are here as a result of a friendship with a standing member. I myself have contributed in this way. These now newly obligated brethren at one time inquired to me after watching the manor in which I conduct myself in society, the way I do business, the way I treat my friends and even those who may not see me as a friend. I would submit that other brethren would tell the same tale, and that especially in today's society, the qualities of who we are, as men and Masons, have begun to stand out. In general society, standards and behavior have become lax to say the least. But we, as Free and Accepted Masons, with our Working Tools and Ritual, maintain a standard that stands out and is noticed by men who appreciate the importance of it and wish to participate.

There is a lot to be said for acting nobly, for acting with moral purpose and definitive direction. For me, in my personal life, this has been so completely true. Things for me have improved greatly, and the only reason for that is that I stood morally upright and followed to precepts and tenants of this honorable institution. When I was weak, the Brethren assisted me with

support and fellowship. When I was strong, I assisted other brethren in the same way. I watch the interactions of the brethren in this lodge as well as others. Nowhere else do I see this level of brotherly love, fellowship, relief and truth. It is the true meaning of Masonic beauty.

We, as a lodge, are strong, and more importantly, on the proper course. Because of me? Hardly, I'm just happy to be here. Because of you? Completely, again I'm just happy you're here.

Be noble, do good, and be Masonically beautiful. Don't be afraid to stand out from others by doing so, they will come to you, trust me. But don't all do that at once. We can barely keep up with the degree work we have now.

I am always at your service,

WB Greg Outman

## From the West

By WB Andre' DeWald, SW



My Brothers, in recent weeks, the resolutions proposed by Daylight Lodge No 232 regarding use of the terminology regarding the Volume of Sacred Law has been a topic of conversation and controversy. I think this is a good thing. It is important to express opinions and discuss topics such as this to keep our Fraternity relevant and in step with modern times while also guarding and preserving our beloved traditions. This type of debate is a mainstay of the freedoms our Fraternity holds dear, a right our country extends to all its citizens and one that many of us have fought for. By presenting these topics, we encourage the exposure of new ideas, challenge the status quo and expand the minds of all the Brothers.

But there is a negative factor made clear in the recent articles. Some of us are still struggling with that first admonishment of an Entered Apprentice...learn to subdue your passions. To take a side and argue for it in a manner that seeks to convince others of its worth and value is the nature of debate. Personally attacking your opponent because they side with the opposite view is not good debate nor is it good Masonic behavior.

When we say we want to learn to subdue our passions, we do not mean we forego all passion in our lives. There will always be issues about which we feel strongly, and rightly so. But we should not allow our passions to plunge us to those levels of animosity for our opponent and resort to base attacks on their character. This is where we must circumscribe our passions, my Brothers. I am saddened to see two brothers whom I respect resort to these types of slurs and innuendo about each other simply because they hold different opinions on a topic of controversy.

I urge my Brothers to remember our lessons. We are all good men trying to become better men. Let us practice being better men with one another as well as with humanity.

Fraternally  
WB DeWald  
Senior Warden



## From the South

By Br Kal (Kalvin) Schroder, JW

Brethren,

I had the opportunity to spend a week in the Caribbean on a cruise ship. We departed Miami on January 30th, and visited 4 islands in the Bahamas, US Virgin Islands and British West Indies. I felt terrible having to miss cooking for the crew, but I overcame this feeling once I was on board and tasted some of the great food. The ship I was on at the time had 3,000 passengers along with 2,000 crew

members. That's quite a ratio! Our cabin was on the 7th of 9 decks, of course we had a balcony. The weather was absolutely perfect. I actually don't know how many restaurants there were on the ship. They were all inclusive of our fare with the exception of one. There were about 6 buffets, where you could eat almost anytime. We also had the choice of a sit down dining room for meals at a set time, or a sit down dinner anytime we wanted. The food was excellent!! I ended up trying various deserts there while

keeping an eye out for what I could copy for a dinner at one of our meetings. The results of all this excess was a weight gain of 6 lbs in one week! Fortunately I have lost it since my cooking is not anywhere near what they had on the ship. I was told they had 6 executive chefs!

Kal (Kalvin) Schroder  
Junior Warden

## From the Secretary's Desk *By Br John Novak, Sec*

Brethren, check your dues cards. I still have 25 brothers that haven't paid their 2011 dues.

Our sister lodge Prospect Lodge #172 will be having their Installation of Officers on Monday, March 14, at 7:30 PM. Last I heard VWB Roberts, and our Worshipful Master were going to attend. Contact one of them if you would like to attend.

Remember the one day conferral on Saturday, March 26th, at the Scottish Rite Center in Seattle (1207 N. 152nd St. in Shoreline). Attendees and Mentors need to register with the Grand Lodge office through me by March 21st. Mentors and any other attendees will be charged \$10.00 for lunch.

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### March Birthdays

6 - William Nissen  
9 - Francisco Lalas  
10 - Douglas Compton  
12 - Michael Gartner  
14 - Theodore Keithahn  
16 - Leo Latlip  
22 - Dane Johnson  
24 - Ronald Quinto  
29 - Richard Lueth  
30 - Bruce Biddlecome  
30 - Alexander Dimura

### March Anniversary's

1941 - Leonard Foster  
1951 - Lyle Ostlund  
1975 - Vern Kirby  
1976 - Godofredo Lascano  
1978 - Daniel O'Connell  
1979 - Pete Bruskrud  
1986 - Leo Latlip  
1998 - Baldwin Benninghoff  
2002 - Ronald Quinto  
2006 - Garrett Hester  
2008 - John Novak  
2010 - Jay Morris  
2010 - Jeramie Taylor

## Ritual Studies "A Degree of Precision " *By WB Greg Outman, WM*

Hello again Brethren,

So I look forward to this ritual segment because it gives me a chance to address one of my favorite issues, positioning and carrying of the Deacon Rods. As a former (and current) Senior Deacon, I am fascinated by the position of the rod in relation to the Senior Deacon in the Lodges I have visited.

In the lodge, for the Senior/Junior Deacon, the rod is either on the right or left of the Deacon and can be grasped in either hand. Then during the purge, I've seen the rod carried in all manner of ways, and it always seems to draw comment from the sidelines. If it is me who carries the rod, I respond by exchanging the "You talkin' to me?" look, to put them on guard while I check myself to see if I really am screwed up. So, imagine my surprise to come across

an actual reference book on the subject; The 1974 booklet on floor work authored by the *Grand Lodge Special Committee on Floor Work*. Well! Of course there is! And I love this booklet. (I am a little strange) Among other tasty tidbits, It does state, "The rod may be carried in either hand." And, well, that's it. Hmm... So, I'm asking myself, how ought it be done? And I have an answer for that, at least in part.

The Rod is an offensive and defensive weapon, if you will. When purging the lodge, among other duties, the senior deacon could, if ritual became reality, use the rod to block entrance, repel, direct and protect. As with any potential weapon, one naturally wants to wield it with the strong hand, in this case, my right. So I purge with the rod in my right hand. But, the rod does need to be extended out be-

tween you and that potential Cowan in the sidelines....

The dilemma here, of course, is in two outwards rods (Senior and Junior Deacons) means one it the left hand and the other in the right. Ok if your Junior Deacon is left handed. So, now I'm in deep here. Then it dawned on me. There not prescribed way to purge, as in who walks where and when. Maybe the Junior Deacon purges from west to east and the senior from East to west. This way the rods are out between the deacons and the bad guys, and the rod resides in the strong hand. I'm sure this whole thing has been reinvented forever, but it was fun to think about. You can see my booklet on floor work but you can't have it. Something like that has to be a collector's item. Maybe we should make copies for the guys on the sidelines.....

## Masonic Light Committee *By Br Paul Rentner*

Brethren,

The Masonic Light Committee has a new Email address at [masoniclight@everett137.org](mailto:masoniclight@everett137.org). This is the preferred and fastest way to contact the committee.

If you or a family member knows of a brother or his wife/widow who is sick, hospitalized or suffering distress, we'd appreciate hearing from you so we can update the lodge brethren and to aid and assist wherever possible. In the case of members who are infirmed, provide us their status and how we can contact you for further information and learn of what assistance may be needed.

### **Locator Help Needed**

Our Secretary has been very resourceful and largely successful in locating brothers who were missing in action, i.e., had moved and hadn't informed us of their new address, phone number and email address. We are embarrassed to advise that he's had less success in obtaining contacts for widows of our past members. We need your help in locating the missing brothers and widows.

Recent mailings to **Brothers Garrett Hester, Daniel O'Connell, Krieg Brooks and Paul Metzentsoff** were returned for address unknown. If you or a family member has knowledge of these "lost brothers," please provide us a current address, phone number and Email address. We also would very much like to receive contact information for **all widows** of past Everett Lodge No. 137 members (please include the name of the deceased member).

You may provide the information by email, phone or letter to any of the contacts below.

Email Masonic Light Committee:	<a href="mailto:masoniclight@everett137.org">masoniclight@everett137.org</a>
Secretary:	<a href="mailto:secretary@everett137.org">secretary@everett137.org</a>
Phone: Masonic Light Committee:	Bro. Paul Rentner, (425) 357-0984
Secretary:	Bro. John Novak, (425) 765-4461
Letter:	John Novak, Secretary, Everett Lodge No. 137 F&AM, 5425 141 <sup>st</sup> Place SE, Everett, WA 98208

## From the Deputy *By VWB Sam Roberts*

Brethren,

It never ceases to amaze me how men of diverse ages, backgrounds, interests and temperaments can all gather together in a single room and enjoy..., no relish each other's company. It may not have been so difficult as few a 5 years ago when the average age was (higher than now), the candidates may have been somewhat younger but fewer, and the guys that were coming in were just like the rest of us. Admit it, we were comfortable, unchallenged and, maybe, even a bit complacent. I'm glad for the newer, younger, multi-tasking, multi-dimensional, full steam, what torpedo men that are joining the Fraternity. Just as they will challenge us to higher levels of performance, we must step up our delivery, not only of the Degrees and Ritual, but our Mentorship, Fellowship and Brotherhood. Our history shows us what can happen if we become degree mills without the traditions, the meanings behind the symbols and allegory, the taking a Brother in hand and joining him on HIS journey.

Sure, they are different. By age, background..... But like every other Brother here, they (WE) came in search of something they (WE) could not find anywhere else. Let us make sure that they get everything out of Masonry that they (WE) need. It is up to US that they get everything they paid for, not in money, but in the commitment to wanting to be a part of something great, something bigger than themselves, something that is MASONRY. Think about it and act accordingly to what your heart tells you is right.

VWB Sam Roberts

## Demolay *By Michael Lea*

Hello Brethren of the Masonic Order,

My name is Michael Lea. I am the son of the Current Master of Lodge Everett #137, W.M. Greg Outman. I'm also a current member of the Washington; Order of Demolay and I am the Senior Counselor of Henry M. Jackson Chapter, which holds its meetings at Lodge Crystal #122. Many of you know me, some of you do not. But to me, those in the fraternity are automatically my acquaintances.

I have been called upon to write an article about my chapter for Lodge Everett #137. This is so the Brethren may have some knowledge of the on goings of my chapter. I will give you as much information as I have.

Approximately 3 to 4 years ago, the Henry M. Jackson Chapter had a good amount of members. Then, because the locations the members lived in and the distances they needed to travel, the majority of the members joined T.H. Little Chapter (which resides in Bothell).

There were 3 members left; Nicholai Whippo, Jacob Whippo, and Lucas Whippo. The two advisors were Dad Whippo (Scott) and Dad Pascoe (Frank). The chapter was in that state for a while. Then I joined Demolay in August of 2009. Nicholai Whippo was the Master Councilor at the time. I was appointed the position of Senior Deacon. I went to the chapters meetings for several months, with the chapter being relatively inactive except for few occasions (state balls and car washes). Even I stopped attending for a while, due to some issues occurring in my life. During that time I missed the elections for our chapter. Jacob Whippo was voted the position of Master Councilor. I then started participating in the meetings toward the end of August of 2010. When I returned, I was appointed the position of Senior Deacon again.

With the number of members we had, we were barely able to open and close. There was a sense of urgency coming from one of our members. Lucas Whippo, who was the Junior Councilor at the time, brought in two petitions from two of his friends who wanted to join. Those two boys were Kyle Wolff and Shawn Madamba. They were initiated into Demolay in October 2010. With the new members, the older members were motivated to get active.

December of each year is when the District 8 Lodges have their Installations of Officers. It is also a month when the Bethel #50 of Washington; Job's Daughters have an installation for the end of a 6 month term. Our group was also planning a Christmas Party during that month too. We saw some good opportunities, and we took them. We asked the Lodge Everett #137 if they would like our group to perform an "Arch of Steel" Ceremony at their Open Installation. They accepted. We asked Bethel #50 if they would like us to perform an "Arch of Steel" for their Open Installation. They also accepted. We also invited the Bethel to our Christmas Party, which they attended. Our group practiced our "Arch of Steel" with swords lent to us by the Scottish Rite of Everett Valley. We performed our "Arch of Steel" with 6 boys at the two Installations. Our performance was given a good opinion by the majority of the audience, at both Installations. Our Christmas Party was a success, in my opinion. Everyone enjoyed themselves. We were given a donation by Lodge Everett #137 for our service to them.

It just so happens that on the day of Lodge Everett #137, I grouped together my chapter and had a discussion with them after the Installation. I gave a motivational speech about what our chapter's state has been for the last several years, and what we could be in the future. The opportunities we could have and the achievements we could make. I pointed out that we have had 1 year terms for officer positions, and that is not suitable to a chapter of our size. I suggested that we start having 6 month terms starting in January. The Master Councilor, Jacob Whippo, and the rest of the chapter agreed. So, in January we had our Election and Installation of Officers.

The Positions of our Officers for the First Term of 2011 are:

- Master Councilor: Nicholai Whippo
- Senior Councilor: Michael Lea
- Junior Councilor: Lucas Whippo
- Senior Deacon: Kyle Wolff
- Junior Deacon: Shawn Madamba
- Marshall: Jacob Whippo

(next election is in June 2011)

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In February we organized, attended, and assisted in a few events. We attended the Demolay Winter Ball. We have had a party, which included a presentation for possible and future members that attended the party. We also assisted in serving food and washing dishes at Lodge Arlington #129's "Ladies Night" Dinner. In the future, we are going to be running the Hotdog Stand and Car Wash at the Everett Masonic Center's Garage Sale in April (thank you those who gave us this opportunity).

We also have 2 signed, voted on, and accepted petitions. We will have 8 members in our chapter by the end of March.

All of this sums up to one sentence. "We are improving as a chapter". My chapter has been stationary for too long, and we were unorganized and had difficulty functioning correctly. We are slowly moving our selves forward to becoming a strong chapter. It will take some effort and time, but my goal is to create a strong unit that functions in a proper and organized way.

My fellow men, your donations and requests for our services have been a big factor in our im-

provement. Your participation and expectation puts us on the spot, which gives will give us motivation to not mess up. Your donations could be given freely, or they could be earned by us.

My message to all of you who read this is: "When my chapter is inactive, we deteriorate. When we are active, we thrive". This may not be the case in the future. We could be totally focused on what we are doing, even with little activity. But at the moment, this is our situation. This is as much as a message to the Brethren as it is to my fellow members.

We meet on 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month at 7 P.M. at Lodge Crystal #122. All brethren are welcome to attend our meetings if they would like to.

Michael Lea  
Senior Councilor,  
Henry M. Jackson Chapter  
Washington; Order of Demolay

## Masonic Trivia

### **What is meant by the Golden Fleece, Roman Eagle, and the Star & Garter?**

*The Order of the Golden Fleece was founded by Duke Phillip of Burgundy in 1429. The Roman Eagle was the symbol of the power and might of Rome during its heyday two thousand or more years ago. The Order of the Star was founded by King John II of France in the 1300's. The Order of the Garter was created by King Edward III of England about the same time. The use of the apron as a badge is actually older than any of these.*

### **What is an oblong square?**

*A rectangle with its length greater than its breadth, or, as applied to the shape of a Lodge Room, the east-west dimension being greater. In ancient times, the world was supposed to be shaped like an oblong square, surrounding the Mediterranean Sea. Symbolically, this is the form of the Lodge Room.*

### **What is the Masonic interpretation of "profane?"**

*A "profane" is a person who is not a Mason.*

### **What does "hele" mean?**

*"Hele," pronounced "hail," is derived from the Anglo-Saxon and means to cover or conceal.*

### **What does "So mote it be" mean?**

*"So mote it be". The word "mote" is derived from the Anglo- Saxon word "motan" meaning "to be allowed". Hence, the phrase "So mote it be". These are the last words in the Regius Poem.*