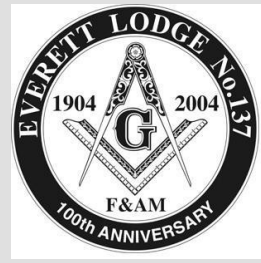




## Everett Trestle Board

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



Brethren all,

For this month's Trestle board submission, I have struggled to settle on one particular topic. There are so many things to talk about and ideas to bring forward.

As is usually the case, it is during the preceding month that I get my ideas for the next issue. And, just in last couple of days, as luck would have it, I received my calling.

So, we've been busy doing degrees. And yes, this is always good. So we've been doing degrees.

And what of it?

What's next? I'd submit that the degree conferral is the easy part, we come, we say the words, we eat, and we leave.

At our courtesy degree with Alpha #212, I asked of our already newly obligated brethren if he was our candidate for that night. Oops (This still smarts)

It's a good thing that feeling stupid only lasts for a short time. And for me, feeling stupid converts to immediate action. I requested, of our Secretary, our list of Entered Apprentices, and I called all who had numbers.

This brings me to my second point. In one of the telephone conversations, I was talking with a newly obligated brother, and I happened to mention that fellowship was supremely more important than returning proficiency. Now, you would have thought that I'd just paroled him from prison! He was elated! He went on and on about what a great brother I was.

What I actually was hearing, was, myself saying, "Am I promoting "proving up" over fellowship. What is going on here?

So, for the record, there are two things to be taken from this article;

1. The Master will be calling the Entered Apprentices and the Fellowcrafts, not for the purposes of "proving up", but, just to say hi Brother, how are you?

2. While in conversation, I will reiterate that fellowship is SUPREMELY important, compared to the prove up.

Brethren, Proficiency is a personal journey, which a brother takes on his own, when he is ready. I started mine, because it was important to me. Some people climb mountains. Some people ask stupid questions (that would be me). And some, reserve themselves for the day when the can devote more time to the craft.

The Masonic journey is not an immediate payout, but an investment in the future. I have heard many a story, of brethren being away from the craft for years, only to return, and even become completely involved in the craft.

It is not within the purview of the brethren or I to decide when, or how you, as a brother, involve yourself.

Just know that the brethren of this lodge are here, not to push, but to fellowship with you. That being said, we stand always ready to assist your education when requested.

Come, Brethren all, and fellowship with us, I promise I'll be quiet.

As for me, I'm checking with the secretary before saying something that will make me wish I was the incredible shrinking man.

And I am always at your service.

WB Greg Outman

# From the West

*By WB Andre' DeWald, SW*



## Keeping it Fresh!

Spring has sprung. And as with every spring, we observe new life emerging from the Winter gloom. Birds are starting to sing, plants are popping up, grass is growing again, and children are outside playing in the neighborhoods. Everyone feels refreshed, eager to tackle new projects. We plan our spring projects, a new garden, cleaning out the garage, getting our tools ready for a new season of building. It is a fresh feeling, isn't it?

But how fresh is your Masonry education? Are you still coming to Lodge with a fresh attitude? Do you feel renewed and invigorated when you leave Lodge? If you are a new mason, and we have a number of new masons in our Lodge, you probably do feel good when at Lodge. It is a fresh new experience for you to experience the fellowship and love of your Brothers. But if you have been coming to Lodge for a number of years, or worse yet, if you have given up coming to Lodge because it has become mundane and repetitive, then maybe it is time to freshen up!

I have long been an advocate of Masonic educational moments in Lodge to keep Masons learning about their craft. I believe this keeps Masonry interesting and alive. By educational moments, I am not talking about ritual practice or review. That is very important and there are events planned for practicing that, so an educational moment should not be yet another ritual review. I am talking about interesting facts about the craft that we can share with each other. For example, history is replete with famous men who many do not know were also Masons. Being interested in early American history, I know of several founding fathers that were Masons, as I am sure you do. But did you know that Davy Crockett and Kit Carson were also Masons? What do you suppose induced them to become Masons? What were their Masonic experiences like? Or another topic, the Lodge configuration is packed with symbolism. You may know of several but did you ever notice that the Worshipful Master is three steps above the main floor? And the Senior Warden is two steps above? And of course the Junior Warden is one step above. Why do you suppose that is? Does it have significance? You bet it does my brothers, but we never hear of it so most do not even know.

I think it is time to sweep out the cobwebs of our Masonic minds and plant new knowledge to help us grow in Masonry. I have some ideas on this and would love to discuss them with you, my brothers. If you are intrigued, get with me at dinner before Lodge one night and let's talk about what we can do. I welcome your input and thoughts on the subject.

May brotherly love always prevail!

## Scholarship Committee *By Br Jay Morris, JD*

WM and Brethren,

The Scholarship committee has selected the two students that will receive Everett Lodge 137 Scholarships. A difficult decision to say the least. Each student has taken the time to share their interests in helping their community in different ways, and working hard to further their education in many different fields.

Each of them came highly recommended by the teachers and staff that had worked with them over the past years, and could tell how much they cared for each of them. Thank you for helping us

with this difficult decision.

The Lodge will present the Scholarships to the two students on May the 9th at our stated meeting. We have invited their family and a representative from the school to accompany them for dinner and the presentation.

Thanks to WM Greg Outman and VWB Sam Roberts for their help on the selection.

Fraternally  
Br Jay Morris



## From the South

*By Br Kal (Kalvin) Schroder, JW*

I would like to thank our lodge for allowing me to attend the 2011 Warden's Conference, held in Yakima March 11th thru Sunday March 13th. It was an experience like no other I have ever been to.

I estimated there were about 300 masons attending. It's been a long time since I've seen that many masons sit in one room! Of course we didn't stay all together in one room, because as soon as we got our first instructions we were put in groups of about 12 masons. I believe the organizers made sure that there were no two masons in the same group that actually knew each other! Probably the most extraordinary person in the group I was in was a brother Junior Warden from Wenatchee. Well, he is the Junior Warden this year, but he was the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England! He moved to our state about 12 years ago, and I learned a lot more about our brothers across the pond than I knew when I lived there 25 years

ago. To become a mason in England you have to put down anywhere from \$500 to \$800, and dues are \$65 per month.... depending on the lodge. They only average 6 or 8 meetings per year. I know that because I am planning a trip there in May and hope to visit a lodge while there. Most lodges are closed from May until September.

There were so many events and classes scheduled that I don't think it was possible to attend them all, ranging from Communications within the lodge to planning the year as Master. They were all excellent seminars, and I wish we could have had another day there. I think this will help all who will be Masters of their lodge in the future to run it much more efficiently than would otherwise be possible.

Thank you Everett #137 for sending me there!

Kal (Kalvin) Schroder

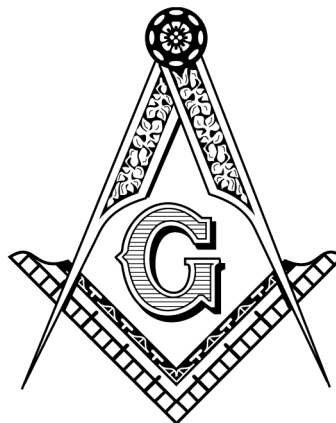
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## From the Secretary's Desk *By Br John Novak, Sec*

Brethren welcome Br. Martin Fraser, Br. Casey Mulivrana, Br. Matthew Sullivan, Br. Terry Rushing, Br. Andrew Groh, Br. Jared Blake, and Br. Elliott Adcock as our youngest Entered Apprentices. Also congratulate Br. Dean Bonar, and Br. Isaac Duran on being Raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. The first three months of 2011 have been a busy time for us, and we have more petitions coming in, degree work to complete, and mentoring to do.

### **April's Birthdays**

7 - Jeramie Taylor  
 12 - Michael Standerfer  
 16 - James Wilcox  
 17 - Gerald Aaron  
 17 - Martin Bredvik  
 21 - Sam Roberts  
 22 - Daniel Chadrow  
 22 - Joe Paul  
 23 - Werner Opitz  
 24 - Howard Erickson  
 26 - Howard Mortvedt



### **April Anniversary's**

Chester Brown  
 George Haage  
 Donn Wales  
 Jack Sheeler  
 Robert Herzog  
 Steven Juntwait  
 James Farris  
 Gregory Brown  
 Natalio Valencia  
 Roger Dick  
 Dean Latshaw

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

Brethren all,

They say that things happen in threes, and I'm not just alluding to negative things. Actually I'm of the belief that this theory can apply to almost anything.

Take Ritual for example, (You never saw that one coming). So, in regards to ritual, I normally concentrate on one part or tradition. However, in the last month, I have come upon three instances of "ritualistic disharmony" which also included me saying something that was not correct. The other two instances were me watching the other brethren and their interactions.

I could regale you with the stories, but I will abstain, as my mouth has had a hard time getting it right and I just need to let to go, and forgive myself.

So, to the point, there is a lot of correction going on between the Brethren, regarding ritual. It is all good stuff, and done properly. But much of it is incorrect. I own some of this, as stated before.

And yes, I thought I was doing the right thing, and I did mean well. Unfortunately, what a brother hears from me, or you, they commit to memory, and recite to others.

The moral of this story; I have decided that when questioned about a facet of the craft that I am not absolutely sure of, my response will be to find the

appropriate publication, or Brother, to consult for the answer. This is not a good time to "wing it", lest you find yourself in the undeniable position of have to take credit for providing incorrect information, as I have.

Remember, we cannot know everything. (Some are getting close) and there is no shame in saying "Brother, let us find the answer together." I'd ask all the brethren to insure that the knowledge they choose to impart is completely accurate, or preferably direct the brother to a know source on Masonic education.

As for our lodge, I will, from now on, entertain any ritual questions, at out communications, and forward then to the secretary. He, I and you, if you'd like, can find the answer together, then return it to the lodge, for all to share.

This is good stuff.

WB Greg Outman



## The Ladies Corner *By Vickie Roberts*

LADIES, join the lodge for an old-fashioned pot luck dinner at our "Down Memory Lane" night. Prepare the best dish that mother ever made, and bring it to share with the lodge. Everyone will have an opportunity to share a memory from their childhood - where you were raised, your dreams of being a rock star, if you had to milk the cows and bring in the hay before walking 20 miles in the snow...barefoot! In addition, Louella Novak will share her passion for making truly stunning pieces of silver jewelry. Are you a widow? -- this will be a fun way to get reconnected with your friends at the Lodge. Looking forward to seeing everyone at Lodge at 6:30p on Monday, April 11th!

On Monday, May 9th, the Lodge is hosting their annual Past Masters' night. Ladies are definitely invited to participate in this tribute to the past masters of Everett Lodge 137, where the Past Masters will be asked to share a few memories from their year as master. As usual, dinner will begin at 6:30p.

Ladies - if your husband was master of this lodge, please send pictures of his year to WM Greg Outman - we would all love to see them.

If you require transportation, contact the Masonic Light Committee (see article/contact information within this newsletter).

Vickie Roberts, Ladies Liaison

## Masonic Light Committee *By Br Paul Rentner*

Should a brother have something that is happening in his personal life (e.g., children graduating, marriage, birth, maybe someone taking a new job or gotten a promotion) and wishes to share with the rest of the brethren, please let us know. We are all family and wish to share your happiness. Send your input to [masoniclight@everett137.org](mailto:masoniclight@everett137.org) or call Paul Rentner at (425) 338-0112.

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.

We'd be delighted to enjoy the fellowship with some brethren who we haven't seen in lodge for a long time. If it is because of lack of transport we will fix that – see Need a Ride information below. If it is because some of your Masonic teachings now escape you, let us know when you arrive early and you will receive a refresher course from one of the officers prior to the meeting or Come to a Monday "Degree Of Study" session held in the Everett Masonic Center dining room at 6:00 PM each Monday that we do not have a stated or special communications. The Worshipful Master, Secretary and other brothers are there to help those progressing through the degrees learn their Posting Lectures and master masons will be practicing ritual work or refreshing themselves on Masonic teachings.

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### News of the Brethren

Eddie Buckley, our Junior Steward, has this to pass on to the brethren about his upcoming deployment with his unit to Kuwait.

I am currently assigned on active duty (AGR) with the 364th Sustainment Command (Expeditionary) located in Seattle, WA. We are deploying in September and have a lot of mandatory training leading up to that at Ft Hunter Ligget, CA and Ft Bliss, TX in the next couple of months. I have really enjoyed my time in the Lodge and will stop by and visit when time permits until I leave. I will stay in contact with everybody by email and once I get my address over there I will send that also. I am going to miss Lodge and the great fellowship!

Fraternally,  
Bro. Eddie Buckley

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### Sickness and Distress

**WB George Hagge**, our Marshall, is scheduled for left hip prostheses replacement on April 1<sup>st</sup> at Virginia Mason hospital in Seattle. We've missed WB George's presence these past couple months and look forward to the time when he once again is able to join with the brothers in lodge. Our prayers are with you Brother.

We learned that **Marcella Reed**, widow of Brother Orrie Reed, has moved to Merrill Gardens assisted living facility in Marysville. Her health is failing in that she has colon cancer. I'm sure she would appreciate a card or note from those who know her. Her address is 9802 48th Dr. NE, Apt. 208, Marysville, WA 98270-8106. Our prayers and best wishes are with you and your family Marcella.

**Carol Farris**, wife of **WB James Farris**, is currently at Swedish Hospital (Cherry Hill Campus), recovering from complications from surgery. WB James believes she will be coming home Thursday, March 31<sup>st</sup> but he reports there are still many home care issues/cautions/restrictions to keep in mind. This has been quite a shock for his family. On March 26<sup>th</sup> he sent the following to share with the brethren:

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She went to California for a endoscopic disc micro decompression in her cervical spine area (C5-C6). Apparently there was swelling in her spinal cord due to either damage during surgery or just the surgery procedure in general, not sure at this point. In either case the swelling in the cervical spinal cord area has caused my wife to be numb from the neck down when she awoke from surgery in the recovery room. She has since regained the use of her arms and hands but her middle, ring, and little finger on both hands are still a little numb. She has also regained feeling in her arms, chest stomach. She can use a walker and move her legs, but just cannot feel much from the waist down. Her movements are very slow and cautious, and she is still trying to regain dexterity in the use of her hands, so she can write and type, etc. But for the most part her hands movements are doing better. But recently her progress has slowed as far as positive recovery changes, but we are hoping for more improvement as we go.

This surgery procedure was endoscopic and supposed to be minimally invasive or minor scars or surgery effects, basically an outpatient type of procedure. So this effect from surgery is not expected and has caught us off guard, but we are moving along. Thank you for your prayers and thoughts.

WB Farris and Carol. Our prayers and best wishes for a speedy recovery are with you as Carol as she progresses on the road to recovery from this tragic event.

### **Need a Ride to Lodge Meetings or Special Event?**

We know that some brothers and ladies no longer drive or drive only during daylight hours. If this is the case where you need a ride to the Everett Masonic Center, we will try to arrange transport by a brother. Contact the Masonic Light Committee transportation coordinator Bro. James Wilcox at (360) 659-7921 in advance or send an email to [masoniclight@everett137.org](mailto:masoniclight@everett137.org) with your location and date and time of meeting/event.

### **Broken Column**

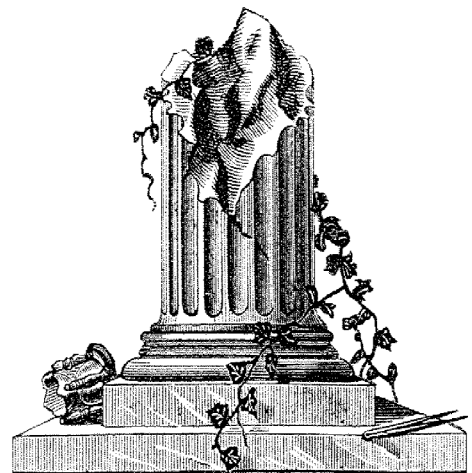
In the Secretary's pursuit in locating members who had moved and left no forwarding address, we are saddened to just learn of the passing of three brothers of Everett Lodge No. 137 during the past decade.

**Brother Warren G Bowen**, born on 1/17/1909, initiated on 5/8/1944, passed to Fellowship degree on 5/22/1944 and raised to Master Mason on 7/17/1944, died on 12/25/2002

**Worshipful Brother Lynn M Bjerke**, Born on 9/19/1916, initiated on 1/11/1952, passed to Fellowship degree on 1/11/1952 and raised to Master Mason on 3/28/1952, died on 9/20/2010

**Brother Howard C Erickson**, born on 4/24/1921, initiated on 2/25/1980, passed to Fellowship degree on 9/8/1980, and raised to Master Mason on 2/23/1981, died on 6/17/2004.

The days of toil on earth are over for these brothers and they have entered upon a greater field of labor. Thus ends the records of these three Just and Upright Masons.



## One Day Conferral *By WB Hernan Divinagracia, Tres*

Brethren,

Perhaps the proudest moment to my recollections ever since I became a Master Mason member of Everett Lodge No. 137 14 years ago, was to witness 8 brothers of our lodge conferred a 3rd Degree on 16 candidates on Saturday, Mar. 26, 2011 at Seattle Scottish Rite Center. What was remarkable about this events was the Masonic ages of the 7 brethren who performed it. There was **(1) Jeramie Taylor, King Solomon, 1 year; (2) Jay Morris, SD, 1 year; (3) Joe Murphy, 8 months, Jubelo; (4) Jim Wilcox, Wayfaring/Seafaring Man, 8 months; (5) David Harper, 7 months, Jubela; (6) Dean Bonar, 1 month, Jubelum and (7) Isaac Duran, Craftsman-3, 2 days!** Not to be overlooked is our very own Deputy of the Grand Master for District No. 8; **(8) VWB Sam Roberts, Conferring Master** and I don't want to mention his Masonic age because compared to you 7 brothers, his is ancient; and it was fitting that he lead it.

It was also a privilege to be part of the team of our Grand Master, MWB G. Santy Lascano in opening and closing the Special Communications of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Washington for the purpose of conferring a One Day Conferral. Indeed, Everett Lodge No. 137 was well represented.

Brethren, with your unselfish endeavors to our gentle craft and in particular to our lodge, I must say you did a great service to those 16 candidates in giving up part of your precious weekend. Also, I may add with confidence that by your dedications, the future of our lodge is in good hands and likewise by your example, you will leave a lasting impressions to our members. Whatever positions you now hold in the lodge and in the future; by your actions, example, confidence and self reliance you will be able to train your successors in office. I give credit to our lodge leadership in the last 2 to 3 years in finding and training you brethren. Indeed, I am most proud of you.

WB Hernan Divinagracia  
Treasurer

## Order of Demolay *By Michael Lea, SC*

Hello Brethren of the Masonic Fraternity

I, Michael Lea, am representing Henry M. Jackson Chapter of Washington; Order of DeMolay (Marysville Chapter/Crystal Lodge) would like to start out with thanking those who thought highly of my last article. I was glad to have given the Brethren some information about what my chapter does and what the donations your lodges send goes toward.

I would like to make a correction to my last article (written for March of 2011). Bro. Vance Whippo of Crystal Lodge #122 is one of my chapters Advisors, and has been in the chapter since I've joined. He is most helpful and the positive influence in his participation will be duly noted.

On March 11th, we had the First Formal Chapter Meeting of the month. I did not participate at this meeting, but I heard that many Brethren showed up to it. The next day, March 12th, Henry M. Jackson Chapter joined with North Sound Chapter (Mt. Vernon Lodge) to conduct an Initiation for our newest Members of our Chapter, and have a sleep over. On March 20th, all 8 boys showed up at the

Snohomish Masonic Center to pressure wash the outside entrance, walls, and walkways. We finished in 2 hours, were paid, and then moved our operation over to the Everett Masonic Center. We finished in about another 2 hours. On March 25th, we had our Second Formal Chapter Meeting of the month. We installed our two newest Members to their Positions.

For Future Plans: On April 14th-17th, half of my Chapter will be going to the Washington State DeMolay Convention. Thank you to the lodges who have donated money specifically for this event. On April 30th, the Everett Masonic Center is hosting a Garage Sale. The Henry M. Jackson Chapter will be operating the Car Wash.

Our Meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month at Crystal Lodge #122. All Brethren are welcome to come to our Meetings.

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

## Everett 137 April 2011 Calendar

### Saturday, April 2

8:00am

Symbolic Lodge Officers Council

### Monday, April 4

6:30pm

Study Communication Everett 137

### Wednesday, April 6

6:30pm

Alpha Lodge 212 Stated Communication, OVDD

### Sunday, April 10

3:00pm

Officer Communication Everett 137

### Monday, April 11

6:30pm

Stated communication Everett 137, Everett 137 Ladies Liaison Group Pot Luck (Speed Lodge)/Historical, Ritual Studies, Masonic Light Reports Due / Vote due for Scholarships

### Monday, April 18

6:30pm

Study Communication Everett 137

### Wednesday, April 20

6:30pm

Alpha 212 Stated Communication

### Sunday, April 24

2:00am

Event; SLOC Smokey Point, North Bound, I 5 Rest Stop

### Monday, April 25

6:30pm

Special Communication Everett 137 (Speed Lodge)

### Saturday, April 30

8:00am

Community Outreach, Event, Lodge and Community Garage Sale

Note: *Dates and Times may change without notice, please contact the Lodge Secretary for any changes or visit our Web Site: <http://www.everett137.org/>*

## .....**April 30th**.....**Annual Garage Sale**..... **April 30th**.....

Brethren,

As many of you are aware, Everett Lodge #137 sponsors an annual garage sale to fund our scholarship program.

This year, the sale coincides with the Great Mukilteo Garage Sale, and we need to take advantage of this by removing as much of a buyers money as possible *before* they get to Mukilteo.

So, here is my evil plan;

- \* 8 AM to 4 PM
- \* We open at 8 AM with a breakfast sponsored by Everett Rainbow.
- \* We welcome all sellers , and are asking a donation of \$10 per table.
- \* Everett #137 serves hot dogs, chips and pop through the day
- \* The "Waffle guy " is coming
- \* Jackson Chapter DeMolay is washing and vacuuming cars all day.
- \* I will be inviting the Civil Air Patrol and the Fire and Police departments to man booths.
- \* I am putting out an "Art Call" to the craft community to have booths there as well.
- \* Everett 137 will have a table, with good stuff to sell.

Brethren, I will need some help here. please contact me. It will be a long day, but worth the effort.

Thank you

WM Greg Outman