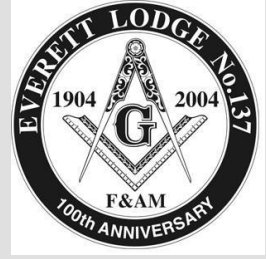




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From the East *By WB Greg Outman, WM*

"Humility is the last, greatest, measure of men"



This is a phrase I created three years ago when attempting to focus on what is important in my life. It is interesting how priorities change as man ages. What was once so important in youth seem so insignificant in the years after. I contemplated this for some time before composing this quote.

Recently, I've developed another one,

"I presume the best in all men; it is they who confirm my judgment of their character"

I have been asked where my ideas to create these phrases originate. Well, I happen to believe in the societal contributions of all men. I believe that men, and more especially my brethren, have the capacity and ability to contribute to our Great Fraternity, and society as a whole.

And frankly, I've had brethren ask me how I thought of myself, in relation to the coining of phrases and even the articles I submit to this Trestle Board. My answer? I am just a man, and just a brother, and a generation from now, no one will know of my existence.

In the great scheme of things, I feel, that if I can create a thing or a phrase that has a positive impact on this fraternity, or society in general, why not? Is not the whole of structure of society constructed by incalculable contributions of its members? All but the minutest fraction of these contributions will never be remembered for their origin. But they **did** have an origin. And I salute all those who have labored, in every way that we may rejoice in their creations.

Currently, I have the pleasure of surrounding myself with some very fine examples of men and brothers. The differences in age are indeed enormous, and this is why, in reference to the beginning of this article, I will now individually address the young, and then the old, if which I feel and resemble, if not by age.

To the younger of my brethren; you may have come to this Fraternity for Instruction, fellowship, direction and meaning. All this is good for sure, but remember that this institution is made up of, what we like to think, good men that bring the gift of their collective wisdom, discipline, honor, courage, and yes, even beauty, at least of the Masonic variety. You already possess these qualities, and you should be prepared to share them with us at any instance. That is the essence of fellowship, and when you see me listening intently to you, I am **learning** from you. Many of you are my role models (You weren't expecting that.) I would submit that your role is to supplement and strengthen yourself by seeking the wisdom in others. To this end, there are the "established" brethren, so many of whom would very like to be consulted for wisdom or advice. Seek them out, and ask them, they will love you for it.

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To the "more established" brethren, I'm asking you to simply be there for the younger ones. (*I.E. Your presence in lodge*) If a younger brother, (or the Master) is tripping around on the ritual, you could just dismissively say, "He's not doing it right." Or you could say, "We, (the established) need to assist our brother in this labor." That being said, "The wise man learns from all, from the greatest to the least" Shoot! I just did it again!

Do not be afraid to "Get Masonic". Do not be afraid to create. Do not be afraid to instruct. Do not be afraid to place yourself into Masonic History. Do not be afraid to bring justice, wisdom, reverence, and all the qualities that make this our Great Fraternity.

Also, here are a couple quick blurbs:

Yard Sale

Brethren, this year's Garage Sale was a HUGE success, thanks to Bro's Kal, Jay, Sam, Dean, Paul, and all who contributed to the sale with items. It was a very busy day.

Special thanks to my Daughter, Amanda for running the most successful "Hot Doggie" stand and to the Demolay for their help.

Bro Jay will provide us with the money count. But we have made good on the Scholarship Fund. Now, our WB Secretary will let me live. Hooray!

Again, thanks to the brethren for their selfless service!

Open Air 3rd Degree, Masonic Park, August 6th, 2011

Brethren,

This is a call out for you to notify me of the part you wish to take in the Open Air Degree, to be held at the Masonic Park.

I will require an email notification so I may set up practices and read throughs. I will be arranging several "Pizza Reads" with pizza, where we can eat and just read through the whole degree. Brethren, it is essential that you KNOW you part.

Trust me, this is going to be fun.....As for me, I am always at your service.

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

Congratulations to Br. Mulivrana, and Br. Agostini for returning their full EA posting lectures.

May Birthday's

- 2 - Garrett Hester
- 4 - Ronald Glen Racela
- 9 - Leonard Foster
- 17 - James Billesbach
- 19 - Joseph Murphy
- 21 - Gerald Earl
- 27 - Edward Buckley
- 30 - Santy Lascano



May Anniversary's

- 1974 - Edward Leathem
- 1982 - Sam Roberts
- 2006 - Dane Johnson
- 2006 - Christopher Nippard
- 2007 - Micheal Fannan
- 2007 - Gregory Outman

From the West

By WB Andre' DeWald, SW



Are you seeking LIGHT?

Masons contend that they are in search of LIGHT. But are we truly seeking the LIGHT? When we say this, we generally mean we are seeking truth, knowledge, insight and meaning. But how often do you question any one about the symbols of freemasonry? Of the thousands of books written about the meaning and history of Masonry, how many have you read this month? Or year? Or ever?

My Brothers, "seeking LIGHT" is what we are about. It is one of the fundamental tenants of our Craft. One of the first things that I sought to do as a new Mason was to learn whatever I could about our Craft and its symbols. What lessons are we supposed to learn and how do we apply those lessons? Thanks to many brothers, I was given references, pamphlets, books, both old and new; some good, some not so good. But what I have discovered in my rather limited time as a Mason is that the answer is not to be found in books or other writings. And, no, the answer is not Blowin' in the Wind, either. The answer, my Brother, lies within you. The question is, how are you going to discover it? And the answer to

THAT is, by reading those books and pamphlets, watching films about Masonry, and even more importantly, discussing what you discover with your Brothers. This is one of the reasons we are a Brotherhood...a Fraternity. We use each other to expand ourselves and learn more about how to live our life in an honorable and dignified way. We learn the nitty-gritty details of our "System of morality veiled in allegory and taught through symbols."

That is why I encourage you, my Brothers...no, even more....I entreat you, my Brothers; I beg you. Seek your inner light by questioning, counseling, reading, and sharing with each other. Your reward will be many times worth the investment. And after all, it is what we are here for, isn't it? To learn, to subdue our passions and to improve ourselves in Masonry! Let's help each other to make this journey successful.

WB Andre' DeWald, SW



From the South

By Br Kal (Kalvin) Schroder, JW

Brethren,

I am here to report that it was a huge success and even our Brother Secretary looked bewildered waving close to \$700 in lodge on Monday! The weather was perfect, the breakfast served was great, and there were some real bargains to be had for those willing to look for them at the many tables with merchandise on them. Bro. Jay commented to me that he sold quite a few of the vinyl records I donated, but the real treasure I found was very close to where the records were being displayed. There was a coffee chinaware set displayed and I immediately recognized it. It was donated by VW Bro. Sam Roberts and his lovely wife Vickie. It was a set of dishes made by the Churchill Pottery in Staffordshire England. We had bought a large set many years ago when we lived there. There is a reason why the whole area is called the Pottery District. In fact my neighbor was the CEO of the famous Wedgwood Chinaware and Chrystal factory. It was within walking distance from where we lived in the village of Barlaston.

On the 6th of May I will be leaving with my daughter

Olivia (28) to visit my mother that lives in France. She lives very close to the Spanish border and only about 20 km from the Atlantic Ocean, within the Basque country and the Pyrenees Mountains... She lives in a village of 600 people and the house she lives in has been held within the family for 5 generations. The house was built in 1685.

From there on we'll be visiting the city of Bremen where we pick up the few German connections I have left, as well as my childhood friend that I went to grade school with. I will also be visiting two Masonic Lodges there one in Central Bremen, and one just north in Vegesack. From there I will be flying back to London and spend a few days in the Birmingham, West Midlands area where I lived for about 8 years during the 1980's. I have also been invited to a lodge meeting there. This one is being held in the back of a Pub, so I wont have to be worried about getting thirsty. I'm really looking forward to visiting these lodges because I have never sat in lodge outside the US and Canada. I will report back next month on how it went!

Kal Schroder, JW

Masonic Light Committee *By Br Paul Rentner*

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 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. Send your input to masoniclight@everett137.org or call Paul Rentner at (425) 338-0112. We also welcome information on things that are happening in your personal life that you wish to share with the brethren.

Sickness and Distress

WB George Hagge, our Marshall, had a hip replacement on April 1st at Virginia Mason hospital and is recovering at home. We look forward to the time when our brother is once again able to join us in fellowship at the lodge.

Condolences

We are saddened to report that **Marcella Reed**, widow of **WB Orrie Reed**, passed away on April 17, 2011 in Marysville, WA. A celebration of Marcella's life was held on Friday, April 22, 2011 at Purdy & Walters with Cassidy Funeral Home in Everett. Marcella is survived by her children, Dennis W. Reed (Carol) of Marysville, Marcia A. Anderson (Stephen) of Sammamish, and Travis W. Reed (Rebecca) of Vancouver, WA; brother, Wayne H. Heiser (Frances) of Mill Creek, WA; grandchildren, Alisha (Doug), Christopher, Nicholas (Marisa), Melissa (Nathan) and Joshua; and great-grandchildren, Ian, Colin, Cooper, Finley, and Everett.

“What brought me to Everett 137” *By Br Casey L. Mulivrana*

Brethren,

I hope it is not terribly presumptuous for me to submit to the trestle board. I am a newly obligated Entered Apprentice as you all may know. I write to you in hopes to explain to you a little of where I came from, what brought me to masonry and your worshipful lodge. There is a long standing history of masonry in my family; my grandfather George Moline was a long standing mason, Scottish rite member and Shriner. Masonry brought him much great joy and he lived his life by Masonic principles every day. As a child I remember seeing him with his fez, seeing his apron, his Masonic rings, and attending the Shiner's picnics and Christmas parties. What an amazing man and role model to a young boy. When he passed in 1993 I remember the Freemasons at the funeral hugging me and giving my family the most sincere and honest condolences. I knew at a young age, I wanted to be a great man, a man like my grandfather and his true brothers and friends. That is what brought me to your door. I seek fellowship, true upright and just friends and brothers. Men who hold themselves to a higher moral code and strive to better the world around them. Like I have always tried to be. I believe I have found this in this worshipful lodge. At each and every study group, dinner, and email or phone call, I have been welcomed guided, and made to feel like a friend and brother.

I must sincerely thank you all for welcoming a new mason and making him feel like an important part of what we as brothers and a lodge endeavor to do each and every time we gather. I am greatly looking forward to continuing my journey within this worshipful lodge, and joining you all as a true Masonic brother.

Br Casey L. Mulivrana

Everett 137 May 2011 Calendar

Monday, May 2

6:30pm

Study Communication Everett 137

Tuesday, May 3

6:00pm

Robert Burns Lodge, Official Visit District Deputy (8)
Brother Outman Attends**Wednesday, May 4**

6:30pm

Alpha Lodge 212 Stated Communication, Bro Outman is
Senior Deacon**Friday, May 6**

6:00pm

Grand Lodge, Grand Masters Roast

Saturday, May 7

8:00am

Symbolic Lodge Officers Council, Brother Outman is Vice
President

12:00pm

Grand Lodge (Regional Communications) Districts 2, 8, 9
& 10**Sunday, May 8**

3:00pm

Officer Communication Everett 137

Monday, May 9

6:30pm

Stated Communication Everett 137, Event, Historical,
Past Masters Night/ Membership, Everett 137 Ladies
Liaison Group Community Outreach Reports Due.**Thursday, May 12**

6:00pm

Peninsular 95, Official Visit District Deputy

Saturday, May 14

8:00am

San Juan Lodge, Outdoor FC Degree, Roche Harbor, Bro
Outman Attends**Monday, May 16**

6:00pm

Study Communication Everett 137

Wednesday, May 18

6:00pm

Centennial Lodge, Official Visit District Deputy (8)

6:30pm

Alpha 212 Stated Communication, Brother Outman is
Senior Deacon**Saturday, May 21**

10:00am

Masonic Family Event, Masonic Family Home

Monday, May 23

6:30pm

Special Communication Everett 137, Event, Official Visit
District Deputy (8), Membership/ Articles Due for Trestle
Board**Monday, May 30**

6:00pm

Study Communication Everett 137

**** Dates, Times and Events may change without notice. Check www.everett137.org/ for up-to-date information.**

Masonic Trivia

"The Character of a Freemason"
From the Farmer's Almanac, 1823
Andover, Massachusetts

The real Freemason is distinguished from the rest of Mankind by the uniform unrestrained rectitude of his conduct. Other men are honest in fear of punishment which the law might inflict; they are religious in expectation of being rewarded, or in dread of the devil, in the next world. A Freemason would be just if there were no laws, human or divine except those written in his heart by the finger of his Creator. In every climate, under every system of religion, he is the same. He kneels before the Universal Throne of God in gratitude for the blessings he has received and humble solicitation for his future protection. He venerates the good men of all religions. He disturbs not the religion of others. He restrains his passions, because they cannot be indulged without injuring his neighbor or himself. He gives no offense, because he does not choose to be offended. He contracts no debts which he is certain he cannot discharge, because he is honest upon principle."

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