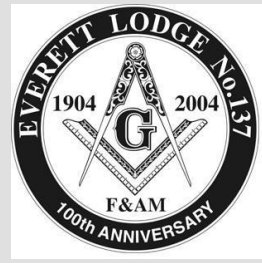




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From the East *By WB Greg Outman, WM*



Fraternal Greetings Brethren,

I hope you have enjoyed the summer season, and are looking forward to resuming our fellowship at our Stated and Special Communications. Please see our website at www.everett137.org, for our fall schedule.

For our Lodge and for our Great Fraternity, this season has been both exciting and somber. As you know, Everett Lodge #137 had received the distinct honor of moving its charter to the Masonic Park, in Granite Falls, for the purposes of Confering the 3rd Degree. All of our members who were able to be involved did participate, and we even employed Brethren for several other lodges to assist and participate. The Degree was in full dress and costume and all the reports I have heard, regarding our Degree and the effort we put into it, are very favorable and complimentary. My most humble thanks to all of you for your attention to detail, your zeal, and your unwavering support, in this noble effort. Together, we have brought honor to this Lodge, this Grand Jurisdiction, and our Great Fraternity.

Unfortunately, the moment for me was bitter-sweet, as that outdoor degree was the last time I saw our Beloved RW Jerry Lingle. At the time of this writing, I have only recently returned, with my family, from attending his memorial service. I admired RW Jerry very much, and my heart was filled with joy when I saw the turnout for his service. I am not alone in my brotherly affection for him, and I am thankful for all those from our lodge who were in attendance. Among a few tears, were pictures of our Senior Grand Warden with HAIR, in his early life. This drew giggles, and as a result, I am now dedicating my life to remaining bald. Also, I will find all my pictures with my hair, and hide them.

RW Jerry, you will be missed, but it will be impossible to forget you, and that is the only thing that is ever impossible, in the noble pursuit of our beloved craft. I wrote my name and something special on the balloon I released for you today, and if it ever reaches your celestial lodge I hope you read it. And as your family so eloquently stated this day, we will go back to our labors and fellowship, until we all fellowship with you once more. Godspeed.

On a very happy note, I have been visiting with Brother Paul Rentner, who describes himself as feeling "much better". This creates warmth within me that nothing else can produce, and these good tidings have made my summer. When Paul returns to our Lodge, let us celebrate his improvement and rejoice through our fellowship, all those brethren, who mean so much to all of us. I know we call it labor, but nothing that is this rewarding, could ever be called work. So let us keep this a secret, lest other men of good character find out what we're up to, and desire to join us. But then, isn't that the point?

I am always at your service,

WB Greg Outman
Worshipful Master
Everett 137

From the West

By WB Andre' DeWald, SW

All is clear in the west. Nothing to report.



From the South

By Br Kal (Kalvin) Schroder, JW



Brethren,

To my surprise, my recent trip to England and Germany has shown me how efficiently their member's time is spent at lodge. I think we could learn from their methods.

Here is a typical agenda for the lodges I visited:

6:00PM to 6:30PM - This is their socializing and greeting time. Coffee, wine or a glass of beer is served, and members who will stay for dinner sign a roster. (Very beneficial and efficient for the cook's prep time.

6:30PM to (about) 8:00PM - This is only for the work that needs to be done within the lodge.

8:00PM - Dinner is served with wine, and while the dinner is on, the Worshipful Master and others can make announcements, give a talk, introduce any guests, toast a brother for a job well done, etc. etc.

The dinner is over generally between 9:00PM and 9:30PM, but allowing those not staying for dinner to leave the lodge around 8PM.

Observed benefits of the above timetable:

The meal preparation is exact and cost effective, since the meals are made for only those who want them - no guesswork involved. Some lodges have a standing order for meals, so that they don't have to sign the meal roster.

Here is an example of how I am doing dinner now: I have to guess the number of meals needed. Say I make up food for 25 people but only 18 show up, and 3 of those are non members or guests, the lodge collects for only 15 dinners out of the 25 prepared. So, if all meals made were sold the lodge

would collect \$125, and that would pay for the food being prepared that day. However in this instance, say, only \$75 was collected. This does not pay for the food purchased. The next meal is 2 weeks away and it's difficult or impossible to serve it again next time. Remember, none of us are cooks by trade. There is another problem with our present procedure, a brother that is holding a job from 8 to 5, that starts cooking at 5:30 cannot have everything ready within one hour.

Another benefit if we were to adopt their method. WB Greg Outman has been making a lot of strides as far as "speed lodge" is concerned. The actual meeting could be a lot shorter enabling members to be home much earlier if we limited the lodge time to business and degree work. The rest of the things we do in our lodge, such as announcements, praises of members, events coming up, introductions of guests etc, can all done at the dinner table. The introductions made, coming up events, grand honors given, and a lot of toasting done by and for their Worshipful Master.

In conclusion, I have seen that the above timetable results in flexibility for the members, and earlier ending time. Improved efficiency of running the meeting and especially the food preparation and the cost for the food is covered by the members. I feel strongly that it's not the responsibility of the lodge to subsidize the meals for its members

Bro. Kal Schroder

Junior Warden

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

Remember Mary K #29 Again lodge on Saturday, September 24th at the Everett Masonic Center, North Lodge Hall, 234 Olympic Blvd, Everett WA.

6:00pm Cash Bar with hors d'oeuvres

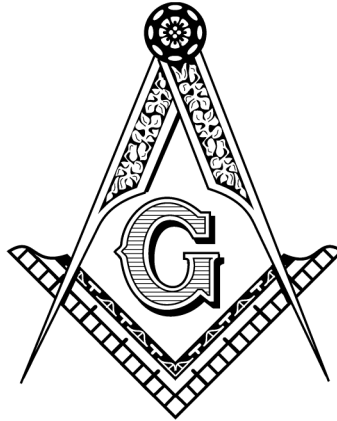
7:00pm Performance with audience participation highly encouraged

8:00pm Dinner with a delightful twist!

Br. John Novak, Secretary
Everett Lodge #137, F. & A. M. of Washington
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Sept Birthday's

2 - Douglas Prah
4 - Andrew Groh
19 - Lynn Bjerke
26 - Cipriano Santa Rosa
27 - Brian Bork



Sept Anniversary's

1991 - Edison Esquillo
1991 - Cipriano Santa Rosa
1995 - Daniel Chadrow
1996 - Hernan Divinagracia
2001 - Theodore Keithahn
2001 - William Nissen
2005 - Michael Gartner
2008 - Samuel Pearson
2010 - Edward Buckley

Masonic Light Committee *By Br Paul Rentner*

Brethren,

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](tel:4253380112). We also welcome information on things that are happening in your personal life that you wish to share with the brethren.

Sickness and Distress

Bro. Paul Rentner input the following: After 4 months of being nearly housebound with pain in the upper spine and head, I'm now much improved and able to get out and about. I'm looking forward to once again joining with the brethren in lodge activities. Many thanks for your cards and kind words during my absence. I thank Brothers Novak and Standerfer and WM Outman for carrying on with the duties of the Masonic Light Committee chair during my absence.

Fraternally
Bro. Paul Rentner



Order of DeMolay *By Michael Lea, Senior Councilor*

Hello Brethren, and all the Members of the Concor-
dant Bodies,

This is Michael Lea, and I am representing Henry M. Jackson Chapter (WA Order of DeMolay) as the Master Councilor for this Current Term of June-December, 2011. The Chapter has been busy with many activities as of recent, but I would like to mention a specific event that the Chapter Attended and Participated in, in the Month of August. The Chapter attended the "Reception of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron" Grand Chapter of Washington, Order of the Eastern Star, on August 20th, 2011.

Several months previous to this Event, the Chapter decided to present a Gift to the Chairman of our Advisory Council in Appreciation of his participation in keeping the Chapter strong during hardships. The Chairman of this council is Frank Pascoe, who is also now the Worthy Grand Patron for the 2011-12 Term. When my chapter realized the Dad Pascoe was going to become the W.G.P., we started to plan for presentation of our gift during his reception. We voted on decisions concerning the Gift, by Committee that would only bring that business before the Chapter when our Chairman, Dad Pascoe was not present during Meetings. As it turned out, Dad Pascoe requested that our Chapter conduct an "Arch of Steel" Ceremony at his Reception. So, in addition the planning for our gift to him, we also practiced the "Arch of Steel" during our Ritual Practices, adjusting the steps to match the arrangements of the Lodge Room we would be conducting it in.

On August 20th, the Chapter arrived at Alki Lodge #152 to prepare for their part of the Reception. The Reception was Well-Organized and I enjoyed my time there. When it came time for "Gifts and Presentations", I stood up and asked if the Chapter could present a Gift. After being recognized, S.C. Nicholai Whippo, and S.S. Patrick Messmer and I, approached the East with the Gift, uncovered it, and presented it to W.G.P. Frank Pascoe. It was a Wooden Carved Turtle (the Turtle is his Favorite animal), about 3-feet in Height, stained, and with a Plaque at the base which said "*In Gratitude of his Devotion to the Members of Henry M. Jackson Chapter (Order of DeMolay), the Chapter presents this Turtle on 8-20-2011 to "Dad" Frank Pascoe; Grand Patron of Washington O.E.S for the Term of 2011-2012*". I gave a short speech of Appreciation,

shook the hand of Frank Pascoe, and withdrew from the lodge room with the rest of my Chapter to prepare ourselves for the Arch of Steel Ceremony.

When we conducted the Arch of Steel, we were informed that it was very well done and appreciated. After the Reception, we stayed to assist in the clean-up. It was a well conducted event, and was glad to have taken part in it. The Chapter Members were proud to lend their support to such an important participant of Henry M. Jackson Chapter and to Washington Jurisdiction of the Order of the Eastern Star.

A week later, on August 26th, our Dad Advisor communicated an Email sent by a person within the audience of that Reception, to the State Corps (WA Order of DeMolay) giving our Chapter high marks for our Behavior, Presentation, and Representation of the Order of DeMolay.

I have written this article regarding the Reception/Gift rather than a monthly synopsis of Chapter Activities because it represents Henry M. Jackson Chapter's ability to begin, and conclude the project with outstanding results. I'd like to thank Dad Pascoe, and my Chapter for allowing me to be involved in such a very rewarding and worthwhile event.

We are always honored to perform the Arch of Steel for any Masonic event, we have purchased our own swords and practice regularly to insure proficiency. It would be our pleasure to perform one for your event.

In addition to this, we wash dishes, and are very proficient in pressure washing sidewalks and the exteriors of any building. As a chapter we have voted to remit 10 percent of all our fundraising activities to the Grand Masters charity for this year.

For any of these things, please feel free to contact me at theforceofm@gmail.com.

Respectfully,

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

Everett 137 Sept 2011 Calendar

Wednesday, September 7

6:30pm

Alpha Lodge 212 Stated Communication

Sunday, September 11

3:00pm

Officer Communication Everett 137

Monday, September 12

6:30pm

Stated Communication Everett 137

Monday, September 19

6:00pm

Study Communication Everett 137

Wednesday, September 21

6:30pm

Alpha 212 Stated Communication

Saturday, September 24

6:00pm

Special Communication Everett 137/Event,
Everett 137 Ladies Liaison/Merry K Lodge #29

Monday, September 26

6:30pm

Special Communication Everett137

Masonic Trivia

For the sixth time in history, a pre-revolutionary Bible owned by the Masonic order was to be used for the swearing in of a U.S. president.

George W. Bush had intended to take the oath of office as the nation's 43rd president on the historic Masonic bible. George Washington was the first, in 1789. The last was George H.W. Bush, who used the Bible in 1989.

On Friday, 19 January 2001, three officials of the Manhattan-based St. John's Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons boarded an Amtrak liner for Washington, D.C., carrying the nine-pound, 234-year-old King James Bible in a special container. At Union Station, they were met by inaugural committee officials and escorted to the inaugural site. They were literally waiting in the wings in a room adjacent to the inauguration platform when, at the 12th hour, a decision was made (attributed to the Vice President, but not confirmed) not to jeopardize the Bible because of the rain then pelting the area.

Bound in London in 1767, the Bible was brought to the colonies and given by Jonathan Hampton to the St. John's Lodge in lower Manhattan three years later when he became its grand master.

Just before Washington was to take his oath of office on the steps of Federal Hall in New York City on April 30, 1789, it was discovered that there was no Bible on hand. The then-New York Gov. Robert Livingston, a Masonic grand master, borrowed the lodge's bible from St. John's Masonic Lodge, which had meeting rooms just a short distance away. A statue of Washington marks the site in front of the present-day Federal Hall on Wall Street.

No printer in the colonies produced Bibles at the

time, and the London import, bound in maroon Moroccan leather with silver hasps, was "probably close to a year's wages for the average fellow."

Despite its age and history, the lodge today puts no monetary value on the book. "I guess the word is priceless," a representative said.

Other presidents who have placed their left hand on the Masonic Bible were Warren G. Harding in 1921, Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1953, and Jimmy Carter in 1977. Among the six, only Washington and Harding were Masons.

Harry Truman, probably the most active Mason among the nation's chief executives, did not use it, nor did several other Masons who served as president.

In 1867, President Andrew Johnson, attending the dedication of a new Masonic temple in Boston, asked that the George Washington inaugural Bible be brought to his hotel room, and was seen by aides "to weep as he held it in his hands".

In addition to its role in presidential oath-taking, the Bible was used at Washington's funeral in December, 1799, the dedication of the Washington Monument in Washington, D.C. in 1885, the relaying of the U.S. Capitol's cornerstone in 1959, and the christening of the aircraft carrier USS George Washington at Norfolk, Va., in 1992.

It was on display at the New York world's fair in 1964-65 and at the White House for 30 days after the elder Bush's inaugural.

Between travels, it is maintained by the National Parks Service in a protective display case at Federal Hall, open to Genesis 49, 50, the pages on which Washington rested his hand to be sworn in.