



Edmonds Lodge #165	Trestle Board	January 2010
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### Greetings from the East

Brothers,

This is my last trestle board and the end of 2009.

I hope you have gained as much knowledge and insight into masonry this year as I have. My "One Thing" to try to insure the existence of Edmonds Lodge No. 165 for the next 100 years, has been my service as Master of this lodge.

I have attached the "Master's Summary of 2009" at the end of this document.

We have made a lot of progress on our Lodge Branding efforts. If the progress of the last 3 years is to be fulfilled, an assiduous effort and focus on branding must be continued. Unfortunately, "Hard gained, easily lost".

The true achievement of any lodge is in the quality of its members and their experiences. We are fortunate that Edmonds Lodge No. 165 is a vital and growing enterprise.

Thank you for your support and all the "Just One Things" you have all accomplished.

WB R. Neil Horman  
Master



## Up Coming Events

### January 2010 Calendar

Sat	2	2:00 PM	Edmonds Installation of Officers
Mon	4	5:30 PM	Secrets of the Chair
Wed	6	7:00 PM	Center Board & Officers Meeting
Thur	14	7:30 PM	Stated Meeting
Mon	28	7:00 PM	Annual Center Board Assn. Meeting
Thur	28	7:00 PM	Stated Meeting

### February 2010 Calendar

Wed	3	7:00 PM	Center Board & Officers Meeting
Thur	11	7:30 PM	Stated Meeting, Honor George Night
Thur	28	7:00 PM	Stated Meeting

### March 2010 Calendar

Wed	3	7:00 PM	Center Board & Officers Meeting
Thur	11	7:30 PM	Stated Meeting
Thur	25	7:00 PM	Stated Meeting



**Edmonds Lodge Coins for sale \$16.50 donation each (benefits to Edmonds Masonic Center (Tax Deductable)**



**Edmonds Lodge Coins Size: 39mm, .999 fine silver with 24 karat gold plating, encapsulated, with black leatherette presentation  
Price: Donation of \$101.65 ea. (Tax Deductable)**

*Stand up for Freedom*





## Illumination from the South

Greetings from the South,

In my final message from the glory and beauty of the day I would like to say thank you to all whom have shown me so much support this year and especially over the last few months.

I feel very confident in handing over the reigns as Junior Warden to Bro. Paul Rand. He has done a tremendous job this year in keeping us fed in fine style.

Between Paul and Bro. Les Schwartz, our soon to be new Senior Steward, I'm sure that we will be well looked after when the chimes strike High twelve.



Bro. Kristian Horman  
Junior Warden



**What is your One Thing???**

**Work parties are the way the lodge building has been maintained and improved in the past. We have the money to make a number of repairs and improvements to the Edmonds Masonic Center. What we now need is man power. Please volunteer some of your time so our facility will go on for the next 100 years.**

**A memorial to your lodge will go a long way to help keep the fraternity alive.**



## From the Secretary's Desk

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Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah and Happy New Year!

Greeting brothers all!

Step up night is over and we about to have a great Installation of Officers for 2010 on 2 January.

My personal thanks to all the officers who served in 2009. Many improvements in the lodge building and the way we do business. I am really pleased. A big thank you to Neil Horman our Worshipful Master for his service and his trick at the wheel as we sailors say.

I am looking forward to seeing all the brothers who can come to lodge and be a part of it. We have an excellent group of officers coming. Let us hope it will be a banner year for Edmonds Lodge, The Grand Lodge of Washington, and Freemasonry in general.

Once again I will remind the brothers to pay your dues promptly. The lodge needs the money and it will save headaches for your humble secretary.

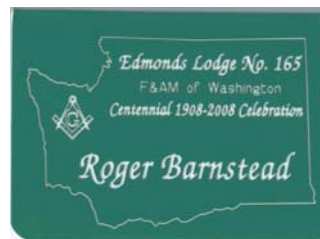
Swords are crossed at 1000 in the ballroom every Sunday! Candidate instruction happens every Sunday at noon in the lodge room!

Buy some Edmonds Lodge coins, two beauties to choose from. Solid silver and the enamel one. Great Christmas gifts! Also our sporty evergreen name badges cost the lodge almost \$15.00 dollars each. I will only be ordering them on request. Currently I have a drawer full of them. Cipher sets cost \$7.00 and the Masonic Monitor cost \$15.00.

Support your Worshipful Master. Support your brothers! Get out and visit lodges and go to Installations!

And away we goooooooooooooooooooooooooooooo! Into 2010!

WB Roger Barnstead  
Secretary



## Edmonds Lodge Coins

It has often been said that necessity is the mother of invention. George Washington once built a fort he named Fort Necessity in Pennsylvania. He built it because he had to. Such is the case with the lodge coins, designed to help pay for the roof that necessity required we replace and to help celebrate the 100th year of lodge's existence.



The picture of the Lodge Building on the front side was taken by me and the good people at the Northwest Territorial Mint turned into a die for the face of the coin. The flip side of the coin was easy to come up with but the design passed back and forth between me and the company several times.

At one point it said "Part of the Square" and try as I might it still ended up saying "Part On The Square" instead of "Part Upon The Square": The results of Mason to non-mason communication.

The most expensive part of the project was having the dies made. The dies cost about \$500.00 each, two per coin and 4 dies had to be made. A separate set of dies had to be made to fabricate the silver coins as regular dies could not be used.



The colors used are simple, the Lodge building is that color and it looks like it does on an evening in Edmonds. The flip side colors were taken from the colors of the uniforms of the Continental Army; Blue coats and red facings.

You should have one in your pocket!



## Center Board News

The Center Board is undertaking several short term and long term projects to improve energy conservation and safety in the building. As materials for these projects become available, the Worshipful Master will be organizing work parties to do the installation and will be looking for volunteers. There are also several long term projects that we will be addressing as funds come available. Listed below are some, but not all, of the projects under consideration.

### Short Term Projects –

- Upgrade light fixtures in upstairs restroom
- Install sensor light switches
- Install cutoff switch to coffee maker
- Replacement of water coolers in outer room and ballroom

### Long Term Projects

- Kitchen upgrades to range/oven and cabinetry
- Lighting upgrade to ballroom

Monday, January 28, 2010 we will be holding the Annual Center Board Association meeting. At this meeting we elect new members and elect the President and Secretary/Treasurer.

As you can see from the above, the Center Board is very active in maintaining, restoring, and improving the Historic Masonic Center. This can only be done with the active participation of the lodge members. Please attend the Annual meeting and get involved!

WB John Woodbury  
President,  
Edmonds Masonic Center Association





## **Edmonds Lodge No. 165, F&AM of Washington**

### **Master's Summary of 2009 Delivered in Lodge on December 10, 2009**

The theme for 2009 has been "Just One Thing".

I have probably sounded like a broken record by continually asking, "What is your 'One Thing' that will help insure that Edmonds Lodge No. 165 is still in existence in 2108"?

My "One Thing" was inspired by my grandfather who advised me that I should always return borrowed things in better shape than I received them.

When you elected me Master of Edmonds Lodge No. 165 you "loaned" me the leadership of this wonderful Lodge.

#### **Together we maintained our long held traditions that include:**

- Secrets of the Chair
- Sweetheart Luncheon
- Attendance at Grand Lodge's Annual Communication
- Our Feast of St Johns Table Lodge
- Past Master's Night
- Holding the Teacher's Luncheon
- Holding the Historical Society Dinner
- Honoring Public Safety Night
- Annual Elections
- Step - Up Night

#### **We moved beyond our standing traditions and accomplished the following:**

##### **Physical Improvements to this historic landmark**

- We have new "No Parking" signs (Thanks Ron Long)
- The Square Dancer sign was removed to enhance rent ability (Thanks Jimmy Norton)
- We have a full energy audit of the building. (Thanks Ron Long)
- We have new lighting in the lobby/Tyler's Room (Thanks Ron Long and Jimmy Norton)
- The Annex building is 80% painted (Thanks Roger Barnstead, Dennis Killian, and all volunteers who participated)

##### **Internal improvements within the lodge:**

- We have an organized storage closet which is much more efficient.
- We now have a functional Secretaries Office (Thanks Roger Barnstead)
- We have the George Washington Painting and plaque. (Thanks 2009 Officers)
- We have new Anchor door knockers. (Thanks Roger Barnstead)

##### **Progress within Edmonds Community**

- We were awarded the Pillar of Progress for Public Relations - for our unique Logo, a process known as "Branding" for easy recognition (Thanks Steve Pennington)
- We have a New Lodge Banner with our official Logo (Thanks Les Schwartz)
- We marched in the Edmonds 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade, re-establishing this activity (Thanks Steve Pennington, Roger Barnstead, Ron Long, Tom Stone, and Ross Horman)

- We took Bikes for Books to a new level with appropriate Photos (Thanks Ron Long and Roger Barnstead)
- We have articles and photos in the local news papers for Bikes for Books and Public Safety Night (Thanks Les Schwartz)

### **Internal Lodge Operations**

- We have many wonderful photos on our Web site (Thanks Roger Barnstead)
- Our web site has rec'd annual unique visits of 24,817 vs. 16,370 during the same period in 2008.
- We have been boarded by Pirates and were made to purge the lodge. (Thanks to the Pirates of Treasure Island, raising \$150 toward their charity)
- Our Trestle board was published monthly except August when dark. (12 Issues)
- We trued up our Membership Roster to about 90% accuracy (Thanks Steve Pennington)
- We have a functional Membership database.
- We have a working Annual budget. (Thanks Dave Hoffman and Roger Barnstead)
- And.....A formal Audit Program has been established.

Thank you all for helping me as Master to leave the lodge in a little bit better shape than I received it by upholding our traditions and making changes.

An item that continues be an issue in the growth of our Lodge is "Change".

There has been a lot of change, and our ability to adjust to the change will keep the Lodge growing and viable for our new members.

There is great wisdom in our rituals and obligations.

There is also great wisdom in our organization.

The Grand Masonic Code is filled with information that helps maintain the stability of our organization.

The combination of the Ritual, Obligations, and Code provide the backbone for the Unity and Harmony of our lodge: Be ye all of one mind, Live in peace, and may the God of Peace and Love delight to dwell with you and bless you.



**What is your "One Thing?"**

WB R. Neil Horman  
 Master 2009  
 Edmonds Lodge No. 165