



Edmonds Lodge No. 165 Trestleboard

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From the South

Brethren; Last month I encouraged you to each set three goals for improvements you can personally make in your roles as Masons. Did you write that list? Masonry is a life-long process. We are taught as Entered Apprentice Masons how our day ought to be governed by the rule. The rule, like our days as Masons, is divided into three equal parts. Reflect on why you did or did not achieve the first step of our annual reminder to “Walk the Talk.”

Ultimately, as we are taught in Masonry, the purpose is less about achievement of an end result but about our conversion from rough ashlar into smooth ashlar. We

benefit as Masons through the growth, enjoyment, and improvements we discover in the experience along the way. As Junior Warden this year, I have established my own personal growth plan as a professional, in my personal relationships, and as a Mason. I ask you to each set one goal this month if you did not do so last month and make the commitment to fulfill the goal. If you did take a few moments to set goals for this year after reading the article last month, let me first congratulate you. Now, take the time to identify what you did well toward achievement of these goals. Now start to identify the various roles in life that you fulfill each day. As you did last month, set three goals for personal improvements you wish to make this year.

These are the first steps toward taking positive control over our personal, professional, and Masonic lives. By establishing firm commitments to specific roles and goals, we can begin to more effectively walk the talk.

By the end of this month you should have ideally identified three to five roles that you hold and three to five improvements you are interested in making this year. Next month I will encourage you to begin to walk the talk by selecting one role and goal for the month and setting out to achieve your intended results.

I hope to see and meet each of you at our stated meetings this month,

Respectfully,

J. Paul Rand,

Junior Warden Edmonds Lodge #165

Master Master Degree with Genesis Lodge No. 305 on February 25th. New Master Masons: Ritter Kinsella for Edmonds and John Chen for Genesis.



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From the East

We continue to go and grow. Our meetings have gone wonderfully. We have passed Bryan Reagan to Fellowcraft Mason, raised Ritter Kinsella to the Sublime degree of a Master Mason and we have two FC and three EA degrees to get done with more petitions being investigated at present. I thank all who joined me in visiting Yancy C. Blalock, Bethel 5, Jobs Daughters and assisted in passing the Traveling Gavel on to Genesis Lodge last month. Our Degree teams have done spectacular work. All who visit really pump me up with their praise for our Lodge work. It is you that merits the praise, but I get to bust my buttons.

In March, on the first stated we will confer the EA degree for 2 or more candidates. Visit Rainbow Assembly 55 on the 22nd, confer 2 FC degrees at the second stated and join the rest of the District in a catered dinner welcoming our Grand Master to District 2 (Second to None). I really want to encourage each of you to attend the Official Visit. I have tickets, please call, email or see me for your ticket. Your presence and your

friendliness is what makes our

Lodge attractive and vibrant. Join us, enjoy the great chow and swap a joke or two.

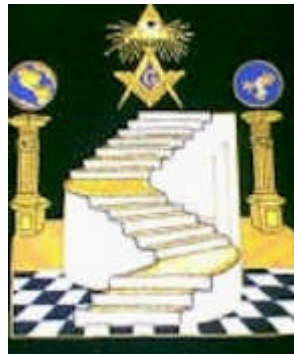
March Birthdays:

Entitled to one free dinner at 6:30 pm on March 1st. Phil Bennison, Sherman Boss, Don Burfitt, Jack Carbines, Steve Carter, Jerry Dahl, Kurt Eichmeier, Ben Gardner, Jack Hutson, Ron Johnson, Roy LaMunyon, Wayne Larson, Louis Leatham, Francis LeFurjah, Ron Long, Lloyd Martin, Wallis Martin, Richard Nehr, Richard Neisham, Sam O'Malley, Frank Papineau, David Robel, John Shearer, Mel Steinke, and Gary Stewart.

Tom Stone, WM



Fellowcraft degree 021910 Bryan Reagan with visitor Carlos Rocha from Brazil.



From the West

I just realized that I was late in preparing my contribution for the March **Trestleboard**. It made me think about how we approach being Masons. Do we prepare well before each meeting or do we wait until the last minute to take care of any actions we have been assigned for the meeting. In this busy world I must confess that I often do the latter. I find I do better if I work to a schedule so from now on I am going to schedule to complete my Trestleboard contribution by a certain date towards the end of each month.

With the number of degrees that we have had already conferred this year I became aware of how blest we are as a Lodge to have brothers who are skilled in their parts for the degrees and always willing to participate. Then I looked around and it became clear that there are cases where we only have one expert for each of the many roles (or should they be seen as opportunities) and that we do not have any "Depth" in those important roles. I see this as an opportunity for old and new

Masons of our lodge to participate and solve these problems. Would it not be great if each of the experienced Masons took one or two less experienced or new masons and started to teach them their parts?

It then dawned in me that this was and in some cases is the purpose of "Lodges of Learning". In such a Lodge they have many practice meetings where anyone who wants to can practice our rituals. Maybe this is something Edmonds Lodge should consider or Maybe it would be better to do this at the District Level.

I realize that nothing is new, especially in Masonry, and that Edmonds Lodge may have done this in the past. If so, I would love to hear from our Masons that were involved or any of you that simply want to discuss this important part of our work as Masons.
Fraternally

Tom Lamb,
Senior Warden



More Light in Masonry

Three Principal Moral Virtues

Faith: When we believe in something bigger than ourselves, something greater than we aspire to becoming, we are also humbled. Humility inspires us to do our best. Not because we can be equal to the Creator, but to imitate Him and make something beautiful of ourselves and the world we live in.

Hope: A better world awaits us. Even in this life, we may look forward to an improved existence. Educating our children will insure that they will be able to make good decisions when it is their time to do so. I speak not of empty Hope, but a Hope based on the secure knowledge that we have all done our best to make the world of tomorrow better than it is today.

Charity: Beyond Relief, we

should always work hard to improve the condition of those around us. Where Relief leaves off, Charity begins. Going beyond soothing an affliction or satisfying a need, Charity is the act or acts designed to prevent those needs from ever existing again. Preventing distress, not for the recognition, thanks or acclaim, but because it improves some part of the world, is the highest form of Charity.

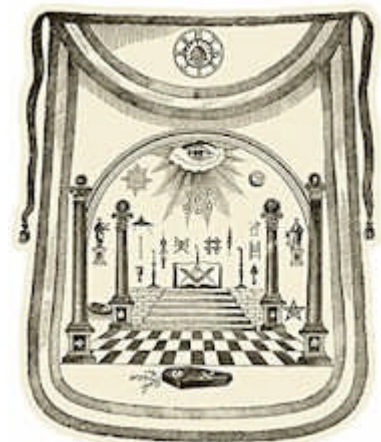
Please get involved to help our lodge with Faith, Hope and Charity our future depends on it.

Let us share our Light in Masonry!

Fraternally In the faith,

Ron Long

Senior Deacon





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