

# Edmonds Lodge 165

## Trestleboard



### Monthly Events

#### May

- 4th - Meeting officers Meeting 7pm
- 12th - Stated meeting and dinner 630pm Rusty Brother Degree
- 13th - All Masonic Night at the Nile
- 26th - Stated Meeting 7pm Entered Apprentice Degree
- 28th - District 2 Lodge Officers Meetings

#### Visits

- 3rd-Shoreline D2 Youth Night
- 5th - Mercer Island
- 7th - Scottish Rite
- 17th - Scottish Rite
- 19th - Royal Arch #15

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### Word From The East



I want to remind all Brothers who have not attended Lodge recently that we have a special welcome for you on May 12<sup>th</sup>. We will have our usual fine refreshment (dinner) at 6.30pm and the Lodge at 7.30pm. If there are Rusty Brother Masons in attendance we will be conferring the Rusty brother Mason Degree. If not we have an alternative program so still plan to attend for an evening of fellowship and learning.

We had an awesome Sweethearts Lunch on Sunday April 17<sup>th</sup>. The food was outstanding and the entertainment by the College Place Middle School Jazz Band was wonderful. The only problem was that there was a very low attendance. I would like to remind the Brothers that this is an annual Sweethearts event. It is not only for widows of our departed Brothers but for current Brothers and their wives and guests. Let us revive the event with a great turn out next year. Brothers Edward Graham and Todd Clayton joined me in visiting the school on Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> to present a certificate of appreciation. Brother Les Schwartz arranged for an article about the school band and their participation in a Masonic event to be published in both Edmonds papers.

I repeat my early reminder of the special Cook-Off Competition on Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup>. It will be different from the original Cook-off from last year in that it will be open to non-masonic public groups such as Police and Firemen. Keep a look out for further information.

For one more time I will request help with my Book Club idea. I am also still looking for a Mason to take on the leadership. I will give anyone who volunteers for this position all the help they want.

I must bring to the attention of all our Brothers the dire straits that our Center Board is in. For the past 7 or 8 years the Center Board has been running in the RED and the Lodge has had to provide the funding. At this moment the Center Board does not have money to pay our Property Taxes and Insurance. At the April 28<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting it was moved, seconded and approved that the Lodge give the Center Board \$10,000 to enable them to meet their current financial commitments. This will seriously deplete the Lodge's funds and to offset this I am asking for donations from our Brothers. Depending on the response we may have to assess a fee for each member. I want to assure you that this matter has and is being addressed by your officers and they are exploring many avenues to reverse this problem. Please assist to the extent you can.

Jul 4<sup>th</sup> will be upon sooner that we want and we will be marching in the Edmonds Parade. I will unfortunately be on foreign travel so Brothers Bryan Reagan and Les Schwartz will be coordinating our participation in the event. Please give them your support and participate if you can.

Thomas Lamb, WM



George Washington

## Word from the South



Brothers at times things that cross your desk that you feel should be shared with others. This is one of those that crossed my desk. At this time I would like to share this with you.

### Delivering upon your Promise

Brothers,

I was taught that you should avoid apologizing as part of the introduction. However, if you are easily offended, I will apologize first and ask that you read no further. If you are not easily offended, please read on.

As a Freemason, I'm bothered about two things I've repeatedly heard from Grand Lodge and throughout many lodges (and concordant bodies) - we need more members and equally, where did the new guys go? Now, I don't lose sleep over this, but it appears to me that we are asking the question with-out really looking at the symptom. What happened to the Brothers who went through the degrees and didn't come back? There is much talk, but I've not witnessed the self reflection to answer these questions.

Here is my opinion and I hope that you will take the time to contact me with yours. If the Brothers who left were active in your lodge, would you have a membership problem?

If the answer is no, I'd like to challenge you to look at your lodge, continue reading and consider improving your approach. If your answer is yes, you have more of a critical problem that this may help, but your problem is much deeper seated.

There are many valid reasons why a few Brothers are no longer with us. For example, they moved, lost jobs and are focused on other critical things in life - it happens, but only to a small number of Brothers. The vast majority of those who go through the degrees and disappear is more easily explainable.

You broke your promise. Your lodge is not delivering upon the promise. Worse, knowingly or unintentionally you lied to them. When the candidate came to you about wanting to join Freemasonry, you heard him but didn't listen to his reasons for wanting to join. You were more interested in striking while the iron was hot and getting a new member in the door, rather than making ensuring that not only is he a good fit for the Lodge, but that the Lodge has what he is looking for long term.

Yes, he is a good man who should be in Masonry, but your failing to listen to him, or worse, to rush to have him sign a petition, lost that good man. Candidates generally ask pertinent question about what to expect in Masonry. If all you are giving them is a bad cliché - we take good men and make them better, you shouldn't be the person talking to potential candidates. You need someone who will do better a much better job. A whole lot better. What are your plans for the candidate after their degrees? If your lodge doesn't have something in place that is more exciting or worthwhile than; stuffing him into the officer line; a committee; or, giving away coffee and doughnut at a rest stop is it really any wonder why he didn't show up again?

Beyond the three degrees, every Lodge has its own unique personality and focus. For example, in District 5; Daylight No. 232 - the Lodge of the Arts; St. John's No. 9 - where fellowship and charity are our business; and, Esoterika No. 316 - focuses on excellence in ritual and the esoteric understanding of Masonry. It is very clear what these Lodges do after the three degrees.

I had a person contact me who was clearly interested in becoming a Freemason and had wanted to join for a long time. He had heard that Masons are actively involved in our communities and perform charity. What would you have done? Strike while the iron is hot and get him in your lodge?

I encouraged him to visit several Lodges based upon what he thought he would like to be involved in after his de-grees. I helped make introductions to the other Lodges and went with him so he knew someone. Most especially, I recommended that he visit St. John's No. 9 who has a focus on charity. I encouraged him to determine who he connects with most and discover which Lodge has the most to offer after he goes through the three degrees. What they offer is what he will be focusing on post Master Mason degree.

We all benefit when good men stay in Freemasonry and participate. When we are self centered and selfish, we loose good men. They stop showing up.

To no surprise, the candidate visited several Lodges; didn't join mine; is happy with the Lodge he choose - and I went to his degrees to support his choice. We are good friends and he is happy with his Lodge. We even joke about him not being part of my lodge. He said he wouldn't have been as happy as he is now.

If you have not considered helping a candidate find the best lodge where he can be successful and stay in Freema-sonry, stop and consider doing so. If your Lodge doesn't have what it takes to attract new members, use this as a calling to reinvent yourself for the long term health of the lodge.

Are you willing to do what is necessary to make masonry successful? Before a candidate begins his Entered Ap-prentice degree, we ask in the Pre-patory Lecture if he is joining for mercenary motives. Reflect, are you willing to help the candidate locate the best lodge where he may flourish or does your approach to new membership unfairly contain mercenary motives?

Deliver upon your Promise Brothers! Listen to the candidate so we have the opportunity to take each of our mem-bers and make them better men.

Be well, Brothers!

**Bro. Ken Lane 32°**

### Other Lodges Activities

Genesis Lodge meeting May 18th 7:30 pm Dinner at 630 pm  
Royal Arch Chapter Meeting May 19th Dinner at 630 meeting at 730

Sons of Norway  
Pancake Breakfast  
Saturday May 7th  
at The Edmonds  
Lodge from 730 to  
1300 hrs.

Check your Calendars and visit other Lodges around, and Tell fellow Masons about coming to Edmonds #165 Lodge meetings, Lets have a great Fellowship among our Brothers.

Join The Edmonds #165 Masonic Lodge Book Club

*Come out and support the Edmonds Lodge Show you Lodge Spirit.*

### The Lodge Store:

Contact VWB Roger Barnstead  
425-776-5952  
New Lodge Pin \$5.00 each



Lodge Coin \$15.00



Lead Crystal Firing Glass



Large Crystal Mancunian Tankard

Table Lodge Glassware \$20.00 & \$25.00 or 2 for \$40.00

### Community Events

Swords on Sunday 10am to 12pm at the Masonic Lodge

Edmonds Art Walk Third Thursday of every month

Edmonds Museum 1pm to 4pm Tues-Sun.

Museum Board 1st Monday of Every month at 7pm at the Museum.



Deadline for the next issue is Third Friday of the month

Thank you,

I am always seeking Lodge History items,

Todd Clayton Jr.



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## **Lodger Officers For 2011**

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