

## Burlington-United 93 Trestleboard

### From the Worshipful Master

Brethren,

For February's Trestleboard I thought some sort of Masonic education or some other dribble to take up space, so I figured it might be useful for you all to know something about me since I'm your chief dog for this year.

I hail from the State of Florida but grew up in the Volunteer state of Tennessee. I went to high school at Tennessee Military Institute where I was fortunate to graduate, having come in 23rd of a class of 23. I enlisted in the USAF after graduation and completing boot camp ended up being a 'scope dope' -radar operator- until I discharged. I had the G.I. Bill so I went to the University of Tennessee and Florida Atlantic University where I was, with sympathy, given a BS in Political Science and Economics. I didn't do much after that except work for the Dade County Fire Department. There was an itch in me I couldn't rid myself of and that was flying.

My dad's friend was a Vietnam Pilot (Air America; yes a company airline) and talked me back into duty to my country. So after university I went back in the air force reserve then, miraculously, on to flight school eventually becoming a C-130 Hercules right seater. It was easy; didn't require excessive brain power because the thing flew itself.

I hated flying so after the reserve I went back to university and got a PhD in political science; what this really means is that I was lazy and wanted to avoid responsibility.

There is a message here before you all head off for a scotch and wonder why anyone would vote me to the east:

I've been a Master Mason for only two years as of this past December but I want to tell the new guys that if you understand Masonry and talk with those who have a long history in the craft you will learn much; I have. There are many examples of men who have wandered from fraternities, clubs or other organizations only to become bored and disillusioned; Masonry is completely different. Remember your obligations through the degrees: Masonry is taught by degrees only! It is with this anticipation one looks to the future and how being a Mason can become an instrumental and life-changing endeavor; you have read or heard Masonry will make you a better man.

Yes the Internet or television may have portrayed what it believes to be the hidden mysteries of Free Masonry and there may be those who might violate their obligations; but they must live with themselves. All Masons have promised to conceal and never reveal! It doesn't matter what non-Masons think, know, or see about free Masonry, we have obligated ourselves never to say.

The spirit of making one a better man struck me like being hit in the head with a hammer, I loved it and it became an integral part of my life. When you take an office do not rely on ciphers. Your true satisfaction as a Mason is your honest attempt to continue our ancient rituals; memorize your parts my brethren, it is important to our history. We must never forget our ancient traditions or we may be lost forever.

Fraternally.

WB Scott

I may be your master this year but is the Craft makes a lodge!

Brother Robert Codlin passed away at Mira Vista in Mount Vernon on January 30, 2008. He was a life member of Burlington-United 93 (originally with Burlington 254) and moved to New Mexico after his retirement from the refinery 28 years ago.

His widow, Rosy Codlin, was in Mira Vista also, but was moved to The Bridge on LaVenture in Mount Vernon today. I spoke with their grandson, Ken Codlin, tonight (2-4-08) and he indicated that his grandmother wanted a Masonic

Service. They are making arrangements with Hulbush Funeral Home, and once a date is set they will give me a call. Please be ready for a funeral home cremation service, as soon as a date is set.

Brother Robert Codlin's memorial service will be held on Friday, Feb 15, at 1:00 pm, Hulbush Funeral Home, Burlington.  
Please join us if you are able.

## Senior Deacon's Calendar

Feb 7 6:30 Dinner 7:30 Stated Meeting This is the District Deputies official visit

Feb 15 1:00 Memorial service for Robert Codlin, Hulbush Funeral Home, Burlington

Feb 22 6:30 Sweetheart Dinner

Mar 6 6:30 Dinner 7:30 Stated Meeting We will hold an election and installation for Senior Warden