

**BURLINGTON-UNITED
MASONIC LODGE
#93**

TRESTLEBOARD



January 2009

From the East

Brethren we added yet another year in the annals of Burlington-United Lodge #93. At the December 4th installation of officers I challenged the members to each bring a new petition to the lodge; if we are to survive we must be infused with new vitality. I have appointed a permanent finance committee whose task will be to discuss and decide on expenditures proposed in the lodge and voted upon-if required. As you all know economic times are tough for everyone and while our lodge has enjoyed financial stability and a comfortable buffer we must still act prudently. Outside non-essential expenditures such as promoting some non-Masonic event or activity will be severely restricted until we sell our building.

With this in mind, I want to be clear that our customary Masonic activities and socials will go on as it should. I'm planning on a Valentine Day dinner and entertainment in February and will discuss it in detail in January. Finally I want all the brethren to be proactive in mentoring new officers and I want to be doubly sure Steve Mason is not left behind as an Entered Apprentice. Many of our upcoming stated meetings will probably revolve around ritual and degree practice as these are essential qualifications for the journey to the east.

WM Scott

Greetings from the West!

Brethren, since I started writing Trestleboard articles for our Lodge, I set out on one mission - to create a positive public face for Burlington-United in hopes of bringing a new interest of Freemasonry to our Lodge here in Sedro-Woolley. In order to make that possible I have suggested our Lodge try some new things, like:

Partner with the Sedro-Woolley Museum for their Holiday Home Tour.

Join the Sedro-Woolley Chamber to make a strong showing for our business community.

Create a formal park with our extra grass-lot in order to create a legacy for our townsmen to enjoy for many years to come.

Sponsor Sedro-Woolley Loggerodeo and have an informational booth at the event as Daylight Lodge does in Seattle for the Fremont Fair.

I am under the opinion that if we do NOT try anything new and our Lodge fails, than that's our fault. I am not suggesting that we are near disaster, and right now we have the capital and the enthusiasm to do good things for our Lodge in attempts at attracting new members. One day that money and drive might be gone and then where will we be? I dread the answer is nowhere.

We cannot be idle, crossing our fingers that society will change and new members will come to make ours a thriving Lodge again. We need to be active in our community and tell our community who we are and what we do. That is what Grand Lodge suggests and that's what I strive to do.

As your Senior Warden for 2009, I pledge to do all I can to make our Lodge great. I have many more ideas to pass by you, but I would like to hear your thoughts too. Let's do something new. Let's Make Burlington-United the shining example of what a Masonic Lodge can be!

Brett C Sandström - Senior Warden

As seen from the South

Brethren, since I am presently snowed in and I am unable to get this Trestleboard to the printers I will send it to the members that I have email addresses for and send it to the others as soon as I can.

As we start a new year please let me know what you would like to see happen at your lodge. I would like to put on some more programs or dinners this year. I need your input on what you would like to support. I would like to see more faces at our meetings this year. I know a lot of you, but I don't see you at meetings very often. Come to the meetings for some fellowship and support our lodge. I know you joined for a reason. If we are no longer doing something that interests you, we need to know what.

Best wishes for the coming year.

George W. Foster – Junior Warden

A word from the Senior Deacon ~

Jan 8 7:30 Stated meeting