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BURLINGTON - UNITED
MASONIC LODGE
#93

TRESTLEBOARD



April 2009

From the East

Brethren,

Our last stated communication was an exiting one because we did a fellow craft degree for one of Fairhaven 73's candidates; a brother named Doug Reece. Doug came to the fraternity because of a Masonic funeral, George, Paul Stiensek-Garfield 41, Steve Osborn-Garfield 41 and I did for his father at the family compound at lake MacMurray. The ceremony took place on a sunny afternoon last October. Family members came from all parts of the state to attend knowing a few local Masons would be doing something but not quite sure what. The four of showed up dressed as we usually are for lodge and wearing our aprons and jewels. The ceremony took place lakeside with the cremated remains of our brother and their relative on a small table in front of us while the gently lap lap sound of the water added to the occasion. Doug's mom and the rest of the family were so taken by the ceremony they embraced us all.

The Masonic memorial was an after thought for the family as Doug's father had passed a couple of months before but then something happened that made Doug's mom think about her husband's Masonic career and what it meant to him. Doug had known I was a Mason because we worked side-by-side for several years and he heard me talk about the different things we did in the fraternity. As a result his mom asked if the Masons could do something and we did. F.C. brother came to the fraternity as a result of that warm day.

Brethren we have a couple of dates coming up that are important. First we will be making our formal visitation to Abbotsford on the 28th of the month. All going should be at the lodge at 1730hrs (5:30pm) WB Dave will have the church van to transport us but make absolutely sure you have the proper documentation necessary to cross the border. At our next communication we will again open on the entered apprentice degree and do a practice conferral so all lodge officers should look at their work. Finally I want to express my attaboy to Br. Brett Sandstrom for conducting the lodge as the Worshipful Master last month. He did an outstanding job on the official visit of the District Deputy and with the lodge full of visitors. I fell asleep at the switch in the secretary's spot and forgot to record most of the minutes.

Oh yes: We are missing our Master's apron and the one we have is an older one with a brass hook; WB Dave reminded me of the cheap replica. Please Look around in your lodge and see if there is one you don't recognize. The lodge equipment is my responsibility while in the east so if it doesn't turn up I have to replace it. Until next time

Scott Francis-Finch Slater WM

Greetings from the West! ~ Brett C Sandstrom

As seen from the South ~ George W Foster

Well my cancer surgery went well and I am recovering nicely so I will try to get the Trestleboards out on a more timely basis.

Brother Brett was in Arizona last meeting and I haven't received an article from him so I will try to come up with a few words.

I spent two very full and interesting days in Yakima at the Wardens Conference in March. The sessions were very helpful and well presented. Now I have to start planning for my year as WM, assuming that you entrust me with the position. I have a few ideas that I need to flesh out. If anyone has suggestions that you would like to see our lodge do in the future talk to me before or after a meeting.

If you would like better refreshments after the meetings talk to Scott about serving as one of the Stewards. I can help to start cooking something before the meetings but I can't get very fancy when I have to stay in the lodge room until we close.

A word from the Senior Deacon ~ Rick Crossley

April 28 **5:30 leave from the lodge** for our visit to Abbotsford Lodge

May 7 **7:30 Stated Meeting**