

# THE ODD NEWS



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MT. CONSTITUTION LODGE

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## Building Summit

Vice Grand Didier Gincig called the Lodge together on Sunday, January 20th to address sprucing up the upstairs of the lodge. Two weddings have been booked for this summer on the understanding that improvements will be made to the hall by then. A committee was formed to oversee the esthetics of this project. Brother Sumrall agreed to construct a model to use in planning both redecorating and proposed artwork displays. Throughout the day, nails and tacks were pulled from the walls and the fabric sound baffles removed. Brother Forbes installed the cedar pickets he had made on the side porch. During the work party, yet another couple came in with a deposit for a 3rd summer wedding!



## Happy Birthday to Us!

February 7th marks 111 years since the charter for Lodge 88 was issued by the Grand Lodge of Washington. Our hall has been in the same location all that time, although the current building replaces the original which burned down in 1950-51. The building has hosted so many wonderful community events: classes, dances, charity events, drummings, fairs, martial arts sessions, birthday parties, weddings, and on and on. May it serve us and may we serve our community for another 111 years!

### Reunion/Revolution/Gathering/Event

We are calling for a gathering of all Brothers to celebrate the Lodge birthday. The last gathering of this sort was a huge success. We want to show off the new kitchen and share our vision for the future as well as rekindle the fellowship of Brothers past and present. Mark your calendars for February 7th at 6 p.m. A LARGE pot of chili will be on the stove - bring anything you can think of to fill out the menu.

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## MUTUAL SUPPORT

### Theme for 2002

Following his installation as Noble Grand, Brother Ron announced that MUTUAL SUPPORT would be the theme for this year. He suggested that, contrary to our accepted view of the universe where competition and survival define the fittest, Nature can be seen as a system where each part supports the whole. In our Innerworks on January 24th we will discuss how our brotherhood is a mutual support system and explore how we support each other; how we want to be supported, and how to support the order.

## Brainstormin'

At our January 3rd meeting we brainstormed many wonderful possibilities for the year. Some have already been incorporated into the schedule. John Clancy leading us in doing improv ourselves; the birthday party for the Lodge where we invite all lost brothers to return for an evening; games night with cards, board games, etc.; an evening of silence; degree work; family camping in the summer; movement evening with Anusha; dances of Universal Peace with Werner Kundig; chanting; first Thursday potlucks with themes; soup and bread night; Sunday morning hikes; more Innerworks, and Innerworks on Third Thursdays for sure; summer field trips (the mines, Pt. Doughty, Entrance Mtn.); Brothers sharing special locations on the island; a Lodge 88 history night; ladies night; talent show fund raiser; Shamanism . . . these were just some of the exciting ideas we'll draw our inspiration from this year!

# UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## January

31st 7:30 Envisioning the remodeled hall

## February

7th 6:00 Happy 111th Birthday Dinner & Reunion

14th 7:30 Ladies Night - bring your Valentine!

Innerworks: What women want from men,  
what men want from women

21th 7:30 Innerworks with Fred: Aging

28th 7:30 Improv with John Clancy

## March

7th 6:30 Wok dinner - bring things to cook in a wok.

Dessert can happen in a wok, too!

Prospective members welcome.

14th 7:30 Second Degree: FRIENDSHIP

21st 7:00 Open

28th 7:30 Healing in Motion with Anusha

## April

4th Dinner - theme TBA



John Sumrall practices his new installation songs, "Going to the Basement" and "We will Welcome You".

## Birthdays

February 4 Ron Slabaugh

February 7 Mt. Constitution Lodge 88

February 15 Joe Goodrich

February 16 Reed Goodrich

February 21 David Jessup

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## New Officers Installed

### January 17th

Officers for 2002 were installed in a rousing ceremony with lots of drumming and the passing of symbols and keys. New officers for 2002 are:

Ron Slabaugh	Noble Grand
Didier Gincig	Vice Grand
Che Blaine	Secretary
David Densmore	Financial Secretary
George Post	Treasurer
Jim Ekberg	Chaplain
Ezekiel Barr	Keeper of the Scrapbook



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