



Installation Evening: "A Heart Bath"

What an evening it was! So much love and support! And the drumming was some kind of wonderful! The passing of the officers was conducted with such loving spirit, thoughtful words, and true brotherhood. Congratulations to our new officers: Eric Morris (Financial Secretary), Bill Gincig (Treasurer), Mark Ellison (Secretary), Che Blaine (Vice Grand), and Didier Gincig (Noble Grand). Thank you, brother Fred, for a wonderful job conducting the ceremonies.

Eric Morris and David Densmore



New officers - from right: Eric Morris (Financial Secretary), Bill Gincig (Treasurer), Mark Ellison (Secretary), Che Blaine (Vice Grand), and Didier Gincig (Noble Grand)

A Message from our New Noble Grand.....

What a tremendous honor to sit in THE chair! Fred did a wonderful job of bringing the past into the moment. So many honorable past grands among us; Ron being among them. Congratulations Ron, and thank you! I will serve with gratitude, humility, and love. I am filled with gratitude to live in this community, on this beautiful island, so fortunate to be sitting in such a circle. I look forward to serving you and respecting the silence between speakers. The silence in the circle is a gift.

I am happy to be working with brother Che, receiving his support and guidance, and knowing he is there to pinch hit if necessary.

We will have Inner Works every third Thursday of the month. Do you have any ideas for the spring? Do you have any ideas for service work for us on the island or elsewhere?

If you haven't been to the first Thursday dinners, you don't know what you're missing. Community eating! Terrific food! We hope you will share your presence during First Thursday dinner potlucks. Those evenings are considered Camaraderie nights. Bring a friend! Let's try to sit down around 6:30 so we can enjoy the circle afterwards.

We will be camping at Baker Lake in July, Obstruction Pass in the summer, and enjoy wonderful field trips to Point Doughty, brothers' homes, and perhaps another visit to the mines.

I'll be at the lodge every Thursday at 7:00. I'd like to encourage brothers to show up early and enjoy that pre-meeting half hour of fun together. Our meetings will start as close to 7:30 as possible. You are invited to come early.

In Friendship, Love, and Truth
Didier Gincig

Calendar

And Now Your Handy, Dandy, Terrific,
"Oh, I Can't Miss This Meeting"
Schedule!

THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH IS AN OPEN MEETING.

January

30th 7:00 Brainstorming for 2003 (Community service ideas, Thursday meetings, Inner Works, Degree Work)

February

6th 6:30 First Thursday: Sit-down potluck dinner (Please contribute something healthy and awesome!)
7:30 Meeting: Camaraderie, Open Evening & Brothers' check ins
13th 7:30 Travel Stories from the Heart! Let's indulge in some great personal adventure stories.....

20th 7:30 Inner Works: "Discovering Your Artist Within" Tonight we will draw together. Non-drawers neednot fear. We will experiment together during "drawing dialogues". You need not know how to draw.

27th 7:30 Open Night (Deck update, drumming, singing)

March

6th 6:30 First Thursday: Soup, Salad and Bread! Make your own or Roses bread, wonderful salads, and who will come through with an awesome soup?
7:30 Meeting: Camaraderie, Open Evening & April Fool's Parade Planning

13th 7:30 Evening with Susan Osborn: Discovering Your Voice Within

20th 7:30 Proposal for Degree Work: Friendship, Love and Truth; April Fool's Parade Planning

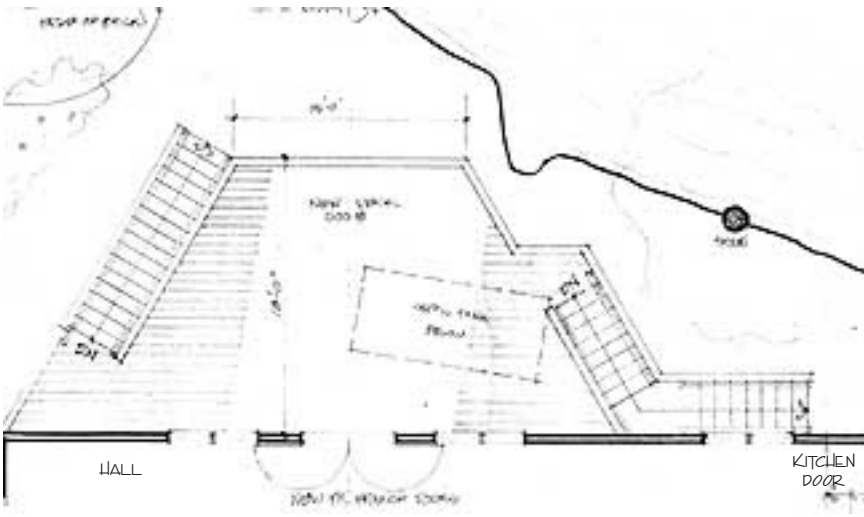
27th 7:30 April Fool's Parade, Open

April

3rd 7:00 Long Lost Brothers Night: Reach out to Brothers & complete our History Photo Album

DECK REPORT

It's happening! Build it and they will come. The completion date has been set: Earth Day, April 22nd. Thank you to the deck committee and Bill Wulff for all you have done and are doing!



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2003 DUES ARE DUE

Please pay your dues, \$35 made out to I.O.O.F. Eric Morris will be collecting dues and issuing cards. If you would like to pitch in an extra contribution to our scholarship fund, please do so, as we will be awarding a young man some funds as he leaves the island to face the off-island world.

Dues may be sent to our mailbox at PO Box 1286 in Eastsound.

Long Lost Brothers Night: April 3

We will reunite on Thursday, April 3. All of you are invited for this special evening beginning at 7:00. We'd love to see you in the lodge! (We will not have our usual first Thursday dinner.)



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| Feb 4 | Ron Slabaugh |
| Feb 15 | Joe Goodrich |
| Feb 16 | Reed Goodrich |
| Feb 21 | David Jessup |
| April 2 | Tim Forbes |
| April 12 | Charles Bommer |
| April 13 | George Post |
| April 29 | Dritler Gineig |
| April 29 | John Sumrall |