



A Message from our Noble Grand...

I have been burning my candle at all three ends lately, so I am happy to be getting this letter out to Brothers. My house is coming along well and I look forward to having a meeting there this fall. Thanks for all the moral support and offers for help! I am looking forward to fall and a change of pace in my life. My apologies for not being more present lately.

We are planning a firewood raffle starting soon, so clear a few hours on your calendar on an upcoming week-end to sell tickets in front of Island Market (or anywhere else you would like). This was a great (and easy) fundraiser for us last year, so we can use everyone's help to make it even better this year! Details coming soon.

Jeffrey



Mount Baker Highlights 2005 (Thanks to Mike Hurwicz)



Wayne limiting wine purchases to a modest few glasses per day per man, which turned out to be exactly 400 pounds of wine (including the bottles)... Controlling the food-buying frenzy to such an extent that we only had twice as much food as we could eat, if there were twice as many of us and we were up there for twice as long as we actually were... Hiking up to the glacier on Mount Baker... Endless expanses of wildflowers, purple and white and pink. Ringed by snow-covered peaks... Sharing snacks along the trail... Didier running back down to bring Bill W. and Wayne their peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, then running back up again and still having more energy left than everyone else combined (not just Oddfellows, but everyone else in the park, or possibly in the world)... Walking up to the Big Cedar... Having the traditional conversation about how big it is... Having the traditional conversation about continuing on up the mountain, possibly to discover the fabled Northwest Passage to Watson Lake... Bill W.'s chili, always famous, now surpasses Michael Jackson and Elvis Presley (only among those present, of course)... David D. doing 6" x 4" paintings on a cigar box easel, from the bridge over Noisy Creek... Having a showing in the camp kitchen... Making money while the rest of us are wasting our time... Singing around the campfire... Renaming everyone Goodman except those temporarily renamed Grossman, but they deserved it... Mike hardly reading his book at all between midnight and 5 A.M., as far as we know... Pancakes by Joe with tart wild berries, cooked on a wind-tunneling smoke-channeling fire pit built by Joe, on Joe's griddle, originally built to shelter Rhode Island from nuclear attack... Missing all the guys who didn't come... Envisioning them coming next year but us not buying any more food than we did this year, unless we lose the list again and have no idea how much we bought this year.

Check out www.billwulff.com or www.wayneheldt.com for pictures!

Oddline Resources

www.oiof.org/oddnews.html (this page has updates of this very newsletter!)

www.oddshall.org (news and calendar of events at the Hall)

CALENDAR

Sept

8th 7:30 Light Up Your Life!

15th 6:00 Pt. Doughy Trip!

(Potluck and/or sleep-over)
Meet at West Beach Road end or the
Ditch at 6 PM for shuttle boats.

22nd 7:30 Harvest Potluck at Patrick Boehm's

29th 7:30 TBA

Oct

6th 7:00 Comradery Potluck

13th 7:30 Meeting at Jeffrey's!
(Bring your hammer instruments)

20th 7:30 TBA

27th 7:30 Decorate for Halloween

29th Sat. Halloween Dancel



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Birthdays

Sept 21	David Roseberry
Sept 27	Mark Anderson
Oct 4	Jim Allen
Oct 29	Richard Russell

