



Fundraising Report

Our annual Halloween firewood raffle brought in \$1,215, and the Halloween dance party netted \$1,330, bringing the balance in the Jon Abbott Memorial Scholarship Fund up to \$3,532. Jill Galeotti from Seattle won the cord 'o firewood which she then generously donated to a needy Island family. The Horn of Plenty fund is currently at \$1214. We live in great abundance.

Acknowledgements

Thanks to David Densmore, Master Mask-Maker Extraordinaire, and the brothers who decorated the hall for the Halloween dance. The place looked fabulous and a great party was enjoyed by all. Special thanks to all the Island businesses that donated prizes; plus kudos to Jay Kimball & Patrick Bennett for the live video feed to the big screen.

MESSAGE FROM THE NOBLE GRAND

Greetings dear brothers. As 2008 draws to a close, soon will conclude the short, but glorious, reign of Eric the Terrible. I want to extend my gratitude to each of you for your friendship, guidance & support. This year has been full of challenges & rewards, and I'm grateful for every moment. I trust we've all grown and been stretched in new directions, and are better prepared to meet whatever the future will bring. Let's continue to enjoy this wild & wonderful ride, (also known as Life on Earth) together.

- In FL&T, Eric

GREETINGS FROM VERMONT!



Pursuing a lifelong dream of frolicking in New England leaves, your wayfaring Noble Grand recently visited our brother Ron Slabaugh in Vermont. Eric & Ron had a wonderful time touring the region on foot, bicycle, kayak,

automobile & aeroplane. They saw bright leafy colors! Ron is greatly enjoying his new life on the Right Coast, and sends his very best to the brothers.

THANKSGIVING

Everyone is invited to celebrate Thanksgiving at the Hall at 4:30 PM on November 27. If you know anyone who might otherwise be alone on this day, please bring them with you, along with your yummy potluck dish. We Odd guys will be setting up the tables & chairs on Wednesday the 26th.

Odd Fellows Initiation 2008

Be sure and show up to help initiate our new members on November 19. This is always a powerfully moving ceremony where we all get re-initiated into the brotherhood. There will be an initiation planning meeting on November 12, when we'll also nominate officers for next year. Be there...or be nominated for Feastmiester. Election night will be December 10.





Happy
Birthday
Brothers!

- 11-18** John Clancy
- 12-2** Gabriel Olmsted
- 12-5** Eric Morris
- 12-6** Errol Speed
- 12-9** Bill Gincig
- 12-11** John Mottl
- 12-17** River Rorabaugh
- 12-31** Jim Ekberg

- 1-4** Calvin Blaine
- 1-13** Bill Thompson
- 1-18** Michael Hurwicz
- 1-19** Jay Kimball
- 1-27** Jon Abbott

Odd Photos?

We're still looking for your choice photos of Odd Fellow adventures from 2008. Send 'em to Eric at eric@earthball.com and we'll include the best picks in our "This Odd Year" slideshow on December 17.



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Calendar of Events

- 11-12** Plan the Initiation /
Nominate new Officers
- 11-19** Initiation 2008
- 11-26** Gratitude / Thanksgiving
prep
- 11-27** Thanksgiving Dinner
- 12-3** Open Meeting / Holiday
Potluck - "Life of Eric"
Slideshow
- 12-10** "On Becoming Elders" Inner
Works w/ Fred & George,
Vote for New Officers
- 12-17** Review - "This Odd Year"
Slideshow
- 12-24** Christmas Eve - no meeting
- 12-31** New Years Eve Party?
Dance?
- 1-7-09** Open Meeting - Dreaming
the New Year
- 1-14-09** Installation of New Officers

