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## Bountiful Harvest Issue

After a great summer — filled with parade enthusiasm, fun and music and walking with paint splattered clothes carrying the world, camping, fishing, drumming, music-making, potlucking, picnicking, kayaking, hall-fixing, and wood-hauling — we come to harvest

time, corn shucking and jiving, harvest potlucking, sharing our travel stories, sweat lodging, more hall-fixing, making wood for the coming cold, and preparing to help each other through whatever else may come, just



like we always do. You come, too!  
Your duly elected friendly, loving and truthful council

 Birthdays

Tom Meadows	9/1
David Roseberry	9/21
Michael "M.J." Johnson	10/3
Jim Allan	10/4

### MONIQUE GINCIG

It is on Orcas Island that my mother was happiest. She had never known community. This community let her find out about connection, service, and friends. My mother loved the Odd Fellows. Some of the happiest times I remember seeing her was in the crowd at our parades. She would enthusiastically come out of the crowd, beaming, inspired and joyous. She was put to rest with a Golden Heart F, L, & T.

When we had our Steve Braun Memorial Triathlon, for year after year my father and mother would volunteer. My mom was at the bike turnaround past Doe Bay. At the pre-race meeting when we'd all gather and do the Jellyfish Dance and explain the course, people got a kick when I'd tell them to ride out past Doe Bay where you'll see my mother, say "hi mom" and head back. So, my mom has reached the finish line as far as her body would take her. When you reach the finish line, or the turnaround spot, say hi to Monique.

Thank you for bringing joy to my mother by being who you are. Thank you for the support you have given my father and my family.

Didier



*(Monique — Bill's wife and Didier's mother — passed away on Aug. 16. Tom M. volunteered to build her casket. Several brothers served as her pallbearers. Many brothers were present at a memorial and celebration of Monique's life on Aug. 28, among a crowd that filled the upstairs room of the lodge. The Parking Angels sang "Last Dance" and "Autumn Leaves," Jeff Z. lead the group in "When I Rise." and Mike H. and Sharon sang "Give Yourself to Love" — "Open up your hearts to the tears and laughter ..." We did.)*



We Love You, Joe!

We send our love, healing energy, and joyous, buoyant light to brother Joe G.



Jay K. and Sue on the road! Footloose! Free! Fancy! All that! They're blogging all about it at <http://travelsketchwrite.com>. And Jay will share with us face to face at our regular meeting on Oct. 26.



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## Calendar of Events

### SEPTEMBER

9/7 Corn Feast Gathering at Patrick Boehm's. Open meeting, including significant others. 5:30pm carpool from the lodge, 6:00pm at Patrick's place. Bring chairs and a potluck item. Casual dress is acceptable. Music and drumming are likely to occur. 1030 Point Lawrence Rd. Mile marker 1 past Olga Art Works towards Doe Bay, Second driveway on the right and keep to the left.

9/10 Wood cutting party on SATURDAY Sept. 10, starting 10am, behind Bill Wulff's house on Mt. Baker Road. Lots of wood for our neighbors in need. A good number of brothers will be there, so we should be able to work in shifts and get done quick!

9/14 Share Your Travel Stories

9/21 Prepare for Initiation. It's been a while friends. Get out the secret stuff and decide who is going to do which secret things in the secret manner and keep it all a secret.

9/28 Initiation. (Don't tell anyone.)

### OCTOBER

10/5 Sweat at Tim Forbes. Deep cleansing and camaraderie. 5:45pm leave from lodge. (Carpooling strongly encouraged, as there is very limited parking at Tim's.) 6pm potluck at the sweat - no cooking facilities. Also bring a towel, water and a little firewood for the sweat lodge.

10/12 Harvest Potluck Dinner from Brothers' Gardens. Or, if you're not a gardener, bring something local and scrumptious. 7:30pm at the lodge.

10/19 Emergency Preparedness - Jeff Z. will lead a practical, hands on evening helping us to be more ready for whatever. A time to give some thought to what we want to do both individually and as a lodge. For instance, should we have emergency supplies at the lodge?

10/26 Jay's Presentation About His Trip.