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“Out with the Old, in with the New” Issue



Inspiration, Invigoration, Initiation, Installation

After a wonderful year of kayaking, cook-outs, camp-outs, wood-cutting, invigorating outerworks, inspiring innerworks, and even an initiation (welcome new brothers Robert and Lucas!), we turn our attention to installation of new officers in January. Nominations for the council are open in November. We will vote on December 7.

Invitation

Hello Fellow Odds Tribe!
Are you ready to face the blustery Winters of Orcas? Has the chilly summer of 2011 foretold Cool & Wet and Frozen Things-To-Come on our dear island? Go South (for a get-away)! This is Robert & Nancy (now back down in SF, boo hoo!). Oh how we miss all of you up there on Orcas! How can we see you again and not have to wait till summer? Here's an escape clause: Fly South - for some Wintry Cultural Fun at Robert & Nancy's Eth-Noh-Tec Studio in our Victorian Home in the sunny Mission District of San Francisco! We are inviting up 18 people to stay with us for 3-7 days and revitalize yourself with a Taste of SF Cultural Life. We have a big and beautiful home in this vibrant cultural neighborhood. (For details, check out the Members area at oiof.org. If you don't know the user name and password, ask Mike.)

New Phone Tree

A new phone tree with birthdays is available! Come in and pick up a copy. Take an extra for a brother near you that might not make it to many meetings. (The phone tree has also been posted at oiof.org in the members area.) Many thanks to brother Fred E. for preparing this!

Update on the Clara Project

We have completed attic storage, gutters, upstairs windows, painting the lodge room, library bookshelf and gorgeous-shelves-for-drums-thank-you-Tom (and John C. and Ezekial). And thanks to John S., Eric, and Jay for installing windows!

We should have more info on heat pumps in November.

Jay has five bids on insulation, from \$5,600 to \$8,280. (The high bid is for blow in eco-foam, which has about 50% higher R value than blown fiber glass.) We want to insulate before doing anything on heat pumps, to see how much the insulation reduces our heating bills. Since it is getting cooler, we hope to move on this ASAP.

PROJECT CLARA			
HALL		STATUS	COST
STORAGE	3300	Complete	\$5,489.13
INSULATION	5200	Bidding	\$5,600 to \$8,280
GUTTERS	400	Complete	\$1244.12
HEAT PUMP	1900	Bidding	?
WINDOWS	1274	Complete	\$2608.23
LODGE			
PAINT	650	Complete	\$1016.63
MUD ROOM			
- COAT RACK	150		
- SHOE RACK	150		
HEAT PUMP	1900		
FLOOR			
- PERGO	2300		
- CARPET	600		
+ FOOD BAR	400		
+ SHELVES			
- DRUMS	100	Complete] \$567.36
- BOOKS	200	Complete	
LEARNING CTR	2500		
INTERNET/CABLE	1000 ^{PRCS}		
LOAN MEETING	22-28,000		



Thanksgiving

We will set up for Thanksgiving on Wednesday. Brothers are invited to help downstairs and upstairs as needed and with clean up afterwards. Contact Bill Gincig (8857) to see what might be needed. We will have an evening sharing gratitude thoughts, poems, songs, etc. the night before Thanksgiving.





Birthdays

John Clancy	11/18
Frank Michels	11/22
Jim Kruse	11/23
Eric Morris	12/5
Bill Gincig	12/9
John Olson	12/16
"River" Jim Rorabaugh	12/17
Steve Gresham	1/9
Bill Thompson	1/13
Michael Hurwicz	1/18
Barry Neville	1/29

Raffle Tickets

We continue to sell raffle tickets throughout the month of November. Thanks to brothers (and some significant others) for their time and to Bill Gincig for his organizational support.

Inner and Outer Works

As we begin a new year, we invite YOU to lead an evening of inner or outer works. Contact the council with your idea.

Carpet

We're still trying to find a carpet that we're happy with. If you can bring in samples of your good idea, please do so.

Wood Cutting

We have had highly successful wood cutting parties and have our supply for winter emergencies when called upon by members of the community.

Bio Pages

We will hand out blank bio pages for you to complete (some of you have already done yours). We'll create a book of us for brothers to enjoy in years to come.

Anteroom/Entry Room

We're going to create a cool new entry room. Please contact Tom, Mike or the council if you would like to participate in the creation.



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Calendar of Events

NOVEMBER

All month, we will accept nominations for next year's officers.

11/2 Jay's presentation about his trip

11/9 Mike H: Innerworks: Feel Peace, Speak Peace, Be Peace

11/16 Learner & Lucas: Making sauerkraut - Bring 2 cabbages and 2 wide-mouth jars

11/23 Thanksgiving prep, sharing songs and poems of gratitude

11/24 Thanksgiving dinner at the hall

11/30 John C: Innerworks: In advance, each brother selects a song that he'd like played at his funeral or memorial. We go around the circle and each brother tells why he selected the song that he did, what it means to him, and why he'd like to have it played at his funeral. Then the song will be played for the circle (means for playing songs to be discussed). Come participate in a fun, meaningful meeting.

DECEMBER

12/7 Vote for next year's officers.

Innerworks: When the Shift Hits the Fan- Discussion of possible coming crises/opportunities

12/14 John S: Innerworks, topic TBA

12/21 Hot to Trot: Party, dance, bring significant others

12/28 Boys' Nite In: Pool, hanging out; bring treats, cards, games, whatever

JANUARY

1/4 Boys' Nite In: Pool, hanging out; bring treats, cards, games, whatever

1/11 David D: Innerworks, topic TBA

1/18 Joe G: Innerworks. Wrestling with fear, living in courage

1/25 Installation