



Greetings From Your New Noble Grand

New officers for 2014 were installed in our January 15 lodge meeting. There were twenty six brothers present as Noble Grand Dave Roseberry and Past Sovereign Grand Master Fred Enge led the new officers through their charges and vows. The reception from the circle of brothers for our new leaders felt warm and encouraging.

In my brief acceptance speech I sought to highlight a couple of the Odd Fellow ritual book quotes from our recent work on the three degrees of Friendship, Love and Truth. The first quote expresses my basic motivation for wanting to step into this role of Noble Grand: "The good have an affinity for each other which grows into greater confidences and affections." These past couple years I have been making an effort to attend most of the meetings. As a result, my affections for the brothers has grown. Also, my personal confidence that I can possibly serve in this role has grown as well.

The other quote from the degree work that inspires me: "Membership in a lodge is nothing, obligations of friendship is nothing, the assertion of our principles is less than nothing – unless we have Brotherly Love – that is our bond of unity." As I go through this coming year as your Noble Grand that quote expresses what is most important to me and will guide me through our various adventures. Looking forward to getting to know all of you better.

I will be gone for the next three meetings. My wife and I had planned a trip to Mexico several months ago to celebrate her retirement.

~ Robin Kucklick



Joe Goodrich Inducted Into Order of the Golden Heart

Joe Goodrich was inducted into the Order of the Golden Heart on the night of our installation of the officers for 2014. He joins brothers Bill Wulff, David Densmore, Jay Kimball, Fred Enge and George Post, who have been previously honored with this award. Here is an excerpt from the induction speech:



"Dear Joe,

In your first year as Noble Grand, you suspended a heart over the drum, and from that heart hung a key, for as you knew and as you lived, the heart is the Key.

You gave us your vigor, whether bounding up Mt. Entrance or out-performing the mechanical splitters at our wood parties.

And when your vigor faltered, you gave us your honesty and your example. You let your illness break open your heart. You felt your fear; you felt your pain; and you shared this with us.

You allowed your beliefs to be tested in the crucible of experience, and you shared this with us. You let life pierce your heart, Joe, and when your heart broke open you, unspoken, unasked, shared that beauty with us as well.

You have given us your heart, Joe. And now we, in this gesture of love and gratitude, give you our hearts. We are honored to welcome you into the Order of the Golden Heart. By accepting this, you honor and nurture us once again. Thank you, Joe, for your love and the living of it. Thank you for everything."

~John Clancy



In memory of Brother John Barnes

In the evening of January 16th, John passed away after a long struggle with his health.

John moved to Orcas from L.A. about 20 years ago, worked at various jobs and became a manager at Doe Bay for a few years. He also worked at Cafe Olga doing repairs and when they closed for the winter, did a major clean up in the whole building including refinishing all the floors. For the past several years he was the caretaker for Doctor Harvey and Gale Glasser in Olga where he lived and provided the Glassers with beautiful grounds and a spotless

home.

Early on, John and I became fast friends and attended many dinner parties together. For every meal shared with John, there was always a prayer not just for the food but for the deep feeling he had for our community.

We took Sunday walks around Eagle Lake, returning to my house for coffee, grapes and toast. I suggested he attend an open meeting at Odd Fellows. He connected well.

He joined the Odd Fellows, was in many parades and was a regular at the Baker Lake camp outs. With his failing health, John became less able to work his gig but he did try and keep the fields mowed. On the last 4th of July, Johns birthday, a very large party was held at his house with music, food and plenty hugs. He loved to hug people. There was a clip on YouTube called "Johnstock" showing this very special event.

He will be missed. R.I.P. my loving Brother.

~ Fred Enge



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Calendar

January 29 George Eberle, Rick Markov and Larry Paluzzi will host a dinner for members at the Lodge beginning at 6:30. This is an open meeting so this is a good time to bring a friend who might be interested in joining Odd Fellows.

February 5 Michael Hurwicz will chair the meeting. This will be a check in meeting and an opportunity to talk about possible directions, ideas, visions for the upcoming year for our Fellowship.

February 12 I will be back from my trip. Meeting will be a check in for me and I imagine there will be business to take care of. I would like to do an inner works upstairs with simple Tai Chi movements...get the energy moving!

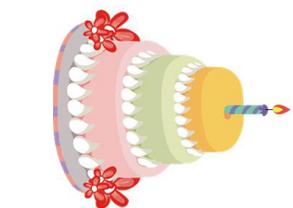
February 15 Valentine Dance at the Hall. Jay Kimball is the point person for this event.

Ideas for future meetings

Music inner works with Jay Kimball focusing on the songs that touched our heart. Send him your selection for favorite song.

Invite guest speakers to come to our Lodge meeting and give talks on areas of interest to us. Possible speakers: Norm Stamper, Tom Welch (local historian) etc. Give Robin your ideas.

Happy Birthday, Brothers!



- Steve Gresham 1/9
- Toby Brown 1/12
- Bill Thompson 1/13
- Michael Hurwicz 1/18
- Jay Kimball 1/19
- Barry Neville 1/29
- Ron Slabaugh 2/4
- Lucas Limbach 2/15
- Joe Goodrich 2/15