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MT. CONSTITUTION LODGE

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A Message from our Noble Grand.....

What a pleasure it is to be part of this circle of men! As we light the candles around the circle, there is warmth in our hearts and our spirits are rich. So much goodness and love!

We have completed the contract with our primary tenant and look optimistically to the future as our beloved hall is enjoyed by the community and by couples uniting their lives together with the support of their families and friends. As the deck reaches completion and the view of the sparkling diamonds on the sound becomes visible from the building, we know we have created a legacy based on friendship, truth, and love for the community to enjoy.

As we enter spring we announce a schedule that includes Degree Work, a historical evening, feasts, guests to our circle, a field trip, and the arrival of summer. May the time spent together on Thursday nights be blessed with laughter, deep diving and connection. May our spirits continue to shine brightly!

We have experienced the passing of two brothers, Lex Mottl and Charles Bommer. While I did not have the good fortune to know these men intimately, I have spoken to several brothers who did have strong connections from the heart. It is strongly apparent that these fine gentlemen were truly that, gentle men who lived their lives to the fullest and exemplified friendship, love, truth, and fun. There are many who have expressed their gratitude for having known Lex and Charles; they will live in our hearts and remind us of the gifts of life. We will remember Lex and Charlie at the meeting of Thursday, April 24th.

A reminder: We gather at the lodge every Thursday at 7:00. You are encouraged to show up early and enjoy that pre-meeting half hour. Our meetings start as close to 7:30 as possible. We wish to remind the brothers who do not attend regularly and would like to pop in once in a while, you are most welcome!

In Friendship, Love, and Truth
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Earth Day Parade

What a wonderful parade it was...
Earth Ball, children, love of the Earth. Way to go Brothers!

Photos courtesy of
The Islands' Sounder



Calendar

And Now Your Handy, Dandy, Terrific, "Oh, I Can't Miss This Meeting" Schedule!

THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH IS OPEN.

April

24th 7:30 Remembering Charles Bommer and Lex Mottl; Lodge History

May

1st 6:30 First Thursday: potluck dinner
7:30 Meeting: play pool, open night, relax and enjoy, casual check-ins

8th 7:30 Susan Osborn:
Discovering Your Inner Voice

15th 7:30 Inner Works: Friendship

22nd 7:30 Making Music:
Singing & Drumming
(Bring your instruments and favorite songs)

29th 7:30 Movement with Anusha

June

5th 6:00 First Thursday: potluck dinner at Fred Enge's house
7:30 Meeting: July 4th Parade Planning. Bring good ideas for the "Island Artists" theme

12th 7:30 Field trip to Mount Entrance or the mines on Mount Constitution

19th 7:30 Inner Works: around the campfire - Love

26th 7:30 July 4th Parade Planning, walk to Madrona Point, Drumming

July

5th PARADE!

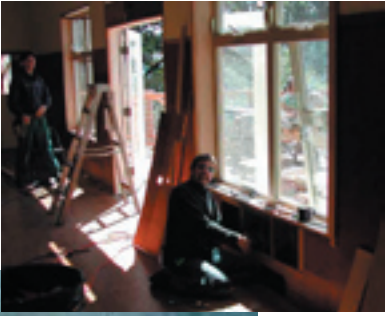


14th Baker Lake Camp Out

BAKER LAKE CAMP OUT

We are extending the trip to four days. Mark your calendars for Monday-Thursday, July 14-17. If you have not joined us for this vacation of relaxation and adventure, we strongly urge you to carve out those days from your busy calendar and join us. Some will stay for three days.





DECK REPORT

The deck is AWESOME!
Thank you deck builders!
What an excellent job! Let
the celebrations begin!

Rob Budweg,
Grand Master



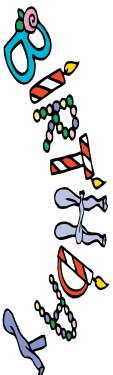
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2003 DUES ARE DUE

Please pay your dues, \$35 made out to I.O.O.F. Eric Morris will be collecting dues and issuing cards. If you would like to pitch in an extra contribution to our scholarship fund, please do so, as we will be awarding a young man some funds as he leaves the island to face the off-island world.

Dues may be sent to our mailbox at PO Box 1286 in Eastsound. The public flogging for non-dues paying members will be announced soon.



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| April 21 | Tim Forbes |
| April 29 | Didier Gineig |
| April 29 | John Summell |
| May 9 | Robin Kucklick |
| May 14 | Fred Engle |
| May 26 | David Densmore |
| May 29 | Jeff Zbonik |
| May 30 | John Roselli |
| May 31 | Wayne Heldt |
| June 26 | Ken Loyd |