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Standing: Ron Slabaugh, Jim Ekberg, Miguel Denker, John Sumrall, Errol Speed, Patrick Bennett, Didier Gincig, Che Blaine **Kneeling:** Patrick Boehm, Joe Goodrich, Douglas Gainor, Eric Morris

Photo taken by Bill Wuff

There is plenty of warmth in this community project

On Saturday, February 12th, members of the Odd Fellows Lodge Mt. Constitution 88 gathered to spend a morning splitting and delivering firewood to families in need here on Orcas Island. John Sumrall, the Noble Grand, has chosen supplying firewood to the needy as the Lodge's new community involvement project for this year.

John contacted local service organizations to advise them of the firewood project and get their recommendations for families who could use a hand. He also put out feelers to island residents for sources of dead or fallen trees. The final ingredient was manpower and this was willingly supplied by thirteen members of the Lodge. It all came together and, by morning end, two large pickup truck loads of wood had been delivered to struggling households and another load was split and stacked - ready for delivery another day.

The day was only the first of many the Lodge plans to spend at this project throughout the year. The two young single mothers who received the first loads of firewood were genuinely thankful for this gift of warmth for their households. The day ended not only with a fine sense of accomplishment for the brothers, but also the joy of camaraderie gained during time spent working outdoors, side-by-side with friends and laughter.

The goal of the Lodge is to repeat these work parties throughout the year, removing unwanted windfalls and snags for property owners and building caches of split wood to season in preparation for next winter's needy families.

Five of the 13 woodcutters were among a group of six new brothers initiated last month. That evening was made especially memorable by the attendance and participation of the Grand Lodge, Grand Master Hugh Smith.

DUES ARE DO

Annual dues \$35



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JANUARY INITIATES



Patrick Bennett
Patrick Boehm
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Eric Morris

UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thur March 9th	7:30pm	Business Meeting
Thur March 16th	7:30pm	Inner Works Fred Enge Memory (Bring pen and paper)
Thur March 23th	7:30pm	April Fools Day Parade rehearsal
Thur March 30th	7:30pm	April Fools Day Parade rehearsal
Sat April 1st	11:30am	April Fools Day Parade meet @ lodge
Thur April 6th	7:30pm	Camaraderie Night
Thur April 13th	7:30pm	Degrees Night
Thur April 20th	7:30pm	Inner Works Daniel McCarty