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A Message from our Noble Grand.....

The year has passed and soon it will be time for installations. I want to thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Noble Grand. It is truly a blessing to experience the year in the chair. As I put on the regalia before the initiation ceremony, I wondered who had worn that robe and hat over the years. I was humbled by the sense of history. I have a large amount of love for you, my brothers. I look forward to next year and the following years as we enjoy our lives and our Thursday nights together on this beautiful island. You are great teachers. Our brotherhood is strong. Our links are solid.

In Friendship, Love, and Truth

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Community Thanksgiving at the Lodge

It was another glorious community celebration. It was good to see the brothers, friends, and family at this celebration of gratitude. Yes, we have so much to be thankful for. What abundance! So much support, love, joy, laughter, nourishment for our bodies and spirits. What a gift to be able to offer the building and the celebration with our community! It was good to share Thanksgiving on the ancestral land of the First Peoples that is part of Madrona Point.



Initiations

Jay Kimball, Bill Thompson, and Jon Abbott became new members of our brotherhood during a terrific initiation ceremony. Congratulations to our new brothers and many thanks to all for a great initiation.

It is such a rich ceremony on many levels! We were sorry to miss Jawara who was stranded on Waldron.



Wood Raffle

We made around \$1,000 on the wood raffle. Way to go! Libi and George Orser were the fortunate winners who received their cord of wood from the brothers. Thanks for all who participated.

Wood Cutting Parties

There will be additional wood cutting parties shortly. Way to go wood service guys! Way to bring the heat to the people!

Calendar



December

- 4th 7:30 Continuing our discussion about leadership. Nominations for officers. (This is not an open night for non-members.)
- 11th 7:30 A casual get together evening with drumming, singing, silence, readings, and sharing from the heart. If you can, bring a treat for a cold winter evening.
Voting on our 2004 officers.
- 18th 7:30 This is our last meeting of 2003. Please bring something special to read or share together. Your sharing may be a song, a poem, an activity, a game, a joke, a treat.
- 25th ***Merry Christmas and many blessings to everyone...***

January

- 1st 7:30 Happy New Year and support for your intentions in 2004.
- 8th 7:30 Improv night with John Clancy.
- 15th 7:30 Installation of new officers. See you at this grand ceremony.
- 22nd 7:30 David Densmore facilitates an evening of singing and writing explorations.
- 29th 7:30 An evening of Fun and Song led by Jeff Zbornik and other brothers.



We had our first Poker Night!
It was great fun! The next evening of Poker will be Friday, January 23rd at 7:00.

Halloween Dance

This year's dance was great! The community had a wonderful time dancing with "Spoonsshine" and their eclectic tunes. The brothers worked well together bringing in the band, setting up the hall (with new decorations from David Densmore and George Post!), and cleaning up after the memorable evening. Well done!



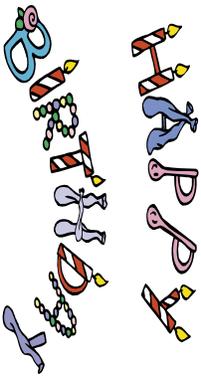
Building Committee Update

The Building Committee invites you to select from our list of tasks for the building and our brotherhood. Please choose a friend or take on a task yourself from the list on the white board in the lodge.



Decorating the Lodge

You are invited to decorate the lodge. Please bring beautiful artwork to help us transform our meeting room into more of a reflection of us.



- December 2..... Gabriel Olmsted
- December 5..... Eric Morris
- December 6..... Errol Speed
- December 9..... Bill Gincig
- December 11..... John Motti
- December 17... James Rorabaugh
- December 31..... Jim Ekberg
- January 4..... Calvin Blaine
- January 13..... Bill Thompson
- January 18..... Michael Hurwicz
- January 19..... Jay Kimball
- January 27..... Jon Abbott

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