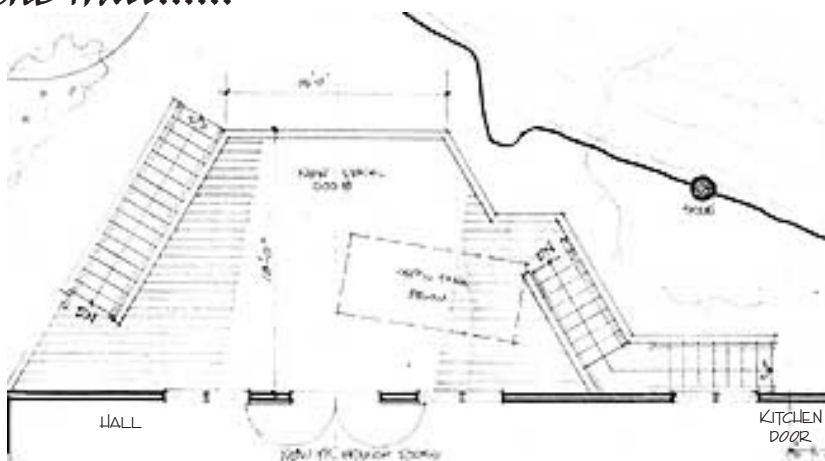


Second Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Again, this year, our Lodge will host a Thanksgiving celebration for the community. Brothers Didier and Bill, (with Monique's help), have offered to organize and host the event. A number of brothers offered to help. It will be potluck for all the accompaniments. Plan on arriving between three and four.

Deck the Hall.....



At a magical meeting last week, we finally reached consensus on plans for the deck. The revised plan, above, was approved unanimously with a commitment to have it completed by May 1 for next summer's wedding season. The revised plan is smaller and preserves some of the area behind the Hall; it follows the bluff line and has a wonderful flow from kitchen door to deck to fire circle. Kudos for all the work that got us here, particularly Brothers Bill Wulff, Jim Ekberg, George Post and Fred Klein. The revised plan is expected to cost less than half for materials and is simpler to build. We will probably hire one of our skilled brothers as a crew chief and build it with a good deal of volunteer labor.

THANK YOU

As I write my last newsletter, I am full of appreciation for the privilege and honor of serving as N. G. of Mt. Constitution Lodge 88, IOOF. It has been a great year with my ties to brothers and to the circle deepening. There has been high energy for making loving improvements to the Hall. We've painted the entryway and men's bathroom, bricked the fire circle, put in a safety fence, a fern garden by the entry, painted the hall above the wainscoting, painted the women's bathroom, begun the electrical improvements, committed to building the deck by next summer, AND (drum roll, please), put on a NEW ROOF! It looks as if we'll keep going with more improvements, some which will enhance our "clubhouse" space (sauna, anyone?). ThankYou ThankYou ThankYou ThankYou ThankYou!

Calendar

THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH IS AN OPEN MEETING.

November

- 14th 7:00 Improv with John Clancy
- 21st 7:00 Innerworks: Death
Ron Slabaugh
- 28th 4:00 Community Thanksgiving Dinner

December

- 5th 7:00 Innerworks: The Work of Byron Katie. Ron Slabaugh
- 12th 7:00 1. Nominations
2. Anusha, Healing in Motion
- 19th 7:00 Elections and Drumming
- 26th 7:00 Silence

January

- 2nd 6:00 Dinner: bring stuff for omelets, bread for toast or salad.
- 9th 7:00 A proposal for degree work in our lodge: John Sumrall & Joe Goodrich

- 15th 7:00 Installation

February

- 2nd Fund Raiser:
TALENT SHOW



The Roof...

After twelve years of talk about how the roof on the Hall needed replacing, we did it! For a week and a day, brothers gathered at the hall for a spiritual retreat/work party. The two layers of three-tab were stripped and a metal roof installed. Both ground crew and roof monkeys were important. A cable was installed along the ridge and we clipped on for safety. Camaraderie, loving fellowship, struggles to blend our individual truth into a common goal were hallmarks of the week. Heroes include Jim Ekberg, Tim Forbes, Joe Goodrich, Jon Sumrall, Cory Cuthbertson, George Post, Dave Roseberry, Bill Ginsig, Ezekiel Barr, John Abbott and others.

All labor was donated so we were able to install a \$25-\$30,000 roof for about \$8,000 worth of materials and disposal fees. The Grand Lodge lent the money to make this project possible and for us to continue this important community service on Orcas Island. Our feelings of contributing to this 111-year community tradition were a huge reward. We also gained appreciation for our departed brothers of Lodge 88 for their skill and dedication in building the hall. When Jim and John measured the south end of the roof for squareness, one side was dead on and the other only a quarter inch off! When the last strip of roofing was laid on the north end, we were within an inch of perfect square!



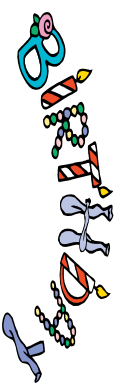
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WANTED OFFICERS FOR 2003

Consider serving your Lodge as Vice Grand, Secretary, Treasurer, Financial Secretary or Chaplain. Express your interest or willingness to John Sumrall, chairman of the Nominating Committee.

TRUSTEES NAMED

In response to the huge job of getting the Hall management, maintenance and rental policies and procedures organized - in short, STEWARDSHIP - a new group has been created: Lodge Trustees. This will move most of the details of business management out of The Circle and allow us to use our Thursday night time for the "cool" stuff, for the real reasons we meet: drumming, singing, Innerworks, play, parade planning, chanting, etc. (See Calendar.) Trustees are: Ron Slabaugh, N.G., Didier Gincig, V.G., George Post, Fred Enge and Bill Wulff.



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| Dec 2 | Gabriel Olmsted |
| Dec 6 | Errol Speed |
| Dec 11 | John Motti |
| Dec 17 | James Rorabaugh |
| Jan 18 | Mike Hurwicz |
| Feb 4 | Ron Slabaugh |
| Feb 15 | Joe Goodrich |
| Feb 16 | Reed Goodrich |
| Feb 21 | David Jessup |