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MONTHLY COMMUNICATION FROM
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4 Rainbow #54 7:00 p	5 Bldg Corp 7:00 p	6 <i>Unity #198</i> 7:30 p	7 <i>Mercer Island #297</i> 7:30 p	8 Lodge Building Rented	9 LOMA 9:30 a Falls City <i>Falls City #66</i> 7:30 p
10	11 <i>Lakeside #258</i> 7:30 p	12 <i>Fall City RAM</i> 7:30 p	13 O.E.S. 8:00 p	14 <i>Kirkland #150</i> 7:30 p	15	16
17	18 Rainbow #54 7:00 p <i>Westgate #128</i> 7:30 p	19	20	21 Myrtle #108 7:30 p	22	23
24 Bethel #76 7:00 p	25 <i>Renaissance #312</i> 6:30 p	26	27 O.E.S. 8:00 p	28		

Important Events

Wednesday, Mar. 27th.....OES: 5-year Honor Night – Earlene Fay & Jeff Osiadacz Honor All Members – Sideliners; March Birthdays & Anniversaries, Short Form; Dress of Choice; Hostess Chairman: Marilyn Williford
..... 8:00 pm

MASTER'S MESSAGE

MOTHER LODGE



The most tender of Masonic affections cling around the phrase “My Mother Lodge.” Men away from home have a longing for their Mother Lodge, indefinable in words, as ethereal as a flower scent, as actual as the good standing cards they carry in their pockets.

But what is this that we call Mother Lodge? Ritualistically, a lodge is the legal number of brethren, assembled with a Charter, or Warrant of Constitution, and the Three Great Lights of Masonry properly arranged. Legally, it is all the brethren whose names are carried on the rolls, formed into an organization by recognition from the Grand Lodge which gave them – or those they succeeded – life as part of the Grand Lodge family of lodges. Physically, a lodge seems, to the brethren who compose it, to be the room in the Temple in which they meet. Yet none of these definitions satisfy.

While a Charter, or Warrant of Constitution, and the Three Great Lights are necessary for holding a lodge, the destruction of the Charter, the loss of the Three Great Lights, does not destroy the lodge. Duplicate Charters may be issued; new Great Lights may be obtained...etc.

The lodge cannot be only the brethren who compose it, as these continually change. A brother may remove from the vicinity in which his Mother Lodge meets, remain away fifty years, and return to find every brother he knew when he first saw Masonic Light, gone to the Grand Lodge Above. Yet his Mother Lodge remains.

The lodge cannot be only the room in which meetings are held. Temples are temporary, lodges move from room to room, sometimes from town to town, or even State to State. California Lodge No. 13, of the District of Columbia, moved to California in 1849, and became California Lodge No. 1 in the Grand Lodge of that State; many Army Lodges have traveled far. Yet these are still Mother Lodges to those brethren who are their sons.

The difficulty of defining just what we so love as our Mother Lodge is increased by the word “lodge” having more than one meaning. The Church is an organized body of worshippers who meet in a church. Burn the edifice, the Church remains. Used in this sense the lodge is that indefinable organization which meets in the lodge room. The word has come down to us from operative days, when workmen erecting a Cathedral, built a hut, or lodge, in which to keep the plans, meet and talk over the work, use as a recreation hall in bad weather, even to sleep in. “Lodge” is a legitimate descendant of the good old Anglo-Saxon word *logian* meaning, “to dwell.” Spelled “logge” it is in our oldest document, the Regius poem, 1390.

Fraternally,
Tom

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Congratulations to WB Terry Davis for receiving the Grand Master's Achievement Award at the District 7 Reception for the Grand Master on January 12th. He was recognized for his many years of service to Myrtle Lodge, especially the long hours spent on the building improvement and his many years supporting the Rainbow.

On that same topic, I neglected to report that Brother Bill Werner received the Mason of the Year award at our Installation of Officers on January 5th. Congratulations, Bill.

Brother Ric Novak has offered to develop and maintain a new website for the Lodge. The current site is maintained by Brother Jesse Carpio of Westgate Lodge. This new site will have Myrtle 108 in the name and will be easier to remember. Brother John Munro had secured the domain name and Brother Ric will get it up and running. Stay tuned for further developments.

Myrtle Lodge website: <http://www.geocities.com/jdcarpio/myrtle2>

Grand Lodge website: www.freemason-wa.org

District 7 website: www.geocities.com/district_7_lodges/

LODGE BUILDING

The architect has provided the cost estimate to create the construction documents and the Board will be reviewing the preliminary cost estimate to see if we have enough money to proceed. I am trying to find the time to complete the kitchen design in time for the mechanical engineers to design the plumbing. Feel free to send me ideas for the kitchen. Although it will be more than double the current size, I still don't have a lot of room to work with. (Ray Zimmerman)

Christmas in April

On Saturday, April 27th, the brothers of District 7 will come together to participate in Christmas in April. This is a nationwide event in which organizations like ours team with businesses to refurbish and improve homes that have fallen into disrepair. Usually owned by seniors or single mothers, these homes have suffered from minimal maintenance for many years and can use some help. The eight lodges of District 7 plus the Eastside Shrine and Goose and Gridiron have donated well over the \$2,500 required to "sponsor" a home. The home assigned to us is on the Sammamish Plateau and on the 27th, we will need every able -bodied Mason to come out and help make this home better. You wives and children over 18 are also invited along with the Eastern Star members. Lunch and snacks are being provided by QFC. If you haven't already signed up, contact our Senior Warden, John Ezekwugo (425-653-5854) to get your name on the list. You will be given all the information on where to meet, what to wear, and what to bring.

SEE YOU THERE!