

The Mud Hook



Maritime Lodge #239 F. & A. M. of Washington

April Edition 2007

^ From the East

~ My Brothers we have really helped those in need and advanced in our charitable duties due to the efforts of the Freemont Masons. On April 3, 2007 the Freemont Masons presented Family Works and Solid Ground (Community Service Groups) with funds totaling \$2,400 (\$1,200 from Doric and \$1,200 from Maritime). They showed immense gratitude for the cash donations. However, additional contributions of labor are needed to staff the local food bank, deliver food stuffs, and to work at the Marra Farm. I've asked for a Solid Ground representative to attend our May stated meeting to identify how our cash donations will be utilized and to outline volunteer labor opportunities. This is a real opportunity for Maritime Lodge to gain visibility in the community.

Another opportunity to gain visibility and to attract new members will be the Freemont Fair on June 15th and 16th. This is the same weekend as Grand Lodge but the Freemont Masons have committed to see this effort through. I encourage all those not going to Grand Lodge to pitch in and help. The idea is to open the Doric Masonic Center up to the public, serve hotdogs, and provide cold drinks to weary Freemont Fair attendees. To open the lodge and call it off session and provide tours. Doric and Maritime members will be providing the tours and general good will. It is recommended that food handlers' permits be obtained if you are going to serve food and WB Vincent Deguilio is willing to provide training at a nominal cost. Coordinate with our Freemont Masons representative WB Tony Corning, if you desire this permit.

The Freemont Fair is on the closing day of Grand Lodge which brings up a good topic. Maritime Lodge has supported the passing of resolution to modify the Code to allow all Master Masons in good standing a vote at Grand Lodge. Currently all Past Masters get a vote plus each lodge get three votes (WM, SW, JW). This type of resolution has been submitted many times at previous Grand Lodge's but always fails. Last year a resolution to include all Lodge Officers as voting members of Grand lodge passed but did not receive enough votes so it was carried over to this year's Grand Lodge. Maritime will be strongly supporting this resolution, as all Masters Masons deserve the right to vote.

~ Also on April 3, 2007 the Freemont Masons presented the local Funeral Home with a plaque and gift certificate in thanks for the use of their parking lot. According to WB Corning the proprietors of the funeral home were deeply touched by our efforts. These efforts hopefully will result in parking privileges for many years to come. Much thanks to the Freemont Masons!

~ The District 4 Association will be providing ritual and floor work training to all D4 Warden's and Deacon's at the upcoming D4 meeting. I have previously attended such training when I was Senior Deacon and it is very useful. I expect our Warden's and Deacon's to attend this training. It will be Saturday, April 28th at Greenwood Lodge. Breakfast is served at 8am, followed by a brief meeting, and then the training.

~Order your Maritime golf shirts today's!!!

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From the South

~ Hello Brothers, I hope everyone enjoying the relatively pleasant spring weather. Our Master's theme this year is Masonic education. The special communication that was held on St. Patrick's Day at Maritime Lodge was a great opportunity for obtaining further light in Masonry. Many thanks to our Brothers from Landmark Lodge for their labors and for sharing some of their Canadian ritual work. We have another great opportunity coming up for Masonic education, especially for our younger Brothers. On April 28th at Greenwood Lodge the district 4 Masonic Lodge Association is holding a workshop. The workshop is focusing on some of the undocumented aspects of our ritual and floor work. The training emphasis will be for the Deacons and Stewards, but our Wardens will find value in this training as well. The hope is that we can get all the officers in the district's Lodges to participate. WB Miller



From the Secretary's Desk ~WB Tony Corning

Calendar of Events:

Sunday April 15th – FINAL FC practice at noon at Maritime. Coordinate car-pool.

Saturday April 21st – FC degree at Landmark Lodge

(Leaving from Lynnwood Fred Meyers at 10am)

Sunday April 22nd – D4 bowling tournament at Sunset Lanes in Ballard 2pm

Saturday April 28th - D4 meeting and Warden's and Deacon's training-Greenwood 8am

Sunday May 13th – Yankees vs. Mariners

Monday May 14th – Stated meeting at 7:30pm (dinner at Dad Watson at 6pm)

Monday May 22nd – Awards Ceremony D4 Scholarship at Greenwood Lodge

The April "Off-Month" activity will be on April 21st:

Maritime will be traveling to Maple Ridge to "exemplify a Fellowcraft Degree. This will be a Saturday event that will consume much of the day. Look to be contacted by WB Miller, who will be in charge of putting the Degree Team together. There will be carpooling but it has yet to be arranged. I would suggest that Brother Miller might be the man to talk to.

Golf Shirts:

I am presently taking orders for Golf Shirts. These will be Royal Blue Polo style shirts with Maritime Lodge # 239 surrounding the Square and Compasses in gold/yellow on the left breast. The cost to you the member is \$15.00 per shirt for sizes S thru XL. XXL and larger add \$2.00.

If you, your spouse or family members would like such a shirt please let me know.

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Stated Communication;

On May 14th Maritime Lodge will hold its "Stated Communication", the meeting (7:30) will be preceded as usual by a dinner at a local restaurant. It is expected that the program will include a guest speaker from Solid Ground, plus Longevity Awards and a review of the proposed Grand Lodge resolutions. A meeting that you cannot afford to miss!

Health and Welfare:

Since my last report, VWB Warren Murphy passed away, but he did so at home where he was comfortable and surrounded by a loving family. A memorial was conducted at the March Stated. There has been no report of ailing Brethren and there are no outstanding deaths to report.

Birthdays of the Month of April and May:

The following Brothers were Raised during the months of April and May!!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BROTHERS!!!

Flath	E. Matthew	4/19/04
Franken	E. Joseph	4/25/50
Gossett	D. Donald	4/30/59
Haugen	Nils	4/23/87
Hull	J. Robert	4/23/87
Jacobson	E. Russell	4/25/46
Johnson	L. Charles	4/22/65
Kosic	Marko	4/7/95
Lamm	T. Johnnie	4/20/72
Miller	L. Daniel	4/28/99
Murphy	W. Robert	4/29/71
Peake	S. Robert	4/21/94
Pinneo	M. Albert	4/19/44
Plumis	G. Theodore	4/7/95
Ross	M. Gene	4/27/82
Stulgis	J. William	4/25/56
Tiland	H. John	4/22/82
Wheeler	J. Claude	4/25/63
Wood	W. William	4/3/47

Clifton	L. Robert	5/21/38
Collins	W. Bruce	5/24/62
Dimen	G. Donald	5/6/06
Flood	A. Jeffery	5/6/06
Follman	S. Frank	5/7/45
Galbraith	O. Zachary	5/25/78
Hansen	L. Theodore	5/22/58
Hull	L. Clair	5/29/45
Hyde	C. Ian	5/25/88
Janisch	E. Elwell	5/17/50
Magee	J. Robert	5/23/68
Marsh	N. Richard	5/25/89
Peifer	K. Rabi	5/16/02
Pressnall	J. Michael	5/6/06
Reynolds	A. Harry	5/16/57
Sandor	A. John	5/22/61
Skar	R. James	5/4/53
Subcleff	C. Andrew	5/29/58
Woodard	W. Theodore	5/28/59
