

SAN JUAN LODGE No. 175 TRESTLEBOARD: February, 2023

District 9 Meeting Report: Principal Officers WB John Wickham, WB Jim Cox, WB Ian Welch and Junior Deacon Bro Valdi Bjarnason attended the District Meeting in Anacortes on Saturday, January 21. It was illuminating to hear the reports of the other Lodges in District 9 (all Worshipful Masters were present and reporting), as well as presentations by the 4 candidates for Grand Junior Warden, and the Grand Lodge Officers, including explanations of the Grandmaster's resolutions that will be presented at the Annual Communication in June.

Please be aware of the following events:

February 11 (Saturday): Sweethearts Brunch at the Lodge Dining Room, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm: delight the ladies in your life with the gustatory artistry of WB Brad Smith and his team

February 22: San Juan Lodge No. 175 Ritual Practice at 5:00 (Master Masons only) and Masonic Education at 5:30 pm (all Masons)

February 25: Lead Management Seminar by Grand Lodge for Lodge Officers on how to work with inquiries from good men interested in Freemasonry

March 17-19: Lodge Leadership Retreat by Grand Lodge, Wenatchee, for Master Masons interested in serving in leadership roles in the Lodge. Several of the classes are co-ed and your lady is welcome to attend. The Lodge will pay the registration fee and lodging for any officer who wishes to attend and registers no later than February 20. There is a Ladies Program available there as well.

March 23: Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser for Boy Scouts Camp Bogardus

April 22: Annual Visitation to Goldstream Lodge No. 161 in Langford (outside Victoria). The Lodge will provide the hotel room for April 22 for any brother (and his lady) who attends.

April 27: Grad Night Fundraiser Dinner

Freemason birthday of note in February: George Washington – February 22

Reminder of Resources: Grandview, which is the "Members" section of the Grand Lodge of Washington website, has numerous resources available to study. I recommend you access the Masonic Development Program for each degree, which provides worthy Masonic study.

Reminders of our local resource: our website is now www.sanjuanmasons.org

My choice of thought for the month, from *Morals and Dogma*, as curated daily by MWB Cameron Bailey:

“Certain faculties of man are directed toward the Unknown - thoughts, meditation, prayer. The unknown is an ocean, of which conscience is the compass. Thought, Meditation, Prayer, are the great mysterious pointings of the needle. It is a spiritual magnetism that thus connects the human soul with Deity. These majestic irradiations of the soul pierce through the shadow toward the light.”

-Albert Pike

Sincerely & Fraternally,

John Wickham, WM