

## **SAN JUAN LODGE No. 175 TRESTLEBOARD: August, 2024** including visitation reports.

Note that our District has Masonic picnics scheduled for both August 18 and 24 that you are welcome to attend.

Please be aware of the following upcoming events:

August 13: Fidalgo No. 77 Stated Meeting at 7:00 pm, preceded by dinner at 6:00 pm, with a Festive Board after the meeting. RSVP to WB Jeff Maynor 225-485-7069

August 15-18: San Juan County Fair: Our Lodge is manning the School Gate again this year. Please keep time available in your calendar to pull a couple of shifts for the Lodge and our community.

August 17: Railroad Degree at Karl E. Warren Masonic Railroad Lodge at Skykomish No. 259. This requires a timely petition and payment for those seeking this fun, theme degree.

August 18: Skagit Valley Masonic Lodge No. 36 all-Masonic family picnic at Big Lake at 12:00 noon. Bring your family and a side dish or dessert.

August 20: Whidby Island No. 15 Stated Meeting at 7:30 pm, preceded by dinner at 6:30 pm

August 24: Apron Memorial in Rochester, WA at 8:00 am

August 24: Skagit Valley Masonic Lodge No. 36 annual Salmon Bake at Pioneer Park in LaConner starting at 11:00. \$25 each or \$75 per family.

August 27: Langley Lodge No. 218 Stated Meeting at 7:30 pm

August 28: Lodge Officers Association Meeting at Langley Lodge No. 218. San Juan Lodge Master Masons may attend by Zoom or in person

September 4: San Juan Lodge No. 175 Stated Meeting 7:30, Temple Board meeting 7:00, both preceded by dinner at 6:00

September 7: Langley Lodge No. 218 Monte Carlo Gala – formal (tux or dark suit) dress event at Useless Bay Country Club, 5:30 pm to 10:00 pm, \$125 each or \$225 per couple

September 10: Fidalgo Lodge No. 77 Stated Meeting at 7:00 pm, preceded by dinner at 6:00

September 12: Camanio Lodge No. 19 Stated Meeting at 7:30 pm, preceded by dinner at 6:30

### **VISITATION REPORTS**

#### **Report on the Grand Master's Scotland**

**Tour** April 20-29: 28 Brothers and 20 of their Ladies, including WB Terry Lush, his wife Linda Nelson, WB John Wickham and his wife Patti Wickham, did a 10 day tour of Scotland, including visits to Cannongate-Kilwinning Lodge No. 2 (Fellowcraft Degree was conferred at the Stated Meeting) in Edinburgh, and Rosslyn St. Clair Lodge No. 606. Great fellowship! Cannongate-Kilwinning Lodge,

chartered in 1677 by Mother Kilwinning Lodge, before there were Grand Lodges, built its current Masonic Hall in 1735, making it the world's oldest building built by Freemasons that has remained in continuous use as a Masonic center. We squeezed about 80 brothers in for the Stated Meeting in a room 2/3 the size of our lodge room, then had dinner after the Stated, that went until after 11:00 pm. The Edinburgh brethren take their Freemasonry veryyyy seriously, and dress to the nines.



**Report on Annual Communication** June 14-15 in Wenatchee: Attended by WM Jim Cox, Bro. Clay Simmons, Bro. Valdi Bjarnason, WB Daven Holzer and WB John Wickham. We dealt with 21 resolutions and the election of the new Junior Grand Warden, RWB Bill Hubbard. One resolution that passed was to increase the Grand Lodge assessment from \$28 to \$31 in 2025, with \$3 increases for the next 3 years. WB Brad Smith was appointed as Senior Grand Steward for 2024-2025 and WB John Wickham was installed as Grand Bible Bearer for 2024-2025, which translates to a lot of visitations around the State with the Grand Lodge Officers between now and the next Annual Communication for WB Brad and WB John.



**Report on 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Conferral at Skagit Valley Masonic Lodge No. 36** on June 22: 2 Master Mason Degrees were excellently conferred by VWB Marion Windell, in Sedro-Woolley. This was attended by WM Jim Cox, WB Mike Otis, WB Daven Holzer, and WB John Wickham.

**Report on Reconstitution of Lakeside Lodge No. 258** in Redmond, WA on June 22: This was the first Grand Lodge ritual event for Most Worshipful Grand Master Jimmy Norton and his team since they were installed, and it proceeded quite well, followed by wonderful fellowship and dinner. Attended by WB John Wickham, who received plenty of bling from this generous lodge.

**Report on Reconstitution of Warren G Harding Lodge No. 260** on June 29 in Poulsbo, which is in VWB Lance Otis' old stomping grounds from prior to his move to SJI. Again, the ritual of reconstituting a lodge was nicely done by the team, and great fellowship before and after, and more bling. Attended by WB John Wickham, who received yet more bling!

**Report on Visitation to Kerrville Masonic Lodge No. 697, AF & AM of Texas:** WB John Wickham attended the July Stated Meeting and basked in brotherly love and friendship deep in the heart of Texas. It was the WM's first Stated Meeting so he was working hard to get everything right. Interesting that they are required to review a passage of their equivalent to the Washington Masonic Code as part of their Masonic Education during each Stated meeting. The ritual there was similar to Scotland and Goldstream ritual, and the warmth and welcome were truly generous and memorable. One more pin for the lapel!

**Report on the Cornerstone Ceremony and Reconstitution of Karl E. Warren Masonic Railroad Lodge** at Skykomish No. 259 on July 27: This was the first Cornerstone Ceremony for the new Grand Lodge officers, and it was very interesting. After which we went inside for the Rededication of the Lodge, followed by a nice lunch and fellowship downstairs. After lunch some brothers and family rode the miniature train around the outskirts of Skykomish, which is free. Attended by WB Brad Smith and WB John Wickham.

Reminder of our local resource: our website at [www.sanjuanmasons.org](http://www.sanjuanmasons.org) contains past issues of the Trestleboard thanks to Webmaster VWB Lance Otis.

Fraternally,  
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