

SAN JUAN LODGE No. 175 TRESTLEBOARD: November, 2023

Please be aware of the following upcoming events:

November 1: San Juan Lodge No. 175 Stated Meeting (Step Up Night) 7:30, Temple Board meeting 7:00, both preceded by dinner at 6:00

November 4: Langley Lodge No. 218 Open Installation & prime rib dinner from 2:00 to 6:00 at the Whidby Masonic Center in Coupeville. RSVP to VWB Jim Fulton, jrfulton@freeland.net or 360-632-3650

November 7: Election Day in Washington State

November 18: Camanio Lodge No. 19 Open Installation & Dinner, 2:00 to 6:00 in Stanwood. RSVP to B Ray Verschuyt: matrat@icloud.com

December 2: San Juan Lodge No. 175 Open Installation of Officers, Social Hour, Dinner, 3:00-9:00

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

December 9: Constitution of Skagit Valley Lodge No. 36 from Mt Baker Lodge No. 36, Garfield Lodge No. 41 and Burlington/United Lodge No. 93, 9:00 a.m. at the Skagit Valley Masonic Center, 106 Warner St, Sedro Woolley, followed by the Fidalgo No. 77 Installation at 2:00 p.m. at Fidalgo Lodge, 1019 8th St, Anacortes

Report on the Visitation to Whidby Island Lodge No. 15 Stated Meeting in Coupeville on July 18: Great fellowship, well attended, tasty Filipino cuisine, and great ritual, including some additions from the customs of Grand Lodge of California.

Report on the Visitation to Garfield Lodge No. 41 Stated Meeting in LaConner on July 20: Great fellowship in a historic setting, tasty dinner, light attendance (hence the upcoming consolidation of Mt Baker, Garfield and Burlington/United lodges).

Report on the Visitation to Goldstream Lodge No. 161 Installation and Stated Meeting on October 5: WBs Jim Cox, Ray Jackson and John Wickham attended dinner with 68 Canadian brothers, when 40 were expected, and the Stated Meeting and Installation apparently included 78 brothers, though several left before the 11:00 pm conclusion. Installations in BC & Yukon are tyled, and EAs, FCs and Master Masons who attend each have roles in the proceedings. Very impressive and deep in ritual. WB Ray Jackson, despite his discomfort in recovery from back/neck surgery, made an excellent presentation of the full Address to the Brethren, which was very well received. The trip to and from the Tswassen ferry in Vancouver to be able to take

a ferry to Vancouver Island to attend this event in the Victoria area (Langford) was well worth the time invested.

Report on Past Masters Dinner on October 21: As expected the meal was excellent, and the fellowship was enjoyed by all. Many thanks to WB Brad Smith and his staff, and all those who attended, especially the Past Masters to whom we all owe a debt of gratitude.

Masonic Dates of Historical Interest in November:

B George Washington Initiated in Fredricksburg Lodge, Virginia on November 4, 1752

United Grand Lodge of England formed on November 25, 1813

Reminders of our local resource: our website at www.sanjuanmasons.org contains past issues of the Trestleboard thanks to Webmaster VWB Lance Otis.

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

“Nature is the great Teacher of man; for it is the Revelation of God. It neither dogmatizes nor attempts to tyrannize by compelling to a particular creed or special interpretation. It presents its symbols to us, and adds nothing by way of explanation. It is the text without the commentary; and, as we well know, it is chiefly the commentary and gloss that lead to error and heresy and persecution.” -Albert Pike

Sincerely & Fraternally,
John Wickham, WM