

## What's Happening

**Monday April 2<sup>nd</sup> – Mt. Baker will confer the FC Degree on three brothers at 7:00 PM.**

Monday April 2<sup>nd</sup> – Coupeville Assembly Rainbow for Girls #67 stated at 7:00. If you know of any young ladies, between the ages of nine and eighteen, that might be interested talk with their parents.

Tuesday April 3<sup>rd</sup> – Mt. Baker #36 stated at 7:30 preceded by dinner at 6:30 PM.

Wednesday April 4<sup>th</sup> -- San Juan #175 stated at 7:30 preceded by dinner at 6:30 PM. Check the ferry schedule.

Wednesday April 4<sup>th</sup> –**North Sound Chapter DeMolay has gone dark due to lack of members.** If you know of any young men, between the ages of nine and eighteen, that might be interested talk with their parents and we can get this organization back on its wheels.

Thursday April 5<sup>th</sup> – Burlington/United #93 stated at 7:30 PM preceded by dinner at 6:30 PM.

Tuesday April 10<sup>th</sup> – Fidalgo #77 stated at 7:30 PM preceded by dinner at 6:30 PM.

Tuesday April 10<sup>th</sup> -- Skagit Assembly Rainbow for Girls #30 stated at 7:00. If you know of any young ladies, between the ages of nine and eighteen, that might be interested talk with their parents.

Thursday April 12<sup>th</sup> -- Camanio #19 stated at 7:30 with meal at 6:30 PM.

**Saturday April 14<sup>th</sup> – Garfield will participate in the La Conner Tulip Parade. They need our help. I have been told that it starts at 11:00 AM.**

Monday April 16<sup>th</sup> – Coupeville Assembly Rainbow for Girls #67 stated at 7:00. If you know of any young ladies, between the ages of nine and eighteen, that might be interested talk with their parents.

Tuesday April 17<sup>st</sup> -- Whidby Island #15 stated at 7:30 with dinner at 6:30 PM.

Thursday April 19<sup>th</sup> – Garfield #41 stated at 7:30 with dinner at 6:30 PM.

**Saturday April 21<sup>st</sup> – Turkey shoot to support Meals-On-Wheels. Start time is 10:00 AM at Old Skagit Gun Club on Josh-Wilson Rd., Burlington. This is a trap shoot event. I will be attending your Lodge in April with more information.**

Tuesday April 24<sup>th</sup> – Langley #218 stated at 7:30 with dinner at 6:30 PM.

Wednesday April 25<sup>th</sup> – LOA meeting at 7:30 PM at Fidalgo. Consider this a summons to the WMs, SWs, JW's of all lodges and all other Masons.

Friday April 27<sup>th</sup> – Masonic study group meets at Fidalgo at 7:00 PM. We will continue looking into the Middle Chamber Lecture discovering the meaning behind the 7 steps and the Middle Chamber.

Tuesday May 1<sup>st</sup> – Mt. Baker #36 stated at 7:30 preceded by dinner at 6:30 PM.

Upcoming events; mark your calendar:

Saturday May 19<sup>th</sup> – Outdoor FC Degree at Roche Harbor. This is an all-day event due to ferry schedule. More Information will be forth coming.

Monday May 28<sup>th</sup> – Fidalgo #77 Memorial Day/ Vacant Chair ceremony at 11:00 AM in Anacortes. This event is open to the public and was very well attended last year.

VWB Gerald Myers

### Some Thoughts on Idolatry

“The nature of idolatry can also help clarify drugs and addiction. Before we first try a drug, whether a cigarette or heroin, it has no power over us. We can usually easily decide whether or not we are going to try it. Even if we begin, in the early stages the power of the drug is weak. It is relatively easy to break away from it. But, if we give ourselves to a drug, whether heroine, nicotine, or alcohol, there is a gradual transfer of power from us to it. After a period of months or years it becomes almost impossible to break away, to break the hold it has on our lives. Breaking away can turn everything in our lives upside down. It can even bring us near death.

What is the source of this power? A drug such as nicotine or cocaine is harmless if it merely lies on the table. It cannot reach out to us and grab us and hold us. The power it exercises is a power that comes only from us when we give ourselves to it. It then becomes a source of power in our lives. This is the structure of idolatry: when some lifeless thing without power in itself becomes the obsessive focus of human commitment, it then begins to exercise power over us. Idols draw their power from our belief and trust. The non-gods begin to function like gods.”

*“God and the Constitution”* by Paul Marshall