

NEWSLETTER

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MASTER'S MESSAGE

Dear Brothers and Sisters,
Summer's getting here and it won't be long. I for one have enjoyed the warmth I've felt while working in my garden the last few days. Things seem to be going well at the hall. The grounds are looking nice, but the hall exterior does need a little sprucing up; volunteers are always welcome :-)

The Executive Committee met and gave their approval to have an engineer do some preliminary studies for improving our halls structural stability. We have an historic building, and I think it behooves us to preserve it. It's important for everyone to have their say, so please show up at our next meeting; we need your input.

I hope to see you at 7 PM on May 4th for our business meeting. Don't forget that Pomona is on Saturday May 8th, and will be held at South Camano. Be sure to make arrangements now to receive the 6th degree at State Convention on June 30th if you don't have it yet. Fraternally Yours,

Master: *Ken Schillinger*

GRANGE MEETING

Tuesday May 4th, 2010 AT 7:00 P.M.
Budget, Audit, WSGC, Property.

CAN YOU DO NEEDLEWORK, MAKE QUILTS OR SEW?

Plan on getting your entries ready for the County Contest May 8th at South Camano Grange. Do you need to get your entry transported? Call Judy or Tarey. Contest rules are in the Program Handbook.

Do You Take Pictures?

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Do You Paint or Make Crafts?

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FAMILY GARAGE SALE

Our first family garage sale at the Grange Hall was profitable as well as lots of fun. We had good participation from the public. The next one will be May 1 (This is an update, the April event was cancelled) from 9 to Noon. Set up will be Friday April 30 at 6 pm. If you're interested, talk to Judy, 222-3110, to get the particulars and sign up. If you have things to sell and want to donate the money to the Grange we will have a table manned by a volunteer. So, if you don't like working sales, You won't even have to attend and it will help out our treasury.

UPCOMING EVENTS/ACTIVITY

- Island County Pomona is May 8th at South Camano Grange.
- The 2010 State Convention Committee is issuing a challenge to our Island County Granges. The County with the highest percentage participation in members taking the 6th Degree this year will be awarded \$100 from the Committee. A preregistration sign up sheet is in this Month's Grange News.

FOOD : Back to Basics

Be sure to mark your calendar for the upcoming "Back to Basics" series of educational (and fun) seminars!

- May 11th Meena Prochaska on Indian Cooking.
- May 25th Duke LeBaron on Raising Meat Rabbits.
- June 8th Dave Anderson on his local salmon fishing business.

Contact Chris this e-mail.

PS. One thing is constant in canning, you need a LOT of jars. Start now collecting Classico spaghetti sauce jars from the recycle bin at Bayview. Better than buying, if you buy new jars and buy your produce at retail, it will be a long time before you recoup your costs, if ever.

The other thing is you run out of the right size jar lids in the middle of a project. Driving to the store in a panic for more lids is not cost effective.

Talent Contest—Northern District

The Northern District Talent Contest was held April 25th at Collins Grange. The winner in the Vocal Category was our own Bob Cadwallader. He sang "Some Enchanted Evening." As a result Deer Lagoon will have its first entry in the Washington State Grange Talent Contest in recent memory!!