

MAY 2011

# DISCOVERY LODGE No. 149, A.F. & A.M.



## Good day Brethren,

I have struggled to find the words to sum up my year as Worshipful Master, and what it has meant to me. Simply put, I have enjoyed my year in our Lodge, as well as traveling to other Lodges and will cherish the memory forever. What I have learned is that being Worshipful Master is that it is not a destination, but only part of my Masonic journey.

A frequent topic of conversation amongst the Brethren has been how we sustain our Lodge. We work hard to attract new members, but it is becoming increasingly apparent that we need to work even harder to keep our newest Brothers involved in the Lodge. We need to ensure that our new Brothers feel welcome and valued in what is not just “our” fraternity but theirs as well. I would suggest we consider the following:-

..... We need to encourage their attendance at Lodge. Upon initiation, a new Entered Apprentice Mason should be encouraged to attend the next business meeting. We need to establish the pattern of attending Lodge meetings.

..... If we see someone we don't know when we arrive at Lodge meetings, we need to introduce ourselves and welcome that person to Lodge. A new Brother should never stand on the outside and look in.

..... We need to take the initiative to invite our newest Brothers to travel with us to other Lodges when we travel. Further to that, when traveling we need to take the time to introduce our new Brothers to the Worshipful Master and Officers of the host Lodge.

..... We need to get our new Brothers involved in the Lodge, which is now their Lodge. There needs to be a purpose for their attendance.

It is not my intention to lecture, as these thoughts are not new. I do think that we need to periodically remind ourselves that the strength and future of “our Lodge” rests in “our hands” and that we all have the responsibility to work for the betterment of Freemasonry.

On a personal note, I would like thank you for the honor and privilege of letting me sit as Worshipful Master, it has been a wonderful experience.

To the Officers of Discovery Lodge, thank you. Your dedication to the Lodge is amazing, and I wish you the best in your coming year.

Fraternally,  
Wor. Bro. Neil Lewis  
Worshipful Master

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**To All Members  
of  
Grand Lodge**

*You are hereby summoned to attend the One Hundred and Fortieth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia and Yukon, to be held at the Coast Hotel & Convention Centre, 2-393 Fraser Highway, Langley, on Friday & Saturday, the seventeenth and eighteenth days of June, 2011 at the hour of 9 a.m. for the transaction of General Business*

**Don't Forget**

**Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>**

They are "building" the sun and/or shade hanging baskets at \$15 each so if you wish to order please let Hayley Kelland know (250-337-2398) by April 30<sup>th</sup> at the latest..

**Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup>**

The local Shrine club is hosting the first ever "Shrine Fun Olympics" - a casual games night of bingo, crown & anchor, bridge, crib, bean bag toss, horse shoes, 10 pin bowling, golf put & dancing!! The cost is \$12.50 per person and includes a light dinner that will be served at 6pm (doors open at 5:30pm).

**Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>**

Jobie Garage Sale at 9380 Martin Park Dr., Black Creek. A huge, multi family garage sale that is held lake each year. If you have anything you'd like to donate call Hayley Kelland PM (250-337-2398) to arrange getting items out to the house to sell.

**Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Church Parade at the United Church

**Springing!!** Call Guide, Jessica Leduc (250-926-0029) if you would like to "spring" your friends & neighbors. The girls decorate the yard with fun spring themed items and a special note for a donation.

**Clothing Drive** still a continuing fund raiser. They will take your used clothing and small household items. Call Mrs. Ev Newman PM (250-914-2295) to arrange drop off.