





Cariboo Lodge #4 150th Anniversary Celebration

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2017 PROGRAM

<p>FRIDAY AUGUST 11th 1:00 – 4:00 PM</p>	<p>Registration at Barkerville Lodge Hall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brethren sign Porch Book Pick up your pre-purchased tickets (See the pre-registration form for details) 	<p>Coffee and tea available</p> <p>NOTE that all tickets for the Saturday BBQ are <u>only available by advance purchase this year.</u></p>
<p><i>Brethren attending only the Friday meeting and Social are not required to pre-register</i></p>		
<p>FRIDAY 4:30 – 6:00 PM</p>	<p>HAROLD TURNER MEMORIAL BURSARY FUND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Friday Hotdog / Hamburger Social across from the Whitecaps Motel (\$8.00/person or \$15.00 for two/serving - Arranged by Nechako & Vanderhoof Lodges) 	<p>ADDITIONAL DONATIONS GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED </p>
<p>7:00 PM</p>	<p>FRIDAY LODGE MEETING (Lodge Hall opens at 6:30 PM – Tyled at 7:00)</p>	
<p>6:30 PM Friday evening social for families and friends will be held at the Centennial Hall in Wells <i>(admission by donation for those not pre-registered)</i> The Brethren will join the social after the Meeting</p>	<p>LADIES' PROGRAM: <i>To Be Announced</i></p>	
<p>SATURDAY AUGUST 12th 7:00 – 9:30 AM</p>	<p>HAROLD TURNER MEMORIAL BURSARY FUND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Saturday Pancake Breakfast across from the Whitecaps Motel (\$5.00/person/serving - Arranged by Nechako & Vanderhoof Lodges) 	<p>ADDITIONAL DONATIONS GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED </p>
<p>SATURDAY FREE DAY</p> 	<p>See Wells, Barkerville, Richfield, or the Bowron Lakes. Go to the Island Mountain Arts Galleries in Wells or visit one of the many other attractions.</p> <p>Enjoy the afternoon at the Theatre Royal, (<u>we recommend the 1:00 pm show</u>) a delightful program of singing, dancing, etc. in the old tradition. <u>Tickets available at the Theatre.</u></p> <p>Mention that you are with the Masons to get a Group Discount Rate.</p> <p><i>Be sure to line up at least ½ hour before show time to get good seats.</i></p>	
<p>SATURDAY 12:00 – 4:00 PM</p>	<p>Lodge Hall will be open to the public: Tour the Lodge Hall, inspect the “Silent Tyler” - Family and Friends WELCOME</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coffee and tea available 	
<p>SATURDAY 5:00 PM</p> 	<p>NO HOST “MOOD IMPROVEMENT HOUR” and SILENT AUCTION begins at the CENTENNIAL COMMUNITY HALL in Wells followed at 6:00 PM by the TRADITIONAL CARIBOO #4 BEEF/SALMON BBQ and SOCIAL GATHERING. DRESS CASUAL!!!</p> <p>All ticket sales by pre-registration ONLY.</p>	
<p>SUNDAY AUGUST 13th 10:00 AM</p>	<p>Church Service – facilitated by RW. Bro. Neil Vant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:15 AM – Lodge Hall open for Brethren to sign Porch Book 9:40 AM – Parade to assemble in front of the Lodge to march to St. Saviour’s After Church PICTURES will be taken in front of the Lodge Hall and the GRAND MASTER, MW Bro. Ron Yates, will address the Brethren. 	

NOTES

Annual Get-Together

The Annual Get-Together had its beginning on the second weekend in August 1967, Canada's 100th Birthday and Cariboo #4's 100th Anniversary of receiving our first charter from the Grand Lodge of Scotland. That original charter still hangs in our Lodge today.

At that communication in 1967 – 99 Brothers signed the Porch Book and an Entered Apprentice Degree was conferred on Bro. Al Moore, making 100 Brothers for our 100th Birthday; quite a coincidence! Makes one wonder what number will show up on our 150th Birthday in August of 2017? The highest number of Brothers in attendance for a Lodge meeting was in August of 1985 for the Cornerstone Laying; 141 Brothers attended.

In the early days of the Get-Together the Saturday night was a very formal affair in the Community Hall, the banquet was followed by dancing to a live band and entertainment was usually provided by the Barkerville Troupe for free. This formal affair fell by the wayside in the early 1990's when the Community Hall, although booked a year in advance, was allocated to a wedding party from Alberta two weeks prior to our Get-Together. This made it necessary to hold the function at the Wells Hotel where some of the Brothers flipped hamburgers and other fried hot dogs, somewhat like the Friday afternoon fund raiser we now have at the Whitecaps Motel.

At this event a suggestion box was placed by the bar and when the dozen or so suggestions were read, all said in different ways the same thing – drop the formal part of Saturday night and stay with the informal BBQ, and so that is how it happened. The BBQ itself has been improved over the years and is now something the Brothers of Cariboo District 4 South and 4 North are very pleased with.

Due to the strictness of the liquor laws, the early days were very adult oriented in nature but, as these archaic limitations were somewhat relaxed, the entire weekend has slowly evolved into a more family affair, with many members bringing children and grand children along for the weekend.

The first Lodge meeting in 1967 was tyled at 8:10 PM and closed at 11:30 PM and then the Brothers returned to the Community Hall for refreshments! Try that today and I do believe that the Brothers would face far from mild adversity upon their return to the Community Hall. How times do change!

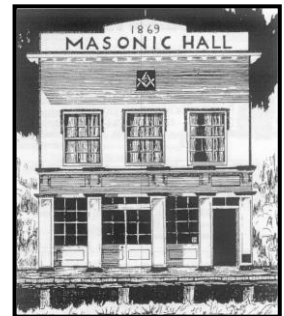
The Church Parade has remained a constant and has always been well attended throughout the course of our get-togethers, the only change being that we now hold our service at 10:00 AM for two reasons – the brothers get an hour's early start home and the regular 11:00 AM service is now available to seat many more for their service. The Parade itself is the most visible aspect of the whole weekend and the one that draws the most response from the visitors to Barkerville. All the pictures that have been taken following the service form a mosaic of all the great weekends we all enjoy and truly hope our first-time visiting Brothers enjoy as well.

Harold Turner Memorial Bursary Fund

The Harold Turner Memorial Bursary was established to assist students graduating from the Wells Public School System in the furtherance of their education. The continued support of the Brethren is very much appreciated.

Cariboo No. 4

Regular Communications of Cariboo #4 are normally held at 6:00 pm on the Second Saturday of every month except January and February. If you're in the area please give us a visit.



IMPORTANT NOTICE: ACCOMODATIONS IN THE WELLS BARKERVILLE AREA ARE EXTREMELY LIMITED. THERE ARE FEW REMAINING ROOMS HOWEVER, WE HAVE RESERVED NUMEROUS CAMPSITES FOR RV'S, TRAILERS AND CAMPERS. THERE ARE ALSO LOTS OF MOTELS AVAILABLE IN QUESNEL WHICH IS ONLY 80 km FROM WELLS.

MW Bro. Bill Cave (billcave@goldcity.net) or RW Bro. Gary Clark-Marlow (gary2names@icloud.com) will assist you in booking one of our reserved camping spots or provide insight regarding any remaining accommodations we might be aware of. Our most important advice is: BOOK NOW!