

## United Peninsula Lodge – Scholarship Awards for 2022

United Peninsula Lodge has a history of presenting Scholarships to Grade 12 students in the Victoria area. In recent years, Scholarships have been awarded to two students at each of Stelly's and Parklands in the amount of \$1,500 each. In addition United Peninsula Lodge funds a \$1,500 Scholarship through the Order of the Eastern Star. On an annual basis our scholarship donations amount to \$7,500.

The recipients at Stelly's [Central Saanich] are Levi Viinikka & Carmen Schaefer. Levi is planning to attend the University of Victoria initially in the music program followed by the Faculty of Education. Carmen has applied to Camosun College with the plan to complete a Bachelor of Science Degree at the University of Victoria.

Hannah Aloag and Linnaea Bird were the successful recipients at Parklands [Sidney]. Hannah plans to attend Camosun College in the Nursing Program and Linnaea will attend the University of Victoria Science program eventually leading to a Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine.

United Peninsula Lodge is pleased to add Levi, Carmen, Hannah and Linnaea to our long list of Scholarship Alumni.

In addition to sponsoring the Scholarships for Students in the Saanich Peninsula, United Peninsula Masonic Lodge has recently contributed financially to the Saanich Peninsula Hospital, the Canadian Cancer Society, the Heart & Stroke Foundation as well as the Salvation Army Kettle Campaign. Lodge members volunteered supporting the Kettle Campaign just before Christmas and Construction in the spring.

Our members recently donated over \$2,000 to the Grand Lodge of Freemasons of the Ukraine and a further \$500 to our local Ukrainian Community.

We often host an Open House for Special Occasions – such as the post Remembrance Day Celebration on November 11<sup>th</sup>.

The Masonic Hall at 8105 Derrinberg Road is made available to the Saanich Peninsula Pipe Band on Tuesday evenings and was recently offered [albeit not utilized] as a location as part of the vaccination program in response to COVID. We have also offered to make our building available in the event of a public emergency; fortunately we have not had to put this in place but will be ready if and when the call is made.

The Lodge Hall has also been available for bottle drives by Job's Daughter's and meetings of the Sidney Shrine Club. Our most recent community support was to provide 15 eight foot trestle tables to the Times Colonist Book Sale.

Our ability to serve our community is in large part due to the investments made many years ago by our early members and the hard work of our current members. Our support for the local community through scholarships, public events and public service is in no small part due to the Permissive Tax Exemption provided by the Municipality of Central Saanich. We are able to redirect funds as a result of the Permissive Tax Exemption for the betterment of the Community in which we live.

If you would like any further information of our Masonic Lodge – please visit our web site at [www.unitedpensinsula.ca](http://www.unitedpensinsula.ca) or email to [up24lodge@gmail.com](mailto:up24lodge@gmail.com)