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Whatcom Lodge Report

Brethren, at our Stated Meeting, March 20th, we were treated to a wonderful dinner of corned beef & cabbage, prepared by WB John Burley and his lovely wife Vivian. After this fine meal we opened lodge and attended to business.

During the course of the meeting a petition for Plural Membership from Bro. Ron Exner was read and an investigation committee assigned. We will vote on the petition at our April Stated Meeting. Two other brothers have also expressed interest in Plural Membership in Whatcom Lodge. The Petition, for the Degrees of Masonry, from Mr. Joel Douglas was voted on and found to be Clear, Fair & Bright. We hope to confer the EA Degree this April. Mr. Douglas resides in the Lynden area and is employed by the Whatcom County Sheriff's Office.

The Finance Committee Report was given by Bro. John Browne. The committee has moved the major portion of the lodges' investments into an account with an Investment Firm which has a local office in Bellingham. After reviewing the lodges' expenditures and income the committee made recommendations for improving our financial position in today's volatile market. It is apparent that the lodge needs to find ways to increase income and cut some costs. The committee will meet again to draft a new proposed budget. Input from our brethren is greatly appreciated. The secretary/treasurer's contact information is in the bottom right-hand corner on page four (4).

Discussion was held on the up-coming *Spring Fling* scheduled for Saturday, April 12th, at the Bellingham Masonic Center. We will have refreshments at 7 pm and begin dancing from 7:30 to 8:30 pm. This is open to all family members. An RSVP to Sec. John Browne will be helpful to our planning.

The motion made at the February meeting, by Bro. John Browne, to amend the By-Laws such that Whatcom Lodge no longer goes Dark in July and August, was opened for discussion. The motion was seconded by Bro. Larry West. After brief comments were made the vote was taken and the result was that the motion was approved by over a 3/4 majority.

My brothers of Whatcom Lodge, we presently sit in 2nd place, I believe, in total contributions to MEC and 3rd place in percentage of members contributing. With just a little more effort we could surge ahead. So, if you've not yet sent in your MEC donation please do so, it is never too late to support this worthy cause. Our next Stated Meeting is Thursday, April 17th, please come and support your lodge.

Fraternally, John Browne - Secretary/Treasurer

Stated Meeting Dates of the District Ten Lodges

- Apr 2nd San Juan Lodge #175 - 7:30 p
- Apr 3rd Lynden Lodge #56 - 7:30 p
- Apr 4th Bellingham Bay #44 - 7:30 p
- Apr 8th Fairhaven Lodge - 7:30
- Apr 9th Nooksack Valley Ldg - 7:30
- Apr 14th Ferndale Lodge #264 - 7:30
- Apr 15th Kulshan Int. Lodge - 7:30 p
- Apr 17th Whatcom Lodge - dinner at 5:30; meeting at 6:30 pm.

Masonic Education Council Scholarship Awards Night

The Annual MEC Scholarship Awards Night is Wednesday April 30th at the Bellingham Masonic Center. Music will begin at 7 pm and the program starts at 7:30 pm. Come early for good seating. **Oh, and yes, there is still time to send in your donation to the fund!**

Bellingham Masonic Center

NOTICE

Annual Bond Holders Meeting

On Thursday April 24th, 2008 the Annual Bellingham Masonic Center Bond Holders Meeting will take place at 7:30 pm at the Bellingham Masonic Center, 2626 West Maplewood, Bellingham, WA.

An **RSVP** to John Browne, secretary, would be appreciated.

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KING'S QUOTE'S

Act
as if what you do
makes a difference.
It does.

~ William James,

psychologist (1842 - 1910)

Good intentions will always be pleaded for every assumption of power. It is hardly too strong to say that the Constitution was made to guard the people against the dangers of good intentions. There are men in all ages who mean to govern well, **but they mean to govern.** They promise to be good masters, **but they mean to be masters.**

~ Daniel Webster

Lynden Lodge on the move

Lynden Lodge calendar for April 2008

Apr 3 rd	Stated Meeting, OV for Dep. of GM	7:30 PM
April 5 th	Mt. Zion Ldg. #120, Installation of Officers	TBA
April 15 th	Visit to Kulshan Int. Lodge No. 186	7:30 PM
April 17 th	Special Comm. Third Degree	7:30PM

*All meetings are at the Ferndale Masonic Hall unless otherwise noted.

LYNDEN LODGE SCHOLARSHIPS AND OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR AWARDS

The Lynden Lodge Scholarship and Outstanding Educator Committee met and reviewed applications for scholarships from 20 seniors from Lynden and Meridian high schools as well as recommendations for Outstanding Educators from the Lynden and Meridian school districts.

With so many excellent applicants for scholarships it was not an easy task but two of them were exceptional. Miss Courtney Waites, from Lynden High School, was awarded a scholarship for \$1,000.00. She has a 4.0 GPA and already is taking classes at the college level and aspires to be a veterinarian. She will be the valedictorian of her class. Mr. Harris Larson, from Meridian High School, also has a 4.0 GPA and received a scholarship for \$1,000.00. He will pursue a career in aeronautical and astronautical engineering. These are two fine young people!

The Outstanding Educator for the Lynden School District was Mr. Blake Van Dalen who is the Senior Class Advisor. For the Meridian School District, the awardee was Ms. Liz Theirbah who teaches elementary classes. Both these excellent educators will receive awards of \$500.00.

The scholarship winners and Outstanding Educator awardees will be honored at assemblies at their respective schools.

Members of the Lynden Lodge scholarship committee were WB Gordon Grahame, Bro. Dick Myhre, Bro. Jack Sprouls and assisted by Mrs. Marla Sprouls.

Fraternally,
WB Dick Decima, WM Lynden Lodge No. 56

PERSISTENCE

A number of years ago, a colleague gave me something that President Calvin Coolidge had written. The title was *Persistence* and, in many ways, my own life has been influenced by this simple but profound writing, and I wish to share it with you. **WB Dick Decima**

Nothing in the world can take the place of Persistence. Talent will not; nothing is more common than unsuccessful men with talent. Genius will not; unrewarded genius is almost a proverb. Education will not; the world is full of educated derelicts. Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent. The slogan "Press On" has solved and always will solve the problems of the human race. ~ Calvin Coolidge

MLA Report

On Sat., Mar. 15th, the MLA held its third meeting of 2008 and once again, we had a great turnout. So far this year it is running at double the rate, as compared to last year. Fairhaven Lodge #73 was the host and provided a generous offering of pastries, coffee and tea. We thank them for their hospitality!

Every Masonic Lodge in the District was represented at this meeting. WB, Ed Ashcraft, WM of San Juan Lodge #175, made the trip from Friday Harbor to be with us. His participation was very much appreciated!

WB Gary Pitcher, on behalf of WB Ken Gass, reported that the M E C contributions so far for 2008 are \$6,332.20 from 104 donors. Bellingham Bay Lodge #44 ranks 1st with total contributions of \$3,087.20. Lynden Lodge #56 ranks 1st in the percentage of members who made donations. Any Mason who has not yet mailed in his contribution is requested to do so. Awards will be made at the Bellingham Masonic Center on April 30th with the program commencing at 7:00 PM.

The next Highway Clean Up is Sat., April 5th at 9:00 AM rain or shine. Come for breakfast (\$5) provided by the Jobies at 8:00 AM at the Bellingham Masonic Center. For those brothers who have not yet participated in this project, believe it or not, it is fun with a lot of good fellowship. Just 90 minutes of work.

A proposed amendment to the By-Laws, to change the name from the Masonic Family Leadership Association (MFLA) to the Masonic Leadership Association (MLA), was approved.

VWB Jim Brady announced that two Grand Lodge sanctioned workshops are planned. One will be in conjunction with the Lynden Lodge promotion of the Child Identification Program (CHIP). The other one will feature the Membership Retention and Cultivation Committee, including a guest speaker.

Other topics discussed at the meeting included the District 10 calendar, voluntary assessments, District 10 brochures, MLA domain name, MLA/MEC relationship, the new bank account and Bro. George Washington's portrait for schools. Declining membership also was discussed and an overview of the Grand Lodge Membership Development titled *A Six-Step Program* was briefly discussed. There will be more, much more, in future meetings on this very important subject with emphasis on what can be done to reverse the decline and develop our membership.

The lucky winner of the door prize of two tickets to the Mariners/Orioles game on August 3, 2008 courtesy of VWB Jim Brady was Bro Jerry Mason.

The next MLA meeting is on Sat., April 19th at 10 AM at the Friday Harbor Masonic Center. San Juan Lodge #175 will be the host. Our San Juan brothers always are very good hosts! There will be a Door Prize!! Please mark your calendars and plan to be there. Travel arrangements will be announced as we get nearer to the date. Your participation in these meetings is essential to the growth of Masonry in District #10. We would like you to be with us.

All this in an hour and thirty minutes: THIS IS HOW MASONS WORK!!!

Fraternally, WB Dick Decima

Here is what ***Bellingham Bay*** has going on.

Wednesday April 2nd Travel to Union-Solomon Lodge #9 for the annual trowel exchange. Leave the Maplewood Hall at 5 PM to make the 6:30 dinner and 7:30 meeting.

Friday April 4th Open on the Entered Apprentice degree at 7:30 for the official visit of the Deputy of the Grand Master. Proposed by-laws amendments to be submitted.

Saturday April 5th highway litter clean up at 9 AM after the Jobie breakfast at 8. All meet at the Maplewood Masonic Center.

Tuesday April 8th monthly lodge visitation to Fairhaven Lodge at the Maplewood Center. Lodge opens at 7:30.

Friday April 18th Special meeting of the lodge at 7:30. Open on and confer a Fellowcraft degree.

Saturday April 19th annual MLA meeting hosted by San Juan Lodge in Friday Harbor.

Wednesday April 30th annual Masonic Education Council program at the Maplewood Center. Musical prelude at 7 PM and the program begins at 7:30.

WM Gary Pitcher

NW Shrine Club **ATTENTION!!** Nobles & Ladies, on Tuesday April 1, 2008 we will have our dinner meeting at Jeckyl & Hyde Deli and Ale house. Address is 709 West Orchard, right on the corner of W. Orchard & Orchard Pl. Bellingham Cold Storage is just across the street. Menu for the evening will be: Raspberry Balsamic Chicken or Salmon in Lemon Capers sauce, Rice pilaf, Vegetables (in season) Spinach Salad, Fresh Baked Bread Sticks, Coffee, and Dessert.

All for the cost of \$17.00 per person. Call Noble Ron Fine for reservations at 360-676-5747 or e-mail me at RonFine2@aol.com. **DEADLINE IS THURSDAY MARCH 27, 2008.**

Sunshine Committee report is as follows: Lady Janett Burnett suffered a stroke and was in St. Joe's. She's now at the Bellingham Health Care Center Room 17. Noble Warren Stewart Jr. is still at the Bellingham Care Center Room 39; Noble Robert Holt is in Regency Care Center in Austin, Texas with a broken hip; Noble Gene Callen is at Evergreen Care Center with a broken hip; I've had no word on Noble Bill Taylor for several weeks, been trying by phone etc. I'm sorry to say but the Black Camel has paid a visit and taken Lady Shirley Travenshek on March 1, 2008, our sympathy to her family. Please keep these Nobles & Ladies in your prayers.

Have a great Easter and enjoy the coming of spring.

Ron Fine, Secretary NWSC

Kulshan International Lodge No. 186

Kulshan Int. Lodge will be putting on a Fellowcraft Degree on Tuesday, April 1st at 7:00 PM. On Tuesday, April 29th at 7:00 PM we'll be conferring an Entered Apprentice Degree. Attendance by our brothers from other lodges is always welcome.

Kulshan is beginning a once-a-month breakfast. This will be for anyone to stop by & join us for breakfast and to share fellowship. We are trying it with our own members to start, but our plan is to open this to all. My hope is that brothers will bring prospective members, to ask questions and get a tour of the Masonic Hall. Families will be welcome too. Anyone interested should contact me for more information. The breakfasts will be once a month, on Saturdays, from 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 AM at the Ferndale Masonic Center.

Fraternally,

WB Carey James, WM of Kulshan Int. Lodge

Ferndale Lodge No. 264

Brethren, Greetings from our Worshipful Master, Bill Barquist and the brothers of Ferndale Lodge. There are three important dates coming up at Ferndale Lodge. Please mark your calendar and plan on attending!

On March 24th we will confer the second degree on Bro Mark Russell Downen. We will open on the second degree for this conferral so all Fellow are welcome.

On April 14th we will confer a first degree on Mr. Mick Grant. We will also be voting on revisions to both the Articles of Incorporation and the By-Laws of Ferndale Masonic Temple Association Inc. All business of the evening will be conducted on the first degree so all Masons are welcome.

April 28th we will be honoring our Past Masters and presenting membership awards. We will also hold a Memorial Service for our Brother, VW William McCallum. Lodge will open at 7:30 on the first degree. All Masons are welcome. Prior to the evening's program we will be serving a no charge, all you can eat, spaghetti dinner to include salad, garlic bread, coffee/tea and desert. The Donation Jar will be out if you are so inclined, but donations are not necessary. If you are able to attend the dinner, a phone call will help us assure food for everyone and the cook will thank you! Call **(360) 332 7535 or (360) 366 3007**.

Again, mark your calendars and come help us welcome these new Masons to District 10 and then join us for dinner on the 28th.

Our May Calendar is going to be equally busy with at least one second and one third degree and a possible first. We will be looking for help for these conferrals.

Hope to see you all soon!

Fraternally,
Everett Thompson
Secretary, Ferndale Lodge 264.



BMC = Bellingham Masonic Center on W. Maplewood ; FMC = Ferndale Masonic Center;
 FHMC = Friday Harbor Masonic Center; NMC = Nooksack Masonic Center; SRH = Scottish Rite Hall

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 ML-OES # 58 (BMC) 7:30 p.	2 SJ # 175 stated 7:30 p. (FHMC) V-Bellingham Scottish Rite: D-6:30; M_7:30	3 L # 56 stated 7:30, OV - D of GM (FMC) Chuckanut Chapter DeMolay 7 p. (BMC)	4 BB # 44 stated 7:30 pm. OV - D of GM (SRH)	5 Highway Clean-up 9 am Jobie Breakfast 8 am to 11 am
6	7 Hesperus Com- mandery No. 8 at din 6:30, meet 7:30 p. (BMC) F-OES #223 7:30 p.	8 F # 73 stated 7:30 p. (BMC) Evergreen RB # 17 7 p. (FMC)	9 NV # 105 stated 7:30 p. (NMC)	10 Bethel # 25 JDI, 7 p. (BMC)	11 Warden's Conf in Yakima	12 Warden's Conf. in Yakima
13	14 F #264 stated 7:30 p. Bellingham Council No.16 R&SM at (BMC) din 6:30, meet 7:30 p.	15 KI # 186-stated 7:30 p. ML-OES # 58 7:30 p. (BMC) NWSC Brd Meeting	16	17 W 151-stated lodge opens 6:30 pm. L # 56 Spl. Third Deg. at 7:30 pm.	18 BB 44 Spl. 7:30 p. MM Degree is planned (SRH)	19 MFLA hosted by San Juan at 10 am at (FHMC) Chuckanut Chap- ter DeMolay 7 p.
20	21 Bellingham Chap Royal Arch (din 6:30, meet 7:30 (BMC) F-OES #223 7:30 p. (FMC)	22 F # 73-Spl. Com 7:30 p. (BMC)	23	24 W 151 - Ritual & Proficiency at 6 PM Temple Board - Bond Holders Meeting at 7:30	25	26 Bethel #25 JDI, 7 p. (BMC)
27	28	29	30 MEC Student Citi- zen Awards Program, the music begins at 7, the program at 7:30 PM (BMC)	Coming in MAY - mark your calendar on the <u>Third Saturday</u> of May. The Annual Outdoor Fellowship Deg will take place at Roche Harbor on San Juan Island.		

The Famous Jobie Breakfast **Returns!!**

ALL you can eat, only **\$5⁰⁰**

Scrambled eggs, pancakes, orange juice,
bacon, ham, sausage and our famous scones.

8 am to 11 am

Saturday, April 5th

Bellingham Masonic Center at 2626 W. Maplewood Ave.

Next Highway Clean Up

Brethren, here is your early warning to put a little
Masonic road work into your calendar for 2008:

- Saturday, April 5 (part of the statewide of
Earth Day "Month" activities)

Be ready to leave from the backside of 2626 W.
Maplewood by 9:00 a.m. for 90 minutes of cleaning,
rain or shine. Come at 8 am and enjoy a fabulous Jo-
bie Breakfast.

Ken Gass, Secretary, Bellingham Bay Lodge No. 44

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