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Whatcom Lodge Report

Greetings fellow Whatcom brothers:

On Wednesday, March 18th several brothers gathered to practice for a 2nd Degree. Glenn Hutchings served up a nice spaghetti dinner and garlic bread was provided by Bill Hall. The practice lasted over an hour and went very well.

Stated Meeting - March 19th. We had a few bills to pay and a Petition for the Degrees of Masonry to read, submitted by Mr. Anthony Portera. His petition was signed by John Browne, Ed Jungblom and Bill Hall who met with Anthony about two weeks ago and found Anthony to be an interesting and engaging fellow, and who would fit in well with our lodge.

Degrees. At our March stated meeting the Second Degree was conferred on Bro. Terrell Goertz by Bro. Frank Myers. Bro. Tim Johnson gave the Working Tools, WB Gary Pitcher gave the MC Lecture, VW Glenn Hutchings the "G" Lecture and VW John Browne gave the Charge.

On Wednesday, April 8th, we plan to confer the Second Degree on Bro. Leon Scott Jr. We hope you will attend and support this fine brother.

A Third Degree is planned for our stated meeting on April 16th for Bro. Terrell Goertz. Your attendance will be greatly appreciated.

Lodge membership records. Although our lodge membership records are already being stored in computer database and spreadsheet formats, it won't be too long before we'll be converting to a new and more comprehensive database system. This one is being designed by our own Bro. Ron Exner. I'm very excited by the features Ron has already incorporated into this lodge management program. In getting ready for a transfer of data, now is a good time for me to ask each Whatcom brother a couple of pertinent questions. Both relate to the sensitive issue of our own passing to the celestial lodge. One thing which sometimes gets rushed or forgotten is—does a brother want a Masonic Funeral Service? Another question is whether he is a member of the Widows and Orphan Fund. As to the first matter, I know of only one or two Whatcom brothers who've declared a desire for a Masonic Funeral Service; I have noted such in their records. I also have a current list of the Whatcom brothers who are members of the Widows and Orphans Fund. To make our records more complete and up to date, I now ask for any Whatcom brothers who wish to have a Masonic Funeral Service to please let me know and I'll mark his record. Also, any Whatcom brother who wishes to join the Widows and Orphans Fund, please contact me so I can send you an application and then note it on your record once you've joined.

Next Stated meeting: April 16th, a light meal at 5:30, lodge to begin opening at 6:30.

Have a wonderful Passover or Easter Holiday and the celebrations of Earth Day (22nd) and Arbor Day (24th).

Fraternally, John Browne - Secretary/Treasurer, contact information is at the bottom of page 4.

Stated Meeting Dates of the District Ten Lodges

- Apr 1st San Juan Lodge - 7:30 pm
- Apr 2nd Lynden Lodge - 7:30 pm
- Apr 3rd Bellingham Bay - 7:30 pm
- Apr 8th Nooksack Valley Ldg - 6 pm
- Apr 13th Ferndale Lodge - 7:20 pm
- Apr 14th Fairhaven Lodge - 7:30 pm
- Apr 16th Whatcom Lodge - dinner at 5:30; meeting at 6:30 pm.
- Apr 21st Kulshan Int. Lodge - 7:30 p

Masonic Education Council

Scholarship Awards Night

The Annual MEC Scholarship Awards Night is Wednesday April 23rd 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 23rd, 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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Lynden Lodge on the move



Lynden Lodge calendar for April 2009

Apr 2 nd	Stated Meeting	7:30 PM
Apr 16 th	Special Communication	7:30 PM
Apr 18 th	MLA Meeting (BMC)	10:00 AM

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

BIKES 4 BOOKS - Report

In 2008, Lynden Lodge embarked on a Bikes 4 Books program and during the year 4 bikes were donated between two Elementary Schools to help encourage 4th to 6th grade students to read more books. We also donated two bikes to the Lynden Public Library in support of a library program to encourage 1st grade students to apply for library cards and to read library books. These programs were received by the Schools and Library with great enthusiasm and the bikes were credited with increasing reading by the children.

Based on the results in 2008, Lynden Lodge expanded Bikes 4 Books programs and plans to donate 32 bikes. Seven elementary schools were selected to receive the 4 bikes each and 4 bikes are to be donated to the Lynden Public Library. The seven schools will receive 2 bikes each shortly and those bikes will be awarded at assemblies before the school year ends this summer. Each school will receive another two bikes soon after school starts in the fall and those bikes will be awarded before Christmas Break.

The Lynden Public Library will develop two reading programs this year, probably one during the summer and the other when school starts in the fall. Lynden lodge will donate two bikes for each. program.

Lynden Lodge was fortunate to receive a substantial donation from Wal-Mart, which will help to make these 2009 programs possible when added to the funds provided in our budget. Bro. Claude Weadon is Chairman of the Lynden Lodge Bikes 4 Books programs this year and assisted by WB Glenn Boodey.

WB Dick Myhre
Lynden Lodge No. 56

Ferndale Lodge No. 264:

I thought March was supposed to come in like a Lion and go out like a Lamb! Question of the day: Did the Lion eat the Lamb?

Greetings from Ferndale 264. We are up and running again after our winter break and it is getting busy. We conferred two Fellowcraft Degrees Monday night, March 23rd and are told that we will have a Candidate ready for the Master Mason Degree on April 27th. We will also be conferring another Fellowcraft Degree in the near future.

We have been asked by the Ferndale Street Fair Committee to do the Masonic "Chip" program at their Fair on August 29th. We have agreed to do this and will probably be leaning very hard on Lynden Lodge for help. They have put the program on before with great success and we are hoping for an equal outcome. We will be asking for a donation from our Temple Board to help cover the expenses and, of course, if you or your Lodge wish to donate a dollar or two, we won't send it back!

We were all recently saddened by the sudden deaths of two of our long-time members, WB Al Medley on February 28th, and then WB William Scrimsher on March 5th. We will be holding a joint Memorial Service at our Stated Communication in April. They will be sorely missed.

On a brighter note, we did a study and determined that one of the reasons for poor attendance was our lack of carpeting in several areas of our Lodge. Good news! We recently installed several thousand dollars in new carpet and will now look forward to seeing you all in Lodge soon! Next meeting is our Stated on April 13th. We only have seating for a hundred, so you will want to be there by 7:15pm.

WB Everett Thompson
Secretary - Ferndale Lodge No. 264

The Whatcom Brothers send their wishes for

A Very Happy April Birthday!

To:

April 7th - C. Elmer Skold

April 9th - Maxwell G. Davis

April 10th - Milton C. Newport

April 11th - Calvin E. Conley

April 11th - Timothy M Springstead

April 14th - Bernard L. Dow

April 17th - Samuel D. Silverman

April 19th - Theodore V. McQuiston

April 19th - Larry A West

April 20th - Oussama El-Khoury

April 21st - Scott E. Voss

April 23rd - Michael E. Johnston

April 24th - Carleton G. Dow

April 26th - Ralph C. Graham

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

Friday April 3rd Stated meeting at 7:30 PM.

Friday April 17th Special meeting at 7:30.

Saturday April 18th Monthly meeting of the MLA at 10 AM at the Maplewood Masonic Center.

WM George Edwards

Masonic Youth Report

Greetings Brethren of Whatcom County and elsewhere around our great country! It is with great joy that I inform you that the Youth Groups we support are growing. Jobies are initiating new members and so are the Rainbow Girls. I know the girls would really enjoy seeing the sidelines filled with spectators. They really like to perform their rituals for an audience. At a recent Jobs Daughters meeting I had told one of the girls that I would be at their next meeting. Imagine how I felt when I got there and the same young lady looked at me and said "you came back". I was really crestfallen that she would think that I would say something and not follow through. Brethren and Ladies, how many of you have mentioned that you would be there and not followed through? The ladies AND the boys of DeMolay well deserve our trust and truth. For a really enjoyable evening please join me as I visit our Rainbow Girls in Ferndale on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays and the Bellingham Jobs Daughters at the Maplewood Hall on the 2nd Thursdays and 4th Saturdays; all at 7PM. Please be prompt as when you come late it throws the ladies off on their ritual work.

It is my understanding that the boys are starting a chapter in Mt. Vernon and as soon as I can get a schedule I will post it. If anyone from up here would like to join me in my travels please ask, I could use the company as Judi doesn't always go with me. Also, I travel to Mt. Vernon on the 2nd and 4th Mondays to Mt. Vernon for Rainbow, again if you would like to go let me know!

Fraternally and Sincerely, George Edwards
Member of the Grand Lodge Youth Committee

NWSC NEWS

Brother Nobles of the Mystic Shrine and The Northwest Shrine Club; I guess I should begin with the important stuff; dinner will be Chicken Cordon-Bleu with all the fixin's! Zem-Zem will begin at around 6 PM with a new bartender; no, I'm not going to tell, you have to come to find out who it is! Dinner is at 7 and the "meeting afterwards please come and support your Shrine Club!

Your Shrine Club is getting ready for our annual burger feed at the American Legion Hall near the airport, start thinking about how you are going to assist with the preparation and clean-up. Remember also to bring a "nice" raffle prize as we want the Nobles who come and don't win something to return next year for another try! Most of the funds earned at the gathering after the parade return to Nile Shrine Temple anyway to in the long run we also get it back!

As you know, my passion is for the Youth Groups and the support for the same! This year our Noble President has suggested a trip to the Portland, OR Shrine Hospital with the local Jobs Daughters and Rainbow Girls. This would include an overnigher with the young ladies staying at a Masonic Hall or at the Portland Temple with the local groups. We will need chaperones and vehicles with the thought of borrowing the 15 passenger van from Nile and the use of the Van the Rainbow Girls in Ferndale have access too. Getting to Nile may be a challenge, we'll see! At this time we are looking at June 27th and back on the 28th.

Also along that line, I am checking to see if we as representatives of the Shrine organization can wear our FEZ's to the youth group meetings en-mass. Maybe even give a short talk about who we are and what we do.

This is what we are going to be talking about at our next meeting and it would be great to see you all there!

Yours in the Faith,
Noble George Edwards
Secretary

MLA Meeting March 21, 2009

The Masonic Leadership Association met Saturday, March 21, 2009 at the Bellingham Masonic Center. Fairhaven # 73 was the meeting host. Attendance of fifteen Masons was down slightly compared to earlier meetings this year. As in the past each Lodge has been requested to ensure participation from elected officers as well as naming an MLA representative for their respective Lodge. Unfortunately, MLA has been unable to benefit from this level of participation.

This year one of the primary objectives has been to offer special programs at each meeting while keeping within the planned 90 minute time frame. MLA was very fortunate during the past meeting to hear from speaker MWB Wayne J. Deming who spoke on Symbolism in Masonry. MWB Deming is an excellent speaker and gave a thought provoking presentation. MLA and District 10 are very fortunate to be able to draw on someone of his knowledge and stature.

A special note of Thanks to San Juan Lodge #175: although they have the greatest distance to travel, San Juan Lodge has been very consistent in their support of MLA this year as evidenced by their regular attendance.

The next MLA meeting will be at 10:00 AM on April 18, 2009 in Friday Harbor. San Juan Lodge # 175 will host the meeting. The meeting will be timed to commence immediately after the 9:40 AM Ferry arrival time. Attending Masons will be able to catch an early afternoon Ferry back to Anacortes.

Jack Sprouls - Present MLA

This is How Masons Worked

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 SJ # 175 stated 7:30 p. (FHMC)	2 L # 56 7:30 pm Stated Comm. W 151 - <u>see April 8th</u>	3 BB # 44 stated 7:30 p. (SRH)	4
5 Palm Sunday	6 Hesperus Commandery No. 8 Dinner at 6:30 Ladies welcome, meeting - 7:30 F-OES #223 7:30 p. (FMC)	7 NWSC - Zem Zem 6, Dinner 7, Meet. 8 p. ML-OES # 58 (BMC) 7:30 p.	8 NV # 105 - 6 p. W 151 - FC Deg, Din- ner at 7 p. with Lodge To open about 7:30 p. Passover Begins - Sundown	9 Bethel # 25 at 7 p. <i>Full Moon</i>	10 Good Friday	11
12 Easter Sunday	13 F # 264 - stated, at 7:30 p. Bellingham Council No. 16 R&SM Dinner at 6:30 La- dies welcome - meeting 7:30 p	14 F # 73-stated 7:30 p. (BMC) Evergreen RB # 17 7 p. (FMC)	15	16 W 151-stated lodge opens 6:30 p. MM Deg planned L # 56 Spl Com 7:30 Passover Ends - Sundown	17 BB 44 7:30 pm. (SRH)	18 MLA hosted by San Juan # 175 in Friday Harbor. 2009-2010 WA Grand Lodge Team orientation, in Wenatchee WA.
19	20 Bellingham Chapter Royal Arch Dinner at 6:30 Ladies welcome, meeting 7:30 p. F-OES #223 7:30 p. (FMC)	21 KI # 186 7:30 p ML-OES # 58 7:30 p. (BMC) NWSC Board. Meeting	22 Earth Day	23 Bellingham Masonic Ctr. Bond Holders Meeting - 7:30	24 Arbor Day	25 Bethel #25 at 7 p.
26	27	28 F # 73-Spl. Com 7:30 p. (BMC) Evergreen RB # 17 7 p. (FMC)	29 Masonic Education Council Awards Program arrive by - 7 p for seats!	30		

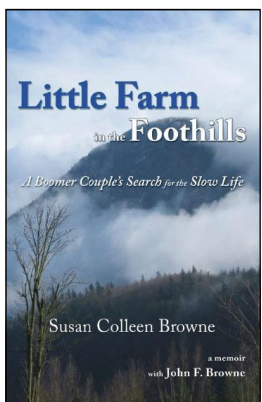
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Whatcom Lodge brother John Browne announces the release of

*Little Farm in the Foothills
A Boomer Couple's Search
for the Slow Life*
by
Susan Colleen Browne
with John F. Browne

This true-life story follows John and Susan's adventures as they leave city life to create a little homestead in the Foothills of Whatcom County.

**Here's an opportunity to support a local
Masonic youth group too!**

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