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April 2010

Mark your calendar for Saturday, May 15th ✓

For the Annual Spring
Outdoor Fellowcraft Degree & Salmon Barbecue
Hosted by San Juan Lodge No. 175

See the Ad on page 4 of this newsletter

Stated Meeting Dates of the District Ten Lodges

Apr 1 st	Lynden Lodge - 7:30 pm
Apr 2 nd	Bellingham Bay - 7:30 pm
Apr 7 th	San Juan Lodge - 7:30 pm
Apr 12 th	Ferndale Lodge - 7:30- pm
Apr 13 th	Fairhaven Lodge - 7 pm
Apr 14 th	Nooksack Valley Ldg - 6 pm
Apr 15 th	Whatcom Lodge - 6:30 pm
Apr 24 th	Kulshan Int. Lodge - 10:30 am

Whatcom Lodge Report

Stated Meeting - Our stated meeting was held on March 18th, 2010 and we had a full agenda for the brothers to manage. The bills of the lodge were enumerated and authorized for payment and SW Boyd McEwen gave the Finance Committee's Report. In beginning, Br. McEwen thanked Br. Ron Exner for bringing needed attention to our current financial operation. WM Larry West took care of On-going Business by bringing Br. Ron's proposed Standing Rule Resolution to the floor, which was read aloud. WB Ted Schuman spoke to each of the items of the proposed resolution, noting how each has been addressed, over the past two months, by the finance and advisory committees. Noting that most items have been taken care of and that the others are already covered by lodge By-laws and the WA Masonic Code. WB Schuman reported that the Fin. & Advisory Comm. recommendation is to reject the resolution. The question was called and resolution was not approved.

Petitions: A Petition for the Degrees of Masonry by Mr. Marcel Gibeault was Read at the March 18th Stated Meeting. An Investigation Committee consisting of Br. Terrell Goertz (chair), Br. Boyd McEwen and WB Ted Schuman was appointed. They'll report back at the April 15th meeting and the ballot taken.

Degrees - At our March 18th meeting the First Degree was conferred on Mr. Ian Geddes by WB Bill Hall. WB Ted Schuman gave the Preparatory Lecture and Working Tools, VW Glenn Hutchings the Apron Lecture and the Charge was delivered by Br. Terrell Goertz .

First Degree - we plan to confer the EA degree on Mr. Tanvir Sidhu at our Special Communication on Thursday, April 1st.

Third Degree - Br. Joe Barratt will have this MM degree conferred at our Stated Meeting on April 15th.

Second Degree - Br. Jesse Peterson is scheduled to receive his FC degree at our Special Communication on Thursday, May 6th.

Proficiency - Brother James McCullough did his First Degree Posting Lecture at our March 18th meeting and did an excellent job. The current plan is for him to be one of two candidates to have their Fellowcraft Degrees conferred at the San Juan Lodge hosted Outdoor FC Degree in Roche Harbor on May 15th. Whatcom FC and MM's are especially encouraged to attend and support our brother James. See the Ad on page 4.

Next Special Communications - April 1st, 2010 and May 6th

Next Stated meeting - April 15th, 2010

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

Masonic Education Council

Scholarship Awards Night

The Annual MEC Scholarship Awards Night is Wednesday April 28th 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 22nd, 2010 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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Notes from Lynden Lodge #56

April

- 1st Stated Meeting
- April 15: John Tennant presentation, Lynden Pioneer Museum
- 17th MLA - San Juan 175

During March a Bikes 4 Books presentation was conducted at Fisher Elementary School in Lynden. Two bicycles were awarded to deserving student readers. Plans for late March, early April include placing 10 more bicycles in Meridian and Lynden Schools to complete the 2009/2010 Bikes 4 Books program, bringing the total awarded to 32 bikes and helmets. Educators involved in the various schools report a dramatic increase in Student reading.

The Spring Hands Across the Border was held on March 4th at the Bellingham Masonic Center with 70 plus Masons in attendance. WB George Edwards did an excellent job as Chef again this year with able assistance from the Rainbow Girls of Evergreen Rainbow Assembly 17. Also Lynden Lodge appreciated help from WB Thomas Baughn, who voluntarily gave a hand in the kitchen and with organization of the event in numerous ways. October 22, 2010 has been selected as the Fall HAB date. More detail to follow.

Prior to the end of the month, Lynden Lodge will be judging applicants for our Scholarship Program and for Educators of the Year. Scholarships are awarded to Senior Students, one from Lynden and one from Meridian High Schools. Educator of the Year Awards will be given to one teacher or District employee from the Lynden and Meridian School systems.

On April 15, after paying your taxes, please join us at the Lynden Pioneer Museum for a presentation on Brother John Tennant, an early, colorful member of Lynden Lodge, and one of the first ministers at the United Methodist Church in Lynden. Members of Bellingham Bay, from whence Lynden Lodge originated, will be our special guests along with members of the Lynden community and the United Methodist Church of Lynden. We are hoping for a representative attendance from all District 10 Masons and their spouses.

Please visit us or join us at one of the above mentioned events. Your ideas and support are welcome and needed.

Jack Sprouls, WM
Lynden Lodge No. 56

The Whatcom Brothers send their wishes for the following brothers who have birthdays in the month of April.

A Very Happy Birthday To:

Bro. David C. Brown - April 6th
Bro. C. Elmer Skold - April 7th
Bro. Maxwell G. Davis - April 9th
Bro. Calvin E. Conley - April 11th
Bro. Samuel Silverman - April 17th
Bro. Theodore V. McQuiston - April 19th
WB Larry A. West - April 19th
Bro. Oussama El-Khoury - April 20th
Bro. Scott E. Voss - April 21st
WB Michael E. Johnston - April 23rd
Bro. Ryan C. Holewinski - April 23rd
Bro. Ralph C. Graham - April 26th

Note: If I have your birthday wrong then please let me know so I can correct the lodge records.

Sec. John Browne (360-599-3481)

On Time and Friendship

It is the steady and merciless increase of occupations,
the augmented speed at which we are always trying to live,
the crowding of each day with more work and amusements
than it can profitably hold, which has cost us,
among other good things,
the undisturbed enjoyment of friends.

Friendship takes time,
and we have no time to give it.

~ Agnes Repplier, 1855 - 1950

Whenever two people meet,
there are really six people present.
There is each man as he sees himself,
each man as the other person sees him;
and, each man as he really is.

~ William James

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

Friday April 2nd Stated communication at 7:30

Friday April 2nd Travel to Union-Solomon Lodge #9.

Friday April 23rd Special communication at 7:30 (moved from Friday April 16th.)

WM Gary Pitcher

On Gardens:

God Almighty first planted a garden,
And indeed it is the purest of human pleasures.

~ *Sir. Francis Bacon*, 1561 - 1626

Gardens are not made by singing
"Oh, how beautiful," and sitting in the shade.

~ *Bro. Rudyard Kipling*, 1865 - 1936

Masonic Presidents

Bro. Washington, like many Masonic Presidents, served as WM of his Lodge but is the only one to do so while President. (Kind of kills the excuse that one is too busy to serve his Lodge!)

Bro. James Polk survived gall bladder surgery at age 17 with some brandy as the only sedative! He assisted, as President, in the Masonic cornerstone lying of the Smithsonian.

Bro. James Buchanan was the only bachelor to be elected president (his fiancée' broke off the engagement & then suddenly died). Although not a Grand Master, as were Bro's Truman & Jackson, he did serve as a Deputy Grand Master for 3 Pennsylvania counties.

Bro. Andrew Johnson, our 17th President, never attended school! His future wife, Eliza McCordle, taught him to write at the age of 17. He was such a good tailor that he only wore suits that he custom-tailored himself.

Bro. James Garfield took 3 years and a day between his EA & FC (a good excuse however, he was serving in the Union Army during the Civil War). He later was a charter member of a D.C. Lodge.

Bro. William McKinley was a member of Eagle Lodge #431 of Canton, Ohio; it became Wm. McKinley Lodge after his assassination.

Bro. Teddy Roosevelt, a long time New York State Mason, took time during his presidency to visit the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for the sesquicentennial of Bro. Washington's becoming a Mason. It was Bro. Roosevelt, who by executive order renamed the "Executive Mansion" as The White House.

NW Shrine Club

Does anyone know where the Golden Fez is? I do it's at the Northwest Shrine Club; we've had it for a year. All it takes to get it back is 4 or more members from another club to visit and you can take it with you. You can have a chance to get it on Tuesday April 6, 2010 at Jeckyl & Hyde Deli and Ale House, 709 W. Orchard Drive. The menu for the evening will be: Baked Ham/Raisin Sauce, Au gratin Potatoes, Broccoli & Cauliflower (Mixed), Spinach Salad, Rolls, Coffee, Tea, and Dessert, all for the price of \$17.00 per person.

For reservations call Noble Ron Fine at 360-676-5747 or you can e-mail me at RonFine2@aol.com. **DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS THURSDAY APRIL 1, 2010 (NOT A JOKE).**

I know we will be talking about the circus that we will be putting on April 16, 17, & 18. We do need a total of 25 people to help put this on. This is an all Nobles call, Noble Tim Springstead is the chairman he can be reached at 360-920-0952 or e-mail him at buffalobog@aol.com.

The Sunshine committee has been busy making phone calls and sending cards out. Upcoming events for our club is the monthly dinner meeting in May plus our annual Hamburger feed after the Sea to Ski parade. Remember to get the Golden Fez you need 4 or more Nobles from your club to attend the NWSC meeting on Tuesday April 6, 2010. May good Blessing be on you all.

Yours in Faith, Ron Fine, Secretary

Bro. William Taft, whose father and two brothers were also Masons, made this statement when he became a Mason: "I am glad to be here, and to be a Mason. It does me good to feel the thrill that comes from recognizing on all hands the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man." He later became a Supreme Court Chief Justice.

Bro. Warren G. Harding had a gap of 19 years between his Initiation and Raising due to the objection of a Lodge member who relented after Harding was nominated for the Presidency.

Bro. Franklin Roosevelt was present when each of his three sons became Masons during his Presidency (in 1933 & 1935).

Bro. Harry S. Truman, his middle initial "S" was just that, a plain letter "S". It stood for his two grandfathers, both of whom had an "S" in their name.

Bro. Gerald Ford and Bro. Truman are the only Masonic presidents to reach the 50 year milestone (Pres. Ford is a 56 year Mason to date). His three half-brothers and stepfather are Masons as well.

Sent to Cinosam by WB Gerald A. Edgar

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 L # 56 Stated meeting 7:30 pm W #151 - Spl. Comm. EA Degree at 6:30 pm	2 BB # 44 Stated meeting 7:30 pm. Will open on EA Deg if one is present. <i>Good Friday</i>	3 Highway Cleanup leaves W. Maplewood at 9 am.
4 <i>Easter Sunday</i>	5 Hesperus Commandery No. 8 - 7:30, F-OES #223 7:30 p. (FMC)	6 ML-OES # 58 (BMC) 7:30 p.	7 SJ # 175 Stated 7:30 p. (FHMC) Scot. Rite Stated. Din 6:30, mtg at 7:30 p	8 Bethel # 25 at 7 pm.	9	10
11	12 F # 264 - 7:30 p. Bellingham Council No.16 R&SM - 7:30 p	13 F # 73-Stated 7 pm. (BMC) Evergreen RB # 17 7 p. (FMC)	14 NV # 105 - 6 pm Stated Meeting New Moon	15 W 151 Stated, dinner at 5:30 lodge opens 6:30 pm A Third Degree is planned.	16 BB 44 Special meeting moved to NEXT Friday the 23 rd !	17 MFLA 10 am is hosted by
18	19 Bellingham Chp Royal Arch - 7:30 p. F-OES #223 7:30 p. (FMC)	20 ML-OES # 58 7:30 p. (BMC) NWSC Brd. Meeting	21 Scot. Rite, Deg or Study Session 7:30 BB #44 travels to Union-Solomon Lodge # 9	22 Bellingham Temple Association Bond Holders Meeting, 7:30	23 BB #44, Special meeting at 7:30 pm. (SRH) Will open on EA Deg if one is present.	24 KI # 186, Stated, at 10:30 am. Bethel #25 at 7 pm
25	26	27 F # 73-Spl. Com 7:00 p. (BMC)	28 Masonic Education Council Awards Program, arrive by - 7 pm. for seats! NV #105 Widows Deg. Full Moon	29	30	

**Outdoor Fellowcraft Degree
 May 15th, 2010**

Saturday, May 15th is San Juan Lodge No. 175's annual Fellow Craft Outdoor Degree and Salmon Barbecue on beautiful San Juan Island.

The degree will be conferred at the restored McMillen mausoleum at Roche Harbor Resort. This gathering has been active for more than 40 years and has been enjoyed by hundreds of Masons. The special setting, good food and brotherhood is something not to be missed.



The ferry leaves Anacortes at 9:30 am. to Friday Harbor. Walk the three blocks to the lodge or we will have transportation to pick you up. The salmon dinner will be served at 11 am. and afterwards buses will take all the men out to Roche Harbor. Ladies may stay in town, plenty of shopping, stroll through town or wander down and visit the beautiful waterfront.

The ferry leaves Friday harbor at 4:15 pm and arrives Anacortes at 5:40 pm.

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