



Letters from District No. 10

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Whatcom Lodge Report

Special Communication: Our Thursday, March 1st meeting was attended by 18 Whatcom Brothers. Lodge was opened on the First Degree.

Masonic Education: WM Craig Bruner showed 3 videos all pertaining to Freemasonry which he found on YouTube. One having to do with Masonry in the Old West, one on Colorado Gold and the Civil War and another on the History of Prince Hall Masonry. WB Thom Baughn added information on Prince Hall Masonry and Masonry in the Territory and State of Washington in the mid to late 1800's.

Stated Communication: The March 15th Stated meeting was attended by 20 Whatcom Brothers and 6 visitors. A contingent of Brothers came down from Prince David Lodge No. 101, Maple Ridge, B.C.

Degree: WB John Brown conferred the FC Degree on Bro. Jerry Hill with WB Thom Baughn as SD. The *Working Tools* were presented by VW Don Higgerson and the *MC Lecture* featured the talents of WM Craig Bruner, SW Ken Peck, WB Thom Baughn, WB Paul Brainard and VW John Browne. WB John Brown presented the "G" Lecture and gave the *Charge*. After the degree the brethren met Bro. Jerry Hill West of the Altar to give their congratulations.

Widows & orphans: SW Ken Peck presented a preliminary update report on the reorganized Widows and Orphans Fund. A more comprehensive report is planned for the near future.

Up coming events: Law Enforcement Memorial Service will take place at our Stated Communication on Thursday, April 19th. This open to all Masons who wish to attend. On Friday, May 11th we will host our Past Masters Night in honor of all our Past Master members. The evening begins with a social hour and dinner (**RSVPs** are required) with a short ceremony to follow in the lodge room.

Communications: Next Special is Thursday, April 5th and the next Stated is on Thursday, April 19th. For both meetings dinner is at 5:30 and Lodge opens at 6:30 PM.

Fraternally, John Browne, Secretary ... **Contact info is at bottom right corner, page 4**

LOVE ALL, TRUST FEW. EVERYTHING'S REAL BUT NOT EVERYONE'S TRUE.



Stated Meeting Dates of the District Ten Lodges

Apr 6th Bellingham Bay - 7:30 pm

Apr 12th Lynden/Ferndale Int. Lodge
56 - 7 pm

Apr 19th Whatcom Lodge - dinner at
5:30; meeting at 6:30 pm.

NWSC Monthly Dinner...Tuesday, April 3rd, Zem Zem at 6 & dinner at 7 PM. See page 3 for more details.

Masonic Monthly Luncheon....Tuesday, April 17th 12 noon at Lee's Restaurant, at James & Alabama Streets.

Hands Across the Border....the Spring HAB is set for Thursday, April 12th. Social hour at 5 PM and dinner at 5:30 PM, RSVP for dinner. See page 2 for more details.

Law Enforcement Memorial....at the Stated Communication on Thursday April 19th Whatcom Lodge will hold a Memorial to the Law Enforcement Officers who have Fallen in the Line of Duty in Whatcom County.

Past Master's Night Dinner....on Friday evening May 11th Whatcom Lodge will hold a Past Master's Night thanking the PM members of the Lodge for their service. This event is open to Wives & Ladies. Please **RSVP** to lodge sec'y John Browne so dinner plans be firmed up.

Whatcom Camping....our annual camping trip to the Masonic Park is July 19th thru the 22nd. See page 3 for details.



Notes from Lynden Lodge No. 56

Apr 12 th	Stated Meeting	7:00 PM
Apr 26 th	Special Meeting	7:00 PM

Greetings Lynden Brethren:

Hands Across the Border - 2018 Spring

Thursday, April 12, 2018 is the date for our 2018 Spring Hands Across the Border event. We will honor RWB Barry Burch, Deputy Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of A. F. & A.M. of British Columbia & Yukon, and RWB James Kendall, Deputy Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of F. & A.M. of Washington. The social period will begin at 5:00; dinner will be served at 5:30. The choice of entrees is either prime rib or butterfly prawn. The Lodge will be tyled at 7:00. The meeting will be short on business and long on brotherhood. Masons are most welcome! The cost is \$20. Please make your reservations by contacting HAB Events chairman Dick Decima at rhdecima@aol.com.

Hands Across the Border - 2018 Fall

In the late Spring the two honorees, Deputy Grand Master James Kendall and Deputy Grand Master Barry Burch will become Grand Masters of their respective jurisdictions. They have selected Saturday, November 3rd, as the date for the Hands Across the Border gala dinner show. Wives and other guests are most welcome. Please mark this date on your calendar.

Scholarships

Judging of applications for five \$1,000 scholarships from seniors in the Blaine, Ferndale, Lynden, Meridian and Nooksack Valley School Districts will take place by the end of April. Presentations will be made at award ceremonies in late May and early June.

Educators of the Year

The District Superintendent of Schools in the Blaine, Ferndale, Lynden, Meridian and Nooksack Valley School Districts have selected a deserving educator to receive \$500 awards. Presentations will be made at the May or June meeting of the Board of Directors of each School District who have graciously agreed to honor the awards in that venue.

Work party at Ferndale Masonic Hall

On Saturday, March 31st, there was a work party of dedicated Masons on hand at the Ferndale Masonic Hall to move forward on both outdoor and indoor projects now that warmer weather has arrived.

WB Dick Decima,
Secretary....Ph. 392-0145

Here is what *Bellingham Bay* has going on.

Friday April 6th Stated Communication:

Friday April 20th Special Communication:

MEC NEWS

Applications Judged.....next up Masonic Ed Council Award Program, April 26

129 high school junior scholarship applications to the Masonic Education Council of Whatcom County (MEC) were scored the morning of March 24 by twelve hard-working Masons and two spouses! Big thanks go to Brothers Cunningham, Edwards (& Judi), Hansen, Kingston, Smith, and Zagelow of 44; Hanna (& Karrie) and Myhre of 56; and Browne, Bruner, Christianson, Hill (observing) and Hutchings of 151. We got the job done in two hours or less.

Remember, the annual awards program will be held at the Maplewood Masonic Hall on Thursday, April 26 at 7:30 PM. Come by 7:00 and park at the Credit Union to avoid the last-minute crush of parents' cars, save close-in parking for our guests, and enjoy the high school musicians. Contributions to cover program costs and scholarships are still needed, sent to MEC, 1101 N State ST STE 103, Bellingham 98225, giving your lodge and address or email for your tax receipt.

Your MEC Board and Program Committee are also making a big contribution to the Washington Masonic Charities high school senior scholarship program of the Grand Lodge by encouraging and scoring applications from all public schools in the county. District Ten (Whatcom County) holds the record in the state with 23 applications.

Ken Gass, President ([360-393-2612](tel:360-393-2612))
For the Masonic Education Council of Whatcom County



The worst
distance between
two people is
misunderstanding.

Our annual installation of officers has been completed and the new officers are ready to make this Shrine Year fun and successful. Our next dinner meeting is scheduled for April 3rd at 7:00 p.m. Zem Zem at 6 p.m. followed by a wonderful dinner prepared by Jeckly/Hyde Restaurant. Everyone is welcome to attend and encouraged. If you have ever wondered about the Shriners or the Shrine Club this is a perfect opportunity for you to find out who we are and what we do.

Submitted: Noble Greg Cory - *President*

From the editor:

I have spent some time of late on Pinterest and discovered a wealth of sage advice and sayings. Many of which aptly apply to Masonry and our meetings. For instance the following:

Life is kind of like a party.

You invite a lot of people,

Some leave early, some stay all night,
some laugh with you, some laugh at you,
and some show up really late.

But in the end, after the fun,
there are a few who stay
to help you clean up the mess.

And most of the time,
they aren't even the ones
who made the mess.

These people are your true friends in life.

They are the only ones who matter.

@butterfliesandpebbles

Just a thought, so, who is helping clean up
after Lodge and the festive board?
Many hands make light work!

WHATCOM LODGE IS CAMPING AGAIN !!!

On July 19-22 we will be camping at the Masonic Family Campground in Granite Falls. We will have a clubhouse and ten sites for our exclusive use; each site will have water and power only. A disposal station is available as you leave the park.

Maximum cost per nite is about \$33.00, but could be less depending on how many campsites we finally confirm. Any type of camping equipment is welcome; tents, trailers, RVs – whatever!

This event is open to members of Whatcom Lodge, other lodges in our district and any Masonic youth group meeting at the West Maplewood Masonic Center.

Plan now to attend this wonderful activity; this will be our fourth year and those who have attended before will tell you it was a blast!!

I must have your confirmation NO LATER THAN JUNE 15 in order to hold a campsite for you and your family. A check, payable to me for \$33.00 will reserve a spot; actual campsite assignments will be made upon arrival and will depend upon the size and nature of your equipment.

DON'T WAIT – SEVERAL OF THE SITES ARE ALREADY SPOKEN FOR, BUT WE CAN GET MORE IF NEEDED !!

Questions?? Call Ted Schuman at
(818) 425-1611

Want to mail your check? Send it to:
**Ted Schuman, 3313 Heights Drive,
Bellingham, WA 98226**

***Please make your check for \$33.00
payable to: Ted Schuman***



BMC = Bellingham Masonic Center on W. Maplewood ; FMC = Ferndale Masonic Center;
SRH = Scottish Rite Hall

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>April Fool's Day</i> <i>Easter</i>	2 Hesperus Com-mandery No. 8 - 7:30	3 ML-OES # 58 (BMC) 7:30 p NWSC monthly dinner see page 3	4 V of B Scottish Rite: Dinner at 6:30 pm & Stated Mtg at 7:30 pm	5 W #151 - Special Dinner at 5:30 pm. Lodge opens at 6:30pm.	6 BB # 44 - stated 7:30 pm.	7 <i>Passover Ends</i>
8	9 Bellingham Council No.16 R&SM - 7:30 p F-OES # 223 7:30 p. (FMC)	10 Bethel # 25 at 6:25 pm	11 V of B Scottish Rite: Education Night at 7 pm Chuckanut Chapter DeMolay 7:30 pm	12 L # 56 Stated, Hands Across the Border 7:00 pm Evergreen RB # 17 7 p. (BMC)	13	14
15 Lynden Int #56 hosts it's annual Win-dows lunch see page 2.	16 Bellingham Chp Royal Arch - 7:30 p.	17 ML-OES # 58 7:30 p. (BMC)	18 V of B Scottish Rite: Education Night at 7 pm	19 W 151 - stated dinner at 5:30 lodge opens 6:30 pm.	20 BB 44 Spl Comm 7:30 p.	21
22 <i>Earth day</i>	23 F-OES # 223 7:30 p. (FMC)	24 Bellingham Temple Association meeting 7:30 PM	25 Chuckanut Chapter DeMolay 7:30 pm	26 L # 56 special meeting 7:00 pm Evergreen RB # 17 7 p. (BMC)	27	28 Bethel #25 at 6:25 pm
29	30	1	2	3	4	5

**Widows & Orphans Fund
for District No. 1**

If you would like to know more about the W & O Fund contact one of the officers listed below.

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WB John Brown - *President,*

WB Jesse Petersen - *Vice President*
360-319-5556



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