



# Letters from District No. 10

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## Whatcom Lodge Report

**March Special:** The March Special was attended by 26 Whatcom members and 2 dinner guests and was reported on in the March late issue of the newsletter.

**Masonic Luncheon:** Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. Our monthly luncheon was attended by 15, one being a transplanted Mason looking for a Lodge to join. In April the luncheon will be on Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>. 12 noon at the Rusty Wagon.

**March Stated:** The March Stated Communication was held on Thursday the 21st and had a very good attendance. There were 35 Whatcom Brothers, 3 of which were EAs, 2 visiting Brothers and 2 guests for dinner.

**Petition:** We received a Petition for Plural Member from Brother Daniel Polvere whose home Lodge is Columbian Lodge in Massachusetts. An Investigation Committee of Sec'y John Browne, Trea, Ted Schuman and AD John Brown was appointed.

**Masonic Youth:** WB Paul Brainard reported on Chuckanut Chapter DeMolay who are growing and having a good time in the process. Bro. David Gehrcke reported on Evergreen Assembly Rainbow Girls who are also growing and active in Masonic events, such as the District Ten Meeting. WB Thom Baughn reported Bethel 25 Jobs Daughters. They recently participated in Jobie Weekend and did quite well, as usual, in Ritual Competition.

**By-Laws:** The motion to change the Whatcom Lodge By-Laws was discussed, ballot taken and **approved**. (see page 2 for article). Whatcom Lodge is now waiting for confirmation from the Grand Master & By-Laws Committee. Once confirmation is received a move can be made to relocate to the Scottish Rite Hall. The recently added new Bridge Club will also be able to settle in on the Thursdays likely to be soon vacated by Whatcom Lodge. The Temple Board will then be free to seek a new renter space that is thereby made available.

**Degree:** We have a FC Degree at our April 4<sup>th</sup> Special Communication. Bro. Jeffery Roskelley, who gave an outstanding Posting Lecture is now ready to advance.

**Annual Campout:** WB Ted Schuman is setting up the annual Masonic Campout for this Summer. (see page 2 for details)

**Annual Lodge BBQ:** WB Ted Schuman has announced that this year's annual lodge BBQ is set for August 24<sup>th</sup> at Ted & Penny's, more details to follow as the date gets nearer, BUT...be sure to mark you calendar.

**Next Communications:** Our next Special Communication is on Thursday April 4th. Our next Stated Communication is on Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. Prior to both meetings dinner will be at 5:30 pm with Lodge to open at 6:30 pm.

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

## Stated Meeting Dates of the District Ten Lodges

Apr 5<sup>th</sup> Bellingham Bay - 7:30 pm

Apr 11<sup>th</sup> Lynden/Ferndale Int. Lodge  
56 - 7 pm

Apr 18<sup>th</sup> Whatcom Lodge - dinner at  
5:30; meeting at 6:30 pm.

## Up-coming Events

**Whatcom FC Degree....**set for April 4<sup>th</sup> for Bro.. Jeff Roskelley. Dinner is at 5:30 pm and Lodge opens at 6:30pm.

**Hands Across The Border...** It is not too early to mention Spring Hands Across the Border. This event, on Thursday, April 11, 2019, Please put this date on your calendar. *See page 3*

**Masonic Monthly Luncheon....**Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>. 12 noon at the Rusty Wagon.

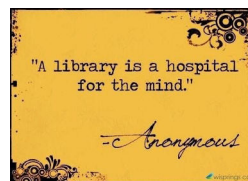
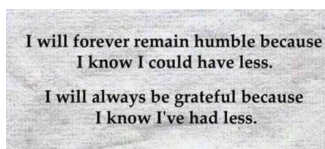
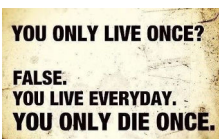
**Masonic Monthly Luncheon....**Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. 12 noon at the Rusty Wagon.

**Masonic Monthly Luncheon....**Tuesday, June 18<sup>th</sup>. 12 noon at the Rusty Wagon.

**Annual Whatcom Lodge Campout should be on your calendar!...** it is June 27-30, we will once again trek South to Granite Falls to the Masonic Family Park for camping, fun, frivolity..... all that stuff! Please let Ted Schuman know if you plan to attend; we are limited to ten campsites, but the event is OPEN TO ALL MASONIC BODIES IN WHATCOM COUNTY - just let Ted know. *See page 2*

## Annual Whatcom Lodge BBQ

Whatcom Brothers mark your calendars, the annual lodge BBQ date has been set for August 24<sup>th</sup> and Ted and Penny's. More details to follow as we get closer to the event. *See page 3*



## Whatcom Lodge No. 151

On Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup> the largest gathering of Whatcom Lodge Brothers in my memory (35, 32 MM's and 3 EA's) attended lodge to discuss and ballot on the Amendment to change the By-Laws to change the location of our meetings.

The discussion was organized along the lines use at Grand Lodge Annual Communications for dealing with Resolutions to change our Washington Masonic Code. We alternated between speakers For and those Against. Some brothers asked for points of clarification or observation. In all I counted 19 Brothers spoke, 1 being from BB-44 speaking on behalf of the Rainbow Girls.

After the discussion period was completed WM Ken Peck called for the question. Those eligible to vote counted off and there were 32 Master Masons of Whatcom Lodge present. Ballots were handed out to those 32 MM's and then collected by SD Bruce Smith. Bro. David Gehreck of BB#44 and WB Blair Thisted assisted Sec'y John Browne in tabulating the ballots. The count was 26 Yes and 6 No. The Amendment was passed.

Secretary John Browne has completed Form 28 and forwarded it to the Grand Secretary, RW Clint Brown Jr. who has distributed it to the By-Laws Committee for their review. It will then go to MW Jim Kendall for his review.  
*Secretary - VV John Browne*

### *Update and Support Request* from your Masonic Education Council

Our 53<sup>rd</sup> annual county-wide public schools recognition and scholarship award program for high school juniors is on the final stretch for 2019. A BIG "thank you" to these eleven volunteers who joined me on March 23 to judge 135 junior applications for this year's awards program to be held at the Maplewood Bellingham Masonic Center on April 25 at 7:30 p.m.: BB-44 Brothers Cunningham, Gazow, Kuiken, Smith and Zagelow, along with Francie Gass; LFI-56 Brother Hanna and his wife Carrie; and W-151 Brothers Browne, Higgerson and Hutchings.

To date, \$4,250 has been contributed by Masons from our three lodges. We have money in the bank to cover the scholarships due this year to junior winners from 2017 and the expenses for the annual Scholar-Citizen Award program on April 25; however, that still leaves us \$3,000 short of the reserves needed to cover next year's scholarships and program expenses. Your tax-deductible contribution made out to MEC would be most appreciated any time in this calendar year, but why wait? Send it to MEC, 1101 N State St, Ste. 103, 98225, with your lodge and return address or email for your tax receipt. See you by 7:30 on April 25? Contact Ken Gass, MEC president, at 360-671-1993 or [kbass@gmail.com](mailto:kbass@gmail.com).

*Ken*

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

***Friday April 5<sup>th</sup> Stated Communication:***

***Friday April 19<sup>th</sup> Special Communication:***

Brethren, Join us if you can this Friday evening April 5<sup>th</sup>. Our special guest will be Br. Ken Gibson, executive director of Washington Masonic Charities Here is a chance to get some clarity on how our Masonic charities work today, compared to years past. At the same time, you may learn about services you did not know were available to our members.

Dinner and fellowship is at 6:30, with Lodge at 7:30

WB David Burn  
*Secretary*

### **WHATCOM LODGE IS CAMPING AGAIN !!!**

**On June 27-30** 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, any other lodge in our district and any other Masonic youth group meeting at Maplewood.***

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**



# Notes from Lynden Lodge No. 56

Apr 11<sup>th</sup>                      Stated Meeting                      7:00 PM

## HANDS ACROSS THE BORDER

### *Dinner & Stated Communication* **Thursday ~ April 11, 2019**

**5:00 PM ~ Social**

**5:30 PM ~ Prime rib or Butterfly shrimp Dinner**

**7:00 PM ~ Stated Communication**

**\$20 (Canadian funds at par)**

As a courtesy to our Canadian brothers

**Seating limited to 100 guests.  
Make your reservations now!**

### **Ferndale Masonic Center**

5638 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave, Ferndale WA 98248

(Ferndale Exit 262 I-5)

*For Reservations*

Contact WB Dick Decima at **360-392-0145**  
or cell **360-820-1660** or email [rhdecima@aol.com](mailto:rhdecima@aol.com)



Please don't forget to support the MEC Educational Scholarship Program. Public Education goes back prior to our founding as a Nation. Our Founders such as Washington and Franklin fully understood the critical part education plays in keeping a free and open society. Masons have a long history of championing Public Education in communities all across our country. Please be part of that Masonic Legacy. *VW John Browne*

The MEC is 100% local and your **tax-deductible donations** go 100% to the scholarships and award program, to be held at the W. Maplewood Bellingham Masonic Center at 7:30 PM on April 25. Contributions may be sent to MEC, 1101 N. State St., Ste. 103, Bellingham, 98225. To volunteer contact Ken Gass, MEC President:

[kbgass@gmail.com](mailto:kbgass@gmail.com) or 360-671-1993.

## Companions:

Bellingham Council #16 will have their stated assembly on Monday April 8, 2019. Dinner at 6:30 followed by Assembly at 7:30.

Just a reminder that dues for 2019 are being accepted. They are \$14.50 for Per Capita for Life Members and \$29.50 which is dues and per capita for non-life members and can be remitted to the return address.

Please note my new Email Address:

[jammerguy1@gmail.com](mailto:jammerguy1@gmail.com).

*Fraternally,*

Doug Jerome

Recorder

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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
31	1 Hesperus Com- mandery No. 8 - 7:30	2 ML-OES # 58 (BMC) 7:30 p	3 V of B Scottish Rite: Dinner at 6:30 pm & Stated Mtg at 7:30 pm	4 W #151 - Special Dinner at 5:30 pm. FC Degree	5 BB # 44 - stated 7:30 pm.	6
7	8 Bellingham Council No.16 R&SM - 7:30 p F-OES # 223 7:30 p. (FMC)	9 Bethel # 25 at 6:25 pm	10 V of B Scottish Rite: Education Night at 7 pm Chuckanut Chapter DeMolay 7:30 pm	11 L # 56 Stated, 7:00 pm Hands Across the B order see p 3 Evergreen RB # 17 7 p. (BMC)	12	13
14	15 Bellingham Chp Royal Arch - 7:30 p.	16 ML-OES # 58 7:30 p. (BMC)	17 V of B Scottish Rite: Education Night at 7 pm	18 W 151 - stated dinner at 5:30 lodge opens 6:30 pm.	19 BB 44 Spl Comm 7:30 p.  <i>Good Friday</i>	20
21  <i>Easter Sunday</i>	22 F-OES # 223 7:30 p. (FMC)	23 Bellingham Tem- ple Association meet- ing 7:30 PM	24 Chuckanut Chapter DeMolay 7:30 pm	24 Evergreen RB # 17 7 p. (BMC)	26	27 Bethel #25 at 6:25 pm
28	29	30	1	2	3	4

**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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 Phone: 360-820-4752,  
 Email: [sectreaswof@gmail.com](mailto:sectreaswof@gmail.com)

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



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