



Letters from District No. 10

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Whatcom Lodge Report

July Special: There was no special communication since it fell on Independence Day. Brothers were encouraged to enjoy family time for the holiday.

July Stated: The July 18th Stated Communication was attended by 19 Whatcom Brothers, 4 visitors and 3 guests for dinner. Lodge was opened on the Third Degree and WM Ken Peck advised that the purpose of this stated communication was to conduct the regular business of the lodge and to confer the MM Degree on Bro. Bill Kappel.

Degree: Bro. Bill Kappel's MM Degree was conferred by WM Ken Peck with Bro. Bruce Smith as SD for the both sections. The *Apron Lecture* and the *Working Tools* were presented by VW Don Higginson.

The Drama: KS Glenn Hutchings, KH Ken Peck/Thom Baughn, SD Bruce, 1st, 2nd & 3rd Ruffians were: Larry West, Paul Brainard & Thom Baughn. The 1st, 2nd & 3rd Craftsmen were: John Browne, Frank Myers & Craig Bruner. The *Sea/Wayfaring Man* was Ted Schuman, The *Grand Marshal* was Frank Myers and the *Graveside Chaplain* was Craig Bruner. The *Master's Lecture* was presented by Glenn Hutchings and Terrell Goertz and the *Charge* was given by Ken Peck.

After the degree our newest MM was escorted West of the Altar where the membership pasted by to give their congratulations to Bro. Bill Kappel.

West Maplewood Hall: WM Ken Peck gave a brief overview of the negotiations going on with the BMC Temple Association. An advisory committee consisting of our current Elected Officers plus Craig Bruner and Paul Brainard will confer on the matter.

Election of Officers: The annual election of officers was held and the officers elect are: WM = John Brown; SW = Terrell Goertz; JW = Craig Bruner; Trea. = Ted Schuman and Sec'y = John Browne.

Masonic Youth: WB Thom Baughn reported on our Masonic Youth and noted that Masons can readily help our Rainbow Girls by visiting their Booth at the Old Settler's Weekend event in Ferndale 7/25 - 7/27.

Masonic Luncheon: WB Ted Schuman reported that there were 11 in attendance at the Tuesday, July 16th, luncheon at the Rusty Wagon. The next luncheon is on Tuesday August 20th at, you guessed it, the Rusty Wagon.

Next Communications: Our August Special Communication is on Thursday August 1st. Our next Stated Communication is on Thursday, August 18th. Prior to the Stated meeting 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

Aug 2st Bellingham Bay - 7:30 pm

Aug 8th Lynden/Ferndale Int. Lodge
56 - 7 pm

Aug 15th Whatcom Lodge - dinner at
5:30; meeting at 6:30 pm.

Up-coming Events

BB#44 Funeral Service.... The funeral for VW Byron Swedberg is on Sat. August 3rd at the Westford Funeral home at 11 am.

Masonic Monthly Luncheon.... Tuesday, August 20th. 12 noon at the Rusty Wagon. This is open to Masons from all lodges and by invitation.

Annual Whatcom Lodge BBQ

Whatcom Brothers mark your calendars, the annual lodge BBQ date has been set for August 24th and Ted and Penny's. **Have you called Penny to let her know what you're bringing? (360) 392-8763**

Masonic Monthly Luncheon.... Tuesday, September 17th. 12 noon at the Rusty Wagon. This is open to Masons from all lodges and by invitation.

Masonic Monthly Luncheon.... Tuesday, October 15th. 12 noon at the Rusty Wagon. This is open to Masons from all lodges and by invitation.

Masonic Monthly Luncheon.... Tuesday, November 19th. 12 noon at the Rusty Wagon. This is open to Masons from all lodges and by invitation.

Masonic Monthly Luncheon.... Tuesday, December 17th. 12 noon at the Rusty Wagon. This is open to Masons from all lodges and by invitation.

Notes from Lynden/Ferndale Int.
Lodge No. 56

Stated August 8th 7 PM

Greetings Brothers:

Back to Labor

After being dark in July the Lodge will resume labor on Thursday, August 8th at 7:00 pm at our stated communication. WM Troy Luginbill has planned an interesting program. Please join us.

Elvis at Hands Across the Border

The Jeffrey Elvis show has been booked for Saturday, September 14th. This very talented performer will entertain us at the *Hands Across the Border* gala dinner show. He is billed as the #1 Tribute Show in the Northwest and has performed in Las Vegas. The cost for the dinner and the show will be \$30. It will be an evening to remember. Seating will be limited to 100 people. Please make your reservations early by contacting WB Dick Decima, HAB Events Chairman, at rhdecima@aol.com. More details later.

Secretary:

WB Dick Decima at 360-392-0145.... cell 360-820-1660 or email rhdecima@aol.com

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

Friday August 2nd Special Communication:

Friday August 16th Stated Communication:



Brethren,

The roll of the workmen has been called, and one Master Mason, Very Worshipful Brother Byron Swedberg, has not answered to his name. He has laid down the working tools of life and with them has left that mortal part for which he no longer has use. Strengthened in his labors here by faith in God, and confident of expectation of immortality, he has been granted admission to the Celestial Lodge above.



Byron passed away on Tuesday, July 9, 2019 at the age of 84. A member of Bellingham Bay Lodge #44, VWB Swedberg was also Past Master of Pierre B. Cornwall Lodge #286, leading the lodge in both 1986 and 1998. He served as District Deputy to the Grand Master from 1991 through 1993. Also an active member of the Bellingham Valley of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction, he received the honor of the 33rd Degree in October 1997.

A memorial and Masonic service will be held at Westford Funeral Home on Saturday, August 3rd at 11 AM. A reception will follow across the street at Westford's Broadway Hall. More details on the service are available [by clicking here](#).

All Masons are encouraged to attend the Masonic service to honor our friend and Brother.

Sincerely & Fraternally,

Kurt Gazow

Worshipful Master [Bellingham Bay Lodge #44](#)

Be on the Lookout!!!

Masonic Email Scam I received this from the grand Secretary just a day or so ago!!!

There is another scam email that is going around to the Masonic community. Below is an email that several Brothers have received. Please disregard and delete this email if you do receive it. Please forward this information out to the Brethren of your Lodge.

Fraternally,
Clint Brown
Grand Secretary

OUR:REF:NO7/23/A4U/VA3 ☆

Possible Business/Deal Opportunity .

Regards to your impressive profile as a bonafide and a recognized member of Freemason, a relevant and respected Fraternity, committed to attracting and retaining all men of high quality who strive for self improvement and the opportunity to make positive differences both in businesses and in their communities.

With due respect, i am contacting you (strictly because of your status as a fellow Freemason member with like mind and understanding) for a confidential business deal that will be of great benefit to both of us.

By indicating your interest i will send you the full details on how the business will be executed,- and my intention for a possible prosperous partnership .I sicerely wish to bring to your notice my interest to partnership with you in this great business opportunity.

God bless and keep you, and our beloved Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons. Very Worshipful Brother, always remember to offer your thanks to the Great Architect. Please get back to me.

Regards ,

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Brethren,

This is just a brief reminder for anyone who anticipates making themselves available for any elected Grand Lodge office or for Trustee of Washington Masonic Charities, Washington Masonic Grand Lodge Building Association or Kane Masonic Cemetery, there will be a meeting this Sunday, August 4, 2019 at 12 PM at the Grand Lodge office located at 4970 Bridgeport Way West, University Place, WA 98467. This meeting will be to discuss expectations for the elected positions and to answer any questions that you may have.

Afterwards we will assemble for the Unity March at Iafrati Park located at 120 Barksdale Ave., DuPont, WA 98327 at 4 PM. We will start lining up at about 3:30 PM and march approximately 5 blocks to DuPont Community Presbyterian Church, 502 Barksdale Ave, DuPont, WA 98327.

Fraternally,, Clinton M. Brown, Jr.

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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
28	29	30	31	1 W #151 - Special Dinner at 5:30 pm. Lodge opens at 6:30pm.	2 BB # 44 - stated 7:30 pm.	3 BB#44 funeral for VW Byron Swedberg at Westford Funeral home at 11am. <i>Drayton Harbor Day (Blaine)</i>
4	5 Hesperus Com-mandery No. 8 - 7:30	6 ML-OES # 58 (BMC) 7:30 p	7 V of B Scottish Rite: Dinner at 6:30 pm & Stated Mtg at 7:30 pm	8 L # 56 Stated, 7:00 pm	9	10
11	12 Bellingham Council No.16 R&SM - 7:30 p F-OES # 223 7:30 p. (FMC) <i>NW Washington's Fair 8/12 - 8/17 (Lynden)</i>	13	14 V of B Scottish Rite: Education Night at 7 pm Chuckanut Chapter DeMolay 7:30 pm	15	16 BB 44 Spl Comm 7:30 p.	17
18 The Widows and Orphans Luncheon see page 3 for details	19 Bellingham Chp Royal Arch - 7:30 p.	20 ML-OES # 58 7:30 p. (BMC)	21 V of B Scottish Rite: Education Night at 7 pm	22 W 151 - stated dinner at 5:30 lodge opens 6:30 pm.	23	24 Bethel #25 at 6:25 pm <i>Ferndale St. Festival 8/24 - 8/25</i>
25	26 F-OES # 223 7:30 p. (FMC)	27 Bellingham Temple Association meeting 7:30 PM	28 Chuckanut Chapter DeMolay 7:30 pm	29 Evergreen RB # 17 7 p. (BMC)	30	31

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 Jesse Petersen - *Vice President*
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