



Letters from District No. 10

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August 2009

Annual ALL Masonic Picnic

Hosted by the *Masonic Leadership Association*

It is time once again for the MLA Picnic. August 2nd is the date, time 12:00 Noon until 3:00 PM.

Bring a covered dish, your family and enjoy Masonic fellowship while partaking of the cooking of VWB James Brady and WB Thom Baughn. It is a well accepted fact in District 10 that their culinary efforts are not to be missed. The venue is by the Cornwall Park Spray Pool. A map can be found on: <http://www.cob.org/services/recreation/parks-trails/cornwall-park.aspx>.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Fraternal regards,

Jack A. Sprouls, MLA President



Whatcom Lodge Report

Greetings fellow Whatcom brothers.

It seems to me that each month brings more challenges to Whatcom Lodge, good ones in the form of potential new brothers. In early July (the 2nd) we had an historic event for the lodge, the conferral of the FC Degree on three candidates at the same time; Brothers Joel Douglas, Leon Scott Jr. and Anthony Portera were all passed to the Second Degree. Brother Leon had the distinction of taking his obligation on the County Lodge-City Lodge "Traveling Light," which may have been a first. According to WB Gary Pitcher this was the first time, in all the years he's given the MC Lecture, to so with three candidates at once. The conferral went smoothly and it showed that our practices are paying off, congratulations brothers for your fine work.

Stated Meeting - July 16th. What an action-packed stated meeting we had this evening. It started off with two Investigation Committee Reports followed by balloting on the two petitions. The results were that Ryan Holewinski and William "Dee" Kean were elected as the newest members of Whatcom Lodge, a warm welcome aboard goes to Ryan and Dee. These two men won't stay the newest for long because four more Petitions for the Degrees were Read. The Investigation Committees were assigned and we expect to ballot these petitions on Aug. 20th, 2009.

Degrees - During the July 16th stated meeting the First Degree was conferred on Ryan Holewinski by WB Bill Hall, his Apron was presented by WB John Burley, the Working Tools by Br. Tim Johnson, the Deg. Lecture by VW Winton Smith and the Charge by VW John Browne. Thank you VWB Winton for your very able assistance.

Next Special Meetings - are on Thursdays, July 31st and August 6th, and the one on Aug. 6th will likely be a Degree. Dinner at 5:30 with lodge to open at about 6:30 pm.

Next Stated meeting - August 20th, a light meal at 5:30, lodge to begin opening at 6:30. We should have four petitions to ballot on. It is probable that one or more of these candidates will receive their First Degree this evening. Don't miss out on the fun and excitement, come to lodge and help us mentor these new brothers.

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

Stated Meeting Dates

of the

District Ten Lodges

Aug 1st San Juan Lodge - Dark

Aug 6th Lynden Lodge - 7:30 pm

Aug 7th Bellingham Bay - 7:30 pm

Aug 10th Ferndale Lodge - 7:20 pm

Aug 11th Fairhaven Lodge - 7:30 pm

Aug 12th Nooksack Valley Ldg - 6 pm

Aug 18th Kulshan Int. Lodge - Dark

Aug 20th Whatcom Lodge - dinner at 5:30; meeting at 6:30 pm.

45th Annual Open Air Degree at the Masonic Park

7 - 10 a.m. enjoy an *All You Can Eat* Breakfast (\$5.00) at Damascus Lodge #199 in Granite Falls.

Masonic Park gate fee - \$5 per person

8 to 10 am - Registration at gate, coffee and donuts available at big kitchen.

10 am - District # 9 will open lodge.

Flag Ceremony

Welcome and Introductions

First Section of third degree by

RCMP Team

Noonish - 30 minute break

Drama section - RCMP Team

Grand Master's Message

Lodge closed by Grand Lodge Officers

The Masonic Park Board sponsored Dinner will be served after close of lodge to 4 pm. The cost is \$10, to be paid at registration.

Ladies Program - There will be entertainment at Dream Camp for the ladies and a light brunch of coffee, tea and muffins will be provided at a cost of \$5 at the Rainbow Chalet.

Fri - July 31st, overnight camping will be allowed in designate areas

All fees are in US \$

Terry Gibbs V-Chair, Masonic Park Board

Lynden Lodge on the move

Lynden Lodge calendar for February 2009

Aug 2nd MLA All Masonic Picnic 12 to 3 PM
 Aug 13th Lynden State Meetings 7:30 AM (BMC)
 Aug 17th Masonic CHIP Booth—NWWA Fair
 Aug 20th Lynden Lodge Special Comm. 7:30 PM (FMC)
 Thursdays Masonic Lunch at Rusty Wagon Restaurant Noon
 (FMC) Ferndale Masonic Center (BMC) Bellingham Masonic Center

Joppa Lodge Visitation

On July 16, 2009, which was the Lynden Lodge Special Communication, 5 brothers from Joppa Lodge No. 112 visited from White Rock, BC to retrieve their beautiful Traveling Gavel. In addition, three brothers from Nooksack Valley Lodge No. 105 visited to present their historic Traveling Gavel to Lynden Lodge. In all, there were 29 masons present and no lodge business was transacted.

A preview of entertainment that will be part of the Fall Hands Across the Border Dinner and Entertainment Event on October 23, 2009 was presented by VWB John Sleeth. WB Gordon Grahame gave an interesting report on how the Lynden Lodge Hands Across the Border Annual Event was started.

It was an enjoyable evening and brotherly love and friendship prevailed throughout the meeting and at refreshment time following the meeting.

Lynden Lodge will return the Nooksack Valley Lodge Gavel this fall and is planning to return to Joppa Lodge to again to earn their Traveling Gavel by having at least 10 Lodge Members, including the WM in the visitation team.

WM Dick Myhres



Printers Available

Langley Lodge #218 has three **HP Photosmart printers** – a 7350 (does 8 ½ x 11 and smaller), a 7450 (does 8 ½ x 11 and smaller), and a 385(a 4 x 6 borderless printer) – with some ink cartridges and with lots of photo paper, and a HP 620 Digital Camera with a couple extra memory cards all of which we used in the Child ID Program several years ago in conjunction with the Island County Sheriff. Please note that this is not the same as the current CHIP's program being used by most of the Lodges in this jurisdiction which is now nearly completely digital with all information recorded on a CD.

Our first choice to dispose of these, and hopefully put them to use again, is to offer all or part to one of our Youth groups, if no takers, then to any of the Lodges or Concordant bodies, and if still no takers then to any Brother in our jurisdiction - all at no cost however any donation proffered would be accepted.

For further information or to get some or all of this equipment, contact Wayne Smith at smithchx@whidbey.com

TWO TRAVELING GAVELS

Receiving or returning a Traveling Gavel is not necessarily a newsworthy happening but, when two Traveling Gavels are exchanged on the same evening, it should be noted.

On Thursday, July 16th, brothers from Joppa Lodge No. 112 of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free & Accepted Masons of British Columbia & Yukon, traveled to Lynden Lodge No. 56 to retrieve the Traveling Gavel they had presented to WM Dick Myhre and 9 other Lynden brethren during a visit to White Rock a couple of months ago. When 10 visiting brethren, including the Worshipful Master, visit Joppa Lodge, the Traveling Gavel is presented to the visitors with the understanding that the Joppa brethren will retrieve it a few months. WM Myhre presented the Traveling Gavel to WM Geoff Langford from Joppa Lodge.

At the same meeting, Nooksack Valley Lodge No. 105 brought their Traveling Gavel which was presented by WM Don Loughmiller to WM Myhre. Lynden Lodge soon will be traveling to Nooksack Valley Lodge to return it. Nooksack Valley Lodge Senior Warden - Elect Jack Stanley recounted the history of the Traveling Gavel

Use of these Traveling Gavels strengthens the bond of friendship and brotherly love between the lodges.

Respectfully submitted
 WB Dick Decima—Secretary

“You don't think your way
 into new kind of living.
 You live your way
 into a new kind of thinking.”

Henry Nouwen - Catholic Theologian

*Ferndale Lodge No. 264
 to install Officers*

You are **Cordially Invited** to attend

The

Open Installation of Officers

For

FERNDALE LODGE No. 264

Date: 8/24/2009

Time: 7: PM

Location: the Ferndale Masonic Center
 5638 Third Ave., Ferndale, WA 98248

Here is what *Bellingham Bay* has going on.

Friday the 7th – Stated Meeting at 7:30 PM. Agenda to include a summary of what happened at the 152nd Annual Communication as well as the regular business of the lodge.

Friday the 21st – Special Communication at 7:30 PM Possible agenda to include Bro. Kyle Grafstrom to prove up on the MM degree, Stop & Go on opening and closing ritual.

Fraternally
WB Ken Gass, Secretary

Fairhaven Lodge to install Officers

You are Cordially Invited to attend

The

Open Installation of Officers

For

FAIRHAVEN LODGE No. 73

Date: 8/25/2009

Time: 7: PM

Location: the Bellingham Masonic Center
2626 West. Maplewood Ave., Bellingham, WA 98226

Did you know?

Question: What is the only food that doesn't spoil?

Answer: Honey

It was the accepted practice in Babylon 4,000 years ago that for a month after the wedding, the bride's father would supply his son-in-law with all the mead he could drink. Mead is a honey beer and because their calendar was lunar based, this period was called the honey month, which we know today as the honeymoon.

Many years ago in Scotland, a new game was invented. It was ruled 'Gentlemen Only...Ladies Forbidden'.. and thus, the word GOLF entered into the English language.

The first couple to be shown in bed together on prime time TV was Fred and Wilma Flintstone.

Question: What do bulletproof vests, fire escapes, windshield wipers and laser printers have in common?

Answer: All were invented by women.

The first novel ever written on a typewriter, Tom Sawyer.

Aug	Day	Activity	Dress
1	Sat.	Outdoor MM Degree (RCMP), Granite Falls, 10:00 a.m., Ladies	Team U
2	Sun.	Joint Church Service with Prince Hall Grand Lodge, DuPont, 4:00 p.m., Ladies	Team U
3	Mon.		
4	Tues.	Harmony No. 18 Stated, Olympia, Dinner 6:30 p.m., Ladies	Crazy Shirt
5	Wed.		
6	Thur.	GMDI	
7	Fri.	Port Orchard No. 98 Reception and Fundraiser, Port Orchard, 7:30 p.m., Ladies	Team U
8	Sat.		
9	Sun.	Grand Lodge of Wyoming	Tux/Team U
10	Mon.	Grand Lodge of Wyoming	Team U
11	Tues.	Grand Lodge of Wyoming	Team U
12	Wed.		
13	Thur.		
14	Fri.		
15	Sat.	Franklin No. 5 150 Year Reconstitution, Port Gamble, 10:00 a.m.	MC/Tux/TU
15	Sat.	Port Townsend No. 6 150 Year Reconstitution, Port Townsend, 2:00 p.m.	MC/Tux/TU
16	Sun.	Tacoma Rainiers Baseball Game, Tacoma, 1:30 p.m., Ladies	casual
17	Mon.		
18	Tues.	Whidbey Island No. 15 Stated and PM Night, Coupeville, 6:30 p.m.	Team U
19	Wed.	St.John's No. 9 Stated, Greenwood, Dinner 6:15 p.m.	Team U
20	Thur.	Garfield No. 41 Salmon BBQ and Stated, La Conner, Ladies	Team U
21	Fri.		
22	Sat.	Outdoor EA Degree, Quilcene-Jefferson No. 107, Quilcene, 10:00 a.m., Ladies	Team U
22	Sat.	Quilcene-Jefferson No. 107 Rededication Ceremony?	Team U
23	Sun.		
24	Mon.	EXCOM	
25	Tues.	Langley No. 218 PM's Night, Langley, Dinner 6:30 p.m., Meeting 7:30 p.m.	Team U
26	Wed.		
27	Thur.		
28	Fri.	Thornton F. McElroy No. 302 - 50th Anniversary, Federal Way, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Team U
29	Sat.	Thornton F. McElroy No. 302 50 th Anniversary, Federal Way Flag raising at 9:30 am, Grand Lodge opens at about 10 am.	Tux/Team U
30	Sun.		
31	Mon.	GMDI	

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 45 th Annual Open-Air Third Degree. See Ad on page one.
2 MLA all Masonic Picnic Friendship Day	3 Hesperus Com-mandery No. 8 - Dark F-OES #223 7:30 p. (FMC)	4 NWSC - Dark ML-OES # 58 (BMC) 7:30 p.	5 SJ # 175 Dark	6 L # 56 7:30 pm Stated Comm. W 151 - Special Comm. - 6:30	7 BB # 44 stated 7:30 p. (SRH)	8
9	10 F # 264 - stated, at 7:30 p Bellingham Council No.16 R&SM - Dark	11 F # 73-stated 7:30 p. (BMC) Evergreen RB # 17 7 p. (FMC)	12 NV # 105 - 6 p.	13 Bethel # 25 at 7 p.	14 BB 44 7:30 pm. (SRH)	15
16	17 Bellingham Chap- ter Royal Arch - Dark. F-OES #223 7:30 p. (FMC)	18 KI # 186 Dark ML-OES # 58 7:30 p. (BMC) NWSC Board. Dark	19	20 W 151-stated lodge lite dinner at 5:30, lodge opens 6:30 p. We are planning to confer Deg.s L #56—Special Comm. At 7:30 pm.	21 BB # 44 spe- cial 7:30 p. (SRH)	22 Bethel #25 at 7 p.
23	24	25 F # 73—hosts its Installation of Officers at 7: p. (BMC) Evergreen RB # 17 7 p. (FMC)	26	27	28	29
30	31 Hesperus Com- mandery No. 8. Dinner at 6:30, meet 7:30 pm					

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The Whatcom Brothers send their wishes for
 A Very Happy August Birthday!

To:

- August 1st - WB Buck Strickland
- August 18th - Bro. Vernon Hagen
- August 26th - WB William Hall
- August 27th - Bro. Alex Bruner
- August 27th - Bro. Rick Naylor
- August 30th - Bro. William Hiatt
- August 30th - Bro. Dale Brandland

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