



Letters from District No. 10

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A person without a sense of humor
is like a wagon without springs;
jolted by every pebble in the road.

~ Henry Ward Beecher, 1813 - 1887



Whatcom Lodge Report

Stated Meeting - Our stated meeting was held on July 15th with seventeen brothers attending. In addition to the regular business of the lodge one new petition was read and two were balloted on. WB Thom Baughn gave a brief description of the Widows and Orphan's Fund for the benefit of the newer and not so new lodge brothers. WM Larry West and Sec. John Browne made two presentations. WB Ted Schuman and Bro. Terrell Goertz each received their certificates for becoming the two newest Life Members of the lodge.

Petitions: A new petition for the degrees of Masonry was Read and an investigation committee consisting of Bro. Terrell Goertz, Scott Voss and Jesse Petersen was assigned.

Balloting: Two petitions were balloted on and both found to be *Fair, Clear* and *Bright*. By this action the Whatcom brethren elected Mr. Joel Laufenberg and Mr. Craig Bruner as our two newest members.

Degrees Conferred: During the month of July one degree was conferred. On July 1st, Bro. James McCullough was Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. A very good turnout of 16 brothers were on hand to support our newest Master Mason.

Upcoming Degrees: The First Degree for Mr. Craig Bruner is scheduled for August 5th and the one for Mr. Joel Laufenberg for September 16th. If their schedules allow, Bro. Mike Mozelewski will have his 3rd Degree conferred on Aug. 19th and Bro. Ian Geddes will have his 2nd Degree conferred on September 2nd. Stay tuned for up-dates on degree schedules.

Next meetings— Our Special is on August 5th and the Stated is on August 19th. We will be holding the annual election of officers at this stated meeting. The date for our Installation of Officers is set for Saturday, October 16th at 4 PM— with a dinner to follow—RSVP for dinner is required for planning purposes.

Note: I recently received a return copy of our by-laws change and it has been approved by the By-Laws Committee of the Grand Lodge and signed off by the Grand Master. As a result, the dues for Whatcom Lodge will increase to \$50 per year effective for the year 2011. The dues notices for 2011 will be mailed out in mid to late October of this year.

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

Stated Meeting Dates of the District Ten Lodges

Aug 4 th	San Juan Lodge - 7:30 pm
Aug 5 st	Lynden Lodge - 7:30 pm
Aug 6 th	Bellingham Bay - 7:30 pm
Aug 9 th	Ferndale Lodge - 7:30- pm
Aug 10 th	Fairhaven Lodge - 7 pm
Aug 11 th	Nooksack Valley Ldg - 6 pm
Aug 19 th	Whatcom Lodge - 6:30 pm
Aug 28 th	Kulshan Int. Lodge - 10:30 am

46th Annual Open Air Degree at the Masonic Park, Aug. 7th

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

Lakeside Lodge #258

Noonish - 30 minute break

Drama section - Nile Shrine Deg. 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 \$15, 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 - August 6th, overnight camping will be allowed in designate areas

All fees are in US \$

Terry Gibbs V-Chair, Masonic Park Board

*Just when you think you've graduated
from the school of experience,
someone thinks up a new course.*

~ Mary H. Waldrip



Notes from Lynden Lodge No. 56

Lynden Lodge officer elections for the 2010/2011 Lodge year were held at the July 1st Stated Meeting. Brother Jerry Mason was elected as Worshipful Master. Jerry and his new officers will participate in Step Up night at the August 5th Stated Meeting.

During July the Lodge conducted two Child Identification Programs in Bellingham, one at Fred Meyers and one at the Home Depot. Ferndale Lodge 264 brethren provided assistance at the Home Depot function, preparing for their conduct of a coming CHIP event in Ferndale.

Lynden Lodge members are scheduled to clean Masonic grave markers at Lynden cemetery on Saturday, July 31st from 9:00 AM until 12:00 Noon. Volunteer assistance from any District 10 members will be greatly appreciated. Coffee, tea and refreshments will be available. The Cemetery District will provide all cleaning materials. Come and join in Masonic fellowship and help honor our absent brethren.

October 22nd is the date of this year's Hands Across the Border function. Lynden Community Center on Grover Street in downtown Lynden is the scheduled venue. Trio Lumina has been booked to provide entertainment. More details will be provided as the date draws closer. Please mark your calendars now.

Lynden Lodge is not dark during the summer months. If you are looking for a Masonic Fellowship fix, please join us. We welcome your support.

Jack A. Sprouls, WM - Lynden Lodge No. 56

SOMETHING NEW at Lynden Lodge

Visit Lynden Lodge WEB (lynden56) site and see the video by our Worshipful Master welcoming all to our web site in his message. There is also a Bikes - 4 - Books video and more to come.

John R. Sleeth

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

August activities for Bellingham Bay #44

Friday August 6th On Friday August 6th Bellingham Bay will open its stated communication at 7:30 on the Master Mason degree. On this evening we will have a Master Mason proficiency and also receive a visit from our District Deputy, VWB Charles Cunningham.

Friday August 20th Bellingham Bay will open its special communication at 7:30 on the Fellowcraft degree. The purpose of the communication will be to confer a Fellowcraft Degree.

Tuesday August 24th Bellingham Bay's official visit for the month will be to attend the installation of Fairhaven Lodge #73 officers at 7:00.

WM Gary Pitcher



*When we have begun
to take charge of our lives,
to own ourselves,
there is no longer any need
to ask permission of someone.*

~ George O'Neil



*I would say that the surest measure
of a man's or a woman's maturity
is the harmony, style, joy,
and dignity he creates
in his marriage,
and the pleasure and inspiration
he provides for his spouse.*

~ Benjamin Spock

Fairhaven Lodge No. 73

Our stated meeting on Aug. 10 will be a painting meeting and a very short meeting. We will start painting at 6 PM. All are welcome to help clean-up your Masonic Center.

Aug. 24th at 7PM will be the Installation of Officers. The Installing Master will be MWB Gale H. Kenney. Job's Daughters of Bethel #25 will escort the new officers. Our sisters of OES #58 will bless us with refreshments. VWB John Sleeth will provide the music for the evening. Our new officers for next year's term, 2010-2011 are:

WM - Dave Nelson
 SW - Dane Glaze
 JW - Joe Howell
 TR - Gary Pitcher
 SEC- Thom Baughn
 CHAP - Skip Metzger
 MAR - Jeremy Reeves
 SD - Blair Thisted
 JD - Cirrus Cronk
 SS - Vern Christianson
 JS - Don Olsen
 Tyler - Douglas Reece

WB Dave Nelson
 WM Fairhaven Lodge



Men are apt to mistake
 the strength of their feeling
 for the strength of their argument.
 The heated mind resents
 the chill touch and
 relentless scrutiny of logic.

~ William Ewart Gladstone



I Am

I am – the power of self-knowledge;
 I think – the power to investigate;
 I know – the power to master facts;
 I feel – the power to appreciate, to value, to love;
 I wonder – the spirit of reverence, curiosity, worship;
 I see – the power of insight, imagination, vision;
 I believe – the power of adventurous faith;
 I can – the power to act and the skill to accomplish;
 I ought – the power of conscience, the moral imperative;
 I will – will power, loyalty to duty, consecration;
 I serve – the power to be useful, devotion to a cause.

~ George Fiske

Ferndale Lodge No. 264

On Saturday evening, July 24th Ferndale Lodge held a special communication to confer the Third Degree. The candidate was Bro. Kyle Deming. Prior to the degree Bro. Kyle proved-up on the Second Degree Posting Lecture in the lodge and did a very fine job. In fact Bro. Kyle's memory work is of such good quality that he is likely to be a mainstay in Ferndale Lodge degree ritual in the years ahead.

The Master Mason Degree was conferred by WM Jeff Moison, who hardly messed a beat and he was ably assisted by a team assembled from most of the lodges in Whatcom County. The degree went smoothly and the parts were well played. Jerry Mason inaugurated his new coffin prop in the drama and degree lecture.

The future looks bright for Ferndale Lodge as they have several new candidates and requests for petitions for the degrees. The Ferndale brothers will soon be very busy doing degree work through the rest of this summer and well into the Fall and Winter months.



Almost everybody walks around
 with a vast burden
 of imaginary limitations inside his head.
 While the burden remains,
 success is as difficult to achieve
 as the conquest of Mount Everest
 with a sack of rocks tied to your back.

~ J. H. Brennan



The reality of the other person
 is not in what he reveals to you,
 but in what he cannot reveal to you.

Therefore,
 if you would understand him,
 listen not to what he says
 but rather
 what he does not say.

~ Kahlil Gibran

BMC = Bellingham Masonic Center on W. Maplewood ; FMC = Ferndale Masonic Center;
 FHMC = Friday Harbor Masonic Center; NMC = Nooksack Masonic Center; SRH = Scottish Rite Hall

No amount of fine feeling can take the place of faithful doing.

~ William Barclay

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Hesperus Com-mandery No. 8 - Dark F-OES #223 7:30 p. (FMC)	3 ML-OES # 58 (BMC) 7:30 p.	4 SJ # 175 stated 7:30 p. (FHMC)	5 L # 56 stated meet-ing 7:30 pm W #151 - Spl. Comm - a 1 st Deg is planned.	6 BB # 44 stated 7:30 pm.	7
8	9 F # 264 - 7:30 p. Bellingham Council No.16 R&SM - Dark	10 F # 73-stated 7 pm. (BMC) Evergreen RB # 17 7 p. (FMC)	11 NV # 105 - 6 pm	12 Bethel # 25 at 7 pm.	13	14
15	16 Bellingham Chp Royal Arch - Dark F-OES # 223 7:30 p. (FMC)	17 ML-OES # 58 7:30 p. (BMC)	18	19 W 151-stated dinner at 5:30 lodge opens 6:30 pm. A Deg is planned	20 BB 44 Spl Comm 7:30 p. (SRH)	21
22	23	24 F # 73-Spl. 7 pm. Open Installation of Officers	25	26	27	28 KI # 186, stated, at 10:30 am. Bethel #25 at 7 pm
29	30	31	Sometimes the road less traveled is less traveled for a reason. ~ Jerry Seinfeld			

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

To:

August 1st - WB Buck Strickland

August 2nd - Bro. Charles Nelson

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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