



# Letters from District No. 10

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August 2011

## Installation of Officers: Ferndale Lodge No. 264

Monday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30 PM  
Ferndale Masonic Center



## Installation of Officers: Fairhaven Lodge No. 73

Tuesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7 PM  
Bellingham Masonic Center

*Both of these will be Open Ceremonies!*

## Stated Meeting Dates of the District Ten Lodges

Aug 3 <sup>rd</sup>	San Juan Lodge - 7:30 pm
Aug 4 <sup>th</sup>	Lynden Lodge - 7:30 pm
Aug 5 <sup>th</sup>	Bellingham Bay - 7:30 pm
Aug 8 <sup>th</sup>	Ferndale Lodge - 7:30- pm
Aug 9 <sup>th</sup>	Fairhaven Lodge - 7 pm
Aug 10 <sup>th</sup>	Nooksack Valley Ldg - 6 pm
Aug 18 <sup>th</sup>	Whatcom Lodge - 6:30 pm - dinner - 5:30; mtg. at 6:30 pm.

## Whatcom Lodge Report

*Stated Meeting-* Our stated meeting was held on July 21<sup>st</sup> with 17 brothers attending. SW Monte Thompson opened on the Second Degree and conducted the regular business of the lodge.

*Petitions:* We had four Petitions for the Degrees of Masonry to give their First Reading. The Investigation Committees were assigned and the committee are scheduled to report on Thursday, August 21<sup>st</sup>.

*Balloting:* A Petition for Plural Membership was balloted on with a result of *Fair, Clear & Bright* and Bro. John J. Brown became the newest member of Whatcom Lodge, Welcome!

*Degrees:* There are no degrees firmly scheduled at this moment but we're expecting to be very busy this Fall, so stay tuned.

*Presentations:* The new Deputy of the Grand Master for District Ten, VW Troy Nutter, was on hand and presented Bro. Monte Thompson with his Certificate for having completed the Proficiency in Lodge Management Program. VW Troy noted that there were 42 brothers in the State who completed this program this term and 22 of them were from Lodges in District Ten.

*Good of the Order:* It was reported that Bro. Ted McQuiston is doing well and the problems with a leg infection are greatly improved.

*Next meetings:* Our next Special meeting is on Thursday August 4<sup>th</sup>, it will be a *work party* to fix the pulley at the top of the flag pole and to paint the dining room at the Bellingham Masonic Center. The work party starts at 5:30 pm—many hands make light work.

The next Stated meeting is on August 18<sup>th</sup>, dinner at 5:30 & lodge at 6:30 pm.

Fraternally, John Browne - Secy/Treas, [NEW Email!! = jbrowne.brf@gmail.com](mailto:jbrowne.brf@gmail.com) (page 4)

## 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Open Air Degree at the **Masonic Park - Aug. 6<sup>th</sup>**

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*

*Everett Lodge Degree Team*

Noonish - 30 minute break

*Drama section - Everett 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 - Aug 5th, overnight camping will be allowed in designate areas.

*All fees are in US \$*

Terry Gibbs V-Chair, Masonic Park Board

## MASONIC LEADERSHIP ASSOCIATION

The annual summer picnic will be held at the home of WB Bill Barquist at 8608 Stein Road on Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup> beginning at 11:30 AM. More details of this fraternal event will be in the August Newsletter. Please see page 4 for details!



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

***Friday August 5<sup>th</sup>*** – Bellingham Bay Lodge No. 44 will hold it's Stated Communication at 7:30 PM.

***Friday August 19<sup>th</sup>*** – Bellingham Bay Lodge No. 44 will hold it's Special Communication at 7:30 PM.

*Sec. Ken Gass*



### *Notes from Lynden Int. Lodge No. 56*

#### ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS FOR 2011-2012

Lynden International Lodge No. 56 had their officer's elections at their July stated meeting. Elected were: WB Jerry Mason- Worshipful Master, VWB Charles Cunningham- Senior Warden, Bro. Travis Graddon- Junior Warden, Bro. Eric Bauer- Treasurer, and WB Dick Decima-Secretary.

#### DEGREE TO BE CONFERRED

We will be conferring a second degree on Bro. Stephen Aulds for our special in August. The date for this event will be advertised on Mason10 since our brother has a work schedule that varies month to month.

#### FALL HANDS ACROSS THE BORDER

Please mark your calendars for our upcoming Hands Across the Border event occurring on Saturday, October 8 2011. This will be a fun evening with our usual prime rib or salmon dinner and great entertainment featuring a great big band playing plenty of great old swing music. We will be honoring the Grand Masters of Washington and British Columbia / Yukon. MW Michael Sanders and MW Bill Cave. The event will be at the Lynden community center. You will not want to miss this.

WB Jerry Mason  
Worshipful Master ~ Lynden Int. Lodge No. 56

## Deputy of the Grand Master - **District Ten**

### *A Message for August:*

I trust all are enjoying our occasional breaks of summer and taking advantage of time with family and friends.

Lodges are busy electing new officers and installation season is in full swing. It is also time for a gentle reminder for those beginning to take on additional responsibility within the Lodge. The Proficiency in Lodge Management is a great tool for guiding your journey to the East. It is open to any Master Mason who would like a better understanding of our constitutions, laws and rules. Just as we searched for light in Masonry this is another tool of illuminating the practical aspects of governing and managing the Lodge.

A new cohort is forming to work together on the proficiencies. If you are interested, please send me a note at **ddgm.district10@gmail.com**. It is more enjoyable to work as a team to accomplish the proficiency than working alone.

I am slowly progressing in getting to every Lodge to meet and greet you on behalf of MWB Michael Sanders and look forward to seeing you all soon.

Warmest fraternal regards,

*Troy Nutter*

District Deputy of the Grand Master for District 10

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### ***Evergreen Assembly No. 17 - Rainbow Girls***

Rainbow Girls: August 2011

The girls of Rainbow Assembly #17 have three items on their August Agenda:

1. To **Enjoy** surviving Pioneer Days!
2. To participate in Community Service for Bellingham Parks and Rec. Dept. for Kids Festival, and
3. Enjoy quality time with other Rainbow Girls at Dream Camp.

Wendy Knowlton

*Mother Advisor, Evergreen Assembly #17*

## Fairhaven Lodge No. 73

### Annual Installation of Officers

**Date:** Tuesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>

**Time:** Begins at 7 PM.

The best news is that this ceremony is open to ALL who to attend. We have two Past Grand Masters lined set to install the five elected officers, MW Wayne Deming & MW Wayne Smith.

Thank you,  
WB Thom Baughn

## Ferndale Lodge No. 264

### Annual Installation of Officers

**Date:** Monday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>

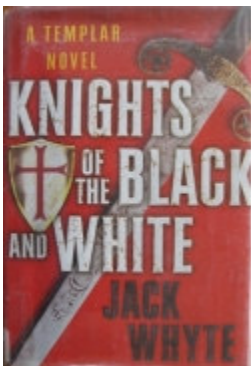
**Time:** Begins at 7 PM.

This will be an open installation so please bring your lady and interested friends. Following the ceremony we'll have light refreshments, music and some 'belly dancers' for entertainment.



On Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup> Ferndale Lodge will have a CHIPS booth at the Ferndale Street Festival. The hours of operation will be 9 am to about 5 pm.

### Book Review.



I just finished a very enjoyable novel about the Knights Templar, *Knights of the Black and White* by Jack Whyte. The story covers the founding period of the Poor Fellow Soldiers of Jesus Christ, who of course became know as the Knights Templar. Behind the Order of the Templar Knights is a much older organization, The Order of the Brothers of Sion who have a secret to keep and a treasure to recover under the Temple Mount. A rousing good story! This is book one of a Templar trilogy.

## Scottish Rite Masonry:

### Valley of Bellingham



The members of the  
**Valley of Bellingham**  
invite you to join us in the  
**Fall Class.**

Witness the 4° through the 32°.

Application is open to all those brothers who have had their 3rd degree conferred on them.

Only a few slots available. Deadline is September 7th with the 4th degree scheduled for September 21st. For an application or/and more information email:

[secretary@scottish-rite.com](mailto:secretary@scottish-rite.com)  
(360) 733-1103 Office  
(360) 319-8706 Cell

Thank you,

John Sleeth 32° KCCH, *General Secretary*

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**MASONIC LEADERSHIP ASSOCIATION**  
**Annual Family Picnic Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup>**

New Location this year - Bill Barquist (366-3007) will be hosting our Annual Family Picnic this year. **Car Pooling is strongly suggested** to 8608 Stein Road north of the Birch Bay Lynden Road. This is a family Pot Luck with MLA furnishing the Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Coffee, Tea and Sodas. Your Pot Luck selection should serve six.

Please bring your knife, fork, spoon and an empty plate. Lunch will be served at 12:30 to allow those attending the late church service to get their share. Chief Cook will be our Vice-President Jerry Mason.

Please let me know how many will be attending so we can arrange for the proper amount of Hot Dogs and Hamburg-ers.

John Sleeth, President(319-8706)  
or email jrsleeth@speedy-inc.com

**I-5 Instructions** - Exit 270, Go East 1.6 Miles on the Birch-Bay Lynden Rd to Stein Road

Go North 1.3 Miles on Stein Road to the Picnic at 8608 Stein Road.

**Guide Meridian Instructions** - Go West 6.4 on the Birch-Bay Lynden Rd Miles to 8608 Stein Road

Go North 1.3 Miles on Stein Road to the Picnic8608 Stein Road

PS: This is a family picnic - bring the family

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***Memorial Milestone***

Just a few short days ago our beloved Brother, MWB Robert Van Zee was called to the Celestial Lodge on High by the Supreme Grand Master.

I understand there was a Memorial Service in Spokane on Tuesday, July, 26<sup>th</sup>.

On behalf of the Brethren of District No. Ten I extend our heartfelt sympathy to MWB Van Zee's family on his passing. Brother Robert was a wonderful person and an exemplary Mason.

Our Dep. of the Grand Master, VW Troy Nutter has a few details, his contact info is on page 2.



**Nooksack Valley Lodge No. 105**

Hello Brethren of District 10:

It is with mixed feelings that I write this, as I have had such great feelings towards doing this project. But as I know that the new WM. of Nooksack Valley Lodge # 105, Wo. Bro. Tim Springstead, will wish to continue as I have done, to inform all, of the happenings within our Lodge.

On July 23, 2011, Nooksack Valley held their Annual Installation of Officers, and it was very well attended with many Brethren traveling from Everett and across the 49<sup>th</sup> in Canada, and other surrounding areas to attend. There were approximately 50 Brethren and their ladies in attendance to watch the open ceremony and the new Master installed. Well done to all that attended. We enjoyed a pot luck feast of hot and cold food items, that everyone enjoyed.

The following Brethren where installed as Officers:

- WM. W. Bro. Tim Springstead
- SW. W. Bro. Mike Beaudry
- JW. To be elected and installed on August 10<sup>th</sup>
- Sec. VW Bro. Frank Juntunen
- Tres. VW Bro. John Browne
- Chap. MW Bro. Robert McSween
- Mar W Bro. Richard Decima
- SD. W Bro. Jerry Mason
- JD. W Bro. Jack Stanley
- Tyler W Bro. Don Loughmiller

Through my year as Master, I was well represented by very efficient Officers of Nooksack Valley Lodge, and I send them all a hardy thank you for a job well done. The continued support to W. Bro. Tom Springstead, will without question continue, as all Masons do. Thanks to the ladies of the Lodge for all you have done in the past and will do in the future.

Our Hall Board meeting is scheduled for August 6th at 7 PM at the Lodge in Nooksack. Our next stated is August 10th, with a pot luck at 6 PM and meeting to follow. Look forward to many new ideas from our new WM., and come out and support Nooksack Valley Lodge # 105.

Fraternally  
W. Bro. Jack Stanley  
JD Nooksack Valley Lodge

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
<b>31</b>	<b>1</b> Hesperus Com-mandery No. 8 - 7:30 F-OES #223 7:30 p. (FMC)	<b>2</b> ML-OES # 58 (BMC) 7:30 pm	<b>3</b> SJ # 175 - stated 7:30 p. (FHMC) V of B, Scottish Rite, dinner at 6:30 (\$10 don.)	<b>4</b> L Int. #56 stated 7:30 pm. W #151— Work Party 5:30 pm	<b>5</b> BB # 44 - Stated Comm. 7:30 pm.	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> F # 264 - 7:30 p Bellingham Council No.16 R&SM - 7:30 p	<b>9</b> F # 73-stated 7 pm. (BMC) Evergreen RB # 17 Dark (FMC)	<b>10</b> NV # 105 - stated at 6 pm - our ladies are invited - pot luck dinner at 6:15 PM	<b>11</b> Bethel # 25 at 7 pm.	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Bellingham Chp Royal Arch - 7:30 p. F-OES # 223 7:30 p. (FMC)	<b>16</b> ML-OES # 58 7:30 p. (BMC)	<b>17</b> SJ # 175 - Spl. 7:30 p. (FHMC)	<b>18</b> W 151 - stated dinner at 5:30 lodge opens 6:30 pm.	<b>19</b> BB 44 - Spl. Comm. 7:30 pm.	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> F # 264 - Instal- lation of Officers 7:30 p.	<b>23</b> F # 73— Installa- tion of Officers 7:30 pm. Evergreen RB # 17 Dark (FMC)	<b>24</b> NV # 105 - spl	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Bethel #25 at 7 pm
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Hesperus Com- mandery No. 8. Dinner at 6:30, meet 7:30 pm	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>

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

- To:
- August 2<sup>nd</sup> - Bro. Charles Nelson
  - August 18<sup>th</sup> - Bro. Vernon Hagen
  - August 26<sup>th</sup> - WB William Hall
  - August 27<sup>th</sup> - Bro. Alex Bruner
  - August 27<sup>th</sup> - Bro. Rick Naylor
  - August 30<sup>th</sup> - Bro. William Hiatt
  - August 30<sup>th</sup> - Bro. Dale Brandland

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