



Letters from District No. 10

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Fall is just around the corner, the September Issue is a great way to let folks know in advance about the Fall Events your group is planning. Good and timely communication is a fundamental key to success.

Whatcom Lodge Report

Special Communication: Our Thurs. July 6th meeting was attended by 18 Whatcom Brothers and 2 visitors, WB Arne Hansen & Bro. Mark Quenneville both of BB#44.

Masonic Education: Bro. Mark Quenneville gave a very interesting report on the Scottish Rite Education Foundation and it's scholarship program.

SW Craig Bruner reported that the three degree tracing boards have now been framed and are ready to be mounted on the walls.

WB Ted Schuman gave a report on his recent Masonic visit to the U.K. He went with a large party of Masons for the 300th Anniversary of the founding of the Grand Lodge of England, which marks the public establishment of modern Masonry.

Proficiency: Bro. Bruce Smith, assisted by JW Ken Peck, completed his MM Proficiency in front of his lodge brothers. It was well done.

Stated Communication: The July 20th Sated meeting was attended by 17 Whatcom Brothers and 2 visitors. WB Ted Schuman sat in for Sec'y John Browne who away at a Lodge Secretary training session.

Election of Officers: The annual election of officers was held with these results: WM - Craig Bruner, SW - Ken Peck, JW - John Brown, Trea. - Ted Schuman & Sec'y John Browne. An Open Installation is set for Sat. October 7th. Stand by for more details.

Petitions: Three Petitions were Read in Lodge and Investigation Committees appointed. Two petitions were for the Degrees and the other for Affiliation.

Masonic Education: Terrell Goertz and Ken Peck presented a slide show describing a "Chamber of Reflection," the information comes from a Lodge in Arizona. The presentation was well received.

Monthly luncheon: The next monthly luncheon is set for Tuesday, August 15th, 12 noon at Lee's. At Alabama & James Streets.

Next Special Communication: is on August the 3rd. The next Stated Communication will be on Thursday, August 17th. For both meetings Dinner is at 5:30 pm and Lodge opens 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 4th Bellingham Bay - 7:30 pm

Aug 10th Lynden Int. Lodge - 7 pm

Aug 14th Ferndale Lodge - 7:30 pm

Aug 17th Whatcom Lodge - dinner at 5:30; meeting at 6:30 pm.

Up-coming Events

Entered Apprentice Degree... on Thursday, August 3rd Whatcom Lodge will confer the EA Degree on Mr. Jacob Williams. Dinner at 5:30, lodge at 6:30 pm.

Outdoor Third Degree... The annual Outdoor 3rd Degree is Saturday, August 5th at the Masonic Park near Granit Falls.

Whatcom Lodge BBQ-Potluck... is on Sat. Aug. 19th noon to 4 pm. At Ted & Penny Schuman's, **RSVP** to Ted & Penny, for more info see page 3.

Open Installation of Officers... for Whatcom Lodge 151 is set for Sat. October 7th. The time will be late afternoon or early evening—stay tuned for details.

Whatcom Luncheon... Tuesday August 15th is our monthly lunch at Lee's Restaurant, Masons, Wives and friends are welcome! 12 noon {;}

Hands Across the Border... hosted by Lynden Int. 56 is set for Sat. October 7th. **See page 2 for more information.**

Special Note!

Hesperus Commandery No. 8 - 7:30... On Monday August 28th, at 7:30 pm Hesperus Commandery No. 8 will hold it's First Monday of September meeting to the last Monday of August so as not to be conflict with the Labor Day Holiday. **NO Cammandery on Sept 4th.**

Notes from Lynden Lodge No. 56

Aug 10th Stated Meeting 7:00 PM
Aug 24th Special Meeting 7:00 PM

Greetings Lynden Brethren:

Annual installation of officers MWB Grand Master Warren Schoeben was the Installing Master at the annual open installation of Lynden International Lodge No. 56 officers for the 2017/2018 year on Thursday, July 13th at the Ferndale Masonic Hall. He was very ably assisted by VWB John Browne who assembled the installation team. There were 43 in attendance including two Past Grand Masters (MWB Don Munks and MWB Bob McSween). The roster of the officers of Lynden International Lodge No. 56 is as follows:

W. Master:	Troy Luginbill
Senior Warden	Richard Myhre
Junior Warden	Howard Hanna
Treasurer	Eric Bauer
Secretary	Richard Decima
Senior Deacon	Glenn Boodey
Junior Deacon	John Sleeth
Chaplain	T. R. Welling
Tyler	Donald Aho

Consideration of consolidation of memberships At the stated communication on July 10th the membership of Ferndale Lodge No. 264 who were present unanimously voted on the consolidation of the memberships of their Lodge and Lynden International Lodge No. 56. The members of Lynden International Lodge No. 56 will vote on the consolidation at the upcoming August 10th stated communication. The Lynden Ad Hoc Committee on the consolidation of the two memberships has unanimously recommended approval. There will be about 100 members of the consolidated membership.

Hands Across the Border Our 2017 Fall Hands Across the Border gala dinner show will take place on Saturday, October 7th at the Ferndale Masonic Hall. We will honor MWB Ron Yates, Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of A. F. & A.M. of British Columbia & Yukon and MWB Warren Schoeben, Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of F. & A.M. of Washington. A Roy Orbison impersonator will be featured and has been highly recommended. Everyone will have an enjoyable evening. The social period will begin at 5:30 PM. Dinner will be served promptly at 6:00. Please mark your calendars!

Here is what **Bellingham Bay**

has going on.

Friday August 4th Stated: we will streamline things a little. We'll announce Lodge elections for the September stated, September 1st, labor Day weekend. We might do a step-up night. We'll tell jokes, ponder a puzzle or two, and have fun.

Friday August 18th Special: we will do a practice Fellowship Degree. Mark will do his first conferral with that, and I will do the Middle Chamber lecture. Kurt will do the G lecture.

Fall activities As we ramp up for the fall, we look forward to the 111th Trowel Exchange, a big Thanksgiving dinner, and possibly a Past Master's night. We will also try and squeeze in a practice Master Mason Degree, in fairness to Brothers Kurt and Mark. Bright things are on the horizon at Bellingham Bay.

Whatcom Lodge annual summer BBQ

Whatcom Brethren: It's time for Whatcom's annual BBQ again, so mark your calendars so you don't miss it. **Saturday, August 19, Noon to three** we will gather at the home of Ted and Penny Schuman and whoop it up! As before, we request that you **RSVP** direct to Ted or Penny and indicate how you wish to participate in the potluck. The lodge will provide hamburgers and hot dogs with all the fixin's, but you should bring side dishes, salads or dessert. Ted will have a sign-up sheet with him at lodge, or you can simply call their house at [\(360\) 392-8763](tel:3603928763). See



Masonic Degree Upcoming

Whatcom Lodge is planning an Entered Apprentice Degree for Mr. Jacob Williams to be conferred at the Thursday, August 3rd Special Communication.

Dinner is at 5:30

Lodge opens at 6:30 pm.

Whatcom Lodge meets at the Bellingham Masonic Center at 2626 West Maplewood Ave., in Bellingham, WA.

For information contact Lodge Secretary:

Scythe of Time

As the Secretary of a District Ten Masonic Lodge it's my duty facilitate communication with and without my lodge. Recently I received a phone from out of State informing me that one of our brothers was in hospice. The caller was his daughter wanting to know what to do with his Masonic regalia and materials. This caused me to think; how many of my lodge brothers have informed their respective families what to do when the *Scythe of Time* pitches them into eternity?

Brothers, one way to proceed on this matter is to sit down and make a basic list topics and items one or more of your family will need to address when you pass away.

1. How and Who to contact in your Home Blue Lodge. The secretary is usually the "Who" because he does not change each year. How to contact him is simple. record his mailing address, phone # and email address so your family has all three options. Your Home Lodge secretary is the one responsible to notify Grand Lodge of the date of your passing and inform the Master, Wardens and Brethren of your Lodge that you have passed on.
2. You can also list the secretary of any other Masonic body you belong noting his contact information.
3. Do you want to have a Masonic Burial or Memorial Service. You should let your Home Lodge secretary know this and put it in writing for your family.
4. Masonic Regalia and printed materials: unless you have a male family member who wants your PM and White Aprons then let the family know they can be returned to the Lodge. The same with printed materials, especially the Standard Work, Ciphers and WA Masonic Code should be returned to the Lodge.
5. Other Masonic Regalia...if you belong to another Masonic group, the regalia from them, unless claimed by a male Masonic Family member, ought to be returned that organization.
6. Many brothers often reside out of State from their home lodges. If you are one of these and you are attending a local blue lodge then have the family return items to that lodge. If you're not then your family can contact a local lodge or contact your original home lodge to ask for assistance.
7. Have you considered giving your home Lodge a legacy. That can be worked out with your Home Lodge Finance Committee.

These are some of items that each Mason should set down on paper before he passes. That will make it a bit easier on your family. If you have any questions, please

Coming New to/from Grand Lodge

Computer Data System

I recently attended at Secretaries training session held by the Grand Secretary at the Wenatchee Masonic Center. The main purpose to show lodge secretaries the new data system which Grand Lodge will be using. The transition is underway at the present time and is supposed to be in operation on August 7th.

This system, called *Grand View*, also replaces the secretaries access portal known as LSI, Lodge Secretary's Interface. Access to *Grand View* will be open to ALL Washington Masons, with different levels of access and limitations for input and updating of files. The lodge secretary will have the greatest access at the lodge level for the obvious need of records management for the particular Lodge(s) for which he is the secretary. There will be District Level access for each District Deputy of the Grand Master. Appointed & Elected Officers will have commensurate level access as befits their respective operational needs. The Grand Lodge Office and the Grand Secretary will hold the highest levels of administrative access.

Grand View access for the individual Mason will be limited to the viewing of his own record and will allow him to update certain parts of his file: personal data such as contact information. In the not too distant future individual brothers will be able to pay dues on-line, if their lodge undertakes this service.

Grand View is a very detailed and complex system and will take some time for secretaries to become proficient but fortunately there are on-line training systems available to them. Lodge secretaries will still need to hold some on site records, redundancy is still desirable, but the main records load can be handled by *Grand View*. The assembly of reports will be easy. The one thing the system will not have are files that go back before about 1985 when the Grand Lodge of WA first started its computerization of records. For example, if a Lodge wants to have a computer data file showing all elected officers from its founding charter to the present, the pre-1985 officers will likely have to be added by data-entry.

None-the-less *Grand View* is an exciting step forward for both local and Grand Lodge records management.

Plastic Cards Revisited

Yes, "they'll be back." The bugs have been worked out for the Plastic Id cards so fancy plastic cards are what secretaries be sending out upon the payment of your 2018 Dues/Assessments. Your Home or Primary Washington Lodge will send it and your other Washington Lodges

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
30	31	1 ML-OES # 58 (BMC) 7:30 p	2 V of B Scottish Rite: Dinner at 6:30 pm & Stated Mtg at 7:30 pm	3 W #151 - Special Dinner at 5:30 pm. Lodge opens at 6:30pm. EA Degree is Planned	4 BB # 44 - stated 7:30 pm.	5 Outdoor Third Degree at Masonic Park, Granit Falls <i>Drayton Hbr Days (Blaine)</i>
6 <i>Drayton Harbor Days (Blaine)</i>	7 Hesperus Com- mandery No. 8 - 7:30	8 Bethel # 25 Dark	9 V of B Scottish Rite: Education Night at 7 pm Chuckanut Chapter DeMolay 7:30 pm	10 L # 56 Stated, 7:00 pm Evergreen RB # 17 7 p. (BMC)	11	12
13	14 F # 264 - 7:30 p Bellingham Council No.16 R&SM - 7:30 p <i>Northwest WA Fair (Lynden) 8/14-8/20</i>	15 ML-OES # 58 7:30 p. (BMC) <i>Whatcom Luncheon Lee's Restaurant at High noon!</i>	16 V of B Scottish Rite: Education Night at 7 pm	17 W 151 - stated dinner at 5:30 lodge opens 6:30 pm.	18 BB 44 Spl Comm 7:30 p. Fellowcraft practice	19
20	21 Bellingham Chp Royal Arch - 7:30 p. F-OES # 223 7:30 p. (FMC)	22	23 Chuckanut Chap- ter DeMolay 7:30 pm	24 L # 56 special meeting 7:00 pm Evergreen RB # 17 7 p. (BMC)	25 <i>Ferndale Street Fair</i>	26 Bethel #25 Dark <i>Ferndale Street Fair</i>
27	28 Hesperus Com- mandery No. 8 - 7:30 in lieu of Labor Day conflict!	29 Bellingham Temple Association meeting 7:30 PM	30	31	1	2

**Widows & Orphans Fund
for District No. 10**

If you would like to know more about the W & O
Fund contact one of the officers listed below.

at

WB Jesse Petersen at 360-319-5556,

or you may contact your Lodge Secretary
or your Worshipful Master.

Fraternally,

President, **Jesse Petersen** - Vice President



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