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Whatcom Lodge Report

Stated Meeting - November 19th. was our stated meeting and the business of the lodge was briskly handled. In addition to the paying of bills we had one petition to ballot on and two Petitions for the Degrees of Masonry to Read. The lodge also conferred a special honor to a very worthy brother.

Petitions: The Investigation Committee for the Petition of Mr. Joe Barratt recommended that his petition be granted. WM West opened the balloting and the balloting was completed. The result was Fair, Clear & Bright. The petition for the degrees from Mr. J. P. McCullough was Read and the Inv. Comm. Of Br. Terrell Goertz, Br. Dave Brown and VW Ed Jungblom was appointed. The petition for the degrees from Mr. J. L. Peterson was also Read and his Inv. Comm. consists of WB Larry West, Br. Alex Bruner and Br. Scott Voss. These two petitions will be balloted on at the December 17th stated meeting.

Degrees - On Thursday, December 3rd, the EA Degree will be conferred on Mr. Joe Barratt. On Wednesday, December 9th, the FC Degree will be conferred on Bro. Jakob Frisch, and on Thursday, December 17th, the MM Degree will be conferred on Br. Ty Myers.

Special Recognition: At our Stated Meeting on November 19th, some special and well deserved recognition was bestowed. In honor of his many years of assistance to our lodge, the brethren of Whatcom Lodge favorably voted to make WB Thom Baughn our newest Honorary Past Master. Congratulations Thom, and thanks, especially for helping us this year with all the degrees which Whatcom Lodge was fortunately blessed to have.

Next Special Meetings - December 3rd, dinner at 5:30 with lodge to open at about 6:30 pm. The purpose of this Special Communication will be to confer the EA Degree on Mr. Joe Barratt. The following week, on Wednesday, December 9th, we plan to confer the FC Degree on Bro. Jakob Frisch, again dinner at 5:30 and lodge to open at 6:30 pm.

Next Stated meeting - December 17th, dinner at 5:30, lodge to begin opening at 6:30. At this meeting we will be conferring the MM Degree on Bro. Ty Myers. And we will present a 40 year longevity pin to Bro. Ron Bailey, whose brother Robert and father Ray Bailey are also long-time members of Whatcom Lodge.

A very special thank you to all you brothers who have sent in your Dues and paid the voluntary assessments, which was most of you. By the way a *special thanks* to those of you who added an *extra donation* to your check. For those who have yet to send in your Dues—please see the notice in the right column.

Installation of Officers: Whatcom Lodge will hold its Installation of Officers on Saturday Dec. 12th. Seating will be limited and an **RSVP is Required** to attend dinner. Cost for dinner is \$25 per couple or \$12.50 per person.

RSVP to WB Bill Hall at: 305-0161.

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

It is not life and wealth and power that enslave men,
but the cleaving to life and wealth and power.

~ Buddha (c. 563 - 483 BCE)

Stated Meeting Dates of the District Ten Lodges

Dec 2nd San Juan Lodge - 7:30

Dec 3rd Lynden Lodge - 7:30 pm

Dec 4th Bellingham Bay - 7:30 p

Dec 8th Fairhaven Lodge - 7:30 pm

Dec 9th Nooksack Valley Ldg - **Dark**

Dec 14th Ferndale Lodge - **Dark**

Dec 15th Kulshan Int. Lodge - 7:30 p

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

Dues Notices are out!

Brothers, the *Dues Notices* for Master Masons have been sent out by the respective lodge Secretaries. For those who have not yet done so, please respond soon and don't let it get lost in the upcoming holiday rush. Remember, dues are due by December 31st, 2009. You might even consider making an extra donation to your lodge. Lodges have also taken a hit in these spare economic times.

**A reminder from your friendly
lodge secretaries.**



KING'S QUOTE'S

Small kindnesses,
small courtesies,
small considerations,
habitually practiced,
give a greater charm
to the character
than the display of great
talents and accomplishments.

~ Mary Ann Kelly, 1816 - 1904

Lynden Lodge No. 56

Lynden Lodge calendar for November 2009

- Thu. Dec. 3 Lynden Lodge Stated Meeting, 7:30 PM
- Sat. Dec. 6 Christmas Luncheon Raspberry Ridge
- Thu. Dec. 17 Visitation to Joppa Lodge, White Rock BC
- Thu. Dec. 25 Merry Christmas

*All meetings are at the Ferndale Masonic Hall unless otherwise noted.

November Activity Summary

Annual Installation of Officers was held on October 29, 2009. The Lodge was fortunate indeed to have MWB Gale H. Kinney present to install the new Worshipful Master. Lynden's first Stated Meeting with new officers in their Stations and Places took place on November 5th.

A Fellow Craft degree was conferred to new brother Sean O'Heir on November 20th at a Special Meeting. WB Gary Pitcher's Middle Chamber lecture was appreciated by all in attendance. In addition two additional candidates in the wings are preparing for their FC degrees.

A Lodge Christmas luncheon will be held at Raspberry Ridge on December 6th at 2:30 PM where we will have the opportunity to honor our Lodge widows.

The time is here to make a commitment for our trip to Northern Ireland in April 2010. If any brother has an interest or needs further information, please contact Jack Sprouls at (360) 354-7612. continued in column 2

Test your knowledge on the crossword puzzle below.



clad shod neck knocks god naked fidelity lamb northeast charter oblong
beauty wisdom strength beauty charity master

Across

1. You were caused to give three distinct _____ to gain entrance.
4. You had a cable tow once around your _____
8. ... you were placed in the _____ corner of the lodge....
10. The WM represents the pillar of _____
11. The lodge has three pillars denoted by Wisdom, Strength and _____
14. The _____ has been deemed an emblem of innocence.
15. The JW represents the pillar of _____
16. The Square is an instrument dedicated to the _____
17. In whom do you place your trust?

Down

2. You were caused to kneel on your _____ left knee.
3. ... you were neither barefoot nor _____
5. As an EA, you were neither naked nor _____
6. A lodge is an assemblage of Masons... having the Holy Bible, Square & Compass and _____ authorizing them to work.
7. The SW represents the pillar of _____
9. Historically, the right hand is an emblem of _____
12. The greatest of Faith Hope and Charity is _____
13. The form of a lodge is an _____

Lynden Lodge has recently loaned several items to the Lynden Pioneer Museum's Masonic Display, including a photographic collection of past Washington Grand Master's dating back to 1858. Also included is an antique framed listing of Lynden Past Masters and a framed apron belonging to and originally worn by Past Master, Worshipful Brother W.P. Hawke (1893).

The Lynden Lodge brethren and officers wish all District 10 brethren and their families a safe and Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays. WM Jack Sprouls

Scottish Rite - Valley of Bellingham

My Brother's the holiday is upon us, there will be fellowship and dinners. On Wednesday December 16, 2009 we will be having our Christmas Dinner at the Scottish Rite Hall 1101 N. State street. Social hour will be from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Dinner at 7:00 p.m. I understand there will be entertainment. Cost for the dinner is \$25.00 per person (this amount includes setup, take down, severs, food, and entertainment). Reservations are required call or e-mail Bro. Chuck Anway at 360-927-3317, Woof2804@yahoo.com. DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS ARE SUNDAY DECEMBER 13, 2009.

As Master of the Lodge of Perfection I have asked the brothers to become involved with the Master Craftsman Program, so far there are 3 brothers doing this program. The Valley has decided to purchase 7 MCP to have on hand for the members to buy, cost will be \$60.00 dollars, this includes both books, shipping, quiz, and tax.

At our next stated meeting we will meet after with a round table discussion going over some of the questions and answers of the Master Craftsman program. This program will teach you everything about Scottish Rite and it's values. Believe me brothers even if you have been a member for 1 year to 50 plus years, you will learn a lot about our craft that you didn't know.

It is with sadness that we say goodbye to Brother Cary James and his lady Laura, they are moving to California. We wish them well in there adventures. Brother Jim Moen 33rd degree is looking for an Assistant Degree Director. If you are interested in this job please get a hold of Venerable Master Ron Fine, 360-676-5747 or e-mail me at RonFine2@aol.com. The next stated meeting is Wednesday December 2, 2009, dinner is at 6:30 p.m. cost is \$10.00 person. You must make reservation for dinner with the Valley Secretary Bro. Chuck Anway 32 KCCH. At 360-927-3317 or e-mail at woof2804@yahoo.com.

Wishing you and your families a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
Yours in Faith

Ron Fine 32 KCCH, Venerable Master

Here is what *Bellingham Bay* has going on.

Friday December 4th Bellingham Bay Lodge #44 will have its stated, 7:30 pm.

Friday the 18th WB Gary Pitcher will be installed as the Worshipful Master. Time to be announced.

Secretary Ken Cass

“Remember not only to say the right thing
in the right place,
but far more difficult still,
to leave unsaid the wrong thing
at the tempting moment.”

Br. Benjamin Franklin, (1706 - 1790)

NW Shrine Club Nobles & Ladies, you missed a great program at our November meeting. Brother Wolff gave a talk and slideshow on the Queen Mary; from its conception to being made to a museum. Some of the slides were from the 1930's. At the December 1, 2009 meeting there will be another good program, Ms. Pam Hanson, a Senior advocate, will discuss various issues facing seniors.

I understand we will have a Baked Ham Dinner with all the fixings. Cost is \$17.00 per person, and it will be at Jeckyl & Hyde Deli and Ale house, 709 W. Orchard Drive. Call Noble George Edwards for reservations at 360-303-0492 or e-mail him at george@syscongrp.com.

**DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS
IS FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2009.**

Sunshine Committee has been very busy making calls and sending out cards. Noble Chuck McCord is recovering nicely from surgery, Noble Walt Tanguy is back home and using a walker to get around with. Noble Steve Cronkhite had some more surgery and is home recovering (this Noble is amazing with his humor and wit for all the surgeries he's had to incur).

Elections were held for our 2010 officers and the results are: President - Chuck Nelson, 1st Vice President - Tim Springstead, 2nd Vice President - Greg Cory, Treasurer - George Edwards, Secretary - Ron Fine, Nobles Chuck Loney & Bill Barquist were re-elected to the board.

Wishing you all a very Happy Thanksgiving. See you all Tuesday December 1, 2009.

Your in Faith
Ron Fine, Sunshine Committee

Whatcom Lodge No. 151

Installation of Officers for 2009-2010

**THE HONOR OF YOUR PRESENCE
WILL BE APPRECIATED**

Date: Saturday, December 12th 2009,

This event will be open to the public, so mark your calendar for our social event of the year. The scheduled program will start early and finish early so everyone may have the evening for individual pursuits.

At: 4:00 P.M. Open installation of officers to be followed by a gourmet dinner served in the dining room.

At: 5:30 P.M. Gourmet Dinner
(Seating will be arranged)

Note: The cost for dinner is \$25 per couple
or \$12.50 per person.

Your **RSVP** is required!

Please call Br. Bill Hall (305-0161)

no later than Tuesday, December 8th

**(It is necessary that we have an accurate account
for our food preparation)**

2009 Installation Dinner

Appetizers

Assorted Cheeses and Available Fruits
with a Sparkling Cranberry "Breeze"

Charcuterie with French Baguette

Seasonal Vegetable Crudites

with a Horseradish Dressing

Stuffed White Mushrooms

Salad

Fresh Baby Spinach, Cherry Tomatoes

Sliced Mushrooms, Egg Accompanied

with a Honey and Balsamic Vinaigrette

Entrée

Plank Cooked Wild Salmon

with a Carrot and Ginger Burre Blanc

Red Bliss Potatoes Roasted

with Garlic and Fresh Herbs

An Assortment of Sautéed Winter Vegetables

Dessert

House made Cheesecakes



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
	Bethel No. 25 Jobs Daughters Invites you to their open Installation of Officers on Sun. Dec. 20 th , 2009 at 3 pm., at the Masonic Hall at 2626 W. Maplewood.	1 NWSC - Zem Zem 6, Dinner 7, Meeting 8 PM ML-OES # 58 (BMC) 7:30 p. <i>Full Moon</i>	2 SJ # 175 stated 7:30 p. (FHMC)	3 L # 56 7:30 pm Whatcom Lodge - Spl. EA Deg. at 6:30 pm	4 BB # 44 stated, 7:30 p (SRH)	5 L #56 Bus trip to Leavenworth 11:30 SJ #175 Lodge holds its Installation of Officers for 2009
6 St. Nicholas Feast Day	7 Hesperus Commandery No. 8 - 7:30, F-OES #223 7:30 p. (FMC)	8 F # 73-stated 7:30 p. (BMC) Evergreen RB # 17 7 p.	9 NV # 105 is Dark this month. Whatcom Lodge - Spl. FC Deg. at 6:30 pm	10 Bethel # 25 at 7 pm. L #56 FC Deg 7:30 p	11	12 Whatcom Lodge 151 - Past Masters Brunch, arrive by 11:45 am Hanukkah
13	14 F # 264 is Dark Bellingham Council No.16 R&SM - 7:30 p <i>Pearl Harbor Day 1941</i>	15 KI # 186 7:30 p. ML-OES # 58 7:30 p. (BMC) NWSC Brd . Meeting	16 New Moon	17 W 151-stated dinner 5:30 lodge opens 6:30 pm MM Deg is planned.	18 BB 44 Spl. - Installation of WB Gary Pitcher as WM, Time—TBA No meeting	19 MFLA Dark
20 Bethel #25 Installation of Officers. At 3 PM	21 Bellingham Chp Royal Arch - 7:30 p. F-OES #223 7:30 p. (FMC) <i>Winter Solstice</i>	22 F # 73-Spl. Com 7:30 p. (BMC)	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day First Day of Christmas	26 Bethel # 25 Boxing Day - Canada Second Day of Christmas Kwanzaa
27 Third Day of Christmas	28 Fourth Day of Christmas	29 Fifth Day of Christmas	30 Sixth Day of Christmas	31 New Year's Eve <i>Full Moon</i> Seventh Day of Christmas	1 January New Year's Day Eighth Day of Christmas	2 January Ninth Day of Christmas

Note: To the right are the correct answers to last month's crossword puzzle.

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Freemasonry 101

Across

- Someone who attempts to steal the secrets of Freemasonry is called a _____ [EVESDROPPER]
- The Masonic compass symbolizes infinite boundaries. [SPIRITUAL]
- The "Lambskin Apron" represents _____ [INNOCENCE]
- No 151 Tyler is _____ McQuiston [TED]
- Larry _____ is the WM of 151 [WEST]
- 151 meets on the 1st and 3rd _____ of each month [THURSDAY]

Down

- The rough ashler represents the _____, untutored state of man [IMPERFECT]
- The "Anchor" symbolizes the _____ of life. [VOYAGE]
- The perfect ashler represents an _____, refined man whose mind is filled with Light. [EDUCATED]
- WM of Lynden 56 for 2009 is Richard _____ [MYHRE]
- The "Sheaf of Corn" represents _____ [PLENTY]
- 151 secretary is John _____ [BROWNE]
- The "All Seeing Eye" represents _____ [DEITY]
- 151 SD is _____ Thompson [MONTE]
- Faith & Immortality are represented by a Sprig of _____ [ACACIA]
- 151 JW is Bill _____ [HALL]